



Malden Musketeer News

Merry Christmas!!!

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*Malden Grade School
 where teamwork leads to
 individual achievement.*

Student News and Notes

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Cheerleaders Host Little Poms

The Cheerleaders hosted a cheerleading workshop for young ladies on November 18th. The girls performed a cheer and a dance routine in front of a packed house on November 20th. There were about 30 girls in attendance and it appeared that all enjoyed the experience.

Jake May and Kyian Smith was named to the Malden Invitational All Tournament Team.— I apologize for omitting this in last month’s edition of the newsletter.

Christmas Concert

The Malden Christmas Concert will be held on December 11th at 7:00 p.m. Band students need to be at the school at 6:30 and all other students need to be in their classrooms by 6:45. If your child can’t attend the concert, a note needs to be given to Mrs. Ribas as soon as possible. The students have been working hard to prepare for this year’s concert. The general music classes and band will perform songs that are sure to please. Fourth grade students will perform with their recorders. The After School Program will also have a bake sale and lottery tree raffle.

Doors open at 6:30p.m.

Readers Earn Pizza Party

About 20 Jr. High students earned a pizza party for reading a designated Rebecca Caudill book titled “Awkward.” Students spent lunch enjoying pizza and discussing the theme and favorite parts of the book. Thank you to Mrs. Kelly and Ms. Cunniff for providing the pizza and organizing the event. A second lunch book party has already been planned. Keep on reading, keep on reading.



Special points of interest:

- * Dec. 2,4,6,7 BVEC Tourn.
- * Dec. 21st Movie at Apollo K-8
- * Dec. 11th Winter Concert
- * Dec. 21st Board Meeting
- * Dec. 22nd Classroom Christmas Parties 1 p.m.
- * Dec. 22nd 2 p.m. dismissal

Veteran's Day Assembly

On Monday, November 13th, students and staff invited veterans to a Veteran’s Day Assembly and Breakfast. About 30 guests attended the event that featured student performances and a special breakfast.

Thank you Veterans

The 1st-4th grade students performed the National Anthem, the Kindergarten led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Jake, Matt, and Roger folded the flag. The event was very well received by our honored guests. Thanks to Mrs. Pinter for organizing the event.

A special Thank You to Steve McKenney who was the featured speaker. Mr. McKenney shared about his time in the Marines and gave a brief history of the armed services.

Booster Club Information

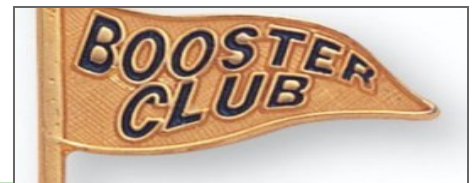
The Nov. 2nd meeting of the year was held on and there is much information to report. The club heard from the teaching staff who reported that the Chili supper was an amazing success with a profit of over \$1300. Please remember to continue to save Box Tops. Running class totals are displayed outside Brenda's office. Thank you Mrs. Bejster for designing the cool display. The fall fundraiser was a huge success raising more money than any fundraiser in recent past. The chicken dinner and auction raised over \$5000.. Thank you to all that donated items or purchased a dinner and auction items..

The following purchases were approved

- 1/2 of the roller skating unit was funded
- \$250 matching funds for the Sun Foundation Grant
- PE bowling sets
- Sponsored K-8 to attend a Christmas movie at the Apollo.
- Discussed purchasing t-shirts for all students for spirit day.
- Funding for the spring Character Counts field trip

Ballgame Supervision

Just a reminder to parents that the policy at Malden Grade School is that if your child is not in Junior High and is attending a game at Malden, that child needs to have adult supervision present. I have noticed an increase in younger students running around and even sometimes being on the court during play. We encourage attendance of young children but please help us supervise. Thank You.



Character Ed.

On Oct. 26th, students who earned enough tickets in the Character Counts Program were rewarded with boat ride on the Illinois River. Students have been working hard in the areas of Fairness, Responsibility, Caring, Respect, Trustworthiness, and Citizenship. The school has seen an improvement in behavior with most students. We hope that all students will qualify for the next reward. Thank you to the Booster Club for supporting this effort.

Read with Your Child

Parents can be great role models when it comes to their child's education. Please take time to model reading and discuss what your child is learning at school. Thanks for all that you do to support our school.

