



Malden Musketeer News

Happy Easter!!!

April 2026

Malden CCSD #84

Student News and Notes

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2026 Scholastic Bowl

The Scholastic Bowl season has come to an end. The season concluded with a 1st round loss in the tournament. The last game was a thrilling loss to LaMoille. The players showed great improvement throughout the year.

The future looks bright with many 5th, 6th, and 7th grade students who contributed to a very successful 7th grade season

Art Show Success

Malden students that participated in the BVEC Art Show earned many ribbons. Under the direction of Art Consultant, Mrs. Thornton, the Malden students continue to produce quality art, learn art history, and use art to learn about other subjects. Please see the attachment for more information. Malden Grade School thanks the Sun Foundation Grant for their partial funding of the Art Program.

This art program is partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council Agency, the National Endowment of the Art, the Sun Foundation, and local businesses and individuals.

3rd Grade Play

Ms. Cotter's 3rd Grade class will perform a play on May 1st. The students have been working hard memorizing lines and honing their acting skills. Student show will be at 9:45 and parent show at 1 p.m.

Check out our comprehensive school calendar on our school website.

When we schedule an event it will be on that calendar.

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Important Dates to finish the year.

April 14th- 1st Track Meet at Hall

April 2nd- 2 p.m. dismissal Spring Break begins

April 13th- School Resumes

April 21st- Booster Club Meeting

May 8th- PreK Screening

May 4th- Teacher Appreciation Week

April 21st- K-4 Field Trip

May 14th- Jr. High Field Trip

May 11th- Spring Concert

May 13th- Board Meeting

May 11th- Book Fair Begins

May 19th- Jr. High Awards Night 6p.m.

May 28th- Last Student Day

May 29th- Graduation. 7 p.m.

Aug. 19th- First Day of School

3rd Nine Weeks Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following students who earned honor roll designation for the 3rd nine weeks:

Honor Roll– Aurora Hernandez, Junior Sandoval, Isabella Barraza, Layla Stinar, Max Morse, Phinnley Hansen, Joel Salazar, Lillian Drake, Spartan Foster, Ella Linker, Gracelyn Morgan, and Aidan Rossler,

High Honor Roll– Brynleigh Bickett, Mary Kathryn Strack, Dexter Bankes* John Lower, Madilyn Hildebrand, and Quinnlyn Peach

Keep up the great work.

DiDoughs to Malden

DiDoughs will bring their food truck to Malden on May 5th. The truck will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. All community members are welcome to purchase a pretzel. Thank you to the Malden Booster Club for purchasing a pretzel for students and staff.

5th/6th Wax Museum

The 5th/6th grade Social Studies students will be bringing history alive on April 29th. Ms. Nichols' students will be selecting a famous dead American. The students will re-search this person, create a script about this person, and dress as this American. The public is invited to visit and listen to the presentations.

Lemonade War

On Friday, May 15th the 3rd and 4th grade classes will be conducting their annual Lemonade War. Specific sale times will be shared at a later date. Students will be selling treats and lemonade to raise money for a just cause. This year the students will be raising money to donate to the Owen Lovejoy Homestead for much needed renovations. The students and staff will visit and tour the Owen Lovejoy Homestead in Princeton on May 22nd. Thank you to Mrs. Smoode and Ms. Cotter for organizing this event

MGS Track

There are 6 boys and 6 girls out for track this season. The team is split with several returning athletes and many new students competing for the first time. Individual goals include as high as state qualifying to improving personal best. The team will participate in their first meet on April 14th The BVEC Conference meet will be May 4th. Welcome our new Head Coach Chastidy Rotramel and Asst. Coach Lexi Bohms.

AG Fair

On March 19th, the 4th Grade students visited the Bureau County Fairgrounds to embark in the annual Ag Fair organized by the Bureau County Farm Bureau. The students were exposed to various exciting and informing exhibits and presentations. Our students represented Malden in a fine fashion. Thank you to those who organize and run this event.

Preschool Screening

Malden Grade School staff will host the annual pre-school screening that will take place on May 8th at Malden Grade School. The screening is open to all 3-5 year olds. If your child is within this age range and has not been screened, please set up an appointment. This service is free of charge and open to children from Ohio, LaMoille, and Malden. Please contact, the Malden Grade School office 815-643-2436 to set up an appointment.

