



## Byron Center Public Schools MARSHALL ELEMENTARY

December 19, 2025

*As we head into break I just wanted to let you know how grateful I am that I get to be your student's principal with the amazing staff here at Marshall. From the bottom of my heart, on behalf of everyone in the building, please have a wonderful holiday season and great break! We look forward to seeing everyone again in January!*

~ Mr. Bruno

***Wishing all our Marshall families a wonderful Winter Break! We hope you have a restful and relaxing time spent with family and friends. We'll see you again in the New Year.***

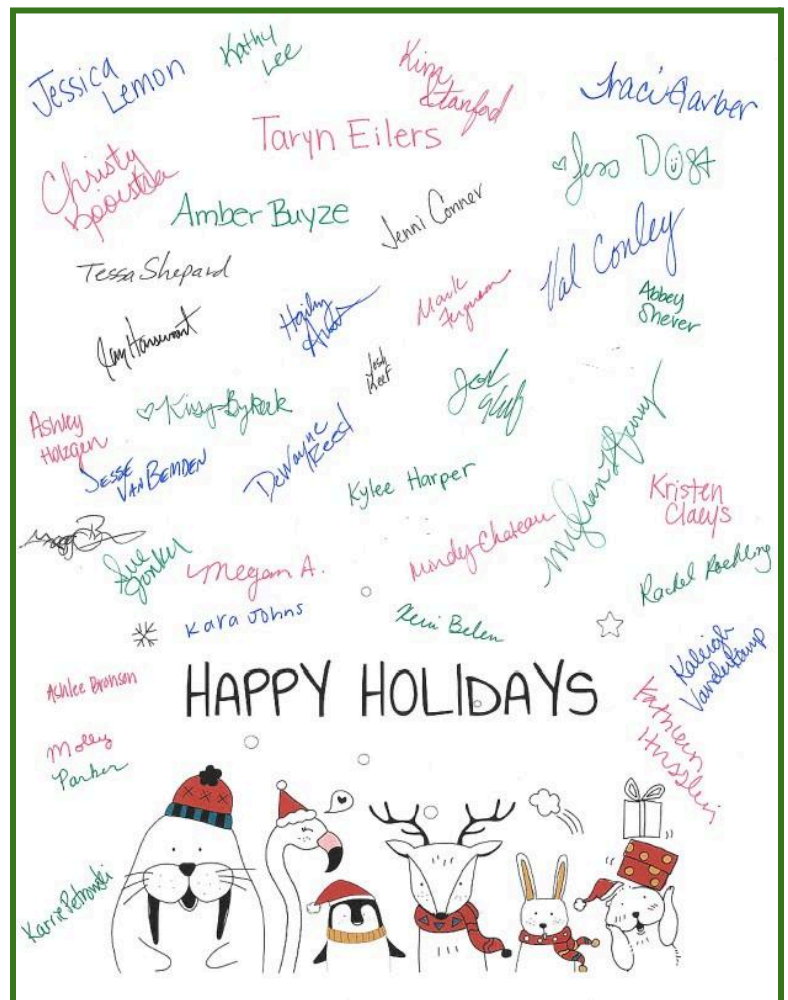
### **Retirement**

Marshall's Media Specialist, Val Conley, is retiring at the end of the year. We wish Val all the best in retirement as she and her husband venture south for the winter. We're happy to have Sherri Jipping as our new Media Specialist. She will be joining us in January when we return from break. Welcome Sherri!

### **Early Morning Choir Concert**

There is a link for our winter concerts. Please share with anyone who could not make it! 3rd grade performs first in the recording, and if you scroll to about 12:08 you will have the beginning of the 4th grader's performance! Thank you for your flexibility and support with the rescheduling of this concert! I appreciate you all bringing your kids early each week so we can make wonderful music. Enjoy your break!

[Choir Concert Video](#)



## Grand Rapids GOLD Basketball

GR Gold is giving back to the community and would love to offer free tickets to your students, families, and staff for an upcoming game at Van Andel Arena. There is no cost (Free!) - the discount (100%) is applied at checkout. Link: [GR Gold BB Tickets](#)

## STEM Update

Over the last 2 weeks students have been engaging in the "hour of code!" This program is designed to highlight the importance of computer science and provide free, fun opportunities to learn basic programming. Students have been introduced to a website/ app called Kodable. Although you can sign up for a paid membership to play at home, there is a FREE "school" version that *should* be accessible during school hours (weekdays from 7am-4pm). Your student's login information was sent home this week. With your permission, students can use their login to access Kodable over break. DK-K students are only set up in the app, but grades 1-4 can use the website or app. Other games to explore are: [Grinch Hour of Code](#) (2nd-4th) and [Minecraft Adventurer](#) (3rd-4th). Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or if it is not working for you. Mrs. Belen kbelen@bcpsk12.net

## Marshall Calendar

Dec. 22-Jan. 4 - **No School** (Holiday Break)

Jan. 12 - Board of Ed Meeting 6:30pm

Jan. 14 - **Half Day** - Dismissal 12:00pm

Jan. 15 - **Half Day** - Dismissal 12:00pm

Jan. 16 - **Half Day** - Dismissal 12:00pm

Jan. 19 - **No School**

Feb. 9 - Board of Ed Meeting 6:30pm

Feb. 13 - **Half Day** - Dismissal 12:00pm

Feb. 16 - **No School**

Mar. 5 - 2nd-Knapp Dental Presentation

Mar. 17 - PTC 5-8pm

Mar. 19 - **Half Day** - Dismissal 12:00pm

Mar. 19 - PTC 1-4pm, 5-8pm

April 3-10 - **No School** (Spring Break)

April 13 - Board of Ed Meeting 6:30pm

May 1 - Choir concert (Calvin Univ.)

May 11 - Board of Ed Meeting 6:30pm

May 22 - Field Day

May 25 - **No School** (Memorial Day)

June 3 - **Half Day** - Dismissal 12:00pm

June 4 - **Half Day** - Dismissal 12:00pm

June 5 - **Half Day** Dismissal 12:00pm

June 22 - Board of Ed Meeting 6:30pm

The poster is titled "bricks 4 kidz" in a stylized font with a large "B" logo. Below the title is a green banner with the text "FACTORY FUN". To the left of the banner is a circular logo featuring a factory scene with the text "Factory Fun". To the right of the banner is a blue box with white text that reads: "Have you ever wondered how things are made? Factories rely on special machines to help build, move, and package the things we use every day. We'll build kid-sized creations such as the scissor lift, specialized conveyor belts, and more! Learn about machine design while crafting your own ideas into engineering wonders!". Below the blue box is a black box with white text that reads: "Marshall Elementary Wednesdays January 21 to February 11 3:45 to 5:00pm". To the right of the black box is a blue line drawing of a conveyor belt with two boxes on it. Below the black box is a green banner with the text "REGISTER TODAY!" and the URL "https://www.brick4kidz.com/gr". To the left of the green banner is a blue line drawing of a scissor lift. To the right of the green banner is a QR code.