



# MCMS PARENT NEWSLETTER

## Educating Today for Tomorrow's World

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### MAY 30<sup>TH</sup> - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR PRE-K

**MAY 30<sup>TH</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE DISMISSAL AT 10:45 A.M./ 8<sup>TH</sup> LAST DAY OF SCHOOL- PLEASE HAVE A RIDE HOME**

**MAY 31<sup>ST</sup> - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR KINDERGARTEN**

**JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> - 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADES - DISMISSAL**

**MCMS/GRANT 11:00 A.M./LOCUST 11:25**

### To The Class of 2017!



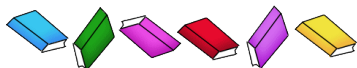
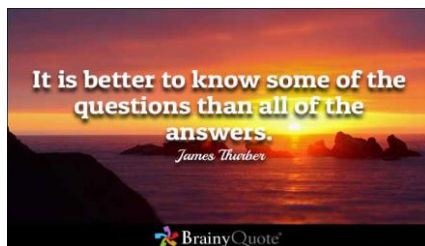
Congratulations to our eighth grade class on achieving promotion to the high school.

This is a major milestone in a young person's life and we are very proud to have been a part of their life's journey. This class has been a pleasure to watch grow and mature over the years. They have persevered through academic and social challenges; learning how to respectfully and effectively deal with these challenges. Our building has been better for their positive leadership. We will miss them, but applaud their achievements. Hats off to all of you and the very best as you go on - you deserve it! ~ Ms. Beam, MCMS Principal

### Final Thoughts for Students and Their Journeys

A student's educational journey has bumps, turns, and most importantly triumphs. It's important to remember that students have been given different tools on their journey to pave the way for future goals. It will be up to each student to take those tools and build the foundation to their education and future. Along the path of Middle School, they will develop skills that include study habits, organization, and passionate and challenging views for certain subjects. I hope the skills students have developed allow them to look back on how the bumps and turns they encounter this year, resulted in only triumph.

~ Mrs. Garrett, Social Worker



### Summer Food Program

Calling all children up to the age of 18. We have free breakfasts and lunches for you this summer! Breakfast is served from 8:00-9:00 A.M. and lunch is from 11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. Both meals are served at Zion Lutheran School at 812 E. Jackson St. Enter on East Street - Look for the signs. Bring your family and friends and join us for delicious meals. Adults can eat lunch for \$2 and breakfast for \$1.00. Call (815) 814-5156 for more information.



### Eighth Grade Promotion Ceremony

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony will be on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. and lasts about an hour. Students are to report to the middle school by 6:15 P.M. For all others the doors will open at 6:30 P.M.

Students and parents are asked to follow common sense dress code guidelines. This is a special occasion where we are celebrating in public and as a community. Business casual attire, or better, is appropriate. Please respect our graduates and refrain from jeans, cut-offs, short shorts/skirts, low-cut tops or spaghetti straps.

Upcoming dates:

**Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> - Textbooks turned in**

**Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> - Trip to Chicago**

**Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> - Promotion practice/locker clean-out, dismissal will be at 10:45 A.M. Please have a ride home from the middle school, as we will not be providing bus service at 10:45 A.M. Eighth grade report cards go home with students. Students will return by 6:15 P.M. to the athletic entrance for the ceremony. The last day of attendance for 8<sup>th</sup> graders is Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**By District #165 Board Resolution, all sport fees, registration, technology, library/calculators/book fines, lost PE locks, and lunch fees must be paid in full in order for students to participate in the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony. These fees must be paid on or before Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. CASH ONLY and please bring EXACT AMOUNT. If there is a financial situation which precludes a family from making this payment, please call Mrs. Damisch, Superintendent of Schools. All inquiries are kept confidential.**

**PROUD TO BE A WARRIOR!**



cePTA



On behalf of the middle school we would like to thank cePTA for all they have done for our school. Many, many hours have been given by so many people. Our school is fortunate to have so many caring volunteers that are here for our students and staff. Your hard work is appreciated more than we can express in words.

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, AND THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER GREAT YEAR!!!**

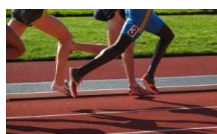
### Scholastic Bowl

Congratulations to our Scholastic Bowl Team Members: Dayla V., Aaron M., Tommy L., Libby B., Blake M., Sarah C., Jackie E., and Katie M. These 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students represented Marengo Community Middle School at the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholastic Bowl. The event took place on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> here at the middle school. Fifteen teams from McHenry County participated in this year's event. Questions were taken from the academic subject areas of math, science, language arts, and social studies. Each team competed in four rounds of questions. The degree of difficulty varied from easy to hard (post eighth grade) in each round. Our Marengo team finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place overall. It was wonderful watching our team with their pencils to paper the entire event figuring out other questions for other teams in preparation for their own questions to be asked.

