



Malden Musketeer News

**Remember our Fallen!!
Memorial Day 5/27/2024**

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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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Field Trips

Students and staff are excited for another round of spring field trips. PreK will travel to the Bloomington Kids Museum on May 3rd. K-4th grades will be treated to the Peoria Zoo on May 7th. Jr. High will go to Medieval Times on May 9th. Thank you to the teachers who organized the trips and the Booster Club for paying for the trips.

Lemonade Stand

May 17th the 3rd/4th grade class will host a Lemonade Stand to raise funds for Friends of Strays. Students will sell items to the public and other students. 3rd/4th grade students will visit the animal shelter on May 22nd.

8th Grade Graduation

The 8th Grade Graduation will take place on the evening of Friday, May 24th at 7:00p.m. We hope to have six young men and six young ladies receiving diplomas from Malden Community Consolidated School District #84. Congratulations to Haleigh Linker for being Valedictorian and Susanna 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 2024.

Exciting Final Day

May 23

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, a bouncy house, and other games and fun activities. Please look for notes from teachers with more information and food donation needs.



Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6th-10th
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 13th–17th Book Fair	May 16th– Awards Banquet	May 17th– Lemonade Stand 3rd/4th grade
May 13h– Spring Concert	May 15th– Board Meeting	May 7th– K-4 Field trip
May 2nd– DiDoughs truck 11-4 p.m.	May 24th– 8th Grade Graduation	May 9th– 5-8th Field trip
May 3rd– PreK Field Trip	May 23rd– Last day of student attendance 8:00– 2:00 school-wide picnic	August 16th– 1st Day School 8:00-2:00p.m.
May 22nd– PreK Picnic		

DiDoughs

The DiDoughs truck will be at the school on May 2nd 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 16th at 6 p.m. The Booster Club will provide the Rips 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.

Shell Supports MGS

Starting in August and continuing through October, MGS will receive a donation every time someone uses the designated pump. Thanks for supporting Malden students at the pump. We have been able to raise around \$500 in past years. Thank you, Tammy Chamberlain, for nominating Malden once again.

Intercom/Phone Upgrade

The Malden School District #84 has approved a large scale overhaul of the grade school intercom and phone system. This upgrade will provide our staff a more efficient means to communicate with each other and parents. With this upgrade, phones will be located in all classroom providing additional safety for all. The school is also looking into upgrading exterior sidewalks.

Track Season

The 2024 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. April 29th- Bureau Co. Meet @ BV, May 1st- BVEC @ Hall, and May 4th- Sectionals @ Hall

Please note: BVEC Meet May 1st will now begin at 9 a.m.

Registration Date Set

Registration for the 2024-2025 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 13th 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 2024 Malden Spelling Bee Winners

8th Grade

Lane Goskusky- 1st

Ryder Ziegler- 2nd

7th Grade

Kodi Stopka 1st

Matthew Bohms- 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 13th 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.



Kindergarten Celebrates Q and U Wedding

On Monday, April 15, Q and U were united in marriage (again) during a beautiful ceremony in the kindergarten classroom. They promised to be together forever in words. The kids learned wedding etiquette, enjoyed watching Mr. Patterson walk U down the aisle, give her a hug and fist bump Q. They heard vows, blew bubbles, and enjoyed cake and dancing at the reception.

Thank You 8th Graders

We anticipate graduating 12 eighth grade students on Friday, May 24th. Thank you to all the students in the 2024 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

SUMMER EBT IS COMING JUNE 2024!

Summer EBT is a new nutrition program providing \$120 in benefits per eligible child this summer.



Use your benefits at places that accept SNAP/EBT.

All eligible lower income families can get Summer EBT regardless of immigration status.



Check with your school to see if your child is eligible for summer EBT.

Book Fair

Come join us for the Summer Reading Book Fair. May 13th-17th 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.



Embryology 101

Embryology 101 is underway in kindergarten! Twenty-four eggs were donated by Colton 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!



Thank You Jim Drake

After 17 years of sacrificial service to Malden Grade School, Mr. Drake has decided to retire at the end of May. Words can not give justice explaining the gratitude that our staff feel toward Mr. Drake. Please join us in congratulating Mr. Drake in his well deserved retirement.