MARSHALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MES MARSHALL MESSENGER

Your Official Weekly Newsletter!

Week of September 28 - October 2

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What's up at MES?



With sunglasses and all, 1st Grade students spent time enjoying some sunshine and a good book on the back playground. So long summer!

Looking Ahead

- Friday, October 2: **BLACK & GOLD FRIDAY**
- Friday, October 2: PFA Meeting @ 9:15 am in the Library
- October 8 & 9: MES 5th Grade at Camp Kon-O-Kwee
- Friday, October 9: **BLACK & GOLD FRIDAY**
- October 15 & 16: Breakfast Buddies
- Friday, October 16: Education Partnership Dress Up Day: Rainbow Day
    - See details below
- Friday, October 23: Teacher In-Service Day (NO SCHOOL)
- Friday, October 30: Halloween Parade & Parties

MES PFA Meeting

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Attention 5th Grade Families: Camp Kon-O-Kwee

Dear 5th Grade Parents and Guardians,

It is time for Camp Kon-O-Kwee! All North Allegheny fifth grade students will have an opportunity to participate in the annual Outdoor Education Program. The program is conducted by teachers from Marshall Elementary School as well as staff from Camp Kon-O-Kwee. The program includes study in areas such as water ecology, ecosystems, team building, and other hands-on environmental activities.

The purpose of camp is to provide fifth grade students an opportunity to learn about the outdoors first-hand. This experience is also designed to encourage positive interaction with other students and staff. This is not a vacation from learning, but instead provides an authentic environmental education experience which supports the North Allegheny curriculum. For safety and security, only students and MES staff members are permitted at camp.

Our students will spend their time at camp under the supervision of Marshall Elementary teaching staff and administration. Camp Kon-O-Kwee is equipped for outdoor education and has a centrally located lodge completely staffed and equipped with a kitchen, dining room and recreational facilities.

Marshall Elementary fifth grade students will attend Camp KOK on Thursday, October 8 and need to arrive at school between 8:30 - 8:45 am. Students attending during the daytime only on October 2nd will return to school at approximately 6:00 pm. Students staying overnight will return to MES at approximately 11:00 am on Friday, October 9. Please arrange for your child to be picked up at MES at the appropriate time. They will not stay for school for the remainder of the day.

For additional details regarding camp, please contact your child’s homeroom teacher.

MES Library Pumpkin Patch!

Get ready for a fun fall reading celebration! MES Library invites students to transform a small or medium-sized pumpkin into their favorite storybook character. Real or fake pumpkins can be decorated with paint, markers, and other creative materials—but please do not carve or poke real pumpkins.

Families are encouraged to create their pumpkin masterpieces together! Students should bring their completed pumpkin, entry form, and a family picture to the Library by **Monday, October 26th**. Pumpkins should be picked up by the end of the day on Friday, October 30th.

For complete details and the entry form, please see the Library Pumpkin Patch letter. All information is available in your student's Library classroom in Canvas.

Thank you for helping us celebrate creativity, family, and—most importantly—the joy of reading! We can't wait to see our Library Pumpkin Patch filled with favorite book characters!

Mrs. Alviso, Mrs. Hu & Ms. Petronsky

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Pick-Ups & Dismissal

As a reminder, it is important that all our MES families follow our early dismissal, pick-up, and change in plans procedures:

- Families must send in a handwritten note when a child will have an early dismissal
- Families must send in a handwritten note when there is a change in a child's dismissal plans
- When there is a last-minute change for a child for dismissal and a handwritten note was not sent in, parents **must call** the main office at 724-935-4044 before 3:00 PM to speak with a secretary so they may contact the adult in the classroom.

Please remember, teachers are teaching children and not checking email. Moreover, the classroom teacher may be absent. Substitute teachers do not have access to the regular teacher's email. Although it may be convenient for the family, email is not an effective way to reach the teacher to communicate these changes in plans. We are experiencing an increase in families not following these procedures, which impacts

our student safety and the efficiency of our dismissal process for all children.

