

River Grove: A Marine Area Community School

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**Veterans Day Recognition
Assembly: Monday, Nov 12,
2:30pm**

On Veterans Day we thank and honor ALL those who served honorably in the military - in wartime or peacetime. If you have a family member, neighbor, or friend you'd like to honor, please invite them to our Veterans Day Recognition Assembly in the Commons.



Get Your Guac On! Chipotle Night!

**Tuesday, Nov 13, 5:00-9:00pm
Chipotle in Oak Park Heights**

Join the party — and skip making dinner! — for a fundraiser to support River Grove.

Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or simply tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to River Grove Community School. (Donations during that time are not automatic - you have to tell the cashier.)

Click here for the flyer:

www.marineareaschool.org/wp-content/uploads/203387-flyer.jpg

**SCHOOL SPIRIT
TASTES GREAT**



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support River Grove Community School. Come in to the Chipotle at **13315 60th Street North** in Oak Park Heights on **Tuesday, November 13th** between **5:00pm** and **9:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to River Grove Community School.



It's Getting Cold Out There!

With the cold weather, kids need to be appropriately dressed. Make sure kids have warm coats, hats, and mittens. When snow arrives, snow pants and boots are also required.

Enrollment Info for 2019-20

- **Returning (Currently Enrolled) Students:** The Returning Student Enrollment Form for all currently enrolled students will be posted on Monday, January 7, 2019. It will be due on Friday, February 1, 2019.
- **New Students:** Open Enrollment for 2019-20 will be from November 30, 2018 to January 18, 2019. The lottery will be on January 25, 9:00am. More info here: www.marineareaschool.org/enroll-info-main/enrollment-timeline/



REMINDERS

SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS DUE TUESDAYS AT NOON for the following week.

ORDER LUNCHES HERE:

www.marineareaschool.org/studentfamily-info/lunch/lunch-order-form/

The new lunches are a hit! Many students are asking for seconds, which we are happy to serve:

- Extra milk: \$0.60
- Second entree: \$2.00
- Second sides: \$1.00

If you do not want your child to get second servings, please let us know.

ATTENDANCE: Please email or call the office by 10:00 am if your child is sick, late, or absent for any reason. Send changes to attendance@marineareaschool.org

DAILY DISMISSAL CHANGES:

Call 651-409-3122 or email attendance@marineareaschool.org by NOON (except for emergencies).

WINTER CLOTHING

REMINDER: With the cold weather, kids need to be appropriately dressed! **When snow arrives, snow pants, boots, coats, mittens/gloves, and hats are required.**

REMINDERS

OLDFIELD ROAD: Please do not use Oldfield Road north of Hwy 7 to Ostlund Trail N. This road is not an approved route for River Grove traffic, and usage may affect our Conditional Use Permit.



NWEA/MAP Testing: What Is it, and What Does it Mean?



In the last couple of weeks, River Grove administered NWEA/MAP testing in all classes. NWEA stands for Northwest Evaluation Association, and MAP stands for Measures of Academic Progress.

These computerized tests are adaptive and offered in reading, language usage, science, and mathematics. When taking a MAP test, the difficulty of each question is based on how well a student answers all of the previous questions. As the student answers correctly, questions become more difficult.

If the student answers incorrectly, the

questions become easier. In an optimal test, a student answers approximately half the items correctly and half incorrectly. The final score is an estimate of the student's achievement level.

Results from MAP tests are typically available with 48 hours of when the student completes the test, versus the several-month-long time lag for most state tests. Therefore, MAP testing allows schools to more quickly assess students for growth during the school year. MAP data allows schools to differentiate and adjust instruction for individual students, groups of students, or entire classes based on results of the assessment.

How will the school use the test scores?

MAP tests are important to teachers because they keep track of progress and growth in basic skills. The test scores let teachers know where a student's strengths are OR if help might be needed in any specific areas. Teachers use this information to help guide individual and group instruction in the classroom, helping each student grow as much as he or she can.

