



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 4th- PARCC Testing Begins
- * March 7th- BVEC Art Show- at DePue
- * March 19th- BVEC Scholastic Bowl Tournament at DePue

Skating Unit in PE

The skating unit will begin on March 9th and conclude on March 20th. Student Council skating party will be on March 14th. More information to come.

Freedom House Presentations

Freedom House recently visited Malden Grade School and presented age appropriate body safety lessons to all of our students.

Teen Showcase

On Thursday, March 12th, the 7th and 8th grade students will travel to IVCC for the Teen Showcase. This all day event provides 4 motivational speakers on topics important to youth.

Basketball Season Completed

The GBB team concluded their season with a loss to LaMoille in the tournament. We were the 5th seed. The girls worked hard all year. Good luck to our 3 8th graders: Ella, Gracelyn, and Lillian.

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 visit the Brookfield Zoo with a special bonus of the Dolphin Show. The K-4 students will travel to the Quad Cities to visit the Putnam Museum.

New Hire at MGS 3 on 3

The Malden GS Board has recently hired Ms. Emily Schultz as 3rd grade teacher for next year. She completed her student teaching at Princeton and is eager to begin. Good luck to Ms. Cotter as she make a career change.

The Malden GS Student Council will host a 3 on 3 tournament on March 17th. Students in grade 3rd-8th are eligible to participate. The tournament is open to the public and is always a fun event.

BVEC Art Contest

The annual BVEC Jr. High Art Show will be held on Saturday, March 7th at DePue. 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 10th 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– April 2nd
- * Field Trips
- * Paisanos' Night

- * 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 21st at 7:00 p.m.



Harry Potter Jr. High

For the past two years, the Jr. High staff has implanted a Harry Potter themed behavioral incentive system. Students have been placed in one of the four houses and competed against each other with goals of locker/hallway cleanliness, homework submission, and other general expectations. We have seen a significant improvement in these behaviors and are very proud of the students' behaviors.

Trees removed

Unfortunately, MGS had to remove two dead trees near the softball field. The trees were becoming a danger due to falling branches. We are looking to replace the trees this summer. The softball field is currently used by the Adult Softball League and the Princeton Peaches a youth softball team.

Assistant Track Coach

Malden Grade School is currently interested in an Assistant Track Coach. This is a paid position. If interested, please contact Mr. Patterson @ mpatterson@maldenschool.org

New Track Coaches

Malden Grade School is pleased to announce that Chastidy Rotramel will be the new Head Track Coach. We are currently looking for an assistant coach. The first track meet will be April 14th at Hall. 4:00 p.m. Attached to this newsletter is the complete track schedule.

Junior High Eligibility

To have a passing grade for the purposes of eligibility for Student Council Field Trips and athletic participation the student must reach the 60% threshold. If the student has any grade in the 59's it will not be rounded up. Teachers will after round the grade up which creates some confusion.

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 3rd– PARCC testing
- March 7th– BVEC Jr. High Art Show at DePue
- March 19th– Scholastic Bowl Tournament at DePue
- March 18th– Board Meeting
- March 19th– Ag Fair 4th grade
- March 14th– Speech Contest at Ladd
- April 3rd Spring Break Begins 2 p.m. dismissal
- April 21st– K-4 Fieldtrip
- May 11th– Spring Concert
- May 14th– Jr. High Fieldtrip
- May 19th– Awards Banquet 6 pm
- May 29th– 8th Grade Graduation 7 p.m.
- May 28th– Last Student Attendance Day. 2 p.m. dismissal
- August 19th– 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 any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Patterson at mpatterson@maldenschool.org. Go Musketeers!!!

Graduation Date

The Board of Education has tentatively approved the 8th grade graduation date of Friday, May 29th at 7 p.m. Malden CCSD #84 anticipates graduating six 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 2026 graduates.

Ag Fair

On March 19th, Mrs. Smoode 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 6th 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 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: Lillian, Sprtan, Ella, Aidan, Emily, Phinnley, Quinn, Dexter, John, Brynleigh, Brenda, and Oliver. The Scholastic Bowl team will participate in the BVEC Scholastic Bowl Tournament on Thursday, March 19th at DePue.

There's More

See what is attached

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