



The mosinee link

A LINK BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND ITS CITIZENS

Student Artists Exhibit at LYWAM

March was Youth Art Month. In celebration, the **Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum (LYWAM)** in Wausau featured art created by Central Wisconsin students in grades 9-12. MHS Art Teacher **Kelley Schmidt** and MHS Graphic Arts Teacher **Kristie Heckendorf-Paul** entered student work in the **47th Annual Student Art Exhibition**. Each teacher was allowed to enter up to four entries, and the following Mosinee High School students were selected to display their artwork: **Aidyn Cronk**, freshman; **Ryeland Dawkins**, **Alli Thiel**, **Colton Van Ert**, and **Jasmine Ray**, all sophomores; **Cooper Kaiser** and **Dakota Frederick**, both juniors; and **Marina Kudla**, senior.

Congratulations to these student artists!



Pictured above (clockwise): Art on display at LYWAM: **Jasmine Ray** - Adobe Illustrator Low Poly Art, **Aidyn Cronk** - Ink and Watercolor, and **Dakota Frederick** - Color Pencil.

New Mosinee School District Superintendent Hired by the Board of Education



Robert Way
Interim Superintendent of Schools

In the March 2024 edition of *The Mosinee Link*, I shared that the district is facing a projected \$801,706 budget deficit for the 2024-25 school year based on current student enrollment projections, and I informed you of the factors contributing to this budget shortfall. At this time, the administration continues to identify ideas to reduce the operational budget and are bringing these ideas to the school board for approval.

The Community Survey was approved at the March 19th board meeting. As I stated, increasing our operational revenue will be necessary to avoid increasing budget challenges in the future. The survey will gather information on public opinion for increasing revenue for district operations and/or capital improvements via a referendum vote. Please be on the lookout for this survey being mailed to you in April. I encourage you to fill out the survey.

The Mosinee School Board has selected Mr. Greg Doverspike to become the next superintendent of the district. During a special school board meeting on Monday, February 26th, 2024, the school board approved the superintendent contract for Mr. Doverspike. He has been serving as the superintendent of the Durand-Arkansaw school district for the past 11 years.

I am excited to welcome Mr. Doverspike and his family to our community and district. I look forward to working with him to continue to move our great district forward. Currently, a transition plan is being collaboratively developed with Mr. Doverspike, the school board, and myself to ensure a smooth leadership transition. He will officially begin his duties on July 1, 2024.

I will continue to serve as the interim superintendent and co-director of instructional programs until my duties end June 30th, 2024. The school board has given me the option of retrocession which means that I may return to the position of director of instructional programs for the 2024-2025 and 2025-26 school years. I am planning on returning to this position full time starting July 1, 2024. I want to take this opportunity to thank Ms. JoLynn Schmidt, Mosinee Elementary School principal, for her outstanding leadership work as the co-director of instructional programs in the district for the 2023-2024 school year. It certainly is a very busy and productive year for both of us!

Salber Wins Art Contest

Mosinee High School recently participated in the state-level competition for creating designs for **Youth Art Month**. Each state creates a flag to represent its creativity and artistic talent. The flag designed by **Kathryn Salber**, a sophomore at MHS, was selected as the winner!



Kathryn's artwork was displayed in Madison at the Youth Art Month gallery during March, and the flags will be showcased at the **National Art Education Conference** in April, where they will inspire and captivate art teachers from around the country.

Mrs. Kelley Schmidt, MHS art teacher, would like to extend heartfelt congratulations to Kathryn for her outstanding achievement in winning the state-level competition. MHS is grateful to have such talented individuals representing our school.

Pictured above: Kathryn's winning flag design for Youth Art Month.

MMS Book Fair Donation



Mosinee Middle School recently held a book fair and used the proceeds to give back to the community. 250 books were purchased and donated to the children at area 4K sites and day care facilities. Each book also included a sticker in honor of Anderson Strand, the son of a Mosinee teacher.

Pictured above: Books were donated to the children at Rhonda's Little Rainbows day care.

Storm Hockey Wins State Title

The **Central Wisconsin Storm** won the WIAA State Championship taking down the Bay Area Ice Bears with a 4-3 victory. This is the Storm's fifth state title in program history and second in three years. Mosinee's **Tristan Wicklund** netted two goals on just two shot attempts during the championship game! Also representing Mosinee were **Abigail Dhein, Jayden Yirkovsky, Keegan Walters, and Anna Gagnon.**



Congratulations on a great season and thank you for your hard work and quality representation of the Mosinee Athletic Department.

