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## Principal's Message

Dear Marshall Families,

Hello Marshall Families and Happy New Year! As we move into 2019, I want to inform you of a few things that are happening at Marshall to ensure that our students are able to learn in a safe and positive learning environment. I want to reassure our families that we have an Emergency Plan in place; our teachers have been trained and students have participated in the following emergency drills:

- Fire Evacuation Drill on September 18, 2018;
- Earthquake Drill on October 18, 2018;
- Earthquake Drill with Evacuation on November 26, 2018; and
- Lockdown Drill on December 13, 2018.

We have planned an evacuation drill for January. These drills are meant to prepare students and staff to be ready if ever we were in an emergency situation.

This is also the time of year when the Administrative Team analyzes student behavioral data. We review teacher concerns for student and office referrals to determine how we can make school better for both the students receiving the behavioral referrals and the other students in class as well as at recess.

Additionally, attendance is both a district and school goal. We are striving to have 95% of students in attendance. We are recognizing those students who are in attendance through a monthly drawing and the attendance recognition wall by the lunchroom. The kids are doing great!

Lastly, in working with families to help guide student behavior at school, I encourage you as parents to review the Marshall Elementary Community Handbook that was sent home in September. The handbook reviews the rules on such things as personal items at school and dangerous items, as well as the Safe Schools reporting information on Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying. If you are in need of a handbook, they are held in the front office.

As quoted by Martin Luther King Jr., *"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education."* We at Marshall have our own community, which includes our students, parents, and staff. Let's work together to ensure that all of our students feel safe and that they are able to learn to the best of their ability, in a positive environment, in order to be given the opportunity to demonstrate their intelligence and character.

Thank you,  
**Principal Sheward**

## “HEROES AROUND ME”

Many of Marshall Elementary's students participated in this year's Reflections Art Contest. The theme was "Heroes Around Me". Our students told their story in imaginative ways when creating a one-of-a-kind entry. Students used different types of art and all were extremely creative.

The efforts of many volunteers helped to make this year's contest a success. We appreciate all who donated their time and talents at Art Night as well as judging and organizing.

A celebration evening will be held later to recognize the efforts of all contestants. Each participating student will receive an invitation.

The following students have had their art forwarded to the district level judging:

### Primary Visual Arts

1st Place—Gwendolyn Burtis

2nd Place—Connor Bunting (Tied)

2nd Place—Connor Matthewson (Tied)

### Intermediate Visual Arts

1st Place—Elle Glover

2nd Place—Griffin Harbrige

3rd—Shane Dragland

### Intermediate Dance

1st Place—Peyton Morales



## Don't Let Head Lice Interfere with Your Child's Opportunity to Learn and Achieve in School

Missing school puts a child behind in learning.

It is very important you check your child's head weekly for signs of head lice, and that when you are notified that your child's head needs to be treated you begin to work immediately. Once you have started the treatment process, and combed out all nits (small eggs), your child is able to return to school. You will need to continue to comb out the nits and check your child's hair until it is all clear for 4-6 weeks.

Head lice are a small insect living on the human scalp and feed on blood. Lice do not jump, hop or fly; they are spread only by direct contact. Lice hatch from small eggs (nits) about every ten (10) days. A live louse matures and lays eggs every two (2) weeks. When nits are present, the lice have been on your child's hair for some time.

## 2019 SCHOOL BUS SAFETY POSTER CONTEST

It is time for our annual School Bus Safety Poster Contest for 2019. This year's theme is:

### Red Lights Mean STOP!

All students are encouraged to create a poster depicting what this theme means to them. Some classes do posters as a class project; however, individual students are able to submit an entry.

Contest information and rules are available in the office.

It is so much fun to see how creative our students are! In the past, Marshall had a student who won an award at the State level.

Maybe this is the year we have a National winner!



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## When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

**Please do not** bring your pets with you when picking your student up after school. The number of dogs on campus has increased lately.



## Attendance

School attendance should be a priority. School is well underway and we want to see your child on time each day! Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. This habit should be started at a young age so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college and work.

## Tardy Students

The number of students arriving to school late has greatly increased as the school year has progressed. Arriving late puts students at a disadvantage because instruction has already started and they will need to catch up with their classmates.

