



Redbird Review

January 2024

New Administrative Structure at MGS!

The people and objectives remain the same for the admin team, but we're restructuring to enhance efficiency and effectiveness without adding staff. Mr. Damery will now serve as the K-4 Principal; Mrs. Vanderbloom 5th-8th Principal starting 2nd Semester. We will no longer have an Assistant Principal.

I am delighted to extend my warmest greetings to each and every one of you as the Principal of 5th - 8th grades within Metamora Grade School. It is with a deep sense of responsibility that I embrace this opportunity to lead our school into the future.

At Metamora Grade School, we are deeply committed to fostering a safe, positive, inclusive, student centered learning environment that empowers our students to achieve. Together, we will continue to celebrate achievements, address concerns, and explore innovative ways to enhance the overall learning journey.

Open communication is essential to a successful school environment. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, concerns, or ideas you may have. I am excited to collaborate with you all as we strive to continually provide an exceptional learning experience for all our students.



Thank you for entrusting us with your student's education. Together, let us embark on a journey of learning, growth, and achievement.

Sincerely,

Angela Vanderbloom

Happy New Year! I am writing to share some exciting news about a change in my role at Metamora Grade School. As we continue to strive for excellence in education, I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to dedicate my efforts specifically to the early years of your child's development.

The Kindergarten through 4th grade years are a crucial time in a child's educational foundation, and I am committed to working closely with our dedicated staff to



provide an enriching and supportive environment for our youngest learners. My goal is to foster a strong academic foundation, cultivate a love for learning, and create an atmosphere where every child feels valued and supported.

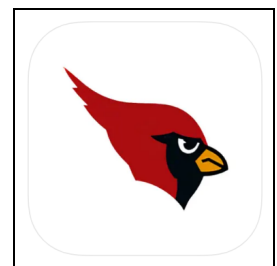
I would like to assure you that while my role is changing, my dedication to the success and well-being of each student remains unwavering. I am excited about the possibilities this change brings and look forward to collaborating with you to create a positive and nurturing learning environment.

Please feel free to reach out to me via email at tdamery@mgsredbirds.org with any questions or concerns regarding academics and/or behaviors for Kindergarten through 4th grade.

Tim Damery



Winter Weather Is Approaching!



For inclement weather that forces the closing of school, parents will be notified via email, text message, phone call and app notifications.

Please confirm your information is correct in Skyward and notify the office with any corrections. Visit the App Store and download the Skyward App and the MGS App to stay informed!!

Did You Know?

- There is over \$20,000 in outstanding registration and lunch fees still owed to MGS.
- 61% of MGS teachers have a Master's Degree or higher.
- The [2024-2025 District Calendar](#) was approved and can be found here.

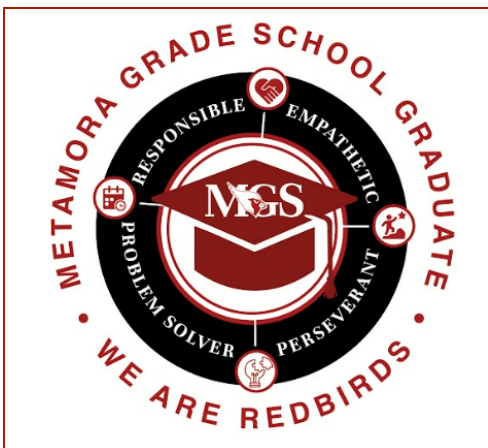
Student Achievement

Click the link below to see how MGS ranks compared to the State of IL on standardized assessments.

[Report Card Analysis](#)

Indicator	State Value*	2022 District Value	District Percentile	State Value*	2023 District Value	District Percentile	Change 2022 to 2023 District Value	District Percentile
ELA Proficiency	28.5%	51.0%	90	33.8%	60.2%	92	+9.2%	+2
Math Proficiency	22.9%	41.1%	84	23.8%	50.5%	93	+9.4%	+9
ISA Science Proficiency	53.9%	77.9%	93	54.9%	74.9%	91	-3.0%	-2
ELA Participation	98.9%	99.3%	69	99.1%	99.5%	68	+0.2%	-1
Math Participation	98.7%	99.4%	76	99.0%	99.6%	77	+0.2%	+1
ELA Growth Percentile	49.1	48.0	42	48.6	52.5	69	+4.5	+27
Math Growth Percentile	48.6	49.6	56	48.4	55.7	90	+6.1	+34
8th Grade Students Passing Algebra I	20.9%	17.0%	42	22.7%	20.4%	45	+3.4%	+3

Upcoming Events/Opportunities



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| January 11 | PTO Meeting 7pm |
| January 15 | Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School |
| January 26 | SIP (Early Dismissal for Students) |



Newsletter

JANUARY '24

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KRISPY KREME FUNDRAISER: 1/22-2/1

- Glazed and filled doughnuts available
- Coffee and gift certificates also for purchase
- Orders and payment DUE 2/1
- Pick-up after school Thursday, February 15



RESTAURANT NIGHT: TUES 1/30

- Geo's Pizza 4PM- 8PM
- Dine-in or Carry-out
- No flier needed
- 15% of sale will go to PTO for programs such as Family Fun Night, Fun Day, Redbird Store & more!



FAMILY FUN NIGHT: FRI 2/9

- FREE (except concessions) to all MGS families
- Neon themed games and craft
- Open gym
- Geo's pizza by the slice + soda for sale at concessions



OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next PTO Meeting Thursday 1/11 7PM
- THANK YOU for supporting the Santa Store
- Supply Closet is LOW on colored pencils & index cards
- Staff Luncheon sign ups coming soon!
- Join our Facebook page for updates @MGSPTO