

# Mascoutah Elementary School

Your School for Excellence

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*"As we express our gratitude we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them" ~John F. Kennedy*

## February

- 1 Spirit Day & School Store, Wear purple!
- 14 Valentines Day
- 15 Daddy/Daughter Dance 6:30pm-8:00pm at MES
- 18 **NO SCHOOL** - Presidents' Day
- 19 School Board Mtg. 7:00pm ASC Building

## March

- 1 **EARLY DISMISSAL** - SIP Day  
11:35: K, walkers & bikers  
11:45: Gr 1 pick-ups  
11:50: all others  
No Extended Time-After School
- 4 **NO SCHOOL** - Teacher In-Service Day

For this years **UPDATED** school calendar click on this link:

<http://msd19.org/cms/one.aspx?portalid=248100&pageid=265738>

**2 makeup days have been added to the end of the school year to reflect the snow days the District took on November 15 and January 30. The last day of school is now on Friday, May 24. The updated calendar will be attached and on the District website.**

## 2018-19 Illinois Parent Survey

Parents: If you haven't taken the 5 Essentials Survey yet, the window is open until February 15, 2019. Currently only 9% of our parents have taken the survey. Please take a few minutes to complete it. The link is here: <http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/>



## Kindergarten Registration and Screening 19-20

Kindergarten registration for 2019-2020 school year will be held at the **District Administrative Support Center, 421 W. Harnett St., on Thursday, April 25, from 8:30am-5:00pm.** Please refer to the school website for detailed information. Representatives from each elementary school will be available to help incoming Kindergarten parents with the registration process. At this registration, students will be assigned a 1 hour time slot to return to their respective school for a kindergarten screening. Kindergarten screening for MES will take place on **Monday, May 13, 2019** (students must be pre-registered in order to attend the screening).

If the April 25th registration date does not work with your schedule, please contact the school office as soon as possible to make other arrangements. **Monday, May 13 will be a NO ATTENDANCE day for current KINDERGARTEN students.**

## Preschool Screening 19-20

**Upcoming screening dates: Friday, March 15, Friday, April 12, and Friday, May 17, 2019** at Wingate Elementary School, 150 Wingate Blvd, Belleville 62221. Our preschool program is offered to parents living within the school district. All children who will be 3 years old on or before September 1, 2018 and children age 4½ that are not eligible for kindergarten in the fall of 2018 can be screened. **To schedule a screening appointment, please call the District office at (618) 566-7414 ext. 3117, Mon-Fri. between 9:00am-3:00pm.**

## School Physicals 19-20

A school physical, including proof of immunizations, is required for all students entering Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, 6th and 9th grades. Students in grades 6 and 12 must show proof of immunization against meningococcal disease. **Previously enrolled students entering Pre-K,**

Coming soon...  
MCUSD#19 will  
launch our new  
website on  
March 1st.



**Word of the Month:**  
**HUMANITY**

Believing that people of different cultures, abilities, religions, genders, and races are equally valuable members of our society.

**PBIS Reward of the Month**  
**KIDS' CHOICE**



**Cafeteria - 19 Days**

<b>Regular Breakfast</b>	<b>\$27.55</b>
<b>\$1.45</b>	
<b>Regular Lunch</b>	<b>\$45.60</b>
<b>\$2.40</b>	
<b>Reduced Breakfast</b>	<b>\$6.65</b>
<b>\$0.35</b>	
<b>Reduced Lunch</b>	<b>\$8.55</b>
<b>\$0.45</b>	

**News from the Library**

Students are encouraged to continue reading and taking quizzes in the new ReadnQuiz program. Students may access ReadnQuiz from home to check their progress and to determine if a book has a quiz. Quizzes can only be taken at school. To date our students have earned a total of 8,380.5 points!

Kindergarten, 6th, 9th and 12th grades and new Kindergarten students **must** meet the above requirements on the **first day** of school. Failure to provide a school physical with proof of immunizations will result in exclusion from school until the appropriate health records are provided. Parents are encouraged to schedule an appointment as soon as possible to assure that physicals and immunizations are completed prior to the start of the 2019-2020 school year.

**IAR Testing Dates**

IAR is the new state assessment and accountability measure for Illinois public school students. **Our testing window for grades 3-5 is April 2-April 12 at MES.** Please avoid scheduling appointments during these weeks.

