MARSHALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MARSHALL MESSENGER

A North Allegheny School District
Weekly Newsletter

Week of November 18-22

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What's Up at MES



Our MES students, teachers, staff, and PFA volunteers hosted our annual Veterans Day Breakfast followed by an assembly that included student performances and readings. It was an honor to be surrounded by so many parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and family friends who have served.
Thank you for your service.

Coming Up This Week at MES

- Thursday, November 21: Children's Grief Awareness Day
    - *Wear Blue and it's Hat Day!*

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS



Children's Grief Awareness Day

Marshall Elementary students and staff will recognize Children's Grief Awareness Day on Thursday, November 21st. This day is a time for our school community to show support for grieving children and to let them know they are not forgotten in their grief. At MES, we will help by:

- **Participating in a HAT DAY Fundraiser** - Students can bring in $1 or more and wear a hat to show their support. All donations will go to the Highmark Caring Place in Warrendale.
- **Wearing Blue** - and encouraging students to wear blue on this day to show support for children who have experienced the loss of a loved one.
- **Decorating a Butterfly** - in honor, remembrance, or support. Please return the butterfly to your child's homeroom by Wednesday, November 20th. The butterflies will be displayed at Marshall Elementary to help raise awareness for this important cause.
- For additional information, please reference:
    - *https://www.childrensgriefawarenessday.org/*

- *https://www.highmarkcaringplace.com/*

The Education Partnership

Last year, Marshall Elementary raised an amazing $3,970 for The Education Partnership! This generous amount helped fully supply an entire elementary school in the Pittsburgh area with the necessary school supplies for every student.

This year, we're continuing the tradition with fun dress-up days each month, and we invite all students to join in the fun by dressing according to the theme! If you're able, we also encourage students to bring in a $1.00 donation for The Education Partnership to help support this great cause.

Our next dress-up day will be Holiday Attire Day on Friday, December 13. We can't wait to see everyone's festive outfits!

Please click here to view Marshall Elementary's Education Partnership letter.

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

News from the MES Art Rooms

CONGRATULATIONS to the many Marshall Elementary students who have artwork on display this month at NA's Central Administrative building. CLICK HERE to see the November display featuring MES student artwork!

NEEDED: Recycled Materials for Upcoming Art Projects
Thank you for considering donating some of these items for the students to create projects.
We can't wait to see you on April 10th for this year's MES Art Show, "Ocean Treasures."

- Mrs. Jaecks and Mrs. Wolcott

Orchestra Notes

Introducing Moe's Taco Kit! For every kit purchased, $10.00 will go directly to support the MES Orchestra Program. It's the perfect option to feed a family of 4 to 6 with a hungry appetite while also supporting our students!

Place your order today! MES Orchestra Moe's Fundraiser

NA Penguins Night

The PFAs of the 7 NA Elementary Schools have coordinated a joint evening at the Pens game on Sunday, January 12th, 2025 at 5PM. Come join us for a night of fun and friends as we watch the Pens take on the Tampa Bay Lightning at PPG Paints Arena!

Details about the ticket sales:

- You can choose either upper level or lower level seats. Our seats will be grouped together so that MES families can enjoy the game together. The exact sections are not available.
- Tickets will remain on sale through **December 6th at 11:59PM.**
- Ticket distribution will occur closer to game day. Tickets will be electronic. Please enter your preferred email address to be used for distributing the tickets.
- There is no limit on the number of tickets you may purchase.
- The PFA will not be coordinating any transportation for this event. Families will need to arrange their own transportation to and from the game. Click here for parking and driving directions to PPG Paints Arena
- Additional information about PPG Paints Arena and game day details can be found HERE.
- Ticket purchases are non-refundable.

NEW COMPETITION FOR 2024-25: The elementary school that sells the most tickets will be able to come down onto the ice following the game to take a shot on goal! Anyone who purchases their tickets through the winning school would be eligible to take a shot on goal, including family & friends (max of 200 participants, “first 200 to purchase” from your school). No skates for this experience, just flat-soled shoes for those who wish to participate.

PURCHASE TICKETS

For questions about this event, please contact Mitch Davda.

