

From the Pesk of Mrs. Scheer

Thank you all for jumping right into helping your students with their new world of online learning! I know this was a very quick transition and I am so proud of how our students have adjusted to the change. I know they couldn't have done that without all the support you provide them at home. I cannot even put into words how much we all miss your kids! We are all anxiously awaiting to get back to school. If you need anything you can call the school and the phones are forwarded to Mrs. Scheppler's remote office. You can also email either of us at any time at

<u>scheppler@marshfieldshools.org</u> or <u>scheer@marshfieldschools.org</u>. Thank you for being an important part of our #madisonfamily!

Madison Elementary is on Instagram

Follow us @madisonelemmarshfield on Instagram to see the latest activities and happenings! Tag us with the hashtags #madisonfamily & #madisonproud Scan the QR code or name tag to get started!



Madison Elementary is on YouTube YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLq6EC5jFuVDOP9a7O08P5g

Madison Happenings & Events

March 30- April 3: Spring Break

Congratulations!!!! PBIS Monthly Winners

Super Tiger: Student of the Month – Rhilyn V & Rayden K. Tidy Tiger: Cleanest Room – Mrs. Peters' 6th Grade Growth Mindset Teacher of the Month – The Whole Madison Teaching Staff

Forward Testing

Our students were scheduled to start taking the Wisconsin Forward Exam on March 23. At this time we are waiting on word from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction on whether or not testing will proceed this year. We will keep families posted when we hear from the state. Thank you for your patience.

Growth Mindset Monthly News

April: There's a Difference Between Not Knowing and Not Knowing Yet! In April, we will focus on the power of YET and Not Knowing Yet! Yet conveys the promise of better things to come!

Madison PTO

A great way to get involved at Madison School is to become part of our parent teacher organization (PTO). We have an active and supportive PTO to which we are truly thankful. Look for our PTO on Facebook or email than at <u>madisonpto510@gmail.com</u> Clark Pizza Delivery is postponed for the time being. The PTO will get them delivered as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience. We appreciate the support give to Madison Elementary. PTO elections will take place at the next PTO meeting. No date has been set.

Summer School

Parents look for the Summer School registration online April 14-23. You can register your child(ren) online through Skyward Family Access. Summer school courses are fun and they keep students learning new and exciting things throughout the summer. Summer school registration will proceed as normal at this time. Families will be informed of any changes to the summer school program.

Breakfast/Lunch

Breakfast and lunch are available for pick up from 11:00-12:00 each weekday. Pick up sites are Lincoln Elementary, Grant Elementary, and Marshfield High School. Students need to be in the vehicle with you when you pick up a lunch. Lunches will be served during spring break as well.

Online Learning Resources

The following is a list of resources to assist with online learning. Marshfield School District Online Learning Site: <u>https://www.marshfieldschools.org/Page/913</u>

Marshfield School District Library Catalog, including eBooks https://library.marshfieldschools.org/district/servlet/presentlistsitesform.do?districtMode=true

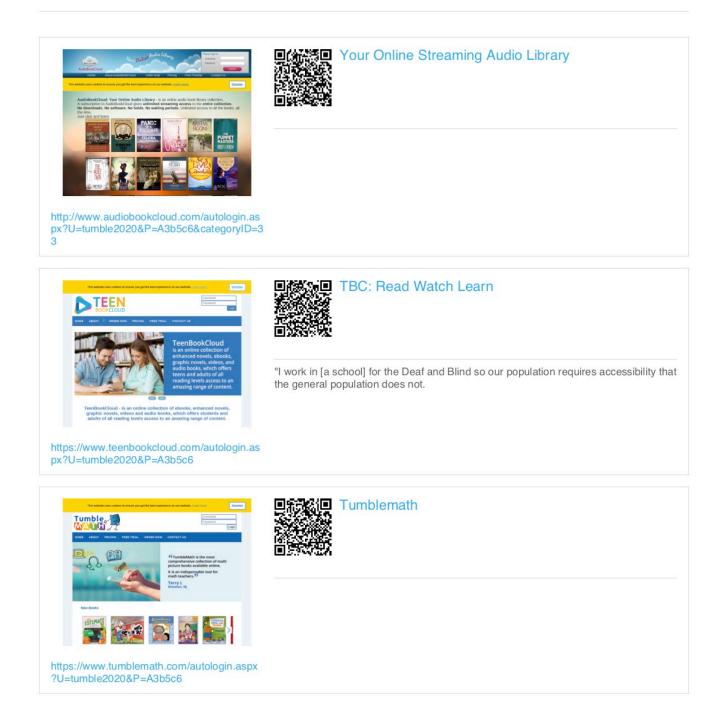
Elementary Library Website with multiple activities and links for home and school: <u>https://sites.google.com/marshfieldschools.org/lmc/home</u>

Free audio books from Audible: https://stories.audible.com/start-listen

Junior Library Guild Free eBooks: https://www.juniorlibraryguild.com/at-home

TumbleBooks (free through Aug. 31, 2020)

Created by: stelchekjean





Read Alouds

Created by: Jean Stelchek

https://collections.follettsoftware.com/collection/5e766655156a8600129bd14a?h=068a17e817661cc4ea3a66313cad8b4f88ba048e9a928ed01981f32f4d2e9cc2





KidLit TV - Explore the world of children's literature.

