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A LINK BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND ITS CITIZENS

FCCLA Members Qualify for Nationals at State Conference

In April, Mosinee FCCLA members competed at the State Leadership Conference at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells. The students earned one Gold and nine Silver Medals and seven are National Qualifiers!

Kylie Maliszewski - Job Interview
Gold Medal & National Qualifier

Charlotte Sirny - Job Interview
Silver Medal & National Qualifier

Kiarra Kennedy - Career Investigation
Silver Medal

Megan Wengelski - Culinary Arts
Silver Medal & National Qualifier

Eowyn Pince - Fashion Construction
Silver Medal & National Qualifier

Macie Hartle & Katelyn Baars - National Programs in Action: Community Service
Silver Medal

Jena Bartnik, Dustin Brooks, & Macey Mielke - Chapter Service Project
Silver Medal & National Qualifier

This year's National FCCLA Conference is July 2-6 in Denver, CO. Good luck to all competing at the national level!



Pictured above left (l to r): (Back row): Kylie Maliszewski, Megan Wengelski, Katelyn Baars, Kiarra Kennedy, Macey Mielke, Dustin Brooks, Jena Bartnik, (Front row): Charlotte Sirny, Macie Hartle and Eowyn Pince competed at the FCCLA State Leadership Conference.

Mosinee School District 4K and Summer School Learning Opportunities



David Muñoz
Superintendent of Schools

The Mosinee School District is in a state of renewal and advancement with our 4K program and updated summer school programming. Principal JoLynn Schmidt is new to the school district as our elementary school principal and also oversees the 4K and Summer School programs. The goal with these programs is to continue with the impactful learning opportunities that are currently happening, while continuously looking for ways to grow in meeting our community needs.

Four-Year-Old Kindergarten registration is open for all families. The Mosinee School District 4K program is a wonderful opportunity for 4-year-olds to start experiencing the opportunities in the Mosinee School District. The 4K guiding principles are: All children are capable and competent; A child's early learning and development is multidimensional; Expectations for children must be guided by knowledge of child growth and development; Children are individuals who develop at various rates; Children are members of cultural groups that share developmental patterns; Children exhibit a range of skills and competencies within any area of development; Children learn through play and the active exploration of their environment; and Parents are children's primary and most important caregivers and educators.

Visit the Mosinee School District 4K website at <https://www.mosineeschools.org/schools/4yok/> for detailed registration information. The Mosinee School District operates multiple 4K locations at both community and district sites. 4K fall placement and time preference are not a guarantee but we will do our best to accommodate your choices. Your child's site and time information will be emailed to you on or before June 1, 2023.

Mosinee School District Summer School 2023 provides additional summer learning and engagement opportunities for community youth. Classes are offered during Session One: June 12-29 and Session Two: July 10-27. Classes run Monday through Thursday, 7:50 am - 12:30 pm with breakfast and lunch being offered daily. Summer School registration opened on Friday, April 28 at noon. Instructions on registering your student(s) via Skyward can be found on our district website along with a link to access course descriptions.

If you have any questions on 4K or Summer School enrollment, please contact our Mosinee Elementary School office at 715-693-2810.

Class of 2023 Award Winners

State of Wisconsin
Academic Excellence Scholarship
(recognizes top two students based on academic criteria)



Chloe Lemke



Katelyn Kramer

Wisconsin Technical Excellence Scholarship

(recognizes top two students
based on career/technical education)



Conor Rasmussen



Mayson Homolka

MHS State Forensics

The MHS Forensics team went to the State competition in Madison on April 21. Fifteen students competed in thirteen different events. In order to qualify for State, the students had to compete at the Subdistrict and District levels and had to achieve a score of 21 or better out of 25 from two separate judges.

Participating students and their events were:

Katelyn Kramer - Poetry

Jacqueline Kramer & Jaxin Fields - Farrago

Braxtyn Olson & Sienna Tiffany - Impromptu

Noah Nechuta & Viktoria Guomundsdottir - Prose

Kyle Allen - Solo Acting

Ruby Sliwicki - Special Occasion Speech

Abigail Wysocki - Storytelling

Alivia Freiboth, Macey Mielke, & Dustin Brooks -
Play Acting

Cassidy McMeeken - Moments in History Speech

Logan Neufeld - Public Address Speech

Mosinee Choral Choir Earns Gold at National Choral Festival



The Mosinee Choral Choir traveled to Nashville, TN to compete in the **National Choral Festival** on March 31, 2023. The group sang three pieces: "J'entends le Moulin," "Ubi Caritas," and "Take Me to the Water" during their 15 minute performance and then were adjudicated by the judges, receiving feedback on their performance. The following day they attended an award ceremony in downtown Nashville receiving a third gold in Division I. While in Nashville the students also enjoyed many other experiences, such as the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, the Gaylord Opryland Resort, the Grand Ole Opry, and the Tennessee State Museum. They also had a line dancing tutorial and experienced a concert with Amber Lee.

