

# Mustang Minutes



FEBRUARY 2018

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Greetings,

Wow! I just can't believe it. It is February, already. Years ago as a kid, I would sit and visit with my grandmother about various random topics. I delivered morning newspapers for the Mason City Globe Gazette and my grandmother's house was on my paper route. The routine was every day. I would get up for the day around six in the morning, leash up my dog, and then the two of us were off to deliver papers. Grandma's porch light was always lit and waiting for us. Mandy, my dog, looked forward to the gumdrop treat that waited every morning, AND on those cold and bitter mornings, grandma would allow Mandy into the front entry, but she had to stay put!

You may ask, "What does this all have to do with this month's newsletter?" Well, we just finished two cold spells that were hard on us in the Midwest. Every year my grandmother and I would talk about our favorite month, and she knew I looked forward to February 1<sup>st</sup> and when this month rolled around because February was a short 28-day month. We both knew spring was right around the corner. Today, spring is right around the corner. The month of February is here, and warmer weather is on the horizon. We are almost there!

A few of the things I have experienced this month are worth noting. Cold spells can be difficult on everything, including humans. I observed the commitment from staff members who made sure the daily needs of our students and school district were met. Crossing guards and bus duty personnel were bundled up and on duty meeting the needs of student safety. Our Director of Maintenance and custodial group made sure the buildings were appropriately maintained, and our school bus drivers were up well before sunrise conducting pre-trip bus inspections. I give a loud shout-out to all those who go above and beyond during less than desirable weather conditions.

Some observations that occurred within the school buildings are worth noting, as well. Even though Mother Nature was pressing cold on us, our staff within our school building was living the district's mission statement. Not a single beat was missed during our cold spell. We continued to be Mustang Strong and lived out the mission. Our mission: *The East Marshall Community Schools instills a passion for learning to INSPIRE and to PREPARE students to ACHIEVE!*

We, as a school district, live out our mission each and every day. The mission is posted in every school building, published on our district material, and recited at the beginning of every school board meeting by our school board. It is a reminder of purpose. The "why" that motivates local education. It is the reason why we battle the bitter cold and do what we do.

Happy February. Daylight hours are increasing each day, warmer weather is right around the corner, and we are committed to a purpose. Whether February is your favorite month or not, I wish each of you a wonderful month.

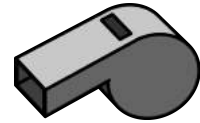
As always, today is a great day to be a Mustang!

Yours in Education,

Anthony Ryan



# East Marshall Bells and Whistles



## HIGH SCHOOL

The 1<sup>st</sup> semester was completed on Friday, 12/22/17. The High School had 157 of 239 students on the A or B Honor Roll. 100 were on the A Honor Roll (3.5 & Above GPA). There were also 23 students with a perfect 4.0 GPA for the semester.

Semester Tests were completed 12/20 – 12/22. A block schedule (90 minute periods) was utilized this year; students were required to stay on campus until all tests were completed. There were very few absences or tardies. The testing days went very smooth.

The Boys Basketball team is 10-0 and currently ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in Class 2A in the CR Gazette poll. The Girls team is 3-8. The Wrestling team hosts their dual tournament in LeGrand on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Tournaments for all will start in February.

The Booster Club will be hosting boys and girls 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball tournaments on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. All games will be played in LeGrand in 1 of the 2 gyms in the High School.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

### **Behavioral strength**

First semester suspensions were the lowest they have been since 2001-2002. There is a renewed emphasis on expectations with the implementation of the PBIS program. (PBIS-Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports. This is one of the programs referenced to better train students and staff regarding anti bullying.)

### **Academic strength**

First semester also ended with 231 students on one of the two honor rolls. Two students failed a first semester class. Second quarter there were 218 students on one of the two honor rolls and 2 students failing a single class.

Students are benefiting from a hybrid program similar to the What I Need program from the elementary and a Multi Tier System of Supports (MTSS) observed at another school. We made adjustments to fit our current needs. We hope to move away from grades and to skill deficits in the Iowa Core standards.

## ELEMENTARY

The East Marshall Elementary had a Fuel Up to Play 60 assembly to recognize students who completed 5 miles, 10 miles, and 15 miles during our Walking Club. This fall, students walked/ran a total of 1263 miles. Second grade walked/ran the longest distance with 331 miles. Congratulations to the two students that completed more than 15 miles: Shaston Gummert (20 miles) and Eli Burns (17 miles).



