



MCMS PARENT NEWSLETTER

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**Friday - March 23rd – No School –
Teacher Institute Day**

**SPRING BREAK 2018!
NO SCHOOL**

**Monday, March 26th – Monday,
April 2nd**

**SCHOOL RESUMES ON TUESDAY,
APRIL 3RD**

Attention 8th Graders

Color Portraits will be at the middle school on Tuesday, March 20th to take promotion retakes. Promotion proofs with order are due in the middle school office on Thursday, March 15th. The orders will be picked up by Color Portraits on March 20th.

The final installment for the Chicago trip on Friday, May 18th is due by March 22nd.

The Promotion Ceremony will be on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

Family fees must be paid in full for 8th graders to participate in the 8th grade promotion ceremony; this also includes the lunch accounts.

Yearbook News

This year the 8th grade class did an excellent job showcasing their artistic talent by submitting wonderful yearbook designs. This year's winners are Crystal G. and Olivia J. They not only submitted excellent work, but collaborated their talent. The yearbook committee would like to thank all 8th graders at MCMS for sharing their extraordinary talent.

Order Your YEARBOOK



Last Day to order is Friday, March 23rd!
Yearbook Price: \$15.00
Checks payable to: District 165 or cash



Online Registration 2018-2019

Online registration for the 2018-2019 school year begins March 15th through April 13th.

- This process will only take a few minutes per child.

- **Fees for 2018 / 2019 are not due at this time in order to do the registration.**

- Every child in D165 for 2018/2019 school year **MUST** complete this process **NOW**; we are trying to get placements for teachers in order. We need to know how many students to expect for the classroom sizes.

- To get started go

to: <http://www.marengo165.org/> > Family Access > Forgot Login Password? Getting the password & login will only work if the district has your email address on file. To complete the online registration, you will log into Family Access.

- If you will be moving out of district please notify your child's school as soon as possible. There are forms that will need to be filled out.

- If we do not have your email address and you are in need of your login and password please call your child's school for your login\ password.

- Your child will not be placed with a teacher until online registration has been completed.

- If you have more than one child, you will have to go to each child to complete the online registration. Registration is for current PS-7th grade students only. 8th graders are to register at High School District #154 or the HS they will be attending. We are separate districts.

- We will have computers and staff available to help you on:

- **Thursday, March 15th at MCMS/Grant from 5-7 P.M. in the Computer Lab by the library.**

- **Tuesday, April 10th at Locust School Lab from 5-7 P.M. These nights are open to anyone needing help with the online registration. It does not matter where your child attends school.**

- Finally, if you are not able to get to a working internet access computer, please advise the school and we will send home the necessary forms that must be returned to us ASAP.



Shout Out!

To
3M

Marengo Community Middle School is very grateful for the generous school supply donation given by 3M. We appreciate that our school gets to be a part of this! Thank you so much!

Scholastic Bowl

On Friday, April 27th, the scholastic bowl team will be competing in the 31st Annual Scholastic Bowl Competition. We will be traveling to Hannah Beardsley Middle School in Crystal Lake. The public is invited to this free event. Competition will begin at 9:30 A.M. and conclude at 12:30 P.M. Our 7th and 8th grade scholastic team members will test their knowledge in language arts, science, social studies, and math. Our team includes 7th graders: Alexandra B., Carter H., Devin M., Aspen R., and 8th graders: Sarah C.; Ryan C., Jackie E., and Nick M. Come and enjoy the morning! We guarantee you'll learn something!

Fees

Final payments past or present will need to be paid by April 1, 2018 for the 2017-2018 school year.

Family fees must be paid in full for 8th graders to participate in the 8th grade promotion ceremony; this also includes the lunch accounts.

Thursday, March 15th – Mandatory
Parent Meeting for Track at 5:00 P.M.

After Spring Break come and
ENJOY the track meets!



WARRIOR PRIDE



PARCC Testing

Testing will continue through April 20th.

There is very little time for make ups this year. If you have a trip already planned, or appointments you can't reschedule, please notify the middle school office as soon as possible.



