



# Malden Musketeer News

Happy St. Patrick's Day!!!

March 2017

Malden CCSD #84

## Student News and Notes

February has been a very busy month.

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### Special points of interest:

- \* March 6th– PARCC Testing Begins
- \* March 11th– BVEC Art Show– DePue
- \* March 24th– Blood Drive
- \* March 13th- BVEC Scholastic Bowl Tournament at Bureau Valley South
- \* March 10th– 12 p.m. Dismissal Spring Break Begins

### BVEC Speech

The BVEC Speech Competition took place on February 22nd in Malden. The participants dominated the competitions by earning all firsts in all events. Individuals participating and earning first place include: Kaleb Cain, Solo and Improv Duet, Sydney Mount, Improv Duet(3), Abby Henderlitter, Improv Duet, Alea Goodman, Improv Duet, and Season Karns, Improv Duet. Thank you to the staff for providing the Hospitality Room. Thank you to coaches Brenda Dye and Laurie Cunniff for planning the event. It was a great success.

### Spelling Bee

Four Malden Grade School students participated in the annual Bureau County Spelling Bee at the Metro Center on February 15th. Kaleb Cain represented the 8th grade class and Kaden Baker the 7th grade class.

### Roller Skating

Between February 13th and February 24th, students of all ages enjoyed roller skating during PE. The unit was topped off by a Student Council sponsored Skating Party for grades K-8, and many students who earned extra skating for meeting the box top goal. Thank You to the Booster Club for helping to fund this activity. It was enjoyed by all that participated.

### BVEC Art Contest

The annual BVEC Jr. High Art Show will be held on Saturday, March 11th at Depue. Please plan to attend the public viewing between 12p.m. and 1p.m. The students have been working very hard and always create awesome work under the direction of art consultant, Mrs. Mary Jane Thornton. It should be a great show.



### PARCC Test

Good Health=Good Score  
The PARCC tests are coming the week of March 6th. Here are some tips to improve your child's performance.

1. **Breakfast**– A healthy, well rounded breakfast

provides your brain with the energy needed to complete complex tasks.

2. **Sleep**– Children need at least 8 hours of sleep to perform at their best.

3. **Exercise**– Exercise increases oxygen to the brain

and helps with thinking and memory. Malden is not planning on using the test results for a grade, placement, or curriculum planning. We will continue to use MAP scores for curriculum needs.

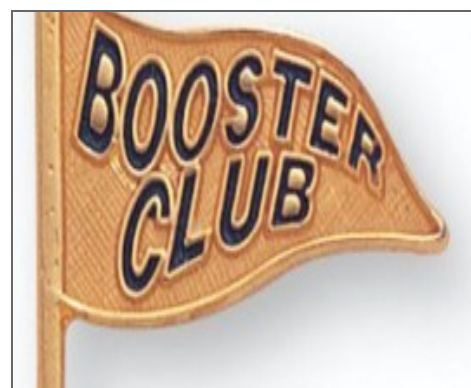
## Booster Club Information

Much was accomplished at the Booster Club meeting on February 1st for the regular winter meeting. New officers were nominated and will be seated at the next Booster Club Meeting. The nominations include; Becky Mount, President, Tricia Burden, Vice President, Hannah Standley, Secretary, and Dana Bickett, Treasurer. Mr. Jones will be holding a 5K on June 3rd and Ms. Nichols will be leading a Quarter Auction on April 23rd. Mr. Patterson was directed to look into prices for Boys' Basketball uniforms. Items purchased at the last meeting include:

- \* Sun Foundation Grant
- \* Princeton Library
- \* K-4, 5-8, and Life Skills Fieldtrip
- \* Pull up bar., stop watches, Science materials for 3rd/4th grade
- \* Roller Skating
- \* Junior High Dance.

The Booster Club will conduct a concession stand for the Scholastic Bowl meets this year. If you are interested in helping the concession stand please contact an officer. Please plan to attend the next meeting and participate.

We want everyone's valuable opinion. The next meeting is scheduled for April 4th at 7:00 p.m.



## Malden 5K

Mr. Jones is leading the inaugural Malden Grade School 5K scheduled for June 3, 2017. Exact times, prices, and other details are yet to be determined. The event will either be a fundraiser for the Booster Club or for the Gym Renovation Project. Please save the date and contact Mr. Jones if you are able and willing to volunteer to help. Please be on the lookout for additional information coming soon.

