



# Malden Musketeer News

**Remember our Fallen!!  
Memorial Day 5/26/2025**

**May 2025**

**Malden CCSD #84**

## Student News and Notes

"It is nice to be important,  
but it is more important to  
be nice"

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### Welcome new teachers

MGS is pleased to announce two new teachers for the 25-26 school year. Ms. Cotter will teach 3rd grade next year. She is a PHS and University of Illinois Graduate who is currently teaching in Gibson City. Mrs. Dauck will teach Preschool next year. She is currently teaching in Stark Co. Mrs. Dauch is a resident of Spring Valley.

### Lemonade Stand

May 16th the 3rd/4th grade class will host a Lemonade Stand to raise funds for a Peru Animal Shelter. Students will sell items to the public and other students. 3rd/4th grade students will visit the animal shelter on May 21st.

### 8th Grade Graduation

The 8th Grade Graduation will take place on the evening of Friday, May 30th at 7:00p.m. We hope to have seven young men and three young ladies receiving diplomas from Malden Community Consolidated School District #84. Congratulations to Makayla McCarty for being Valedictorian and Matthew Bohms for being Salutatorian. This evening will be an opportunity for the students to say goodbye to Malden Grade School and for all of us to wish them well at Princeton High School. Please join us for this special occasion to congratulate the Class of 2025.

### Exciting Final Day May 29

The Malden staff is currently planning an exciting final day for our students to help celebrate the conclusion of a successful year. Students will be treated to a hot dog for lunch. MGS is going to have water sports this day. Students are to wear regular clothes over their swim suit. Please look for notes from teachers with more information and food donation needs.



**Teacher Appreciation Week is May 5th-9th** We have a wonderful group of teachers and staff who work very hard daily to improve student achievement. Please take the time to thank a teacher who has inspired you or your child.

### Important Dates to finish the year.

May 2nd- Warnecke Woods Field Trip(5th/6th)  
May 10th- Track Sectionals  
May 12th-16th Book Fair  
May 12h- Spring Concert  
May 27th- PreK Picnic

May 22nd- Awards Banquet  
May 28th- Board Meeting  
May 30th- 8th Grade Graduation  
May 29th- Last day of student attendance 8:00- 2:00 school-wide picnic

May 16th- Lemonade Stand 3rd/4th grade  
June 3rd- Blood Drive  
June 7th- Malden 5K  
August 20th- 1st Day School 8:00-2:00p.m.

## DiDoughs

The DiDoughs truck will be at the school on April 30th from 11am-4:00pm. The Booster Club will purchase a pretzel for all students. The truck is open to the general public. Please plan on enjoying a pretzel.

## Awards Banquet

The Awards Banquet will be May 22nd at 6 p.m. The Booster Club will provide the chicken and drink. We ask that each family bring a dish to pass and their own table service. We are excited to honor our students who participated in extra curricular activities, music, and art. More information will come as we get closer to the event.

## Quarter Auction

The Booster Club hosted the bi-annual Quarter Auction and Taco Lunch on April 27th. Thank you to all that donated items, time, food, and expertise. A special thank you to Amy Nichols for leading this event. It appeared to be a great success.

## Playground Shelter

The Malden School District #84 has approved the construction of 12x24 shelter at the playground. The construction will take place this summer. Thank you to the Lions Club for volunteering to construct the shelter. A special thank you to Will Linker for leading this effort.

## Track Season

**The 2025 Track season is off to a great start. The athletes have been working hard to improve times and distances. The team is gearing up for three big meets this year. May 3rd- Bureau Co. Meet @ Hall, May 8th- BVEC @ Hall, and May 10th- Sectionals @ Hall**

**Please note: BVEC Meet May 8th will now begin at 4 p.m.**

## Registration Date Set

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year has been set for the July 29th(9am-6pm) and 30th(9am-2pm). Sports physicals will not be available at the school this year. Please contact your family physician or nurse practitioner to complete this requirement. Sports physical forms can be picked up in the main office or printed off the IESA website. Students entering 6th grade and Kindergarten need a full physical from a doctor's office. Forms can be found on the school website under Parent Resources.

