

April 2010



Marquette Minutes



Home of the Marquette Mustangs

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Dear Marquette Families,

Spring is here and the piles of snow have melted away to our students' delight. Now they can get back to playing foursquare on the painted lines and in the near future we'll be able to get back out on our field to alleviate the traffic on the blacktop. Just so you know there are a lot of coats left in piles while the kids are running around and having fun!

We began our month with Spring Break, and I hope it was a restful and rejuvenating time for your family. In our return to school staff members are focusing on **class placements** for the 2010-2011 school year. In this newsletter you will find a **Parent Input** form that I encourage you to fill out and return to your child's teacher. Class placement is a very important process where staff members work hard to appropriately form groups of students to fit our instructional design model. Parent input gives us important information and allows you to have a voice in this process. Families will be notified about class placements at the **Back to School Registration** on August 19, 2010.

The spring time also is very busy with school-wide and classroom events; such as, our **All School Slide Show, All School Community Recognitions, 5th Grade High Ropes Course, and many other classroom specific events.** Our 5th grade strings students will have a performance at Lapham on Friday, April 23rd at 12:30. We encourage you to come! On that same day we will also have our PTG sponsored **Family Fun Night and Talent Show** here at Marquette!

I'd like to thank our **PTG** for their work this year in providing important events and funding for Marquette. On March 21st there was a wonderful dinner to raise funds for providing the **Home-grown Snacks Program** in our school! I am also happy to let you know that with money raised we are moving in the direction of increased **instructional technology.** We recently purchased carts for our instructional teams that have a projector and computer. We also are going wireless within the month and are beginning to purchase a set of NetBooks on a cart to enable us to have access to groups of computers in our classrooms. Thank you to those who continue to committed funds to the PTG's Technology Fund, it will make a difference for our 21st century learners!

Our Artist in Residence continues to work with our grade levels to document the seasons using photography and staff members are beginning to infuse gardening into our student's educational experiences. It will be fun to watch our garden grow for the second year! Take a stroll by the school in the weeks to come to see it take shape.

Andrea Kreft

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then enter 5-digit extension :

Grade 3

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Catherine McCollister 4-3255
Peggy Moore 4-6923

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Kristin Haugen-Wente 4-6894
Maureen McGilligan-Bentin 4-6920

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Jason Jacobs, STRINGS 4-6864
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Heather Felker, MUSIC 4-3259

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Stephanie Gramann, Nurse 4-3235
Kate VonBergen, S/L 4-3254

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Molly Pettit 4-3254
Sue Zwart 4-3249



Student going to be
Absent? Tardy?
Call
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24/7
204-3233

**Important Dates to
Remember in April**

Spring Break through April 5th

6th - School Resumes

**13th - PTG Meeting @ Lapham
6:30 PM**

16th - Popcorn Day

21st - Information Night @

**O'Keeffe for 5th Graders and
their Parents 7 PM**

23rd Family Fun Night

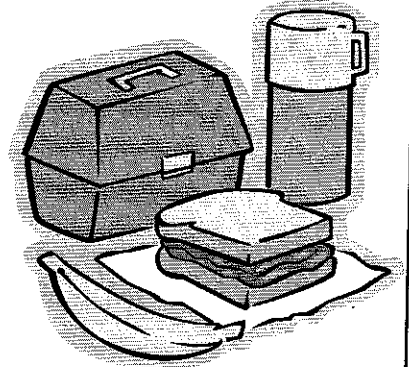
Hat Day



Fourth Grade Feast

PARENTS: Easier Online Access to Pay for Student Meals

An update to the Infinite Campus Parent Portal now makes it easier to find the online payment option for student meals. As of Monday, March 8, 2010, a bolded sentence has been added to the fees tab section underneath the student fee list. The statement is "For information on paying for breakfast and lunch food services please click **here**." When you click on the word "here," the system takes you to the District's Meal Pay site. Please follow the instructions on this page for online meal payments.



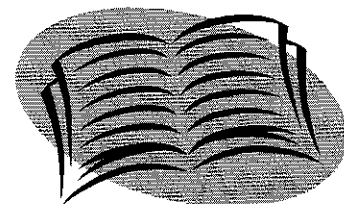
Marquette computer lab



We are now using headphones in the computer lab. If you would prefer that your child **not** share headphones with other students, you may send a set of headphones or earbuds in a zippable plastic bag and we will keep them in the lab for his/her use only. There is absolutely no reason to have fancy, expensive headphones for the applications we are using.