**"We Read to Know that
We are Not Alone"
C.S. Lewis**

K-4 Detentions

Due to some consistent disrespect to staff members and school property we will be implementing detentions for grades K-4. This is new at Malden and would not be happening if we felt that we have not exhausted all other discipline strategies. Detentions will be held on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Parents will be notified of the behavior that warranted the detention.

1st and 2nd Craft Day

Mrs. Vandermoon will be hosting a student craft day on Monday, December 4th. A variety of craft stations will be available for the first and second grade students to explore. Several volunteers will donate their time and talents to allow this event to work successfully. Research shows that art activities stretch the brain and allows students to think in the abstract. The hope is this activity will be both fun and educational.

Chili Supper

On November 2nd, the Malden faculty and staff hosted a Chili Supper. The event was a great success earning just over \$1300. Thank you to all that worked and donated the awesome pies for the event. Thank you to our great community that continues to support our students with incredible generosity. The entire profit was donated to the Malden Booster Club. A special thanks to Ms. Nichols for leading the event.

MASP Bake Sale

The Malden After School Program will be raffling off Lottery Trees. For only \$5, you will have an opportunity to win a Lottery Tree with 50 \$1 scratch off tickets. There will be two trees raffled off this year.

Please visit the bake sale at the Christmas Concert to support the After School Program.

Important Items to Note:

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

- Dec. 1 BVEC Tournament begins
- Dec. 21st K-8 students will view a Christmas movie at Apollo Theater.
- Christmas Concert– December 11th, 7p.m. Doors open at 6:30
- Next Board Mtg. December 21st
- Dec. 4th– 1st/2nd grade Craft Day
- DARE Graduation– December 14th 10 a.m.
- Please send your child in proper winter attire. If your family is struggling to provide winter coats, you can contact me confidentially at mpatterson@maldenschool.org. or 815-643-2436.
- Dec. 22nd– Breakfast with Santa
- Congratulations to all the Eighth Grade athletic participants. Eighth grade recognition night was Nov. 30th.
- Dec. 2nd, 4th, 6th, 7th- BVEC Boys Basketball Tournament begins at Lamoille

Student Council Christmas Raffle

The Malden Student Council will begin selling tickets for a number of Christmas raffles. Tickets will be 3 for \$1.00 and can be purchased from any Student Council member or Brenda in the office. There will be something for everyone. Winners will be announced on Dec. 22nd. Good luck to all that purchase tickets.

Reminder: Please drop off students using the back alley. We will have a staff member at the door or supervising outside. Thank you.

Winter Wonderland Program Community Invitation

Malden Grade School cordially invites the entire community to attend the Winter Wonderland Concert on December 11th at 7:00 p.m. This year's program will be sure to not disappoint.

Special Holiday Guest Appearance Expected.

Please come celebrate the holiday season with the fine students of Malden Grade School.

BCR Alerts

With the winter weather on its way, it is a perfect time to sign up for BCR Alerts. To sign up go to the school website– maldengradeschool.org– and click on Parent Resources– School Closures and click the link to BCR Alerts. You will receive a text message with updates of school related issues and school closures.

PARCC Test Results

Malden Grade School recently received PARCC results from tests taken last Spring. The test is designed to determine if students are on track to be college ready. Test results were mixed, but we did have the second highest scores in the conference. Fourth out of 37 area schools. We will continue to concentrate on Reading and Math as areas for improvement.

School Improvement Team Update Goals

The School Improvement Team has worked very hard to implement activities that will help our school reach our School Improvement Goals. The following are new activities that have been implemented: Character Counts Fieldtrips, new textbooks for 1st-4th grade, a new class schedule for Jr. High, enhance PE activities with an emphasis on Math, teacher attendance at state conferences, updated book selection, and individualized recess time for K-4.

1. Curriculum: MGS will establish a consistent K-8 curriculum that will meet the needs of all learners and align to the state standards.
2. Staff Development: MGS will provide staff adequate training to meet the needs of each learner to ensure that all student and staff needs are met.
3. Productivity/Efficiency– MGS will maximize the use of time and materials to enhance student growth.

There is more.

Attached to the newsletter is:

1. Kindergarten Update- "How to Cook a Turkey"
2. MASP Update
3. Girls Basketball Schedule
4. School Calendar