PBIS Students of the Month

Congratulations to our PBIS students of the month for March! These students have been selected by their teachers for demonstrating Respect for Property, All Others, Learning and Themselves. In 6th grade the selection is Dylan L., 7th grade Royal H., and 8th grade Nicholas T. Keep up the great work and Congratulations!



Website Access for Students

Students have access to our Library Card Catalog system from home.

Destiny.marengo165.org provides access to students from anywhere so they can browse for books that are available for checkout in our library.

Sports Physical

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

Absences

Please remember to report your student's absence from school by calling the middle school office by 8:00 A.M. at 815-568-5720. If you are calling before school hours, please leave a message.

Morning Announcements are on the MCMS website under Quick Links-MCMS Daily Announcements and What's Happening!



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

www.marengo165.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.

Substitute Bus Drivers

The transportation department is only hiring substitute bus drivers at this time. We will train you for the position. You will have the same days off as your children, as well as summers off. The hours are in the morning for 1-1 1/2 hours and in the afternoon for 1-1 1/2 hours. It's a great job for stay-at-home

Moms & very enjoyable job to work with children.

Please call Michele Frank, Transportation Director at 815-596-1667 if you have any questions. Thank you!



Thank you so much to the Booster Club for all of their help with SPORTS! The new fees for 2018-2019 school year will drop from \$150.00 to \$100.00 per sport. Softball will be added for 6th-8th graders and will run from July 23rd through Labor Day. Games will be on Saturdays only.

From The Nurse's Office

All incoming 6th graders will need a physical, proof of all immunizations and a dental exam for next school year. The immunizations for 6th grade are a T-Dap and Meningitis shot. All these items could be done now and will be good for next year. Plan early and get in early!

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 2017-2018 page 17 for other information.

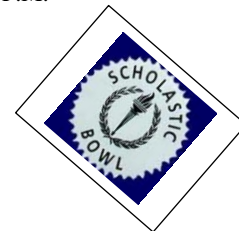
Please Mark Your Calendar



- 15 – Online 2018/2019 Registration begins / Help Night from 5:00-7:00 P.M.
- 15 – Mandatory Parent Meeting for Track at 5:00 P.M.
- 15 – End of 3rd Quarter
- 15-22nd – PARCC testing continues
- 19 - McDonalds McCare Night 5:00-8:00 P.M.
- 20 – 8th Grade Promotion Picture Retakes
- 20 – cePTA at 4:30 P.M. (Tuesday)
- 21 – Board of Education at 7:00 P.M. (Wednesday)
- 21 – 3rd Quarter Report Cards go home
- 22 – Last payment due for 8th Grade Chicago Trip
- 23 – Last Day to order a Yearbook – Don't miss out!
- 23 – No School – Teacher Institute Day
- 26- 30th – Spring Break



- 2 – Spring Break
- 3- 20th – PARCC testing continues
- 3 – SCHOOL RESUMES
- 7 – Solo and Ensemble contest
- 10 – On-line Registration Help Night at Locust 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.
- 13 – Last Day for on-line registration
- 13 – Choir sings at Rockford Ice Hogs
- 20 – 4th Quarter Mid-term
- 23 – Apex Kick-off
- 24 – cePTA at 4:30 P.M.
- 25 – Board of Education at 7:00 P.M.
- 27 – Scholastic Bowl at Hannah Beardsley Middle School
- 27 – Early Dismissal at 11:00 A.M.
- 27 – Mid-term reports go home for academic concerns only



- 4 – Apex Activity
- 10 – Early Dismissal at 1:20 P.M.
- 10 – Student Led Conferences 4:00-7:00 P.M.
- 11 - Early Dismissal at 11:00 A.M.
- 15 – MCMS Spring Concert at 7:00 P.M.
- 18 – 8th Grade Chicago Trip
- 22 – 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony at 7:00 P.M.
- 22 – cePTA at 4:30 P.M.
- 23 – Board of Education at 7:00 P.M.
- 24 – Last day of School if NO snow days are used – Dismissal at 11:00 A.M.

