



Malden Musketeer News

Happy Thanksgiving!!!

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Malden CCSD #84

Student News and Notes

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Special points of interest:

- * Veteran's Day Assembly- Nov. 13th
- * 12 p.m. Dismissal- Nov. 3rd
- * Booster Club Mtg. Nov. 7th
- * Little Poms Performance Nov. 20th
- * No School November 23rd and 24th. (Thanksgiving)
- * Board Meeting: Nov. 16th
- * Chili Supper: Nov. 2nd

Cheerleaders Win Malden Invite

Congratulations to the Malden Cheerleaders and Coach Brenda Dye for once again winning the Cheerleading competition at the Malden Invitational. The competition is voted on by impartial judges from area schools. This is the 7th straight year the Malden Cheerleaders have won the cheerleading competition. Autumn Joiner and Sydney Mount won All American Cheerleading honors. The boys finished tying for 3rd place after going 1-2 for the week. Thank you to all that helped make the tournament a success.

Handbook Changes

At the October Board Meeting, the Board of Education approved two new handbook changes. The board clarified the position on the new cell phone usage policy to include any electronic communication device to include smart watches as part of devices banned from any school activity. Please continue to ensure that your child does not possess electronic devices during school supervised events. Also, parents are now allowed to take their child to games if they follow the bus and sign a form provided by the coach. Any questions, please contact Mr. Patterson.

Chili Supper!!!

On Thursday, November 2nd the Malden Staff will prepare a Chili Supper for the community. The event takes place from 4 p.m.- 7 p.m. and will include various raffles. There will also be a pie walk. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for K-8, and free for Pre-K and younger. Price includes admission to the game.

Hope to see you all there. All proceeds will go to the Booster Club. Please spread the word.



Boy's Basketball

The 2017 Boys Basketball team consists of 9 players. Coach Jones said the boys have been working very hard. Please come out and support the players and cheerleaders. All home games begin at 5:30.

50/50

The Malden Booster Club is selling 50/50 tickets for one big drawing at the end of the sports season. Tickets will be available at every home basketball game this year. All proceeds will go to the Booster Club purchases including; uniforms, field trips, movie trips, yearbooks, and much more.

Kindness

We have been working hard with all ages to teach general kindness to others. Please take some time to talk with your child to reinforce the importance of treating everyone with respect and kindness.

Booster Club Information

The Booster Club has wrapped up a very busy month of October!!! A huge THANK YOU goes out to all the volunteers who helped make the 62nd annual Malden Invitational a great success. Thank you also to all that helped with the Chicken Dinner/ Auction Fall Fundraiser. The event was a success and helped raise money for our kids without sending home order forms. A special thank you to all the businesses/individuals that donated items for the auction.

The new Boy's Basketball uniforms have been delivered and look awesome.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. Please plan to attend to hear what else is going on over the next several months. If you have any questions, comments, concerns, or ideas, please plan to attend the meeting on November 7th.

Questions for Teachers

As the first nine weeks came to a close, I have noticed an increased amount of questions about their child's performance. It is encouraged that if there are questions or concerns please contact the teacher so the issues can be addressed immediately. Our teachers

want to help and provide suggestions, but often teachers are not aware of homework struggles. Thank you to all the parents that have already shared concerns in a positive and constructive manner.



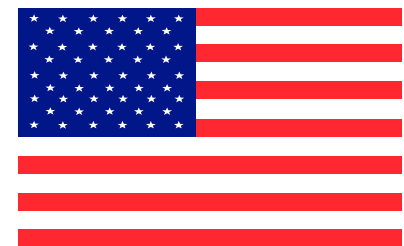
BVEC Music Festival

The Bureau Valley Elementary Conference Music Festival was held on October 17th at BVN. Lexi Bohms and Audri Swanson participated in the concert. By all accounts, the performance was very well done and Lexi and Audri represented Malden in a fine fashion. Thank you to Mrs. Ribas for preparing Audri and Lexi for this event. **Please encourage your child to try band when they get to Jr. High. Research shows learning music expands a child's ability to learn.**

Friendly Reminder

There is no smoking on school property. This includes in your car waiting to pick up your child. I have had several complaints of some smoking in their cars creating a hazardous environment for those with severe allergies and asthma.

