

Marquette Elementary School

September 2017 Newsletter

Important Dates

September 1, 2017, 2:15 p.m. Dismissal
September 4, 2017, No School-Labor Day
September 8, 11:30 Dismissal
September 29, 2017, Progress reports

Reporting Absence from School

Please call 382-3612, ext. 230, before 9:00 a.m., to report your child's absence from school.



The school must contact parents whenever a child is absent. If we are not able to confirm an absence, it will be considered an unexcused absence. If there are multiple unexcused absences, a truancy officer will be contacted.

Visitor Procedures

Please make sure you always check in at the office when you are visiting or picking up your child from MES. This allows for your and other children's safety in the school. Parents are asked not to attempt to go to classrooms after the school day begins.

Change in Dismissal

If your child's dismissal changes, please send a note to your child's teacher. We will only alter their normal dismissal procedure if we are notified by an adult. If an **emergency** arises and alternate plans must be used for picking up your child, please call the office before 2:30 p.m. Non-emergency changes in the child's routine should be



explained to the child before school and with a written note to the teacher.

Morning Arrival Times and Tardies

Students walking to school or being driven by their parents should not arrive before 8:10 a.m. If your child is eating breakfast at school, it will be served between 7:50 a.m. and 8:10 a.m. Children are allowed to enter the building through the front or north doors, if the weather is inclement. An "IN" sign will be displayed on the outer doors on these days. Please help the school by making sure your child is on time, by 8:20. We only had 5 tardies in August!

Dropping off Students before School

In order to maintain a safe environment for our students, starting SEPTEMBER 1, please drop your child off at the door and allow them to go to their classroom, wait in the hallway (when weather does not allow them to stay outside) or go to breakfast independently. This will allow all students to safely pass in the hall, and help us more carefully monitor who is coming in and out of the building. We are also hoping this will encourage more responsibility and independence for our students. There is school staff present to monitor students in the morning. We ask pre-k parents to remain with their children until Miss Jenny and Miss Rachel pick them up. Pre-k is the only grade level that requires an adult to wait with the children, inside or outside, for supervision.

Sending Treats to School



The Tazewell County Health Department recommends that all treats at school should be prepackaged or store purchased items. Pre-k and Kindergarten is asking parents to NOT send cupcakes to school. Please think of healthy alternatives for birthday snacks when at all possible. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

NO SMOKING

Smoking is prohibited on the school grounds at all times. Please do not smoke on school grounds. This includes vaping.

Peoria Area Dining Tour Books



The MES office is selling Peoria Area Dining Tour Books for \$30. There are hundreds of buy one get one free coupons to area restaurants. For each book we sell, MES gets to keep \$10. Come to the office to purchase.

Parent Club Meetings

The MES/RES Parents Club is looking to recruit new members. Their first meeting is Tuesday, September 5 at 6:30 in the MES library. The Parents Club is responsible for planning fun and exciting events, and helping to raise funds for the schools. Please contact the Parent Club at parentclub@dist102.org, or text @ahcke to the number 81010, for more information.

2016-2017 Yearbooks

If you did not receive your yearbook and you paid for it, please call the office at 382-3612. We will have a few to sell on a first come first serve basis, after we are certain everyone has gotten their prepaid copy.

Lunch & Breakfast Prices

Regular lunch is \$2.65, reduced lunch is \$.40 and extra milk is \$.45. Regular breakfast is \$2.05, reduced breakfast is \$.30.

Parent Portal & E-Pay

Through our website, www.dist102.org, you may access your child's grades and breakfast/lunch account through a parent portal in Lumen. You can also pay for meals and fees. The database requires a unique code for each student. If you do not have a code to view the information for your child, you may contact the district secretary, Terri Donahue, by e-mail at tdonahue@dist102.org.

No Dogs Allowed

Please do not bring dogs on the play ground. This is for everyone's safety.



Crossing at Crosswalks

All parents and students should cross at the crosswalk with the crossing guard. It is very important for the safety of all students of Marquette Elementary School.

Book Rental & Activity Fees Payments

If you have not paid the book rental for the 2017-2018 school year, please call the office at 382-3612, to let us know when you will be making this payment. Book Fees are \$80. The activity fee is \$8.00. September 15, 2017, is the last day to pay book fees and receive the \$5 discount. Textbook waivers are available and must be completed within the first 30 days of enrollment. Activity fees are not covered by the textbook waiver. You may pay fees on our website, www.dist102.org, through our E-Pay tab.