



MARQUETTE AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS Welcome Back News

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Welcome to 2010-2011

Marquette Area Public Schools' 2010-2011 academic year will be among the most unique in many years. Following retirement of over 40 support staff and teachers, summer months were spent appointing new faculty and staff. The influx of new talent into the school system will promote exciting challenges for our students. Nearly 400 full and part-time employees stand ready to serve.



We pledge to serve your interests to the best of our abilities.

Many reasons exist to celebrate the success of our school system. Each and every school building plays host to a broad array of programming opportunities, from our youngest children served by Vandenoorn Child Development Center, to many High School seniors being educated through Advanced Placement courses and Northern Michigan University's Dual Enrollment program. Marquette Area Public Schools is a district striving to meet the needs of all. Test scores are exemplary, dropout rates are extremely low, and programs exist at all ends of the educational spectrum.

Thank you for entrusting the education of your children to Marquette Area Public Schools. We are honored to have been selected to provide the excellence you expect. Our system has great capacity, staff remain willing and able, and promises of a tremendous, fun-filled 2010-2011 school year are everywhere! Remain in touch and be sure to let us know how we can help.

Jon Hartwig
Superintendent of Schools

2010-2011 School Year Information

September 1	First day for teachers / MAEA (professional development)
September 7	First day of school for students
October 5	Staff professional development (1 hour early release K-12)
October 19	Staff professional development (1 hour early release K-12)
November 2	Election day
	Staff professional development (1 hour early release K-12)
Nov. 10-11	MSHS and Graveraet School parent-teacher conferences
November 16	Staff professional development (1 hour early release K-12)
Nov. 22-23	Bothwell Middle School parent-teacher conferences
Nov. 22-24	Elementary parent-teacher conferences
Nov. 25-26	Thanksgiving holiday (no school)
November 30	Staff professional development (1 hour early release K-12)
December 14	Staff professional development (1 hour early release K-12)
Dec. 23-Jan. 2	Winter Break (no school)
January 11	Staff professional development (1 hour early release K-12)
January 25	Staff professional development (1 hour early release K-12)
February 8	Staff professional development (1 hour early release K-12)
February 22	Staff professional development (1 hour early release K-12)
February 18-21	President's Day break (no school)
March 8	Staff professional development (1 hour early release K-12)
March 22	Staff professional development (1 hour early release K-12)
March 30-31	Bothwell Middle School parent-teacher conferences
April 4-8	Spring Break (no school)
April 19	Staff professional development (1 hour early release K-12)
April 20-21	Elementary parent-teacher conferences
April 22	Good Friday (no school)
May 3	Staff professional development (1 hour early release K-12)
May 17	Staff professional development (1 hour early release K-12)
May 30	Memorial Day (no school)
May 31	Staff professional development (1 hour early release K-12)
June 2	Alternative High School graduation, 6:30 p.m., Kaufman Auditorium
June 5	MSHS graduation, 2:00 p.m., Lakeview Arena
June 14	Last day of school (without snow day make-up) (early release)

Early Dismissals

When in session a half day only, schools dismiss as follows:

MSHS	10:45 a.m.
MAHS	10:45 a.m.
Bothwell	11:00 a.m.
MAMS	10:45 a.m.
Cherry Creek	11:50 a.m.
Sandy Knoll	11:50 a.m.
Superior Hills	11:50 a.m.

School Start & End Times

	<u>a.m.</u>	<u>p.m.</u>
MSHS	7:30	2:30
MAHS	7:30	2:30
Bothwell	8:00	2:45
MAMS	7:30	2:21
Cherry Creek	8:50	3:35
Sandy Knoll	8:50	3:35
Superior Hills	8:50	3:35
Vandenoorn Dev. Kdg.	9:00	12:10

Immunization requirements

To enter school, state law* prohibits a principal or teacher from admitting new entrants to school without a record of having received at least one dose of each of the following: measles, mumps, rubella, polio, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, and hepatitis B.

To stay in school, a record of the following immunizations must be provided to the school office:



DIPHTHERIA, TETANUS, & PERTUSSIS**

Ages 4-6: Four doses are required. If a dose was not given on or after the 4th birthday, a booster dose of DTP is required. Most children will have 5 doses.

Ages 7-18: Four doses are required. If a dose was not given in the last 10 years, a booster dose of Td is required.

