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*Every Minute, Every Moment, Every Memory*



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## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

January/February  
**2023**

Welcome Back Dukes!

We are excited to have teachers and students back in the buildings. I hope everyone had a restful break and is ready to finish out the second half of the year strong! I look forward to seeing what our amazing students accomplish in the upcoming weeks with the guidance of caring and skilled staff.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Marlington Community for its dedicated support to the district. We would not be able to continue Moving Marlington Forward without you. I continue to promote our motto of Every Minute, Every Moment, Every Memory for 2023 and beyond. I will be holding more community meetings to answer any questions you may have so that our transparency continues. The upcoming meetings will be hosted at Grace Community Church on February 6 at 6 p.m., and Salem United Methodist Church on February 8 at 6 p.m.

As you look through this addition of the Marlington Post please take time to enjoy the all of the accomplishments highlighted. The pages are filled with wonderful pictures of our talented athletes, volunteering events, student fundraising, and pure joy on the elementary school students faces as they participate in holiday activities. This is just a small glimpse of the character-building events students are partaking in as a district and I am proud to be able to share these moments with you.

Not only are the students at Marlington doing great things our administration and staff are too! We are committed to creating a safe and healthy learning environment for the district. With that I am excited to share with you that Marlington was recently awarded \$500,000 in Safety Grants through the state of Ohio, and \$200,000 Literacy Grant to help support K-5 literacy in our elementary buildings. Our administration team will continue to

look for more grant opportunities to support this amazing district, staff, and students.

Lastly, I urge each of you to get involved in the Marlington Local School System. Come to the board meetings and ask your important questions. Volunteer at your local elementary school or help as substitute. Your involvement will not only help create memories for the students it will create them for you as well. Thank you for entrusting Marlington Local Schools with cultivating your children into successful community members and individuals.

Every Minute - Every Moment - Every Memory.



Sincerely,  
Dan Swisher,  
Superintendent,  
Marlington Local Schools

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# LEXINGTON ELEMENTARY

## A Message from the Principal

# Welcome back, Dukes!

2023 is here, and we are looking forward to welcoming students back into the building after the winter break! As always, Lexington Elementary School staff will be focused on the growth and development of each and every child. Starting this month, students will take the winter MAP assessment. All students have individualized projected growth goals in reading and math based upon their fall MAP test. Classroom teachers will be conferencing with students to encourage them to meet these goals. A letter will be emailed to parents about some reminders and incentive challenges to help our students do their best. In addition, we will be increasing our focus on positive behavior and meeting the needs of the whole child. This will be supported by reteaching Duke Pride Behavior Expectations across all grade levels and by drawing a Duke Pride winner weekly from every classroom. Please remind your child that Duke Pride Expectations are in effect every day at Lexington Elementary to promote a positive learning environment. This includes being at school every day, on time, and ready to learn.

Our staff at Lexington looks forward to serving the Marlington Local School community in 2023 and we are grateful for our partnership with our students, families, and community members.

Mrs. Weber, Principal



## Student Council

# Love the Children Ministries

On Tuesday, November 22, members of the Student Council went shopping for Christmas at Marlington with the support of the Love the Children Ministries organization. The items purchased were then set up at Grace Community Church and parents in need were able to shop for their children.





## DineO-Mite Math and Reading Night

We had over 200 people in attendance for our annual Math and Reading Night. 15 classrooms were set up with activities. Thank you to everyone who joined us for this fun and educational evening. A special thank you to Mrs. Wittensoldner and the elementary Title staff for a great night.



## Holiday Concert



## Frosty's Craft Show

A big shout out to the community for supporting Lexington Elementary PTO at our annual Frosty's Craft Show. We had a great turn out for vendors and a wonderful day was had by all. A very special thank you to Carrie Lane for the organizing this event for us for the last 10 years. This would not be possible without all of her hard work!



Lexington's holiday concert was held December 14. It was filled with holiday songs performed by our third and fourth grade students. A special thank you to Mr. Gregory for organizing this event and to Linda Freeman for the set design.

# MARLBORO ELEMENTARY

A Message from the Principal

## Happy New Year!

Our Marlboro Family wishes everyone a very happy and healthy New Year! We are proud of our students' achievements and character. We will continue to build on these accomplishments and set new goals. Each of our students has taken ownership of our Duke Pride Behavior Expectations by modeling, accountability, building relationships and learning to lead. We encourage you to stay connected to our teachers via Class Dojo Messages and our school activities by reading our One Call Now messages. We value your support and love teaching your children.

