



# Malden Musketeer News

Happy Easter!!!

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Malden CCSD #84

## Student News and Notes

It has been another very busy month.

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### State Budget/Funding

The State of Illinois owes Malden CCSD #84 \$105,124 in past due payments. This will soon put a strain on our district. We are very thankful for a very supportive community and school staff. Please know that we will continue to provide a great education even without state support.

### Scholastic Bowl Earns Hardware

The Scholastic Bowl season has come to an end. The team finished the regular season with a record of 3-4 which earned them 5th in the conference. The team made it to the Championship round in the tournament eventually earning 4th place. Thanks to Kaleb Cain, our lone 8th grade student, who had a great career. Malden has earned a very positive reputation of excellence in Scholastic Bowl and are feared by many schools.

The future looks bright with many 5th, 6th, and 7th grade students who contributed this year.

### Art Show Success

The Malden students that participated in the BVEC Art Show this past month earned many ribbons. Under the direction of Art Consultant, Mary Jane Thornton, the Malden students continue to produce quality art, learn art history, and use art to learn about other subjects. Art gives students who may struggle in other subjects a chance to excel and produce creative and inspiring works. Twenty-two different Malden students earned ribbons for their artwork. Please see the attachment for more information. Malden Grade School thanks the Sun Foundation for their partial funding of the Art Program.

### Sarah Harris earns Best of Show at BVEC Art Show.

### Field Trips are Planned

Malden students will once again be exposed to experiences outside the school. The goal of field trips is to provide students with experiences they may not have otherwise. The Junior High will be visiting Brookfield Zoo on May 16th. The K-4 will travel to Peoria to roller skate. The 7th/8th grade students also attended the Teen Showcase at IVCC. A special thank you to the Malden Booster Club for their financial support.

### Important Dates to finish the year.

April 4th– Booster Club Meeting	May 12th– Pre-K Screening	May 24th– Pre-School Picnic
April 7th– Junior High Dance	May 15th– Spring Concert	May 25th– Last Student Attendance Day
April 23rd– Quarter Auction	May 16th– Jr. High Field Trip	May 26th– Graduation
April 25th– K-4th grade Character Counts Field Trip.	May 18th– K-4 Field Trip– Skating	
	May 22nd– Awards Banquet	<b>Busy, Busy, Busy</b>

## Gym Renovation Update

The Gym Renovation Team has been working hard on the project. The project has moved from the initial planning stages to the ordering and installment stage. As of the writing of this newsletter the following items have been ordered: new baskets, rims, net, contracted painter to paint walls, the scoretable has been sent to be refurbished, two new scoreboard have been ordered, and new wall mats have also been ordered. The school district has also approved the complete refinishing and painting of the gym floor. We plan for the painting and installation of new items be completed by July 1st so the floor work may begin.

The committee is thankful to all of you who have donated and would like to remind anyone that still wishing to donate we are still in need of funding. Donations of over \$100 will receive recognition on a wall plaque. We will soon be seeking volunteers to help with installation of scoreboards and backboards. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mike Patterson at the school. 815-643-2436.

## Students Earn Honor Roll

The 3rd nine weeks honor roll has been released. Malden Grade School increased the number of honor roll students thanks to the hard work of both the teachers and students. The following earned honor roll status: Alicyn Bice, Natasha Faber, Jack May, Ethan Wallace, Autumn Joiner, Anna Mallery-Sondergroth, Jake May, Jacob Burns, and Isabella Mallery-Sondergroth. The following students earned high honor roll status: Savannah Hollars, Season Karns, Sydney Mount\*, Alexia Bohms, Damian Finley, Ben Grover, Emmalith Noll-Ganther, Audri Swanson, Sarah Harris, and Kaleb Cain.

## Inaugural Quarter Auction

Sunday, April 23rd will be Malden Booster Club's Quarter Auction and Taco Lunch. Lunch will begin at 12:00 with the auction starting at 2:00. There are several great items that will be auctioned off: several restaurant gift certificates, Peoria Chiefs tickets, a barn quilt, homemade dinner made by Mrs. Schlund, gas grill with grilling tools, outdoor fun basket, Italian night basket, plus so much more. There will be something for everyone! We are looking for people to make desserts for the lunch, if you would like to donate something, please see contact Mrs. Pinter or Ms. Nichols. We are all looking forward to this fun family event and hope to see everyone there. Volunteers are still needed, so please see Ms. Nichols to offer help. Volunteers will still be able to participate in the event.

