

May 2009



Marquette Minutes



Home of the Marquette Mustangs

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Dear Families,

The weather is beautiful, the students are happy and I'm noticing the staff is utilizing outdoor education (**Earth Day events, Urban Adventure, Shape Up WI, etc...**) more often these days. Life is pretty good at Marquette! Speaking of outdoor education, our **Gardening** Committee has met for the second time and we have a nice plot staked out in the front of the school. We will also be working on a few raised beds by the fence of our parking lot entrance and adding to the flower bed by our front sidewalk. With the grant we received from the Wisconsin Medical Society, we were able to purchase the Jr. Master Gardener curriculum and our staff is excited to incorporate this new experience in their classrooms. Anyone from our community is welcome to join us in this venture, so please feel free to contact the school if you are interested. Along these lines, I'd like to let you know that we are piloting the **Wisconsin Homegrown Snack Program** for three Wednesdays this month and are hopeful to continue this program next year.

I'd like to announce that Julie Melton, a current District math resource teacher, has taken our **instructional resource teacher (IRT) position** in math. She will be working with Marquette and Lapham staff in the years to come. I have had a few parents mention to me that they are interested in learning more about current math instruction to be able to help their children at home. Julie and our staff will be working to provide information to you in the future.

Last month we had performers from **West Africa** provide music and dance to our whole school (yes, we were all out their "givin'it" our best!). We also had the 36'X27' **map of Africa** in our gym and students received a hands-on geography lesson. This month we are having the **Lapham Choir** perform along with our **Strings and Choral concerts**. We hope you can attend.

I'd also like to take this time to acknowledge Therese Cratic and her coaching staff for developing many of our student's interest in basketball through their participation in **Dream Camp!** This has been an awesome way for all students to get involved and enhance their basketball skills and sense of teamwork. I'm hoping that she didn't teach them too many great skills because our Staff vs. 5th Grade basketball game is around the corner!

Finally, I want to thank our PTG, staff and parent volunteers who helped organize such a successful **FAMILY FUN NIGHT** this year. It was great to see our school community come together around this event! We are very lucky to have such a supportive population who put a high priority on education and fun!

Here's to a safe and healthy community of learners,
Andrea Kreft

Marquette Elementary
Telephone Numbers

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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

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Barbara Corsi 4-3259
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24/7
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Important Dates to Remember

May

May 12 PTG Meeting at Lapham 6:30 PM
May 15 Popcorn Day
May 25 No School (Memorial Day)

June

June 9 All School Field Trip Day
June 11 5th Grade Graduation 1-2:30 PM
June 12 Last Day of School
Reminder: The last day of school is a full day! Dismissal is at 2:34 PM

Debra Morningstar

"Sagoli!" That is hello in Oneida. There is no word for good-by. Fourth grade students were lucky to learn about the Oneida Indians (a Wisconsin Indian tribe) from Debra Morningstar who came to visit Marquette on Wednesday, March 25th. Debra played music on her flute and taught us about Native Americans through stories and information. Fourth graders learned that Indians today wear regular clothes except at ceremonial gatherings like pow wows. At pow wows Indians wear regalia which is special or traditional clothing. Oneidas and all Indian tribes find it disrespectful when children dress up like Indians with a headband and one feather. Feathers are sacred and can only be worn for special ceremonies by special Indians. Debra also stated that sports teams that use Indian mascots or have Indian names (Washington Redskins) disrespect Native Americans. There were harsh words for Hollywood's interpretation of Indians and sad words for the boarding schools where many Native American children (in the past) were placed. Ms. Morningstar showed the fourth graders many artifacts including a cradleboard (baby carrier), purse made out of deerskin and beads and a corn husk doll. All students and staff were riveted by Debra Morningstar's presentation and were grateful for the learning that connects directly to the fourth grade unit on Wisconsin Indians!