Welcome to the award-winning KidLit TV! Go on an adventure in a world of stories with us! We're a trusted resource for parents, teachers, and librarians. KidLit TV is a winner of the Parents' Choice Gold Award and one of the American Library Association's Great Websites For Kids. KLTV is available in over 700,000 schools worldwide via our website and video distribution partners. Meet our diverse group of parents, educators, librarians, kid lit creators, and award-winning filmmakers working together to create fun new ways to reinforce an appreciation of reading that children will carry with them for the rest of their lives.

https://kidlit.tv/





https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCowhHS UaWp3KJDcuI0nR0vw



https://storytimefromspace.com/



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Community Resources

FOOD ASSISTANCE

RUBY'S PANTRY - Pop-Up Style! Every 3rd Saturday of the month 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM at the Central Wisconsin Fairground - near the Jr Fair Bldg. 513 E 17th St, Marshfield, WI.

\$20 donation per share to receive an abundance of grocery items
No income or residency requirements – everyone that eats is welcome!
Bring 2 boxes, totes or baskets for your food
Assorted frozen meat, potatoes, groceries, & ice cream
Assorted dairy items
Chips, potatoes, pickles, cereal, jam, oatmeal, granola Bars, salad dressing, & granola
Non-Food Items
This will be a drive-thru Pop-Up Pantry to limit the exposure with guests and volunteers.
Shares will be loaded right into the guest's trunks.

Soup or Socks and Marshfield Area United Way are working together to provide emergency food boxes to local residents needing assistance with food throughout the school closures. Anyone coming to the food pantry will receive an emergency box of food. If there is a family with children another box of food will be provided from United Way's Nutrition on Weekends program.

Individuals and families are able to receive the boxes of food weekly while there is no school in session. Food can be picked up at Soup or Socks from noon – 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. –noon on Fridays, starting March 17.

If you are in need of food and unable to get to the pantry during these hours, or if you don't have transportation to get there, please contact United Way at 715-384-9992.

Soup or Socks is located at 200 S Lincoln Ave in Marshfield. Food boxes are available to Marshfield residents, along with residents in the encompassing communities of Auburndale, Granton, Greenwood, Loyal, Pittsville, Neillsville, Spencer, and Stratford.

St. Vincent de Paul (SVD) food pantry is currently serving families Monday through Friday 10:00am to 3:45pm. They are keeping their pantry door locked to decrease "traffic" through their building; however, they are checking the door every 5 minutes for people coming for resources. Patients of St. Vincent de Paul needing a prescription refill, please call 715-387-0395 ext 11 and leave a voicemail with your name/phone number/and name of the prescription and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

Marshfield Public Schools will be adding Grant Elementary School (425 West Upham St.) as an additional meal distribution site. Sites are open to all students regardless of age and all others 18 and under. Families should choose one site to visit daily.

Meals are distributed each weekday, Monday through Friday. Per DPI regulation, students receiving meals must be present. Pick up between 11:00 am and 12:00 Noon in the circle drives at Marshfield High School (1401 E Becker Road), Lincoln Elementary School (17th Street), and Grant Elementary School (425 West Upham St.)

Meals cannot be consumed onsite. Students may pick up breakfast and lunch at the same time. Parents and students will not be expected to get out of their vehicle to receive meals. Free meal distribution will continue throughout the school closure period, including the week of March 30th.

CHILDCARE

With the ever-changing childcare regulations day to day, the Y has received authorization to offer "limited" Vacation at the Y School-Age Care from 7:00am-6:00pm starting Monday, March 23. If you are in need of this service, please contact the Y at 715.387.4900 between 8:00am-5:00pm to register.

VACATION AT THE Y IS FOR GRADES K-6

Cost is \$30 per day. Pre-registration and payment is required. *Children are to come with a sack lunch. Morning and afternoon snacks are provided. Swimming is not available to this program until further notice. Please drop your child off at the Y Main Entrance not the Youth Center Entrance. Children will be allowed to bring their e-learning materials for limited schoolwork assistance.

