



# Redbird Review

## February 2024

MGS Families-

To put it simply, we're here to inspire student learning. Our desire is for students to improve academically while learning in an engaging and innovative learning environment. [See strategic plan here.](#)

We also realize there is more to being a Redbird than academics. The kids are people first and students second. That's why last year, with the help of the stakeholder group, we identified the four main non-academic graduate skills on which to focus: Problem Solving, Responsibility, Empathy and Perseverance. You'll notice these Metamora Graduate Skills (MGS) are listed separately from academic skills on the report card.



We do that not only to emphasize and develop the skills but also for students to know they are more than a grade or test score. Your child matters to us, regardless of how well he or she is doing academically. Students can put a lot of pressure on themselves, particularly as they get older and sometimes they mistakenly see their worth only in their (perceived) success.

I trust that you are letting teachers know if there are issues that need addressed or if they're doing a great job! Please take a few minutes and complete the annual 5 Essentials School Survey. The results for MGS will be displayed on the Illinois School Report Card and the more completed surveys for us, the better. When clicking the link below, select "Woodford" for the County. Thank you for your help!

Link to 5 Essentials Survey: <http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/>

*-Dr. Lee*

### **What I'm Reading**

- [Think Again: The Power of knowing what you don't know.](#)
- [Never Enough: When achievement culture becomes toxic and what we can do about it.](#)
- [The Infinite Game](#)

## Did You Know?

- If you want to drop off your child without getting out of your car, Madison Street (north side of school) is designated for that.
- If you want to walk your child to the door, please use the main parking lot (south side of the building)
- If you want to drop off your child but still wish to use the main parking lot, follow the steps below.

### AM Main Door Drop Off:

**Students are only to be dropped off by the sidewalk (first row). Please do not allow students to walk across the parking lot unattended.**

Our crossing guards limit the amount of cars in the front drop off line to let students out. Parents who let students off in this lane are asked to remain in their car to keep the line moving.

**Please make sure your child has their coat on/ bag packed and ready to exit the car when it is their turn to do so. This really helps keep the line flowing.**

### PM Main Door Pick Up:

**Please park your car in a designated space and walk to the main entrance to pick up your child.**

**Please do not drive up and have students hop in the vehicles. This creates lots of congestion in the front row and is not a safe situation for students and parents who have parked/exited their car and are waiting to pick up their child.**

We ask that parents waiting to pick up their child remain on the concrete/sidewalk areas and out of the main parking lot area.

***\*\*Madison Street (North) entrance is dedicated for quick student drop off and pick up with parents remaining in vehicles at all times.\*\****



## Winter Weather Is Here!



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!!

Please communicate all bus related information and changes to your child's teacher as well as Director Opt at [goplt@mgsredbirds.org](mailto:goplt@mgsredbirds.org)

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## Upcoming Events/Opportunities



February 1	Board Meeting 7pm
February 8	PTO Meeting 7pm
February 16	SIP (Early Dismissal for Students)
February 19	President's Day - No School
February 29	4th/5th Grade Winter Concert 7pm



# Newsletter

**FEBRUARY '24**

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## **STAFF LUNCHEON: WED 2/7**

- Sign-up to donate via Sign Up Genius link
- Drop-off perishable items between 7:50-8:50AM
- Non-perishable items can be delivered prior to front office



## **FAMILY FUN NIGHT: FRI 2/9**

- Dress in your brightest neon
- Blacklight games
- Open gyms
- Geo's pizza by the slice + soda for sale at concessions



## **KRISPY KREME PICK UP: THURS 2/15**

- 3PM-6PM MGS Cafeteria
- Questions? Email: [PTOdoughnuts@mgsredbirds.org](mailto:PTOdoughnuts@mgsredbirds.org)
- Unclaimed orders will be donated
- **THANK YOU** to all who supported this fundraiser



## **RESTAURANT NIGHT: TUES 2/27**

- Michael's Italian Feast- Germantown location only
- FLIER required- print or show on phone
- 4PM-7PM
- 10% of sales will be donated to PTO