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## THE MARSHALL MUSTANG

December 2019

### Principal's Message

Dear Marshall Families,

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!! As we welcome colder weather, I realize that we are quickly heading into our 4th month of school. Where does the time go? Well, if you ask your child, hopefully they will tell you about all the great learning that they have been doing. We have been focusing on Culturally Responsive Teaching and Learning in addition to our school-wide focus of learning math visually. Both teachers and students are showing an excitement with learning that I am sure will lead to students being able to collaborate and share their thinking. I encourage you to look at the evidence of student learning as you walk down the hallways at Marshall.



Lastly, I want to encourage patience, compassion and positive intent towards others as we head into the holidays. This can be a crazy time of year and as we teach our students the skills to problem-solve and to be understanding of others, I urge all of us to learn from our children.

Have a great December and as always, thanks for all you do!

**Kelly Sheward**

Marshall Elementary Principal

### Thank You

Thank you to our PTSA, families and community members for our newly installed reader board. This will be a good communication tool to keep everyone informed of news and events.



### WINTER WEATHER



Winter is fast approaching and may even feel as though it has already arrived. Now may be a good time to ensure that your child is prepared for unexpected weather while at school. Following are some ideas to help in this preparation:

- Wear layers of clothing, including a coat;

- Place extra clothing in the backpack; and
- Mark all clothing with the child's name in case it is misplaced.

A publication was created by our Transportation Department outlining basic procedural information to be used when inclement weather affects the schools and/or transportation. For your convenience, we are providing this information on page 3.

# Holiday Concert

Please join us on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 7:00 PM for our **Choir Concert**.

This concert features Marshall's amazing Choir and promises to be delightful and entertaining. We hope to see you here.



## Did You Know?

**Three Tardies = One Absence!**

### Highly Capable Referrals Due by December 13

Highly Capable services provide extra academic challenges for students in grades K-12!

Parents and teachers have until

**December 13, 2019** to nominate a student.

More information can be found online at

<http://bit.ly/MSDHi-Cap>

**Applications are also available in the office.**

## GOOD ATTENDANCE TIPS

It's very important for your child to attend school every day. Here are six tips to ensure good school attendance:

1. Set a regular bedtime and morning routine;
2. Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before;
3. Don't let your child stay home unless she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomachache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home;
4. If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make them feel comfortable and excited about learning;
5. Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent; and
6. Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

## Fact

**Half of students who miss 2—4 days of school in September will go on to miss nearly a month of school this year.**

## Classroom Celebration Guidelines

When planning food-related activities, including celebrations and cooking, please check with the classroom teacher regarding any specific food concerns and needs of the students in the class. In order to accommodate life-threatening allergies, Lactose and Gluten intolerance, Diabetes, cultural considerations as well as other needs, please adhere to the following:

1. Send only commercially prepared foods, such as cookies, cupcakes, dips, etc.;
2. Send only commercial packages of fruits, vegetables and ice cream (i.e., individualized cups, popsicles);
3. Provide punch made with pop, canned or frozen fruit juices and commercial ice cream;
4. Bring fast foods prepared at a restaurant/bakery and brought to school; and
5. Send only packaged chips or candies.

If you have questions about foods not included in the above-referenced list, please discuss in advance with the classroom teacher and the District Nurse.

Additional precautions to be observed are as follows:

- Strict enforcement of hand-washing by all staff, students, and volunteers handling the food items;
- Use gloves when handling and serving food; and
- Instruct children not to share food or drinks with others.

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## Marysville School District School Operation during Snow or Inclement Weather PARENT INFORMATION

**This bulletin is to inform parents and students about procedures in effect during periods of extreme weather conditions. Please attach this bulletin to your refrigerator for information during bad weather.**

### I BASIC INFORMATION

- a) Every reasonable effort is made to operate school every day.
- b) There will be times when it may be desirable to operate schools even though it may not be possible to operate buses.
- c) The State Board of Education requires that all days of school closure be made up during the school year.
- d) Decisions regarding school closure or bus route modification for ice and snow will seldom be made the night before. Climate conditions in this area can change so rapidly during the night that such decisions are not feasible.
- e) Decisions regarding school closures or bus route modifications will be made by 5:00 AM whenever possible. Decisions for afternoon take home bus route modification will be made prior to 1:00 PM. Announcements are published on radio and television stations, the internet at [www.flashalert.net](http://www.flashalert.net), posted on the district website at [www.ms25.org](http://www.ms25.org), shared via social media, and the district's alert system.

