



Week of September 11 – 15

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What's Up at MES



New playground equipment installation is progressing.

This Week at MES

- Thursday, September 14: K - 5 Open House @ 6:00 pm
- Friday, September 15: Hat Day for The Education Partnership
- Friday, September 15: Tiger Pride Friday - *All MES wears their Black & Gold*

New Playground Equipment is Here!

Our students and staff at MES are excited about the arrival and installation of our new playground equipment! We thank our entire MES community. Last school year's Boosterthon fundraising efforts are what made this playground upgrade possible.

Installation should be complete by Monday. We kindly ask our community members to please refrain from having their children use the equipment after school hours as the equipment will not be safe to use until next week. We will not be using the equipment during recess until Monday or Tuesday of next week.

MES Library News

Welcome Back to another great school year Marshall! Our new Encore curriculum (Mondays) in the Library will be implementing literacy-based STEAM challenges for students to complete. We are kindly requesting donations for these learning experiences, which can be viewed with the link below. We appreciate your support and generosity greatly! Please feel free to drop these items off at the front office or send them in with your child/children.

Also, if you are looking for a great way to celebrate your child and/or family, please use the link below to check out our Celebration Book Club!

[Maker Space/STEAM supply donations](#)
[Celebration Book Club](#)

The Education Partnership

Over the last two school years, Marshall Elementary has raised \$7,123 for the Education Partnership! This money fully funded an entire elementary school in the Pittsburgh area to purchase necessary school supplies for every student during the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years.

Like last year, Marshall Elementary will have dress-up days for all students to participate in each month. Every student is encouraged to dress up on theme days. If possible, students can bring in a \$1.00 donation for the Education Partnership as well. **Our first dress-up day will be Hat Day on Friday, September 15.** [Please click on this link](#) to view Marshall Elementary's Education Partnership letter.

We are proud of our school community's support of this partnership!

PFA After School Clubs

The PFA is excited to share that the catalog is now available for Fall After School Clubs. **Registration will begin at 9:00 AM on Monday, September 11.** There is limited space for each club and registration can fill quickly. A PFA membership is required for registration.

Do you have a Kindergartener or First Grader who loves the MES playground? Have you heard about the new playground equipment? Would they like more time to play on our wonderful playground? We can use your help! We are looking for parents to supervise a Playground Club. Please contact asc@mespfa.org if you are able to help.

Click here to view the [After School Club Catalog](#).

Penguins Tickets - Elementary Night Fall 2023

The PFAs of the NA Elementary Schools have coordinated a joint evening at the Pens game on Tuesday, October 24th, 2023. Our students do not have school the following day (10/25). So, come join us for a night of fun and friends as we watch the Pens take on the Dallas Stars at PPG Paints Arena!

Please reach out to DJ Sharma if you have any questions about the event.

<https://marshallpfa.membershiptoolkit.com/packet/30143>

Attention Third Grade Families:

In the coming months, we will be starting our recorder curriculum in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade and we are very excited to do so! If your child already owns a recorder, you do not need to purchase one. **If you are purchasing one, please fill out the following form: [Recorder Order Form](#)**

If you wish to purchase one on your own, please go by this make and model. [Yamaha Soprano Recorder](#). However, please be aware that you may not receive a neck strap, cleaning products, or joint grease with this purchase on your own.

We play recorders in elementary school for the following reasons and goals:

1. to enforce music literacy
2. to prepare students for ensemble playing
3. to introduce musicianship and musical habits
4. to embrace responsibility and accountability
5. to demonstrate proper instrumental playing techniques

All children in 3rd, 4th and 5th grade will need a recorder to participate in music class. The recorders cost \$8.00, and with that purchase, you will receive a brand new recorder, a case, cleaning tools, and a neck strap. They will be YOUR recorders, and the students will be able to take them home as they please. If you are unable to purchase a recorder at this time, please contact us. We have alternate solutions. **Please fill out the [Recorder Order Form](#) and return your payment to Mrs. Froehlich or Mrs. Rodack by Friday, September 29th. Please return CHECKS ONLY made payable to Marshall Elementary School.** Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. Please contact us with any further questions or concerns.

Mrs. Megan Froehlich; mfroehlich@northallegheny.org

Mrs. Sara Rodack; srodack@northallegheny.org

Open House: September 14, 2023

Open house is an excellent opportunity to visit Marshall Elementary School and visit classrooms, meet teachers, and walk through our school. This event replaces Curriculum Night where teachers delivered presentations. Open House is an informal event for our students and families.

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming date & times:

5:30 - 6:00 pm: English as a Second Language (ESL) Parent Meeting in the LGI

6:00 - 6:45 pm: Families with last names A - M

7:00 - 7:45 pm: Families with last names N - Z

If any family is unable to come during their assigned session by last name, you are permitted to come during the other time slot. Parents of students in the ESL program are able to attend the 6:00 PM session if you wish since you may be attending the 5:30 PM ESL presentation.

Join our School PFA for Upcoming Opportunities!

Student Activity Fee

Parents are a vital part of the Marshall Elementary community! We thank all who have already paid their activity fee and joined the PFA for the 2023-2024 school year. We encourage those who have not done so to join today! We rely on the student activity fee to offer all that we do at MES.

For clarification, the student activity fee and PFA membership are one in the same. Each year, we ask that all MES families pay their student activity fee, which gives automatic MES PFA membership. The money is used to provide field trips, social events, assemblies, room parties, staff appreciation, items for classrooms, and other amazing

programs that enhance your children's educational experience.

Don't delay in joining. Sign ups for homeroom parents, classroom volunteers, and grade level coordinators for room parties opened Monday, September 4th. Please note, you must be a paid PFA member and have your clearances on file with the school to volunteer in the classroom.

In addition, the PFA will again be offering after school clubs. Registration is opening this Monday, September 11th. In order to register for classes, a PFA membership is required. Some classes fill quickly, so plan ahead and make sure you have paid your activity fee.

Click on the link below to pay your student activity fee and become a member of the MES PFA! We are so happy to have you join us!

If you have any questions about membership, please feel free to contact our VP of Membership, Lissa Batchelet at lbachelet@gmail.com.

If you have any issues with the website, please email Rich Angeletti at rich.angeletti@gmail.com for IT assistance.

[MES PFA Homepage](#)

Clearance Information:
<https://www.northallegheny.org/Page/309>

Order Your Yearbook Today!

Get a head start on the 2023-24 school year. Take advantage of the Early Bird Discount by ordering your yearbook before November 30th.

To order, follow these 3 easy steps:

1. Go to ybpay.lifetouch.com
2. Enter 11334524 for the Yearbook ID code
3. Enter your child's name and grade, the type of yearbook you want (soft cover, hard cover, personalized), and your billing information

If you have multiple children attending MES, you can order all the yearbooks in the same order.

**Please note that if you do not preorder online, your child IS NOT guaranteed to receive a yearbook. The school receives a very limited quantity of extras each year and they will sell out.*

Contact Emily Theys at emily.m.theys@gmail.com with questions.

Yearbook Volunteers Needed

Looking for a way to get involved at MES without overcommitting? Love taking pictures and want to have a front-row seat to the activities your children are participating in during the school day? Become a Yearbook volunteer! If you'd like to be part of the yearbook team, please fill out [this volunteer form](#) and/or email Emily Theys at emily.m.theys@gmail.com.

Looking Ahead

- Friday, September 22: Fall Picture Day
- September 27 - 28: Height, Weight, and Vision Screening