During the first week of the second semester, staff and students celebrated Mustang STRONG by wearing different colors each day to represent the Mustang STRONG characteristics.

- Monday - orange for **S**upportive (Always be helpful!)
- Tuesday - red for **T**houghtful (Follow the Golden Rule!)
- Wednesday - green for **R**espectful/**R**esponsible (Do your job!)
- Thursday - yellow for **O**ptimistic (Look on the bright side!)
- Friday – purple for **N**eighborly (Be a good friend!) and Growth Minded (Never give up!)



### **UPCOMING EARLY OUTS/NO SCHOOL DAYS**

February 6: 1 Hour Early Out  
February 12: 1 Hour Early Out  
February 13: 1 Hour Early Out  
February 16: No School  
February 19: No School  
February 27: 1 Hour Early Out  
March 1: 1 Hour Early Out  
March 6: 1 Hour Early Out  
March 13: 1 Hour Early Out  
March 22: 1 Hour Early Out  
March 26: 1 Hour Early Out  
March 28: 1 Hour Early Out  
March 29 – April 2: No School

## **Middle School Battle of the Books Team Announced**

Congratulations to the following on making the 2017-2018 Middle School Battle of the books team:  
8<sup>th</sup> Graders: Gisselle Avila-Leon, Kincaid Foster, Delcie Sanache, Rylie Mason  
7<sup>th</sup> Graders: Patrick Rayburn, and Elyse Roseland

Battle of the Books is a collaborative reading competition for strong readers at the upper elementary and middle school levels. It is designed to enhance student commitment, team building, reading comprehension, and study skills in a fun, informative manner. Teams of up to six students read from a pre-selected list of approximately 30 books. Competition includes written and oral responses.

Books included on the reading lists have been carefully selected and are chosen for their high-interest level, challenging vocabulary, multiple reading levels, and appropriate content. The books are purposefully selected to expose students to a variety of genres, quality authors, diverse cultures, and historical eras.

The 2017-18 Middle School Battle of the Books will be held at the Central Rivers AEA Cedar Falls Conference Center on April 6, 2018.

### **PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION/ KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT**

#### **ATTENTION EAST MARSHALL PARENTS:**

If you have or know a child who will be 5 years old on or before September 15, 2018 and will be entering kindergarten this fall, please call the elementary at 641-476-3342 to be placed on our 2017-2018 class roster.

Preschool registration will be held at East Marshall Elementary in Laurel on March 13th from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. If you have a preschooler who will be 4 years old by September 15, 2018 and want to enroll in our preschool, please call the elementary at 641-476-3342. We will place your child on our list and then you may complete paperwork on March 13th at preschool registration. Please be sure to bring your child's birth certificate to registration.

From the East Marshall Wellness Committee:

We want to hear from you! A brief survey about East Marshall's Wellness Policy will be sent out by email this month. Please take a moment to complete the survey and provide us with valuable feedback. Thank you in advance for your time!

\*If you would like more information about East Marshall's Wellness Policy, or you would like to be notified of upcoming committee meetings and volunteer opportunities please contact Monica Blanchard, elementary school nurse, by email at [mblanchard@e-marshall.k12.ia.us](mailto:mblanchard@e-marshall.k12.ia.us) or by phone at 641-476-3342.

## Kindergarten Celebrates the 100th Day and Discovers Day and Night!!

During January Kindergarten will be completing a Science Unit on the Day and Night Sky. Students will learn about the sun, moon, stars, and planets. Kindergarten students will find out how the Earth rotates and creates day and night. We will also learn lots of fun facts such as "the Sun is a Star", and that shooting stars are not stars! We will learn about constellations and shapes to find in the nighttime sky. We will create our very own constellations, suns, and moons. We will celebrate our learning with a Pajama Day at the end of the unit!

Toward the end of January we will also mark the 100th Day of school. To celebrate all of our learning we will center our day around the number "100!" We will count to 100 in many different ways, using objects such as Fruit Loops and finding ways to get to 100 by creating a snack of 100 items. We will also be counting by ones, fives, and tens to 100! We will celebrate being "100 Days Smarter!"



A colorful carnival flier for a 'CARNIVAL' event. The background features a red and yellow striped tent, colorful balloons, and a banner of triangular flags. Text is arranged in a festive, celebratory style.

**GAMES!** **Prizes!**

**Thrills!**

# CARNIVAL

FRIDAY, MARCH 2ND 5:30 - 8:00 PM  
EAST MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL - OLD GYM

**MINI GOLF!**

PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS THE 2018 AFTER PROM CELEBRATION!

