



UPCOMING EVENTS

MJHS Toys for Tots Drive Begins	Dec. 2
NS/JH/HS Christmas Chorus Concert (7:00pm)	Dec. 10
MJHS Toys for Tots Drive Ends	Dec. 13
Christmas Dance (6:30-8:30pm)	Dec. 14
NS/JH/HS Christmas Band Concert (7:00pm)	Dec. 18
3As for Success 2nd Quarter Celebration	Dec. 20
11:30am Dismissal / 2nd Quarter Ends	Dec. 20
No School Christmas Break	Dec. 23 - Jan. 3
School Resumes / 3rd Quarter Begins	Jan. 6
LEIC Boys' Conference Basketball Tournament Hosted by: Martinsville JHS	Jan. 10 - Jan. 16

Benefits of Generosity

The Benefit

For many parents having a child that grows up healthy and happy is a top priority from day one. Research studies year after year, are highlighting the benefits of generosity. Not only does generosity reduce stress, improve physical health, enhance one's sense of purpose, and naturally fight depression, it is also shown to increase a person's lifespan.

Teach It

So, if generosity has these wonderful benefits, how do we instill them in our children? We must teach it. Generosity needs to be taught. There are a number of ways that can assist in its teaching. Manners are a form of generosity. Good manners are about being considerate, patient, tolerant, and kind. Opening doors for oth-

ers, giving up your seat to someone older or physically challenged, waiting for everyone to be served before beginning to eat are all examples of generosity. Require your child to have good manners. Arrange formal practice sessions if they seem to not be getting it.

Expect and Express It

Make sure your child knows that you expect them to be a generous person. When you notice someone being generous, call your child's attention to it. Let them know that it is important. Have a family charity to which you contribute, or have your child identify a charity of which they make

regular donation.

Win-Win



Each day life presents us with hundreds of opportunities to be generous. The power of being generous helps the person who receives it, but also the person that gives it. A simple gift that can be given at any time and at any place in which all will benefit.

Source: *PsychAlive*

Message from the Principal

I hope that this newsletter finds you and your family doing well. The year has been clipping by at a fast pace. Throughout the year it has been asked by parents and guardians, "How can I get my child to be more responsible with their schoolwork?" Now that your student is in junior high the responsibility of becoming an active learner is vital. Teachers want students to participate. Make sure that your child knows

that it is his or her responsibility to attend class every day, come prepared with homework completed and supplies in hand. It is important that your child understands to ask questions. A student's goal is to ask one thoughtful question in each class every day. Also it is your child's responsibility to avoid certain unwanted behaviors. Sharing these classroom "don't" with them can help. Don't fidget or play with gadgets or games, don't put your head on the desk, or excessively talk when not called upon. Never

make rude comments or remarks or inappropriate gestures. Express upon them that these actions will take away from their success and the success of others. Hopefully, these tips will assist with the success of your student. With that being said, it is my wish for all of our students and their families to have a safe and joyful Holiday Season.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!
Tony Graham, MJHS Principal



MJHS News Shorts



CHRISTMAS DANCE



On Saturday, December 14 from 6:30-8:30pm in the Marshall JHS Gym, we will have our annual Christmas Dance for MJHS 7th and 8th grade students only. Admission is \$2.00 and/or a can good to donate to our local food pantry.

TOYS FOR TOTS

Marshall JHS PAWS group are again collecting for "Toys for Tots" this year until Friday December 13. Gifts for children of all ages are welcome. Students can bring in a new toy, puzzle, game, or book into the junior high library. Students have been challenged to bring in at least 200 items or more. If the student body reaches their goal, Mr. Curry and Mr. Whitmore will be duct taped to the gym wall on December 20.



**MARSHALL JHS WISHED
JERRY RAISER
HAPPY BIRTHDAY ON
NOVEMBER 25**

Mr. Curry's 7th Grade Literature class had an essay contest before Thanksgiving expressing what the student is thankful for. The essays were judged by eight 7th and three 8th graders according to a rubric. Abbi Davis won first place and a \$5 McDonald's gift card while Nathan Atwood's second place essay won a bag of chocolate covered pretzels. Congratulations to those individuals and all students for their efforts!



Mrs. Allen's 7th Grade computer class is once again gearing up to work on their social entrepreneurship Shark Tank presentations. Tiffany Macke from the Extension Office is working with the 7th graders to discuss what social entrepreneurship is and how 7th graders can be social entrepreneurs in their own community. Students will work in groups to come up with their own ideas and present their best ideas to a panel of community judges later in the month.

November Students of the Month

Each month will have a different character trait that will be focused on when selecting deserving students. This month's character trait was **CITIZENSHIP**, positively contributing to society and community as well as dutifully respecting authority and the law.



**7th Graders: Gretchen Lugar & Rylan Ramey
8th Graders: Abigail Cooper & Kyden Boyer**