Handbook Changes

Malden Grade School is seeking parent suggestions for handbook changes. Please share any suggestions to mpatterson@maldenschool.org

BVEC Art Show Malden Ribbon Winners

Aurora Hernandez- 3rd Place- Chalk/Charcoal

Layla Stinar- 1st Place- Chalk/Charcoal

Patience Sondgeroth- Honorable Mention-Chalk/Charcoal

Dexter Bankes- 2nd Place- Chalk/Charcoal

Junior Sandoval- 2nd Place- Paper Mache

Isabella Barraza- 1st Place- Paper Mache

Patience Sondgeroth- Honorable Mention- Paper Mache

John Lower- 3rd Place- Paper Mache

Max Morse- 1st Place- Sculpture

Spartan Foster- 3rd Place- Sculpture

Aidan Rossler- 2nd Place- Sculpture

Quinn Peach- Honorable Mention- Textile

Ella Linker- 3rd Place- Textile

Daniel Reynolds- Honorable Mention- Textile

Jace Hampton- 2nd Place- Clay/Pinch

Quinn Peach- 2nd Place- Clay/Pinch

Gracelyn Morgan- 1st Place- Clay/Pinch

Ella Linker- 1st Place- 2-D Misc.

Aidan Rossler- Honorable Mention- 2-D Misc.

Joel Salazar- 2nd Place- 2-D Misc.

Mary Katherine Strack- Honorable Mention- Clay/Sculpture

Layla Stinar- 2nd Place- Clay/Sculpture

Dexter Bankes- Honorable Mention- Clay/Sculpture

Aurora Hernandez- 3rd Place- Clay/Sculpture

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2026 Track and Field Schedule

Date	Event	Location	Time	Bus Time
Tuesday, April 14th	Track Meet(Ladd)	Hall	4:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 16th	Track Meet	Henry	4:00 p.m.	2:45 p.m.
Friday, April 17th	Track Meet	LaMoille	3:30 p.m.	2:30 p.m.
Monday, April 20th	Track Meet(Peru Host)	LP Sports Complex	4:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
Friday, April 24th	Track Meet(Jack and Jill)	Hall HS	4:00 p.m.	2:45 p.m.
Wednesday, April 29th	Track Meet	Princeton	4:00 p.m.	2:45 p.m.
Saturday, May 2nd	Bureau Co Meet	Princeton	9:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
Monday, May 4th	BVEC Meet	Hall HS	4:00 p.m.	TBA
Friday, May 8 th	IESA Sectionals	Wethersfield	2:00 p.m.	TBA
Saturday, May 16 th	IESA STATE Meet	TBA	TBA	

MGS Spirit Days for April & May

April 1st – Hawaiian Day

April 15th – Class Color Day: Kindergarten – Green

First – Blue

Second – Pink

Third – Yellow

Fourth – Purple

Fifth – Orange

Sixth – Brown

Seventh – Red

Eighth – Black

Non-Grade Staff - Gray

~~April 22nd – Music Day – Wear your favorite band t-shirt~~

April 29th – Red and White Day

May 6th – Star Wars Day – Dress up as your favorite character.

May 13th – Pajama Day

May 20th – Camo Day

May 27th – Shorts and T-Shirt Day

One Elementary and one Jr. High student will be picked each day to win a special prize for the best dress spirit day. Have fun!!

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April Calendar

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SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
			1 2:30 PM DISMISSAL HAWAIIAN DAY	2 BOOSTER CLUB POPCORN & POP 2 PM DISMISSAL	3 SPRING BREAK BEGINS	4
5 HAPPY EASTER!!	6 NO SCHOOL	7 NO SCHOOL	8 NO SCHOOL	9 NO SCHOOL	10 NO SCHOOL	11
12	13 SCHOOL RESUMES	14 TRACK MEET AT HALL 4 PM	15 2:30 PM DISMISSAL CLASS COLOR DAY BOARD MEETING 7 PM	16 TRACK MEET AT HENRY 4 PM	17 ART TRACK MEET AT LaMOILLE 3:30 PM	18
19	20 TRACK MEET AT LP SPORTS COMPLEX 4:30 PM	21 GRADES K-4 FIELD TRIP BOOSTER CLUB MEETING 7 PM	22 GRADES 3 & 4 LIBRARY VISIT 2:30 PM DISMISSAL MUSIC DAY	23	24 ART TRACK MEET AT HALL 4 PM	25
26	27	28	29 2:30 PM DISMISSAL TRACK MEET AT PHS 4 PM RED & WHITE DAY	30		