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Tickets  
\$1.00 - 2 Tickets  
\$5.00 - 12 Tickets  
\$10.00 - 25 Tickets

Bring this flier to the  
Carnival and receive ONE  
free ticket!

**MEAL**  
Pork Burger  
Chips & Cookie  
Drink

**\$5 MEAL**



# PBIS at East Marshall Schools:

## East Marshall Elementary

It's been a fun first week back from winter break at East Marshall Elementary. The students were able to dress in the colors representing each of our Mustang STRONG characters. We will have an exciting assembly planned at the end of the week to draw names of staff and students that have been showing RRight (Responsible, Respectful and Thoughtful) behaviors. Students have enjoyed seeing themselves in the videos reviewing RRight expectations. We have created a school pledge:

### East Marshall Elementary School Pledge

I pledge today to do my best,  
In reading, math, and all the rest.  
I am respectful, responsible, and thoughtful too.  
This is RRight - it's what we do.  
I'm here to learn all I can,  
To try my best and be all I am.  
We are - Mustang STRONG.

## East Marshall Middle School

East Marshall Middle School is warming up the negative temperatures with some Positive encouragement for Semester Two. An assembly was held Monday, January 8, 2018 to refresh and remind students of what PBIS (Positive Behavior Instruction Supports) is about. Student expectations were reviewed and the role that they play in their academic success. A drawing occurred to assist with motivating students to continue showing Mustang STRONG character. (Photo Below) The East Marshall Middle School staff implemented the PBIS rewards in the first semester as tickets were passed out to students that displayed STRONG behavior. Students are able to receive rewards from individual teachers or the School Store that is offered on two mornings of the week. The implementation and efforts have shown positive effects.

**Go Mustangs!**



**Mustang STRONG**

**Safety**

**Teamwork**

**Respect**

**Opportunity**

**No excuses**

**Goal oriented**

# March 10<sup>th</sup>



## East Marshall Booster Club Fundraiser

The East Marshall Booster Club is going in a new direction for their spring fundraiser and you DON'T WANT TO MISS OUT!! Andy Anderson and Mike Leeds will be coming to us to liven up our lives with their incredible Dueling Piano entertainment. Tickets are \$50 per person; this includes: Social Hour and Silent Auction 5pm – 6pm, a Meal from Iowa Outlaws 6-7pm, Andy and Mike Dueling Pianos from 7-10pm.

Runner Seed Building

10787 E 116<sup>th</sup> N Gilman, 50106

**Proceeds go towards a  
new curtain on the stage  
at the HS**

Questions:  
319-560-8715  
kbauder@e-marshall.k12.ia.us



# Wood Stump Painting Social



The East Marshall Booster Club is hosting  
a wood stump painting night.

Where: Ferguson Community Center

When: February 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:00p.m.

**Project Goals & approximate amount:**

1. Stage Curtain-\$12,000
2. Play Clock @ football field-\$4,500
3. 5- Player Board in the gym-\$13,000
4. Sports record boards- \$4,065

\* Snacks will be provided, please bring a  
beverage of choice.

Cost: \$40

RSVP: By February 8<sup>th</sup>  
to [kbauder@e-  
marshall.k12.ia.us](mailto:kbauder@e-marshall.k12.ia.us)

\* Limited seats available



# February 2018

## Breakfast

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 W.G. Long John Juice Spiced Apples	2 Pancake Rollup Juice Banana
5 Mini Bagel Juice Applesauce	6 Scrambled Eggs Toast Juice Pineapple	7 Blueberry or Banana CC Snack Bread Juice Peaches	8 Mini Pancakes Juice Dried Fruit	9 Chocolate Chip or Blueberry Muffin Yogurt Juice Orange
12 Breakfast Wrap Juice Tropical Fruit	13 French Toast Sticks Juice Apple	14 W.G. Cinnamon Roll Juice Mandarin Oranges	15 Omelet Toast Juice Banana	16 No School
19 No School	20 Cinnamon Toast Cereal Bar Juice Fruit Cocktail	21 Sausage & Gravy Breakfast Pizza Juice Peaches	22 French Toast Snack Bread Juice Spiced Apples	23 Apple or Cherry Frudel Juice Apple
26 Cereal Yogurt Juice Pineapple	27 Breakfast Pizza Juice Oranges	28 Egg Patty Toast Juice Applesauce		

Nutritional information available upon request  
Milk is also offered for breakfast  
Meals are subject to change  
This institution is an equal opportunity provider

