



Malden CCSD #84

# Malden Musketeer News

Happy St. Patrick's Day!!!

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## Student News and Notes

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### Special points of interest:

- \* March 10th– PARCC Testing Begins
- \* March 8th– BVEC Art Show– at BV
- \* March 20th- BVEC Scholastic Bowl Tournament at Malden
- \* March 21st– Blood Drive 1-6 p.m.

### BVEC Speech

The BVEC Speech Competition will take place on March 15th at BV. The participants look to dominate the competition like in past years. The following students are participating in the Speech Contest: Krishlyn, Spartan, Dexter, Emily, Sadie, 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 looks to be a great success.

### Teen Showcase

On Thursday, March 13th, the 7th and 8th grade students will travel to IVCC for the Teen Showcase. This all day event provide 4 motivational speakers on topics important to youth.

### Blood Drive

Malden Grade School will host a Blood Drive on March 21st 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 attend a Peoria Chiefs game on April 29th. The K-4 students will travel to the Quad Cities to attend a Circa 21 performance on April 8th.

### Girls Basketball Success

The Girls Basketball season came to an end with a tough loss to Bradford in the 3rd place game. The girls played hard the entire game and worked hard and showed great sportsmanship the entire season.

The 8th grade team earned the regular season conference championship. Congratulations on a great career to 8th grade players: Krishlyn Lanham, Aubrey Coats, and McKayla McCarty. Good Luck at PHS!!!

### BVEC Art Contest

The annual BVEC Jr. High Art Show will be held on Saturday, March 8th at BV. 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 11th for the regular winter meeting. The officers asked for nominations for new officers. Club members have decided to assign each family who has students at Malden GS one night of concession stand duty. The money earned from the concession stand affects all students. There will be more information shared at a later date. Club also discussed the following:

- \* Popcorn/Soda Day– March 28th
- \* Field Trips
- \* Quarter Auction

- \* Nomination of New Officers
- \* 5K
- \* 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 8th at 7:00 p.m.

## New Teachers

Malden Grade School is in the middle of a search for an additional elementary school teacher. The goal is to find qualified staff to ensure great classroom experiences in the future. There are no current elementary teachers planning on leaving this year. Malden CCSD 84 would like to wish Mrs. Trotter the best of luck as she has decided not to continue at Malden next year. Malden CCSD 84 has hired Kara Dauck, a preschool teacher, for next year. She has 6 years of preschool teaching experience at Stark Co.

## Warnecke Woods

The 5th and 6th grade students will visit Warnecke Woods in Princeton on Friday, May 2nd to participate in the Conservation Day event. Students will be exposed and taught different ways to conserve our environment. The event is sponsored and delivered by the Bureau County Soil and Water Conservation District.

## Quarter Auction

The very popular Quarter Auction and Taco Lunch will return to Malden Grade School on Sunday, April 27th. Lunch will start at 12 p.m. and bidding will begin at 1:30. All proceeds will go to the Malden Booster Club. Thank you to Ms. Nichols for organizing this event. A flyer is attached to this newsletter with additional information.

## Blood Drive

Malden Grade School will be hosting a Blood Drive on Friday, March 21st. 1p.m.-6p.m. Please consider giving blood on this day. If interested in an appointment time, please contact the school.

## New Track Coaches

Malden Grade School is pleased to announce that Brittany Lowdermilk will be the new Head Track Coach and Chasidy Rotramel will be the Assistant Coach. The first track meet will be April 1st at Hall. 4:00 p.m. Attached to this newsletter is the complete track schedule.

## 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](http://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 2026.

## Important Items to Note:

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

- March 10th– PARCC testing
- March 8th– BVEC Jr. High Art Show at BV
- March 20th– Scholastic Bowl Tournament at Malden
- March 19th– Board Meeting
- March 20th– Ag Fair 4th grade
- March 15th– Speech Contest at BV
- March 21st– Blood Drive 1-6 p.m.
- March 24th– No School
- May 12th– Spring Concert
- May 22nd– Awards Banquet 6 pm
- May 30th– 8th Grade Graduation 7 p.m.
- May 29th– Last Student Attendance Day. 2 p.m. dismissal
- August 20th– First Student Attendance Day. 2 p.m. dismissal.

**Thank you to all that has made this year a great success so far. If you have an concerns or questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Patterson at [mpatterson@maldenschool.org](mailto:mpatterson@maldenschool.org). Go Musketeers!!!**

## Graduation Date

The Board of Education has tentatively approved the 8th grade graduation date of Friday, May 30th at 7 p.m. Malden CCSD #84 anticipates graduating ten 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 2025 graduates.

## Ag Fair

On March 20th, Mrs. Smoode's will be taking the 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.

## 5K Returns

I am pleased to announce the return of the Malden Booster Club 5K. The event will take place on Saturday, June 7th at 8 a.m. More information will be shared at a later date.

## 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](mailto: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 new coach, Amy Nichols. Team members include: Matthew, Makayla, Jackson, Titan, Aubrey, Ella, Lilly, Max, Phinnley, Quinn, and Emily. The Scholastic Bowl team will participate in the BVEC Scholastic Bowl Tournament on Thursday, March 20th at Malden

### There's More

See what is attached

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