Pictured above: The Central Wisconsin Storm with their State Championship trophy.

MMS Battle of the Books

Five teams participated in the Battle of the Books, a club that encourages reading for pleasure. The teams battled in literary competitions and met weekly to discuss and listen to great literature.

Pictured right (l to r): The top MMS Battle of the Books team included: Dakota Fisher, Abigail Nichols, Finn Nelson, Henley Nelson, and Curtis Strom.



Students Learn About Weather From Local Meteorologist



During a recent science unit, MES third grade students learned about weather patterns and climate. To enhance their understanding, meteorologist **Justin Loew** from **WAOW News 9** visited each class and shared his expertise. He presented information on extreme weather, what a meteorologist does, and how weather instruments are used in forecasting.

Pictured above: Mrs. Seeger's, Mrs. Lindell's, and Miss Lehman's classes with WAOW News 9 meteorologist Justin Loew.

MMS Implements 3D Printing Technology into Curriculum

Engineering Tomorrow is the fastest-growing STEM nonprofit in the nation, providing hands-on, standards-based STEM labs that enhance curriculum in grades 6-12 at no cost to teachers, students, or school districts.

Francis Wysocki, a career and technical education teacher at Mosinee Middle School, has spearheaded an innovative approach to introducing 3D printing by incorporating

Engineering Tomorrow's **3D Printing: Product Development Lab** into his curriculum. This

has provided students with an engaging hands-on experience in product design and development. In the lab, students are tasked with conceptualizing and creating products using 3D printing technology. One remarkable aspect of this endeavor is that

students have gone beyond mere academic exercise; they have delved into the realm of entrepreneurship by envisioning products that could be marketed in the school store. Among the popular designs are collectibles and fidget figurines. Students also have the option of joining **Mosinee Middle School Engineering Club (MMEC)**. MMEC members design small flexible objects and usable items, create packaging and marketing strategies, and then sell those products in the community. Profits are used to purchase equipment and filament for the classroom.



Pictured above (l to r): Jacob King holds a desk organizer and Nolan Raflik holds a club coin created with 3D printing technology.

LeaderinMe® Monthly Minute

Mosinee High School students on the **Student Lighthouse Team** have been busy at work creating a safe, fun environment for everyone at MHS. The team polled all MHS students as to their thoughts about what could be improved at the school. Going through hundreds of suggestions, the Student Lighthouse Team settled on several projects to tackle. One positive change they created is the music that plays in the hallways during passing time. Students can now fill out a form to suggest school-appropriate songs they would like to hear instead of the previous teacher-chosen music.

The student leaders have also been working toward creating a second "store" to purchase snacks and drinks during Extended Learning Time (ELT). The student leaders researched healthy food and drink options, where to purchase these items, met with the lunch company's leader, Principal Halvorsen, and Associate Principal McCarty, and then secured a place for the new "store." They are now in the process of setting prices for the items and creating marketing materials for a possible soft opening after spring break. Money raised in the "store" will be used to continue improving the physical and emotional/mental atmosphere at MHS.

Another suggestion the Student Lighthouse Team is addressing is improving ELT. They are currently brainstorming ways to make adjustments to ensure that students' and teachers' time is wisely spent during this 23-minute period.

Thanks to a grant that Mr. McCarty secured for the Student Lighthouse Team, the group will be able to make other improvements at MHS in the future.

MHS Forensics to Compete at State Competition



At the Forensics District Competition in March, Mosinee students competed in three rounds where they received a score of at least 21 out of 25 to make it to the next level. The team will travel to Madison on April 19 to compete in the State Competition. Congratulations and Good Luck!

Pictured above (l to r): MHS students competed in the following: (Back row) Noah Nechuta - Prose, Jaxin Fields - Farrago, Logan Neufeld - Impromptu, Isabel Plaisance - Play Acting, Abigail Wysocki - Informative, Ruby Sliwicki - Informative, Malik Wolfgram - Prose, Cassidy McMeeken - Oratory, (Front row) Kyle Allen - Prose, Liana Diestelhorst - Play Acting, and Sienna Tiffany - Impromptu. Not pictured: Olivia Hytry - Poetry

MES Celebrates Read Across America Day

Staff and students at Mosinee Elementary School participated in Read Across America Day - a nationwide reading celebration that takes place annually around March 2nd, which is Dr. Seuss' birthday. The staff and



students participated in events such as dressing up as a superhero, wearing a wacky outfit and having wacky hair, dressing up as your future career, making green eggs and ham and dressing up as your favorite book character.