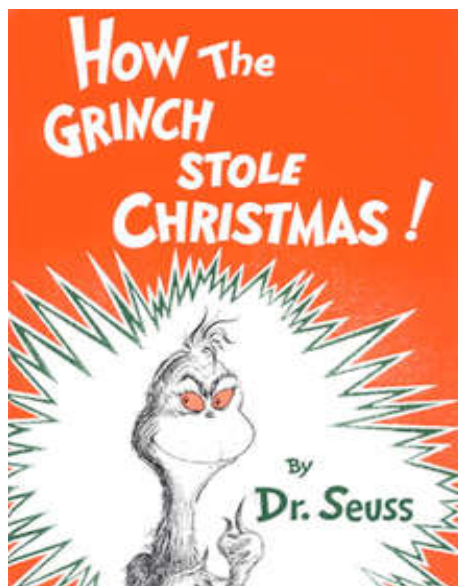
The NWEA website has a parent toolkit that helps explain the testing procedures and individual results: www.nwea.org/parent-toolkit/

Mark Your Calendars: Children's Theatre Field Trip for the Whole School!

How the Grinch Stole Christmas: Wednesday, November 28, 2018

- Performance time will be 10:30-12:30
- Tickets are \$15 each. Cash or check payable to MACS. Scholarships are available! (We want all who want to go to be able to go!)

Permission slips will be going home this week.



PLEASE RETURN LIBRARY BOOKS in good condition so everyone can enjoy them. If a book is lost or severely damaged, we ask for a \$5 replacement fee.

NO OPEN-TOE SHOES, PLEASE: A reminder that closed-toed shoes **MUST** be worn at all times. The students play outside where there are sticks, rocks, and other things that could potentially injure little feet. No sandals please!

NO DOGS ON CAMPUS Please do not bring dogs on campus (with the exception of certified service dogs). Thank you for your understanding.

WE ARE A SCHOOL ZONE! We may not have the signs, but we are still a school zone. Drive carefully and obey the traffic signs.



- Only delivery, emergency, and handicap-authorized vehicles are allowed on our service roads.
- When picking up a student, please park in the "Guest" parking lot. Do not drive or park on the service road.
- **Please drive slowly on campus and on area roads.**
- **Watch for kids walking and biking, please!**

LOST AND FOUND: Located in the Commons.

Trollhaugen Field Trip for 4, 5, and 6th

Thursday, Dec. 20, 8:30am-3:30pm

Fee: \$25 (includes lift ticket, rental, beginner lesson & transportation)

The 4-6th graders will be spending the day at Trollhaugen to learn to ski. Trollhaugen has an excellent and affordable program for schools to teach kids to ski. All levels from beginner to advanced are welcome. We will take buses from school. Bring a lunch and water and/or money for concessions. If you have your own season pass and equipment, and are an intermediate to advanced skier, the fee is only \$7.00 for transportation. If you have your own equipment but need a lift ticket, the fee remains \$25. The actual cost of the lift ticket, rental equipment and a lesson is \$101 so this is a great deal going with school. Scholarships available.

Please watch for the ticket form/permission slip going home this week.



SAVE THE DATE: The Family Ski Day for all of River Grove at Trollhaugen: Sat. Feb. 23, 2019.

November is "I Love to Read" Month

We kicked off our first ever "I Love to Read" month last week! The staff and students are excited about a number of reading challenges, goals, contests, projects and sharing during this special month designed to focus on reading. Here's what to expect:

Students: Read Daily to Make a Paper Chain!

Students in Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades will be bringing home reading slips. Please sign these each time they reach their recommended reading time (15 minutes for Kindergarten and 20 minutes for grades 1 and 2). Students may read alone, to a parent/guardian/other adult or someone may read to them. These reading slips will be used to make a classroom chain; the more reading slips the longer the chain!



Grades 3 through 6 will be making chains too. They will be filling out a loop at school each time they complete a book and will be competing to see which class reads the most books and has the longest chain!

Special November Fun Days!

- **Friday, Nov 9: Exercise Your Brain** (wear your workout clothes or sweats)
- **Friday, Nov 16: River Grove Pride Day** (wear your favorite RG wear)
- **Wednesday, Nov 21: Can you Read Me?** (wear shirts with school-appropriate writing)
- **Friday, Nov 30: I Dream of Reading** (wear pajamas/robe and/or slippers)



If you have any questions about "I Love to Read" month, please contact Michelle Simonet at msimonet@marineareaschool.org or your child's classroom teacher.

VOLUNTEERING

VISITING AND VOLUNTEERING IN A CLASSROOM: If you would like to visit or volunteer in a classroom, please contact the teacher directly in advance to schedule a time that works for all. Please do not bring siblings or extra guests.

Check in at the Main Office in Earth. For the safety of our staff and students, all visitors, including parent volunteers and community members, must wear a visitor badge when on school grounds. Please check out and return the badge before departing.

