



Tuesdays With Mr. Knoll

April 7, 2020

We trust that this information will help you stay up-to-date on what is happening here at Marlinton as we continue our remote learning activities. We encourage you to submit student and/or staff achievements. Please e-mail the information to my assistant at:

l_packey@marlingtonlocal.org.

- The Marlinton Athletic Department is proud to announce the following athletic signing and we wish Gracie the best in her future athletic and academic endeavors:

Gracie Trummer, is the daughter of Mitch and Lisa Trummer. Gracie is committed to continuing her academic and volleyball career at Walsh University studying Business Management. Great Job Gracie!

- **Congratulations** to 7th grader **Sydney Davis**, who qualified for the State Power of the Pen by having 3 great writing rounds at the Malone Regional Power of the Pen. Sydney had placed #23 out of 73 other seventh grade writers. Our 7th grade team placed 12th in the district competition and our 8th grade team placed 17th out of 35 other school districts. Unfortunately, with the current situation, State Power of the Pen has been cancelled. Awesome job writers!
- **Congratulations** to **Daniel Greco**, a senior, who was recently recognized as a Malone University Teen of the Month in The Canton Repository! Awesome Daniel!
- **Congratulations** to **Maggie Fellers**, a senior, who was recently recognized as a Malone University Teen of the Month in The Canton Repository! Great Job Maggie!
- **Congratulations** to **Matthew Frederick**, a seventh grader, who was recently recognized as a nominee Kid of Character in The Canton Repository! Great Job Matthew!
- **Congratulations** to **Claire Battershell**, a seventh grader, who was recently recognized as a nominee Kid of Character in The Canton Repository! Awesome Job Claire!
- **Congratulations** to our March Students of the Month:

High School Elk Students of the Month:

Mackenna Ryan, daughter of Patrick & Beth Ryan

Nicholas Kish, son of Steven & Jodi Kish

Middle School Students of the Month:

Alix Leonard, daughter of Mark & Jessica Leonard

Cayden White, son of Larry & Shannon White

Elementary School Kiwanis Students of the Month:

Dustin Jones, son of Month Missy Fox and Jeffrey & Diane Blazer from Lexington Elementary

Michael Foss, son of Robert & Margaret Foss from Washington Elementary

- **Spring Break** will begin for students on Thursday, April 9 and run through Tuesday, April 14. Enjoy your break!
- **JOIN US - Friday, April 17th – State-wide PURPLE UP Day.** As you know, Marlinton High School has been proclaimed a Purple Star school. The Purple Star Award for military-friendly schools recognizes schools and communities that show a major commitment to students and families connected to our nation's military. The month of the April has been proclaimed *The Month of the Military Child* with Friday, April 17th being named **Purple Up** day. Wear your **PURPLE** on Friday, April 17th in honor of our military. The Ohio National Guard is deploying over 400 service members to aid in the COVID19 efforts....we are grateful for their service. Send your pictures to l_packey@marlingtonlocal.org. Light it up **PURPLE!!**
- **Attention all parents of upcoming kindergarten students.** Our 2020 Kindergarten Roundup has been cancelled due to the current COVID 19 pandemic. At this time, we encourage you to complete the on-line registration process for your child at <https://www.marlingtonlocal.org/NewStudentRegistration.aspx> so we can begin to properly prepare for our upcoming Kindergarten classes. If you have any questions please email us at l_packey@marlingtonlocal.org.
- **IMPORTANT DATES** - Following is a list of those important dates and as always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at j_knoll@marlingtonlocal.org or my assistant at l_packey@marlingtonlocal.org.

April 15 Inter-District (non-residents) Open Enrollment Begins

April 17 Letter mailed to all current K-4 parents assigning elementary schools for 2020-2021

April 22 Intra-District (elementary) Open Enrollment Begins

April 29 Intra-District (elementary) Open Enrollment Ends

May 15 Inter-District (non-residents) Open Enrollment Ends

- **OPEN ENROLLMENT UPDATE:** As noted in the above paragraph, the time for open enrollment is coming soon. Due to COVID -19, we are working on ways to operate while complying with the social distancing guidelines. To this end we will be providing guidance on these processes on our district website in the coming days. Stay tuned . . .
- **MENTAL HEALTH/WELLNESS ASSISTANCE:** Attention parents and students!

There is a team of local, licensed counselors ready to come to you within minutes when you need help with any urgent mental health or substance use need! This includes, but is not limited to, things like: Family argument / Parental struggles / Behavior concerns in yourself or others / Feelings of isolation / Difficulty coping with stress / Substance use worries.

This service is available 24/7/365 through Coleman Crisis Services, and is still operating (safely) during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Call 330-452-6000 to reach the Mobile Response team, and read more about them – including the reasons people call – in the attached PDF, which you may have seen in The Repository last weekend.

- Finally, in these stressful times, many of you have realized that **art therapy** can be used to assist in mental health treatment. The goal is to manage behaviors, process feelings, reduce stress and anxiety, and increase self-esteem. Activities might include art journaling, sketching, drawing, making collages, or “Chalk your Walk” activities.....more on that to come! Here is an article to give more insight....
<https://www.rtor.org/2018/07/10/benefits-of-art-therapy/>
- Please remember to be safe by washing your hands often, practice social distancing (6 feet away), and stay at home unless you are an essential worker, need to go grocery shopping, the pharmacy or to attend a doctor’s appointment. If we all continue to abide by the procedures set in place, the better chance for all of us to remain safe and healthy.

Yours in Education,

Joe Knoll, Superintendent

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