In addition, we are aware that some of our students have devices so families can track their child. However, text messaging your student on their Apple Watch is a disruption to the classroom and is also not an effective means to handle the dismissal process when there is a change in plans. Be sure to send in a handwritten note or call the school office.

Thank you for understanding.

Lifetouch: Thank you for Picture Day!

Dear families,

School pictures are now available!

To see if your child's pictures are available to view, please log in to your account at mylifetouch.com. If you don't have an account yet, you can create one using your email address.

To locate your child's photos, you'll need their Student ID or Portrait ID and Access Code. If you don't have this information, you can:

- Check your inbox for an email from Lifetouch that may contain your access credentials and a direct link to your child's images.
- Wait for your proof sheet to arrive, which will include your Portrait ID and Access Code.
- Contact the Lifetouch Help Center for assistance

Please note that pictures may not become available for all students at the same time, so check back later if you don't see your child's images yet.

PBIS at MES

At Marshall Elementary, we follow our PBIS expectations each day to help create a safe, positive, and welcoming school community. We encourage all students to:

Make Safe Choices
Own Your Actions
Show Kindness

Please help us reinforce the **MES expectations at home** with your student! Over the next few weeks, we will highlight a different area of our building and review the expectations that have already been taught and practiced with students.

Marshall Elementary		
CAFETERIA		
MAKE SAFE CHOICES	**EVERYONE OWNS THEIR ACTIONS**	**SHOW KINDNESS**
• Walk calmly, facing forward • Eat your own food • Hands/feet/objects to yourself	• Inside voice • Clean up your area and place trash in the trash can when you are finished eating	• Stay in your place in line and at your table • Listen to all adults

Cafeteria Expectations: At Marshall Elementary, we follow our three schoolwide expectations: Make Safe Choices, Own Your Actions, and Show Kindness. In the cafeteria, students are expected to walk calmly while facing forward, eat their own food, and keep their hands, feet, and objects to themselves. Students should use inside voices, clean up their eating areas, and throw away their trash when finished. Students are also expected to remain in their assigned places while in line and at their tables and listen to all adults.

The Education Partnership

Marshall Elementary is excited to partner with The Education Partnership again this school year through its Adopt-A-School program! Over the past five years, our Marshall community has raised an incredible $14,960, helping provide essential school supplies to students in a local elementary school. Throughout the year, students can participate in monthly dress-up days and are encouraged to bring a $1 donation, if possible. We are proud to continue this fun and meaningful tradition of giving back and showing kindness to others in our community!



Our next Dress-Up Day is Rainbow Day on October 16th!

Wear your Grade Level Color!
K: Red
1st: Orange
2nd: Yellow
3rd: Green
4th: Blue

5th: Purple

NA Colorguard Mini-Camp

Have you ever seen the NA Tiger Marching Band in a parade or a halftime show at a football game and noticed the performers who were spinning large colorful flags in time to the music? Those people are members of the Colorguard. If you would like to learn more about this fun activity, sign up to attend a Mini-Camp in November, January, March, and May. You will get to meet North Allegheny's Colorguard Team and their Coach, while you learn how to spin!

NA BANDS

SAVE THE DATES

JOIN COLORGUARD



Come meet the NA High School Color Guard Team and Coach and learn some fun basics!



- **Mini-Camp Dates:**
  - Nov 17 and 19
  - Jan 19 and 21
  - March 9 and 11
  - May 4 and 6
- **WHERE:** Peebles Cafe
- **WHO:**
  - **4th – 6th: 5-6:15PM**
  - **7th -9th: 6:15-8PM**

****Tryouts will be May 11-12 at the NASH auditorium*

SIGN UP

Questions? Email: dvranesevic@northallegheny.org

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Parents are a vital part of the Marshall Elementary community! We encourage you to join our PFA.

How to Enroll in the PFA

Log in to the MES PFA website: View the MES PFA Website. Update your family information by selecting "Update Personal Info."Complete the PFA Membership Form and proceed to checkout using the cart. Submit payment and confirm your order. **Your membership is not complete until payment for the Student Activity Fee has been submitted and your order has been confirmed.**

What Does the Annual Student Activity Fee Cover?

