



Byron Center Public Schools
MARSHALL ELEMENTARY

November 21, 2025

A BIG Thank you to all of our Marshall families who donated to our food drive. We had our best turn out this year and were able to make a very large donation to our Thanksgiving Baskets and Buist Community Ministries.



Thanksgiving week we will not be sending out a school newsletter.

Thanksgiving Break

The Marshall Staff would like to wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving! School will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving on **Wednesday, November 26 through Friday, November 28**. We hope you enjoy your time with friends and family!

MAPS Message

Marshall Giving Tree: Please consider helping a Marshall family in need this holiday season. Sign up [here](#) for the Giving Tree. All gifts need to be returned to the office unwrapped by Friday, December 12th.

Marshall Holiday Shop: Marshall Holiday Shop is Wednesday, December 10 through Friday, December 12. More information will come after Thanksgiving break.

Hand 2 Hand

For more information about Hand 2 Hand (H2H), please see this [Flyer](#).

- All families in the school are eligible. However, parent consent is REQUIRED. Families must complete a new permission form each year. [Hand2Hand Digital Permission Link](#)
- Staff members may help a family sign up if they are struggling to do it on their own.
- Weekend bags of food contain at least 10 items - 3 breakfast items, 4 snack items, and a lunch or dinner kit. Most of our food is shelf stable - except for the produce and rolls that may be added.

Please let the office know if you have any questions. (meattendance@bcpsk12.net).

Early Morning Choir Christmas Concert

Marshall's Choir students will be presenting a Christmas Concert on **Wednesday, December 10** at VSFAC. 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.

LINKS Dress-Up Days

December 1-5 is Byron Center's LINKS Inclusion Week! As a Special Olympics Unified Champions school, we seek to promote understanding and awareness of different disabilities. We strive to make schools and communities more inclusive for everyone. We plan to celebrate all week with learning opportunities and activities, as well as Spirit Days!

Winter Gear & Sledding

DK/Kindergarten - 2nd: Students will be wearing the gear they were sent with. Please send boots, hats, mittens, gloves and snow pants. We would like them to stay dry and warm.


3rd & 4th Grades: We will ENCOURAGE that they wear what they were sent with. We will ENCOURAGE that they make good choices and choices that their parents would be proud of. We will allow natural consequences and they will likely be cold and/or wet. The exception will be if they want to sled - students must be all geared up to enjoy sledding. We do ask that students bring their winter gear just in case they need it. Thank you!

Toys for Tots Fundraiser

Toys for Tots Fundraiser starts Monday, December 1st and ends Thursday, December 11th. Marshall has a drop-off box in the main office. This year we are going to do something fun where we have building competitions! Team 1 = High School, Team 2 = WMS + Nickels, Team 3 = Elementary schools. We are so excited to spread Holiday cheer again and show BC's generosity!

Paper Gator

Don't forget that Marshall has a Paper Gator bin located on the west side of the building. Not only is this an environmentally friendly bin, but it also serves as a fundraiser for the school. Items you can put in the bin include newsprint, catalogs/magazines, junk mail, phone books, cardboard cut into 12x12 pieces, paper, hard and soft cover books. Please DO NOT put any plastic, metal, glass, in the bin.



LINKS INCLUSION WEEK:
DECEMBER 1-5

Join us as we raise awareness, acceptance & inclusion of disabilities.

M	Come as you are Wear Sweats/PJs
T	Everybody Counts Wear a number
W	Wear O.R.A.N.G.E. Open Access, Respect Others, Assume Ability, Nix Labels, Get Included, Embrace Differences
T	'Hats off' to Inclusion Wear a Hat
F	We are BC!! Wear LINKS/BC Gear



TOYS FOR TOTS

\$10 MIN FOR GIFTS
NO WRAPPED GIFTS
NO USED GIFTS
NO WEAPON-LIKE GIFTS
NO CANDY OR FOOD

BOOKS NEEDED!!
AGES 0-12
&
12-16

BRING THEM BETWEEN DECEMBER 1ST - DECEMBER 11TH

DROP OFF AT ANY BYRON CENTER SCHOOL

BC Theatre Apparel

BC Theatre has a new logo and apparel store! Our online store is now open, don't miss out! We've got Men's, Women's, and Youth sizes available. Check it out below and show your BC Theatre pride! [BC Theatre Apparel Store](#)

Hot Lunch - Snow Day

Just a friendly reminder. When BCPS calls a snow day, the hot lunch that was scheduled for that day will be served on the next school day.

Marshall Calendar

Nov. 26-28 - **No School** (Thanksgiving)
Dec. 1 - Board of Ed Meeting 6:30pm
Dec. 1-5 - LINKS Inclusion Week
Dec. 10-12 - Holiday Shop
Dec. 19 - 4th grade Ice Skating
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 (Last day)
June 22 - Board of Ed Meeting 6:30pm



When to Keep Your Child Home From School

Fever

A child with a temperature of **100.4 F or higher**. **The child should not return until 24 hours with no fever, without the use of fever-reducing medications** such as Motrin or Tylenol

Diarrhea

A child has two loose or watery stools. **The child should have no loose stools for 24 hours prior to returning to school.** *Exception: A healthcare provider has determined it to be not caused by illness (diarrhea may be caused by antibiotics or new foods a child has eaten).*

Vomiting

A child that has vomited two or more times. **The child should have no vomiting episodes for 24 hours prior to returning.** *Exception: A healthcare provider has determined it is not infectious.*

Abdominal Pain

A child with abdominal pain that continues for more than two hours, or intermittent pain associated with fever or other symptoms.

Head Lice

The child should stay home until **1 treatment is completed and all live lice are gone.**

Rash and Skin Sores

The child with a rash **AND** has a fever or a change in behavior. **Exclude until the rash subsides or until a healthcare provider has determined it is not infectious.** *Note: Rapidly spreading bruising or small blood spots under the skin need immediate medical attention. A child with weeping sores on an exposed area that cannot be covered with waterproof dressing should stay home until sores have scabbed over.*

Strep Throat

The child should stay home until **24 hours after the first dose of antibiotics** has been started.

Pink Eye

The child should stay home until **24 hours after the first dose of antibiotics/ eye drops** has been started.

Communicable Diseases

A child diagnosed with certain health conditions may have to be excluded for a certain period of time. Follow symptom recommendations above and contact the school nurse with any questions.

**These are general recommendations based on Michigan Public Health guidelines. Please consult with the Byron Center Public School district nurses for further guidance.*

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