

## **M-Step Results:**

### **What Marcellus Elementary Families Can Expect. . .**

This past spring, Marcellus Elementary students in grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 took Michigan's new statewide test, the M-Step, for the first time. After nearly 45 years of the MEAP, the change was a big deal for teachers and students alike. Michigan has adopted higher standards for its students in English Language Arts and Mathematics, and the rigorous M-Step was built to see how close our students are to reaching these standards.

We think this year's test scores may appear to be lower than on the MEAP, because the test is not just new, but challenging. This is not a reflection on Marcellus Elementary students, but on all the progress that has been happening across Michigan. We encourage families to remember that these changes are good for our kids, and to keep them in perspective.

When it comes to M-Step, we must ask ourselves: Would we rather have an easier test that doesn't get our students where they need to be for careers in the future, or do we want a strong and useful test that helps our kids be successful in life? We are joining with every parent in Marcellus Elementary School in saying we want every child to be as successful as possible.

### **Wildcat Walk. . .**

We would like to thank our volunteers, staff and students for another successful event. When all the money is collected we should have just over \$7500. The top money raising students and classes will be announced later this month.



### **Assembly. . . .**

Veteran's Day assembly will be on **Wednesday November 11th at 1:30.** All our welcome.



# Marcellus Elementary Newsletter



# November 2015

## Dates to Remember

- 11/06 End of Marking Period
- 11/10 Early Release
- 11/11 Veteran's Day Assembly  
Parent /Teacher Conferences
- 11/12 Parent / Teacher Conferences
- 11/13 NO SCHOOL
- 11/23 5th & 6th Grade Field Trip
- 11/24 3rd & 4th Grade Field Trip
- 11/26 Happy Thanksgiving  
NO SCHOOL
- 11/27 NO SCHOOL



### **GSRP. . . .**

There are currently openings in the afternoon preschool program at Marcellus Elementary. Any child who was 4 years old by September 1, 2015, could be eligible for this FREE high quality preschool. Please call Kathy Stuby at 269-445-6283 for more details.

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### **School Crossings. . . .**

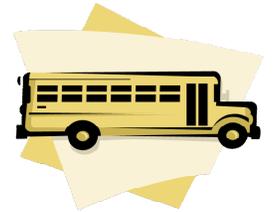
The Crossing Guard's job is to safely cross the children to and from school. As you know children can be very unpredictable. Please remember to come to a complete stop while the children and crossing guards are in the roadway and do not proceed until everyone is completely out of the roadway.



### **Field Trips. . .**

The 5th and 6th graders will be traveling to Three Rivers on November 23rd to see the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble perform. Each student will need to bring \$1.00 for the bus.

The 3rd and 4th Graders will be traveling to Three Rivers on November 24th to watch a play. Each student will need to bring \$1.00 for the bus



### **Conferences. . .**

Parent / Teacher conferences will be held on Wednesday, November 11th from 5:00—8:00 pm and on Thursday, November 12th from 4:30—7:30 pm. Grades K—4th will have a set scheduled time and grades 5th & 6th are on a first come first serve basis. All conferences will be held in the teacher's classrooms.