



# Redbird Review

## March 2024

MGS Families-

I am thankful you chose Metamora Grade School for your child's learning needs! We take the responsibility of being leaders of learning seriously. Similarly, we wish to be good models of continuous learning. Our staff has been working with our Regional Office of Education throughout the year on professional development with English and Math—on aligning our curriculum as well as enhancing instructional strategies.



While teachers may have various professional development days scattered throughout the year, SIP Days and Teacher Inservice Days are two built-in platforms used for teacher learning. During the afternoon of our School Improvement Day on March 8 (11:30 dismissal for students), teachers will rotate between examining math curriculum, planning innovative learning activities, and previewing a parent communication tool we plan to implement next school year.

Seeking feedback is helpful for improvement and that's what we're asking of you. 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. **Currently, 3% of our parents have completed the survey. We need at least 20% to generate a score.** Thank you for your help!

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

—Dr. Lee

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

- [To Rescue the Constitution: George Washington and the Fragile American Experiment.](#)
- [The Death of Public School: How Conservatives won the war on education in America.](#)
- [Leaders of Their Own Learning: Transforming schools through student-engaged assessment.](#)

# Election and Voting Info

**VOTE MARCH 19, 2024**

To vote in Illinois:

- You must be a United States citizen.
- You must be 17 years old on or before the date of the Primary Election and turn 18 on or before the date of the General or Consolidated Election.
- You must live in your election precinct at least 30 days prior to Election Day.
- You must not be serving a sentence of confinement in any penal institution as a result of a conviction.
- You may not claim the right to vote anywhere else.

[For more information click here](#)

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## MGS Employment Opportunities

### **Bus Drivers**

Training Provided

Please contact George Oplt, Transportation Director: [goplt@mgsredbirds.org](mailto:goplt@mgsredbirds.org)

### **Custodial**

2nd Shift 3pm-11pm

Please contact Vince Uzelac, Director of Maintenance

[vuzelac@mgsredbirds.org](mailto:vuzelac@mgsredbirds.org)

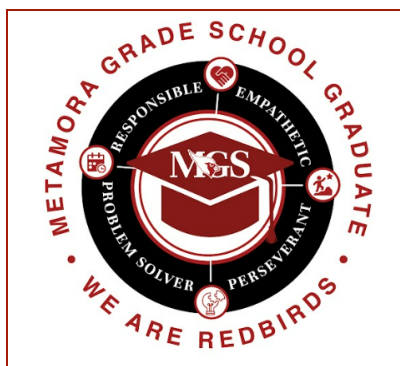
### **Substitute Teachers for Teachers and Teacher Aides**

[Click here for licensure information](#)

Contact Dr. Lee, Superintendent

[blee@mgsredbirds.org](mailto:blee@mgsredbirds.org)

# Upcoming Events/Opportunities



- March 8 SIP (Early Dismissal for Students)
- March 8 End of 3rd Quarter
- March 25-31 NO SCHOOL - Spring Break



## SUPPLY CLOSET IN LOW STOCK

- The supply closet is for staff and students
- Shop locally and drop at office or ship directly to school
- Items in most need: Index Cards, Fine and Ultra Fine Sharpies, Crayola Colored Pencils, Dry Erase Markers, Fine Point and Broad Tip Markers, and Ticonderoga Pencils



## JOIN PTO

- It's never too late to join PTO
- Several committee openings for 24/25 school year
- You decide your commitment level
- Next meeting is Thursday, March 14th at 7PM



## FUN DAY: FRIDAY, MAY 17TH

- Save the Date for the 2024 FUN DAY!!
- K-4th grade students
- Morning and afternoon session volunteers needed
- Event t-shirts order forms will be sent home with student (optional)



## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Final Family Fun Night coming in April
- Teacher Appreciation Week May 6- 10



# Annual Fundraiser

**MARCH 15 2024**

**GLO Bingo**

**PAR-A-DICE HOTEL**

**TICKETS ARE \$60 EACH**  
**TABLE OF 8 FOR \$440**

## **RAFFLE \$2 EACH**

Winners drawn on 3/15/24  
(do not have to be present to win)

Prizes: Ooni pizza oven, Yeti Tundra 65 cooler, Solo Yukon stove, and \$500 Cash!

All sold and unsold tickets must be turned in by 3/12

*Raffle Fundraiser*

**PRIZES:**  
**\$500 CASH**  
**🔥 solo stove YUKON STOVE**  
**YETI TUNDRA 65 COOLER**  
**ooni PIZZA OVEN**

Questions? Contact [mgsfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:mgsfundraising@gmail.com)

## **SILENT AUCTION**

3/8 Auction Begins Online  
3/15 9:30PM Auction Closes

A wide variety of items including the famous Buy A Shares for student experiences

Do not have to present to win. Items can be picked up 3/16 from 10am-12pm at MGS

**GET YOUR GLO-BINGO TICKETS BEFORE THEY ARE GONE!**

<https://givebutter.com/c/2024MGS>