Pictured above: The MHS Choral Choir visits the Tennessee State Museum.

Maliszewski Receives DAR Good Citizen Award



Kylie Maliszewski is the recipient of the **2023 DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) Good Citizen Award**. Kylie was chosen for this award by her teachers for demonstrating the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in her school and community. Congratulations, Kylie!

Schroeder Wins Lake DuBay Lions Club Design Contest

The Mosinee High School Multimedia Design Department assisted the Lake DuBay Lions Club with their shirt fundraiser by holding a Shirt Design Contest. Every student in the Multimedia Design Communications class created a front and back image for the competition. The designs were then submitted to the Lions Club for a vote. The prize for the best design went to MHS junior **Bryn Schroeder**, who received a \$100 check for her work.

Pictured right (l to r): Lake DuBay Lion Mike Miller presents the \$100 award check to Bryn Schroeder.



Mosinee School District Selects 2022-23 Teachers and Support Staff of the Year



MES Teacher of the Year - Andrea Lewens

Mrs. Lewens is an excellent educator who is dedicated to the success of all her students. A parent of one of her second graders shares, "She communicates with us consistently... She is always upbeat and willing to help in any way that she can. Sending our son to school is never stressful because we know he is in such

great hands." Her strong communication skills and empathy towards others carries over to her colleagues as well. Andrea is a strong team member who positively collaborates with her peers and is eager to try new curriculum resources to meet student needs. She mentors new teachers and is always willing to help serve in whatever capacity for the good of the school. She is also an instructional coach and has hosted multiple student teachers. Her knowledge of content, passion for education, and her caring demeanor make Mrs. Lewens such an important educator at MES!



MES Support Staff of the Year - Cindy Davis

Mrs. Davis excels at building positive relationships with students and staff. A parent shares, "She goes above and beyond to support the children she works with. She makes everyone feel like family and her smile is absolutely contagious." A coworker goes on to say, "Cindy is helpful with ALL students in

the school. She is loving, kind, and patient with our most challenging learners. She is always the first to respond to any type of call...with care, compassion, and love. I really appreciate how she is also caring and loving with the staff... She knows how emotional it can be to be put in difficult situations, but she always seems to know the right thing to say to cheer everyone up." Her ability to make connections with both kids and adults is truly a gift. She makes each individual feel valued and capable of success.



MMS Teacher of the Year - Krista Tretter

Mrs. Tretter has been an incredible asset to the district for many years. When describing Mrs. Tretter's strength as an educator one parent says, "Last year, she helped my daughter acclimate to 4th grade through the consistent expression of expectations and showing her that she cared about her. Also, she made sure

to help my daughter adjust to a new diagnosis by guiding her through resource tools that would help. This year, even though my daughter is now in 5th grade, she continues to check in on her and advocate for her." A co-worker describes Krista as "an educator that cares deeply about her students and what is best for them. She works hard to deliver best-practice lessons and takes time to provide an environment where each student can learn. She has a wealth of

knowledge and is willing to ask difficult questions to see that we move positively forward as a school."



MMS Support Staff of the Year - Mary Doll

During her time at MMS, Mrs. Doll has worked with hundreds of students in the Special Education Department. A fellow staff member notes, "She cares deeply for the well-being of the students she works with and shows this by connecting with their interests, being consistent, and making sure they have what

they need, go where they need to go, and have the best chance at success. She knows every schedule...and makes sure all our students don't miss their classes, interventions, or class activities. Mary sacrifices her own time to make sure the students are receiving their accommodations. Finally, Mary is a strong advocate for her fellow paraprofessionals. She has spoken at school board meetings for the betterment of the group, is the team lead, and is a person anyone can talk to if they are having trouble."



MHS Teacher of the Year - Scott Strand

Mr. Strand is in his 5th year of teaching mathematics at MHS, where he also serves as the team leader for the math department. Students and staff comment that "Scott is a kind and caring teacher who goes above and beyond to help his students and colleagues."

They go on to add, "his classroom is inviting and he shows compassion for all learners." When students struggle with content in his class, Mr. Strand will try several different methods to ensure that all students are successful. His ability to build respect and rapport with students and staff alike is to be commended.