There are many benefits to having parents and school staff involved in children's literacy activities both during the early years, as well as the primary and secondary years of schooling. Mosinee Elementary is thrilled to promote reading through fun activities like these!

Pictured above: Mrs. Lewens' 2nd grade students dressed up as their future career.

MHS Students Compete in Math League

MHS Math League participated in two competitions this school year with approximately 15 students competing. The first competition was in November and **Brett Dudei** was Mosinee's top competitor in the Advanced category. He placed second in the division and eighth overall. **Isabella Verhasselt** was the top competitor in the Algebra category for Mosinee and placed 10th in the division. **Isaiah Flynn** represented Mosinee in the Geometry category and placed 9th in the division. Math League members traveled to UW-Stevens Point in January for their second competition, and are still awaiting those results.

National FFA Week Events

Mosinee FFA celebrated the FFA's rich history and advancements in agriculture during National FFA Week February 17th-24th. The club hosted a multitude of activities and events. Members kicked off America Monday with the start of the emblem hunt and the coloring contest. Tuesday was Flannels and Floats Day. Students wore their best flannel shirts and FFA officers sold root beer floats, with all proceeds going to the **Marathon County Humane Society**. Officers also delivered root beer floats to high school staff. On



Camouflage Wednesday, FFA members took time to give back to the community. They wrote thank you notes to businesses and others for their endless support of FFA. The events wrapped up with Thursday's Blue & Gold Day and Ag Olympics, which included a pie eating contest won by **Declan Zogata**, along with a tug of war contest which resulted in a victory for the underclassmen over the upperclassmen. The final event was the annual Kiss-A-Critter challenge – this year's critter being an adorable lamb. Thank you to **Mrs. Kedrowski** and **Mr. McCarty** for participating!

Thank you students, staff, and supporters for making National FFA Week a huge success!

Pictured above: FFA members serve up root beer floats.

MMS Students Participate in District Solo & Ensemble

On Saturday, February 24th, Mosinee Middle School band and choir students had the opportunity to participate in the District Solo & Ensemble Contest held at Wausau East High School. Students performed solos, group events, and had a chance to watch other schools perform throughout the day.



Pictured above: The band and choir students from MMS that competed at District Solo & Ensemble.

MMS Drama Performs *Oliver! Jr.*

The Mosinee Middle School Drama Club recently performed the musical *Oliver! Jr.*, putting on three shows for the community as well as one for students in fourth and fifth grade.



New this year was the creation of the **Drama Club Mentors Program** for high school students. Members of this program put in countless hours helping to create *Oliver! Jr.* The high school students took part in various aspects of the hidden side of the theater including casting, choreography, tech, stage managing, understudying, set production, hair, makeup, vocal warm-ups, costuming, publications, and coaching.



In addition to the hard work of the high school mentors and middle school cast and crew members, the production would not have been possible without the parents, teachers, and community volunteers who came together to help put this show together. In MMS Drama Club you can, "Consider Yourself One of the Family!"

Pictured above top: Fagin instructs the new foundling, Oliver, in the finer points of nefarious doings in front of his band of thieves in the famous song, "Pick a Pocket or Two."

*Pictured above bottom (l to r): The HS Mentors working on *Oliver! Jr.* were (Back row) Sophia Knetter, Ruby Sliwicki, Malik Wolfgram, Mary Lou Folwarski, Jasmine Ray, (Front row) Liana Diestelhorst, Brylee Schwartz, and Genevieve Thompson.*

Open Enrollment Dates

February 5 - April 30, 2024

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) has announced the dates for public school Open Enrollment for the 2024-25 school year. Children in kindergarten through grade 12 may participate. Open enrollment for prekindergarten, 4K and early childhood education is limited. Parents with children in these age groups must contact their resident school district to see if their children are eligible. 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 5 and April 30, 2024. Applications must be received by 4:00 pm on April 30, 2024. Late applications will not be accepted.** Parents may apply online at <https://dpi.wi.gov/oe>. For more information: Toll-free: 888-245-2732, option 2; Email: openenrollment@dpi.wi.gov; Website: <https://dpi.wi.gov/oe>. You may also call Carrie Kunderinger at the Mosinee School District with questions: 715-693-2530.