**MES School Service Projects**

**Jump Rope For Heart ~ American Heart Association:**

MES students will show their support for the AHA during our upcoming Jump Rope For Heart. Students will bring home information about fundraising and making donations. Please do not send in cash or checks. Donations will be collected online. The event will kick off **on Friday, February 1.** The kids will learn about heart healthy info like choosing water over sugar drinks, and will participate in fun heart healthy activities like jumping rope, running and shooting hoops.

**Band News**

The 5th grade band students began working on solos after the new year. Students have volunteered to enter their solo in the Mascoutah Solo & Ensemble Contest. The contest will be **Saturday, March 9,** at Wingate Elementary. Times will be announced at a later date for each student.

**BIRTHDAY TREATS**

Parents should not feel compelled to send in anything to share for their child's birthday. But if you really want to send in something, **you must make arrangements with your child's teacher PRIOR to delivery.** If approved and you are sending treats, **please ONLY send store purchased items that are individually packaged by the manufacturer and includes a nutrition label** (i.e. granola bars, Hostess, fruit snacks, etc.). We cannot accept either homemade or store bought cupcakes or cakes. If approved and you wish to send in goodie bags for your child's birthday, keep it simple (i.e. pencils, stickers, etc.). Remember balloons are never permitted in the school. Approved birthday items may be dropped off in the office. Since we value our instructional time and try to limit classroom disruptions, family members are unable to take the treats to the classroom. Call the school office if you have any questions.

**Mascoutah PBIS Color Run-5K Walk/Run & Youth Run**

Mascoutah Schools' PBIS Color Run 5K Walk/Run & Youth Run is **Saturday, March 30, 2019.** The 5K starts at **8:00am** at MHS and the Youth Run is at **9:00am.** This run serves as a PBIS fundraiser for the district. PBIS is the District's Character Education program where activities are run at each school promoting positive behavior and actions. All the proceeds from the run will allow our school to fund all of the incentives throughout the year. The race entry form is attached, in MES's Digital Backpack and can be completed online at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com). You can also show support by making a donation or becoming a Run Sponsor, please contact your student's school principal for more information. It our goal to get 300 runners from MES!

Adopted 2/20/18 (Revised 1/31/19)

# 2018-2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR

## MASCOUTAH COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 19

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**2018**

August 13-14..... In-service Days  
 August 15..... Classes Begin (1/2 Day Student Attendance)  
 September 3..... Labor Day  
 October 5..... Teacher In-service Day (No Student Attendance)  
 October 8..... Columbus Day  
 October 25-26..... No Student Attendance  
 November 12..... Veterans Day  
 November 21-23 (Inclusive)..... Thanksgiving Break  
 December 21..... SIP Day (½ Day Student Attendance)  
 December 24-January 4 (Inclusive)..... Winter Break

**2019**

January 7..... Classes Resume  
 January 21..... Martin Luther King Day  
 February 18..... President’s Day  
 March 1..... SIP Day (½ Day Student Attendance)  
 March 4..... Teacher In-service Day (No Student Attendance)  
 April 18-22 (Inclusive)..... Spring Break  
 May 19..... Mascoutah High School Graduation at 2:00 pm  
 May 24..... School Ends (1/2 Day Student Attendance/2 Snow Day Used)  
 May 27..... Memorial Day  
 May 28 - 31 ..... Make-up Days\*\*

MONTH	ATTENDANCE DAYS	WORKSHOP IN-SERVICE
August	13	2
September	19	
October	19	1
November	17	
December	15	
January	17	
February	19	
March	20	1
April	19	
May	18	

\*\*Five inclement weather days are included in the calendar. School will end May 24. For each additional inclement weather day used, school will be extended as follows:

1. May 28
2. May 29
3. May 30
4. May 31

GRADING PERIODS					
1 <sup>st</sup>	October 12	40 days	3 <sup>rd</sup>	March 15	46 days
2 <sup>nd</sup>	December 21	43 days	4 <sup>th</sup>	May 23	47 days

### PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

October 24, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
 October 25, 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
 February 28, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

# Mascoutah Elementary School PTO

## Mission

To enhance the learning experience for our children at MES.

## 2018-2019 Goals

- Fund educational speaker series and school assemblies.
- Advance technology.
- Promote the arts and physical activities.