POLIO

Ages 4-6: Three doses are required. If the last dose was not given on or after the 4th birthday, a booster dose is required. Most children will have four doses.

Ages 7-18: Three doses are required.

MEASLES, MUMPS, & RUBELLA

Ages 4-6: Two doses are required. The 1st dose must be given on or after the 1st birthday. The 2nd dose must be given at least 28 days from the 1st dose.

Ages 7-18: Two doses are required. The 1st dose must be given on or after the 1st birthday. The 2nd dose must be given at least 28 days from the 1st dose.

HEPATITIS B

Ages 4-6: Effective January 1, 2000, 3 doses are required.

Ages 7-18: Effective January 1, 2000, 3 doses are required.

VARICELLA (CHICKEN POX)***

Ages 4-6: Effective January 1, 2002, 1 dose required on or after 1st birthday.

Ages 7-18: Effective January 1, 2002, only 1 dose is required if received on or after the 1st birthday but prior to the 13th birthday OR 2 doses are required, administered at least 28 days apart, if the child received the 1st dose on or after the 13th birthday.

Children who have not received the required immunizations will be excluded from school until parents provide proof that all required immunizations have been given, or have a waiver on file. Please refer questions to your child's school office or to the school nurse's office at 225-5354.

Please note that the Marquette County Health Department will immunize only those persons who are uninsured or under-insured. All others must go to their family health care provider. Persons covered by Medicaid must also seek out the services of their primary care physician to secure immunizations, because Medicaid is considered an insurance.

NEW! Effective January 1, 2010, all children entering kindergarten and all children changing school districts are required to have: 2 doses of varicella (Var) or a history of chickenpox disease.

Also, all children enrolled in 6th grade, and all children 7 through 18 years of age changing school districts, are required to have:

1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4) on or after the 11th birthday.

1 dose of tetanus/diphtheria/acellular pertussis vaccine (Tdap) on or after the 11th birthday if 5 years since last dose of tetanus/diphtheria vaccine (Dtap, Td, DT).

2 doses of varicella (Var) or a history of chickenpox disease.

*Part 92, Act 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

**Children Ages 4-6 must have received 4 doses of pertussis. DT is only accepted if a signed waiver is on file for that particular dose of pertussis vaccine.

***Reliable history of chickenpox disease is acceptable in lieu of the vaccine.

Food service information

Nutritious breakfasts and lunches are available to all students in the Marquette Area Public Schools. Milk is available to students who bring lunch from home. The district has a computerized debit system, using an ID card or PIN, to track purchases and payments for families. Payments can be made via the district website. Please call your school's office or 225-4245 for further information.

2010-2011 meal prices are as follows:

Breakfast - Offered to K-12 students at a cost of \$1.25.

Lunch - Hot lunch will be served beginning the first day of school. Lunch prices are as follows: elementary - \$1.80; middle school and high school - \$2.25.

Free and Reduced Meals - Free and reduced-price lunches and breakfasts are available to students who qualify under federal guidelines. An application form is enclosed; additional forms are available at the schools. Applications should be returned to the MAPS Food Service Office, 1203 West Fair Avenue, Marquette, or your child's school before or on the first day of school.

Call 225-4245 or your child's school for more information.



Home-school connection

We believe all students can learn, and the primary role of the faculty, administration, staff, Board of Education, and parent or guardian is to promote mastery of essential skills for all students. Please join us as a partner in your child's education and take an active role as your child's first teacher. Be certain that your child:

- attends school on a regular basis.
- masters learning objectives.
- successfully completes assignments on time.
- respects the philosophy, lifestyles and property of others.
- assists others less capable, both physically and mentally.



Each student is responsible for homework on a daily basis. We strongly believe that homework is a valuable learning activity and is an extension of classroom instruction. Research indicates that homework boosts achievement dramatically.

You are urged to communicate with school personnel regarding concerns or problems with your child. Your efforts will assist us in establishing a school atmosphere conducive to learning. You can make a positive difference in enhancing your child's education.

Administering / dispensing medicines

In compliance with state law and MAPS Board Policy 5330 on administering / dispensing medicines to students, administration of prescription / nonprescription medications in school must be based on written permission by the parent / guardian, in compliance with a physician's instructions, including the physician's signature, and administered in the presence of another adult. The forms required for administering medicines are enclosed with this packet. Policy 5330 can be accessed on the MAPS website, <http://www.mapsnet.org>. If you do not have Internet access but would like a copy of the policy, please contact your child's school. Questions should be referred to the school office.