Eastside Battle of the Books

Marquette hosted the Eastside Battle of the Books March 10. Emerson Elementary swept the competition, but Marquette teams represented us very well! Our teams even had new team names for the competition. The 4th grade team, www.wahonkeydonkey.com, (Liam Braddock, Joseph Terranova, Thane Hurley, and Devan Marz) and the 5th grade team, The Triple Threat (Jenna Brodsky, Luna Abresch, and Grace Link) really showed that they knew a lot about the books they read. We are so proud of you! Great job!



**O'Keeffe Middle School Welcomes 5th Graders and Parents.
Information Night will take place at 7 pm on April 21**

If your student will be attending 6th grade at O'Keeffe, please plan to attend our 6th grade parent information night. It will be held on Wednesday, April 21st at 7 P.M. in the O'Keeffe Middle School Cafeteria. Parents and students will have the opportunity to meet some school staff, view an orientation slide presentation, learn about classes and extracurricular activities, and ask questions.

On May 13th and 14th, we arrange to have fifth grade students from Lowell, Hawthorne and Marquette come during the school day to visit O'Keeffe. The Marquette student visit is on the 13th from 8:30 to 10:00 am. Lowell and Hawthorne students come on the 14th from 8:30 to 10:00am. As part of the tour, students will visit a 6th grade homeroom, view the orientation slide presentation, participate in a building tour, and ask questions to a panel of current students.

Starting middle school is a big step. Your student will have different classes, higher expectations, a busier schedule, more classmates, and increased homework. As a parent, your continued involvement and support is absolutely crucial. The staff at O'Keeffe is committed to helping new students and parents as they make this important transition. If you have immediate questions, please contact School Counselor, Paul Chotlos, or Principal, Kay Enright. Contact information for O'Keeffe support staff is provided below.

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O'Keeffe home page is <http://www.madison.k12.wi.us/okeeffe/okmhome.htm>

Transition Timeline:

April 21 (Wednesday) 7 pm - O'Keeffe Parent Information Night, O'Keeffe School Cafeteria.

May 13 (Thursday) 8:30-10:00 am –Marquette 5th grade visit to O'Keeffe

May 14 (Friday) 8:30-10:00 am –Lowell and Hawthorne 5th grade visit to O'Keeffe

May 17 (Monday) 5-7 pm - O'Keeffe Spring Picnic, Cafeteria and Playground. Families invited.

August 18-20 9:00- 11:30 am - Middle School Registration for the 2010-11 school year at O'Keeffe. 6th grader students/parents are encouraged to come on Friday, August 20th. Students *new* to the school district should call 204-6828 to schedule a time to meet with Counselor Paul Chotlos

August 25 3:30-6:00 pm Registration Make Up Day for families that are unavailable the previous week.

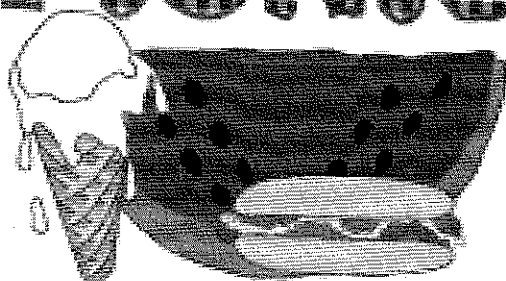
September 1, 2010 First day of school for 6th graders (7 & 8 graders start the next day)

**Families of Hawthorne,
Lowell, and Marquette
fifth graders, you are
invited to the O'Keeffe
Spring Picnic,
Monday,
May 17th, 5-6:30 p.m.**

on the O'Keeffe playground
(near the climbing equipment.)

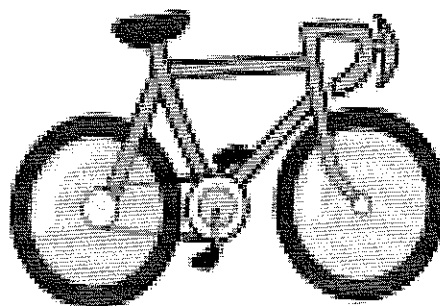


PICNIC



Enjoy a light meal
(hot dogs, carrots,
chips and ice cream),
meet other incoming
O'Keeffe sixth graders,
chat with O'Keeffe
staff and students,
be part of the O'Keeffe Community!