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IRT presentation - Christine and Jill current IRT s (Instructional Resource Teachers) at Lapham and Marquette. IRT is a district initiative to bring professional development and curriculum support to elementary at an individual school level. The amount of IRT allocation this past year has been part time at each school. Next year the positions will be full time. The IRT's role is varied in each school depending on needs of individual school and school's SIP (School Improvement Plan). There is embedded staff development and problem solving around whole school issues as well as individuals. Lapham and Marquette are together offering a Lucy Calkins writing course this summer around the writing curriculum along with a follow up after school study next year. This will build continuity to both schools in writing. IRT's support standardized and district level assessment, teacher development, SSIT (Student Support Intervention Team)

Allocation Discussion - around allocation change next year as it impacts special classes for class and a half. The class and a half will impact Lapham. There is a petition floating from other PTO's voicing concerns round the class and a half allocation switch. PTG will get info and circulate. Possibly have parents attend future budget meetings. This will be on next month's agenda.

Adam Walsh Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Association Education Chair - discussing a proposal around officially adopting Lapham. There are surveys available and circulating on list serve to get volunteers for the school through the Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Association. Future fundraising this summer. The association publishes a quarterly newspaper and is interested in including events or programs in it.

Principal Updates

Anne- from Affiliated has been newly named principal at Jefferson Middle School. She has taught at Jefferson for 10 years and is looking forward to the return. She appreciates the connections she has made in the last 7 years. The process and posting for her replacement will be coming soon.

Mike- all-school trip to Overture this week. Next year's planning is in progress. Lapham is in need of four volunteers for a Sat or evening to move in new bookshelves. Mike will be putting out request. Allocation cut 1 ½ positions. TEP staff was lost and a half time teacher and aid. Art and music decreased a tenth.

Andrea- Third and special education teacher positions are posted. The IRT position has been posted together ½ time each school. Paula Avellera social worker will be solely based at Marquette and Lapham. Marquette's garden meeting will be meeting to prepare for Master Gardner Curriculum and tie in with Home Grown Snack and work with Mermaid Café. Urban Adventure with third grade starts soon. Partnership with government continues. Students will visit downtown. Cultural Arts, African Dance and Singers. National Geographic Map of Africa coming Tuesday, April 21, at 11:30am.

PTG Officers/Board Nominations-

Alex volunteers to continue at Treasurer -other officers still needed.

Committees - Lisa Newman- Notices for Copper Challenge coming.

Jim - garden upcoming forum to discuss use of the Lapham Plot.

Family Fun Night

5:30 open doors

5:45-6:15 music presentation

6:15-8 talent show

MMSD Board of Education Progress Report – April, 2009

I am ready for Spring! Below is an update on some of the Board activities for the month of March.

Dual Language Immersion Programming: The Board directed the administration to continue planning for a middle-school level dual-language program. This program will operate as a district program and will be available in the 2010-11 school year for students who enter Sennett Middle School after completing 5th grade at Nuestro Mundo Community School.

Legislative Advocacy: The Board conducted a legislative advocacy meeting to provide updates for our community on the governor's budget and information on how citizens can advocate for the Madison Schools. If you are interested in lobbying the legislature on behalf of the MMSD, this should be done some time during April. Information is available at: <http://drupal.madison.k12.wi.us/node/2136> If you have questions or would like someone to come to your PTO, community group or neighborhood meeting to talk about this topic, please let me know.

School Board members also participated in the Wisconsin Association of School Boards Day at the Capitol where we visited our legislators to talk about what we support and do not support in the proposed Governor's budget.

Efficiencies: As we stated in our referendum messaging, even if the referendum passed, the district would look at cutting \$3 million from the budget. Thanks to Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Erik Kass, we approved new yellow bus transportation contracts that will save the district more than \$800,000 next year. A lot of work was put into the RFP transportation contract and the effort reaped positive benefits for the district.

Strategic Planning: The strategic planning sub-teams are actively working on defining action plans for each of the identified strategies in the strategic plan. Their commitment to our students is appreciated. More information on the strategic planning process and progress to date is located at <http://drupal.madison.k12.wi.us/node/2246> We have 3 opportunities for public input into the plan in April: April 14, 3:30pm at Lincoln Elementary School; April 16, 6:00pm at Memorial High School; April 21, 7:45am at Sheraton Hotel. All are welcome to attend.

