



Malden Musketeer News

Malden Grade School where
Teamwork Leads to Individual
Achievement

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Summer News and Notes

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Special points of interest:

- * Booster Club Meeting
9/5/17 7 p.m.
- * RIPS Fundraiser Oct.
10th
- * Labor Day– No School
Sept. 4th
- * Noon Dismissal Sept.
15th
- * Community Gym Open
House 9/5/17 6 p.m.

August 17th marked the beginning of another school year at Malden Grade School. Everyone at Malden Grade School will work very hard to make your child's experience at school rewarding. We are going to emphasize the whole child this year with special emphasis on how to treat each other with kindness..

As always, we would like to encourage you to talk with your child about ways they can uplift those around them. Our goal is for all of our students to look forward to coming to school which will make it much easier for them to achieve great things in the classroom.

New Staff?

For the first time in many years, the Malden Grade School staff will have no new members. We are excited about the group of teachers, aides, and support staff that will be returning this year. We hope that the returning staff will be able to provide a consistent and valuable educational experience for your child.

Gym Open House

Malden Grade School will open the gym to the public for an Open House. We have been very busy upgrading the gym this summer and are proud of the results. Thank you again to all that submitted donations. This could not have happened without your support.

Open House: September 5th at 6:30.

Malden Grade School will be hosting an Open House on Tuesday, September 5th. Please take this opportunity to come see your child's classroom and meet their teacher. There will be a Booster Club meeting at 7:00 p.m. following the Open House.

Playground Supervision

During the school hours, we will be responsible for supervising students. We strongly encourage that if your child plans on using the playground after school hours that they are properly supervised. Please talk with your child about the possible dangers of a stranger.

Summer School Success

Summer School concluded in late June and it was an amazing success. Thank you to Ms. Nichols, Mrs. Vandermoon, and Ms. Cunniff for teaching and planning the activities. Students were exposed to a variety of fascinating units.

The students celebrated local history with a field trip to Princeton's Owen Lovejoy Home and the Red Covered Bridge. Special thanks to Sydney Kelly for being Mrs. Vandermoon's aide. We hope to offer an equally successful program next summer.

Walking and Bike Riding to School.

It has come to my attention that some students are walking/riding in the middle of the road. Please talk to your children about safe travel to school.

Online Grading System/Parent Communication

For the fourth year, teachers will be trained and use TeacherEase to allow parents to check their child's grades at any-time. According to a survey conducted last year about 60% of parents utilized the service. We would like to see that increase this year. Please feel free to let me know if there are any glitches that prevent the use of the website. The younger level teach-



ers may have a more difficult time reporting progress as their assessments are much different than the Junior High. We still believe the best way to communicate with teachers about your child's needs, is personal contact. We hope parents will use this tool to keep track of their student's grades in a more efficient manner. We also encourage 5th-8th grade students to set up an account so they may check their grades on a regular

basis.

Signing up for this service is free and easy. If a parent contacts the school and provides an email address, that address will be put in the system and an email with a login will be sent to the parent. Please see attached sign-up form.

SIGN UP FOR BCR ALERTS TO STAY INFORMED ABOUT MALDEN SCHOOL INFORMATION.

Volleyball Begins

It is that time again. The volleyball season is underway. The girls have been working very hard in practice and first year Coach Jones is excited about the opportunity to coach the Malden Team. The first home game was Thursday, August 24 vs. Ladd. There are currently 15 girls out for Volleyball. Other home games include; Sept. 7th vs. Neponset, Sept. 12th vs. Bradford and Sept. 21st vs. Bureau Valley South.(4 p.m.)

The BVEC tournament will begin on September 23rd at BV South Please come and support the girls this season. **Note: All home Basketball and Volleyball games will start at 5:30 this year unless listed otherwise.**

"A kind word often goes unsaid, but never goes unheard"
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Malden Website

Malden Grade School is continuing to upgrade our website. Please take some time to explore the website. We hope you will find the website user friendly with an increased amount of information and student related articles. Please feel free to contact the school with suggestions for what should be included on the site.

maldengradeschool.org

Booster Club Meeting Set

The Malden Booster Club will have their first meeting of the year on September 5th at 7:00 p.m. The Booster Club raises money during the year to help provide additional materials for students and teachers. Please attend the meeting and join in helping provide the highest quality education for our students.

Lunch Procedure Update

Everyone that is eating hot lunch must fill out a menu even if the child qualifies for Free or Reduced Lunch. Also, indicate on the menu if you desire milk on a day that your child is bringing sack lunch.

Breakfast Program

Malden Grade School will continue the Breakfast Program. Students interested in breakfast will report to the cafeteria between 7:30 and 7:50. Students will receive a cereal, fruit, dairy, and milk. The price of breakfast is \$2 and free and reduced status does apply. Ordering breakfast can be completed by marking your interest on the back of the lunch menu. Free and Reduced lunch prices apply for the Breakfast Program.

Booster Club News After-School Program

The Booster Club would like to welcome everyone back to school. Thank you to all the parents that signed up for something during registration. We still need help with **concession stands**. Contact Tricia Burden 303-5979. Keep saving your box tops. If you have not already donated \$45 or a case of water per family, please do so soon. All money raised during fundraisers goes for teacher mini-grants, field trips, library trips, and other items needed throughout the year. Thanks for your support and participation. Our first meeting is Sept. 5th at 7 p.m. Please join us.

Once again, Malden Grade School will host an After School Program from 3-6 p.m. During the afternoon, students will receive homework help, a healthy snack, and physical exercise. Please consider participating in the program and supporting the fundraising efforts throughout the year. Informational registration packets can be picked up in the main office. The first fundraiser of the year will be the very popular Rip's Dinner on October 10th. Please bring family and friends out for a great meal and a chance at numerous raffles.

OPEN HOUSE

September 5th 6:30-7:00

Please plan to attend our Open House at Malden Grade School. Teachers will be available to answer questions and will also display student work. Parents should also plan to stay for the Booster Club Meeting that begins at 7:00 p.m. to participate in planning exciting activities for our students. Gym Open House will be 6:00-7:00 p.m.

New Cell Phone Policy

The Malden Grade School Board passed a new cell phone policy this summer. Students are not to bring cell phones to school or extra-curricular events including field trips. Coaches/Teachers will communicate directly with parents. Please contact Mr. Patterson with any questions about the policy. Please remind your child not to bring cell phones to school or events. Thank you for your support.



Budget Report

At the August Board Meeting, the 2017-18 budget was presented to the Board. The Malden School District expects to operate close to a balanced budget. The district continues to be in stable financial condition. However, we are watching State Budget talks very closely. The budget is available for review in Brenda's Office.

Pre-School Openings Still Available

The Malden Pre-School Program is up and running for another great school year. There are still morning and afternoon spots available for children who have or will turn three by September 1st. If you have or know of a child who would be interested please contact the Malden Grade School Office at 643-2436. Open to children residing in the Malden, Ohio, or LaMoille School Districts. Students from other districts are welcome as long as their local pre-school is full.



There's More

See what is attached

1. Monthly Calendar
2. Bus Route Schedule
3. Teacher Ease Sign-Up
4. After-School Program Information