O'Keeffe is one of four schools piloting the development of a "Safe Routes to School" plan—Safe Routes to School, or SRTS, is a nationwide program designed to increase the number of students who safely walk and bike to school—and SRTS developer Brian Conger will be at the picnic to answer questions about SRTS and O'Keeffe's SRTS plan.



2010-11 Budget Issue or "How We Got Here"

The Madison School District must address for 2010-11 a \$29.8 million budget difference that is due to:

- a) a cumulative loss in state aid for public education,
- b) the normal growth of revenue for the school district within the revenue limit formula,
- c) additional revenue authority from the referendum passed in November 2008, and
- d) the revenue limit.

There are two separate parts to this budget situation. The first part is the **tax shortfall** that involves a, b and c from above. The tax shortfall is measured by the additional amount in property taxes the district will have to come up with if it is to have a same-service budget next year. This gap is \$28.6 million and has three parts:

\$9.2 million cut in state aid the MMSD sustained this year;

\$7.8 million cut in state aid the district will sustain next year;

\$11.6 million of increased costs that come with levying authority - broken out in two parts:

\$7.6 million of increased costs in order to deliver the same services next year that the

MMSD is delivering this year, and which the state funding formula allows;

\$4.0 million of increased costs and with levying authority from the approved 2008 referendum

\$28.6 million Tax Shortfall Total

The second part of the budget situation (d from above) concerns the MMSD's levy authority and consists of the amount by which the district's levy authority next year will exceed its levy authority this year. These are the **revenue limit gaps** that have forced the district into cost saving measures totaling \$60 million from 1993-2009.

The MMSD projects it will need \$12.8 million more next year to provide the same level of services as this year. However, the district's increased levying authority is going up by only \$11.6 million (from Part 1 above). The difference is the \$1.2 million revenue limit gap, as it has traditionally been calculated.

Combined Parts 1 and 2	\$28.6 million tax shortfall
	<u>+\$ 1.2 million revenue limit gap</u>
	\$29.8 million budget difference

When the state reduces aid, state law allows local school boards to increase the local property tax by the amount lost in state aid. Local school boards, then, can decide to make up deficiencies through 1) cost-saving measures, 2) increased property taxes, or 3) a combination of the two.

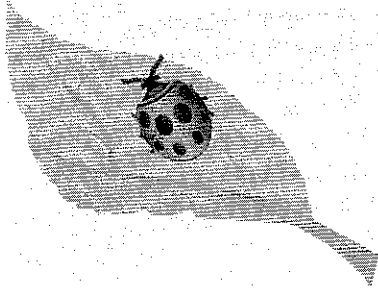
The Board of Education directed the administration to come up with options of reductions, efficiencies and other cost-saving measures to address the \$29.8 million difference. These are the options that the Board received on March 8. The Board members will propose other options to cover the difference.

The Board is now into their process to determine which combination of cost-saving measures and increased property taxes to adopt. Their goal is to approve a budget by early May. Much more information about the budget options can be seen at www.mmsd.org

Citizens can send e-mail comments to the Board members at board@madison.k12.wi.us or attend two Public Hearings that have been scheduled:

Monday, March 22 at 6:00 p.m. at the UW Space Place in Villager Mall – 2300 S. Park St.

Sunday, April 18 at 1:00 p.m. at Warner Park Community Recreation Center - 1625 Northport Dr.



MADISON SCHOOL & COMMUNITY RECREATION

MSCR SUMMER PROGRAMS 2010 FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

Muir Day Camp – for children entering 1st – 5th grades. Includes outdoor adventure, art, sports, science, swimming and more. One-week sessions run June 21 – August 13, 9 am – 4 pm, Monday – Friday. \$125 per session, with an extended day option for an additional cost. The camp takes place at Muir Elementary, 6602 Inner Dr.

Super Center Arts Camp – for children entering 1st – 5th grade. Camp has an arts emphasis, including 2 and 3 dimensional visual arts, creative drama and music. One-week sessions with special themes. Camps run June 21 - August 20, \$142 per session with an extended day option available for additional cost. Takes place at Hoyt Building, and Kennedy Elementary School.

