

Mustang Minutes



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Greetings,

The second semester is upon us. The first half of the school year went by quickly and the winter weather has displayed that we certainly live in Iowa. For this month's newsletter I will visit about our actions involving school safety, infrastructure improvements, certified staff professional development, and our overall district budget.

Over the past few months there have been a lot of conversations around school safety and trainings. Our school safety committee is comprised of local EMS members, county law enforcement, teachers, and school administration. Last November several of the East Marshall school board members attended a school safety session at the Iowa Association of Schools Board's annual convention. All of the mentioned representatives have participated in discussions around school safety advancements and proposed trainings. Our East Marshall teachers have been trained in the official A.L.I.C.E. philosophy. During the next semester the students who attend East Marshall Schools will be trained on the A.L.I.C.E. philosophy using age appropriate material. The East Marshall School Board has had the opportunity to discuss this topic at monthly board meetings over the past few months. In the near future a letter will be sent home with students detailing some of the next steps in the training process. Parents may contact any school administrator if he/she has questions.

Point of entry improvements have occurred at the East Marshall Middle School over the winter holiday break. Keyless entry (FOB) units have been added around the perimeter of the school building. School safety is a priority and these additions will assist in the monitoring and controlling the point of entry locations. All three East Marshall school buildings have comparable point of entries. The recent upgrades at the middle school should not impact our current practices for parent and public patron entry into the school building.

Providing a world-class education to our students is a priority at East Marshall Schools. Each teacher continues to improve his/her professional skills as a teacher. The time spent on professional development activities is planned with specific intent and purpose. The District Leadership Team is charged with the leadership and planning of our professional development activities. Our most recent learning activities in early January had a focus on analyzing student instructional data (FastBridge data), technology advancements in education, de-escalation trainings, bullying prevention, and mental health awareness. District staff at East Marshall Schools values the time spent on professional development activities.

The final item that I will provide a brief update on is focused on the annual school budget. Our school district had a declining enrollment of more than 45 students. Much of the district's spending authority granted by the state is based on student enrollment. With the loss of 45 students, our district is in the position of continued budget analysis and we will need to continue to reduce the district's expenditures.

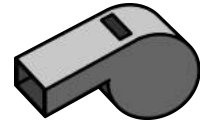
Decisions about the 2018-2019 budget cost saving measures will be determined in the near future. I encourage each patron to reach out to our state representatives and express the desire for appropriate school funding during the next legislative session that begins on January 8th, 2018.

As we begin the 2018 calendar year I wish each of you a healthy 2018. As always, today is a great day to be a Mustang!

Yours in Education,
Anthony P. Ryan



East Marshall Bells and Whistles



HIGH SCHOOL

- Student Council is holding their annual food drive. They have been using the cans to vote for Mr. Wrestler, Mrs. Basketball, & Mr. Basketball. There have been over 400 food items collected. The food will be provided to needy families in the district during the holidays and utilized in the backpack program in the elementary and middle school.
- Mrs. Foval-Johnson is conducting the Angel Tree activity which provides 31 families with gifts for kids. It has been strongly supported, with staff, students, and community organizations providing gifts.
- FFA Fruit sales came in this week. Sales were strong by many of the members with over \$10,000 worth of gross sales. These funds help pay for student contests and the group's State and National Convention.
- The first semester will end on Friday, December 22nd. High School students will take semester tests on Wednesday, December 20th – Friday, December 22nd.
- The Winter sports season has started. The boys' basketball team is off to a 3-0 start and currently rated 5th in Class 2A. The girls' basketball team is 1-3, but competed well as all 3 losses have been against ranked teams. The wrestling team has also competed in 2 meets and will host a home meet on Thursday, December 14th.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

The EM Student Council collected 306 non-perishable items the week around Thanksgiving. This tradition has helped local families and prompts conversations with students about appreciation.

The middle school Christmas concerts seemed to go well. Mrs. Benzing is still finalizing how the concert can be replayed. We estimated approximately 350 spectators for the 2:00 program. Mrs. Benzing said it ran shorter than what they planned. However, the reason the program ran shorter was the students were so well behaved and the audience attentive there was little dead time.



ELEMENTARY

The East Marshall Elementary staff and students are showing RRight (Responsible, Respectful, and Thoughtful) behaviors. Students earn a punch on their card when they are recognized for demonstrating these RRight behaviors. They are motivated to get over the rainbow, as the colors of the cards are the colors of the rainbow. Pictured below are some students that are shining bright with these Mustang STRONG RRight behaviors.



Our Family Math and Reading Night “Learning is My Superpower” was held on November 16th. Many families joined us for supper along with supporting their child’s learning through attending informational sessions. Parents gained a better understanding of what their child is learning and ways to help him/her more at home. Session topics included: Readers’ Theater/Poem Reading, Be a Leader for Your Little Reader, Math Activities, RRight Character Gives You SUPERPOWERS, and Online Resources. A special thank you to the dedicated elementary staff for their efforts in making this event beneficial for our families. Thanks to our families and students for joining us for this educational opportunity.

Thank you for your kindness..

I am once again very humbled by the generosity of our East Marshall Community. The overwhelming support shown to our East Marshall students and their families during the holiday season is truly heartwarming.

The High School and Middle School food drives gathered over 2,400 items to be used for our students in need.



The East Marshall Angel Tree was also a success.

Thanks to all who continue to show pride and support for our East Marshall family!!

Trudi Foval-Johnson, Student Services Coordinator

The staff and students at East Marshall Elementary take a growth minded approach toward the culture and climate in our building. Because of this, the specials teachers have been working to improve upon this already positive aspect at the elementary. Improving the school climate will help our students' academic success.

School culture is a set of norms, values and beliefs that make up the persona of the school. School climate involves the quality and character of school life (i.e respect among students and staff, connectedness to school, and safety in school). The staff at the elementary school continues to strive for excellence using the Mustang STRONG values.

Supportive
Thoughtful
Respectful / Responsible
Optimistic
Neighborly
Growth-minded

Students in second and third were given a survey to complete sharing their thoughts on the climate of the school based on their experience. We were excited to see the amount of students that felt school was important. This and the other results have helped to shape our approach to improve the culture and climate.

The first week in January, we will have Mustang STRONG week. During this week we will review the meaning of STRONG and review our school expectations with videos the students help create. In addition we will wear colors that correlate with the words on the days below:

- **Monday**-Supportive wear Orange
- **Tuesday**- Thoughtful wear Red
- **Wednesday**- Respectful/Responsible wear Green
- **Thursday**- Optimistic wear Yellow
- **Friday**- Neighborly and Growth Minded wear Purple

Along with celebrating the culture and climate within the building, we support the ways these Mustang STRONG values are used throughout the East Marshall communities.

- East Marshall Elementary Specials Team

OPEN ENROLLMENT

March 1, 2018 is the last date for regular open enrollment requests for any student that will be in 1st-12th grade for the 2018-2019 school year.

September 1, 2018 is the last date for any student that will be in kindergarten for the 2018-2019 school year.

If you know of anyone that is wanting to open enroll their student, please make them aware of these dates.



SECOND SEMESTER EVENTS

NICL VOCAL FESTIVAL

South Hardin HS
Tuesday, January 16
Concert at 7:00 p.m.

EMHS COFFEE CONCERT

Tuesday, March 6
Concert at 7:00 p.m.

IHSMA STATE SOLO & SMALL ENS. CONTEST

Saturday, April 7
Site to be determined

EMHS SPRING CONCERT & AWARDS

Tuesday, May 1
Concert at 7:00 p.m.

IHSMA STATE LARGE ENSEMBLE CONTEST

Saturday, May 5
Site to be determined



EMHS CHOIR NOTES



In the Spotlight!

All-State Music Festival 2017



** ALL-STATE CHOIR **

EMHS Soprano, Jordan King, was selected to perform in the 2017 All-State Choir. The IHSMA All-State Concert was Saturday, Nov. 18 at Hilton Coliseum. Above is a picture from the concert. Congratulations Jordan!

** THANK YOU **

Thank You to all who performed in, helped with and attended our Holiday Concerts. It was a WONDERFUL Holiday Concert Season!

** NICL CONFERENCE VOCAL FESTIVAL **

On Tuesday, January 16 the EMHS Choir will take part in the NICL Vocal Festival at South Hardin High School in Eldora. The evening concert begins at 7:00 and everyone is invited to attend. On a "special note" the guest conductor for this years festival is Allen Chapman, retired Vocal Music Director at Fort Madison High School. Mr. Chapman is well-known for his outstanding contributions to Choral Music in the State of Iowa. During his teaching career, Mr. Chapman had taught Vocal Music at LDF.

EAST MARSHALL FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT:

Karen Benzing - MS Vocal / Band

Mary Potter - MS & HS Band

Jennifer Kitzman - Elem. & HS Vocal

Hallie Crouse - HS Art

Deidra Mohr - Fall Musical/Spring Play

Nicholas Beard - MS & Elem. Art

Thank You for your continued support of the Fine Arts at East Marshall!

March 10th



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 116th 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 22nd @ 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 8th
to [kbauder@e-
marshall.k12.ia.us](mailto:kbauder@e-marshall.k12.ia.us)

* Limited seats available

January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL-PD *3:45pm JV/V Bowling @ M'town *6:15pm WR vs GRNT, Tripoli @ LeGrand	NO SCHOOL-PD *4:00pm JV BB @ State Center *6:15pm V BB @ State Center	*6:30pm V B BB @ Wartburg *WR @ VanHorne TBD
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	SCHOOL RESUMES *4:15pm MS G BB @ Union *4:15pm MS B BB vs BCLUW @ Gilman *4:15pm MS WR @ Colfax *5:00pm JV WR @ Conrad	1 HR EARLY OUT *2:30pm JV/V Bowling @ Ottumwa *4:30pm JV BB @ Hudson *6:15pm V BB @ Hudson		*3:45pm JV/V Bowling @ Ft Dodge *4:15pm MS G BB vs G-R @ Gilman *4:15pm MS WR @ LeGrand *6:15pm WR vs BCLUW-SH, W'loo Columbus @ LeGrand	*4:15pm MS B BB @ Reinbeck *4:30pm JV BB vs Grundy Center @ LeGrand *6:15pm V BB vs Grundy Center @ LeGrand	*9:30am V WR @ Hudson
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		1 HR EARLY OUT *7:00pm NICL Vocal Festival @ Eldora		*3:30pm V Bowling @ Ankeny *4:15pm MS G BB vs South Hardin @ Gilman *4:15pm MS B BB @ Eldora *4:15pm MS WR @ Brooklyn *4:30pm JV BB vs Iowa Valley @ LeGrand *6:15pm V BB vs Iowa Valley @ LeGrand *6:15pm WR @ Dike	*4:30pm JV BB @ Ackley *6:15pm V BB @ Ackley	*Dist Lg Group Speech @ Montezuma TBD *9:00am Dual & JV Tournament @ LeGrand
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Little Kids WR Tournament @ LeGrand	State Jazz Band Festival @ Marshalltown TBD	1 HR EARLY OUT *4:00pm JV BB vs South Hardin @ LeGrand *6:00pm WR @ Alleman *6:15pm V BB vs South Hardin @ LeGrand *JH Recognition Night	*1:00 JV Bowling @ WDM Valley	*3:45pm JV/V Bowling @ M'town *4:15pm MS G BB @ Wellsburg *4:15pm MS B BB vs AGWSR @ Gilman *4:15pm MS WR @ Conrad *4:30pm NICL JV WR Tournament @ Reinbeck	*4:00pm JV B BB @ Union *4:30pm JV G BB @ Conrad *6:15pm V BB @ Conrad	*10:00am NICL V WR Tournament @ Denver
28	29	30	31			
	*State Show Choir Festival TBD *4:15pm MS G BB vs West Marshall @ Gilman *4:15pm MS B BB @ State Center	1 HR EARLY OUT *4:30pm JV B BB vs G-R @ LeGrand *6:15pm V BB vs G-R @ LeGrand				

January 2018

Breakfast

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 No School	2 No School	3 No School	4 No School	5 No School
8 Mini Bagel Juice Apple	9 Scrambled Eggs Toast Juice Oranges	10 Blueberry or Banana CC Snack Bread Juice Spiced Apples	11 Mini Pancakes Juice Fresh Citrus Fruit Cup	12 Chocolate Chip or Blueberry Muffin Yogurt Juice Mandarin Oranges
15 Breakfast Wrap Juice Peaches	16 French Toast Sticks Juice Dried Fruit	17 W.G. Cinnamon Roll Juice Applesauce	18 Omelet Toast Juice Pineapple	19 W.G. Donut Yogurt Juice Banana
22 Mini Waffles Juice Pears	23 Cinnamon Toast Cereal Bar Juice Peaches	24 Sausage & Gravy Breakfast Pizza Juice Grapes	25 French Toast Snack Bread Juice Blueberries	26 Apple or Cherry Frudel Juice Apple
29 Cereal Yogurt Juice Tropical Fruit	30 Breakfast Pizza Juice Oranges	31 Egg Patty Toast Juice Strawberries		

Nutritional information available upon request
Milk is also offered for breakfast
Meals are subject to change
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January 2018

Lunch

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 No School	2 No School	3 No School	4 No School	5 No School
8 Crispito W/Cheese Lettuce Salad Diced Tomatoes Green Peppers Sidekicks Frozen Juice Apple	9 Cheese Pizza Green Beans Sliced Cucumbers Baby Carrots Spiced Apples Oranges	10 Bbq. Ribette/Bun Lettuce Salad Cauliflower Bites Celery Sticks Fruit Cocktail Fresh Citrus Fruit Cup	11 Hot Ham & Cheese/Bun Tator Tots Sidekicks Frozen Veggie Juice Garbanzo Beans Pears Mandarin Oranges	12 Chicken Alfredo Garlic Bread Seasoned Peas Baby Carrots Fresh Broccoli Applesauce Peaches
15 Lasagna Breadstick Corn Sliced Cucumbers Lettuce Salad Dried Fruit Spiced Apples	16 Hot Dog/Bun Baked Beans Baby Carrots Green Peppers Mandarin Oranges Applesauce	17 Pepperoni & Cheese Pocket Green Beans Baby Carrots Pineapple Apple	18 Chicken Patty/Bun Steamed Broccoli Cauliflower Bites Sliced Cucumbers Banana Grapes	19 Deli Sub Black Bean Salsa W/Chips (MS & HS) Lettuce Salad Sliced Tomatoes Pears Oranges
22 Sloppy Joes Green Beans Lettuce Salad Fresh Broccoli Peaches Pears	23 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Celery Sticks Baby Carrots Applesauce Pineapple	24 Shredded Pork/Bun Baked Beans Lettuce Salad Baby Carrots Mandarin Oranges Grapes	25 Breaded Cheese Sticks W/Sauce Cooked Carrots Sliced Cucumbers Lettuce Salad Blueberries Apple Snickerdoodle Cookie	26 Spaghetti Garlic Bread Lettuce Salad Green Peppers Tropical Fruit 100% Juice Cups
29 Nacho Bites Garbanzo Beans Lettuce Salad Green Peppers Pears Peaches	30 Chicken Tetrizzini W.G. Roll Green Beans Baby Carrots Celery Sticks 100% Juice Cups	31 Crispitos W/Cheese Lettuce Salad Diced Tomatoes Green Peppers Spiced Apples Strawberries		

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