



Malden Musketeer News

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

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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 teacher

MGS is pleased to announce a new teacher for the 26-27 school year. Ms. Emily Schultz Ms. Schultz is a graduate of University of Wisconsin-Superior . She has been a paraprofessional in the Princeton school district and is a Registered Behavior Technician.

Lemonade Stand

May 15th the 3rd/4th grade classes will host a Lemonade Stand to raise funds for the Lovejoy Home. Students will sell items to the public and other students. The 3rd/4th grade students will visit the Lovejoy Home on May 22nd.

8th Grade Graduation

The 8th Grade Graduation will take place on the evening of Friday, May 29th at 7:00p.m. We hope to have three young men and three young ladies receiving diplomas from Malden Community Consolidated School District #84. Congratulations to Ella Linker for being Valedictorian and Spartan Foster 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 2026.

Exciting Final Day May 28

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 dogs 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 4th-8th 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 5th– DiDoughs 11-4	May 19th– Awards Banquet	July 30th– Blood Drive
May 8th– Track Sectionals	May 20th– Board Meeting	June 6th– Malden 5K
May 11th–15th Book Fair	May 29th– 8th Grade Graduation	August 19th– 1st Day School 8:00-2:00p.m.
May 11th– Spring Concert	May 28th– Last day of student attendance 8:00– 2:00 school-wide picnic	
May 14th– Jr. High Field Trip		
May 15th– Lemonade War		

DiDoughs

The DiDoughs truck will be at the school on May 5th 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 19th 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.

Elementary Fun Days

On May 5th, Kindergarten students are inviting parents to enjoy a Spa Day. 1st/2nd grade are inviting parents and grandparents for the Fairy Tale/Fable Café on May 22nd. 3rd grade will be hosting the "Lost in the Woods" play on May 1st. 4th grade will have the Poetry Café on May 22nd. 3rd/4th grade will be conducting the Lemonade War on May 15th.

Summer Project

This summer Malden Grade School will be renovating the large storage shed, replacing student lockers, power washing the exterior of the gym, replacing copiers, and removing the lean to on the north/west end of the gym.

Track Season

The 2026 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 2nd- Bureau Co. Meet @ Princeton, May 4th- BVEC @ Hall, and May 8th- Sectionals @ Kewanee Wetherfield

Registration Date Set

Registration for the 2026-2027 school year has been set for the July 28th(9am-6pm) and 29th(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 11th 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 2026 Malden Spelling Bee Winners

8th Grade

Lillian Drake- 1st

Ella Linker- 2nd

7th Grade

Joel Salazar- 1st

Quinn Peach- 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 11th 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 11th-15th 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 5th, 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 6 eighth grade students on Friday, May 29th. Thank you to all the students in the 2026 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

Cinco De Mayo Lunch Junior High Fieldtrip Lovejoy Home

Malden students in grades K-4 will have a special experience on May 5th. In celebration of Cinco de Mayo, students and staff are going to prepare a authentic Mexican lunch. If you signed up to send something to school, please have it at school by 8:00a.m. on May 5th. Thank you teachers organizing this event.

The 5th-8th grade students will travel to the Brooks field Zoo on May 14th. Students will leave at 8:00 a.m. and return around 4pm. The school will provide each student with a sack lunch and tickets to the Dolphin Show. Parents are welcome to attend but will be required to provide their own transportation and Dolphin Show tickets.

The money raised by the 3rd/4th grade Lemonade War will be donated to the Owen Lovejoy Homestead for much needed renovations and update. The students will visit the Lovejoy Home on May 22nd.

Embryology 101

Embryology 101 is underway in kindergarten! Twenty-four eggs were donated by Levi and Colton Mehlbrech and we set them on April 21 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 11, hatching day!



Wax Museum

Ms. Nichols' 5th/6th grade performed the bi-annual Wax Museum presentations. Students researched historical figures and dressed as this person. Students performed their act in front of parents and other guests on April 29th.