



Redbird Review

November

2025

A Note From Dr. Lee

Linked below are the notes from the September and October Board meetings. Also linked below are video overviews if you prefer to consume the information in a different format. The videos do a good job of contextualizing the written word.

[September BOE video summary](#)

[September pdf summary](#)

[October BOE video summary](#)

[October pdf summary.](#)



Student Achievement

The Illinois School Report Card website has now been updated reflecting the new IAR cut scores for the test back in spring. They've added some really good sortable charts to compare achievement. [You can see MGS's information linked here.](#)

Overall for achievement:

- 71% of our students were proficient in Science
- 68% of our students were proficient in ELA
- 57% of our students were proficient in Math

Student growth percentile:

- 53rd percentile for Math (compared to 46th percentile last year)
- 45th percentile for ELA (compared to 47th percentile last year)

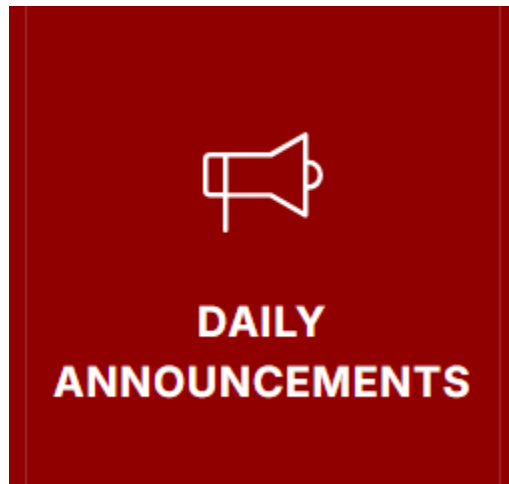
Summative Designation

ISBE also released their new summative designations for each school district. The good news is that MGS does not have any subcategories of students who fall into the bottom 10th percentile. The bad news is that we weren't in the top 10% of schools. Therefore, our summative rating remains "Commendable." The aggregate performance was similar to last year, but individual growth year over year wasn't as high. [For a complete list of summative scoring metrics, click here.](#)

November Events/Opportunities

- 14th - SIP Day (11:30am dismissal)
- 20th - 5-8th Grade Winter Choir Concert @ MTHS 7pm
- 24th - No School P/T Conferences 12pm-7pm
- 25th - No School P/T Conferences 8am-1pm
- 26th-28th - No School Thanksgiving Break

[Full District Calendar Linked Here](#)



[Check out the video announcements the students have been creating!](#)



The Principals' Perspective - November 2025

K-4 Principal Tim Damery

5-8 Principal Ben Dirks

We are excited to share some updates about what's happening at MGS.



Academic Growth

- Administrators and the Student Services Coordinator are excited to be participating in a Virtual Leadership Series presented by The Successful Practices Network.
- Exploration of the Station Rotation Model: Staff continued exploring the station rotation model to increase student engagement and personalize learning.

Engaging Learning Environments

- Ongoing walk-throughs and formal observations are leading to valuable discussions that help teachers strengthen and sustain engaging classroom environments.
- Jr. High Math teachers spent a ½ day discussing curriculum to ensure MGS students are receiving the best math instruction possible.

Social Emotional/Wellness

- November 14 will be our next SEL celebration. The State Champion Girl's Cross Country team will be recognized. Students will also spend time with their Buddy Classrooms and a whole school assembly.
- Mrs. Lorenzatti and Mrs. Alig have launched push-in SEL lessons covering topics such as the Zones of Regulation, peer pressure, and other key character and social-emotional skills.

Community Engagement

- K-4 Special Persons Week: Families and special guests were welcomed into classrooms to enjoy snacks, crafts, time together, and a visit to the book fair creating a fun and memorable experience for students and visitors alike.
- MGS welcomed community members and veterans to honor their service with a special school assembly.
- The Nets for Vets Basketball fundraiser is November 7 @ MTHS. Both the girls and boys basketball teams will take on Germantown Hills with games starting at 4pm. All profits from the games will be donated to the Honor Flight sending veterans to Washington D.C.
- NFL Reading Night was a huge success! Thank you to all the families for coming out and to the PTO/Staff members who helped make it a memorable night!