### II WHERE TO GET INFORMATION AND UPDATES

RADIO: KMPS (94.1 FM) KRKO (1380) KOMO (1000AM) KIRO (710 AM)  
 TV: KOMO (TV 4) KING (TV 5) KCPQ (TV 13) KIRO (TV 7)  
 INTERNET: [www.flashalert.net](http://www.flashalert.net), [www.ms25.org](http://www.ms25.org), Facebook ([www.facebook.com/MarysvilleSD/](https://www.facebook.com/MarysvilleSD/)) or  
 Twitter (@ms25)  
 PHONE: 360-965-0000 menu option # 8

Please do not call the U.S. Weather Bureau, School Authorities or radio stations for information.

### III PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS **\*\*If there is a change to the regular schedule**

- a) **LIMITED TRANSPORTATION**  
 If the announcement for this district proclaims a "Limited Transportation Schedule", it means that **Bus Service** will be available on "Main Roads Only".
- b) **LATE START**  
 The District may determine that a "Late Starting Time" is desirable. Listen to the radio stations, or watch TV news for this particular announcement. The information will also be available online at [www.flashalert.net](http://www.flashalert.net), posted on the district website at [www.ms25.org](http://www.ms25.org), shared via social media, and the district's alert system. If school starts late, it will dismiss at the normal time.
- c) **CLOSURE OF SCHOOL**  
 School closure means complete **CANCELLATION OF ALL SCHOOL ACTIVITIES** involving students for that day. This includes before/after school activities and sports events.
- d) **ROAD CLOSURE**  
 Certain roads are closed by city or county officials during periods of "Load Limits" caused by thawing conditions. Buses will not travel on any roads that have been closed by the city or county officials.

### PLEASE REVIEW THE LIMITED TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULES

Posted on the Marysville School District website: [www.ms25.org/Transportation](http://www.ms25.org/Transportation)



## Important Dates / Upcoming Events

- Thursday, December 5—Family Movie Night @ 6:00 PM
- Friday, December 6—2:05 Dismissal
- Thursday, December 12—Holiday Concert @ 7:00 PM
- Friday, December 13—2:05 Dismissal
- Wednesday, December 18—Primary PBIS Assembly @ 3:00
- Thursday, December 19—Intermediate PBIS Assembly @ 3:00
- Friday, December 20—**1:05 Dismissal**
- Monday, December 23—Friday, January 3—No School—Winter Break
- Monday, January 6—School Resumes
- Friday, January 10—2:05 Dismissal
- Wednesday, January 15—McTeacher's Night
- Thursday, January 16—PTSA Meeting @ 4:30 PM
- Friday, January 17—2:05 Dismissal



### Get & Wear Your Spirit Gear

Wear your Marshall spirit shirts on Thursdays or wear blue and gold to show your school spirit!

Spirit wear t-shirts and sweatshirts are available for sale. They are only \$10 for t-shirts and \$20 for sweatshirts.

Limited to stock on hand.

School Hours  
Monday—Thursday:  
9:20—3:35  
Friday:  
9:20—2:05

### Car Wash Tickets Make Great Gifts

Consider purchasing a car wash ticket from the office for only \$7.00. Proceeds will help defray the cost of student activities. There are a limited number of tickets available. You may redeem the tickets at many locations,

including

Captain Dizzy Car Wash.



Think about sending miniature cupcakes or cookies instead of large sweet treats for classroom celebrations. They can be just as satisfying!



### PJ Day & Sing Along

Marshall will have a school-wide Sing Along on Friday, December 20, 2019 at 10:00 AM. Guests are welcome to attend. Additionally, students may wear pajamas to school on Friday, December 20th. Please ensure they are clean and appropriate. Please, **NO SLIPPERS** as they are not appropriate for outdoor play.

### Movie Night

On Thursday, December 5th, at 6:00 PM, our PTSA is hosting a movie night for everyone in the family. Cookies will be provided. Come and watch Disney's *Incredibles 2* and have a nice evening with your family! Please plan to attend.



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