

The MOSINEE LINK

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A link between the district and its citizens.

Mosinee Selects 2014-15 Teachers of the Year

Jessica Pince has taught at Mosinee Elementary School for 13 years, most of her career as a first grade teacher. She earned a BS in Elementary Education and a minor in Learning Disabilities from UWSP, and a Masters in Elementary Education with an emphasis in technology integration from Viterbo University. Prior to teaching in Mosinee, she taught Learning Disabilities in the D.C. Everest and Stevens Point school districts.



Jessica has worked with the first grade team to implement new teaching strategies that help students increase their understanding of reading and writing and is considered a leader by her team in guiding them through the new curriculum and strategies. She uses her ingenuity and a variety of hands-on projects to help her students navigate the new Common Core curriculum and showcases her students' work through creative hallway displays. She has brought the community into her classroom through her reading incentive program, mystery readers program, and Grandparents Day. Jessica's creativity and teamwork make her a great asset to the elementary school.

Dave Masterson has been a member of the Mosinee Middle School staff since 1995. He taught fourth grade for two years before becoming the Technology and Engineering Education instructor. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education from National University in Stockton, CA, a Masters in Industrial Technology Education from UW-Stout, and a Doctor of Education from Bethel University in St. Paul, MN. Prior to coming to Mosinee, Dave served as a Gifted and Talented Resource teacher in the Stevens Point School District, a Technical Education teacher at P.J. Jacobs Junior High School in Stevens Point, and was a Telecommunications Systems Analyst for Lockheed Missles and Space Co., Inc. in Sunnyvale, CA.



During his career at MMS, Dave has been instrumental in evolving the seventh and eighth grade Technology Education

program from a modular technology education system to a preface of the high school Project Lead the Way program for engineering. Seventh grade Exploring Technology is a design and problem-solving class, while eighth grade students utilize design processes in solving real-world challenges from an enterprise venue in Applied Technology. As a Gifted and Talented math co-teacher, Dave and his eighth grade students are using design processes to solve problems in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). The highlight of this year's curriculum is a fishing pole project for former high school principal, Jim DeBroux. It is a team effort involving Mosinee Middle School, a Mosinee High School alumnus who attends the Milwaukee School of Engineering, and Northcentral Technical College to develop an automated fishing system for chair-bound people. Dave has a sincere desire to meet the individual needs of his students and a passion for learning that he shares with his students. His compassion, rapport, and ability to build long-lasting relationships with his students is a value recognized by MMS.

Natalie Kell joined the high school staff as a Special Education teacher in 2011. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Services from UW-Oshkosh, and a Master of Science degree in Education from UW-Stevens Point. Prior to coming to Mosinee she taught Special Education in the Athens School District and was selected as Teacher of the Year for Marathon County Special Education in 2004.



During her tenure with Mosinee, Natalie accepted the challenge of meeting the individual needs of her students and worked to build a better program for them to ensure they had every opportunity to succeed. She was innovative and creative in finding ways to help her students meet their daily challenges and reminded us that mistakes give all students an opportunity to learn and grow. Although Natalie resigned her position this past fall to pursue a new passion, her optimism, genuine compassion, and hard work are a legacy to her students and MHS family.

Congratulations to all three of this year's selections! ❖

Fourth Graders Learn About State Government on Trip to Madison

Mosinee Middle School fourth grade students took a field trip to Madison culminating their unit on Wisconsin government and history. During their visit, they toured the State Historical

Museum, the Wisconsin Veterans Museum, and the state capitol building. In addition, Representative John Spiros spoke to some of the students about the work of the legislature giving them

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MHS Concert Choir Performs with Milwaukee Symphony



The MHS Concert Choir, under the direction of Carla Dul, was selected to perform with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts in Milwaukee. Through a blind audition process, the choir was accepted as one of the best high school choirs in the state and chosen to take part in the Teen Choral Series. The Mosinee choir, along with three other select choirs, performed "Gloria" by Vivaldi, a major work for choir and orchestra. ❖

Out of Compassion Comes Design

by Dave Masterson, MMS Technology Education Instructor

Picture **Jim DeBroux**, former principal of Mosinee High School, giving a motivational speech to seventh graders in December, 2013. During that talk, he was asked a question; that at the time seemed innocent, but sparked a movement. But first, the backstory:

Anyone connected with the Mosinee community remembers Jim as the high school principal and a leader for over 25 years. In the blink of an eye, his life changed. Through a tough fought battle to survive, he never gave up his passion for teaching. When asked by seventh grade Communications teacher, Dana Kamke, to speak to her classes as part of their Disabilities Unit, Jim was willing to share his experience as a means of encouraging students to never give up. It was Jim's hallmark, and he had the complete attention of every student in the room.