We appreciate your continued support and partnership. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. Tim Damery - tdamery@mgsredbirds.org and Ben Dirks - bdirks@mgsredbirds.org



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UPCOMING EVENTS

[Link to Sports Activity Calendar](#)

- **Nov. 6:** School Board Meeting @ 7pm
- **Nov. 7:** Nets for Vets Basketball Fundraiser at MTHS @ 4pm
- **Nov. 11:** Veteran's Day Assembly
- **Nov. 14:** SIP Day - Early Dismissal @ 11:30am
- **Nov. 20:** 5th-8th Grade Winter Concert @ MTHS - 7pm
- **Nov. 24:** Parent Teacher Conferences (No School) - 1pm-7pm
- **Nov. 25:** Parent Teacher Conference (No School) - 8am-1pm
- **Nov. 26-28:** Thanksgiving Break
- **Dec. 1:** PTO Meeting @ 6pm
- **Dec. 9:** K-3 Winter Concert @ MTHS: K&1 @ 6pm, 2&3 @ 7:15pm
- **Dec. 11:** Jr. High Band Christmas Concert
- **Dec. 11:** School Board Meeting @ 7pm
- **Dec. 12** - SIP Day (11:30AM Dismissal)
- **Dec. 22nd-Jan.2nd** - NO SCHOOL (Winter Break)

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Notes From The Nurses:

Ashley Kline

Leslie Hodgen



Medication Reminders:

All medication must be dropped off in the main office by an adult.

Medication must have a doctor's note or medication authorization form in order to be given at school.

Medical forms needed for the 2025-26 School Year

All incoming Kindergarteners need:

1. Dental exam - on State of IL school form
2. Eye exam - on State of IL school form
3. Physical exam - on State of IL school form
4. Kindergarten [immunizations](#)

All incoming 2nd graders need:

1. Dental exam - on State of IL school form

All incoming 6th graders need:

1. Dental exam - on State of IL school form
2. Physical exam - on State of IL school form

****A sports physical does not meet the state requirement for the 6th grade physical exam.**

However, the 6th grade physical can be used for a sports physical if needed.

3. Tdap and Meningococcal vaccines (on or after 11th birthday)

All exams must be conducted within one year prior to the start of the incoming school year. Forms can be submitted at any time but should be turned in no later than the first week of school in August.

Options for turning in forms:

1. Scan and email to nurse@mgsredbirds.org
2. Fax directly to nurse at 309-367-2999
3. Give to the secretaries in main office



Food Allergy Precautions

All student classroom snacks, party treats or other class-wide treats must be nut-free. Per teacher approval, students may be permitted to bring a nut-free snack for themselves to eat in the classroom. Food containing nuts may only be brought in student lunches and consumed in the cafeteria during lunchtime only. Designated nut-free

tables are available in the cafeteria for all grade levels. Students are not to share food at any time.

Party treats or birthday treats must be store bought and pre-approved by the teacher. See below for a list of ideas. Other treats may be approved only if clearly labeled as "peanut/tree nut free" or "made in peanut/tree nut free facility."

***NO FRESH BAKERY ITEMS** (cupcakes, donuts, cookies, muffins, etc) unless specifically labeled by the manufacturer as nut free or manufactured in a nut free facility.

*Please check labels as manufacturing processes and ingredients can change

*Parents and teachers should communicate with each other about the child's food allergy and any special treats that may be distributed.

Nut free snack/treat ideas (not an exhaustive list)

Applesauce/fruit cups

Fresh fruit/veggies

Yogurt

Cheese sticks

Pudding cups

Goldfish

Snyder's pretzels

Veggie Straws

Skinny Pop or Pirate's Booty popcorn

Original or Golden Oreos

Original Rice Krispy Treats

Lofthouse cookies

Haribo gummy bears

Jelly Belly jelly beans

Smarties

DumDums

Annie's, Katz, MadeGood, Nature's Bakery, and Benton's brands have several nut free snack options



Newsletter

NOV '25

REACH OUT ✉ pto@mgsredbirds.org

FOLLOW US 📺 [Facebook.com/MGSPTO](https://www.facebook.com/MGSPTO)



STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

- Wednesday, Nov 12th
- Donations NEEDED. Use sign-up genius link in email or on website/ Facebook
- Non-perishable items can be dropped off now- 11/12
- Perishable items delivered 11/12 by 9AM



PERFECT PASTRIES FUNDRAISER

- Orders DUE: Nov 19th to homeroom teacher
- Delivery Week of Dec 15th
- FREEZER-TO-OVEN easy to prepare
- Easy holiday breakfast or gifting idea
- NOTE: there will be NO Krispy Kreme doughnut fundraiser this school year.



