Byron Center Public Schools
MARSHALL ELEMENTARY

October 23, 2026

A huge THANK YOU to MAPS group for feeding and supporting our school staff through the busy week of Parent/Teacher Conferences & Book Fair. We can't thank you enough for your generosity and support. We very much appreciate all of you.

We have great news to share! Announced in US News: Marshall Elementary is ranked 9th in the State of Michigan out of 2,664 schools! We are very proud of the hard work and dedication our Marshall staff have for our students. We also appreciate our families partnering with us to provide the best possible education. Congratulations Marshall!

Attendance

When reporting your child's absence, please remember to include: first & last name, the student's teacher and the reason they will not be attending school. Whether your child is sick, has an appointment, or is absent for another reason, providing this information helps us keep accurate attendance records. This information is also used as we make plans to deep clean and disinfect rooms throughout the building.

Halloween Classroom Parties

Just a friendly reminder that all Halloween costumes should be school appropriate. Please leave all weapons and dangerous props at home. Please refrain from choosing gruesome costumes. This is school policy. DK-4th grade costumes can be worn to school. However, please have kids with inflatables bring their costumes in their backpacks.

- **Classroom Parties:**
  Approved classroom volunteers will provide a fun filled Halloween party for your students in their classrooms.
  - **DK/Kindergarten & 1st grade: classroom parties 9:15-10:00am**
    (K-1st students can be signed out after the party & parade, but can NOT attend older sibling classroom parties)
  - **2nd-4th grade: classroom parties 10:30-11:15am**
- **Halloween Parade: (10:15-10:30am)**
  Parents/Guardians are welcome to view our Halloween parade in the playground behind the school. Feel free to park on either side of the building and proceed to the playground area. Students will exit the building on the East side and proceed to the West side along the sidewalk behind the Library.

- **Please plan on normal end of day schedules (bus/car rider).**
  HALF DAY 12:00 pm Dismissal (Calling Car Riders at 11:45am)
  If your student needs to be picked up (large or fragile costume), please plan to be in the car rider line with your yellow sheet. We ask that you come from Byron Center Avenue to line up for car riders (double pick-up line in the parking lot) please do not turn left in the parking lot. ***We do not want to swarm the office with a large amount of student pick-ups at the end of the day. Thank you.***

Cold Weather

Cold weather is here as we move into late October. We wanted to remind you that students K-2nd grade must wear a coat outside if the temperature is below 50 degrees. If a student needs a coat, we will have them borrow a coat from the school. Please let the office know if you have any questions. Thank you.

MAPS Events

Donuts with Grown-Ups
Join us for donuts before school! One grown-up per student, please. This is a free event. Please use the links to RSVP

- Donuts **Last names A–L** November 5 RSVP from 7:45-8:20 am
- Donuts **Last names M–Z** November 19 RSVP from 7:45-8:20am

Veteran's Day

In honor of Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11th, Marshall Elementary will be hosting a special reception for Marshall Veterans and their families. We're sending out an invitation with a QR Code to register your family. You can also click on the link below and fill out the registration questionnaire to help us best prepare for this event. Families may register between Friday, October 16 through Tuesday, November 3rd. Thank you in advance for helping us to honor our Marshall Veterans and their families!
Marshall's Veterans Day Reception Registration

Marshall will also be putting together a Veteran's Day video that will go out to the public to honor our nation's veterans. If you have a family member that has served in any branch of the US Armed Forces, or you currently have a family member serving, we would love to showcase them in our video. IF you submitted a photo last year, we are all set and will use the photo we have. If you would like to add a veteran, please send a labeled photo (Veteran's name & Marshall family name) to sjjonker@bcpsk12.net **no later than Friday, October 30th by 5:00 pm**. All photos sent after that time will not be able to make it into the video.

November Food Drive

Marshall will be doing a food drive for Thanksgiving starting **Monday, November 2 through Monday, November 16**. This will benefit some of our own Marshall families in need, as well as, Buist Community Ministries. If you like to donate any non-perishable food items please bring them to the school office. Thank you!

Kindergarten Dental Screening [Parent Resource Page]

Marshall Elementary is scheduled for Kindergarten dental screening on Monday, November 23. If a parent/guardian wishes to opt out, please provide a written request to the school office (meattendance@bcpsk12.net) before Monday, November 16, 2026.

Hearing & Vision Screening

Monday, November 16 through Wednesday, November 18 we will have Kent County Health Department at Marshall to screen for Hearing & Vision. If you have any special requests for your student, please reach out to our office: meattendance@bcpsk12.net or 616-878-6300. For more information please see: Health Dept. Letter & Shunt/Implant Information

BCFAB Craft Show

Volunteers Needed, please sign up!
Parent/Adult Volunteers - Signup
High School Student Volunteers - Signup
West Middle & Nickels Student Volunteers - Signup



Marshall Calendar

Oct. 27 - 2nd grade Reptiles visit
Oct. 29 - Kinder Field Trip
Oct. 30 - Halloween Classroom Parties
Oct. 30 - **Half Day - Dismissal 12:00pm**
Nov. 5 - Donuts with Grown-up (A-L)
(note: date change)
Nov. 9 - Board of Ed Meeting 6:30pm
Nov. 11 - Veteran's Day Breakfast
Nov. 16-18 - Hearing/Vision Screening
Nov. 19 - Donuts with Grown-up (M-Z)
(note: date change)
Nov. 23 - Kinder Dental Screening
Nov. 25-27 - Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 7-9 - Vision/Hearing Rescreening
Dec. 18 - Classroom Christmas Parties
Dec. 21-Jan. 3 - Christmas/New Years Break
Jan. 4 - School Resumes
Jan. 13 - **Half Day - Dismissal 12:00pm**
Jan. 14 - **Half Day - Dismissal 12:00pm**
Jan. 15 - **Half Day - Dismissal 12:00pm**
Jan. 18 - **NO School**
Feb. 10 - Count Day
Feb. 12 - **Half Day - Dismissal 12:00pm**
Feb. 15 - **NO School - Mid Winter Break**


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BYRON CENTER
BULLDOGS
ATHLETICS
REVERSE
RAFFLE
NOVEMBER 14, 2026
RAFFLES
PRIZES
CASH
SILENT AUCTION
SCAN FOR TICKETS
BYRON CENTER BULLDOGS


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