



Eagle's Eye

November
&
December 2019

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"Together We Can!"

Principal's Message

Attendance: When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating. Thank you for encouraging your child(ren) to come to school regularly. We know that students benefit from coming to school daily. If your child will be absent, please communicate with the office to ensure they will be marked excused up to 6 days if they are ill. You can also call our answering machine before and after school office hours to communicate with the school.

The Literacy Initiative Afterschool Program: A few high school students from area high schools have been volunteering with our fourth and fifth grade students at Marion Elementary.



A non-profit organization, "Literacy Initiative" located in Creve Coeur, provides books and snacks to students. During each meeting, students receive free snacks and a book that they read during the meeting and take home to finish. High school students run the entire program by coming up with activities and creating agendas for each

meeting. The goal for the program is to create a fun and educational after-school program that gets kids excited about reading through a mentor-mentee relationship between volunteers and students. Students receive leadership points during each meeting for representing the qualities of a good leader. During the first meeting, our students were fully engaged and excited about the program!

2019 MAP Data: We are proud of the gains our students continue to show in math and science. Our students scored above the state in mathematics and science. We are

collaborating on ways to continue to improve achievement for students in English language arts, mathematics and science.

Please continue to encourage students to read at home and write about what they read and complete their homework,

all of which provide an opportunity to practice the skills they learn at school. We look forward to continuing our partnership throughout the school year.

—Dr. Denean Steward, Principal

	Percent Proficient & Adv. ELA	Percent Proficient & Adv. Math	Percent Proficient & Adv. Science
State	50%	42%	42.5%
District	34%	29%	24.7%
Marion	43.5%	50.6%	44%

School Calendar Reminders



November

- 25 PTO Meeting (6:30-7:30 p.m.)
- 27-29 Thanksgiving Holiday / (NO SCHOOL PreK-12)

Enjoy the
Thanksgiving Holiday!
NO SCHOOL
Nov. 27-29, 2019



December

- 13 Winter Musical - RHS Auditorium (7-8 p.m.)
- 14 Holiday Pancake Breakfast / Vendor Event / Holiday Shop (9 a.m.-1 p.m.)
PTO Sponsored
- 16 PTO Meeting (6:30-7:30 p.m.)
- 20 Winter Parties (1:30-3 p.m.) / End of 2nd Quarter
- 23 - 31 Winter Break / (NO SCHOOL PreK-12)

See updated 2019-2020
Marion Elementary
School Calendar

**MARION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
JANUARY-MAY 2020**

DATES	EVENTS
Wednesday, January 1, 2020 to Friday, January 3, 2020	Winter Break / (NO SCHOOL PreK-12)
Monday, January 6, 2020	NO SCHOOL PreK-12 (Professional Dev.)
Tuesday, January 7, 2020	Students Return to School
Tuesday, January 14, 2020	Family Health Night (6:30-7:30 p.m.)
Monday, January 20, 2020	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (NO SCHOOL PreK-12)
Monday, January 27, 2020	PTO Meeting (6:30-7:30 p.m.)
Thursday, February 13, 2020	Early Release Day (8:40 a.m.-1:25 p.m.)
Friday, February 14, 2020	Friendship Parties (1:30-3 p.m.)
Monday, February 17, 2020	Presidents' Day (NO SCHOOL PreK-12)
Friday, February 21, 2020	Family Dance- <i>PTO Sponsored</i> (6-7:30 p.m.)
Monday, February 24, 2020	PTO Meeting (6:30-7:30 p.m.)
Monday, March 9, 2020	Spring Picture Day / End of 3rd Quarter
Tuesday, March 10, 2020	NO SCHOOL PreK-12 (Professional Dev.)
Saturday, March 14, 2020	Bingo Night- <i>PTO Sponsored</i>
Monday, March 16, 2020	PTO Meeting (6:30-7:30 p.m.)
Monday, March 16, 2020 to Friday, March 20, 2020	Book Fair- <i>PTO Sponsored</i>
Wednesday, March 18, 2020 to Thursday, March 19, 2020	Evening Conferences
Friday, March 20, 2020	Conferences AM / (NO SCHOOL PreK-12)
Monday, March 23, 2020 to Friday, March 27, 2020	Spring Break / (NO SCHOOL PreK-12)
Friday, April 3, 2020	Volunteer Breakfast (8:15-9 a.m.)
Tuesday, April 7, 2020	ELL Night (6:30-7:30 p.m.)
Thursday, April 9, 2020	Early Release Day (8:40 a.m.-1:25 p.m.)
Friday, April 10, 2020	NO SCHOOL PreK-12 (Professional Dev.)
Monday, April 27, 2020	PTO Meeting (6:30-7:30 p.m.)
Monday, May 25, 2020	Memorial Day / (NO SCHOOL PreK-12)
Thursday, June 4, 2020	<i>*PreK-12 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL</i> <i>*End of 4th Quarter and 2nd Semester</i>

**Six inclement weather days have been included in the calendar. Should inclement weather days remain by May 1, the last day of school, final exams and summer programs will be rescheduled.*

From our Counselors and Social Worker
How To Make Colored Ice Sculptures For Kids

MATERIALS

- Cups, muffin tins, and bowls of various sizes and shapes
- Water
- Food coloring or liquid watercolors

INSTRUCTIONS

- Make these colored ice sculptures by freezing water dyed with liquid watercolors (food coloring would work too) in various containers. You can use muffin tins, various small bowls, a cake pan and some plastic cups.
- Once they are frozen, run the containers under warm water to loosen and remove the ice.
- Stack them into an outdoor ice sculpture.

<https://artfulparent.com/2012/11/colored-ice-sculptures-outdoor-winter-art-for-kids.html>

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Marion's character trait this month is **Embrace Diversity**.

Marion Eagles work hard to accept and include others, celebrate differences, and work together to learn and grow.

Here are student quotes about Embracing Diversity:

"Embracing diversity means to treat people how you want to be treated no matter what skin color they have." – Andre (226)

"Embracing diversity means to cooperate with people even though they are different." – Aimee (226)

"Letting anybody join you. Their skin and looks don't matter." – Madison (220)

"Embrace diversity means sharing things and stories with others." – Dulce (220)

"Embracing diversity means including different people. It doesn't matter how they look." – Ray'Jon (228)

"Embracing diversity means you don't care what they look like or wear because we are all equal. On Thursday, I was scared to go to school because my eye looked weird and maybe kids would laugh at me. But embracing diversity means you don't care what people look like. I know at Marion no one will laugh because we embrace diversity!" – (228)

Marion Elementary Winter Showcase

Friday, Dec. 13, 2019
RHS Auditorium
7-8 p.m.



From the Nurse...Hello Marion Eagle Family and Friends! *Sara Corbitt, R.N.*

I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...

I HAVE A FEVER	I AM VOMITING	I HAVE DIARRHEA	I HAVE A RASH	I HAVE HEAD LICE	I HAVE AN EYE INFECTION	I HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL
Temperature of 100.4 or higher	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours	Body rash with itching or fever	Itchy head, active head lice	Redness, itching, and/or "crusty" drainage from eye	Hospital stay and/or ER visit

I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM...

Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication i.e Tylenol, Motrin	Free from vomiting for 24 hours	Free from diarrhea for at least 24 hours	Free from rash, itching, or fever I have been evaluated by my doctor if needed.	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home and proof is provided to nurse	Evaluated by my doctor and have a note to return to school	Released by my medical provider to return to school
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