



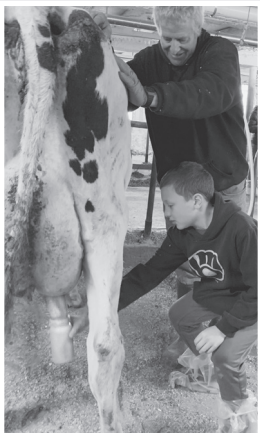
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A LINK BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND ITS CITIZENS

MMS Students Visit Area Dairy Farms

In November, Mosinee's 4th graders went on two educational farm tours, guided by MHS Agriculture 3 students.

The first tour was at **Freeman Creek Farm**, where the students were able to pet



the calves and try milking a cow by hand. They also learned how milk is tested and what cows need for proper nutrition.

The second tour was at **Gary's Dairy**. Students learned about different types

of cows and the family tree of some of the cows in the barn. A highlight at the farm was all the kittens running around!



Both family farms provided treats during the tours, which was an exciting surprise. The students had a great time getting outside and learning about farming in the area.

Pictured above: Mr. Murray of Freeman Creek Farm has some help from Andrew Kolodziej with cleaning a cow before milking.

Pictured above: The classes of Mrs. Doolittle, Mrs. Brux and Mrs. Tretter, along with Agriculture 3 students, pose with a calf at Gary's Dairy.

District Exceeds Expectations, Explores Middle School Remodel



David Muñoz
Superintendent of Schools

The Mosinee School Board approved the first architectural phase of a remodel/construction project at Mosinee Middle School that will potentially add a cafeteria/commons area connected to the existing Creske Gym. This approval does not commit to the entire project but rather only the architectural work that the board will consider before moving forward. *This project would be paid for without the need for a referendum.* The largest funding source would be from an internal capital improvement fund called Fund 46 which has around two million dollars, plus a mixture of federal grant dollars and loan dollars. When completed, this project would create a state-

of-the-art cafeteria/commons with larger spaces, vastly improved air quality, natural light, access to outside play areas including outside lunch areas, and inside access to the Creske Gym which is used during the school day for middle school activities. It would also relocate 8th grade staff currently on the top floor to the same level as the rest of their team. Special education students would benefit from state-of-the-art services and facilities, and the music department would gain a full-size choir practice room. Our counselors, social worker, and special education services would also be relocated to the first floor close to the main office with confidential spaces. Asbestos removal would also be done during the remodeling process. The new middle school cafeteria/commons would have the additional benefit of being more accessible for community events with direct access from the outside, close proximity including inside access to the Creske Gym, and close proximity to new bathrooms which would be built between the new cafeteria/commons and the Creske Gym.

The Mosinee School District Exceeded Expectations with a score of 73.6 on the most recent Wisconsin State Report Card. In addition, each building is exceeding or meeting expectations. These high marks are a great starting point for our district as each building has already identified pathways in their respective improvement plans that build on these successes while attending to those areas in need. Director of Instructional Programs Rob Way will be expanding the Curriculum and Instruction Committee to include a broader swath of the community. This approach will continue to engage our stakeholders in the Student Opportunity and Achievement strategic plan pillar while moving the district forward in a way that is consistent with a local point of view.

The Mosinee School District extended their Thanksgiving break by two days to help slow the spread of COVID-19 that surfaced in a regular and persistent way after Halloween. The elementary school saw a more sudden and severe increase necessitating an additional two days off. The Health Department fully supported this short-term closure to help mitigate further spread of COVID-19 within our schools.

MHS Students Attend FFA National Convention

In October, eleven members and officers of the Mosinee FFA chapter attended the 94th Annual FFA National Convention and Expo in Indianapolis, Indiana. At the convention the students heard several amazing speakers, including Fancy Lady Cowgirl Courtenay



DeHoff. They also participated in workshops and visited expo booths where they learned about agricultural opportunities and colleges that offer agricultural programs for engineering, animal sciences, and other agricultural careers. During their last session, they heard an inspirational speech from retiring Eastern Region Vice President Miriam Hoffman.