Back to the question: a student asked Jim: "What do you miss most about being 'normal'?" His immediate response was "Fishing. I miss fishing the most." He went on to explain that while he enjoyed golf, travel, and other things, fishing the Wisconsin River from his cottage in Irma was his respite from the stresses of life. Jim's answer evoked such a deep response from several young ladies that they broke into tears. They felt they needed to help Jim get back to the hobby he loved. As



Kathy Brandon, Gifted and Talented instructor, and Compassionate Solutions by Design team members work to fit a control box to Jim DeBroux's chair.

gifted and talented students, they and their teachers were searching for a project they could be passionate about that incorporated science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) processes. The students were challenged by their teachers to ponder the possibility of finding a solution to Mr. DeBroux's fishing dilemma. Hence, a group called "Compassionate Solutions by Design" was born. Comprised of nine MMS eighth grade students, Madison Barber, Karlie Bonnell, Jaylen Cook, Maggie Hattlestad, Delphine Hintz, Kinsey Miller, Aaron Napiwocki, Emily Napiwocki, and Natalie Obremski; Becky Sondelski, an MHS alum and student at the Milwaukee School of Engineering; and students from Northcentral Technical College; are all working together to design the first prototype of this system by the end of the 2014-15 school year. ❖

(Look for updates on this project in future issues of The Link.)



Fourth Graders Learn Geometry

The fourth grade classes of Mrs. Splinter, Mrs. Simons, and Mrs. Graf had the opportunity to work with future teachers from UW-Stevens Point on their Math 338 (geometry) practicum. Under the direction of Professor Brad Kahrs, the college students visited MMS three times to work with small groups of fourth graders on geometry and measurement activities. ❖

(L to r) Norah Wagner, Camryn Struble, and Tristan Mogenson work on geometric properties with their UWSP future teacher.

District Shorts . . .

Mosinee Board of Education Notes

At the **February 17, 2015** regular Board of Education meeting, the Board approved the following:

- minutes from the January 19, 2015 Board meeting
- January voucher list and treasurer's report
- second reading of newly created School Board Policy 462 - Higher Educational Technical Excellence Scholarship
- first reading of newly revised School Board Policy 830 -Community Use of School Facilities, and 830a - Creske Center Use Policy
- resignations from the elementary school principal, a middle school special education teacher, and a middle school fourth grade teacher
- hiring an additional school psychologist for 2015-16, a full-time special education assistant, and an additional temporary part-time health room assistant, both for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year
- sabbatical leave for an elementary school teacher for the 2015-16 school year

In other business, the Board:

- heard reports on WASB, CESA 9, student issues/events, and the February Curriculum and Standards committee meeting
- heard updates on the MCAA sports complex, the compensation committee progress, and a new extra-curricular hire
- held discussion regarding the hot lunch program
- discussed personnel issues in Closed/Executive session

The next regular meeting will be **Wednesday, March 18, 2015, at 7:00 pm** in the **District Educational Service Center**. The public is invited to attend. ❖

PTO Corner

At its February meeting the PTO:

- heard a presentation from Amanda Dieltz from the Chip Shoppe regarding changes that can be made if they are chosen for the Fall Fundraiser
- requested nominations for the Co-Chair and Treasurer positions - interested parties should contact the PTO or contact any of the school offices
- drew the February winners of the Support the Classroom program: **Michelle DuPuis, Elizabeth Perkins, Carla Dul, and Ann Robison**

The next PTO meeting is **Monday, March 9, 2015 at 6:00 pm, in Room C124 of the elementary school**. ❖

Reading Club Holding Book Drive

The Eighth Grade Reading Club is holding a book drive **March 9-13, 2015** to stock a Little Free Library. A Little Free Library is a special box (built by Eagle Scout Matt Bagby) of books where anyone may borrow a book. The box will be located outside the MMS front doors. The Club is collecting gently-used books with a reading level between preschool and eighth grade. Donations may be dropped off in the fourth and fifth grade classrooms or grades 6-8 Communications classrooms. ❖

Mosinee Summer School Registration

Registration for Mosinee Summer School will take place from **March 16** through **May 1, 2015**. **Late registrations will not be accepted**. All registration will be done online. Information on how to register and the classes available will be mailed to parents in early March. Mosinee Elementary School will host a registration night on March 16 beginning at 4:30 pm to assist parents with the online process. Many of the popular classes from last year will return with the addition of certification in Boater and Hunter Safety, Babysitting Basics, Athletic Development, Beginning Band, and Beginning Sign Language. ❖

Open Enrollment Dates - Feb. 2 - Apr. 30

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) has announced the dates for public school Open Enrollment for the 2015-16 school year. If you would like your child to attend a different public school next year, you must apply to the school district of choice between **February 2 and April 30, 2015**. **Late applications will not be accepted**. Parents may apply in one of two ways: online at <http://oe.dpi.wi.gov> or via paper application obtained from the DPI. For more information contact: DPI, P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707; toll free at 888-245-2732; email at: openenrollment@dpi.wi.gov; or visit their website at: <http://oe.dpi.wi.gov>. ❖

Kindergarten Registration - March 9-13

Mosinee Elementary School will be holding kindergarten registration for the 2015-16 school year, the week of **March 9-13, 2015** from 7:30 am to 2:30 pm. Your child is eligible for kindergarten next fall if he/she is five years of age on or before September 1, 2015. Please bring your child's original birth certificate and immunization record. Registration will take approximately 20 minutes. Your child does not need to accompany you to registration. Please call 715-693-2810 to schedule an appointment. ❖

Girls Basketball Hosts Food Drive

The Mosinee High School girls basketball teams hosted their third annual food drive in conjunction with Youth Night. Admission was waived for anyone who brought three food items. Six large moving boxes of food were delivered to the Mosinee Circle of Joy food pantry. ❖

Grades 3 and 5 Presenting Concerts

Mosinee Elementary School third graders will present a concert on **Friday, March 6, 2015** at 1:30 pm in the Creske Center auditorium. The concert will feature music by seven famous classical composers - Bach, Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin, Brahms, and Tchaikovsky. In addition, the students also created homemade/recycled instruments that will be on display at the concert.