Mrs. Kitty Mort, Principal

## Marlboro Student Council

Marlboro Elementary Student Council continues to impress us with their hard work to help our school and community. Mrs. Beadles and Mrs. Mort are our advisors for our 2022-23 Student Council Members:

### FOURTH GRADE

Tempe Ebie  
Will Gallina  
Dylan Stineman  
Caidence Wolf

### FIFTH GRADE

Caleb Hornyak  
Cy Stevenson  
Kylie Vickers  
Riley Wolfe

Throughout the year, our student council has many responsibilities; those include, organizing and maintaining our Holiday food drive, helping at student assemblies, field trips for service opportunities, creating posters for the building, classroom and grade level talks and many other tasks. The students are embracing their responsibilities. What a great group of young DUKES.



## Holiday Food Drive

Our student council led the charge in organizing, promoting and collecting many items for our Holiday Food Drive. All of these items help support numerous local

families through the Marlboro Christian Church food pantry. It is a true pleasure to foster this relationship with Marlboro Christian Church and help others.



# Christmas Program

Mrs. Hale, our dedicated music teacher, led our talented third and fourth graders during their Winter Music Program. We are enjoying music at school and being able to showcase our hard work. Thank you to Mrs. Hale!

Third Grade



Fourth Grade



# First Nine Weeks Duke Pride Assembly Winners

We recognize our students for displaying good character traits during the first grading period. Students received awards for the following categories: Friend Helper, Teacher Helper, Outstanding Student, perfect attendance and Duke Pride. We also recognized the fourth and fifth-grade merit and honor roll recipients, Students of the Month, and Dynamite Dukes! Congratulations to all!



# STEAM Club

Our STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) is active and meets regularly after school. Mr. Greco leads this spirited group of fourth and fifth graders in before and after school hands-on activities that promote problem solving, planning, creating and collaboration.

# WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY

A Message from the Principal

## Welcome Back!

I hope everyone enjoyed their winter break. We are excited to have the students back in the building and to hear their stories. Remember, there is no school for students on January 16 or 30. The second grading period ends January 20. Please look for information regarding report cards as we get closer to that day. As a reminder, continue to send students to school with winter coats, hats, and gloves. They will go outside for recess as often as possible.

Thank you for all you do for our students. Have a great day!

Mr. Yianni Spondyl, Principal



Second-graders Hunter Kinser, Dustin Baldwin, and Gage Bradley.



Kion Thomas, Sean Thomas, Makiah Thomas, Mia Kelly, Rylie Gentile, Jayce Gentile, Maylee Gentile, Glenn Reeder and Mason Sweetser.

## Giving Feels Good

Second-graders donated gifts to the Alliance Domestic Violence Shelter.

## Alliance Rotary Club

The Alliance Rotary Club hosted a few Washington Elementary students at a luncheon at the Alliance BPO Elks. The students visited Santa and also received a gift!

## First Nine Weeks Honor Students

### Fourth Grade



Mrs. Croft's fourth-grade Honor students - L to R: Alex Reikowski, Owen Reinsel, Ila Hallman, Henry Selzer, Lily Perkins, Jaycee Ellis, Jonathan Moore, and Lydia Byers.



Miss Hall's fourth-grade Honor students - L to R: Makenna Smith, Claire McAlister, Alyeea Boyce, Olivia Seaburn, Iris Dunlap, Ava Grove, Xander Phillips, Vahlen Dehoff, Colton Lake, Bailey Courtwright, and Kaiden Wine.

### Fifth Grade



Mrs. Craig's fifth-grade Honor students - L to R: Harry Schuld, Bentley Courtney, Hunter Lamp, Charlotte Fishburn, and Frankie Rice.



Mr. Bailey's fifth-grade Honor students - L to R: Peyton Aguredakes, Teresa Warner, Ryleigh Cannon, Madilyn Castellucci, Piper Cernansky, Kasen Gates, and Jaxson Dewalt.



# Student Council

## Akron Children's Hospital Delivery

Student Council members, under the direction of Mrs. Cindy Bowser, delivered presents they collected to Akron Children's Hospital.



L to R: Maddie Castellucci, Glenn Reeder, Owen Reinsel, Makenna Smith and Rylie Castellucci.



L to R: Mrs. Bowser, Owen Reinsel, Makenna Smith, Rylie Castellucci, Maddie Castellucci, Glenn Reeder and Frankie Rice.

## Food Drive

Student Council members help load the food that they collected at their annual food drive for the Alliance Community Food Pantry. They collected over 750 items for the Pantry.



Student council load the gifts that will be donated.

## Third and Fourth Graders Perform at Christmas Program



Third-grade students performed during their Christmas program on December 7 under the direction of Mrs. Bren Hale. Students began learning songs, movements and speaking parts for the concert in September. The set-list included a canon called *Santa Claus is Coming*, *Christmas Spice*, *Sparkly* with students playing handbells, *Cold Snap* and *Jingle Bells* with audience participation. Great job third grade!



