



Malden Musketeer News

Happy Valentine's Day!!!

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Malden CCSD #84

Student News and Notes

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 TEAMWORK LEADS
 TO INDIVIDUAL
 ACHIEVEMENT**

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Special points of interest:

- * Feb. 9th BVEC GBB Tournament Begins at Ladd
- * Feb. 15th 1st Scholastic Bowl meet vs. DePue
- * Feb. 13th Spelling Bee
- * Feb. 7th PHS Visits to Register 8th Grade Students
- * Feb. 19th No School- President's Day
- * March 8th P/T Conferences

Character Counts Goes Home

Grades K-4 have implemented a new program that encourages parents to reward positive home behavior by filling out a slip explaining a child's strong character at home.

Honor Roll Announced

Congratulations to the following students who were named to the Honor Roll; Daryn G., Makenzie M., Mariska M., Nadia W., Alexia B., Damian F., Alea G., Jake M., Arthur B., Catherine G., Micah H., Emmalee J.*, Savannah H., Season K., Sydney M.*, Brayden S., Sarah H.*, Matt K., and Anna M. S.

Speech Contest

Bradford will host the 2018 BVEC Speech Contest on February 21st at 4:00 p.m. Malden students planning on participating include: Alea, Natasha, Jasmine, Nadia, Arthur, Emmalee, and Makenzie. The students have been working very hard with Ms. Cunniff and Ms. Dye to polish their performances.

Malden GS- 2nd best PARCC TEST SCORES of any elementary school in the county!!!
Way to go MGS.

Skate time

All Malden students will once again have the opportunity to roller skate during a two week period in February. This is usually one of the most fun-filled weeks in Physical Education for all ages. Thank you to the Booster Club for their continued financial support of this activity. Please take some time to talk to your child about responsible skating.



Teacher Training/Professional Development this Year

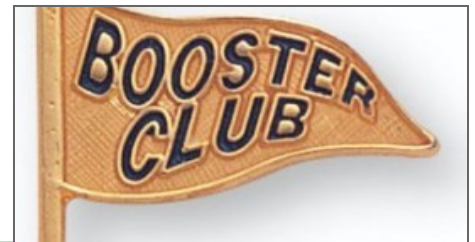
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| * Crisis Management Training | * PE State Conference | * Smart Teachers/Smart Students Yraining |
| * Hearing Loss Training | * State Reading Conference | * Teaching the Whole Child |
| * Reaching/Teaching Low Achieving Students | * Incorporating Art in Math Science, and Reading | * Social Studies/Best Practices |
| * CPR/AED Training | * Visual Phonics Training | * State Math Conference |
| * Strategies for Motivating Children | * Growth Mindset Training | * Balanced Literacy Program Training |
| * Behavior Management Training | * Teaching with Poverty in Mind | * Allergy Training plus more |
| | * Tech. for Elementary Teachers | |

Booster Club Information

The next Booster Club Meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the library. We will discuss and decide on the end of the year field trips for K-4, and 5-8. Nominations for officers will be addressed at this meeting and then they will be installed at the April meeting. The Spring fundraiser committee will be established and/or give an update on progress for a possible Spring Fundraiser. We will also be deciding on some purchases that need to be made before the end of the school year which may include new classroom equipment, sports supplies, and other needs.

Thanks again to Becky Mount and Tricia Burden for organizing the Girls Basketball concessions and thank you to all that have helped with the concessions this year. Scholastic Bowl is coming up quickly and we need concession stand workers for those meets. Please let an officer know if you are able to help in any way. The Booster Club would like to thank all the families that actively participate in fundraising efforts. The money raised is used for all students so we would love to see increased participation in the future. If you are interested in helping with the Booster Club, please contact an officer.

Please come to the meeting on Tuesday, February 6th. Your input and ideas are valued and needed.



Scholastic Bowl Season to Begin

The Scholastic Bowl Team has been working very hard in preparation for the upcoming season. Coach Bejster has built a team that will surely have teams shaking in their boots when they walk in the door. Scholastic Bowl members have been practicing nearly every morning in the library. The first match is Thursday, February 15th vs. DePue. Members of the team include: Kaden B., Jake M., Alea G.,

Sydney M., Anna M.S., Olivia C, Damian F., Brayden S., Jack M., Arthur B. and Emmalee J. The season will conclude at the BVEC tournament March 12th at Ohio.

"The aim of education should be to teach us rather how to think, than what to think." ~ Bill Beattie

Bus Safety

Please stop behind the bus, not on the side, while dropping off students when the bus lights are flashing. Thank you.

Donate Your Glasses

The Malden Lions Club collects discarded eye glasses to be reused. Glasses can be turned into the box outside Brenda's office. Thank you for helping support the Lions Club mission to assist those who struggle with sight.

Cell Phone Reminder

Just a friendly reminder that no student is allowed to bring a cell phone to school or while participating in an extra curricular event. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Patterson.

Kindergarten

Kindergarten Registration will be held on Feb. 27, 28, and March 1st in the Malden School Office between 8:30a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Children must be 5 years old before September 1, 2018. Please bring a copy of your child's certified birth certificate. Health and dental forms will be handed out during registration. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school office. 815-643-2436.

Important Items to Note:

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

- If you were surprised by any of your students grades, please take the time to sign up for Teacher Ease which will allow you to check grades for all of your child's assignments. Contact the office for information. 643-2436
- Next Board Mtg. February 15th
- No School February 19th
- The Skating Unit will begin on

February 12th. Please send in skate money if you have not done so already.

- BVEC Girls BB Tournament @ Ladd starting Feb. 9th
- PHS visits to sign-up 8th Grade students for classes Feb. 7th
- Speech Contest– Feb. 21st at Bradford 4 p.m.
- Sports Photos– March 7th 1 p.m.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences March 8th
- MGS Wellness Policy is available on the school website

PHS 8th Grade Visit and Class Sign-Up

Its hard to believe but it is time for the 8th graders to start thinking about next year. On January 26th, all the 8th grade students visited the school for a tour and information about their freshmen year.

On February 7th, Mrs. Hollman will visit MGS to assist 8th grade students in registering for classes. PHS should have sent each 8th grade parent a letter about parent night.

Reading Challenge Award

Several Junior High students participated in the Christmas Break Reading Challenge. Each student was partnered with a staff member who read the same book. The partners then met after break to discuss the book. Students and adults were treated to a Ice Cream Sundae Party on January 12th. Thanks to all that participated and keep reading. I encourage parents to take this same challenge with your own children.

Math Facts

Please help us with your child's Math Facts. We are on a mission this year to ensure that all students in the lower grades have mastered their appropriate math facts(+,-, X, /) Please work with your child's teacher on how you can help at home. Together a difference will be made.

State Funding Fail

The State of Illinois currently owes Malden CCSD #84 \$101,000. Thank you to all of our local tax payers whose support makes this school possible.

Changes to Jr. High Sports

Bureau Valley North and Bureau Valley South will be leaving the conference and will no longer compete against Malden with the exception of Scholastic Bowl. Princeton Christian Academy has been voted in as a full member of the BVEC conference starting next school year. In all athletics each team will play each other twice, one home and one away for a total of 14 games. Go Musketeers!!!

Please Purchase 50/50 Tickets at any school event. Proceeds support the Booster Club. The drawing will be at the Spring Concert.

There's More

See what is attached

1. Monthly Calendar
2. Scholastic Bowl Schedule
3. After-School Program Information