

MARATHON SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

OUR MISSION IS TO FOSTER LEARNING, LIFE SKILLS, AND CHARACTER FOR ALL

WISCONSIN SCHOOL BOARD WEEK

OCT. 5-11, 2025 | #WISchoolBoardWeek



**Thank you,
Marathon School Board!**

Behind every great Wisconsin school district is a team of committed board members. This week, we honor their service, leadership & love for learning.

Upcoming Events

Homecoming Football
Oct 10 @ 7:00 pm

Homecoming Dance
Oct 11 @ 7:00 pm

NO SCHOOL - STAFF PD
Oct 17

Fall Band Concert
Oct 27 @ 6:30 pm

Parent-Teacher Conferences
Nov 13-14

Veterans Day
Nov 11

Fall Musical - Catch Me If
You Can
Nov 14-15 @ 7pm
Nov 16 @ 2 pm



CHARACTER FOR ALL

SPREADING CHEER

Our incredible Marathon student fans reminded us that everyone needs a champion or cheering section. During last week's volleyball game our students noticed that the opponent didn't have any fans and thought they should. That simple thought turned into one of the most amazing acts of school spirit and kindness.

Our large student section decided to split in half and go all out! They battled back and forth with cheers, and had everyone laughing and smiling. At the end, much to the surprise of our opponents, Marathon students even lined up and gave them high fives. Way to spread cheer, Red Raider fans.

An Exceptional District Investing In Our Future

Annually the Marathon School District adopts a fiscally responsible budget in an effort to achieve the vision of an exceptional district, ensuring diverse programs and experiences for the success of all students. Delivering on that vision within our means is a priority for all residing within our district. Therefore, the school levy proposed in August is slated to remain the same - despite the substantial increase in property equalized valuation and property taxes. This means that the school portion of property taxes will go down, while we focus on providing high-quality, engaging learning opportunities within strong, reliable conditions and structures.

Students Take on Mini Business World

Twelve MHS students recently attended a Mini Business World Event. Students were put into random groups with students from other schools and were asked to develop and market a product created by the team. Some highlights from the day:

- Quillan Kunkel & Alyssa Kraft were their teams' CEOs
- True Thurs & Mylee Haehlke were on the team voted to have given the best presentation
- Quillan Kunkel's team was voted to have the most innovative idea.
- Velda Mechelke's team was overall honorable mention for having both a solid idea and presentation



MHS Ho-Co Week Fun



Destination Vacation – These gals were ready for a luau.



The varsity football team entertained MAES/MVA with their charade skills.



Students attacked the Homecoming hallway decoration festivities.



The Red Raider volleyball team's teamwork and grit were on full display this week.



LEARNING FOR ALL

High Grounds

Our 7th and 8th graders visited The Highground in Neillsville, where they learned about veterans and America's military history. This powerful experience connects to their current expedition, "Operation Pride." We are proud of our students for learning, reflecting, and honoring those who served.



Video Sponsors

Interested in promoting your business on our new video scoreboard and supporting our Red Raiders? Contact Angie Woyak to become a Red Raider sponsor at:
awoyak@marathon.k12.wi.us.

Attendance Matters – And So Do You

Showing up each day is one of the simplest yet most powerful ways students can set themselves up for success. It builds strong learning habits, keeps students connected to their peers and teachers, and ensures they don't miss the important moments that help them grow academically and socially. To ensure compliance with our school board's attendance policies, please review the following procedures for reporting student absences, late arrivals, or early dismissals:

- **Notification for Absences:** For any absence, parents must provide written or oral notification to the school, including the reason and duration of the absence. The school board may verify these statements or investigate further as needed.
- **Excused Absences:** Contact the school before 8:30 AM on the day of the absence for it to be considered excused.
- **Planned Late Arrivals/Early Dismissals:** Notify the school in advance of the date and time for these to be excused. Justifiable reasons will be evaluated per board policy.
- **Absence Limits:** Parents may excuse up to 10 days (or parts of days) per school year. Beyond this, absences (e.g., for appointments) require a professional note (doctor, dentist, etc.) to be excused.
- **Athletic Participation:** Additional attendance rules apply for students involved in sports. Please refer to the Athletic Code for details.
- **Unexcused Absences:** These may be referred for truancy when appropriate.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our attendance records accurate and supporting your child's education. For questions, contact the school office.

MAES in Pictures



Our 4K students enjoyed time exploring Rock Ridge Orchard this week.



MVA – Loud & Proud

It was an awesome afternoon at the MVA vs. DC Everest football game! The highlight cheer was when the DC Everest announcer came over the loud speaker and advised one of their students, not to take the bus home after school. Our student section followed with the chant, "don't take the bus, don't take the bus, don't take the bus." If that student got on the bus after school today, it's not on Marathon! Way to be LOUD & PROUD!



Marathon's Roadmap to Excellence

Our district's strategic plan serves as a roadmap for advancing student learning, strengthening instructional practices, and ensuring every decision moves us closer to our shared vision of excellence.

2025–2027 Priorities:

- Monitor and analyze student achievement data to address the academic growth of our students at all levels.
- Develop a timeline for next District Long-Range Planning effort.
- Prepare our students for a global society by furthering our curricular and educational practices through teacher professional development, i.e. induction, collaborative planning, collegial observation, teacher recognition, and professional development time.
- Collaborate with parents, outside social agencies and law enforcement for the provision of services to meet the identified mental health needs.