



MARQUETTE MINUTES

The family newsletter for Marquette Elementary School

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Upcoming Events

Thursday, February 8:
Read your heart out

Friday, February 9:
NO SCHOOL - Staff
Development

Tuesday, February 13:
PTG Meeting @
Lapham 5:45 PM

Wednesday, February 21:
Fine Arts Night 5:45 PM

Wednesday, March 7:
4th grade art show at
Cafe Domestique 5:00 PM

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Dear Marquette Families,

One of my favorite activities during the winter months is to curl up with a good book and a warm blanket. I especially enjoy doing this activity as a family. We will be celebrating the importance of reading at Marquette this month through World Read Aloud Day and Read Your Heart Out. World Read Aloud Day is celebrated on February 1st to emphasize the importance of literacy throughout the world. Read Your Heart Out honors African American Family Involvement Day and Family and Community Engagement. Read Your Heart Out will take place at Marquette on Thursday, February 8th. Family members are encouraged to join their child's classroom that day to read.

We hope your family will be able to continue reading at home as a family. This can be done by having older siblings read to younger siblings or vice versa. Families may also decide to read the same book or article independently, and then come together for a discussion about the book. You may be able to include friends and family who live farther away in reading activities through phone calls or video conferencing. Another option is to replace a family movie night or TV time with a common reading time that still includes the popcorn or favorite snack. Even though older kids are independent readers, they still benefit from listening to others read aloud to them.

As a staff we will also be looking at improving our reading instruction through our

Friday, March 16:

No School - Staff Development

Thursday, March 22:

5th grade to Discovery World- all day

Monday, March 26 -**Friday, March 30:**

No School - Spring Break

Monday, April 2:

School Resumes

Attendance:

Please remember to call Marquette's safe arrival line at 204-3233 to report all student absences.

Attendance can also be reported online by using the following link but please do so before 8:00 AM on the day of the absence.

[Attendance information](#)

Volunteering at Marquette:

Parents/Guardians, If you are volunteering at Marquette, we want to thank you! Volunteers are an important part of the Marquette Learning Community.

If you haven't filled out these two volunteer forms, please do so. All school volunteers should have these forms on file in the office. If you are unsure if you have them on file, please ask in the office.

professional learning on February 9th. On this day, teachers will examine the reading behaviors and understandings that are important to their students based on grade and reading level. They will develop their teaching to make these reading strategies accessible to students. The focus will be to ensure students are able to read and understand a variety of texts using appropriate reading behaviors and strategies.

Thank you for all you do to support your child's reading development. Trips to library, reading in front of your child, and providing a quiet, well-lit space for reading are just some of the many ways families support their child's growth as a reader.

Happy Reading,

Mrs. Parks

Congratulations Spelling Bee Participants

Congratulations to Milo Vander Zanden for being our school's Spelling Bee winner! Milo will represent Marquette Elementary School at the city wide spelling bee on February 10, 2018 at Mitby Theater.

Also congratulations to Rosabelle Condon for being our runner up. She will be the alternate for the city wide spelling bee.

Thank to all those students that participated in the spelling bee. We commend you on your hard work and courage that it took to get involved. It was an exciting bee!

**Thank you for
volunteering!**

[Volunteer Disclosure Form](#)
[Volunteer Expectations](#)

Positive Behavior Support (PBS) Update:

MODEL



MUSTANG

We rolled out our Model Mustang reinforcement system at our assembly on January 9th. Students can earn Model Mustang tickets when they show role-model behavior by following our school-wide expectations: Being Safe, Being Kind and Caring, and Being Responsible (the 3 Bs). So far students have earned over 400 Model Mustangs and met their goal in just 7 days! We celebrated with a doodle party in the hallway on January 23rd! Paper was laid out in the hallway for students to draw on and create a collaborative piece of art! We will continue reinforcing positive behaviors with the Model Mustangs in the next few months. Thank you for reinforcing Marquette's positive behavior expectations at home!

