

Malden Musketeer News

Happy Thanksgiving.!!!

November 2026

Malden CCSD #84

Student News and Notes

Halloween Fun

Malden students enjoyed dressing up and parading around the school on Halloween. They also participated in class parties. K-4 students also participated in a Halloween project day that included; Book Café, Wood Project, Pumpkin Painting, Slime and Directed Drawing. Family members were also invited for a pumpkin decorating.

6th Grade Health Rocks

On November 17th, the 6th grade students will visit the Metro Center for the Health Rocks workshop, Health related topics will be shared with students.

1st Nine Weeks Honor Roll

Malden Grade School is please to announce students who earned honor status;

Honor Roll: Maddie McCarty, Dexter Bankes, Isabella Barraza, Layla Stinar, Patience Sondgeroth, Oliver Noll-Ganther, Junior Sandoval, Phinnley Hansen, Madilyn Hildebrand, Max Morse, Joel Salazar

High Honor Roll:

Roland Czerwin, Ramses Salazar, Jasidy Silva, Brynleigh Bickett, Aurora Hernandez, Mary Kathryn Strack,John Lower, Quinnlyn Peach*.

BVEC Music

The annual BVEC Music Concert was scheduled for October 20th at Bureau Valley. Due to an unusual power outage the concert portion of the event had to be cancelled. The students practiced very hard and traveled to BV before the cancelation. The event does not currently have a make-up date. Students who were selected for the concert were– Junior Sandoval, Jase Perez, Maddie Hildebrand, Quinn Peach, Phinnley Hansen, and Layla Stinar.

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Special points of interest:

* Veteran's Day Program– Nov. 11th
* Booster Club Mtg. Nov. 10th
* No School November 25th, 26th, and 27th.
* Board Meeting: Nov. 18th

1st-4th Craft Days 5th/6th States Project Pen Pals

Mrs. Vandermoon's class will welcome guests on December 10th for Craft Day. Mrs. Smoode's class will have their Craft Day on December 11th. Students will visit several craft stations led by community volunteers

Ms. Nichols' 5th/6th grade Social Studies class is currently working on their 50 states projects. Student are selecting a specific state to research. Please look forward to a future newsletter for pictures.

Mrs. Vandermoon's class is writing to Mrs. Busche's class in Tennessee and Mrs. Barona's class in Iowa. Mrs. Smoode and Ms. Schultz's classes are writing to a 3rd grade class in Princeton.

Booster Club Information

The Booster Club is looking forward to a busy Boys Basketball season. Thank you to all that have signed up for the concession stand and hospitality room. Our goal is to schedule Spring field trips soon. The Booster Club is looking to schedule another Paisanos Night after Christmas Break. We invite all parents to participate in the meetings and provide their input toward Booster Club projects.

Please check out the Malden Grade School website for opportunities to sign up for the concession stand.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 10th at 7:00 p.m. Please plan to attend to hear what else is going on over the next several months. If you have any questions, comments, concerns, or ideas, please plan to attend the meeting on November 10th.

Thank you to all that purchased Malden gear from Mullet Printing. We plan opening the store again. We will be selling Fannie Mae prior to Christmas break.

Remote Learning

The Malden District #84 School Board has approved instituting Remote Learning Days in the case of extreme weather. We passed many packets out at P/T conferences. If you were not at P/T conferences, please collect your packet next time you are at the school. These days would count as a regular attendance day.

Book Fair

During the week of October 19th, Tammy Helm conducted her annual Fall Book Fair. The Book Fair was a great success earning $727,35 in free books. Thank you to all the families and teachers who supported the Book Fair and support your child's love of reading. Thank you to Tammy Helm for all her hard work setting up the Book Fair.

Eye Glasses

Malden Grade School is collecting used eye glasses to be donated to the Malden Lions Club. Please bring in the glasses and drop them off in the box outside of Brenda's office. Thanks for your donation.

Random Quote of the Month
"You can't plow a field by turning it over in your mind"
Unknown Author



Thank You Veterans!!!

4th Grade Oct. Activities

Haunted House Project– 4th grade students made a drawing of a haunted house and wrote about the details, how to escape and posted them on their lockers.

Bat Day– during a 12 pm dismissal the student spent the day learning about the cycle of bats, anatomy, and compared fiction and non-fiction bat books. The room lights were mostly off to simulate bat caves.

MGS State Designation

Malden Grade School has earned the Commendable rating from the State Board of Education. This rating is based on measures of academic performance and growth, attendance, and graduation rate.

Fire Department

Malden GS and Fire Dept. are working to plan a fire drill and fire education event. This joint efforts goal is to help the FD learn about the school's plan during a fire alarm. PK-4th grade students plan on visiting the Fire Department for a tour of the facility. Thank you to the Fire Department for their continued support of MGS. Thank you Brock Pinter for organizing.

Important Items to Note

With the school year in full swing there are many activities on the horizon:

- November 15th is School Board Member Appreciation Day. Our Board Members are Hannah Bohm, Haley Lower, Ashley Peach, Tammy Foster, Kyle Bickett, Will Linker, and Kim Morse
- November 25th, 26th, 27th– No School Thanksgiving Break.
- Nov. 11th-Veteran's Day Assembly
- Nov. 18– School Board Meeting
- Thank you to the Buddy Bags Program. The program supports families in need providing food and snacks.
- Stay current with your child's grades by using TeacherEase. Please contact Brenda to see how to sign up. 643-2436
- The Malden Invitational will have a different format this year. Two games on Friday, Nov. 13th and four games on Saturday, November 14th. Good luck Cheerleaders and Basketball players. See attached schedule.