RESTAURANT NIGHT: METAMORA SUBWAY

- Tuesday, November 18th 3-8pm
- Metamora Subway only
- 10% back to MGS PTO
- Flyer REQUIRED digital or paper



LOOKING AHEAD: DECEMBER

- NO December PTO Meeting
- Painting Night with Art-at-the-Bodega at MGS!
 - Wednesday Dec 3rd 6:30-8:30PM
 - Choose an ornament to paint
 - Cost: \$12/pp included all supplies
 - Games + hot cocoa & treat provided
- PTO Santa Store- Dec 10th and 11th
- Restaurant Night at EP Panera- December 12th

Glo Bingo Save the Date!



November 2025

**METAMORA
GRADE
SCHOOL
FOUNDATION**
FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Newsletter

Sponsorships

Levels from \$100- \$1,000+

-  **Full House** \$100-\$249
Recognition at the event
Facebook spotlight
-  **Royal Flush** \$250-\$499
Full House +
Logo on promo materials
-  **Jackpot** \$500-\$999
Royal Flush +
Logo on event t-shirt
(2) tickets to the event
-  **High Roller** \$1,000+
Jackpot +
(1) table at 8
Event t-shirt
Game sponsor (limit 10)

Silent Auction

Online & displayed at event

Donations needed:
physical items/baskets, gift
cards, experiences

Event Volunteers to:
contact places for donations
organize & set-up online auction

Wine Pull

Donations needed:
white or red bottles

Event Volunteers to:
contact businesses for donations

*Volunteers can help just for the event and not join
Foundation. Most of the work can be done from home.

Event Details

Friday, March 20th 2026

Par-A-Dice Hotel

Adults only- open to public

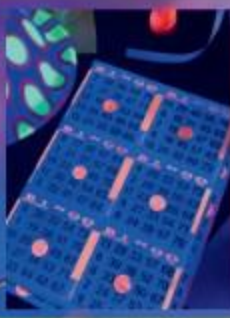
Tickets on sale in January

**Price includes dinner and
10-bingo games**

**Silent auction, wine pull,
50/50, raffles & more**

**Funds raised provide
funding for teacher mini-
grants and larger
educational projects at MGS**

Next Meeting: Monday, November 17th 7:00PM at MGS



questions?  mgsfundraising@gmail.com



YOU CAN

MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR
METAMORA GRADE SCHOOL

GET STARTED TODAY



Scan the QR code or use code
X72U6NB8 to join.

SCHOOL ID: 401845



1

DOWNLOAD APP IN
YOUR APP STORE



2

CREATE AN
ACCOUNT

SCHOOL ID: 401845

3

BUY BOX TOP
PRODUCTS
(IN PERSON OR
ONLINE)

4

SCAN RECEIPT OR
SUBMIT DIGITAL
RECEIPT WITHIN 14
DAYS OF
PURCHASE



on-site at your school

RIGHT CLUB!

Before & After School

a place to
BE A KID!

HOSTED AT METAMORA GRADE SCHOOL

Next year's Right Club lineup is going to be the talk of the playground. Your kid will thank you—and so will your schedule when you've got reliable, enriching care you can trust. Win-win—but only if you're in!



This year's going to be the best yet with:



Hundreds of brand-new games, STEM experiments, and Disguised Learning® challenges to keep your kid on their toes (and off their screens!)



We're embarking on Language Adventures™, where younger learners (K-1) will say ¡Hola! to Spanish while grades 2+ will take on the challenge of French!



Endless take-home arts and crafts – clear some space on your fridge for these masterpieces!



Daily homework time with educator support – so you can reclaim the weeknight for family fun!

BEFORE SCHOOL

Starts at 7:00am

5 Days/Week \$110/Month
4 Days/Week \$101/Month
3 Days/Week \$87/Month
2 Days/Week \$65/Month
1 Day/Week \$40/Month

AFTER SCHOOL

Ends at 5:30 pm

5 Days/Week \$221/Month
4 Days/Week \$202/Month
3 Days/Week \$174/Month
2 Days/Week \$130/Month
1 Day/Week \$81/Month

BEFORE/AFTER COMBO

5 Days/Week \$303/Month
4 Days/Week \$275/Month
3 Days/Week \$239/Month
2 Days/Week \$180/Month
1 Day/Week \$110/Month

DISCOUNTS: Sibling: 10% • Military: 10%

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