



Byron Center Public Schools
MARSHALL ELEMENTARY

January 17, 2025

Just a few friendly reminders. Please send appropriate snow gear and a water bottle with your child(ren) each school day. We seem to have a lot of students needing to borrow gear and/or need a cup for water. Thank you, we appreciate your support.

No School

Monday, January 20, 2025, school will be closed for staff Professional Development.

Art Supplies Needed

Thank you so much for all of the donations so far! We are still in need of more of the items below, there is a box for any recycled items by the art room door, students may deliver any time.

- Paper egg cartons
- Paper towel rolls
- Plastic lids (all sizes, yogurt or larger is biggest need)
- Frozen food trays (sets of at least 8 are the goal, but can use any)
- Yogurt cups (sets of at least 8 are the goal, but can use any)
- Cereal boxes - can be flattened

Misc (any type/color):

- beads
- ribbon
- yarn scraps

Early Morning Choir

Next week will run a normal schedule for morning choir, but the following week Mrs. Furney will be at a Michigan Music Teacher Conference on Thursday through Saturday. Therefore, there will be **NO 4th grade choir on Thursday, January 23rd** (we will still have 3rd grade choir on the Tuesday of that week!)

3rd grade choir only: Our 3rd grade choir has been invited to sing the National Anthem along with the Brown Elementary 3rd grade choir at a Byron Center Girls Basketball game! The date of our game will be Friday, February 7th in the evening. More details to follow!

PE News

PE Shoes - Please remember to send gym shoes to school with your students. Wearing the appropriate shoes to class keeps students safe by providing traction and appropriate support for his/her feet while being active. We do have shoes available for students to borrow, but students are missing several minutes of class finding shoes that will fit, while also leaving a mess behind in the PE closet. Thanks for your support.

Kids Heart Challenge Fundraiser - Our school goal is \$20,000 to help support the American Heart Association. Kids received everything they need already and will be receiving some incentives along the way to help keep them motivated.

We will also have a few other school incentives as well:

1. Top 3 Fundraisers - Mr. Reed for the Day
2. Students raising \$75 or more - Silly String Mr. Reed/Teacher
3. Top Fundraising Class - Extra PE Time and an Amazon Gift Card for the Teacher/Classroom.

Our fundraiser will wrap-up on Friday, February 14.

Attendance

School Office 616.878.6300 or Email: meattendance@bcpsk.12.net

Attendance is very important for the academic success of your student and Marshall wants to ensure your child is getting the most out of their learning opportunities. Marshall has returned to pre-pandemic attendance guidelines and will be communicating with families if students are chronically absent or tardy. The following parameters will be used to determine chronic absenteeism/tardiness:

- Students who are absent or tardy more than 10% of school days will receive a notification letter.
- If attendance problems persist, the school will call for a meeting where an attendance contract will be developed.
- If the agreed upon parameters of the contract are not met, students/families will be referred to the Kent County Truancy Office for further problem solving.

In an effort to ensure consistent attendance for your child, please consider:

- Sending your child to school unless they are truly sick, such as fever, vomiting, diarrhea or contagious infections.
- Avoiding travel or appointments during school days/hours.
- Sticking with a morning routine including a healthy breakfast and a consistent bedtime schedule avoiding late night screen time or electronic devices.
- Have a back-up plan for unexpected morning delays to ensure your child gets to school on time.
- Communicate with the school regarding student absences.

Finally, please continue to contact the school in advance if your child is going to be absent or as soon as possible with unexpected absences.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Just a heads up... Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, February 25 (5:00-8:00pm) and Thursday, February 27 (1:00-4:00pm & 5:00-8:00pm). Your student's teacher will send out a link for sign-ups soon.

VCFAC

Attention 3rd-8th grade students! There are some exciting theatre opportunities at Van Singel Fine Arts Center!

