



Malden CCSD #84

Malden Musketeer News

Happy St. Patrick's Day!!!

March 2024

Student News and Notes

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Special points of interest:

- * March 5th- PARCC Testing Begins
- * March 9th- BVEC Art Show- at BV
- * March 21st- BVEC Scholastic Bowl Tournament at Neponset
- * March 22nd- Blood Drive 1-6 p.m.

BVEC Speech

The BVEC Speech Competition will take place on March 2nd at Bradford. The participants look to dominate the competition like in past years. The following students are participating in the Speech Contest: Haleigh, Jameson, Greta, Susanna, Makayla, Matthew, Ella, Lillian, Quinnlyn, Phinnley, and Max. Most participants will compete in multiple performances. Thank you to coach Brenda Dye for working with the participants and encouraging students to try something different. It was a great success.

Spelling Bee

I'm sad to report that the Bureau County Spelling has been canceled permanently. The Peoria Journal Star has pulled its sponsorship and no other group has stepped up to sponsor the event. Malden Grade School will conduct a school Spelling Bee in March.

Blood Drive

Malden Grade School will host a Blood Drive on March 22nd from 1-6 p.m. Our nation is experiencing a severe blood shortage so please consider donating. To sign up for an appointment please go to the Red Cross website or contact the school.

Field Trips Planned

The Spring field trip schedule has been finalized. Thank you to the Booster Club for supporting the trips. The Junior High will travel to Medieval Times on May 9th. The K-4 students will travel to the Peoria Zoo. Students will participate in special education programs during their visit to the zoo. The preschool students will be treated a trip to the Bloomington Discovery Center on May 3rd.

Girls Basketball Success

The Girls Basketball season came to an end with a tough loss to PCA in the BVEC Championship Game. The girls played hard the entire game and worked hard the entire season. The season was a great success.

Both the 7th and 8th grade teams placed 2nd in the BVEC regular season. Congratulations on a great career to 8th grade players: Susanna Bohms, Haleigh Linker, Jameson Morse, and Greta Wallace. Good Luck at PHS!!!

BVEC Art Contest

The annual BVEC Jr. High Art Show will be held on Saturday, March 9th at Bureau Valley. Please plan to attend the public viewing between 12p.m. to 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.

Booster Club Information

Much was accomplished at the Booster Club meeting on February 6th for the regular winter meeting. The officers asked for nominations for new officers. Officers nominees named include: Jolene Linker, President, Heather Rossler, Vice President, and Ashley Peach, Secretary. Club also discussed the following:

- * Approved Yearbook
- * Popcorn and Movie Event
- * Approved Field Trips
- * Kindergarten Seesaw Subscription

- * Desktop helper name tags

- * Roller Skating

Our students are so fortunate to have an active Booster Club that supports them in so many ways. Thank you to anyone who has volunteered throughout the year. We want everyone's valuable opinion. The next meeting is scheduled for April 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Salute to Ag Placemats

Ms. Ahlstrom's 3rd and 4th grade students have participated in the Salute to Ag Placemat Contest. Students were asked to create placemats that demonstrate "What agriculture means to me?" The placemats will be displayed at the the Salute to Ag Breakfast on March 22nd. A Grand Prize winner will be invited to the breakfast to be recognized. Other top winners will be selected as well. Ms. Ahlstrom is very proud of the placemats that were submitted by our students.

Music March

March is Music In Our Schools Month. Malden Grade School strongly believes that music and music appreciation is an intergral part of a child's development. Many studies indicate that music and production of music is an important catalyst to brain development. Mrs. Ribas has planned some special dress up day to recognize the month. Please see the attached flyer.

Remote Learning Survey

On Tuesday, February 27th, I sent a google form survey on our Remote Learning Program. If you have not completed the survey please do so. If you would like to request a link to the survey, please contact me at mpatterson@maldenschool.org. The School Board will use this information to help determine if we want to continue the program. Teachers will use the results to help them adjust their packets to better meet student needs.

Blood Drive

Malden Grade School will be hosting a Blood Drive on Friday, March 22nd. 1p.m.-6p.m. Please consider giving blood on this day. If interested in an appointment time, please contact the school.

Track Season to Begin

Track season is right around the corner. Students will participate in their first practice soon. Coach Jones is eagerly awaiting the beginning of the season. The first track meet will be on March 28th at PHS starting at 4:30p.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.

Website Upgrade

MGS is working on a complete upgrade of the website. We will have most of the same information available but in a more user friendly format. Also, a reminder that all Jr. High assignments are posted on the website daily by 3:15. maldengradeschool.org

No Summer School

Due to staffing shortages, the Malden CCSD 84 School District will not be offering Summer School. We encourage parents and families to have their children read on a regular basis this summer. We hope to resume the program in 2025.

Important Items to Note:

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

- March 5th– PARCC testing
- March 9th– BVEC Jr. High Art Show at Bureau Valley
- March 21st– Scholastic Bowl Tournament at Neponset
- March 20h– Board Meeting
- March 21st– Ag Fair 4th grade
- March 22nd– Blood Drive 1-6 p.m.
- March 28th– 2 p.m. dismissal Spring Break Begins
- May 13th– Spring Concert
- May 16th– Awards Banquet 6 pm
- May 24th– 8th Grade Graduation 7 p.m.
- May 23rd– Last Student Attendance Day. 2 p.m. dismissal.

3 on 3 Tournament

Congratulations to the Tunes Squad for their 3 on 3 tournament championship. Team members include: Joel Salazar, John Lower, and Lane Goskusky. Short Shots earned 2nd place with team members: Brady Peach, Jase Perez, and Max Morse. Red, White, and Blue won the unique name and uniform design with team members: Aidan Rossler, Susanna Bohms, and Phinnley Hansen.

Graduation Date

The Board of Education has tentatively approved the 8th grade graduation date of Friday, May 24th at 7 p.m. Malden CCSD #84 anticipates graduating twelve students this spring. We are all very proud of the accomplishments of our graduates. Congratulations to those who will graduate in May and good luck to all of our 2024 graduates.

Ag Fair

On March 21st, Ms. Ahlstrom will be taking 4th grade students to the Bureau County Ag Fair. We are pleased that our students will have this opportunity. The Ag Fair is organized by the Bureau County Farm Bureau. Students will be able to visit various Ag related stations and learn about all things involved with agriculture.

Wellness Policy

Malden Grade School has developed a Wellness Policy that can be reviewed on the school website, maldengradeschool.org, under the School Board tab. If you have any suggestions for the policy, please contact Mr. Patterson.

Also, please feel free to email Mr. Patterson with any general concerns or suggestions about Malden GS. mpatterson@maldenschool.org.

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 or share with any teacher or staff member. Thank you for your input.

Scholastic Bowl Tournament

The Scholastic Bowl Team has begun its season under the direction of Joanne Bejster. Team members include: Haleigh Linker, Jackson Mehlbrech Brady Peach, Carter Rossler, Ella Linker, Phinnley Hansen, Quinnlyn Peach, Lillian Drake, Makayla McCarty, Joseph Perez, Susanna Bohms, and Matthew Bohms. The Scholastic Bowl team will participate in the BVEC Scholastic Bowl Tournament on Thursday, March 21st at Neponset.

There's More

See what is attached

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