4K Registration Now Open For 2024-25 School Year

The enrollment process is now open for any students entering 4K (4-year-old kindergarten) for the 2024-25 school year. Children who are four years old on or before September 1, 2024 are eligible to register.

The 4K web page (<https://www.mosineeschools.org/schools/4yok/>) on the Mosinee School District website provides an overview of the 4K program and also step-by-step registration instructions. The first and most important step is registering your child in Mosinee's Skyward Family Access. Open enrollment and transportation forms can also be completed at this time. **The 4K site preference form opened at noon on February 12, 2024.**

Please call the elementary school at 715-693-2810 if you have any questions or need assistance with the registration process.

2024-25 Kindergarten Registration

Students currently attending 4K in the Mosinee School District will automatically be enrolled in five-year-old kindergarten at Mosinee Elementary School for the 2024-25 school year. In early August, families will be emailed back-to-school information and their child's teacher information will be available in Skyward Family Access. If you know your child will not be attending Mosinee Elementary School for the 2024-25 school year, please call 715-693-2810 as soon as possible.

Kindergarten students new to the district are asked to register online using the link found on our Mosinee School District website: <https://skyward.iscorp.com/scripts/wsisa.dll/WService=wsedumosineewi/skyenroll.w>

MMS Hobby Day 2024

6th through 8th grade students recently participated in Hobby Day – a day designed to expose them to different lifetime leisure activities. Some of the offerings included: thrift shopping, fishing, bowling, activities at CTI, visiting Janke Bookstore, and a trip to Sawmill Trampoline Park.

Pictured right (l to r): Emily Pliska and Braelyn Kurth learn how to perm hair at the State College of Beauty Culture.



Mosinee Board of Education Notes

At the March 19, 2024 regular Board of Education meeting, the Board approved the following:

- minutes from the special Board of Education meetings on February 19, 2024, February 26, 2024, and February 27, 2024, and the regular Board of Education meeting on February 20, 2024
- donation from American Legion Post 492
- additional School Resource Officer contract
- new and revised board policies
- Fall 2024 Start College Now and Early College Credit Program applications
- School Perceptions community survey
- February's monthly voucher list and treasurer's report
- Head Varsity Boys Soccer Coach resignation, additional days for 2023-24 Interim Director of Special Education contract, UV disinfection lights for pool purchase, and extended field trips

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the District Educational Service Center. The public is invited to attend.

PTO Notes

Highlights from the March PTO meeting:

- The PTO approved the budget for 2023-24/2024-25.
 - The PTO approved the following mini grants:
 - \$600 Grant:
Lori Hodgson – **Solar Eclipse Glasses**
 - \$300 Grant:
Kara Trelka & Mari Jo Nechuta – **Egg Incubator**
- Spring mini grant applications are due April 4, 2024.
- The PTO Fall Fundraiser will remain with the same company for 2024-25 and 2025-26.

The next PTO meeting is Monday, April 8, 2024 at 5:30 pm in the Creske Library.

Junior Prom 2024

"Old Hollywood"

April 27, 2024 • 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm
ROTHSCHILD PAVILION

Grand March: 7:30 pm, Open to the public

Photographer: Maddie Brooks Photography
(Information on ordering photos will be shared with students via email.)



April Calendar of Events

April 1 **NO SCHOOL** - Spring Break

MOSINEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 8 PTO Meeting - Creske Library 5:30pm
- 26 Kindergarten Concert - Creske Auditorium 1:30pm

MOSINEE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 19 4th Grade Concert - Creske Auditorium 2:00pm
- 22 Evening of Jazz Concert - Creske Auditorium 7:00pm

