

# Mascoutah Elementary School

## Your School for Excellence

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### Important Dates:

#### January

- 7 Classes Resume & 3rd Quarter begins. Welcome back!
- 11 2nd Quarter Report Cards go home
- 11 Spirit Day & Box Top Collection
- 14 PTO Mtg. 6:00pm
- 15 School Board Mtg. 7:00pm ASC Building
- 21 **NO SCHOOL** - Martin Luther King's Birthday
- 24 MES Fun Spot Skate Night, 6:00pm to 8:00pm

#### February

- 15 **Daddy Daughter Dance** 6:30-8:00pm
- 18 **NO SCHOOL**  
**NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day**

"Kindness is like snow - it beautifies everything it covers" — Khalil Gibran

### Thank You!

December was a month of many activities at school. Our thanks goes out to ALL those who helped with collections, concerts, plays, parties and projects. We had many donations by parents and grandparents for families in need-thanks for your generosity! We are blessed to be part of such a caring and generous community!

### Impact Aid Form-MCUSD#19 Families Please Complete ASAP!

Now available on your Skyward Family Access is the Impact Aid Form. The data collected from this form will be used in the District's Impact Aid Funding application.

Impact Aid Funding accounts for 30% of the District's annual revenue, so the importance of having every family complete this form correctly is vital to the District's finances.

A family will have to fill this form out only once, regardless of the number of students in the family. Also, this form is being sent to only the primary guardian for the students. Keep other family guardians in mind when completing this form. They could meet the qualifications for Impact Aid even if you do not. For example: An ex-spouse or a step-parent may meet qualifications, but may not have access to this form.

Please assist our community by taking the time to complete this 5-minute form—it closes on January 6th. 100 percent completion ensures that the Mascoutah School District receives the funding necessary to provide all of the educational opportunities for our community. Our students, staff, and community thank you in advance.

For more information on the Impact Aid Funding program visit the Useful Links section under District information on the website, [msd19.org](http://msd19.org).

### SCHOOL YEARBOOK for 2018-19

Order your Yearbook for 2018-19 online now. Click on the link below and enter ID code **1429619** to order your Mascoutah Elementary School Yearbook. We will also send order forms home with students in January. The order **deadline is January 18**. <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com>



### \*NEW\* IAR-Illinois Assessments of Readiness

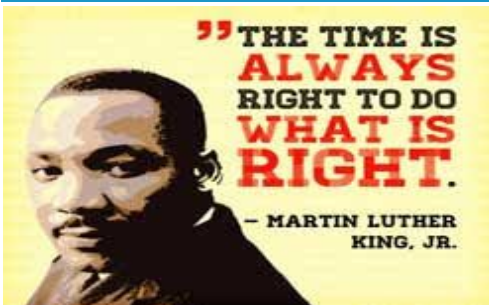
The State of Illinois is no longer administering the PARCC test for grades 3-5. The new test is called IAR-Illinois Assessments of Readiness. The Illinois Assessments of Readiness (IAR) is the state assessment and accountability measure for Illinois students enrolled in a public school district. IAR assesses the New Illinois Learning Standards incorporating the Common Core. IAR will be administered in English Language Arts and Mathematics to all students in grades 3-8. The dates for the new assessment are not set, here is the information given to us by the state: Dates are presently unknown subject to ongoing procurement and will be shared as soon as they are available. Dates will absolutely not start before March 4, 2019, and will most likely not extend past April 26, 2019. As we learn more about the IAR we will share it with you.

MES and the District report cards are available at the following links as well as PARCC results from Spring 2018:

<http://www.illinoisreportcard.com/School.aspx?schoolId=500820190262003>

#### ABSENCES & TARDIES:

It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to call each and every day a child is out of school or tardy. You will be asked your child's name, teacher, and reason for the absence/tardy. The office number is available 24 hours a day so you may leave a detailed message anytime. **618-566-2152**



### Word of the Month:

## **EMPATHY**

To understand the feelings of someone else; put yourself in their shoes. How would you feel?

### PBIS Reward of the month:

## **Snowball Mania**

The students will play snowball themed games.

### Cafeteria - 18 Days

Regular Breakfast	\$26.10
Regular Lunch	\$44.10
Reduced Breakfast	\$6.30
Reduced Lunch	\$8.10

## **News from the Library**

The next Reading Counts Shop will be as soon as we return from the holidays. K-2 are reading books from the Monarch list. They will be voting for their favorite book from this year's selections in late January. The overall favorite book for our school will be determined in early February. We will know the overall winning book for all the kids in Illinois this spring, stay tuned for the announcement. Third and fifth grades have been learning research skills and fourth grade just wrapped up our study of genres. This has been a very productive semester!



[mes.msds19.org](http://mes.msds19.org)

## **Recycle Club News & Humane Society Drive**

Thank you to all those who contributed to the success of our annual collection for the Belleville Humane Society. The Recycle Club students will box up the items and they will be delivered after Winter Break. Thanks to all who donated! *Reduce, Reuse and Recycle*

## **T'is the Season for Coughs and Colds**

Deciding when a child is too sick to go to school can be difficult. The following guidelines will be helpful in making your decision. Your child must be kept home if he/she has any of the following symptoms:

- a fever of 100° or greater
- a cold with persistent nasal discharge
- a painful sore throat or a sore throat lasting longer than 24-48 hrs
- flu-like symptoms; aches, chills, tiredness, cough, sore throat and fever
- vomiting or diarrhea
- a persistent uncontrollable cough
- unidentified rash
- just doesn't feel well

**Please do not send students to school to be diagnosed by the nurse. Do not administer medication to lower abnormal temperatures so that they may attend school.** Your child should be *free of all symptoms for at least 24 hours*, without medications, before returning to school (even if they are feeling better). Help us control the spread of disease at school and keep sick children home.

## **School Closings, Late Starts & Early Dismissals**

Should the need arise due to inclement weather or an emergency MCUSD#19 will take the following actions when school is to be closed for the day or when we call for a late start:

- Parents will receive a phone message from the **School Messenger**.
- Information will be posted on the District website
- Local Radio and Television will broadcast the information

**A Late Start schedule** is 1 hour later than the regular schedule

- Morning bus service will be 1 hour later.
- Extended Time-Before School Care will be available from **8:00am-9:00am**
- Student drop off will begin at **9:00am—9:25am**
- Breakfast begins **9:00am-9:20am**

## **LEXIA Reading**

Winter break will be an excellent time to earn extra Lexia minutes! All MES students have access to the Lexia Core5 Reading program and use it regularly at school. The site can be accessed at home through the school website under the *For Students* tab or click this link.

[http://mes.msds19.org/for\\_students/websites\\_for\\_kids](http://mes.msds19.org/for_students/websites_for_kids).

Choose the Clever link. It is the blue square with a "C". Grades 2-5 login with their student Google account and choose the Lexia link. Kindergarten and 1st grade use Clever badges to login at school on devices with cameras. They can also login with their username and password. Usernames are the student's last name, first initial, middle

initial with no spaces and all lowercase letters. If you would like a copy of the Clever badge for K and 1, or need the password, please contact your child's teacher or Mrs. Hilpert at [hilpertd@msds19.org](mailto:hilpertd@msds19.org).