To volunteer with kids at River Grove in any setting, you must complete a background check and [completed the on-line orientation](#). All responses are required, including your name (for us to check off that you completed the presentation).

CAN YOU HELP PROMOTE RIVER GROVE?

We have a few lawn signs that could go in prominent places! Could you put one in your yard?

Also, we are looking for talented "guerilla" marketers - anyone with experience in innovative and low-cost marketing techniques, including videography. If you want to be part of a River Grove promotion team, let us know!

Contact Ele or Drew in the office

The Scholastic Book Fair was a Huge Success!

Thank You to the Volunteers!

Thank you for your support of the Scholastic Book Fair, which generated sales of more than \$3800. Fifty percent of that goes back to the school as "Scholastic Dollars," which means books for the library and classrooms.



More After-School Fun: Caroling Club with Mr. John!

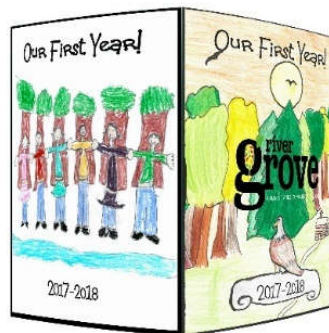
Do you love music class? Join Caroling Club on Tuesday afternoons with the **very popular** Mr. John to learn a handful of holiday songs to be sung at a caroling outing—date/location TBD. Make your voice bigger, better, and stronger as we



practice supportive breathing and healthy singing while enjoying the music of the holiday season! Caroling Club will start on 11/13, and meet for 6 sessions. \$60 per student. See the updated registration form here: <http://www.marineareaschool.org/wp-content/uploads/After-school-club-descriptions-2018-19-FALL-update-11-6.pdf>

Yearbook Cover Contest

River Grove 4th, 5th, and 6th graders can enter a contest to have their design on the front cover, and the K-3 kids are eligible to design the back cover. Space-permitting, all submitted designs will be printed inside the yearbook. Design sheets went home with your students on Friday 10/12 (Mrs. Hansen's Kindergarten did theirs in class). **PLEASE HAVE YOUR KIDS WRITE THEIR NAMES ON THE BACK!**



Last year's front and back cover

Enter the DaVinci Fest!

Register Online by December 15

DaVinci Fest gives students a chance to show their talents and smarts in a Science Fair, Art Fair, Film Fest, Spoken Word, Science Challenge, and Upcycling Fair. It's also a HUGE community event with educational exhibits, demonstrations, and performances. DaVinci Fest is open to all students grades 4-12 in the Stillwater area, including River Grove students. Register online by December 15 and be ready to share your work on January 5, 2019, at Stillwater Area High School. For more information, go to the Partnership Plan's website: <https://partnershipplan.org/da-vinci-fest/>



**YOU'RE
INVITED!**



Join your neighbors and meet new families and friends for a night of games, pizza and popcorn. Bring your favorite game, and, if you wish, teach others. The library will have games as well.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH
FREE! **5:30 TO 8:00 PM**

AT THE MARINE VILLAGE HALL
MarineCommunityLibrary.org 121 Judd Street, Marine on St. Croix



Family Game Night at the Marine Library Friday, Nov 9, 5:30 to 8:00pm

**Marine Village Hall:
121 Judd Street,
Marine on St Croix**

Join your neighbors and friends for a night of games, pizza, and popcorn. Bring your favorite game, and if you wish, teach others. The library will have games also.

**SHOW YOUR
RIVER GROVE
PRIDE!**



Click here to order blue shirts and black/gray winter hats:
www.marineareaschool.org/studentfamily-info/grove-pto-info/goodies/

Introducing SafeStop

A smart phone/web app to track your River Grove bus

We are pleased to offer families access to our new school bus tracking app, SafeStop. The app shows the approximate location of bus you sign up for, and its estimated time of arrival at bus stops. When using the app, please keep in mind that this is a tool meant to help you plan around arrival and departure times. Please arrive at the bus stop at least five minutes before the expected arrival time to prevent the bus from being delayed for other parents, and to prevent potentially unsafe boarding situations.



[The instructions for downloading SafeStop are on this flyer](http://www.marineareaschool.org/wp-content/uploads/RiverGrove_RegistrationDoc2018_safestop.pdf)

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You can download the app on your phone's app store, or go to www.safestopapp.com.

River Grove's Access Code is RVRGR55.

