



# Malden Musketeer News

Happy St. Patrick's Day!!!

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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 8/9- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- \* March 9th- Noon Dismissal
- \* March 10th- BVEC Art Show- BVS
- \* March 16th- Blood Drive
- \* March 12th- BVEC Scholastic Bowl Tournament at Ohio
- \* March 23rd- 2 p.m. Dismissal Spring Break Begins

### BVEC Speech

The BVEC Speech Competition took place on February 21st at Bradford. The participants dominated the competitions by earning five first place and two second place ratings. The following students participated in the Speech Contest: Nadia Wagner, Makenzie McCarty, Emma Joiner, Arthur Burden, Jasmine Pickett, Natasha Faber, and Alea Goodman. Thank you to coaches Brenda Dye and Laurie Cunniff for working with the participants. It was a great success.

### Spelling Bee

Three Malden Grade School students participated in the annual Bureau County Spelling Bee at the Metro Center on February 15th. Jake May represented the 8th grade class and Kyian Smith the 7th grade class. Brayden Shaw was the alternate.

### Roller Skating

Between February 13th and February 23rd, students of all ages enjoyed roller skating during PE. The Student Council sponsored a Skating Party for grades K-8. 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 10th at BVS. 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 6th 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 and Tricia Burden, Vice President. Mr. Jones will be holding a 5K in June. Mr. Patterson and Ms. Nichols were directed into looking for pricing t-shirts for each student. These t-shirts would be used for field trips or spirit days. The Booster Club also approved a Jr. High field trip to Medieval Times later in May.

- \* Sun Foundation Grant
- \* Princeton Library
- \* K-4, 5-8 Fieldtrip
- \* Classroom Materials
- \* Roller Skating
- \* Track Equipment

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 3rd at 7:00 p.m.



## Malden 5K

Mr. Jones is leading the 2nd annual Malden Grade School 5K early this summer. Exact dates, times, prices, and other details are yet to be determined. The event will be a fundraiser for the Booster Club. Please keep an eye out for a set date and contact Mr. Jones if you are able and willing to volunteer to help. (815) 643-2436. 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. Nine 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 Tuesday, April 3rd at Hall 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 7th– Sports Pictures 1 pm
- March 8th Parent/ Teacher Conferences
- March 10th– BVEC Jr. High Art Show at BVS
- March 12th– Scholastic Bowl Tournament at Ohio
- March 15– 4th grade Ag Fair, Board Meeting

- March 1th– Teen Showcase 7th/8th Grade.
- March 16th Blood Drive 1-5
- March 20th– Pre-K-2nd Family Fun Night
- March 23rd– 2 pm Dismissal. Spring Break Begins.
- April 3rd– School Resumes
- April 3rd– First Track Meet at Hall
- May 24th– 8th Grade Graduation 7 p.m.
- May 25th– Last Student Attendance Day. 2 p.m. dismissal.

### Blood Drive

**Malden Grade School and the Malden Lions Club are pleased to announce that we will be hosting a Blood Drive on March 16th 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.**

## Graduation Date

The Board of Education has tentatively approved the 8th grade graduation date of Thursday, May 24th at 7 p.m. Malden CCSD #84 anticipates graduating nine students this spring. Graduating students will not be required to attend school the following day, but may attend the picnic day starting at 11:30 on Friday. Congratulations to all of those who will graduate in May.

## Teen Showcase

The 7th and 8th grade students will be attending the Teen Showcase on March 15th. The event usually consists of 4 speakers that talk about important matters to Junior High and High School students. Malden has attended for the last several years and every year students get something positive out of the event. The students also receive a t-shirt and lunch. Please take time to thank a sponsor on the back of those shirts.

## BVEC UPDATE

The BVEC is the athletic conference for the Junior High. This past year two schools, BVS and BVN, left the conference and Princeton Christian Academy joined. There are currently 8 BVEC schools who will play each other twice a year for Boys and Girls Basketball and Volleyball. Schools also compete in Scholastic Bowl, Track, Speech, Music Festival., and Art Contest.

## 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. We value your input as parents and community members. Please feel free to email suggestions to mpatterson@maldenschool.org. Just a friendly reminder that cell phones/tablets/watches are not allowed for students during any school event.

## 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. The Scholastic Bowl team will participate in the BVEC Scholastic Bowl Tournament on Monday, March 12th. This year's tournament will be held at Ohio. The first matches will begin at 4 p.m. We hope to continue to have the largest number of supportive fans in the conference.

### There's More

See what is attached

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