MMS Support Staff of the Year - Jackie Martin

Jackie serves as the administrative assistant in the main office. She began her career in Mosinee as an assistant at the elementary school and joined the Mosinee High School office staff four years ago as the attendance secretary. Staff and students mention that "Jackie does whatever is needed to help us

out, even with our repeated questions." They add, "I enjoy coming into the office when I need something because I get to chat with Jackie!" Jackie does so many little things that go unnoticed to help the school run smoothly from accounting to technology to safety and security - she is truly a deserving recipient of this award.

The Mosinee School District is fortunate to have many outstanding teachers and staff - the 2022-23 recipients are no exception. Congratulations to all of this year's honorees!

4th Graders Experience Symphony Orchestra

On March 15th, Mosinee Middle School's 4th graders had the opportunity to experience a live symphony orchestra. The **Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra**, in part with **Carnegie Hall** and the **Weill Music Institute** presented "Link Up" to area schools. The program provided students with an interactive concert experience through singing, playing, and question and answer sessions. Students learned about the important aspects of the orchestra and how each instrument family plays an important role in creating music. They learned about the various composers and got to hear their music performed live. Along with enjoying music, students were taught concert etiquette and how to be a respectful audience member in a performance space. We had the pleasure of attending the concert at the beautiful **Sentry Theater** in Stevens Point. Sentry Theater offers the public a wonderful opportunity to enjoy various performances from all over the world.

MMS Battle of the Books

MMS's Battle of the Books is a club that participates in a literary competition where teams of students compete against each other. The club encourages students to read for pleasure and provides opportunities to critique and appreciate quality literature. It also promotes teamwork, as students work together to read



specific books on the Battle of the Books list and answer comprehension questions.

This year, Mosinee Middle School had four teams that participated. The students met weekly to discuss the books and their final battle took place in April.



Pictured top (l to r): Battle of the Books club members Nicholas Wolf, Harriet Gordon, Dawson Marshall, Elena Jacobs, Dakota Fisher, Isabella Wolf, Finn Nelson, and Hunter Newby. Not pictured: Jaxson Meyer and Finnegan Arendt.

Pictured bottom (l to r): Battle champions Harriet Gordon, Elena Jacobs, and Isabella Wolf.

MHS Students Learn About Wildlife at Trees For Tomorrow



In April, fifteen students from Mosinee High School attended Trees for Tomorrow, an environmental education center in Eagle River. The students spent several days at the camp learning about wildlife and the habitats of different species. They gained skills in identifying wildlife by the signs animals leave behind, along with the sounds they make. Students also learned tracking techniques and how to investigate a habitat.

Pictured above (l to r): Brylee Schwartz, Julia Gear, Jacqueline Kramer and Viktoria Guomundsdottir attempt to identify skulls from wildlife native to Wisconsin.

MHS Band to Perform Custom Composition at Spring Concert

The Mosinee High School Band has been honored to have a professional composer create a unique, never-heard-before composition for them, which they will perform at their spring concert. MHS Band Director **Mr. Tyler Schuster** contacted **Heidi Joosten**, from Cameron, WI, to compose an original piece for the band. Joosten has previously written for choirs and college level bands, but never a high school band. She was up for the challenge and told Mr. Schuster that she would be honored to compose for MHS.

Schuster then brought the idea to **Mrs. Tessa Knetter**, MMS band director, to brainstorm themes for the composition. They decided to focus on female composers (of which there are not many, although it is becoming more prevalent). Joosten took this idea, combined with quotes from famous women that the MHS band chose, and created a composition of three movements.

The first movement is inspired by Beyoncé's quote: "It's not about perfection; it's about purpose." Schuster noted that there is no break between movements, which can prove challenging for young musicians. The second movement is inspired by Malala Yousafzai's quote: "We cannot all succeed when half of us are held back." In this movement, a unique aspect of the piece is that there are several students who will be performing without the support of the rest of their section, so this adds another dimension of difficulty for the students. The last movement is based on Dolly Parton's quote, "The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain!" This movement brings back themes from the first movement; in the beginning, the students imitate rain by snapping, and the end has a bright, happy feel, much like a rainbow.

The students will be performing this six-minute piece at their spring concert on Monday, May 8 at 7:00 pm in the Creske Center Auditorium. Family, friends and the community are all invited to hear this one of a kind piece.