Share your thoughts about school climate - January 29th to February 28th

In MMSD, we want every student, family, and employee to experience a positive school and district climate. In the next few weeks, parents will receive an email, text message or letter that contains a climate survey from their child's school.

Survey responses are confidential. Parents will receive one survey per school and they will be asked to answer the questions in reference to their youngest child enrolled at that school. Parents who have children at multiple schools will receive one survey from each school over a period of days. If parents don't see a survey email by February 1st, they should check their SPAM and Trash folders for a message from their child's school.

Results are used in our School Improvement Planning process each year. We hope you will take a few minutes to share your thoughts about school climate.

Your Opinion Counts! Take the School Climate Survey

In MMSD, we want every student, family, and employee to experience a positive school and district climate. In the next few weeks, parents will receive an email, text message or letter that contains a climate survey from their child's

school.

The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete. Responses are confidential and the results are used in our School Improvement Planning process each year. We hope you will take a few minutes to share your thoughts about school climate.

Read Your Heart Out Day

Thursday, February 8

This is a celebration honoring National African American Family Involvement Day.

We invite *all* families to celebrate reading and diversity at Marquette!

Ways to get involved

- **Take a picture** of you and your family reading something at home--an ebook, an audiobook, a picture book--whatever you like to read! Email the photo and caption to mheindel@madison.k12.wi.us or post it to the Marquette Facebook page! We'll print and post these in the hallways to celebrate reading and our wonderful families!
- **Be a guest reader** in your child's class! Contact your child's teacher to schedule a time.
- **Stop by to read** with your child during one of the Parent Drop-in times below!
- **Send in books** that are family favorites or represent your family's culture (or choose from Ms. Heindel's selections)

Drop in times for all classrooms: After p.m. recess; 1:50-end of the day

Additional times in the following classes:


Hoeksema (9:10-10:10), Cratic (8:45-9:30), Erickson (any time except 8-8:30)

Marquette's Fine Arts Night

Greetings Families! We are excited to announce that our Fine Arts Night will take place, February 21st from 5:45-7:00. Each grade level will perform a few songs and highlight their art. The musical performance will take place in the

O'Keefe field house. Art will be displayed in the hallways. Marquette's Show Choir will also perform! We look forward to seeing you on the 21st!

Greetings from Music!

 We are busy preparing for Fine Arts Night, and we can't wait to share some awesome music with you. Our focus has been on singing, and we will continue to work on vocal technique and performance etiquette as Fine Arts Night approaches. One highlight will be the all-school finale, "Being Kind," which was created by our Musician of the Month from September, Nimo Patel.

 **Fine Arts Night**
Wednesday, February 21
5:45-7:00 p.m.
O'Keefe Fieldhouse

Our January musician was **Lin-Manuel Miranda**. He is a singer, rapper, actor, writer, and brilliant person. He created music for Moana and also wrote the musical Hamilton. Check out some of his work

Lin-Manuel Miranda & Jordan Fisher - "You're Welcome"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ODLzyvT4eUo>

Lin-Manuel Miranda - Freestyle on Jimmy Fallon
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w31jboLYcH4>

Lin-Manuel Miranda - "My Shot" (from Hamilton)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7LQFBdQeVKg>

We can't wait to see you at Fine Arts Night! Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. It continues to be a joy to teach your children.

Mrs. Kazda 
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Yahara Writers Competition

Each year, the Advanced Learning department offers all MMSD 5th graders the opportunity to enter a writing completion called, "The Yahara Writers Contest." Any 5th grader is invited to submit a piece of writing in any of the 4 following categories; short story, editorial/essay, editorial comic or poetry.

This year, a number of 5th graders from Marquette submitted pieces to the competition. Our participants were: Vivian Monroe-Kane, Hope Cullen, Carina Caspar, Jane Coleman, Eva Hecht, Zoe Alexander, Laura Schoenecker, Savannah Armstrong, Ripley Patzlaff, and Sophia Franki.

Each submitted piece was scored by a panel of judges, and Marquette had 5 winners in the poetry category! The winning pieces were written by: Zoe

Alexander, Jane Coleman, Hope Cullen, Eva Hecht and Laura Schoenecker. Their poems won at the city level, and will now go on to be judged against pieces from throughout Dane County! Winners will be announced in March.