We would again like to thank CEPTA who generously donated half of the entrance fee for our middle school students to participate, and especially to Mrs. Riedl and Mrs. Martin who have helped this event run smoothly for many years. A big thank you also goes out to the administration for their continued support of this awesome event, the many teachers who helped rate the degree of difficulty of the questions and who helped set up the gym for the day's competition along with Mr. Aguirre, the kitchen staff who baked 150 monster cookies for our hungry competitors, the technical team who set up the sound system, and the community volunteers for their overwhelming support. On behalf of the 2017 Scholastic Bowl Team, we appreciate you!

### Girl's Track

The Middle School Girls Track Team had many great accomplishments this season. The 8th graders, even though the team was small, managed to do very well. Every girl placed in at least one event and all had personal best records! The 6th graders also had some great accomplishments and met their personal goals for the season! We are excited to see what next year brings for that class. The girls worked extremely hard this season and they should be proud of all their personal best throws, jumps, and times. Thank you to parents, students, and Booster Club who have volunteered so much of their time to make our track and field experience memorable. ~ Coach Turner



### Sports Physical

Sports physicals are required before try-outs for all sports. A sports physical is good for one year and a routine physical can also be used for sports.

### Boy's Track

This year led to new challenges and new competition. It is always an exciting time and it doesn't matter how many times I've coached before. We finished off the season strong, and I am happy to announce that Aaron M. went down state on May 20th for the 800M. Aaron took 21st while competing on Saturday!

We would like to wish the following 8<sup>th</sup> graders good luck next year in High School - Justin B., Jason C., Danny C., Riley C., Mason F., Eli G., Harrison H., Mitchell K., Marco M., Blake M., Aaron M., Jonah P., and Aaron P. ~ Coach Weeks

### Marengo-Union Library District Summer Reading Program

"Read for the Win"

June 4th - July 30th

We hope to see you and your children at the Library this summer to sign up for this year's reading program. Here is how it works!

#### **Registration:**

Come into the Library at any time during regular hours to register. The first day to register is Saturday, June 4th and the last day to register is Saturday, July 2nd. The program runs for eight weeks.

#### **Children (Ages birth to eleven)**

Each child sets his or her individual reading goals and receives a prize for each time the goal is met. There is a maximum of eight prizes, approximately one prize per week. Everyone who completes the program is then entered into a raffle for a chance to win a grand prize.

#### **Teen (Ages 12-18)**

Teens need to read/listen to a total of 8 books. Prizes are given at the beginning of the program and for every two books read. After completing the program, teens are then entered into a raffle for a grand prize.

#### **Special Programming:**

Pick up an events calendar at the Library or go online to get information on ages, dates, and times. Registration is required for all programs. Remember, it's completely FREE!

Call the Marengo-Union Library District at (815) 568-8236 or visit us on the web at [www.muld.org](http://www.muld.org) for more information.



### Nurse's Office

All incoming 6th graders will need a physical, proof of all immunizations and a dental exam for next school year 2017-2018. Immunizations needed at that time include T-Dap, Meningitis and make sure your child has 2 Varicella shots. The physicals can be done now and are good for next school year. Please get them done early and we would like to have all the forms turned in by the first day of school which will be August 16, 2017.

The McHenry County Health Department's Annual Children's Health and Safety Fair will be July 26, 2017 from 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Please call 815-334-4500 to make an appointment.

All medications need to be picked up at the end of the school year at the Health Office or they will be discarded. Inhalers and epipens can be sent home with the child.

If your child needs medication orders for next year (including over the counter medications like Tylenol), please have your doctor write those orders and turn them into the Health Office at the beginning of the school year.

Thanks and have a great summer!

### MOVING OUT OF DISTRICT

IF YOUR STUDENT IS NOT RETURNING TO DISTRICT #165 FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR, WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO PLEASE STOP IN THE MIDDLE/GRANT/LOCUST SCHOOL OFFICE TO FILL-OUT THE WITHDRAWAL FORM BEFORE THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. **NOTICE OF STUDENT WITHDRAWAL FORMS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE DISTRICT WEB PAGE. THESE CAN BE FILLED OUT WITH STUDENT'S NAME, NEW ADDRESS, AND ANY OTHER NECESSARY DATA. SOME INFORMATION WILL NEED TO BE FILLED OUT BY STAFF. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO SIGN AND RETURN THE WITHDRAWAL FORM PRIOR TO THE LAST DAY OF THEIR ATTENDANCE. THANK YOU!**



