



Byron Center Public Schools
MARSHALL ELEMENTARY

September 5, 2025

Happy Friday Marshall Families!

As our third week of school comes to a close I wanted to share some information about how great the start of the school year has been. Our staff is doing a fantastic job building relationships with your children, getting to know them and how they learn. In that vein, 4th grade teachers are sending home MSTEP reports from this past Spring. Spoiler alert: they're phenomenal. I have been nothing short of impressed by the incredible work this staff does DK - 4 with your amazing students. In addition to academic excellence, Marshall received an award from the Special Olympics. Marshall Elementary was designated a "Choose to Include" Champion! There is a nice write up about it on the district's Facebook page ([click here](#)). Making sure we grow our students both academically and socially in choosing to include all is the most important work we do.

Lastly, our MAPS group hosted a pizza informational night. We are so glad for all of the amazing support this group provides. Dr. Macina stopped by and walked everyone through the November Bond Proposal. You can get a lot of helpful details on the bond by [clicking here](#). The MAPS group also walked interested parents through all the amazing ways they support Marshall with a host of ways for families to help out. More information about MAPS can be found by [clicking here](#).

Thank you and have a wonderful weekend!
Mr. Bruno

School Photos

Please complete the form and send it with your student(s) on picture day.

Monday, September 15: Mrs. Sherer, DK, Kindergarten and 1st grades.

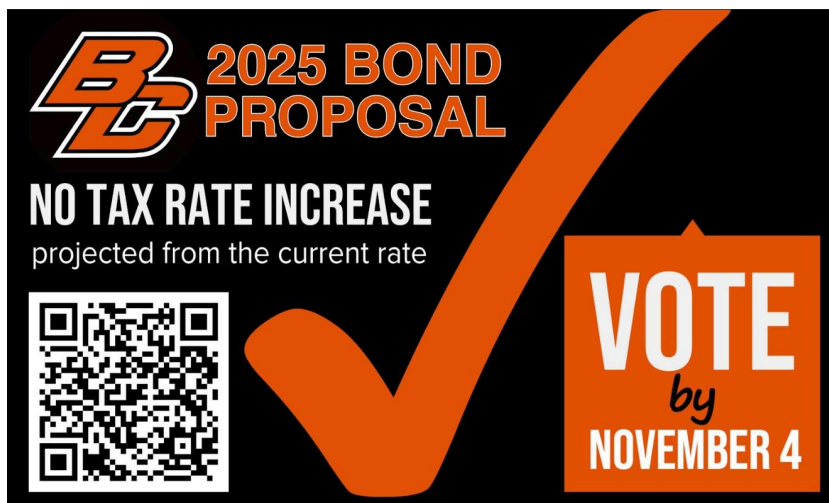
Tuesday, September 16: 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades

Picture retakes will be Monday, October 27, 2025 (morning)



BCPS Bond

Byron Center Public Schools has a bond proposal on the ballot in the upcoming November 4 election. The district's bond would enhance academic learning environments, fine arts spaces and athletic facilities, while also supporting districtwide technology upgrades and improvements to the transportation center. For more information about the bond proposal, please visit the district's website.



Homecoming Dress-Up Days

Homecoming Football Game: Friday, September 26, 2025

- Monday, September 22: Slumber Party - Wear your PJ's
- Tuesday, September 23: Brave Contributor - Camo or USA
- Wednesday, September 24: Everybody Counts - Wear a jersey or a shirt with a number
- Thursday, September 25: Power Outage - Wear all dark colors
- Friday, September 26: BC Friday - Wear your BC gear

Homecoming Parade

It's almost that time... Homecoming 2025! The Byron Center Homecoming Parade highlights our amazing BCPS groups: athletics, arts, academics, clubs, and more. All groups are welcome! To participate, email Claire Kransbeger: ckransbeger@bcpsk12.net by Wednesday, September 17 at 12:00pm - **Late RSVPs cannot be accepted.**

Please view the [Parade Guidelines](#) and share with your group leaders, coaches, and advisors. Spirit Day details are coming soon! Let's make this a Homecoming to remember!

