

# Malden Musketeer News

Malden Grade School where Teamwork Leads to Individual Achievement

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#### Malden CCSD #84

#### Summer News and Notes

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#### Special points of interest:

- \* Booster Club Meeting 9/10/24.
- \* Open House: 6:30 9-10-24
- \* Labor Day- No School Sept. 2nd
- \* Sept. 17th-Picture Day
- \* Sept. 13th-12 dismissal
- \* September 26th-Vision and Hearing Testing

beginning of another Members!!! school year at Malden Grade School. Everyone Malden Grade School is at Malden Grade School proud to announce the that your child will be cared for and their best in Walnut. Mrs. Catie cus.

them achieve great things in Malden. the classroom.

# August 16th marked the Welcome New Staff-

will work very hard to arrival of four new staff make your child's expe-members. Mr. Scott Lenrience at school reward- non will serve as K-8 PE. ing. Please rest assured He and his family reside interests will be our fo- Hartz will be an Administrative Assistant/Food As always, we would Service Director. Mrs. like to encourage you to Hartz also resides in Waltalk with your child nut with her family. Jaabout ways they can up- mie Ames is the new full lift those around them. time Custodian and Ra-Our goal is for all of our chel Biagioni is the new students to look forward coming to school Volleyball Coach. Both which will make it much Jamie and Rachel dwell to in the fine village of

#### **Breakfast at MGS**

Malden Grade School students have access to free breakfast every school day. Breakfast opens at 7:30. Please encourage your child to have a healthy breakfast either at school or home.

#### K-4 Bus Riders

If your child is a bus rider, please have someone visible when your child is dropped off from school. We want to ensure that your child is safe when they arrive home. This is essential for our youngest riders. If you have any concerns about your child's experience on the bus, please contact Mr. Patterson.

# Volleyball Season is in Full Swing

The 7th and 8th Grade Volleyball teams have begun their season. The team is looking to improve each week and make a run in the tournament at the end of the year. The team is coached by Rachel Biagioni, Kendra Cain and volunteer Haley Lower.

**Open House** September 10th 6:30-7:00

Counselor Available

MGS has again hired a guidance counselor. The counselor can help your child with a variety of situations. If you would like your child to meet with the counselor, please contact Mr. Patterson.

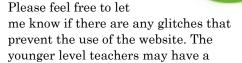
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# Online Grading System/Parent Communication

Connect

For many years now, the teachers have been trained and use Teach-

erEase to allow parents to check their child's grades at anytime. According to a survey conducted last year about 80% of parents utilized the service. We would like to see that increase this year.



more difficult time reporting progress as their assessments are much differ-

ent than the Junior High. We still believe the best way to communicate with teachers about your child's needs, is personal contact. We hope parents will use this tool to keep track of their student's grades in a more efficient manner. We also encourage 5th-8th grade students to set up an

account so they may check their grades on a regular basis.

Signing up for this service is free and easy. If a parent contacts the school and provides an email address, that address will be put in the system and an email with a login will be sent to the parent. Please see attached signup form.

SIGN UP FOR THE REMIND APP TO STAY INFORMED ABOUT MALDEN SCHOOL INFORMATION. SNOW DAYS ARE ANNOUNCED FIRST ON REMIND NOTIFICATIONS.

#### Free Breakfast and Lunch

A federal government program will allow Malden Grade School to not charge any student for hot lunch this year. Students who bring their lunch and would like milk will still need to purchase the milk. It is important to complete the lunch menu each month so we know how many lunches to order.

Malden Grade School is looking for Girls Basketball and Track Coaches. If you know someone who may be interested, please email-

mpatterson@maldenschool.org/

"A kind word often goes unsaid, but never goes unheard" Unknown

# TeacherEase App

When you download the Teacherease App on your phone, you will receive notifications when a graded assignment is entered by the teacher. You will also be notified the grade on that assignment. The updated overall grade will also be displayed.

# Booster Club Meeting Set

The Malden Booster Club will have their first meeting of the year on September 10th The Booster Club raises money during the year to help provide additional materials for students and teachers. Please attend the meeting and join in helping provide the highest quality education for our students.

### Picture Day

Picture Day is September 17th. These pictures will be used for the yearbook.

Gratitude and Recognition

Thank you to David Morse and Kyle
Bickett for volunteering their time to
fix the gym roof. Also, thank you to
Rachel Biagioni and the Wednesday

great. Thank you to the Wednesday Night Youth Group for their landscaping upkeep. Our school grounds look awesome.

night softball crew for all their work

on the softball diamond. It looks

#### Shell Gas

# After-School Program

Starting in September,
Malden Grade School will receive a donation for any gas
purchased at the designated
pumps at the Princeton Shell
station. The pumps are clearly marked with our school
name. Please consider filling
up at the Princeton Shell.
Thank you to Tammy at Shell
for organizing.

Once again, Malden Grade School will host an After School Program from 3-6 p.m. During the afternoon, students will receive homework help, a healthy snack, and physical exercise. Teachers work with program staff to ensure students are getting the specific help each student needs. Please consider participating in the program. Informational registration packets can be picked up in the main office. After School Program is a privilege. If students are misbehaving, they will be asked to leave.

# **Building Updates**

Malden Grade School is pleased to announce major building improvements. The school upgraded the intercom and phone system. Each classroom will now have a phone. This will help increase communication among staff. There have been upgrades to the concrete sidewalks to improve safety. The roof was repaired to eliminate leaking. The softball field has seen several improvements over the summer.

# Cell Phone Policy Reminder

The Malden Grade School Board passed a cell phone policy two years ago. Students are not to bring cell phones to school or extracurricular events including field trips. Coaches/Teachers will communicate directly with parents. Please contact Mr. Patterson with any questions about the policy. Please remind your child not to bring cell phones to school or events. If your student needs their phone after school dismisses, they can turn it in to the main office and pick it up after school.

Students who attend afterschool events as spectators may bring their cell phone as long as they are under the direct supervision of their parent or guardian. Students younger than grade 5 must have a parent or guardian present at the extra curricular event.

# **Budget Report**

At the August Board Meeting, the 2024-25 budget was presented to the Board. The Malden School District expects to operate close to a balanced budget. The district continues to be in a very strong financial condition. The district has received the highest financial rating from the Illinois State Board of Education. The budget is available for review in Brenda's Office.

Reminder: If your child is not feeling well, please be sure that they are symptom free for 24 hours before sending back to school.



There's More
See what is attached

- 1. Monthly Calendar
- 2. Bus Route Schedule
- 3. Teacher Ease Sign-Up
- 4. After-School Program Information