### Have You Registered Your Kindergartener?

Kindergarten registration was in February. If you have not already done so, please register your kindergartner for the 2017-2018 school year IMMEDIATELY. We are trying to prepare for next year with how many kindergartners we should expect. Children must be 5 years old on or before September 1<sup>st</sup>. What you need to bring to registration- State birth certificate and two proofs of residency (lease/mortgage agreement, driver's license, utility bill). **THANK YOU FOR HELPING US MAKE YOUR KINDERGARTNERS EXPERIENCE A GREAT ONE FOR 2017-2018!!!**

### Field Days & Locker Clean-Outs

6th and 7th graders will do locker clean-outs on the morning of May 31 and the afternoon will be field days. Students will participate in a variety of rotations including scooter races and water games. Your student should dress to be outside for most of the day.



### Band News

Congratulations to the band as they scored a Superior ranking (the highest a performing group can receive) at the Trills and Thrills Festival! I appreciate your hard work and dedication to the ensemble. Thank you to the chaperones who came with us to Six Flags Great America. We thoroughly enjoyed our trip! Also thank you to those who came to hear us at our Spring Concert. We hope you enjoyed hearing us play!

Our final performance will be for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Promotion Ceremony which is scheduled for Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. We will be playing the Star Spangled Banner plus one other selection. Those students that are not 8<sup>th</sup> graders can leave as soon as we are finished playing. This will be the final performance of the 2016/2017 school year.

If you have any questions about our band program feel free to email me at: [sjohnson@marengo165.org](mailto:sjohnson@marengo165.org) or give me a call at 815-568-5720 ext. 118. As you're doing spring cleaning and if you have any instruments lying around your house we are more than willing to accept instrument donations. I wish all of the band families an enjoyable summer and I look forward to seeing you again next fall!

### Wellness Policy

Belief Statement: The Board of Education of Marengo -Union Elementary Consolidated School District 165 is committed to providing a learning environment that supports and promotes wellness, good nutrition, and an active lifestyle and recognizes the positive relationship between good nutrition, physical activity and the capacity of students to develop and learn. It is our goal to help equip the students by encouraging life-long positive health habits. Please refer to our Parent / Student Handbook 2016-2017 page 17 for other information.

### Payments for Student Fees and Lunch Accounts

Payments for 2017-2018 can be made at any time.

All fees for students must be paid in full by **April 1<sup>st</sup> of each school year.**

If you have not yet paid for this current school year these are **now overdue.**

Payments for Fees and Lunch can be made using online payments via Family Access using your Login and Password. Use the Fee Management for Student Fees and Food Service for the lunch accounts. If you choose to you may still send in payment(s) through the school office with your children. MCMS and Grant office will be open for the summer Monday-Thursday 7:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M.

Happy July 4th

BACK TO SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2017

**Fees/Fourth Quarter Report Cards**

The fourth quarter report cards will go out on Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> (6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grades) and will be held for all students whose families have any outstanding fees (registration, fines, missing books, etc.) past or present. This does not include the 2017/2018 fees.

**Eighth Grade report cards will go home on Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Family fees must be paid in full by Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> for 8<sup>th</sup> graders (cash only-exact amount) to participate in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade celebration; this also includes the lunch accounts and sport fees.**

**Message from Transportation**

Another school year is coming to a close and that means the children will be out playing, running around, riding bikes and for sure texting on their cell phones. What this means is they will not be watching for you, so please watch out for them. Be extra careful when you are driving in subdivisions, near parks and any place where you see a child playing outside. Slow down and make them safe, because we want them all back here for the next school year. Have a Great and Safe Summer!

**Safety is our First Concern . . . please make it yours!**



**Please Mark Your Calendar**

**May**



- 22 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade turned in books
- 23 – cePTA at 6:00 P.M.
- 23-Board of Education meeting at 7:00 P.M.
- 25 – 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Grade return books
- 26 - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Chicago Trip
- 29 - No School-Memorial Day
- 30 – 8<sup>th</sup> Dismissal at 10:45 P.M.- 8<sup>th</sup> Last day of school
- 30-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony at 7:00 P.M.

**June 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Grades Last Day of School – Dismissal at 11:00 A.M.**



Every child is a different kind of flower, and all together, they make this world a BEAUTIFUL GARDEN!



**REMINDER: VISIT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL WEBSITE ALL YEAR LONG FOR OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION.**

[www.marengol65.org](http://www.marengol65.org)



Mission Statement: District #165's mission is to form a community partnership dedicated to providing a solid educational foundation that enables students to become confident, self-sufficient and productive citizens. Students shall have the academic and technological opportunities to achieve their full potential in a nurturing environment.

Keep Your Mind Working This Summer!!!



Can you name all the 50 states and capitals?



**READ A GOOD BOOK!**