Van Singel Junior Theatre -
Production: *Disney's The Little Mermaid Jr.*

- Grades: 6th–8th
- Dates: March 3-10
- Registration Link: vsfac.com/mermaid

Van Singel Youth Theatre- Production: *Madagascar Jr.*

- Grades: 3rd–5th
- Dates: March 25–June 14
- Registration Link: vsfac.com/madagascar

Spots are limited, please register soon! If you have any questions please contact Michelle Wagner at mwagner@bcpsk12.net

MAPS Upcoming Dates

- ★ **Marshall Girls' Night** will take place Saturday, February 8, 2025 from 6:00-8:00 PM. Flyers with more information will be sent home next week.
- ★ **Marshall Boys' Night** is still in the works, look for an update soon!

Junior and Youth Theatre Registration



Van Singel Junior Theatre
Grades 6-8
March 3rd–May 10th

Registration Link:
vsfac.com/mermaid

Make waves and become part of the magical undersea world!



Van Singel Youth Theatre
Grades 3-5
March 25th–June 14th

Registration Link:
vsfac.com/madagascar

Move it, move it, to the wildest adventure on stage!



JURASSIC BRICK LAND



Kindergarten to 4th Grade



Are you ready for the adventure of a lifetime? Put on your hiking boots and camouflage . . . you're about to enter Jurassic Brick Land! Students will build a world that comes to life with the giant Brontosaurus, ferocious Velociraptor, terrifying T. Rex, and more. We'll learn about amazing dinosaurs that lived during the Jurassic period, and other extinct, prehistoric animals that roamed the earth and swam the seas during that era.

MARSHALL ELEMENTARY

February 21 to March 21

Fridays, 3:45 to 5:00pm





REGISTER TODAY!
\$75 - 5 sessions
www.bricks4kidz.com/gr



Marshall Calendar

Jan. 20 - **No School**
Feb. 3 - Roundball Bash
Feb. 10 - Board of Ed Meeting 6:30pm
Feb. 12-13 - Kids Have Rights
Feb. 14 - Valentine classroom parties
Feb. 14 - **Half Day**, 12:00pm dismissal
Feb. 17 - **No School**
Feb. 18 - MAPS Meeting 6:00pm
Feb. 25 - Parent/Teacher Conf. (5-8pm)
Feb. 27 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
(1-4pm, 5-8pm)
Feb. 27 - **Half Day**, 12:00pm dismissal
March 3-5 - KC Vision/Hearing Screening
March 10 - Board of Ed Meeting 6:30pm
March 20-21 - 3rd grade Lansing Trip
March 31-April 1 - KC Vision/Hearing
Re-Screening
April 4 - **No School** (Spring Break Begins)
April 7-11 - **No School** (Spring Break)
April 14 - Board of Ed Meeting 6:30pm
May 12 - Board of Ed Meeting 6:30pm
May 26 - **No School** (Memorial Day)
May 28 - **Half Day**, 12:00pm dismissal
May 29 - **Half Day**, 12:00pm dismissal
May 30 - **Half Day**, 12:00pm dismissal

2025 BC Booster Round Ball Bash & Silent Auction



MONDAY FEBRUARY 3, 2025


BCHS Main Gym
\$3 Cash Admission (NO Passes!)
Doors open @ 5:30pm
*Silent Auction *Credit Cards accepted**


DODGEBALL 6:00pm - Brown vs Heritage 6:25pm - Countryside vs Marshall 6:50PM - Nickels vs West	BASKETBALL 7:15pm Free Throw/3PT Competition \$1 per shot -SAN2025 committee hosting- 7:30 - HS Staff vs Students
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Wear Shirts/Colors to show your support
ELEMENTARY - CLASS SHIRTS
NICKELS - GREY
WEST MS - BLACK
BCHS - ORANGE

30+ Raffle Items
Link for Auction coming soon!!**

50/50 Raffle
Concessions Open!





Come support
your local Girl Scout
Troop!!

- Girl Scout Troop 4921 will be at Culver's in Byron Center.
- Come enjoy an amazing meal at Culver's on January 20.
- A portion of all sales will be given to support your local troop.

January 20, 2025, 5-8pm
500 84th St SW, Byron Center, MI 49315