Homecoming COLOR RUN

On Thursday, September 25th, we are hosting a color run for grades K - 6 at West Middle school. I am asking if you could help advertise this. The Byron Center XC team benefits from the proceeds, which goes to pay for stuff like FOOD, which we eat a lot of over the course of the season.

It is Thursday September 25, at 6PM at West Middle School. There is more info on the flier attached.

- [HOMECOMING COLOR RUN](#)
- [Click here to access FinalForms](#)

Code Red Robotics FLL 2025 Season

Students in 2nd through 4th grade are invited to join Code Red Robotics' FIRST LEGO League (FLL) 2025 season.

In FLL, students explore the engineering process, learn to design and code, and use creative thinking to develop solutions. This year's theme is UNEARTHED. Working in teams and using LEGO technology, students will explore coding concepts through the lens of archeology.

Program Details

- When: Sessions will be on Thursdays from 6 to 8 pm, starting September 25th. We will have 7 to 8 sessions in the fall and another 7 to 8 sessions in the winter/spring.
- Where: We meet in the [Nickels Intermediate School](#) cafeteria
- [Register to join](#) the 2025 FLL season.
- More information can be found in the [FLL Informational Flyer](#)
- Parent Involvement: A parent (or other adult) must accompany their student to sessions

If you have any questions, contact Scott Keith at keithsmcorp@gmail.com or 269-364-1407.

Cub Scouts

[Cub Scouts Picnic Flyer](#)

Marshall Calendar

Sept. 15 - School Pics (Scherer, DK/K, 1st)
Sept. 16 - School Pics (2nd-4th)
Sept. 29-Oct. 1 - Hearing/Vision Screening
Oct. 3 - Marshall FUNd Run
Oct. 7 - 1st Grade Smoke House
Oct. 21 - PTC 5-8pm
Oct. 23 - **Half Day** - Dismissal 12:00pm
Oct. 23 -PTC 1-4pm, 5-8pm
Oct 27 - Picture Retake Day
Oct. 28-29 - Hearing & Vision Rescreening
Oct. 31 - **Half Day** - Dismissal 12:00pm
Oct. 31 - Halloween classroom parties
Nov. 20 - Dental Screening
Nov. 26-28 - **No School** (Thanksgiving)
Dec. 10-12 - Holiday Shop
Dec. 22-Jan. 4 - **No School** (Holiday Break)



STEM UPDATE

WELCOME BACK TO ANOTHER YEAR OF STEM!!

For Anyone new to the building, I am Kerri Belen, the STEM teacher. This is my 2nd year teaching STEM and 5th full year at Marshall. I am very excited for the year ahead! At the start of school we saw a Monarch caterpillar change into a chrysalis. This week we witnessed it come out as a beautiful butterfly and released it. I have some pictures and videos posted on my STEM facebook page, showing its progress.

I am also the caretaker of the garden behind the school. The seeds the students planted in the spring are thriving! We have even had some tomatoes and green beans from the garden served at lunch time! If you would like to see what is happening in STEM or our garden, please follow my facebook pages, where I post pictures and videos throughout the year.

[BC Marshall STEM Class](#)
[Marshall Garden BCPS](#)

I hope to have a wonderful school year with your child. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like to get involved with STEM.

Kerri Belen kbelen@bcpsk12.net

**RECYCLE
EVERY DAY**

Free recycling for tech and more at your local Staples® store.



Did you know we have a recycling program? Staples will accept many school items through their recycling program. You are welcome to send in the used school supplies listed with your student, or drop them off in the office. I have a collection box outside my classroom door. These can be recycled and redeemed as credits in the store. Ink cartridges are exceptionally helpful.

School supplies

Backpacks & lunch bags
Binders & zipper binders
Crayons & colored pencils
Glue sticks & bottles (empty)
Pencils & pencil pouches
Pens, markers & highlighters
Rulers & drafting tools
Ink cartridges
Batteries