

Malden Grade School

December 2025 Newsletter

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

BVEC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Ohio Grade School will host the BVEC Boys Basketball Tournament December 6th, 9th, and 11th. Currently, the Musketeers are slated to be the #2 seed in the tournament. That could change depending on the rest of the regular season. The 7th grade team is currently in first place. Good luck players and cheerleaders.

Booster Club News

The Booster Club held their last meeting on November 11th. Thank you to all that took the time to attend and participate. The Club decided not to run the Fannie Mae fundraiser this year due to inconsistent product availability. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered for the concession stand. There are still a couple opportunities available for the Girls Basketball season. Please see the Malden Grade School website for the link to sign up. The Boosters will provide students and staff with hot cocoa on December 17th. The Booster Club is also sponsoring the Apollo Theatre trip for all K-8 students on December 18th.

Veterans Day Assembly

On Tuesday, November 11th, veterans attended a Veterans Day Assembly and Breakfast. Twenty-eight guests attended the event featuring student performances and a special breakfast. Thank you students for your respectful behavior. The 1st-4th grade students performed the national anthem, Kindergarten led the Pledge of Allegiance and Student Council members read a poem and demonstrated proper flag folding protocol. Aidan Rossler and Gracelyn Morgan presented the colors for their final time. A sincere thank you to all Veterans for your service both past and present. The next Booster Club meeting is scheduled for February 10th after the Girls Basketball game.

Christmas Concert

The Malden Christmas Concert will be held on December 8th at 7 p.m. Band students need to report to the Band room at 6:30 and all other students need to be in their classrooms by 6:45. If your child can't attend the concert, a note needs to be given to Mrs. Ribas as soon as possible. The students have been working hard to prepare for the concert. The general music classes and band will perform songs that are sure to please. Fourth grade students will perform with their recorders. We are expecting a special guest after the concert.

Doors open at 6:30.

1st/2nd Craft Day

Mrs. Vandermoon will be hosting a student craft day on Thursday, December 4th. A variety of craft stations will be available for the students. Several volunteers will donate their time and talents to make this event work successfully. Research shows that art activities stretch the brain and allow students to think creatively. The goal is for this activity to be both fun and educational.

Apollo Theater Fieldtrip


On December 18th, all K-8 students will be treated to a movie, popcorn, and soda at the Apollo theater. Thank you to the Booster Club for sponsoring this event. Thank you to Mrs. Vandermoon for organizing the trip. Also, thank you to Jay and Lara Schneider, Apollo owners, for accommodating the Malden students and staff.

Ms. Cotter's Creative Writing Project

Ms. Cotter's 3rd grade students participated in a unique creative writing project. Students were asked to determine a public figure they would consider a hero to them. Students researched this person and wrote an essay about their hero's life and impact. Students then decorated a pumpkin to reflect the likeness of their hero. Third grade students selected the following heroes- Simone Biles, Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, Taylor Swift, Patrick Mahomes, Billie Eilish, Martin Luther King Jr., Dav Pilkey, and Donald Trump.

Welcome Mrs. Wilcoxen

Malden Grade School would like to welcome Mrs. Sally Wilcoxen as our maternity leave substitute teacher in 4th grade. Mrs. Wilcoxen is a retired teacher who is known around the county as an excellent teacher and professional. The 4th grade students will be in great hands the next few months. Also, thank you to Mrs. Hult for all her help in assisting the transition. We all wish Mrs. Smoode best wishes as she enters a new chapter in her life. Mrs. Smoode is currently planning on returning at the beginning of March.



Remind App/Remote Learning Packets

With winter weather soon approaching, it is the perfect time to sign up for the Malden Community Remind App. Please download the Remind app to your phone and text to 81010 with this message-@mgscom. The school will use this app to notify members of the community about school related issues and school closings or delays. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Patterson- 815-643-2436 or mpatterson@maldenschool.org.

Important upcoming events:

- *December 2nd- 8th Grade Recognition Night- 5:00 p.m.**
- *December 4th- 1st/2nd Craft Day**
- *December 6th,9th, and 11th- BVEC Boys BB Tournament @ Ohio.**
- *December 8th- Christmas Concert 7 pm**
- *December 17th- School Board Meeting 7 p.m.**
- *December 18th- All school field trip to Apollo Theater**
- *December 19th- Christmas Break begins 2 p.m.**
- *January 5th- School Resumes**