



Byron Center Public Schools
MARSHALL ELEMENTARY

October 11, 2024

FUNd Run Update

We had an incredibly successful Fun'd Run, and we can't thank you enough for your support. Our students and families raised over \$30,000, along with more than \$15,000 in business sponsorships, making this our most successful fundraiser to date!

We're excited for a year of treating our teachers and staff and hosting fun events for our students and their families.

School Photo Retakes

Monday, October 28 will be Marshall's picture retake day. Please bring your original set of photos with you to your retakes. The office does have extra photo forms if you need one, please let us know and we'll send one home with your student.

Water bottles

We've had a large number of students forgetting to bring their water bottles to school. The office only has a small supply of cups. Please remind your child to pack their water bottles for each school day. Thank you for your help!

Half Day Pick-up Reminder...

Thursday, October 17 is a half day of school. School will be dismissed at 12:00pm. Car riders will begin at 11:45am. Please line up from the West (Byron Center Ave) and join the line, please have your pink sheets out. Thank you!

Cough Drops

We have a large number of students bringing cough drops in their backpacks to school. Transportation doesn't allow medications on the bus, this does include cough drops. If you would like your student to have cough drops at school, please complete the district [Medical Consent Form](#) and a parent/guardian can bring the cough drops into the school office. Thank you!

Saturday, November 9, 9:00 - 3:00
Byron Center High School
Free parking and shuttle at Heritage
Elementary
Interested in volunteering? Email
bcfabvolunteers@gmail.com

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Teachers have already sent out sign-ups for PTC directly to parents. You will schedule your conferences with your child's teacher. If you need to make a change to your scheduled time, please contact the teacher directly.

- Tuesday, October 15 from 5:00-8:00pm
- Thursday, October 17 from 1:00-4:00pm and 5:00-8:00pm.
- Report cards will come home after Conferences on Monday, November 18
- There will not be a separate conference sign up for Art, Music or PE. The teachers will be available during PTC times if you'd like to stop by their rooms.

We look forward to this time to discuss your student's progress with you. Here are some helpful hints for a successful conference:

- **Be on Time** - Plan to arrive a little early. Teacher's work hard to stick to the 15 minute time allotted, so arriving and leaving on-time keeps everyone on schedule.
- **Be a Team** - Partnering with your child's teacher helps you both to provide consistent support for your child.
- **Prepare Questions in Advance** - Coming with specific questions will help make the most of your time together.
- **Keep Teachers Informed** - Let your child's teacher know about any situation at home that may affect your child's school work (such as a death in the family, a new baby, or a change in daycare arrangements, etc.)
- **Take Notes & Leave with a Plan** - Taking notes will help you remember what was discussed and what was agreed upon.

Book Fair ([Book Fair Flyer](#))

The Scholastic Book Fair will be coming back to Marshall on **Monday, October 14 through Friday, October 18**. The book fair will take place during normal school hours Monday-Thursday and until noon on Friday. Book Fair will also be open during Parent/Teacher Conference hours on Tuesday, October 15 and Thursday, October 17.

Please view this [link](#) for complete information about the book fair. You will find information on how to set up an E-Wallet account so you don't have to send your student to school with cash. There is also the option to shop online and have the books delivered to your home. This would be a great opportunity to shop for and hide books that are going to be Christmas presents!

If you have any questions, please contact our Media Specialist, Mrs. Conley at vconley@bcpsk12.net

WatchDOGS

WatchDOGS is up and running! Dad's and Father figures, you have the opportunity to spend time with our Lunch/Recess crew from 11:10am-1:35pm. Please use this [WatchDOG Link](#) to sign up.

Halloween Classroom Parties

Just a friendly reminder that all Halloween costumes should be school appropriate. Please leave all weapons and dangerous props at home. Please refrain from choosing gruesome costumes. This is school policy. Please pack your student's costume, they will change before their classroom parties.

- **Halloween Parade: (2:00pm)**

Parents/Guardians are welcome to view our Halloween parade in the playground behind the school. Feel free to park on either side of the building and proceed to the playground area. Students will exit the building on the East side and proceed to the West side along the sidewalk behind the Library.

- **Classroom Parties: (Immediately following the Parade)**

Approved classroom volunteers will provide a fun filled Halloween party for your students in their classrooms.

- **Please plan on normal end of day schedules (bus/car rider).**

If your student needs to be picked up (large or fragile costume), please plan to be in the car rider line with your pink sheet. We ask that you come from Byron Center Avenue to line up for car riders, please do not turn left in the parking lot. **We do not want to swarm the office with a large amount of student pick-ups at the end of the day. Thank you.**

High School Career Speakers

Byron Center High School is looking for individuals from the community, who would be willing to come in and talk about their careers with a group of our Senior English Students as they look towards their next step after graduation. We set aside 25 minutes from 1:25-1:50 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays for career presentations. If you or anyone you know would be interested, please contact Pam Gillespie at pgillespie@bcpsk12.net or 616-878-6635 for more information.

VSFAC

Join us for a Vocal Masterclass with Hannah DeBoer! Discover your vocal skills and learn from a pro! Don't miss out, register today! Join our [Patron Email](#) to hear about upcoming events.

When: Wednesday, October 16th
at the VSFAC

Time: 5:30-7:00 PM

Who: Open to all 3rd-8th grades

Register: vsfac.com/vocal



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Discover your vocal skills in a masterclass with a professional musician and voice teacher.

Register Here:



VSFAC.COM/VOCAL

BC High School Fall Play

[It's a Wonderful Life- get tickets for November 15 & 16](#)

Do you KNOW someone in the cast or crew?! Would you like to send them well wishes in the Playbill/Program? Make someone's day with a special message! [Click here!](#) Due: October 25th.

Zumba!

Zumba Kids! A fun, fitness based after school club is now at Marshall Elementary!

Please view this flyer for more information: [Zumba](#).

Session Timeline: Thursday, October 24 - December 21, 2024
No class the week of Thanksgiving
8 week session over 9 weeks

Class time: After school until 4:45pm

Location: Cafeteria

Grades: Kindergarten-4th grade

Marshall Calendar

Oct. 14-18 - Library Book Fair
Oct. 15 - Parent/Teacher Conf., 5-8pm
Oct. 17 - **Half Day**
Dismissal 12:00pm

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Oct. 28 - Picture Retakes
Oct. 28 - Kindergarten field trip
Oct. 29 - 1st grade field trip
Oct. 31 - Halloween classroom parties
Nov. 4 - Board of Ed meeting 6:30pm
Nov. 9 - BC Craft Show 9am-3pm
Nov. 15 - **Half Day**
Dismissal 12:00pm

Nov. 20 - MAPS meeting 6:00pm
Nov. 27-29 - **No School**
Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 2 - Board of Ed meeting 6:30pm
Dec. 12 - Choir Concert VSFAC
Dec. 20 - Holiday classroom Parties
Dec. 23-Jan. 5 - **No School**
Holiday Break

Jan. 6 - School Resumes