The PTO is already looking ahead to next year's goals. Submit suggestions or questions to [mes19pto@gmail.com](mailto:mes19pto@gmail.com).

## In Other News.....

### Benefits of PTO Involvement

The PTO is a great place to meet other parents, students and get to know faculty. **A family PTO membership is only \$5 for the school year** and allows access to the closed Facebook group and to an e-mail distribution list. A PTO membership is not required to attend PTO meetings. Your participation is needed to help enhance the educational experience for our children. Send all inquiries, suggestions and feedback to [mes19pto@gmail.com](mailto:mes19pto@gmail.com). Let your voice be heard!

Mrs. Hoerchler, formerly Miss Toms is our Teacher Spot Light this month. She is now teaching 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and is doing outstanding. We recently received a letter from a new parent saying, "Mrs. Hoerchler reached out to me via a phone call to introduce herself and to ask if she could answer any questions I or my husband may have had. I never expected to hear from either of their teachers prior to school and this phone call alone helped ease my nerves. Yet days after this call Tyler received a package in the mail. He opened it to find a stack of cards from each of his soon-to-be classmates, all welcoming him to their class family. He read each and every one with a huge smile." This is just one way that Mrs. Hoerchler is making a difference at MES!!! Thank you



## Upcoming PTO Events

February 1

Spirit Day / Popcorn Day

February 15

Daddy / Daughter Dance – MES Cafeteria







Teacher Spot Light!!



### Donuts with Dad

Thanks to all the Dad's and family members that turned out for the first "Donuts with Dad" event. Over 600 guests representing all grades turned out for the event.

A big thank you to the volunteers, faculty and cafeteria workers that made it all possible!



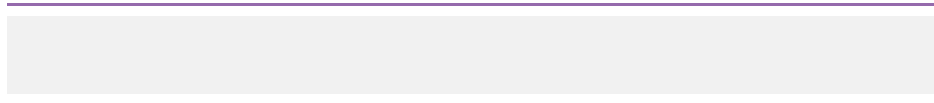
This month's Student Spotlight is Cal Gloeckner. Cal is in Mrs. Warner's 5th grade class and loves history, learning, and playing soccer. Known for being the kid that loves seeing everybody happy, Cal was seen going out of his way to thank a military service member one afternoon after school. Sharing his parent's appreciation for the military and following in his dad's footsteps, Cal always makes sure to show his appreciation for our service men and women every chance he can. Cal believes in showing every service member the same appreciation he believes his veteran service members deserve. Mature beyond his years, Cal does an amazing job in showing his gratitude to America's heroes. If you see Cal, give him a high five and tell him to keep up the great work!



### Revolutionary War Historian Visit

Guest speaker from the Colonial time period Geoff Baggett, a Revolutionary War historian, demonstrated tools and displayed colonial clothing to students. Mr. Baggett is an author of children's novels about American history. His wife also writes curriculum for student novels, which will be available as teaching tools to students.

Is there a student, faculty member or volunteer you would like to see in the spotlight??? Submit your suggestion to [mes19pto@gmail.com](mailto:mes19pto@gmail.com).



# Mascoutah School District

## New School & District Websites

Starting March 1st, our school district will be moving to a new website provider: [Apptegy](#). We will be using this new website for building pages in conjunction with *Google Sites* for our faculty and staff pages. Once this conversion has occurred, you will not be able to access information from the current *SchoolMessenger Presence* website.

### Web Addresses & Personal Bookmarks

The web addresses for the main pages of the five educational buildings and the Administrative Support Center will not change; the new *Apptegy* website will use the same addresses. Bookmarks to the main page that you have made on your personal devices will still work.

However, if you have linked to other parts of the websites, or any files found on them, they most likely will not work. In fact as we prepare for the conversion, you may notice links starting to fail. This may be due to the page or file being moved or no longer existing. Please revisit the current website and locate the page or file that you need.

### History, Cookies & Cache

If you still experience issues after March 1st on your personal devices, you may need to clear the browsing history, cookies, and cache for any Mascoutah School District website on your device. These help your device quickly access information by preloading content from your previous visits. If the information is no longer accurate, your device may display the old information instead of loading the new changes. Clearing them on your personal devices normally solves these browsing issues.

### Questions & Concerns

If you have any questions or issues, please contact [Brandon Goode](#), District Technology Coordinator.