



# Malden Musketeer News

“Malden Grade School Where Teamwork Leads to Individual Achievement”

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## Student News and Notes

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**Special points of interest:**

- \* No School October 6th Teacher Institute Day, October 9th Columbus Day
- \* Parent Teacher Conferences October 19th
- \* 12 pm dismissal Oct. 19th and 20th.
- \* October 31st– Halloween Parties.

**Student Council**

Student Council elections were held the last week of September. The following officers were elected:

President: Haleigh Linker  
 Vice President: Brady Peach  
 Secretary: Max Morse  
 Treasurer: Joseph Perez

Class Representatives are:

7th– Matthew Bohms  
 6th– Aidan Rossler  
 6th– Ella Linker  
 5th– Phinnley Hansen

Congratulations to the officers and representatives.

**Guests Presentations At MGS**

Students at Malden Grade School have had the privilege to participate in prexentations from outside organization. Freedom House has presented age appropriate Safety Education to PK-8th grade students. Ag in the Classroom gives monthly lessons to our PK-4th grade students. Our Pre-K students also have had the pleasure to participate in Music in the Classroom.

**New Trees Planted**

Mother Nature took a toll on 3 trees. Thanks to Joe Meyers Park, Lions Club, Jim May, and Mike Lange for funding the purchase of 3 new trees. Thank you Tyler Bickett for leading the project.

**BVEC Volleyball Tournament**

Malden Grade School will host the BVEC Volleyball Tournament starting Saturday, September 30th. Malden will receive a first round bye and will play their first game Tuesday, October 3rd at 5:00 p.m. Good luck to all teams and players.

**BVEC Music**

Malden students will participate in the BVEC Music Concert on October 17th at Ohio. Concert Auditions will be October 10th also at Ohio. Good luck to all that plan on attending.

**Volleyball**

The Volleyball Program under direction of Coach Nate Jones and Coach Kendra Cain continues to achieve great amounts of success. The 7th grade team finished their season with a 9-3 record and finished 2nd place in conference. The 8th grade team finished the regular season with a 14-0 record and won the BVEC regular season championship. Congratulations to our four 8th graders Susanna Bohms, Haleigh Linker, Jameson Morse, and Greta Wallace.



## Malden News and Notes

### Building Committee

The Malden CCSD School Board has created a Building Committee. The purpose of the Building Committee is to identify and prioritize building improvement projects. Members of the Building Committee include Mr. Patterson, Kyle Bickett, Will Linker, and Kim Morse. If you have any suggestions for the committee to address, please let one of the members know.

### Welcome Coach Lower

Malden Grade School is pleased to announce that Nick Lower is the new Head Boys Basketball Coach. He has been an assistant for both Girls and Boys Basketball. He will be assisted by Assistant Coach Jacob Burns and Volunteer Assistant Nick Peach.

### Teacher Ease

Please check out the mobile App for TeacherEase. I personally use this App for my own children. It provides a quick and easy way to check my child's grades and missing assignments.

Also, I will be sending out notices and updates through TeacherEase email notifications. An email will be sent to the email that was submitted during registration.

## Malden Invitational

The Boy's Basketball season is set to begin with the 68th annual Malden Invitational. Teams participating this year include: Malden, Ohio, Neponset, and PCA. The tournament will be played on October 16th, 18th, and 19th. The first game Wednesday begins at 4 p.m. The other games will start at 5 p.m. At the conclusion of the tournament, an All Tournament Team and All American Cheerleaders will be named.

Upcoming home boy's basketball games:

Oct. 24th vs. Ohio

Oct. 26th vs. Bradford

Oct. 30th @ DePue

Nov. 2nd @ Neponset

Random Quote of the Month  
 "Life is 10% of what you make of it  
 and 90% how you take it"  
 Unknown

**Book Fair is October 2nd-6th. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday– 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., Tuesday– 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and Thursday– 2:00 p.m.– 7:00 p.m. Please visit and support and build your child's love of reading.**

### Guidance Counselor

MGS offers guidance counseling services free of charge for students. Contact Mr. Patterson if you are interested in getting more information. Topics include: study habits, anxiety, depression, healthy relationships, traumatic events, and other areas as needed.

### Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for October 19th starting at 1 p.m. School staff will begin scheduling appointments in mid October. This is a great opportunity to share praises and concerns with teachers. As always, if you need to speak with a teacher prior to a formal conference, please email them directly.

### School Budget

The School Board in September approved a balanced budget. We continue to work to provide our students and teachers with the best materials and instruction. We are proud of our strategic financial plan and feel our district is in excellent financial condition.

## Important Items to Note

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

- Parent/Teacher Conferences October 19th
- The Halloween Parties will be held October 31st. Teachers will send home more information at a later date. We will plan on having a parade through the gym. More information will be released closer to the event.

- Stay current with your child's grades. Check their grades any-time online. Call Brenda to find out how to sign up. 643-2436
- **Teacher Institute Day- October 6th no school, Columbus Day October- 9th no school.**
- Please feel free to contact your child's teacher or Mr. Patterson if you have any concerns about their education. Your input is very important to us. You may reach school personnel by calling 815-643-2436.

### Breakfast

**Just a reminder that breakfast is available for all students in the cafeteria starting at 7:30a.m. There is no cost for the student. There are several great food items to choose.**

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## Safety Education at MGS

PK-8th grade students have recently been presented a Safety Education program. The program is age appropriate and covers topics that will prepare our students to recognize and manage possible dangerous situations. Some of the topics include: PK-2nd- safe adults, stranger danger, internet safety, fire safety, good touch/bad touch, 911, good/bad secrets, abuse, and respect for others. 3rd/4th- private areas, respect for others, safe adults, internet safety, and good/bad secrets. Junior High- dating, relationships, abuse, rejection, mental health, friend selection, peer pressure, conflict resolution, suicide (who to report and recognize), bullying, substance abuse, health resources, respect for others, internet safety (passwords, predators, safe websites, social medial, and sharing of pictures). Our students will be taught to treat all members of our society with respect. Malden Grade School trusts that parents will address more sensitive and controversial topics with their children.

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## Cheer Set to Begin

The Malden Cheerleaders will start practice on October 6th and it looks to be a talented squad once again. Little Poms Camp will be held November 18th and the performance will take place at the November 20th game. Any girl age 4 -5th grade are welcome to participate. The Cheerleaders will also have raffle items at each of the home games. Please come out and support our talented Cheer squad.



### There's More

- See what is attached
1. Monthly Calendar
  2. Boys BB Schedule
  3. MASP News
  4. Spirit Days