



# Eagle's Eye

January &  
February 2020

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## Principal's Message

Thank you to all of the families that attended Family Health & Fitness Night! Many families said how much they enjoyed the activities, information and resources that were shared with families and friends during the event.

### Gallery Walk Conferences

Please join your child in a celebration of learning and growing this year! Marion Elementary School's third quarter conferences will be held on Wednesday, March 18 and Thursday, March 19 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., and on Friday, March 20 in the morning from 8:30-10:30 a.m. where you can reflect with your child and their teacher on their successes this year. Students will reflect on their first quarter goals. The gallery walk is student-led, but teachers will be available to answer questions. Teachers will schedule private conferences for some of our students. Conference information will be sent out to families soon. Please reach out to your child's teacher for any questions you may have about conferences.

### National School Counseling Month

Please join us in recognizing our school counselors, Mrs. Crocker and Mrs. Weise and our two social workers, Ms. Leyh-Pierce and Mrs. Bernstein during the month of February. Marion Elementary School is celebrating National School Counseling during the month of February. Recognition of National School Counseling, sponsored by American School Counselors Association, ASCA, highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career. Please join me in celebrating and recognizing our school counselors, Ms. Crocker, Ms. Weise, and our two social workers, Ms. Leyh-Pierce and Ms. Bernstein who support the social emotional needs of our students, provide resources to the entire school community and teach our students how to set personal career goals.

— *Dr. Denean Steward, Principal*

## School Calendar Reminders



### February

21	Family Dance-PTO Sponsored ( 6-7:30 p.m.)
24	PTO Meeting (6:30-7:30 p.m.)

### March

9	Spring Picture Day / End of 3rd Quarter
10	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> PreK-12 (Professional Dev.)
16	PTO Meeting (6:30-7:30 p.m.)
16 - 20	Book Fair - PTO Sponsored
18 - 19	Evening Conferences
20	<b>Conferences AM / (NO SCHOOL</b> PreK-12)
23 - 27	Spring Break / (NO SCHOOL PreK-12)

# LEADERSHIP



## How do Marion Eagles show leadership at school?

*"We show leadership by being kind and helping others." - Jocelyn R.*

*"Marion Eagles show leadership by right choices over wrong." - Kaley P.*

*"We show leadership by being good role models and using line basics." - Jesus*

*"We are good leaders when we talk things out, walk away, or get help from an adult." - Matthew*

*"We show leadership by being engaged while the teacher is talking." -Keelen*

*"We are leaders when we walk in the hallway and show our line basics to others." -Kamren*

*"We follow directions the first time they are given." -Logan*

*"We are leaders when we do our work and read silently." -Candice*



*"We show leadership by setting an example for younger students." - Kaylei' A.*

*"We are leaders when we do the right thing when the teacher is not looking." - Sophia D.*

*"We are good leaders when we follow the rules." Sophia R.*

*" We are leaders when we do the right thing at all times and not follow others." - Dalynn*

## ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

- Cars enter the front drive of school using south drive entrance (closest drive to Midland).
- Please pull car all the way to the end of the front curb forming a line of cars to let children out on to sidewalk.
- Please watch carefully when entering drive; students may be crossing the lot at the crosswalk with the crossing guard who will be holding up a stop sign.
- Watch closely and make a right as you exit the drive.
- Buses, daycare vans and taxis enter on Wismer and line up on the north parking lot.
- If you need to walk your child in the building, please enter on Wismer and park on the north parking lot.



## DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

### DISMISSAL CAR RIDERS

- **ONLY BUSES AND DAY CARE VANS** are permitted to enter the front lot.
- Car riders will be dismissed in the back of the school; enter the lot using the north drive (drive nearest the neighborhood homes and paper recycling bin) forming two lines.
- Please enter the driveway in the right lane if you will make a right turn onto Wismer and enter the driveway in the left lane if you will be making a left onto Wismer.
- **Please wait patiently as it takes a little bit of time to safely load students in cars.**
- Cars will slowly pull forward watching teachers who will be directing the traffic lines; for safety and efficiency continue the line formation and do not stop the line to pick your child up where you may see them standing. Teachers will be walking your children to their cars (Even in inclement weather).
- You will be directed when to safely exit.

### DISMISSAL WALKERS:

- Kindergarten walkers may be picked up on the kindergarten blacktop (south blacktop closest to Midland)
- In order for student(s) to be released - a parent, guardian, babysitter or sibling will need to be designated on the enrollment form. The designated person will check in at the front gate call for student and release student to parent or designated person.
- A parent line will form outside of the gate.
- Please leave staying on the sidewalk and crossing at crosswalks.
- First grade walkers will form a line outside of the building near room 110.



**Bring your Smiles for  
Spring Pictures  
Monday,  
March 9, 2020**



**March 23-27, 2020  
NO SCHOOL**

**Enjoy and recharge!  
School Resumes  
Monday, March 30, 2020!**



**Congratulations!**

**Ms. Jamerison**  
is  
Marion Elementary's  
2020 Diamond Circle  
Teacher of the Year!

 **Marion Elementary  
Parent Teacher Organization**



**BOOKFAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**



**The Spring Scholastic Book Fair is coming up and  
Marion PTO is in need of volunteers!**

*From our Nurse... Hello  
Marion Eagle Family and Friends!*

*— Keela Taylor R.N., School Nurse*

**How to Help your Family Fight Flu**

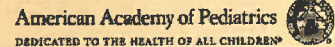
Flu shots! Everyone 6 months and up should get a flu shot each year.