Random Quote of the Month
 "You can't plow a field by turning it
 over in your mind"
 Unknown Author



**Thank You
Veterans!!!**

Cheerleading News

The Malden Cheerleaders are gearing up for the upcoming Little Pom/ Cheerleading camp and performance. The camp will take place on Saturday, November 18th from 9 a.m. to noon. The girls will learn a pompon routine and floor cheer. They will also receive a set of poms, hair ribbon, group pictures, and snack that morning. The cost of the camp is \$23.00. If there are any girls age 4 thru 5th grade that are interested in participating in the

camp, please contact Brenda Dye at 643-2436. They will perform during the home game on Monday, November 20th. The cheerleaders also invite you to purchase raffle tickets during the games to help offset the cost of supplies during the year. We hope everyone has the opportunity to come and enjoy the entertainment created by the cheerleaders.

1st-4th Grade Performs

The First thru Fourth Grade students will once again perform the National Anthem at the boy's basketball game on November 2nd. The students from these grades have practiced very hard since the beginning of the year. We encourage all parents and community members to come and enjoy the always entertaining performance. Thanks to Mrs. Vandermoon and Mrs. Busche for organizing the event.

Important Items to Note

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

- November 9th is School Board Member Appreciation Day.
- November 18th– Little Poms Camp
- November 20th Little Poms Performance
- November 23-24– No School Thanksgiving.
- Nov. 2nd Chili Supper
- Nov. 2nd 7th/8th Grade attend PHS play in morning

- Thank you to the Buddy Bags Program. The program supports 9 Malden students.
- Please send your child in proper winter attire. We will usually have students outside for exercise if the weather is not bitterly cold.
- Stay current with your child's grade by using TeacherEase. Please contact Brenda to see how to sign up. 643-2436
- November 3rd 12 p.m. dismissal
- November 16th Board Mtg. 7 p.m.
- November 8th– Picture Retakes/Class Pictures

BVEC Changes

Bureau Valley North and Bureau Valley South have voted to leave the BVEC Conference at the conclusion of this year. The conference will discuss possible changes at our December 1st meeting. The conference will consider playing each team twice in conference play which would mean there would be 14 conference games. The conference will also consider allowing Princeton Christian Academy to join the conference. I am excited about the changes as they are likely to provide a more competitive conference for all involved.

Book Fair

A big thank you to all who helped in making this an awesome book fair!!! Total sales were \$2021.57 This is a great total for a school our size. The profit will be used to purchase books for the library. Thank you to all that participated in the Teacher Wish List program. Teachers and students were very appreciative to receive new books for their classrooms. What an unbelievable example of support for our school and students. Mrs. Helm

BCR Alerts

With the winter weather on its way, it is a perfect time to sign up for BCR Alerts. This is the fastest way to be notified of school cancelations or delays. Please visit www.bcrnews.com and sign up today. You will receive a text message and/or email for updates of school related issues. Please call the office if you have questions.

State Budget Woes

The State of Illinois is still facing a financial crisis. Even though a budget was passed at the end of the summer, the budget is still out of whack. The state is not bringing in enough revenue to pay their obligations. We are fortunate at Malden Grade School to have strong local tax support and a healthy savings to weather the financial storm of state money mismanagement.

Veteran's Day Plans

On Monday, November 13th, students will be in session and will be involved in a variety of activities designed to honor local veterans. First, we would like to invite all local veterans and spouses to a complimentary breakfast held in the Lunch Room. The breakfast will begin at 7:30 and continue till 8:00. An assembly will follow after the breakfast. If you know of a Veteran or spouse in the area, or someone with a connection to Malden, please contact the school.

We would like to send an invitation to all veterans in the Malden and surrounding area. A formal student led Veteran's Day program will follow the breakfast. We hope to have a special speaker to provide a personal touch and insight for the students. Again, thank you to all the Veterans and please consider joining the Malden students and staff on the morning of November 13th.

There's More

See what is attached

1. Monthly Calendar
2. After-School Program Information
3. Boy's Basketball Schedule