Kids Kamp – for children entering 1 – 5 grades, camp features arts, games, dramatic play, movies, water activities and nature. Weekly sessions run June 21 - August 21, Monday – Friday, 9 – 4 pm with an extended day option. \$125 per session with an extended day option available for additional cost. Takes place at Warner Park Community Recreation Center.

Soccer Day Camps - one week sessions, June 21 - August 27 for ages 3 - grade 8. The camps are at a variety of locations. Mornings or full-day options. The cost ranges from \$40-\$130.

Arts & Enrichment – ballet, dance combo, drama, drawing, painting and a variety of pottery classes and workshops.

Sports – tennis lessons at a variety of locations, youth t-ball for children entering grades K-1, coach pitch for children entering grades 2-3, fitness, bowling, and wrestling camps.

Swimming – youth lessons at East, LaFollette, Memorial and West High Schools and Lapham Elementary. Lessons also available at the Goodman Aquatic Center, Verona.

MSCR offers many recreation programs for all ages at **affordable prices**. Scholarships available. Many programs have online registration. Please visit EZ-REG at www.mscr.org. Please call 204-3000 or stop by MSCR at 3802 Regent Street for more information.



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Nutrition Nuggets

Food and Fitness for a Healthy Child

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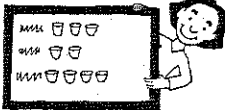
BEST BITES

Keep a water log

Encourage your family to drink more

water with this idea. Hang a small erasable whiteboard on the refrigerator.

Write each person's name down the left side. Each time a family member drinks water, have her draw a glass next to her name.



Play tourist

Seeing the sights in your own town is a fun way to build physical activity into your family's weekends. You might visit the animals at the zoo, explore plants at a botanical garden, or tour a local factory. *Tip:* Check Web sites for free or reduced-price admission days at nearby attractions.

DID YOU KNOW?

Seeds are filled with nutrients. Add them to your child's diet by tossing unsalted sunflower seeds into salads or adding pumpkin seeds to soups and cooked vegetables. Choose sesame-seed bagels, or try grinding seeds in a coffee grinder and sprinkling them on oatmeal or cold cereal.

Just for fun

Q: What's the worst thing about being an octopus?

A: Washing your hands before meals!



Snack wisely

As spring days fill up with soccer practice, school play rehearsals, and more time at the playground, families often scramble for quick and healthy snacks. Here are some suggestions.

After school

When your children come home hungry, try mini-meals rather than chips or sweets. Keep lean deli meat on hand for turkey and ham sandwiches on whole-grain bread. Or make hard-boiled eggs ahead of time. Your youngsters might like them plain, or they can fix deviled eggs. Help them split the eggs in half lengthwise, remove the yolks, and mash them with light mayonnaise, mustard, salt, and pepper. Mound the mixture back into the egg whites, and sprinkle with paprika.

On the go

Carry snacks in the car when you're driving your children to and from activities. Fill a sports bottle with water for



each child. Take along snacks that are portable and easy to eat, such as squeezable yogurt, pita filled with hummus and grated carrots, or a whole-wheat English muffin with melted cheese.

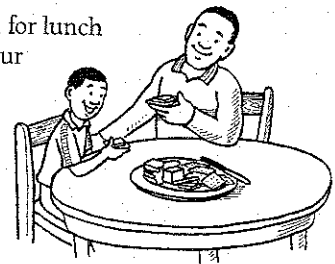
Anytime

Fruit is always a favorite snack. Dress up everyday fruits by making fruit cones. Puree peaches (peeled and pitted) in a blender, fill an ice cream cone with fruit (kiwi pieces, blueberries, pitted cherries), and drizzle the peach puree on top. For other fun fruit snacks, freeze orange slices or grapes. Or let kids dip apple slices in a little caramel sauce. ●

Guidelines for snacking

Snacking between meals is actually important for growing children. Try these tips for fitting snacks into a healthy diet:

- Have regular snack times (after school, an hour before bedtime) so your child doesn't eat all afternoon and evening.
- Keep snacks small enough that he's not too full for lunch or dinner. You might make snacks off-limits an hour before meals.
- Avoid "liquid calories" by not serving soda, sports drinks, or fruit drinks with snacks.
- Encourage snacks that combine at least two food groups. *Example:* a protein (cheese) with a grain (crackers). ●



Chores: Fit and fun

Your house needs cleaning, you want your children to get exercise, and they just want to have fun. There is a way you can accomplish all of this! Try these ideas.

