



Byron Center Public Schools
MARSHALL ELEMENTARY

December 6, 2024

Marshall Families,

It is with mixed emotions that I share with you that Mrs. Takens, our wonderful school counselor, will be retiring at the end of December. Mrs. Takens has served our school community since 2007 and although we are sad for our students and families, we are very excited for her as she embraces this next phase in her life and dedicates additional time to her family and her outside interests. Mrs. Takens' last day will be Friday, December 20th.

On behalf of the staff here at Marshall, I would like to thank Mrs. Takens for all that she has poured into our students and families over the last 17 years (20 years in counseling) and express our sincere gratitude for the guidance and support she has provided. Mrs. Takens truly defined what it meant to be a difference maker and she will be missed!

If families would like to help us send her off and celebrate her retirement, I have included a list of a "few of her favorite things": Starbucks, Amazon, M&M's (plain or almond), Diet Dr. Pepper and Iced coffee.

~ Mr. Vydarney, Principal

Holiday Shop

The Holiday Shop will take place from Wednesday, December 11th through Friday, December 13th. Flyers and envelopes have been sent home with students; please return them on or before your child's designated shopping day.

- 3rd & 4th Grades will shop : Wednesday, December 11th
- 1st & 2nd Grades will shop: Thursday, December 12th
- Kindergarten and DK will shop: Friday, December 13th

If you have any questions or if your child requires financial assistance for the Holiday Shop, please email mapsbulldogs@gmail.com.

Marshall Giving Tree

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to support Marshall families this year. Please remember to send in unwrapped gifts by December 13th.

Art Show

Congratulations to our Marshall students who premiered in the [Art Show](#)! Students attended a reception to show their art to family and friends.

Toys for Tots - Drop Location

This year Marshall Elementary will be a drop location for Toys for Tots. Beginning Monday, December 2 through Thursday, December 12. You are welcome to bring a new unwrapped toy to the school office.

Early Morning Choir

Christmas Concert

Marshall's Choir students will be presenting a Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 12. The 3rd grade students will perform at 6:30pm and the 4th grade students will perform at 7:30pm. Mrs. Furney will be sending home complete details soon.

Paper Gator

[Earth Day Contest](#) Winners will be determined based on the largest percentage increase in paper recycled from January 2025 to Friday, April 11, 2025, compared with the same period in 2024.

BC Hockey

The BC Hockey team is a Co-Op team with Byron Center HS, South Christian HS and Wayland HS. We currently have 18 Byron Center HS Student Athletes on the team. As hockey is a bit of a non-traditional sport the team continues to do a lot of community out-reach and young player development in hopes of continuing the growth, development and future success of the BC Hockey program.

This fun filled event is our ELEMENTARY HOCKEY NIGHT which will take place at the BC Hockey home game (Southside Ice Arena) on Friday, December 13th at 7:00pm! We are offering FREE admission to all ELEMENTARY STUDENTS (K-6th) from Byron Center, SC & Wayland schools. General admission is \$5 cash and we do accept BC Athletic passes. We have several fun activities planned for the evening including a donation collection for Hand2Hand which will earn students' raffle tickets to be entered into a raffle for several elementary age-appropriate prizes, a "chuck a puck" 50/50 contest, Bulldog face tattoos, youth player of the game and a candy toss when BC scores. We encourage all students to wear their School Spirit gear as they cheer on the boys!



BYRON CENTER HOCKEY



2024

ELEMENTARY HOCKEY NIGHT







COLLECTING SNACK PACK DONATIONS

- HAND2HAND DONATIONS
- EARN RAFFLE PRIZE ENTRIES
- TATTOO STATION
- "CHUCK-A-PUCK" 50/50
- CANDY TOSS WHEN BC SCORES

▪ WEAR JERSEY OR YOUR SCHOOL'S SPIRIT GEAR

FRIDAY DEC 13TH

BC VS WEST OTTAWA 7:00PM	TICKET \$5	SOUTHSIDE ICE ARENA 566 100TH ST SW BYRON CENTER, MI 49315
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BYRON CENTER, SOUTH CHRISTIAN & WAYLAND





ELEMENTARY STUDENTS GET IN FREE

COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR HAND2HAND

2024 BYRON CENTER HOCKEY ELEMENTARY HOCKEY NIGHT






hand2hand



GRANOLA BARS
MICROWAVE POPCORN
RICE KRISPIE TREAT
PUDDING CUP



COOKIE PACKS (snack size, individual packed)



QUART ZIPLOCK BAGS







hand2hand

Marshall Calendar

Dec. 11-13 - Holiday Shop

Dec. 12 -Early morning Choir
Concert at VSFAC

Dec. 13 - Hockey Night

Dec. 20 - Holiday classroom Parties

Dec. 23-Jan. 5 - **No School**
(Holiday Break)

Jan. 6 - School Resumes

Jan. 13 - Board of Ed Meeting 6:30pm

Jan. 15 - **Half Day**, 12:00pm dismissal

Jan. 16 - **Half Day**, 12:00pm dismissal

Jan. 17 - **Half Day**, 12:00pm dismissal

Jan. 20 - **No School**

Feb. 10 - Board of Ed Meeting 6:30pm

Feb. 12-13 - Kids Have Rights

Feb. 14 - Valentine classroom parties

Feb. 14 - **Half Day**, 12:00pm dismissal

Feb. 17 - **No School**

Feb. 18 - MAPS Meeting 6:00pm

Feb. 25 - Parent/Teacher Conf. (5-8pm)

Feb. 27 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
(1-4pm, 5-8pm)

Feb. 27 - **Half Day**, 12:00pm dismissal

March 3-5 - KC Vision/Hearing Screening

March 10 - Board of Ed Meeting 6:30pm

March 20-21 - 3rd grade Lansing Trip

March 31-April 1 - KC Vision/Hearing
Re-Screening

April 4 - **No School** (Spring Break Begins)

April 7-11 - **No School** (Spring Break)

April 14 - Board of Ed Meeting 6:30pm

May 12 - Board of Ed Meeting 6:30pm

May 26 - **No School** (Memorial Day)

May 28 - **Half Day**, 12:00pm dismissal

May 29 - **Half Day**, 12:00pm dismissal

May 30 - **Half Day**, 12:00pm dismissal

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LET'S RAISE SOME DOUGH!

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18, 2024

Join us on December 18 to support the Byron Center Sports Boosters.
No flyer or code needed. A percentage of all pick-up and carry-out
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MLS GO

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→ WINTER TRAINING (3-4 Yrs)

Practice Dates: 1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1
Practice Time: 9:00 - 9:45 AM



→ WINTER TRAINING (5-7 Yrs)

Practice Dates: 1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1
Practice Time: 10:00 - 11:00 AM

→ WINTER FUTSAL LEAGUE (5-7 Yrs)

Futsal Dates: 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 3/1, 3/8
Game Times: 8:30, 9:30, or 10:30



REGISTER AT MIDWESTUNITEDFC.COM/CLUB/MLS-GO

QUESTIONS?
CONTACT COACH TOM WELLS!

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