## Spring Concert

On Monday, May 12th the K-8 grades will present our annual Spring Concert. All students have been working very hard practicing and learning a variety of new styles and also learning about different musicians.

Band students and the Master of the Ceremonies will report to the stage at 6:30 wearing their concert black and white. All other students will report to their home-rooms at 6:45 p.m. in nice dress clothes. Please invite family and friends to enjoy a night that celebrates the arts.

## Spelling Bee Winners

**Congratulations to the  
2025 Malden Spelling  
Bee Winners**

**8th Grade**

**Makayla McCarty- 1st**

**Matthew Bohms- 2nd**

**7th Grade**

**Ella Linker 1st**

**Lillian Drake- 2nd**

## Art Festival

Mrs. Mary Jane Thornton has been working very hard on a variety of art projects with all students. The art will be displayed on May 12th during the concert. **The project was partially funded by the Sun Foundation for the Advancement in Environmental Sciences and Arts, The Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.** Art work from the BVEC Art show will also be displayed.

## Book Fair

Come join us for the Summer Reading Book Fair. May 12th-16th will be purchasing days for the students. The purchase times will be limited. We will also be participating in the Teacher Wish List Program where you can purchase a book for your child's class. Only books will be sold, sorry no trinkets this time. Thank you, Tammy Helm for organizing this event.

### Kindergarten Celebrates Q and U Wedding

On Tuesday, May 6th, Q and U will be united in marriage (again) during a beautiful ceremony in the kindergarten classroom. They promised to be together forever in words. The kids will learn wedding etiquette, enjoy watching Mr. Patterson walk U down the aisle, give her a hug and fist bump Q. They vows will be heard, bubbles, and enjoy cake and dancing at the reception.

### Thank You 8th Graders

We anticipate graduating 10 eighth grade students on Friday, May 30th. Thank you to all the students in the 2025 graduating class. You have had a wonderful career at Malden, and I am looking forward to see how you succeed in the future. Remember when you move on to Princeton High School to always remain proud of Malden GS and your experiences you have received. It has been a pleasure to serve as your Principal the last nine years. You will always be part of the Malden family.

Mr. Patterson

### 1st/2nd Book Club

The Malden second grade class has enjoyed their own book club

this year. They have successfully met on their lunchtime to discuss each book with Mrs. Vandermoon and Mrs. Bejster. Thanksgiving on the Thursday kicked off their club last fall. Another Magic Treehouse book, Christmas in Camelot, was read by popular request. The next book was a sequel to a book read in a class called Bigfoot. A very

challenging book was next from the National Parks Mystery Series. It is the first book in the popular mystery series called Mystery in Rocky Mountain National Park. There were many parents that also enjoyed this book as they read together with their child. The last book was a graphic novel called I Survived the Titanic.

Congratulations to Mr. Lennon and his wife, Olivia, on the birth of their second child, Archie. Archie will be welcomed home by his older sister, Tillie.

## Embryology 101

Embryology 101 is underway in kindergarten! Twenty-four eggs were donated by Levi Mehlbrech and we set them on April 16. The kindergartners are learning about oviparous and viviparous animals, how a chick grows and hatches, and expanding their vocabulary with lots of scientific words. They recently candled the eggs to see the chicks growth, and how many could possibly hatch. They are anxiously awaiting May 7, hatching day!

## K-4 Fun

The K-4 teachers have some exciting days planned for the end of the year. The K-4 students will celebrate a Cinco De Mayo lunch on May 5th. The K-2 students will go to the library, Pizza Hut, and the park on May 7th. The 3rd/4th grade students will go to the Princeton Library and park on May 14th.

## Warnecke Woods

**The 5th and 6th Grade students will travel to Warnecke Woods on May 2nd. This event is organized by The Bureau County Soil and Water District. Topics to be covered will be streams, reptiles, fish, and pond life. Students will need to bring a sack lunch.**