Fourth-grade students performed under the direction of Mrs. Bren Hale. Students also began learning songs, instrument parts and speaking parts in September. The set-list included four parts round called *Winter is Here*, *Footprints in the Snow*, *Hear the Bells* Orff arrangement with xylophones, *Here Comes the Snow* with two-part harmony, and *Jingle Bells* with audience participation. Nice job fourth grade!

# MARLINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL



A Message from the Principal

## Welcome Back!

Marlington Middle School is progressing through the year and was excited for another holiday season. Student Council organized a canned food drive, and we are proud of our middle schoolers contributing to help those in need (992 non-perishable items were collected). We are also excited about the participation, hard work, and successes in student groups such as Gamer's Club, Power of the Pen, our basketball teams, cheerleading, ROX, All-Stars, Breakfast Club, and math team. Teachers and students are also working hard in classes to improve. We're especially proud of the analysis and reflection teachers are doing on lessons and student data. There is a lot to be thankful for so far this year and much more hard work to be done.

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Mr. Mike Risaliti, Principal



## Band

On December 13, the Instrumental Music Department held their Holiday Concert. The sixth through twelfth-grade band students and students from the new guitar class performed at the event. The eighth-grade band performed a medley entitled *Merry Christmas to All* and featured soloists Annika Williamson and Mati Williams. Caleb Miranda also joined the High School Jazz Band on piano.



## Choir

The Marlington Middle School choirs, under the direction of Katharine Eversdyke, put on the winter choral concert "Sounds of the Season." The multiple choirs include sixth-grade choir, Chamber Ensemble, Show Choir, and seventh and eighth-grade choir. Some of the song highlights included sixth-graders performing *Were You There?*, with a violin accompaniment, and Chamber Ensemble singing *Carol of the Bells*, a tradition that Chamber Ensemble sings every year. We started something new this year with a seventh and eighth-grade Show Choir. They performed a song and dance to *Sparklejollytwinklejinglejy*. Some of the songs that the seventh and eighth-grade choir performed were *Winter Troika Ride*, *Bidi Bom* and *On with the Snow*. All choirs came together at the end of the performance to sing *A Merry Merry Christmas to You*. It was a wonderful night of singing and the students did a fantastic job.

## Student Council Christmas Spirit Days







## STEM Night

Mount Union's American Chemistry Society students, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Mason, provided hands-on demonstration for our students and their families. Join us next year for this annual event packed with amazing learning experiences for your entire family.



## Beech Creek Botanical Gardens and Nature Preserve

This is a project-based learning opportunity for our MMS sixth-graders to use GLOBE protocols as student citizen scientists, and to collect data about the Beech Creek Pond before and after the restoration project. This experience is designed to allow our students to complete a real time environment impact study and investigate the outcomes of the restoration process in our own local community.



## ROX (Ruling Our eXperiences)

Girls learn to build skills on how to handle conflicts and real-life scenarios. The programs empower girls to be advocates of themselves and others, while developing confidence and leadership skills.



# MARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

A Message from the Principal

## Rising to the Occasion

The staff and students at MHS continue to rise to the occasion. With the help of our student council, we have implemented a new peer tutoring program to increase the level of student involvement and leadership in the building. Our upperclassmen spend time tutoring other students, in a variety of subjects, during the school day. Our Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports program continues to grow and is having a positive impact on our students and staff in the building. Our staff has been analyzing data and collaborating weekly to form instruction and lessons to keep students engaged. The guidance department continues to meet with students to discuss college and career pathways and has implemented career talks for our students with various Marlinton alumni. We are looking forward to the new year, and continuing to provide an excellent education for our students. We wish all of our staff, students, and community a happy new year!

Mr. Mike Farrell, Principal

## Character Counts Club

The student members of Character Counts Club, led by Mrs. Cathryne Kean and Mrs. Diane Mitchell, have been very busy this year making connections and helping those in need in our school and community.

- ★ In September, they organized Volley for a Cure, helped with Community Day and participated in Champions Day.
- ★ In November, they held a food drive where they collected food items for the community pantry at The Vine United Methodist Church. They placed “Giving” trees throughout the high school and collected and wrapped gifts for Marlinton families for Christmas at Marlinton.
- ★ On December 7, they held a blood drive where students and staff donated a record 31 pints of blood and they finished out the calendar year with a “Merry Grinch-mas Party” for their elementary, middle and high school buddies and baked muffins to sell in support of their classmate Maddie.

Our Character Counts students have logged over 700 service hours in just a few months, and have more events planned for the remainder of the school year!