Choose a job. Motivate your youngsters to pitch in by making a game out of choosing chores. List jobs (sweep, vacuum, mop, take out the trash), and let each family member roll a pair of dice. The highest roller picks his chore first, the second-highest next, and so on.



Beat the clock. Put more energy into family cleanup time by turning it into a race. Let each person be in charge of straightening up a different room. Then, set a timer. Rushing to beat the buzzer will make everyone move faster!

Make it fun. Add a twist of fun to everyday chores.

Have younger children dust with (clean) socks on their hands. Place a small hamper in each bedroom so children can "shoot" dirty laundry into the basket. Or play music while doing chores — you might even take a dance break in between tasks. ●

PARENT TO PARENT

Pick a card

My son Luke came home from school the other day excited about a game his gym teacher had taught his class. He asked if we could try it.

He got a deck of cards and had us think of a different exercise to match each suit. We decided on jumping jacks for spades, push-ups for diamonds, running around the room for clubs, and jogging in place for hearts. He said aces were wild — whoever drew one got to name the activity for everyone to do.

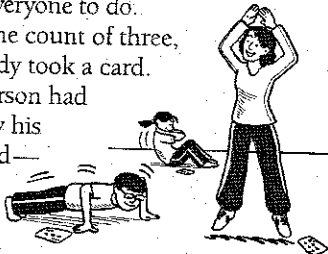
On the count of three, everybody took a card.

Each person had to follow his own card —

a 6 of spades meant

you had to do 6 jumping jacks. A 3 of diamonds meant 3 push-ups. On the next turn, my daughter drew an ace, and she had us do 10 sit-ups.

We had a great time playing the game, and Luke was proud that he had taught it to us. Now we have a good way to get indoor exercise on rainy April days — or any day! ●



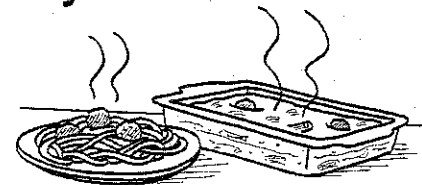
IN THE KITCHEN

Meatballs, two ways

Make one batch of meatballs for two nights of meals. Here's how.

Combine 2 lbs. extra-lean ground beef or ground turkey with $\frac{2}{3}$ cup bread crumbs, 4 tbsp. grated Parmesan cheese, and 2 eggs. Shape into 10 large and 20 small meatballs for:

■ **Spaghetti and meatballs.** In a skillet, brown the large meatballs in a little olive oil. Place in a baking dish and bake at 350° for about 30 minutes. Then, put in a saucepan with marinara sauce and cook until heated through. Serve over cooked and drained spaghetti.



■ **Baked ziti.** Cook 1 lb. ziti according to package directions, and drain. Mix 16 oz. skim ricotta cheese and 2 eggs. In a 9 x 13 inch pan, layer $\frac{1}{2}$ cup tomato sauce, half the cooked ziti, the ricotta mixture, the small meatballs, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sauce, and the rest of the ziti. Top with 1 cup shredded skim mozzarella cheese. Bake at 350° for 1 hour. ●

ACTIVITY CORNER

Art projects

Does your child love to do art projects? Help her learn about nutrition as she gets creative.

Start by having her cut out pictures of healthy foods from old magazines or catalogs. Suggest that she look for fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean meats, chicken, fish, beans, and eggs. Then she can try these projects.

Collage. Have her sort the pictures into food groups (grains, vegetables, fruits, milk, meat and beans). She can arrange each set into a collage, glue the pictures down, and label

the sheet. Hang the collages in the kitchen as a reminder of healthy foods to choose.

Mobile. Let your youngster make a breakfast, lunch, or dinner mobile — or all three! For each one, she can glue pictures onto index cards and carefully cut

around the shapes. For a breakfast mobile, she might feature eggs, toast, pancakes, fruit, milk, and orange juice. Then, help her punch a hole in the top of each picture. Tie string through the pictures, and hang them from a coat hanger. ●



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