Budget: we have kicked off our budget process this month. Public forums to learn more about our budget are scheduled for April 23 at 6:00pm at Memorial High School and April 28 at 6:00pm at La Follette High School. The Board will hold a public hearing on the budget on May 5 at 6:00pm (location: TBD). We hope to have the budget finalized by mid-May.

4-Year-Old Kindergarten: Keep up with the community planning on 4K. Information is available at: <http://elemweb.madison.k12.wi.us/4k>

Thanks for all you do for our children. Please let us know if you have any questions or comments at comments@madison.k12.wi.us .

Arlene Silveira (516-8981)

Families of Hawthorne, Lowell, Marquette
Fifth Graders,
you are invited to the
O'Keeffe Community Spring Picnic,
Monday, May 18th, 5-7 p.m.
on the O'Keeffe playground (near the climbing equipment.)

Enjoy a light meal, meet other incoming
O'Keeffe sixth graders,
chat with O'Keeffe staff and students,
be part of the O'Keeffe Community!





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**Wisconsin Homegrown Snack Program Comes to
Lapham and Marquette Classrooms**

April 27, 2009

Dear Lapham and Marquette Teachers,

Wisconsin Homegrown Lunch (www.reapfoodgroup.org/farmtoschool) and the Lapham/Marquette PTG are teaming up to pilot a fresh classroom snack program at Lapham and Marquette schools.

Starting this Wednesday, April 29th and for the following two Wednesdays, a classroom size bag of fresh vegetable snacks will be delivered to your classroom by myself or another parent volunteer for you to distribute to your students during snack time.

We will include a ‘snack bite’ along with the snack that tells you more about the snack, where it came from if from a local grower, and other interesting information you can share with your students.

Please encourage your students to give the snacks a try!

Here’s the snack schedule:

- Wed, April 29th – Carrot sticks from Tipi Produce
- Wed, May 6th -- Jicama – in celebration of Cinco de Mayo
- Wed, May 13th – Sweet potato sticks – Yes, you can eat them raw!

These snacks are prepared by Wisconsin Homegrown Lunch staff and a crew of volunteers (we’re always looking for more volunteers!), every Sunday at RP’s Pasta Company’s kitchen at 1133 E. Main St.

The PTG is covering the cost of this three-week pilot. If it’s well received by students and teachers we hope to roll it out as a weekly snack at the beginning of next school year. The \$0.30/serving cost would be covered by a combination of PTG funds and direct parent contributions.

Your feedback at the end of the three week pilot will be greatly appreciated. We’ll send a brief electronic survey to get your feedback after the May 13th snack. We’re also looking to let parents know about the snacks and will likely do that through a letter home.

More information about WHL’s classroom snack program including instructions for volunteers can be found on our website: <http://www.reapfoodgroup.org/farmtoschool/snack.shtml>.

Questions about the snack program can be directed to Doug Wubben, Program Coordinator, Wisconsin Homegrown Lunch, dwubben@wisc.edu, 310-7836.

Thanks!

Doug Wubben, Wisconsin Homegrown Lunch (and parent of Marquette 3rd grader), 310-7836.



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SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

MUIR DAY CAMP – for children entering 1st – 5th grade. Includes outdoor adventure, art, sports, science, swimming, field trips and more. One-week sessions run June 22 – August 14, 9 am – 4 pm, Monday – Friday. \$110 per session with extended day option for an additional cost. For an additional fee busing is provided. The camp takes place at Muir Elementary, 6602 Inner Dr. Call 245-3669.

SUPER CENTER ARTS CAMP – for children entering 1st – 5th grade. Camp has an arts emphasis, including 2 and 3 dimensional visual arts, creative drama and music. One-week sessions with special themes. Camps run June 22 - August 21, 7:30 – 4 pm with extended day option available for additional cost. \$128 per session (except 6/29-7/10 and 8/17 sessions) Takes place at Hoyt Building, and Kennedy Elementary School. Bussing is available to Kennedy. Call 204-3021.



KIDS KAMP – for children entering grades 1 – 5, camp features arts, games, dramatic play, movies, water activities, nature and field trips. Weekly sessions run June 22 - August 21, Monday – Friday, 9 – 4 pm with an extended day option. \$110 per session. Takes place at Warner Park Community Recreation Center. Call 245-3669.