Congratulations to the winners, and to ALL of the writers who took the extra time and put in the extra effort to submit a piece of their writing. Everyone turned in a wonderful submission, and every student should be proud of their work- they all represented Marquette very well!

-Kristin Haugen-Wente
Advanced Learning Resource Teacher

The Art room at Marquette continues to be an exciting place to be!

Please remind your student(s) that the art room is a place of learning and the behavior expectations are the same as all the other classrooms in the building.



Our 3rd grade art opening reception at Cafe Zoma was a huge success! All of our 3rd graders self portraits will be showcased there until at least the end of February.

Our Fine Arts Night will be on Wed, Feb. 21 from 5:45-7pm at Marquette. The show choir will perform and all grade levels will sing. Winter themed art work made by all of our students will be displayed around the building.

There will be a **4th grade art show at Cafe Domestique in March. "Fun Bikes" will be on display. The opening reception will be on Wed, March 7 from 5-7pm.**

There will be a **5th grade art show at the Goodman Community Center in April. "Celebrating our Diversity" paintings will be on display. The opening reception will be on Thurs, April 5 from 5-7pm.**

I have snacks and live music at all the opening receptions. All students, families and staff are welcomed and encouraged to come! These art shows and opening receptions (art parties!) are a wonderful opportunity for our school community.

I introduced many of the holidays celebrated around the world during mid winter. I focused on Hanukah as a learning opportunity because that's my tradition and culture. All students then made cards for people who they love.

3rd graders finished their self portraits that are currently on display at Cafe Zoma. They are working on their winter snow scenes that will be on display for the Fine Arts Night.

4th graders have been working on their winter self portraits for the Fine Arts Night and started their bicycle projects that will be on display at Cafe Domestique.

5th graders continued with their mugs filled with hot cocoa. They are now working on painted winter cardinals. Both projects will be on display for the Fine Arts Night.

I have also been working weekly all year with a small group of children at our school with autism. We explore different art materials and give them an opportunity to also have an art curriculum as part of their education.



If you have materials at home that you think we can use in the art room, please bring them in or send them with your child.

Thanks so much for your support of your child/ren and of the arts!

Best,

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BOOK BOWL

The 4th and 5th grade Book Bowl teams are working hard on preparing for competition! They have had weekly opportunities to meet with their teams to practice and discuss the books.

Final tips:

- Students will want to learn the names of ALL authors as titles get 5 points and authors get 3 extra points!
- All the questions will start with "In which book...?" and will be answered by a title from the list.
- Teammates can tell each other the plots of the Book Bowl books they have read and create sample questions from the books and quiz each other.
- Students should try to complete at least 2 books for 4th grade and 3 books for 5th grade before the competition on February 27!

Marquette Book Bowl

Tuesday, February 27

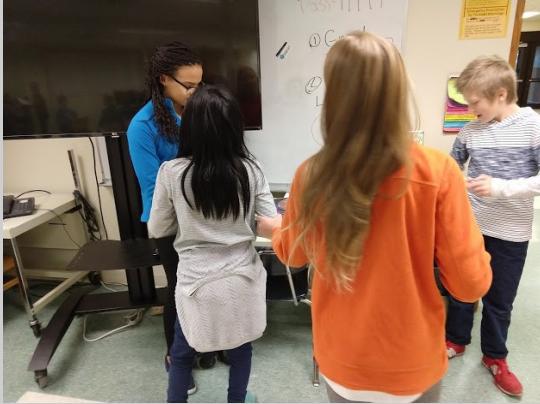
Multipurpose Room

9:15-10:00 am - 4th Grade Competition

10:15-11:00 am - 5th Grade Competition

Families of Book Bowl participants are invited to attend! If you have questions, contact Ms. Heindel at 204-3229 or mheindel@madison.k12.wi.us

What's going on in the library?



Book Bowl teams are preparing for competition!



Innovation Stations are challenging students!