MENTAL HEALTH

If at any time you have urgent/immediate concerns about the well-being and safety of your child, we strongly advise you to call a Crisis Line, where mental health help is available 24/7. Wood County (Marshfield and surrounding area): 715-384-5555

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Marathon County: 715.845.4326

Clark County: 715-743-3400 National Hotline: 800.273.TALK (8255)

HOPELINE accepts texts at 741741

Families can contact their school counselors for more information or if other needs arise. The District also has School Social Workers available to connect with families and provide resource and referral information as needed.

FREE INTERNET

Charter/ Spectrum Communications is offering free Spectrum broadband and Wi-Fi access for 60 days to households with K-12 and/or college students who do not already have a subscription. Offer includes a service up to 100 megabits per second. If interested, call 1-844-488-8395. Installation fees will be waived for new student households.

For current Charter customers in need of internet at a reduced cost, visit https://www.spectrum.com/browse/content/spectrum-internet-assist.

TDS is offering free broadband access to low-income individuals, families and college students for 60 days. To verify eligibility for this offer, residents will be asked to provide documentation from qualifying programs. For more information, call <u>1-888-287-8156</u>.

UNEMPLOYMENT & COVID-19 FAQs

For information about COVID-19 and Wisconsin Unemployment Benefits, visit <u>https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/ui.htm?fbclid=IwAR3_wELYcH_vbr79awF4LtlFFWXc08ihB-ONS0tbbRY8AJk_j6Zp14cqis</u>

UNITED WAY – 211

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156 South Central Ave. P.O. Box 771 Marshfield WI 54449 Phone: 715-384-9992 www.marshfieldareaunitedway.org www.getconnected211.org

United Way provides information and referral services for community. United Way has been active in COVID 19 resource response efforts.

From the District Social Workers

Dealing with Uncertainty - The unknown can cause worry, stress, anxiety and sadness. It is normal for these feelings to be increased during uncertain times. Here are some ways to tolerate that worry as you work to manage uncertainty.

- **Mindful activities** spend time focusing on the present. Consider activities where you observe and notice things around you and within you with acceptance.
- Focus on **self-care** what can you do to relax and de-stress do what helps you feel better.
- Take care of your physical well-being eat well, get good sleep, exercise, etc.
- Make **kindness** a priority. There are others who are worried and stressed be gracious and kind.
- Consider **writing a list** of helpful facts or look at a <u>helpful</u> article that you can focus on when you start to worry.
- Notice your worrying thoughts and work on accepting them, instead of reacting to them.
- **Find balance** try to not spend all your time reading every news article and social media post. Stay informed, but do not overwhelm yourself.
- Think of **other difficult times** you have survived and remember the things that helped you then use that to help you now.
- **Talk to family and friends for support** not to commiserate and complain, but to share, understand and support.
- When you notice you are overthinking and increasing your worry go back to the **present moment** or focus on concrete tasks.

From the District Nurses





Talking With Children: TIPS FOR CAREGIVERS, PARENTS, AND TEACHERS DURING INFECTIOUS DISEASE OUTBREAKS

What You Should Know

When children and youth watch news on TV about an infectious disease outbreak, read about it in the news, or overhear others discussing it, they can feel scared, confused, or anxious —as much as adults. This is true even if they live far from where the outbreak is taking place and are at little to no actual risk of getting sick. Young people react to anxiety and stress differently than adults. Some may react right away; others may show signs that they are having a difficult time much later. As such, adults do not always know when a child needs help.

This tip sheet will help parents, caregivers, and teachers learn some common reactions, respond in a helpful way, and know when to seek support.

Possible Reactions to an Infectious Disease Outbreak

Many of the reactions noted below are normal when children and youth are handling stress. If any of these behaviors lasts for more than 2 to 4 weeks, or if they suddenly appear later on, then children may need more help coping. Information about where to find help is in the Helpful Resources section of this tip sheet.

PRESCHOOL CHILDREN, 0-5 YEARS OLD

Very young children may express anxiety and stress by going back to thumb sucking or wetting the bed at night. They may fear sickness, strangers, darkness, or monsters. It is fairly common for preschool children to become clingy with a parent, caregiver, or teacher or to want to stay in a place where they feel safe. They may express their understanding of the outbreak repeatedly in their play or tell exaggerated stories about it. Some children's eating and sleeping habits may change. They also may have aches and pains that cannot be explained. Other symptoms to watch for are aggressive or withdrawn behavior, hyperactivity, speech difficulties, and disobedience.

- Infants and Toddlers, 0–2 years old, cannot understand that something bad in the world is happening, but they know when their caregiver is upset. They may start to show the same emotions as their caregivers, or they may act differently, like crying for no reason or withdrawing from people and not playing with their toys.
- Children, 3–5 years old, may be able to understand the effects of an outbreak. If they are very upset by news of the outbreak, they may have trouble adjusting to change and loss. They may depend on the adults around them to help them feel better.