## MGS Track

There are 16 boys and girls out for track this season. The team is split with several returning athletes and many new people competing for the first time. Goals have been set and the team is very excited to see what the season brings. Please come out and support the Musketeers at our first meet at Princeton High School on April 3rd Malden will also be competing at Princeton on May 8th.

## Board Election April 4th

The Malden CCSD #84 Board Election will be held on April 4th at your local polling location. Running for the school board this election are Mary Joiner, Jessica Bickett, and Ashley Peach. There are three openings available. Jim May is leaving the board after this term. Thank you Mr. May for your four years of service. The above mentioned candidates will join Jeremy Mount, Arthur Burden, Heather Goodman, and Roger Ugasco to make up the school board.

## 50/50

Malden Booster Club's first 50-50 fundraiser will be quickly coming to an end. If you have not bought any tickets and would like to purchase them, you can do so from Ms. Nichols or the last chance to get them will be at the Spring Program on May 15 as we are drawing the winner that night. Several families still have tickets that need to be turned in, please do that with in the next month. So far, there is over \$400 going to the winner!



## Important Items to Note:

The end of school activities are in full swing. Here is a list of events that have been planned:

- April 4th– Booster Club Mtg.
- April 7th– Junior High Dance
- April 14th, 17th– No school
- April 23rd Quarter Auction/Taco Lunch
- April 25th– K-4 Character Counts Fieldtrip
- April 27th– School Board Mtg.
- May 3rd– BVEC Track Meet
- May 6th– Sectional Track Meet

- May 9th– Pre-school Zoo Fieldtrip
- May 12th– Preschool Screening at Malden
- May 12th– State Track Meet
- May 15th– Spring Concert 7 p.m.
- May 16th– 5-8th Field Trip to Brookfield Zoo
- May 18th– K-4 Field Trip
- May 25th– Last student day 2 p.m. dismissal.
- May 26th– Graduation 7 p.m.
- June 3rd– Malden 5K Race

### Gym donations of the past

As we plan to renovate the gym for the first time since 1991, I had some time to review some plaques hanging in the gym foyer. Here are some of those that supported past projects:

Sound System– In memory of Lois Dalton and Lions Club

Flag– In memory of PFC James W. Bickett

Scoreboard– In memory of Justin Morse

Stage Back Curtains– In memory of Doris Huffaker, and Malden State Bank

## Pre-School Screening

Malden Grade School staff will host the annual pre-school screening that will take place on May 12th at the Malden Grade School. The screening is open to all 3-5 year olds. If your child is within this age range and has not been screened, please set up an appointment by calling 643-2436. This service is free of charge and open to children from Ohio, LaMoille, and Malden. If spots are available, children from other districts may attend.

## AG Fair

The 4th Grade and Jr. High Life Skills students recently visited the Bureau County Fairgrounds to embark in the annual Ag Fair put on by the Bureau County Farm Bureau. The students were exposed to various exciting and informing exhibits and presentations. According to Mrs. Busche and Ms. Nichols, our students represented Malden in a fine fashion.

## A Note From a Graduate

Although my years at Malden Grade School are coming to a close, I still have a lot of memories from the nine years when I was here. There was a day in kindergarten with Ms. Bishop when we had a marriage in the classroom of Q and U. Then there were the invincible years of first and second grade. I remember when we were studying famous people of time. Then I dressed up as a dead man and sat in a “Funeral Train” while giving a presentation on Abraham Lincoln. Then my third grade year flew by with Mrs. Keener in that classroom. Then, in fourth grade, I met my worst fear. I met a University of Kentucky fan. That wasn’t a fun week when Michigan and Kentucky played each other in the Final Four, but we did find a compromise with trains. In fifth grade there was a big jump from fourth to fifth. I started playing football in Princeton, but I also started basketball, track, and scholastic bowl in Malden. In sixth grade, Mr. Schuchard became the math and science teacher in junior high, then we got third place in the scholastic bowl tournament. In seventh grade, we had some near-death experiences in science class. We built cars and balloons out of garbage bags, straws and candles. At the end of the year, groups made separate experiments. Reece, Remi, and I made a “Robot hand” that moves like a normal hand that shows us how tendons work. Now this is my eighth grade year at Malden Grade School. I have had some memories of labs in science where we are attempting to clone African violets. Then recently winning the 3 on 3 basketball tournament. The 2016-2017 school year was a weird one with the Presidential Election and the many jokes by Mr. Patterson. So I want every student to enjoy Malden for what it is, not what it could be. Submitted by– Kaleb Cain

The April School Board meeting has been moved to April 27th.

### There is More:

1. MASP News
2. Track Schedule
3. 2017-18 School Calendar
4. Art Winners