



Marshall Middle School Weekly Update



October 18, 2019

Dear Students and Parents,

FIRST TRIMESTER PROGRESS REPORTS will be issued electronically using the Aspen Family Portal on October 22, 2019. Progress Reports are issued at the halfway point of each marking period. Please note:

1. Progress Reports identify progress with a letter grade in Math, Science, Social Studies, Reading, English and World Language.
2. Classes that meet for 45 days will indicate progress if a student is failing or in danger of failing.
3. Progress Reports are only an estimated grade based on the first thirty days of the Trimester.

If you have not activated your Family Portal account, please do so this week. If you do not have a log in please email portalhelp@billericak12.com and we will provide this information to you as soon as possible.

What is the Family Portal?

Aspen is a secure online information resource for the Billerica Public School System. It contains family contact information, an online grade book, progress reports, report cards and other documents that students and parents may need.

Things You Can Do with the ASPEN Portal ([CLICK HERE](#))

- View your child's schedule, list of his/her teachers, and class pages that may have resources for the class.
- Monitor your child's assignment grades and see if they have missed any assignments
- Review attendance information

First Trimester Important Dates:

- *The first trimester marking period closes on December 2.*
- *Report Cards will be issued in the same manner (electronically) on December 11.*
- *Paper copies for the small number of requests will be available on December 12.*
- *Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, December 12 from 6-8 PM.*

Sincerely,

Mr. Rossi



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School Council

The school council is a representative, school building-based committee composed of the principal, parents, teachers, and community members that is required to be established by each public school in Massachusetts. We have openings for this school year, if interested [please click here](#) for more information.

ATTENTION 7TH GRADE STUDENTS AND PARENTS

7th Grade Parents: The Yearbook Committee is looking for baby pictures for the 2020 yearbook. Please email all 7th-grade baby pictures to Mr. Lutinski (mlutinski@billericak12.com) by Friday, December 20th. [Click Here for the form](#)

PTO New website

Please take a look at our new website...

<https://sites.google.com/billericak12.com/marshallmiddlebillericapt/home>

Halloween Dance:

Get ready for the Halloween Dance coming on Friday, October 25 from 6-8pm. Tickets will not be sold at the door so buy your tickets ahead of time! See the [flyer](#) for more information.

School Bookfair from Mrs. Melaugh in the library...

Reading for pleasure inside and outside of school has real and long-lasting benefits. It unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps kids discover who they are. Here's what you can do to help kids develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading:

- Set the example. Let your kids see you read.
- Have a collection of books in the home. Update this collection routinely to keep pace with changing tastes and reading skills.
- Support our school's Book Fair. Allow your kids to choose their own books to read.

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings to school the books kids want to read. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Students attend the Scholastic Book Fair with their English classes on the following schedule.

Book Fair Schedule:

Fri., Oct. 25 –Teams 5C, 5D, 6B, Connections



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*Mon., Oct. 28 – Teams 5A, 5B, 7A
Tuesday, Oct. 29- Teams 6A
Wednesday, Oct. 30 – Team 7B*

Before your child visits the Book Fair, you can download the Book Fairs app to help them figure out which books they might like. You might also consider using eWallet, a handy new digital payment option that allows parents to set up a free account tied to their credit card that makes a predetermined amount of funds immediately available for your student to shop the Book Fair. For more information, visit: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/marshallmiddleschool7>.

We are pleased to offer this opportunity for your child to shop for new books. As a bonus, all purchases benefit our school.

Billerica Emblem Club #410 Drug Awareness Poster Contest

We are fortunate to announce once again that the Billerica Emblem Club #410 will host a Drug Awareness Poster Contest for our Students. Please [click here for the Flyer](#).

Camp Bournedale

For 6th-grade parents who were unable to attend Wednesday night's Camp Bournedale presentation please find links to the slideshow and pamphlet below. Registration is due to Mr. Lutinski or Ms. Bishop by Friday, November 8th with a \$100 deposit.

- [Camp Director Presentation](#)
- [Informational Pamphlet](#)

PTO Pasta Night

Pasta night, which was originally scheduled for October 10, is now scheduled for November 13th.

Turkey Trot

Hello Billerica Community! Our annual Turkey Trot is coming up on November 17, 2019. 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. Please follow the link on the attached flyer to register. We hope you can join us on November 17 for this landmark event for our community! [2019 Turkey Trot Registration Form.pdf](#)



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Yearbooks

Yearbooks Are On Sale: This year our yearbook will feature all grades. Please visit JostensYearbooks.com to order your 2020 Marshall Middle School Yearbook. The cost is \$21 and will be delivered in school to students on the last week of the school year. Orders will end on Friday, January 3rd. Please see Mr. Lutinski in S22 if you are unable to purchase online and would like to buy a yearbook. Students in all grades may purchase a yearbook. Here is the paper form for yearbook orders.

Week of... October 21 to 25, 2019

Monday, October 21, 2019 - B Day

- Cross Country vs. Carlisle (Home at Locke)
- After School Activities
- Late Bus

Tuesday, October 22, 2019 - C day

- Progress Reports issued electronically through the ASPEN Portal after 2pm
- PTO Meeting 6:30PM

Wednesday, October 23, 2019 - D day

- Progress Reports Issued to those who requested a paper copy during HR.
- After School Activities
- Late Bus

Thursday, October 24, 2019 - A day

- Cross Country meet vs. Acton Boxboro Away
- After School Activities
- Late Bus

Friday, October 25, 2019 - B day

- School Book Fair Begins
- Halloween Dance 6-8 PM school cafeteria

Have a great week!



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View your child's schedule, attendance, grades, etc...: <https://ma-billerica.myfollett.com>

Issues, problems with the Family Portal: email portalhelp@billericak12.com

Issues, problems with the Student Portal: email jmorgan@billericak12.com

"Be the best version of yourself!"