In addition to the convention, the students toured Heartland Farms where they learned about potato farming; they saw a working cranberry bog being harvested; they visited Shedd Aquarium in Chicago; and they visited the terrifying Haunted Angelus House.

Pictured above (l to r): Jacqueline Kramer, Naya Blanz, Morgan Simonis, Haylee Fliss, Allison Pecha, Brenna Dulak, Mikayla Koskey, Katelyn Kramer, Gabriella Muñoz, Isabelle Olson, and Dustin Brooks.

Kindergarten Donates to Feeding Our Future

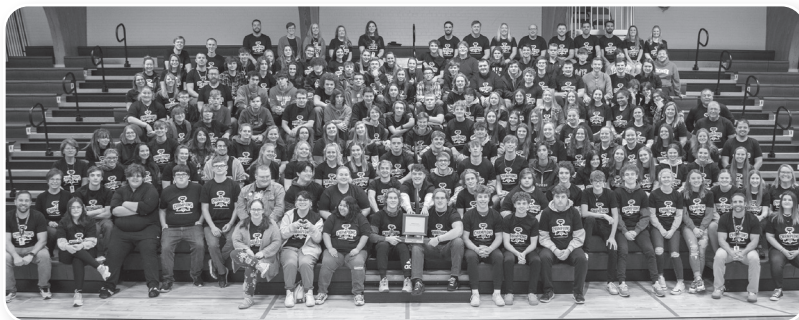


As part of their Halloween celebration, kindergartners at Mosinee Elementary raised money for **Feeding Our Future**, the middle school food pantry that services local students. During the rotation activity, students brought in seven coins and donated one in each classroom where they participated in a Halloween-themed activity. Overall, the children raised \$150.00!

Pictured above (l to r): Madelynn Filipiak, Layla Zastrow, Everly Paap, Braylon Knutson, Rylan Wirkus, Hudson Van Ert, and Elijah Spahr are holding the check for Feeding Our Future food pantry.

MHS Scores First on ACT in GNC and Marathon County

Congratulations to the Class of 2022 on having the highest ACT scores in the Great Northern Conference and Marathon County!



MHS emphasizes the importance of all students reaching their full potential to be life ready while becoming college and/or career ready. To help students meet their goals, the high school offers dual credit and advanced placement courses, a variety of electives, and job opportunities throughout Marathon County. The administration and staff has implemented many new initiatives to further student achievement, including conducting a close review of all of the curriculum and teaching strategies. "All of our staff believe in continuous improvement," shares **Principal Nathan Lehman**. The hard work from our staff and students continues to pay off. Not only have ACT scores been above the state average four years in a row, but Mosinee has a larger focus for college and career readiness with having the highest number of students in the Northcentral Technical College consortium involved in youth apprenticeship programs and dual credits earned.

"We are so proud of our students for these accomplishments, as well as our staff for providing a top-notch education for Mosinee's students!"

Pictured above: MHS staff and Class of 2022 with their ACT Championship trophy.

Fitzgerald Races in State Cross Country Meet

Britt Fitzgerald advanced out of the WIAA Girls Cross Country Sectionals to qualify for the WIAA State Finals in Wisconsin Rapids. Britt is only the third girl to make it to State from Mosinee in the last 40 years. She finished the race in 63rd out of the 151 best runners in Division 2. Mosinee is very proud of your great season, Britt!

Pictured right (l to r): Britt Fitzgerald with Coach Fitzgerald at the school send-off assembly.



MES Grandparent's Day

The first grade students were excited to celebrate Grandparent's Day with their loved ones at the end of October. The students sang songs, shared muffins and juice, and showed their grandparents their artwork and classrooms. They even played outside together at recess. Thank you to everyone who attended!