PBIS at Marshall Elementary

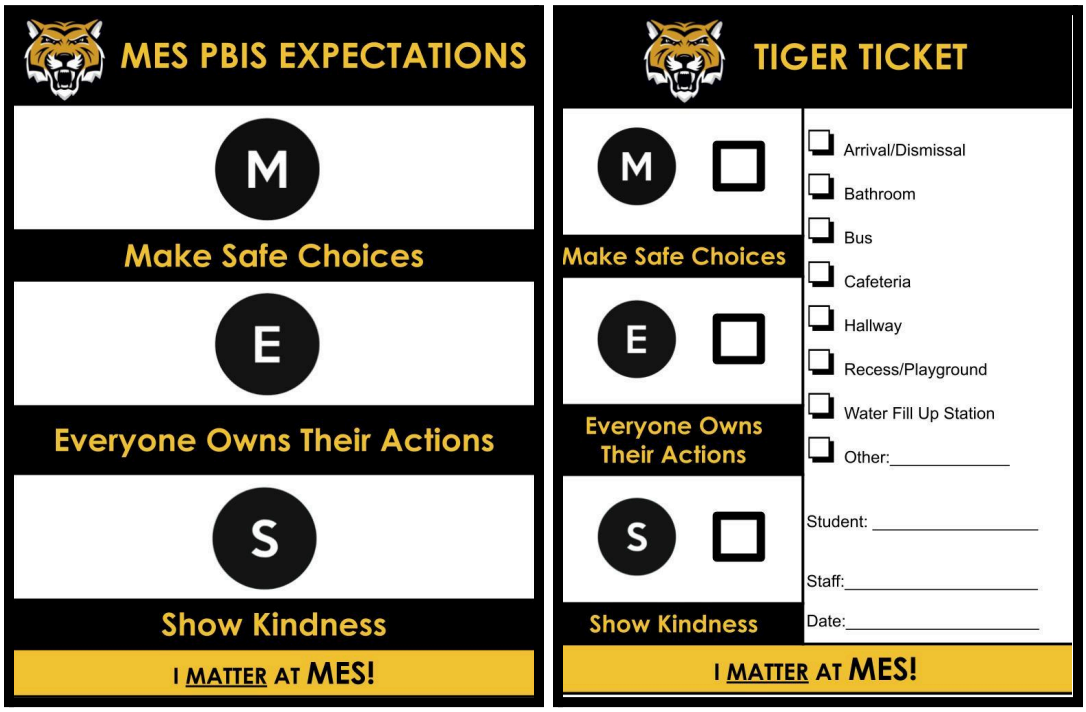
As many families already know, Marshall Elementary has a Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Framework. The school-wide expectations for all

students are:

- Make Safe Choices
- Everyone Owns Their Actions
- Show Kindness

When students show behavior that meets these expectations, they can earn Tiger Tickets from any adult in the school building. Each week, one student from every grade level is selected to win a prize from the main office. Additionally, all students will earn a school-wide prize when our large PBIS box is filled to the top with Tiger Tickets.

The PBIS Framework encourages positive behavior in all areas of the school building. Make sure to ask your child about Tiger Tickets!



MES Teacher Holiday Gift Collection

At MES, Staff & Teacher Appreciation is a year-round thing!

In an effort to make sure ALL of our staff and teachers get a Holiday Gift, PFA is starting a collection for our

1. **MES Specials Teachers**
    - Art, Library, Music, Orchestra & Band, and Health/Physical Education
2. **Special Education Teachers and Staff**
    - Learning Support, Gifted, Autistic Support, ESL, MTSS, Reading Specialist, Counselor, Behavior Specialist, Speech Therapist, Nurse, PARA, Student Services Assistants, Secretaries, Custodians, and others

We will split all of the money collected evenly to purchase gifts for our MES teachers.

Communication will be coming soon for Homeroom teacher collections.

Click HERE to donate

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

Attention 5th Grade Families

Please submit a baby photo to be in the 2024-2025 Yearbook!

What we are Looking For:

A photo of you when you were a baby that shows your tiny "Tiger-riffic" personality.

A good photo age range would be 1 to 3 years old, however, any age under 4 will do.

Baby Picture Submission:
Baby photos should be emailed to yearbook@mespfa.org. The email subject line should read “Baby picture of [student’s first and last name].”

Yearbook: Early Bird Discount Ends 11/30

Only a few weeks left for the discount!

To order, follow these 3 easy steps:

1. Go to ybpay.lifetouch.com
2. Enter 11334525 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 with questions.

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

PFA Membership News

Thank you to all who have paid the student activity fee and are now part of the PFA. Newsletters to stay in the know, After School Clubs, and Volunteering in the school are just a few of the opportunities the PFA has offered already. Breakfast Buddies, Winter Apparel Drives, Assemblies, and much more are being offered because of the student activity and work of the PFA. So if you haven't already, **please pay the student activity fee today.**

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!

MES PFA Homepage

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.

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

Looking Ahead

- November 28 - December 2: Thanksgiving Break - **SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED**
- Wednesday, December 4: MES Holiday Shop @ 4:00 PM
- Friday, December 6: MES PFA Meeting @ 9:15 AM
- Thursday, December 12: 4th Grade TAG Field Trip
- Friday, December 13: Education Partnership - Wear Your Holiday Attire
- Thursday, December 19: Winter Parties
- December 23 - January 1: Winter Break - **SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED**