

November 2008



# Marquette Minutes



*Home of the Marquette Mustangs*

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Hello Families,

Welcome to the heart of fall! In schools, this is a time for parent-teacher conferences, the WKCE state standardized assessment and Thanksgiving Break. I'll add in Marquette's PTG meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> at Lapham and Popcorn Day on the 21<sup>st</sup> and we have this month all sewn up. Beyond this, it is a great time to enjoy the changes in seasons and experience the outdoors as we begin to add our Wisconsin layers.

Last month you may have seen our colorful paper shoes decorating the windows of our entrance. These shoes symbolize the 170+ students who participated in taking the healthy route to school (walk, scooter, or bike) on October 8<sup>th</sup> for **Walk Your Child to School Day**. We had four walking bus routes that led to Marquette and are encouraged that some are keeping these going. A group of our families and staff also participated in the annual **Literacy Walk**. We won \$500 for our bookroom!! Yahoo! Thank you to all who were involved. Our 17<sup>th</sup> annual **Marquette Mile** was a great success too! Students promoted healthy lifestyles while their families supported our classroom initiatives through this fund raiser. Thank you!

The **WKCE** is being administered this month and is designed to measure achievement in reading, language applications, mathematics, science, and social studies using multiple-choice and short-answer questions (fourth grade is the only level assessed in science and social studies). Student performance on these assessments is reported in proficiency categories and used to determine the adequate yearly progress of students at the school, district and state levels. At the building level we utilize this data at staff meetings as a tool for professional development. Our **testing window** is Nov. 3-21. Please help your child to get healthy foods and proper rest. I also asked this of our teacher's families to ensure that staff are at their peak performance levels!

Please look inside this newsletter for our upcoming **Book Fair** in our LMC. Make a point to stop in during your child's conference to preview the selection to benefit our library program.

Enjoy your fall days,  
Andrea Kreft

# Marquette Community Calendar



## November 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 <i>Voting Here Primary</i>	5 <i>End of 1st Quarter</i>	6 <i>2nd Quarter begins</i>	7	8
9	10 <i>PTG Meeting 6:30 Lapham</i>	11	12	13 <i>NO SCHOOL Parent/Teacher Con- ferences Scholastic Book Fair</i>	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 <i>Thanksgiving Day NO SCHOOL</i>	28 <i>NO SCHOOL</i>	29
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Marquette Elementary  
Telephone Numbers



**Andrea Kreft, Principal**            204-3220  
**Janet Wells, Secretary**        204-3220  
**SAFE ARRIVAL**                    204-3233

Phone calls do not ring in the classroom during the school day, but you may leave a voicemail message by using the following information.

Dial Auto Attendant            204-3221  
then dial 4-digit extension :

**Grade 3**

Kim Henze                        4-6922  
Kathy Mack                      4-6924  
Peggy Moore                    4-6923

**Grade 4**

Carrie Beitlich                 4-3249  
Kristin Haugen-Wente        4-6894  
Maureen McGilligan-Bentin 4-6920

**Grade 4**

Stacy Carlson                 4-3254  
Therese Cratic                4-3246  
Mary Zillman                 4-3245

**Specials Teacher**

Barb Brochtrup, ART         4-3258  
Mary Clark, LMC             4-3229  
Jason Jacobs, STRINGS      4-6864  
Mary Milhaupt, PHY ED     4-3240  
Tom Krabbe, MUSIC         4-3256  
Janice Baylor, MUSIC        4-3256

**Support Staff**

Paula Avelleyra, SW         4-3226  
Kerry Berns, TAG            663-5230  
Sophi Atkins, PSYCH        4-3232

**TEP**

Sandra Mell, Secretary      4-2272  
Val Grittinger, Teacher     4-3253  
Amy Noble, SW                4-6826

**Cross Categorical**

Barbara Corsi                 4-3259  
Bobbi White                    4-3255  
Sue Zwart                        4-6921

Student going to be  
Absent? Tardy?  
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**SAFE ARRIVAL**  
24/7  
**204-3233**

# Book Fair Safari

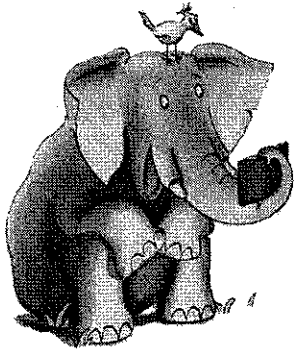


Marquette Library will host a Scholastic Book Fair November 10—18. Families, teachers, and the community are invited to attend the Book Fair featuring a fun theme, Book Fair Safari.

Students preview the Book Fair before sales begin. Purchases can be made after school Monday 11/10 from 1PM to 3PM, Tuesday 11/11, Wednesday 11/12, Friday 11/14, and during Parent Teacher Conferences on Thursday 11/13.

Our teachers make wish lists for books for their classrooms. Book Fair customers can help build classroom libraries and improve children's reading skills by purchasing and donating books from these lists.

Would you like to **volunteer** to help at the Book Fair? Please contact Mary Clark (librarian) at 204-3229.



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## Marquette Mile



The fall, crisp air with an array of leaves bathed in oranges, yellows, ambers and golds greeted every single participant in Marquette's 17th annual Marquette Mile on Thursday, October 16th. Students, staff and many community members walked/ran the now famous mile to raise money for Marquette's Stress Challenge programs. The third graders go on an Urban Adventure, the fourth graders go caving and camping and the fifth graders go to the low ropes course in the fall and the high ropes course in the spring. The money raised from this walk/run goes directly to supporting these programs. (Donations can still be made to Marquette.) Besides the money raised, healthy, positive feelings abounded, not to mention the school pride which is always heightened by the wearing of the famous Marquette Mile t-shirt. This year Nyika Campbell and Aidan Coffin-Ness won the "design the Marquette Mile t-shirt" contest and earned the right to be applauded for their creative design and a free t-shirt. This wonderful tradition was made possible this year by many staff members. Ms. McB, Ms. Paul, Ms. Milhaupt, Ms. Wells, Ms. VB, Ms. Hubrick, Ms. Kreft were all directly involved in the success of this year's Marquette Mile, but thanks also needs to be extended to the students, staff and parents who supported this adventure. Thanks!

## Talented and Gifted Programming

The Madison Metropolitan School District's Talented and Gifted (TAG) programming helps to provide students with the appropriate next level of challenge. The vast majority of this educational programming is provided in the regular classroom, by the classroom teacher and involves differentiating the curriculum.

When TAG staff receives a referral on a student, from either a parent or a teacher, we meet with the teacher, look at all of the information we have on that particular student, and gather more as needed. If a teacher suspects, based on assessment, a student is performing two or more years above grade level, we put this information into a form we have called the Classroom Action Summary (CAS). We look at the other students in the classroom, and at that grade level, to see if they are functioning at a similar level. If so, we work with the classroom teacher to differentiate to meet the needs of this cluster of students. We inform the principal, and in some cases, may consult with other resource teachers. If it is determined the student's needs cannot be met at that grade level, we proceed with an Individualized Student Education Plan (InSTEP). As part of the InSTEP process, all viable options are considered by parents/guardian, staff, and student (if applicable). Ultimately, the parent/guardian (and student) chooses which option will be best for the student.

## Important Dates

November 3rd - 21st—WKCE Testing

November 10th-18th - Book Fair

November 11th - PTG at Lapham 6:30

November 13th - Parent Teacher conferences - NO School

November 27th and 28th -Thanksgiving - NO School

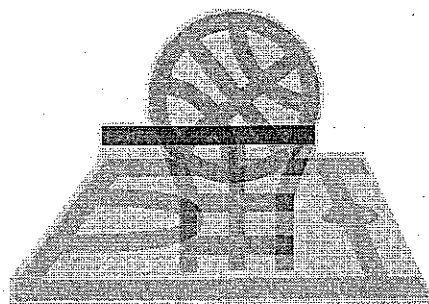
## Safe Arrival Information



Remember to use our **Safe Arrival Number, 204-3233**, if your child is going to be late or absent. You can call this number 24 hours a day. If we have not received a phone call or note, your child is considered unexcused and a call will be made to your home or place of work to insure the child's safety.



*Happy  
Thanksgiving!*



# DREAM CAMP

## MARQUETTE ELEMENTARY - BASKETBALL PROGRAM 2008-2009 Season

Dream Camp is a basketball program designed to educate youth, both girls & boys, in grades 3-5, about the history and fundamentals of basketball. All instructors and coaches volunteer their time to help students learn the game. The first few weeks students will work on drills and exercises. Once the students have had some practice, teams will be formed. Students will receive a Dream Camp team T-shirt. Games will be played weekly and play-off & championship games will close the season.

More information regarding schedules and updates will be sent out in mid-January and throughout the season in the Dream Camp participants' backpacks.

All Dream Camp practices and games will be held on Tuesdays.

**Please return the attached registration form to Ms. Cratic by Wednesday, November 19.**

**Registration Deadline:** Wednesday, November 19

**Scheduled Start Date:** Tuesday, December 2

**Dream Camp Dates: Tuesdays December – late April or early May**  
**(When practices and games begin students will have Dream Camp every other Tuesday due to the high number of Dream Camp participants).**

**End Date:** Late April or Early May (Award Banquet: Mid-May)

**Starting Time:** 2:35 p.m. (Healthy snack from home & attendance in the cafeteria, followed by practice or games.)

**Ending Time:** Between 4:00 & 4:30 p.m. (Please be flexible with the end time, games start late or go into overtime.)

**Location:** O'Keeffe Middle School Field House.

**Transportation:** **Transportation home is not provided after Dream Camp.**  
Students & parents must arrange their own transportation.  
Carpooling has worked well.

**Fee:** Dream Camp is a **free program** sponsored in part by MSCR and the Marquette/Lapham PTG. **However, families who would like to make a donation to help cover the cost of team T-shirts may do so by sending a check, payable to Marquette, to Therese Cratic at Marquette.**  
**We really do appreciate your support.**

**Staff:** Dream Camp Coordinator: **Therese Cratic, 204-3220**  
Head Instructors: Therese Cratic and Barry Davis