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## Lunch

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Breakfast Pizza Yogurt Fresh Broccoli Baby Carrots Mandarin Oranges Banana	2 Chili W.G. Cinnamon Roll Corn Sliced Cucumbers Cauliflower Bites Applesauce Sidekicks Frozen Juice
5 Chicken Patty/Bun Tator Tots Baby Carrots Pineapple Apple	6 Beefburger/Bun FF Lettuce Salad Cauliflower Bites Mandarin Oranges Peaches	7 Orange Chicken Brown Rice Sliced Cucumbers Baby Carrots Sidekicks Frz. Veggie Juice Fruit Cocktail Dried Fruit	8 Macaroni & Cheese Seasoned Peas Fresh Broccoli Celery Sticks Applesauce Oranges	9 Breaded Pork Sandwich Baked Beans Lettuce Salad Baby Carrots Tropical Fruit Pears
12 Chicken Fajita Shr. Cheddar Brown Rice Lettuce Salad Diced Tomatoes Green Peppers Sidekicks Frozen Juice Apple	13 Pepperoni Pizza Green Beans Sliced Cucumbers Baby Carrots Spiced Apples Oranges	14 Jumbo Cheese Ravioli W/Red or White Sauce Fresh Broccoli Baby Carrots Mandarin Oranges Banana	15 Beef & Noodles Mashed Potatoes Celery Sticks Baby Carrots Pineapple Pears	16 No School
19 No School	20 Hamburger/Bun Sun Chips Lettuce Salad Sliced Tomatoes Fresh Broccoli Fruit Cocktail Peaches	21 Corndog Sliced Cucumbers Cauliflower Bites Green Peppers Mandarin Oranges Spiced Apples	22 Soft Shell Taco Shr. Cheddar Refried Beans Lettuce Salad Salsa W / Chips Fresh Apple Slices Sidekicks Frozen Juice	23 Breaded Cheese Sticks W/Sauce Cooked Carrots Fresh Broccoli Lettuce Salad Pineapple Pears Assorted Sherbet
26 Walking Taco Shr. Cheddar Refried Beans Lettuce Salad Diced Tomatoes Fresh Oranges Apple	27 Meatball Sub Corn Garbanzo Beans Cauliflower Bites Applesauce Peaches	28 Orange Chicken Brown Rice Fresh Broccoli Baby Carrots Mandarin Oranges Pineapple		

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# 2018 FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	01	02	03
				*4:00pm JV G BB @ Meskwaki *4:15pm MS G BB @ Reinbeck *4:15pm MS B BB vs G-R @ Gilman *5:00pm JV B BB @ Meskwaki *6:15pm V BB @ Meskwaki	*4:30pm JV BB vs WM @ LeGrand *5:30pm F/S B BB vs WM @ LeGrand *6:15pm V BB vs WM @ LeGrand	*12:00pm WR Sectionals @ VanHorne *State Lg Group Speech TBD
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
	*4:30pm JV G BB vs GMG @ LeGrand *5:30pm JV B BB vs GMG @ LeGrand *6:15pm V BB vs GMG @ LeGrand *State Jazz Choir Festival TBD	<b>1 HR EARLY OUT</b> *WR Dual Team Regionals TBD		*6:15pm JV/V B BB vs Colo-Nesco @ LeGrand		*12:00pm WR Districts @ Independence *G BB Regionals TBD
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	<b>1 HR EARLY OUT</b> *3:00-7:00pm MS PTC *B BB Districts TBD *Girls & Boys Track Practice Begins	<b>1 HR EARLY OUT</b> *3:00-7:00pm MS PTC *G BB Regionals TBD	*State Dual Team WR	*State Wrestling *B BB Districts TBD	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> *State Wrestling	*State Wrestling *IHSSA Lg Group All State
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	<b>NO SCHOOL-PROF DEV</b> *6:30pm School Board Mtg	*B BB Districts TBD				*B BB Substate TBD
25	26	27	28	01	02	03
	*Girls State BB *6:30pm WR Banquet *6:30pm Girls & Boys BB Banquet	<b>1 HR EARLY OUT</b> *Girls State BB *3:00-7:00pm HS PTC *5:30pm ICAN Sophomore College Planning *6:30pm ICAN Junior Financial Mtg	*Girls State BB	<b>1 HR EARLY OUT</b> *Girls State BB *3:00-7:00pm HS PTC	*Girls State BB	*Girls State BB

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