

Marshall Middle School

Weekly Update

November 8, 2021

Dear Students/Parents/Guardians:

Thursday, November 11th is Veteran's Day, there is no school as it is a holiday. The Treaty of Versailles ended The Great War or World War I by stating that an armistice would go into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, 11:00 AM, November 11, 1918. I remember hearing my grandfather tell stories of an Armistice Day celebration at "grammar school" when he was a child. An assembly would be held outdoors, students, special guests (I am sure veterans of The Great War), and teachers would give speeches and the school band would play music ending with "Taps" being played at 11:00 AM. This was prior to 1938, when November 11 was declared a federal legal holiday.

In 1954, after World War II, The United States Congress changed Armistice Day to Veteran's Day, a day to honor American veterans of all wars. For roughly eight years 1968-1975, Veteran's Day was celebrated on the Monday or Friday closest to November 11, which caused some confusion and many believed it distracted from the historic and patriotic significance of the date. Today, we celebrate November 11, as Veteran's Day, regardless of the day of the week.

The entire Marshall Middle School community extends our deepest appreciation to all veterans. I hope you find some way to honor our veterans this year. Thank you veterans!

Warmest Regards,

Michael Rossi
Principal

Marshall and Locke Middle School's Drama clubs present...

November 12 and 13

The Marshall and Locke Middle School's Drama clubs announced that they will be joining thousands of theatrical organizations around the globe by producing their own local production of Music Theatre International's All Together Now!: A Global Event Celebrating Local Theatre. Theatrical licensor Music Theatre International (MTI) created this revue for theaters across the globe to use as a local fundraising event performed over the same weekend of November 12, 2021. **BillERICA's performances are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, November 12 and 13 at 7pm in the Paul Cox Theater at the Marshall Middle School.**

All Together Now! features songs from MTI's beloved catalogue of musicals including Annie, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's Mary Poppins, Fiddler on the Roof, Godspell, Hairspray, Little Shop of Horrors, Mamma Mia!, Matilda, Once on This Island, Mackintosh's Mary Poppins, Fiddler on the Roof, Godspell, Hairspray, Little Shop of Horrors, Mamma Mia!, Matilda, Once on This Island, James and Giant Peach, High School Musical, Mama Mia and many more!

- **Marshall/Locke Theatre Group Presents ["All Together Now"](#)**

Tickets will be \$15 for adults and \$12 for students and kids 7th grade and under. Seating is general admission and will sell out early. Tickets are available at the schools or contact Leah Gagnon at mmstheatre@billericak12.com for ticket information!

Quarter 1 Ends November 10, 2021

Wednesday, November 10, 2021 is the forty fifth day of school and the end of the first quarter. The following courses are on a 45 day schedule this year: art, drama, health, music, shop, and technology. Students will see a change during one period of their day on Friday, November 12, 2021, the beginning of the second quarter.

- 7th Grade students who had health will now have shop, and vice versa.
- 6th Grade students who had art will now have health, and vice versa.
- 5th Grade students who had art will now have music, and vice versa.

All other classes are scheduled on a trimester or sixty day grading period. Final grades for the 45 day course will be completed in ASPEN, however they will be noted in the report card for trimester one in early December.

From the desk of Nurse Sullivan...

Due to COVID Protocols...

Many parents have been emailing staff regarding student illness and/or absences, we appreciate the communication. *Please be sure to add the school nurse on the email hsullivan@billericak12.com in the future especially if it pertains to COVID.*

COVID Testing

Our weekly routine COVID testing will continue on Monday. If you gave consent for your child to be tested, this will occur every Monday moving forward. If you have not completed the consent form and would like to, please see the link:

[Consent for School Based COVID-Testing](#)

Order your Yearbook -- Just scan the QR Code



YEARBOOK

Hi Parents/Guardians and Students!

Do you love to take photos of school events, after school activities, sports, classmates, and field trips? Do you want your special moments in the 2021-2022 yearbook? The school yearbook club needs your help!

Please upload all your amazing moments to the yearbook clubs database. We will try our best to use all your photos but, we will definitely use the best of the best.

Thanks in advance!

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Warmest Regards,

Mrs. Munn, Mrs. McBournie, and the Yearbook Club

A message from BILLERICA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Hello Billerica Community! Our annual K5 Turkey Trot for Education is coming up on November 14, 2021 at the Marshall Middle School. This tradition is sponsored by the Billerica Partners for Education to raise funds to support our students' education. Proceeds will go towards the Billerica Partners for Education Grants Program to help fund innovative projects led by teachers. Registration to participate in Turkey Trot is open on: <http://billerica.racewire.com>. This registration link is also on the attached flyer.

We hope you can join us on November 14 for this landmark event for our community!

Please remember that if you sign up by November 4, 2021 by 11:59 pm - you get a free t-shirt!

File attachments: [2021 Turkey Trot Registration Form.docx](#)

Week of...November 8 to 12, 2021

- **Monday, November 8, 2021 C-Day**
 - After School Activities

- **Tuesday, November 9, 2021 D-Day**
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- **Wednesday, November 10, 2021 A-Day**
 - After School Activities
 - Last Day of Quarter 1
- **Thursday, November 11, 2021 Veterans' Day - No School**
 - Veterans' Day No School
- **Friday, November 12, 2021 B-Day**
 - First Day of Quarter 2

Veteran's Day is Thursday, November 11, 2021

Weekly Attachment(s):

- [Middle School Lunch Menu for November](#)
- **Marshall/Locke Drama Clubs Presents "All Together Now"**
- Billerica Scholarship Foundation's [annual calendar fundraiser.](#)
- **File attachments: [2021 Turkey Trot Registration Form.docx](#)**

ASPEN Accounts

If you encounter issues or problems with your ASPEN Account, please contact:

- Parent Portal: email portalhelp@billericak12.com
- Student Portal: email jfowler@billericak12.com

Have a great week!

"Be the best version of yourself!"

Follow us on Twitter: @mmsbps

Visit us at: <https://www.billericak12.com/schools/marshall-middle-school>

View your child's schedule, attendance, grades, etc...:

<https://ma-billerica.myfollett.com>

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