*High School Students Continue to Make a Difference!*



Blood Drive



Food Drive delivery



Champion Day



Muffins for Maddie



Merry Grinch-mas Party



# Rotary Interact Club

Interact is a Rotary-sponsored service club for young people ages 12-18 that gives them an opportunity to participate in fun, meaningful service projects while developing leadership skills and meeting new friends. Advisor Mrs. Lynn Francis and the Interact students have planned and participated in several service projects this semester. They raised funds for Operation Christmas Child by hosting the second Annual Rotary Interact Staff vs Students Volleyball Tournament; they collected items and monetary donations to send over 40 boxes to underprivileged children through Operation Christmas Child; and they ended the semester by spreading holiday cheer and caroling throughout the community.



Staff vs Students Volleyball Tournament



Operation Christmas Child



Caroling



## PBIS

The PBIS team, comprised of Mr. Travis, Mrs. Arrington, Mrs. Joyce, Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. Francis, Mr. Gulling, Mrs. Oyster, Mrs. McGuire, Mr. McDaniel, Mrs. McElrath, Mrs. Ewing, Mr. Tanner and Mrs. Foutty, meets each month to plan positive behavior interventions and support for our high school students. This year they have continued their gift card drawings every two weeks rewarding students who have been identified by their teachers as being **Ready, Respectful and Responsible** in the classroom. New for this year, they have planned whole-school activities at the end of each nine weeks. Students are eligible to participate in the activities if they have less than three detentions and no in-school or out-of-school suspensions. The first activity, "Juniors vs Seniors Power Buff Volleyball," was held November 4 during a whole-school assembly. The Seniors came out with the win and PBIS trophy. The next event will be "Battle of the Classes Dodgeball" on January 20 and "Powder Puff Football" is in the works for the end of the third nine weeks.



Operation Christmas Child

# MARLINGTON ATHLETICS

The fall season saw many great accomplishments for our Dukes.

## Boys' Soccer

The boys' soccer team proved once again they have a tremendous program that sustains through many years. Once again, they won the EBC title which marks their seventh league championship in a row!



## Girls' Golf

The girls' golf team had yet another fantastic year! The girls won the EBC and the Tri County league championships. The girls had an impressive showing all year long and had to adjust to moving up to division 1 competition. The girls impressed however and battled in the big school division.



## Volleyball

The volleyball team continued with their winning ways. They won the league championship for the sixth straight year! The league championship was not all they accomplished, they added to an impressive season with a District Championship. The lady Dukes went on to regionals and had a great showing proving they are among the best teams in the state of Ohio!



## Boys' Cross Country

Speaking of the best teams in the State of Ohio, the boys' cross country team defended their state championship with a repeat. They easily won the crown in Columbus! They also won the EBC placing a Duke in every spot at the finish. They won the Stark County team trophy in all Divisions, won the District race and won the Regional race!



## Seniors' Champion Day

Lastly, our fall seniors gave back by participating in "Champion Day." We invited schools from all over the area to bring their Special Needs students to Marlinton. We had over 10 schools and close to 60 kids join us. Our fall athletes gave these athletes a game day experience! Each sport also held a station that represented their sport and the kids had a blast getting to perform each sport. The day ended with a medal for each participant and snow cones for the kids but it was our athletes that learned the value of giving back to very special athletes.



## Marlington Local Schools 2023-2024 CALENDAR

**August**  
28 Convocation  
29 Staff PD  
30 Staff PD  
31 Staff PD

AUGUST 2023						
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**February**  
1 Parent Teacher Conferences  
19 No School Presidents Day

**September**  
1 No School  
4 No School - Labor Day  
5 First Day of School

SEPTEMBER 2023						
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**March**  
22 End of Nine Weeks  
25-29 Spring Break

**October**  
9 No School

OCTOBER 2023						
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APRIL 2024						
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**April**  
1 No School  
8 No School - Staff PD

**November**  
3 End of 9 Weeks  
9 Parent Teacher Conferences  
13 No School - Staff PD  
14 Parent Teacher Conferences  
22-27 Thanksgiving Break

NOVEMBER 2023						
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**May**  
27 No School - Memorial Day

**December**  
22-29 Christmas Break

DECEMBER 2023						
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**June**  
6 Last Student Day  
6 End of Nine Weeks/Semester  
7 Last Teacher Day

**January**  
1 No School  
15 No School MLK Day  
19 End of Nine Weeks/Semester  
29 No School - Staff PD

JANUARY 2024						
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Student Days - 174  
Teacher Days - 184

- Teacher Day No School For Students
- First and Last Student Day
- No School
- Teacher Exchange Day No School

