Byron Center Public Schools
MARSHALL ELEMENTARY

October 9, 2026

Lunch Menu Changes

Monday, October 12:
Baked Rotini Pasta with Sauce
Garlic Knot
Corn
White Cheddar Popcorn
Fruits and Veggies

Wednesday, October 14:
Glazed Chicken Drumstick
Cornbread Bites
Green Beans
Jello Cup
Fruits and Veggies

Thursday, October 15:
Pretzel Beef Hot Dog
Baked Potato Chips
Churros
Bean Medley Salad

Friday, October 16:
Cheese Pizza Crunchers
Marinara Sauce
Orange Sherbet Cup
Fruits and Veggies

Tuesday, October 27:
Mini Cinnis
Colby Cheese Omelet
Strawberry Go gurt
Fruits and Veggies

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Teachers have already sent out sign-ups for PTC directly to parents. You will schedule your conferences with your child's teacher. If you need to make a change to your scheduled time, please contact the teacher directly.

- Tuesday, October 20 from 5:00-8:00pm
- Thursday, October 22 from 1:00-4:00pm and 5:00-8:00pm.
- We have switched our grading to Semesters - Report cards will come home in January.
- There will not be a separate conference sign up for Art, Music or PE. The teachers will be available during PTC times if you'd like to stop by their rooms.

We look forward to this time to discuss your student's progress with you. Here are some helpful hints for a successful conference:

- **Be on Time** - Plan to arrive a little early. Teachers work hard to stick to the 15 minute time allotted, so arriving and leaving on-time keeps everyone on schedule.
- **Be a Team** - Partnering with your child's teacher helps you both to provide consistent support for your child.
- **Prepare Questions in Advance** - Coming with specific questions will help make the most of your time together.

- **Keep Teachers Informed** - Let your child's teacher know about any situation at home that may affect your child's school work (such as a death in the family, a new baby, or a change in daycare arrangements, etc.)
- **Take Notes & Leave with a Plan** - Taking notes will help you remember what was discussed and what was agreed upon.

Book Fair

We're looking for a few additional volunteers to help with the book fair!

- Tuesday evening: 5:00-8:00
- Thursday afternoon: 1:00-3:30

If you have a conference schedule during either of those times, that's no problem- you can leave for your conference and come back afterward.
If you're interested in helping, please reach out to Sherri Jipping at sjipping@bcpsk12.net

The Scholastic Book Fair Is Coming! Get ready to shop, discover, and fall in love with reading! The Scholastic Book Fair will be at Marshall October 19–23 during normal school hours. Families can also shop during Parent/Teacher Conferences on Tuesday, October 20, and Thursday, October 22. Holiday shopping tip: The Book Fair is a great place to find books to save for Christmas gifts!

Check out the Book Fair Webpage for all the details, including:

- Book Preview
- How to set up an E-Wallet—no cash needed!
- How to Share the Fair so every student can enjoy a book.
- How to shop online and have books delivered right to your home.

Questions? Please contact our Media Specialist: Mrs. Jipping sjipping@bcpsk12.net.

Half Day Pick-up Reminder...

Thursday, October 22 is a half day of school. School will be dismissed at 12:00pm. Car riders will begin at 11:45am. Please line up from the West (Byron Center Ave) and join the line, please have your pink sheets out. Thank you!

Kids Hope

Please see this link:
FAQ Kids Hope Information

hand2hand
Delivering Hope and Weekend Food to West Michigan Kids!

MAPS Events

Donuts with Grown-Ups: Donuts with Grown-Ups is coming in November! Students are invited to bring one grown-up to enjoy donuts together before school.

- Last names A–L: November 4
- Last names M–Z: November 18

Look for more information and RSVP details in the next few weeks!

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).**
  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.***

WatchDOGS

WatchDOGS sign-up link is ready to go! Use the WatchDOG Link and choose a day to visit during our lunch/recess time with your student(s). The office will provide a schedule with your student lunch/recess times. If you have any questions, please contact: Marshall Office. You MUST have a completed/approved ICHAT 2-weeks before your chosen date.

School Photo Forms

If you would like a yearbook only they can order using code: 0699ND. Yearbook ONLY Link.

- Picture retakes will be Thursday, October 22, 2026 (morning only)

Zumba

Zumba Kids is back at Marshall Elementary! Zumba Kids is a fun, fitness based after school club where kids move to music, play active fitness games, and have a great time staying active. Classes are Wednesdays, immediately after school until 4:45, starting October 21st. For more information and registration, visit www.kidsrockfitness.net/byron-center.

Hope College Math Fun Festival

Now that we are well into the school year, I'd like to welcome your students to this year's Family Math Fun Festival at Hope College! Our festival features a wide variety of interactive low-floor, high-ceiling tasks that will engage families in creative problem solving that won't even feel like mathematics! We'll also be giving away goody bags to all participants containing math games for continued practice at home. This year's festival will be hosted at the Kruizenga Art Museum at Hope College and open to students in Grades 2-8 and their caregivers. It will be on Saturday, November 14, 2:00-4:00 PM. The attached flyers have additional information. Please share this with your school families.

Hope College Math Festival

Hope College Math Festival-Spanish

Kindergarten Dental Screening

This year Kent County Health Department will be conducting Kindergarten Dental Screenings. This screening is for Kindergarten students only. Marshall Elementary is scheduled for screening on Monday, November 23. Please take a look at the Parent Resource Page for more information. Each child will receive a take-home oral hygiene kit and a completion form from KCHD.

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 - 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.





Marshall Calendar

Oct. 9 - Marshall Football Tailgate
Oct. 16 - 1st Field Trip
Oct. 20 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (5-8pm)
Oct. 22 - Picture Retake Day
Oct. 22 - **Half Day - Dismissal 12:00pm**
Oct. 22 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (1-4pm, 5-8pm)
Oct. 27 - 2nd grade Reptile visit
Oct. 29 - Kinder Field Trip
Oct. 30 - Halloween Parties
Oct. 30 - **Half Day - Dismissal 12:00pm**
Nov. 4 - Donuts with Grown-up (A-L)
Nov. 9 - Board of Ed Meeting 6:30pm
Nov. 11 - Veteran's Day Breakfast
Nov. 16-18 - Hearing/Vision Screening
Nov. 18 - Donuts with Grown-up (M-Z)
Nov. 23 - Kinder Dental Screening
Nov. 25-27 - Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 7-9 - Vision/Hearing Rescreening
Dec. 21-Jan. 3 - Christmas/New Years Break