Junior High Eligibility

Students will be notified on Monday if they are eligible. Teachers will grade work and input the grades in the gradebook by Monday. The ineligibility period will begin on Tuesday and conclude on Monday of the next week. Please encourage your student athlete to complete all assignments, study for tests, and ask for help when needed.

Little Poms

The Malden Cheerleaders will hold their Little Poms/Cheerleading camp on November 7th and performance will be on November 9th. The girls will learn a pompon routine and floor cheer. They also will receive a set of poms, hair ribbon, group pictures, and snack that morning. Thanks to Brenda and the cheerleaders for organizing this great event.

Remind App

With the winter weather on its way, it is a perfect time to sign up for Remind App Alerts. This is the fastest way to be notified of school cancelations or delays. Please text to 81010 with this message- "@mgscom" to join. You will receive a push notification of updates of school related issues. Please call the office if you have questions.

Building on Success

Malden Grade School is off to a great year. Thank you to all the new staff, Ms. Schultz and Mrs. Bickett for fitting in great with our current staff. I have been so impressed with both students and staff's willingness to help and encourage others. The Junior High teachers have done a great job continuing the Harry Potter themed incentive system. I encourage the students to continue to be positive roll models and good friends. Go Musketeers!!!

Veteran's Day Plans

On Wednesday, November 11th, students will be in session and will be involved in a variety of activities designed to honor local veterans. First, we would like to invite all local veterans and spouses to a complimentary breakfast held in the cafeteria. The breakfast will begin at 7:30 and continue till 8:00. An assembly will follow after the breakfast. If you know of a Veteran or spouse in the area, or someone with a connection to Malden, please contact the school.

Parent Teacher Conferences Feedback

Thank you to all parents who participated in Parent/Teacher Conferences in October. In an effort to improve this experience, I am seeking feedback on your experience. Please feel free to contact me at mpatterson@maldenschool.org or call at 815-643-2436 with comments.

There's More

See what is attached

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

Malden Grade School

2026 Basketball Schedule

Malden Invitational November 13 & 14

Time				Leaving Time
4:30 PM	Monday, November 2	Ohio	Away	3:15 PM
5:00 PM	Tuesday, November 3	Bradford	Away	3:45 PM
5:00 PM	Thursday, November 5	DePue	Home	
5:00 PM	Monday, November 9	Neponset	Home	
5:00 PM	Tuesday, November 10	PCA	Home	
5:00 PM	Friday, November 13	Malden Invitational (Malden, PCA, Neponset, Ohio)		
9:00 AM	Saturday, November 14	Malden Invitational		
5:00 p.m.	Monday, November 16	LaMoille	Away	4:15 PM
5:00 p.m.	Tuesday, November 17	Ohio	Home	
5:00 PM	Thursday, November 19	Bradford	Home	
5:00 PM	Monday, November 23	DePue	Away	4:15 PM
5:00 PM	Tuesday, November 24	Neponset	Away	3:45 PM
5:00 PM	Monday, November 30	PCA	Away	4:15 PM
5:00 PM	Tuesday, December 8	LaMoille	Home	

December 12th and 15th

BVEC Basketball Tournament @ Neponset

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 AWAY BOYS B-BALL GAME AT OHIO 4:30 PM	3 AWAY BOYS B-BALL GAME AT BRADFORD 5 PM	4 GRADES K-4 GRANDPARENTS DAY GRADES 3 & 4 LIBRARY VISIT 2:30 PM DISMISSAL NEON DAY	5 HOME BOYS B-BALL GAME WITH DePUE 5 PM	6 NOON DISMISSAL SCHOOL IMPROVE. IN PM	7 LITTLE POM CAMP 9 TO NOON
8	9 HOME BOYS B-BALL GAME WITH NEPONSET 5 PM LITTLE POM PERFORMANCE	10 HOME BOYS B-BALL GAME WITH PCA 5 PM BOOSTER CLUB MEETING 7 PM	11 VETERAN'S DAY ASSEMBLY 8 AM GRADES K-2 LIBRARY VISIT 2:30 PM DISMISSAL RED, WHITE, & BLUE DAY	12	13 ART BOYS B-BALL MALDEN INVITE 5 PM	14 BOYS B-BALL MALDEN INVITE 9 AM
15	16 AWAY BOYS B-BALL GAME AT LaMOILLE 5 PM	17 6TH GRADE TRIP TO METRO CENTER HOME BOYS B-BALL GAME WITH OHIO 5 PM	18 2:30 PM DISMISSAL PAJAMA DAY BOARD MEETING 7 PM	19 HOME BOYS B-BALL GAME WITH BRADFORD 5 PM	20 ART	21
22	23 AWAY BOYS B-BALL GAME AT DePUE 5 PM	24 2 PM HOLIDAY DISMISSAL AWAY BOYS B-BALL GAME AT NEPONSET 5 PM MALDEN SPIRIT T-SHIRT & BLUE JEANS DAY	25 NO SCHOOL	26 HAPPY THANKSGIVING! 	27 NO SCHOOL	28
29	30 AWAY BOYS B-BALL GAME AT PCA 5 PM					