Volunteer Spotlight: Feeding Our Future School Food Pantry



Ember Akers is currently a freshman at Mosinee High School and has been volunteering in the food pantry since 7th grade. She donates hygiene supplies and recently has been organizing the pantry and preparing snacks for students.



Diane Neises has been volunteering in the food pantry for over 3 years now! Each week Diane takes the prepared food bags for students in need and discreetly places them in lockers.

Thank you both for your dedication!

MHS Math League Results

At the Math League's final meet, MHS finished outside of the top three teams, but over all three meets, Mosinee's top scorers were **Nathaniel Handley** at the Geometry level who finished 4th out of 49 in our division, **Henrik Thompson** at the Algebra level finishing 4th out of 52 in the division, and **Davin Stoffel** in the Advanced category who finished 9th out of 64 in the division. Congratulations to all on your achievements in Math League.

REGI Presents to Mosinee Elementary Students

Students at Mosinee Elementary School learned about a variety of bird species and their unique traits during a live raptor presentation given by **REGI (Raptor Education Group Inc.)**. The students also made owl plant sticks to give to members of our community.



Pictured above: Mosinee Elementary students attend a live bird presentation given by REGI.

School Food Pantry Donation

This spring, parishioners of the **United Methodist Church** in Mosinee did a special collection for the district's **Feeding Our Future Food Pantry**. On March 29th, church representatives presented the pantry with a check for \$327, and a Thrivent Community Impact Gift Card for \$250! These generous donations will help fund weekend meal bags for Mosinee students in need. Special thanks also goes out to Jana Nomady who helped organize the event. To all who contributed, you have our heartfelt gratitude.



Pictured above (l to r): United Methodist Church Secretary Jan Krusick presents the Thrivent Community Impact Gift Card, as pantry Co-director Rocky Beinemann receives a donation check from Pastor Kyabuntu.

Mosinee Board of Education Notes

At the April 18, 2023 regular Board of Education meeting, the Board approved the following:

- minutes from the regular Board of Education meeting on March 14, 2023
- statement of the Board of Canvassers from Spring election
- extended field trips: Six Flags Great America - May 2023, FCCLA National Conference in Denver, CO - July 2023, Skills USA in Madison, WI - April 2023
- 2023 summer and fall Start College Now & Early College Credit applications
- student handbooks and fee changes for the 2023-24 school year
- Board policy updates
- resignations from High School Associate Principal, High School Math Teacher, and Literacy Coordinator; retirement from Second Grade Teacher; hires for High School Science Teacher and Third Grade Teacher; transfers for Elementary STEM Specialist, High School Alternative Education Teacher, Middle School Science Teacher, Second Grade Teacher, and Kindergarten Teacher
- Employee handbook addendum
- PBIS coaching positions
- Kidstown childcare contract, 2023-24 CESA 9 shared services contract, floor scrubber purchase, safety and security glass film for front office areas, internet filters, Career & Technical Education equipment, food service steamer
- March's monthly voucher list and treasurer's report

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the District Educational Service Center. The public is invited to attend.

PTO Notes

Highlights from the April PTO meeting:

- Elementary classes collected 3,000 Piggly Wiggly receipts and were rewarded with a treat of Carousel Animal Cookies.
- The PTO will provide snacks for Staff Appreciation Day on May 4th.
- Three students were selected to receive PTO scholarships for the 2022-23 school year.

The next PTO meeting is Monday, September 11, 2023 at 5:30 pm, in the Creske Library.

The Mosinee School District shall not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, ancestry, creed, religion, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, handicap or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or any other characteristic protected by state or federal law in the educational programs or activities which it operates or in employment practices. All inquiries or complaints regarding discrimination under Title II, Title IX, Section 504 or other state or federal law shall be directed to Robert Way, Director of Instructional Programs, Mosinee School District, 146001 State Highway 153, Mosinee, WI 54455 at 715-693-2530.



MOSINEE HIGH SCHOOL
**Class of 2023
 Graduation**

Friday, May 26th

7:00pm

- MOSINEE RECREATION CENTER -

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Community Outreach Classes

To register, contact: Michelle Pozorski at mpozorski@mosineeschools.org

CLASS	BEGINS	DAY	TIME	SESSIONS	LOC.
Cupcake Decorating 101	5-11	Thur	4:00-6:00pm	1	MHS 404
A Berry Good Time: Growing Raspberries!	5-18	Thur	6:00-7:00pm	1	Creske Library
Keep Wildlife Wild	5-22	Mon	6:30-7:30pm	1	Mead Wildlife
Acrylic Painting - Summer Theme	5-23	Tues	6:00-9:00pm	1	MES Café