SOCCER DAY CAMPS - one week sessions, June 22 - August 28 for ages 3 - grade 8. The camps are at a variety of locations. Mornings or full-day options. The cost ranges from \$32-\$102. Please call 204-4581.

ARTS & ENRICHMENT – ballet, hip hop, dance combo, drama, drawing, weaving and a variety of pottery classes and workshops. Please call 204-3021.

SPORTS – tennis lessons at a variety of locations, youth t-ball for children entering grades K-1, coach pitch for children entering 2-3, cheerleading, bowling, and wrestling camps. Call 204-3026.



SWIMMING – youth lessons at East, LaFollette, Memorial and West High Schools and Lapham Elementary. Lessons also available at the Goodman Aquatic Center, Verona. Call 204-3025.

WARNER PARK COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER – classes include cooking, pottery, basketball clinics, and volleyball camp. Call 245-3669.

MSCR offers many recreation programs for all ages at affordable prices. Scholarships available. Many programs have online registration.

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PROGRAMAS VERANIEGOS PARA ESTUDIANTES EN LA PRIMARIA

CAMPAMENTO DIURNO MUIR – para niños entrando a 1ero - 5to grado. Incluyen aventura al aire libre, arte, deportes, natación, excursiones y más. Las sesiones de una semana son de junio 22 – agosto 14, 9 am – 4 pm, lunes - viernes. \$110 por sesión con la opción de día extendido a un costo adicional. El campamento toma lugar en la escuela primaria Muir, 6602 Inner Dr. Llame al 245-3669.

CAMPAMENTO SUPER CENTRO DE ARTES – para niños entrando a 1ero - 5to grado. El campamento se enfoca en las artes, incluyendo artes visuales de 2 y 3 dimensiones, drama y música. Las sesiones de una semana tienen temas especiales. Los campamentos son de junio 22 – agosto 21, 7:30 – 4 pm con la opción de día extendido a un costo adicional. \$128 por sesión (excepto las sesiones de 6/29-7/10 y 8/17) Lugar del campamento: edificio de Hoyt y la escuela Kennedy. Bus disponible a Kennedy. Llame al 204-3021.



KIDS KAMP – para niños entrando a 1ero - 5to grado. El campamento se enfoca en las artes, juegos, drama, películas, actividades acuáticas, naturaleza y excursiones. Las sesiones semanales son de junio 22 - agosto 21, lunes – viernes, 9 – 4 pm con la opción de día extendido. \$110 por sesión. Se lleva a cabo en el Centro Comunitario de Recreación en Warner Park. Llame al 245-3669.

CAMPAMENTOS DIURNOS DE FUTBOL - sesiones de una semana, junio 22 - agosto 28 para edades en grados 3 - 8. Estos campamentos ocurren en varios lugares. Opción de mañana o de todo el día. El costo varía de \$32-\$102. Por favor llame al 204-4581.

ARTES Y ENRIQUECIMIENTO – ballet, hip hop, combinación de baile, drama, dibujo, tejido y una variedad de clases y talleres de cerámica. Por favor llame al 204-3021.

DEPORTES – lecciones de tenis en varios lugares, t-ball para jóvenes entrando a grados K-1, coach pitch para niños entrando a grados 2-3, cheerleading, boliche y campamentos de lucha libre. Llame al 204-3026.



NATACION – lecciones juveniles en las escuelas East, LaFollette, Memorial, West y Lapham. Las lecciones también están disponibles en el Centro Acuático Goodman, Verona. Llame al 204-3025.

CENTRO COMUNITARIO DE RECREACION EN WARNER PARK COMMUNITY – las clases incluyen cocina, cerámica, clínicas de baloncesto y campamento de voleibol. Llame al 245-3669.

MSCR ofrece muchos programas de recreación para todas las edades a un precio módico. Becas disponibles. Muchos programas ofrecen registro vía Internet.

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Adult Name _____

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Orders will go home in your child's backpack unless you note otherwise and/or contact me:
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