Here are other ways to #FightFlu:

- Wash hands frequently
- Sanitize toys
- Teach kids to cough in their elbow (like a vampire!)
- Keep kids home from school & child care if they have any flu symptoms



**Keep your family and community healthy by getting vaccinated today!**



**PERFORMANCE AT RHS**

**The Marion Elementary Choir will be performing songs from the musical "Annie" at our Friday, May 8 concert at Ritenour High School Auditorium!**

**Plan to Join Us!**

## **Be Sure You Are Registered to Vote**

Anyone needing to register to vote for the April 7, 2020 election or other elections this year, may do so at any Ritenour school, Administrative Center or the Ritenour Adult Education Center. Other nearby places to register to vote are at the St. Louis County library, at motor vehicle registration offices and the St. Louis County Board of Elections office located at 725 Northwest Plaza Drive in St. Ann.

To register, you must be a U.S. citizen, 17 1/2 years of age (18 years old by Election Day), and a resident of St. Louis County.

The deadline to register to vote in the April 7 election is Wednesday, March 11. For more information or to submit your voter registration form online, visit <https://www.stlouisco.com/Your-Government/Elections/Voter-Registration>

## **Ritenour School Board Puts Zero Tax Rate Change Bond Issue on April 7 Ballot**

The Ritenour School District Board of Education voted unanimously at its Jan. 9 meeting to place a \$19.5 million bond issue measure on the April 7 ballot. The bond issue, called Proposition S, will not increase the current tax rate. Voter approval would allow the District to address pressing facility and safety needs at all Ritenour schools.

Proposition S would pay for construction, repairs and renovations at each of Ritenour's 10 schools without raising the debt service tax rate.

Ritenour has nearly one million square feet of school facilities with a replacement value of more than \$300 million. The average age of Ritenour school buildings is more than 50 years old. These buildings are safe and well-constructed, but require extensive ongoing maintenance, repair and renovations to keep them in good condition.

Because of solid financial management and a recent increase in property values, Ritenour can make these repairs and renovations with a bond issue that does not raise the debt service tax rate for district residents.

Prop S would allow the district to borrow \$19.5 million in bonds to pay for major school maintenance and repair projects. Specifically, Prop S projects at Marion Elementary will include the following:

- Reconfigure Main Entry to Increase Safety & Security
- Improved Building Access Controls
- Replacement of Playground Pads
- HVAC Upgrades
- Additional Safety & Security Upgrades
- Cafeteria Updates
- Lighting Upgrades & Energy Efficiency Improvements
- Exterior Brick Tuck-Pointing
- Painting
- Asphalt/Parking Lot Repairs

Funds from a bond issue cannot pay for salaries, benefits, supplies, utilities, or other operating costs. For more information about the bond issue, go to the Ritenour website: <http://ritenourschools.org/PropS>

Ritenour School District

# Kindergarten Kickoff

## Learn All About Kindergarten!

- Immunizations
- Before- & After-Care
- School Lunches
- Transportation and much more!

**Thursday, Feb. 27, 2020 • 5 - 7 p.m.**

### Ritenour Auditorium Lower Lobby

(9100 St. Charles Rock Road. St. Louis, Mo. 63114 • Next to Ritenour High School)

Kindergarten teachers and school administrators will be on hand from each of Ritenour's six elementary schools to answer questions and discuss expectations. In addition, information will be available about registering for school, transportation, special education, kindergarten readiness activities, and before- and after-school care, food service, immunizations and much more.

**Incoming kindergarten students are encouraged to attend with their families.**

Families who attend will have the opportunity to win attendance prizes and receive free kindergarten readiness materials for their child. Students must be 5 years old on or before July 31, 2020 to enter kindergarten in the fall of 2020.

**For more information about the Kindergarten Kickoff event, please call (314) 493-6006.**

**Beginning Feb. 3, parents can register their kindergarten students for the 2020-2021 school year** from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday - Friday at Ritenour's Administrative Center, 2420 Woodson Road. For more information about general registration, call (314) 493-6048 or visit [www.ritenourschools.org](http://www.ritenourschools.org).



Distrito Escolar de Ritenour

# Comenzando el Kínder

## ¡Aprenda todo acerca del Kinder (Jardín de Niños)!

- Vacunaciones • El cuidado antes y después de la escuela
- Comidas en las escuelas • Transportación y ¡mucho más!

**Jueves, Febrero 27, 2020 • 5 - 7 p.m.**

### Lobby Inferior del Auditorio Ritenour

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Los maestros de kínder y los administradores escolares estarán presentes en cada una de las seis escuelas primarias de Ritenour para contestar preguntas y hablar sobre las expectativas. Además, la información estará disponible para las inscripciones de la escuela, transporte escolar, educación especial, actividades de preparación para el kínder, el cuidado antes y después de la escuela, servicio de alimentos, vacunaciones y mucho más. **Se invita a los estudiantes de Kínder de nuevo ingreso a asistir con sus familias.**

Las familias que asistan tendrán la oportunidad de ganar premios de asistencia y recibir materiales de preparación para el kínder gratis para su niño(a). Los estudiantes deben tener 5 años de edad cumplidos el o antes del 31 de julio, 2020 para ingresar al kínder en el otoño del 2020.

**Para más información sobre el evento Comenzando el Kínder,  
favor de llamar al (314) 493-6006.**

Comenzando el 3 de febrero, los padres pueden inscribir a sus estudiantes de kínder para el año escolar 2020-2021 de 8:30 a 10:30 a.m. y de 1 a 3 p.m. de lunes – viernes en el Centro Administrativo de Ritenour, en 2420 Woodson Road. Para más información sobre la inscripción en general, llamar al (314) 493-6048 o visitar [www.ritenourschools.org](http://www.ritenourschools.org).