Your Student Activity Fee helps support the many programs, activities, and resources that make the Marshall experience special, including: student activities, teacher and staff support and appreciation, after-school clubs, the PFA newsletter, and a student directory.

Visit the MES PFA Homepage.

Homeroom Volunteer Sign-up is Open

Please Note:

1. If you have multiple students, you may choose to volunteer for just 1 student's section or a maximum of 2 sections.
2. If you see "Sold Out" for your student's section, this indicates that we've filled all of the volunteer positions for that particular section.

3. Selecting interest in taking on the Homeroom Parent and/or GLC position, doesn't guarantee the role. The committee chairs will try their best to accommodate the requests. Thank you for your understanding.
4. **Please ensure that you've selected the *correct section* for your student, especially for Kindergarten families choosing between AM and PM.**

There are limited spots per homeroom; sign up early to secure a spot.

If you have any questions, please contact Nidhi and Priyanka.

Registration for Homeroom Volunteers

Order Your Yearbook Now for 10% Off

The yearbook is the best way for your kids to remember all of the wonderful memories they'll make at MES this year. Take advantage of a limited-time 10% sale by ordering your yearbook now! Order online through our yearbook provider, Treering.

If you ordered an MES yearbook last year, you already have an MES-linked Treering account:

1. Log in to your Treering account.
2. 2. On your Treering homepage, click "Explore Yearbooks," choose Softcover or Hardcover, click "Add to cart," then "Checkout Now."

If you already have a Treering account but need to add a new MES student (like a kindergartener):

1. Log into your Treering account.
2. Add a new student.
3. Enter school code 1017540773011804 to choose Marshall Elementary.
4. On your Treering homepage, click "Explore Yearbooks," choose Softcover or Hardcover, click "Add to cart," then "Checkout Now."

If you are a new Treering user...

1. Click this Treering MES Yearbook link or use code 1017540773011804 to set up an account (here's a helpful guide from Treering).
2. On your Treering homepage, click "Explore Yearbooks," choose Softcover or

Hardcover, click "Add to cart," then "Checkout Now." (Check out this yearbook purchasing guide for more help.)

Need help? Email yearbook@mespfa.org

2026 Girls' Basketball Fall Clinics



North Allegheny will host its Girls' Basketball Fall Clinics on select Saturdays this autumn: September 5, 12, and 26, as well as October 3, 10, and 17. Sessions run from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM, with doors opening at 8:15 AM. Program options are available for two age groups: the Lil' Tiger Cubs for grades K–2 and the Tiger Cubs for grades 3–6. Registration is $125 per player, with a discounted rate of $50 for each additional player from the same household.

Clinics are led by high school coaches and varsity players, focusing on fundamental skills within a positive and encouraging environment. Every session features both 3v3 and 5v5 gameplay. Most sessions will take place at North Allegheny Intermediate High School (NAI), with the exception of the October 10 clinic, which will be held at Marshall Middle School (MMS).

All registered participants will receive a clinic T-shirt and free admission to a girls' varsity basketball game on a date to be determined. The deadline to register is September 5, 2026. You can submit your registration by completing the **North Allegheny Girls' Basketball Fall Clinic Online Registration Form.**

Tiger Cub Basketball

Grades K–3

Tiger Cub Basketball is offering a boys' basketball program for students in grades K–3 focused on proper skill development, having fun, and providing opportunities for individual and small-group play.

Dates: September 24; October 1, 8, 18, and 25; November 15 and 22; and December 6.

Practice Times & Locations:

- Thursdays: 6:00–7:15 p.m. at Carson Middle School
- Sundays: 5:00–6:15 p.m. at NASH

Cost: $200 per individual or $350 per family

The program is led by Head Coach Rob Niederberger, assistant coaches Mike Mancuso and Anton Constantino, and members of the Varsity Basketball Team. Participants will also have the opportunity to perform before the Varsity game against Central Catholic on Friday, December 11, 2026.

Please see the registration information provided with the flyer to sign up.



Scan the QR Code above or download the [Tiger Cub Basketball Form]() to register.