School Board Meetings



MAPS Regular Board of Education meetings held at Graveraet School, Room 210, 611 North Front Street, are videotaped and have a delayed telecast, normally the following Monday at 7:00 p.m. on Charter Communications Channel 8. Board meeting agendas, minutes, and open meeting notices, including Board Committee Meeting schedules, are posted on MAPS' website, <http://www.mapsnet.org>. The following Regular Board Meetings have been scheduled as of this writing. In addition to the meetings listed below, Board Work Sessions will be held monthly, if needed. Special Board Meetings are called as necessary. 2011 Board of Education Meetings will be scheduled by the Board at the January 2011 Reorganizational meeting. All Board meetings provide an opportunity for members of the public to comment.



Aug. 30	5:30 p.m.	Graveraet Room 210
Sept. 20	5:30 p.m.	Graveraet Room 210
Oct. 26	5:30 p.m.	Graveraet Room 210
Nov. 30	5:30 p.m.	Graveraet Room 210
Dec. 20	5:30 p.m.	Graveraet Room 210

Mission Statement - *The mission of the Marquette Area Public School District, a nurturing leader of educational excellence, is to embolden all of our students to succeed as global citizens through a system distinguished by personalized, relevant and challenging experiences, utilizing the diverse resources of our vibrant Lake Superior community and our world. (Adopted 12-10-2007)*

Vision Statement - *MAPS encourages learning and growing together. (Adopted 6-28-2010)*

Notice to Parents Regarding Title I - No Child Left Behind

Parents of students attending the Marquette Area Public Schools have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers who instruct their children. Federal law allows parents to request certain information about classroom teachers and requires public school districts to provide this information in a timely manner, if requested. Specifically, parents have the right to ask for the following information about each classroom teacher:

- Whether the Michigan Department of Education has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subject he or she teaches.
- Whether the Michigan Department of Education has decided that the teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulations because of special circumstances.
- The teacher's college major; whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees.
- Whether any instructional aide in the Title I program provides services to a child and, if they do, the aide's qualifications.

This rule applies to students attending Cherry Creek, Sandy Knoll, Superior Hills, and the Vandeenboom Child Development Center. Please contact Deborah Veiht at 225-5320 to request any of this information.

Tobacco-free schools

According to Board policy 7434, the use of tobacco products is prohibited on school grounds, district-owned or leased vehicles and property controlled by the district. The exception to this is for outdoor areas:

1. On Saturdays, Sundays and other days without regularly-scheduled school hours; and
2. After 6 p.m. on days during which there are regularly-scheduled school hours.



Low-cost or free health care coverage available for children

Low-cost and free health care coverage for children of all ages is available through Michigan's health insurance program, *MI Child / Healthy Kids*. Coverage can be provided for doctor visits, prescriptions, hospitalization, and many other needs. For information, call 1-888-988-6300 toll free; or access *MI Child* information and forms at: <http://www.michigan.gov/mdch>.



Notice to Parents Regarding Instruction in Reproductive Health

State law permits programs of instruction in reproductive health, including family planning, in the public schools of Michigan. The following notification is mandated by the State of Michigan.

The Board of Education has established a program of instruction in sex education. Reproductive health, HIV / AIDS education, and family planning (high school level) are offered in identified courses as components of the reproductive health education program.

According to law (P.A. 226 of 1977) you have the right to review the materials to be used in these courses. The local Board of Education, in compliance with the statute, has made the materials available for your review. If interested, please contact the office of your child's school to make arrangements for review of materials.

Your child is eligible to participate in these courses. By law, you have the right to excuse your child from participation in classes that include reproductive health, HIV / AIDS education, and / or family planning instruction. You will be notified by your child's school when these classes will be taught. If at that time you wish to exercise your right to excuse your child, without penalty, from instruction in reproductive health, HIV / AIDS education, and / or family planning, please send a written notice to the school principal and course instructor.

Please contact your school office for further information.

