



**Byron Center Public Schools**  
**MARSHALL ELEMENTARY**

August 23, 2024

We had a fantastic first week of school. It was so good to get all the kids back in the building.

### **Labor Day No School**

Just a reminder, there will be **NO SCHOOL** on Friday, August 30, 2024 and Monday, September 2, 2024 in observance of the Labor Day holiday. Enjoy this time with your family!

### **School Breakfast/Lunch**

School breakfast and lunch is **FREE** to all students this school year! For more information about the breakfast and lunch program at Marshall Elementary, please view this [Food Service letter](#). Please view the lunch menu in our *Helpful Links* on the school [website](#).

### **Drop Off and Pick Up**

*As a reminder, please use our drop off circle in the morning when bringing students to school. We ask that you do not park and walk students across the lot as it slows down the drop off process and causes unnecessary backups on 64th Street. In addition, please try to pull up to the second set of doors (marked Door #2) to allow more families to drop.*

*In the event that your child has something too large for them to carry and needs assistance, you may park and help them. If this is the case, please only use the designated crosswalk location to ensure safety.*

Morning drop off is 8:20am. There will be no adult supervision prior to 8:20am.

The end of day pick up will be a learning process for our students. Please be patient as we get these processes running smoothly. A few reminders about pick up at the end of the day:

- **PINK SHEETS:** Please have your pink sheets placed on your vehicle's dash or have your ID ready. You will receive one copy of the pick-up pink sheets. It can be cut in half. If you need another copy of the pink sheet, please let the office know.
- If you have to buckle a student into a car seat, please move forward to the area by the loading dock to do so.
- Please do not park your car and come into the building to pick up your child. Please stay in your car and stay in line.

Please read the [Drop Off/Pick Up Procedures](#) for complete details of the pick up procedure.

## Attendance

If your child will be absent, please email the school office [meattendance@bcpsk12.net](mailto:meattendance@bcpsk12.net) or call Marshall's attendance line (616) 878-6304 before 8:30am with the following information:

- Student's full name (first and last name)
- Teacher's name
- The reason for the absence. If your child is sick, please include the symptoms your student has. We are required to report to the Health Department weekly.
- Full name of the person reporting the absence and their relationship to the student.

If your child is coming to school late:

- If a student arrives after the 8:30am start time, they will be considered tardy and the parent must park their vehicle in the designated spot and bring the student into the office and sign them in.

If your child will be picked up early:

- Please contact the school office before 3:00pm to ensure we have enough time to communicate with your student's teacher.

## Student Medication

If your child is to take any over the counter medication at school, please print this [Medication Consent form](#) and bring it to the school office.

Any prescription medication must have the Marshall Medication Consent Form filled out by the parent/guardian and Doctor before medication can be administered at school. We will also need a copy of the Doctor's Action Plan for each prescription medication.

Medications of any kind may not be kept in lockers, desks or backpacks. All medication must be brought to school by the parent/guardian. As required by state law, no medication can be transported on the school bus.

All medication should be in original packaging or in a prescription bottle with your child's name, medication name and dosage instructions clearly labeled.

## MAPS Parent Group

Welcome back from MAPS!

We have some exciting plans for this year and are looking forward to a fantastic time ahead! Our first event is the Marshall Tailgate, and we need your RSVP by August 29, 2024. Please consider volunteering to help make the tailgate a success; you can sign up [here](#).

Also, our Byron Center [apparel](#) and [jewelry](#) sales have been extended until Sunday, August 25, 2024. Please see the flyers for more information.

Please email [mapsbulldogs@gmail.com](mailto:mapsbulldogs@gmail.com) with any questions.

## BCPS Sports Passes

Passes will be available for purchase in the Athletic Office starting on Tuesday, August 13th. Normal office hours will be from 8:00am - 2:00pm (lunch from 12:00-12:30pm). These passes can be used at all regular season Middle school and High school home events.

- Adults: \$50.00
- Students: \$25.00
- Family Max payment: \$150.00

Cash or check payable to BCPS. If you have any additional questions please feel free to contact Dana Conklin in the Athletic office (616) 878-6642.

## Athletic Events

*Playing catch with any ball including footballs will not be allowed in the football stadium during high school football games. Please make sure your child does not bring a ball to the event.*

## Code Red Robotics

Code Red Robotics is gearing up for its fall season, and invites students in grades 2-4 to be part of our fall session of FIRST Lego League (FLL). FLL is a robotics program where students attend with a parent. In small teams, students learn the basics of the engineering process and some programming as they design and create a themed display for this year's ocean-themed game: Submerged. We will be running the FLL season this year in two sessions, one in the fall and one in the spring. At the end of the season, we will have a Festival where students will present their exhibits and what they have learned to FLL families. We are starting on Tuesday, September 17 and will meet for the next six Tuesdays, 6:00-8:00 pm in the Nickels Intermediate School Cafeteria. More information can be found in this [FLL Informational Flyer](#). If you are interested in registering, you can fill out this [FLL Registration Form](#). Call for Mentors! We are looking for parents who would be willing to lead a small team of 5-8 students as FLL Mentors this year. The commitment involves preparing for and leading activities with students on Tuesdays for six week sessions in the fall and spring. If you are interested and would like more information on becoming a mentor or the FLL season, please contact Scott Keith.

## Marshall Calendar

Aug. 30 - **No School**

Sept. 2 - **No School**

Sept. 6 - Marshall Football Tailgate Nite

Sept. 16 - School photos

Sept. 17 - School photos

Sept. 19 - MAPS Meeting 6:00pm

Oct. 4 - Marshall Fun Run

Oct. 15 - 1st Grade Smokehouse

Oct. 15 - Parent/Teacher Conf., 5-8pm

Oct. 17 - **Half Day - Dismissal 12:00pm**

Oct. 17 - Parent/Teacher Conf., 1-4pm, 5-8pm

Oct. 31 - Halloween classroom parties



**We're bringing the 10th Annual Girls in Aviation Day to Grand Rapids, MI!**  
 Join the Women in Aviation Great Lakes Chapter for an exciting day filled with aerospace fun for all ages and genders! While this event is intended for girls around the ages of 7-18, it would be perfect for any attendee with a passion for the sky. Let's empower the next generation, encourage their exploration of aviation, and introduce them to the various industry career opportunities available. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to soar to new heights!

**Highlights Include:**

- Static Displays: aircraft, fire truck, airfield operations cruiser, snow equipment, fuel truck, tug
- Air Traffic Control Simulator
- Aviation-Themed Bracelets & Crafts
- VFR Sectional Scavenger Hunts
- Aircraft Marshaling Lesson
- Avionics Adventures
- Phonetic Alphabet Fun
- Design Your Own Airport

**Tickets:**

On sale now - scan the QR to get started!!

\$15 per student (guardian included for attendees under 16)

Registration fee includes lunch + GIAD Swag Bag

**Avflight Grand Rapids** (4211 Cassard Ln)  
 Saturday, September 21st  
 11am - 3pm



Thank you to our sponsors!