May/June Calendar of Events

MOSINEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- May 5 3rd Gr. Concert - Creske Auditorium1:30pm
- 29 NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
- June 2 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

MOSINEE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- May 5 6th-8th Gr. Dance - MS Gym 7:00pm-10:00pm
- 9 6th & 7th Gr. Band Concert - Creske Auditorium ..7:00pm
- 11 6th & 7th Gr. Choir Concert - Creske Auditorium ..7:00pm
- 15 8th Gr. Band Concert - Creske Auditorium7:00pm
- 23 8th Gr. Variety Show - Creske Auditorium.7:00pm
- 29 NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
- June 1 8th Gr. Recognition Ceremony1:30pm
- 8th Gr. Dance - MS Cafeteria 3:30pm-6:00pm
- 2 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

MOSINEE HIGH SCHOOL

- May 1 Golf - Match (A - Marathon)10:00am
- Baseball - Tomahawk (H)5:00pm
- Softball - Medford (A)5:00pm
- Track - Meet (A - Stratford)TBA
- 2 Golf - GNC Meet (A - Antigo)3:00pm
- Baseball - D.C. Everest (A)4:30pm
- Softball - Antigo (A)5:00pm
- Soccer - Rhinelander (H)7:00pm
- 4 Golf - GNC Meet (A - Eagle River)3:00pm
- Baseball - Tomahawk (A)5:00pm
- Softball - Northland Pines (A)5:00pm
- 5 Track - Meet (A - Merrill)5:00pm
- Softball - Marshfield (H)7:00pm
- 6 Baseball - Rhinelander (H - Doubleheader)11:00am
- Softball - Invitational (A - D.C. Everest)11:00am
- 8 Golf - GNC Meet (A - Medford)3:00pm
- Band Concert - Creske Auditorium7:00pm
- Softball - Wausau East (H)7:00pm
- 9 Baseball - Northland Pines (A)5:00pm
- Softball - Rhinelander (A)5:00pm
- Soccer - Lakeland Union (A)7:00pm
- 11 Golf - Invitational (A - Oconto Falls)1:00pm
- Soccer - Medford (H)7:00pm
- 12 Golf - GNC Meet (A - Minocqua)3:00pm
- Track - Invitational (A - Marshfield)4:30pm
- Baseball - Northland Pines (H)5:00pm

- 13 Softball - Tournament (A - Robinson Park)10:00am
- 14 Choir Spring Concert - Creske Auditorium2:00pm
- 15 Baseball - Antigo (H)5:00pm
- Soccer - Assumption (H)7:00pm
- 16 Golf - GNC Meet (A - Tomahawk)3:00pm
- Track - Conference Meet (A - Lakeland Union)....4:00pm
- Soccer - Antigo (A)5:00pm
- Softball - Edgar (H)7:00pm
- 17 Baseball - Wautoma (TBA)3:30pm
- 18 Baseball - Antigo (A)5:00pm
- Soccer - Northland Pines (H)7:00pm
- 19 Baseball - Merrill (A - Athletic Park)5:00pm
- 20 Baseball - Kaukauna (H)11:00am
- Soccer - Barron Area Schools (H)1:00pm
- 23 Baseball - Waupaca (H - Athletic Park)7:00pm
- Soccer - Rhinelander (A)7:00pm
- 24 Senior Awards Night - Creske Auditorium7:00pm
- 25 Baseball - Amherst (A)4:30pm
- Soccer - Waupaca (H)7:00pm
- 26 Graduation - Mosinee Recreation Center7:00pm
- 29 NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
- June 2 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

WIAA PLAYOFF SCHEDULES

- BASEBALL:** Regionals - May 25, 30 & 31
 Sectionals - June 6
 State - June 13, 14 & 15 (Grand Chute)
- GOLF:** Regionals - May 23 & 24
 Sectionals - May 30 & 31
 State - June 5 & 6 (Kohler)
- SOCCER:** Regionals - May 30, June 1 & 3
 Sectionals - June 8 & 10
 State - June 15, 16 & 17 (Milwaukee)
- SOFTBALL:** Regionals - May 18, 23 & 25
 Sectionals - May 30 & June 1
 State - June 8, 9 & 10 (Madison)
- TRACK:** Regionals - May 22 (Colby)
 Sectionals - May 25 (Arcadia)
 State - June 2 & 3 (UW-La Crosse)

*** Activities and events subject to change.
 For the most current information, visit mosineeschools.org ***