THANK YOU • THANK YOU • THANK YOU

The Withrow Sportsman's Banquet on October 11 at Sal's Angus Grill was a huge success! There was a packed house at Sal's, it was a lot of fun, and raised about \$8,000 for the school. Thank you to the organizers and especially the hosts, Nick and Mallory Mundt, and Jeff Fusco at Sal's. Keep your eyes peeled for next year's date.



River Grove Calendar

DATE	TIME	WHAT	WHERE	MORE INFO
Mon, Nov 5		PE with Karla Krick	Commons	Tennis shoes required
	1:00 PM	Spanish with Ruth Willius	Kinder - Bingham	
	1:30 PM	Spanish with Ruth Willius	Kinder - Hansen	
	3:30 to 4:45	After School Club: Art	Lower Commons	
	3:30 to 4:45	After School Club: Film	4th Grade Room	
Tues, Nov 6		Lunch Orders Due for Following Week		
		Band and Orchestra, 4th 5th 6th	Lower Commons	
		Zephyr Theatre Music	K-6 Classrooms	
	3:30 to 4:45	After School Club: Rocks	Commons	
	3:30 to 4:45	After School Club: No-Bake Holiday Treats Begins	First Grade Room	

DATE	TIME	WHAT	WHERE	MORE INFO
Wed, Nov 7		PE with Karla Krick	Commons	Tennis shoes required
		Band and Orchestra, 4th 5th 6th	Lower Commons	
	3:30 to 4:45	After School Club: Handmade Holiday Gifts	Lower Commons	
Thu, Nov 8		Art with Robin Iredale	Lower Commons	
Fri, Nov 9		I Love to Read Month Special Day -- Exercise Your Brain (wear your workout clothes or sweats)		
		Zephyr Theatre Music	K-6 Classrooms	
	5:30 to 8:00pm	Family Game Night at the Marine Library	Marine Village Hall: 121 Judd Street	
Mon, Nov 12		PE with Karla Krick	Commons	Tennis shoes required
	1:00 PM	Spanish with Ruth Willius	Kinder - Bingham	
	1:30 PM	Spanish with Ruth Willius	Kinder - Hansen	
	2:30 - 3:30pm	Veteran's Day Recognition Assembly	Commons	
	3:30 to 4:45	After School Club: Art	Lower Commons	
	3:30 to 4:45	After School Club: Film	4th Grade Room	
	5:00	PTO Meeting	Commons	
	6:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting	Commons	
Tue, Nov 13		Lunch Orders Due for Following Week		
		Band and Orchestra, 4th 5th 6th	Lower Commons	
		Zephyr Theatre Music	K-6 Classrooms	
		Warner Nature Center Field Trip - 5th	Warner Nature Center	Bag lunches needed
	3:30 to 4:45	After School Club: Rocks	Commons	
	3:30 to 4:45	After School Club: No-Bake Holiday Treats	First Grade Room	
5:00 - 9:00pm	Chipotle Night	Chipotle in Oak Park Heights (Stillwater)		
Wed, Nov 14		PE with Karla Krick	Commons	Tennis shoes required
		Band and Orchestra, 4th 5th 6th	Lower Commons	
	3:30 to 4:45	After School Club: Handmade Holiday Gifts	Lower Commons	
Thu, Nov 15		Artist in Residence Karron Nottingham - part 1	Lower Commons	
		Art with Robin Iredale (4th grade)	Lower Commons	
	3:30 - 5:00pm	Brownie Troop Meeting After School	Commons; moved to Thurs from Tues	
Fri, Nov 16		Picture Retake Day	Library	
		I Love to Read Month Special Day -- River Grove Pride Day (wear your favorite RG wear)		
		3rd Grade Field Trip to State Capitol		
		Artist in Residence Karron Nottingham - part 2	Lower Commons	4th grade
		Zephyr Theatre Music	K-6 Classrooms	

Important Dates and Looking Ahead:

Friday, Nov 16 – Picture Retake Day

Monday, Nov 19 – Children's Theatre/Grinch permission form due

Wednesday, Nov 21 – Early Release (1:30pm)

Wednesday, Nov 21 – Trollhaugen Field Trip Form w/ payment Due. Downhill Skiing 4 th -6 th graders

Thursday and Friday, Nov 22 and 23 – No School

Wednesday, Nov 28 – School Field Trip: How the Grinch Stole Christmas at the Children's Theatre

Tuesday, Dec 18, 1:45 and 7:00 – Band and Orchestra Concert at the Town Hall

Monday, Dec 24 through Tuesday, Jan 1 – No School