MOSINEE HIGH SCHOOL

- 1 Baseball - Stratford (H) 5:00pm
- Soccer - Washburn (H) 6:00pm
- 2 Golf - Invitational (A - Lake Wisconsin CC) 9:00am
- Softball - Tomahawk (A) 5:00pm
- Soccer - Three Lakes/Phelps (H) 6:00pm
- 4 PreACT Secure Test - Freshman & Sophomore
Virtual Learning Day - Juniors & Seniors
- Baseball - Amherst (A) 4:30pm
- Track - Meet (A - Northland Pines) 4:30pm
- Softball - Antigo (H) 5:00pm
- Soccer - Merrill (H) 7:00pm
- 5 Baseball - Kaukauna (A) 4:30pm
- Softball - Thorp (H) 5:00pm
- 8 Baseball - Medford (A) 5:00pm
- Soccer - Shawano (A) 6:30pm
- 9 Softball - Northland Pines (A) 5:00pm
- 11 Baseball - Medford (H) 5:00pm
- Softball - Rhinelander (H) 5:00pm
- Soccer - Rhinelander (H) 7:00pm
- 13 Softball - Assumption (H - Doubleheader) 10:00am
- 15 Golf - Invitational (A - Trappers Turn) 10:30am
- Softball - Merrill (A) 4:30pm
- Baseball - Lakeland Union (H) 5:00pm
- Soccer - Waupaca (A) 6:30pm
- 16 Golf - Invitational (A - Trappers Turn) 9:30am
- Softball - Pacelli (A) 4:30pm
- Track - Invitational (H) 4:30pm
- Soccer - SPASH (A) 7:00pm
- 17 Golf - Invitational (A - Blackwolf Run GC) 9:30am
- 18 Forward Exam - Sophomores
- Golf - Invitational (A - Whistling Straits Irish Course) 9:30am
- Baseball - Lakeland Union (A) 5:00pm
- Softball - Lakeland Union (H) 5:00pm
- Soccer - Lakeland Union (A) 7:00pm
- 19 Baseball - Middleton (A) 5:00pm
- 20 Baseball Invitational (A - Franklin) 9:00am
- Evening of Elegance
- Reception - Creske Center Lobby 4:00pm
- Dinner - MHS Cafeteria 5:00pm
- 22 Golf - Invitational (A - Shamrock Heights) 10:00am
- Baseball - Merrill (H) 5:00pm
- Evening of Jazz Concert - Creske Auditorium 7:00pm
- 23 Golf - Invitational (A - Sand Valley Golf) 11:00am
- Track - Meet (A - Wausau East) 4:00pm
- Baseball - Marshfield (H) 5:00pm
- Softball - Medford (A) 5:00pm
- Soccer - Medford (H) 7:00pm
- 25 Softball - Tomahawk (H) 5:00pm
- Soccer - Antigo (A) 5:00pm
- 26 Golf - GNC Meet (A - Medford) 3:00pm
- Track - Invitational (A - Kaukauna) 4:00pm
- 27 Junior Prom - Rothschild Pavilion 7:00pm-11:00pm
- Grand March (Open to the Public) 7:30pm
- 29 Golf - Match (A - Pine Valley Golf Course) 10:00am
- Baseball - Tomahawk (A) 5:00pm
- 30 Golf - Invitational (A - The Royal Club GC) 9:00am
- Softball - Antigo (A) 5:00pm
- Soccer - Northland Pines (H) 7:00pm

For a complete list of activities and events, visit mosineeschools.org.



Community Outreach Classes

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

CLASS	BEGINS	DAY	TIME	SESSIONS	LOC.
Needle Felting	4-9	Tues	6:00-8:00	1	Creske Library
Ahlstrom Paper Mill Tour (FULL & Time Change)	4-11	Thur	New Time 2:00	1	Ahlstrom Mill
Leather Earrings	4-15	Mon	5:00-7:00	1	Creske Library
Pizza Making Workshop	4-18	Thur	6:00-8:00	1	MHS 404
Acrylic Painting - Summer Theme	4-23	Tues	5:00-7:00	1	MES Cafeteria
Strength Training for 50+	4-23	Tues	4:30-5:30	6	Fitness Center
Slow Stitch Mini Quilt	4-23	Tues	6:00-8:00	1	Creske Library
Strength Training for 50+	4-25	Thur	4:30-5:30	6	Fitness Center
What's the Deal with No Mow May?	4-25	Thur	6:00-7:30	1	Creske Library



Evening of Elegance

Mosinee High School Student Senate will be hosting the annual Evening of Elegance dinner on Saturday April, 20th 2024 at 4:00pm. Reception social will be hosted in the Creske Center Lobby followed by musical entertainment by the MHS Band and Choir. Dinner will be at 5:00pm in the high school cafeteria. This event is FREE to any Mosinee Community member who is 65 years of age and older.

TO RSVP PLEASE CONTACT KATIE GUTHMAN AT
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 AT 715-693-2550 EXT 3617



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