Bothwell Grades 5-8 Enrichment Program

As of this writing, a grades 5-8 enrichment program is being planned for Bothwell Middle School. Tentative times are 6:45-8:00 a.m. and 2:45-5:30 p.m. Plans include numerous supervised enrichment and educational activities for students. Further details, including costs, are forthcoming and will be publicized. Call Marquette Community Schools at 225-4302, or after August 24, BMS at 225-4262.

YMCA Program at Vandenoomb

YMCA offers a Before & After School program for K-6 at the Vandenoomb Child Development & Activity Center from 6:30 am until bus pickup, and after school from bus drop-off to 6:30 pm. The program is staffed by a teacher and an assistant teacher. After school participants have snack time, homework help time, and activity time, with choices including computers, outdoor play, organized sports and games, crafts, science experiments, other kid-friendly choices, and opportunities for field trips. For more information, call YMCA Preschool and Child Care at 273-1121.

Child and Family Services Programs

Before / After School Program

The Before / After School Program through Child and Family Services is accepting applications for the 2010-11 school year. The program is available at the Cherry Creek, Sandy Knoll, and Superior Hills Elementary (grades K-4) Schools. Program times are 6:45 a.m. until school starts, and from dismissal to 5:30 p.m.

Kinder Club

Child and Family Services offers an expanded program for kindergartners: Kinder Club at Cherry Creek and Sandy Knoll. The Monday through Friday program follows the school calendar. MAPS kindergartners can attend Kinder Club on days and hours they are not in class. Any child enrolled in the Kinder Club Program can also use the Before / After School Programs.

For more information, call Child and Family Services at 228-4050, ext. 120.

Notice regarding Student Privacy and Consent / Opt-Out

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA), 20 USC § 1232h, requests the Marquette Area Public Schools to obtain consent or allow you to opt your child out of participating in certain school activities, including a student survey, analysis, or evaluation in an applicable program that concerns one or more of the following eight areas ("Protected Information Surveys"):

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent.
2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family.
3. Sexual behavior or attitudes.
4. Illegal, antisocial, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior.
5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships.
6. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, physicians, or ministers.
7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parent / guardian.
8. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility or financial assistance.

This opt-out right also applies to the collection, disclosure, or use of student information for marketing purposes ("marketing surveys") and to certain physical exams and screenings. For further information or to submit a request, contact Assistant Superintendent Deborah Veiht, 225-5320.

Frequently-called numbers

Busing / Transp.	225-5774 / 5773	Technology	225-4302
Central Office	225-5320	Alternative HS	225-4302
Community Ed	225-4302	Alternative MS	225-4302
Food Service	225-4245	Bothwell MS	225-4262
Human Resources	225-5410	Cherry Creek	225-4399
MSHS Athletics	225-4220	MSHS	225-5353
MSHS Pool	225-5359	Sandy Knoll	225-4281
Special Education	225-4206	Superior Hills	225-4295

School Bus Routes

Complete information regarding bus routes will be published in the Mining Journal and / or the Action Shopper and will be available on the MAPS Website, www.mapsnet.org, prior to the start of school. Please check this information carefully.

Our Transportation Department encourages parents to allow their children to ride the bus the first day of school. This will allow the driver to establish the bus routes with accurate times. We hope your child's bus ride is a pleasant experience. Busing related questions may be referred to the Transportation Department at 225-5773 or 225-5774.



Notice Regarding School Board Policy on Drug-Free Schools

In accordance with Board Policy 5530 and federal law, the Board of Education prohibits the use, possession, concealment, or distribution of drugs by students on school grounds, in school or school-approved vehicles, or at any school-related event. Drugs include any alcoholic beverage, anabolic steroid, dangerous controlled substance as defined by state statute (including prescription drugs), or substance that could be considered a look-alike controlled substance. Compliance with this policy is mandatory for all students. Any student who violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, in accordance with due process and as specified in the student handbooks, up to and including expulsion from school. When required by state law, the District will also notify law enforcement officials.

The District is concerned about any student who is a victim of alcohol or drug abuse and will facilitate the process by which he or she receives help through programs and services available in the community. Students and their parents should contact the school principal or counseling office whenever such help is needed.

Notification Regarding Inspection of Instructional Materials

Each building principal is responsible for coordinating inspections of instructional materials at the school. Members of the public have the right to inspect instructional materials, including but not limited to print and non-print materials, teachers' manuals, films, CDs, and any other supplementary material used as part of the educational curriculum. For further information or to submit a request, please contact the principal's office.



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