## Social Media

Malden GS staff politely ask that any concern please be addressed to the school rather than on social media. Many times the school may have more information on a situation that is being relayed to parents. Our staff will not respond to Social Media posts.

**"Whatever you are, be a good one."  
Abraham Lincoln**

## Buddy Bags

The Malden Grade School Staff and the Malden Lions Club are joining efforts to fill Buddy Bags during three weeks in March. Buddy Bags is a program that serves students by providing food items that can be consumed over the weekend. Eight Malden students benefit from this program each week. The Malden Lions Club donated \$1600 to the program earlier in the year. If you are interested in donating time or resources please contact Mr. Patterson.

## Track Season to Begin

Track season is right around the corner. Students will participate in their first practice soon. Head Coach Ms. Nichols and Assistant Coach Mr. Jones are eagerly awaiting the beginning of the season. The first track meet will be on Thursday, March 30th at BVHS starting at 4:00 p.m. The team hopes to work hard to improve individual times and distances. There are many local meets. Please try to attend to support our athletes.



## Summer School Planning

Malden Dist. #84 has once again decided to offer a free three week Summer School Program. We will be sending home an interest survey. Please take some time to consider whether you would be interested in sending your child to this program. This is an excellent way to reduce loss of knowledge over the summer. We hope this will be a program that enriches all that attend.

## Important Items to Note:

With the second half of the school year in full swing there are many activities on the horizon:

- March 6th– PARCC testing
- March 9th Parent/ Teacher Conferences
- March 11th– BVEC Jr. High Art Show at DePue
- March 13th– Scholastic Bowl Tournament at BV South
- March 23rd– Life Skills and 4th grade Ag Fair, Board Meeting
- March 29th– Donkey Basketball

- March 24th– Blood Drive 1-5 p.m.
- March 30th– Teen Showcase
- March 30th– First Track Meet at BVHS

If you have used glasses, please bring them to the school. We can turn them into the Lions Club who then distributes them to those in need. There is a collection box outside the main office. Please take some time to check your junk drawer for those old spectacles. All types of glasses are welcome. Spread the word.

### Blood Drive

**Malden Grade School and the Malden Lions Club are pleased to announce that we will be hosting a Blood Drive on March 24th from 1-5 p.m. We will have a school assembly to discuss the importance of giving blood and supporting the community in which you live. Please call the school if you are interested in setting up an appointment. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mr. Patterson. .**

## Kindergarten Registration

March 1-3, 2016 from 8:30a.m.– 3:00p.m. at the Malden School Office.

Children must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2017. Please bring a copy of your child's certified birth certificate, available from the courthouse of the county in which your child was born. Health and dental forms will be handed out during registration. These can be turned in

when school begins, but need to be completed by **October 15**. If you cannot stop by the office during school hours, please call to request that the forms be mailed home. Early registration helps us make plans for scheduling and educational materials for next year. For any questions, please contact Brenda at 815-643-2436. We are very excited about the beginning of your child's education adventure.

## Donkey Basketball

The After School Program once again will host a Donkey Basketball game on **March 29th**. There are plans for local celebrities to participate. Please plan to bring the whole family. Spread the word. It is sure to be a fun and exciting time. If you are interested in tickets, please contact the school office 643-2436 or an After-School Program parent.

## Handbook Review

Malden Grade School is asking that parents take time to review the student handbook. If there are any suggestions for change, please contact Mr. Patterson with suggestions. One item that has been recently reviewed is cell phone use on the bus. Please remind your child that no sound, camera, video, or internet is allowed to be used while traveling on a school bus. It is a distraction to the bus driver and content is difficult to monitor.

## Scholastic Bowl Tournament

The Scholastic Bowl Team is off to a fine start and it looks to be another exciting season. The team has already beaten DePue, Ladd, and PCA. The Scholastic Bowl team will participate in the BVEC Scholastic Bowl Tournament on Monday, March 13th. This year's tournament will be held at Bureau Valley South. The first matches will begin at 4 p.m. We hope to continue to have the largest number of supportive fans.

### There's More

See what is attached

1. **Monthly Calendar**
2. **After-School Program Information**
3. **Track Schedule**
4. **Reading Connection**