Tech Jockeys are learning how to help teachers and other students!

Planned Absences for Students

We know that family trips cannot always follow school calendars and are as excited as you are for these opportunities. We want to work with students/families to make the lost school time go as smoothly as possible.

Parents/guardians who want to have their child miss school for any reason other than medical (i.e. family trips, tournaments or competitions) must submit a Request for Pre-approved Planned Absence. This form must be submitted to the principal for approval prior to the absence. Principals are not allowed to approve an absence if similar requests have exceeded ten days over the course of the school year.

Taking care of [this form](#) in advance also allows the teacher to make plans with the student for completion of school work that will be missed during the absence.

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BAND-AID DRIVE

February 12th-23rd

Donate fun-patterned band-aids to benefit the kids at the American Family Children's Hospital! Please make sure boxes are sealed and latex-free.



**Marquette
BAND-AID DRIVE**

Marquette is participating in a band-Aid Drive for the American Family Children's Hospital. If you have any cool Band-Aids please help us by donating some fun-latex-free Band-Aids to the Hospital! Please bring them to school between February 12th and 23rd.

PTG UPDATE:

AUCTION:

The 2018 AWESOME AUCTION will be held on Friday, April 20 from 6-9pm at the Goodman Community Center.

SAVE THE DATE for a night of family fun with delicious food and drink, music, kids activities, and the live and silent auctions - all in support of PTG programs such as classroom grants, after school clubs, and the community garden. Lots of parent hands are needed to ensure the event's success. We need help securing auction items, as well as volunteers to help before and during the event. Email Elizabeth Tucker at elizabethtucker@uwalumni.com to get involved.

PTG MEETING:

Join us for our next PTG meeting on February 13th at 6pm in the Lapham Auditorium. Food and childcare are provided. All are welcome! Come see how you can contribute to all the amazing opportunities the PTG provides for our schools and community!

HELP NEEDED:

CLUBS: Help is needed to organize and host clubs for both Lapham and Marquette. There are lots of ways to get involved and help to make fun clubs a reality for both schools. If you're interested in learning more, please contact Marlisa Kopenski (marlisa_kopenski@yahoo.com) or Jen Plants (plants.jen@gmail.com) if you are able to help out at Marquette. Please contact Amanda Crim (agcrim@gmail.com) if you are able to help out at Lapham.

VARIETY SHOW: We're looking for help to put on another great variety show this year. If you're interested in helping to plan the variety show this year, please contact Jessie Chmell (jessiechmell@gmail.com).

ROCK N JUMP: If you're interested in helping to organize/host this event, please contact Janice Kashian (bali@chorus.net).

LAPHAM BOOK FAIR: Help is needed with the Lapham Book fair - week of April 9th - 13th. Help is especially needed for the after school times: Wed - 2:30-5pm, Thurs - Conference Day - early release - Book Fair 10:30 - 6:30pm. Please contact Dana Prager directly at drprager@madison.k12.wi.us.

BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY: Winter Bike Week is February 2-9! Look for details to come about a special bike/walk/scooter/unicycle to school day! If you're interested in helping, please contact Emily Sonnemann (emsonnemann@gmail.com).

[Lapham-Marquette Parent Teacher Group - Supporting our teachers, students, parents and schools](#)



Clipping Box Tops is an easy way to help earn cash for Lapham/Marquette. Each one is worth 10¢ for our school! Just look for the pink Box Tops on hundreds of products. Here is a link to participating products: <http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/participating-products>

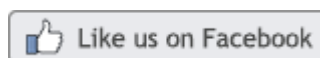
All you have to do is clip them and send them to school or place them in the plastic container outside the main office.

SUBMISSION TIME

February 26th Submission Deadline

It's Box Tops submission time! Turn in your Box Tops before February 26th, so they can be included in our school's next check. Thanks for helping!

Like us on Facebook to see your kids in action at school! We post lots of pictures of kids working and having fun (with parent permission and no names, of course). We try to post at least weekly and rarely more than once daily. MMSD also posts to our page, so you can stay current with what's going on in the district too!



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