Mosinee Middle School fifth graders will present an art show and concert on **Thursday, March 12, 2015** in the Creske Center. The art show begins at 1:30 pm in the lobby with the concert to follow at 2:00 pm in the auditorium. ❖

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a greater understanding of the governmental process and the history of their home state. Special thanks to the Mosinee PTO for their help in funding this trip. ❖

MHS Offers College Credit Programs

Mosinee High School students have the opportunity to earn college credit while still attending high school. Youth Options, Course Options, and Dual Credit are programs available to MHS students to gain college/technical credits. These credits also count toward high school graduation requirements and are paid for by the Mosinee School District.

Youth Options allows juniors and seniors to take up to 18 credits from a technical or UW college. To apply for Youth Options, students (and their parents) must attend a required meeting in September for the spring semester or January for the fall semester, be in good academic and disciplinary standing, and complete applications to both the Mosinee Board of Education and the college they wish to attend.

Dual Credit is an option that allows students to take classes currently offered at MHS and earn high school and technical/college credit at the same time. MHS currently offers over 20 Dual Credit classes.

Course Options is a new program this year. It is open to students in grades 9-12 and allows students to take classes not offered in their own high school at another educational institution. Students participating in Course Options may take up to two classes at any time from a UW, technical, charter, or neighboring high school. Students must have a good academic and discipline record, must apply directly to the school where the classes take place, and must inform Student Services to ensure proper reimbursement and accreditation.

To learn more about these options, please access the Career Planning and Course Guide (pages 95-97) on the district webpage or contact the MHS school counselors. ❖

Community Outreach Classes

For more info contact Michelle Pozorski at 693-2550 Ext. 3696.

Class	Begins	Day	Sess.	Time	Loc.
Basic Cupcake Decora.	3-7	Sa	1	10:00-12:00	MHS
Growing with Seeds	3-10	Tu	1	6:00-8:00	MHS
Closet Organization	3-10	Tu	1	6:00-7:00	MHS
Acupressure Facelift	3-11	W	1	6:00-7:00	MHS
Basic Cake Decorating	3-21	Sa	1	10:00-2:00	MHS

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March Calendar of Events

MOSINEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 5 Family Literacy & Art Night - 5:30-7:30
- 6 Third Grade Concert - Creske Aud. 1:30
- 9 PTO Meeting - ES Rm. C124 - 6:00
- 16 Summer School Registration - 4:30
- 17 Board of Education Meeting - Blvd. 7:00
- 20 End of Qtr. 3 - Early Release 12:40

30-Apr. 3 - NO SCHOOL - Spring Break

MOSINEE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 12 5th Grade Concert/Art Show Creske 1:30
- 20 End of Qtr. 3 - Early Release 12:49

MOSINEE HIGH SCHOOL

- 3 Boys Basketball - Regionals (A) TBA
- 6 Boys Basketball - Regionals (A) TBA
- 7 Boys Basketball - Regionals (A) TBA
- 12 Boys Basketball - Sectionals (A) TBA
- 13 FFA Donkey Basketball - HS Gym 7:00
- 14 Boys Basketball - Sectionals (A) TBA
- 16 Band Concert - Creske Audit. 7:00
- 21 Jazz Band Festival - Shawano All Day
- 25-30 Cantabile Tour to New Orleans

SPRING BREAK March 30 - April 3, 2015

Kmosena Receives Award of Excellence



Steve Kmosena, a Technology Education instructor at Mosinee High School, has been selected to receive the Wisconsin Technology Education Association (WTEA) Award of Excellence. Recipients of this award are recognized for their dedication to providing quality programs in technology education to students at the local level. Mr. Kmosena currently teaches Advanced Welding, Advanced Machine Tool, and Mosinee Manufacturing, a program he implemented where students form a company to build, fabricate, repair, and sell metal products. Students meet for two class hours a day and are responsible for all aspects of the business. Kmosena will be honored at a banquet held at the Harley-Davidson Museum in Milwaukee on March 25, 2015. ❖

Mosinee FFA presents . . .

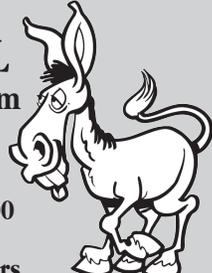
DONKEY BASKETBALL

Friday, March 13, 2015 • 7:00 pm
Mosinee High School Gym

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In Advance: \$7:00 • At the Door: \$10.00
Under 4: Free

Available: School Offices • FFA Members



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