Students that consistently arrive late will receive less instructional hours than students who regularly arrive on time. Leaving school before instruction has concluded for the day also receive less instructional hours.

**Please Arrive on Time & Stay All Day!**

**Recess!**

Before



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Some experts believe having recess before lunch has health and behavior benefits. Marshall made this transition last year and is continuing this practice this year. We have reviewed the latest parent survey responses and have learned that 76% of our parents who completed the survey believe that the switch has been a good change for their child. Twenty percent believe that there are some positive aspects to the change, and less than three percent believe that it has not been a good change for their child. This year's data shows an increase of nearly 10% of parents feeling this is a good change.

Some of the comments are as follows:

- “My son has been eating more since he works up an appetite before lunch.”
- “I really like this approach and was so glad to see it continuing this year.”
- “They still feel rushed with time allowed, usually does not finish lunch.”

When recess is before lunch, research shows that students:

- Eat more fruits and vegetables
- Drink more milk
- Waste less food
- Are better behaved at recess, lunch and in the classroom
- Have decreased visits to the nurse
- Are calmer when returning to class
- Have an increase in time on task in the classroom
- Have decreased discipline referrals

Our Building Leadership Team and Positive Behavior Intervention Support Team will continue to collect data to determine next steps in making our change a positive experience for all students.

## Student Drop-Off

Please only drop off students in the car loop. Do not drop your student off in a parking lot. Moving cars make this a dangerous practice.

We hope you will help us with your student's safe arrival.

Thank you!



## Important Dates / Upcoming Events

- Thursday, December 20—  
Wednesday, January 2—No School—  
Winter Break
- Thursday, January 3—School  
Resumes
- Friday, January 4—2:05 Dismissal
- Friday, January 11—2:05 Dismissal
- Wednesday, January 16—  
McTeacher's Night
- Thursday, January 17—PTSA  
Meeting @ 4:30
- Friday, January 18—2:05 Dismissal
- Monday, January 21—No School—  
MLK Day
- Wednesday, January 23—1:05  
Dismissal
- Thursday, January 24—1:05  
Dismissal
- Friday, January 25—1:05 Dis-  
missal
- Monday, January 28—No  
School—Semester Break
- Wednesday, January 30—  
Primary PBIS Assembly @ 3:05
- Thursday, January 31—  
Intermediate PBIS Assem-  
bly @ 3:05

## Special Early Dismissal Days

Students will be dismissed at 1:05 on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 through Friday, January 25, 2019. These early release days are to allow teachers to prepare student report cards.

Please ensure your students know how they will go home since these are not the normal early dismissal days.

**1:05 Dismissal:**  
**Wednesday, January 23, 2019**  
**through Friday, January 25, 2019**



### Thank You!

Marshall PTSA would like to say Thank You to some amazing volunteers!

Our PTSA is lucky to have this help. We thank you for all you do to support the great kids at Marshall!

- Chelsea Golden coordinated our fundraiser and it was amazing!
- Priscilla Keith was in charge of our Book Fair. The library earned a lot of new books thanks to her hard work.

### Upcoming Events

- McTeacher's Night—  
January 16 5:00–7:00
- General Meeting—January 17  
at 4:30

### Kids Eat Free

Mondays through Thursdays  
(with some exceptions)  
4:15—4:45 PM

Cascade, Liberty, Shoultes &  
Quil Ceda Tulalip (Gym)

**Unavailable dates for  
January and February:**

**January 21—24 & 28**

**February 18**

Please call for additional information.

### Save the Date

On Wednesday, January 16th, between 5:00 and 7:00, many of our staff will be at McDonald's to welcome families to an evening of fun.

Thank you in advance for attending. We hope to see many of our families there!

(McDonald's on State Street)



WELCOME LINEA DE INFORMACION DE ESCUELAS EN ESPANOL (360) 965-0254 (SPANISH INFO LINE FOR FAMILIES: (360) 965-0254)

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### Generosity!

Marshall families and community members in cooperation with our parent groups donated nearly \$3,000 and over 50 turkeys towards helping our needy families over the holiday season.

Sarah Stetner and her helpers did a great job. We have a very generous community!

Thank you!