Pictured right (l to r): Kamdenn Fields and Grandma Lu Yenter



Technology Grant Provides for Wi-Fi Hotspots, Chromebooks

The Mosinee School District received a grant from the Emergency Connectivity Fund to create digital equity for all students when learning off-campus. The grant allowed the district to purchase Wi-Fi hotspots which students can checkout from the library if they do not have reliable internet access at home. In addition, Mosinee teachers and students in grades 5 - 12 will have the option to upgrade to a touch screen Chromebook. With their current devices, students struggle to effectively complete their homework. Assignments that require students show their work are difficult with just a trackpad. The new touch screen technology will allow students to draw directly on the screen and teachers will have the ability to write comments on the homework and provide explanations. The school-issued devices are also equipped with Securly which monitors student internet use by scanning social media, sites visited, and web search terms. Warnings are raised if any scans indicate bullying, self-harm or suicide. Parents can also use Securly to monitor their children's internet usage at home.

FCCLA Resource Closet Open to All MHS Students

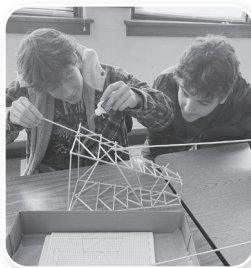
Mosinee FCCLA runs and maintains the Student Resource Closet, a dedicated space in the high school that has clothes, food, hygiene supplies and other needs that any student can access. Students can also use a QR code to complete a confidential survey where they select what they need and have the items delivered in their locker. **Megan Garski** and **Kiarra Kennedy** manage the closet and are responsible for ordering supplies, restocking shelves, and ensuring that the closet is orderly and clean. If you or your organization would be interested in supporting the Student Resource Closet through a monetary donation, please send checks written out to MHS FCCLA to: Mosinee High School/Susan Swinick, 1000 High Street, Mosinee, WI 54455.



Pictured above (l to r): Megan Garski and Kiarra Kennedy manage the Student Resource Closet.

MMS Intervention Time Enhances Core Curriculum

The goal of Mosinee Middle School's intervention time is to provide support to students who are struggling with specific skills and to push students who are at level or advanced. There are a variety of interventions that are used for improving a student's abilities and the block schedule allows teachers time to provide the extra instruction.



Enrichment activities, specifically, are designed to enhance the core curriculum by encouraging higher-level thinking skills. Activities cover a broad spectrum of interests from learning about the Holocaust, a balsa wood tower-building challenge, community service activities, team-building challenges, and a geography race around the world.

Pictured above (l to r): Caedan Campbell and Keystin Kositzke work on their balsa wood tower.

Mosinee Board of Education Notes

At the November 16, 2021 regular Board of Education meeting, the Board approved the following:

- minutes from the regular Board of Education meeting on October 26, 2021
- Mosinee Middle School suggested additions and alterations
- PTO annual donation
- review of safe return to in-person and continuity of services plan
- acceptance of cross country coach resignation, October's monthly voucher list, treasurer's report, flagpole purchase for football field, amendment to teacher post employment benefits, and an updated Capital Improvement Plan

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 6:00 pm at the District Educational Service Center. The public is invited to attend.

PTO Notes

Highlights from the November PTO meeting:

- The PTO donated \$22,500 from the Fall Fundraiser to the Mosinee School District (\$7,500 per school). The PTO thanks all families for their fundraising efforts!
- The PTO Family Fun Night is tentatively scheduled for January 14th.


The next PTO meeting is Monday, December 13, 2021 at 6:00 pm, in the Mosinee High School IMC.

Community Pool Info Available Online

For the latest pool schedule visit:

www.mosineeschools.org/community/pool.cfm

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SCHOLASTIC Book Fair

The Mosinee High School Library Club will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair on Friday, December 3 and Saturday, December 4 in the High School IMC from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm. Friday's fair is open to students and staff with Saturday open to the public during the Mosinee Chamber's Holiday Craft Show.

December Calendar of Events

December 23 - 31 **NO SCHOOL** - Winter Break

MOSINEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 10 2nd Gr. Concert - Creske Auditorium 1:00pm
- 13 PTO Meeting - MHS IMC 6:00pm-6:45pm

MOSINEE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 2 7th Gr. BBB A - DC Everest (A) 4:00pm
- 8th Gr. BBB B - DC Everest (A) 4:00pm
- 7th Gr. BBB B - DC Everest (A) 5:00pm
- 8th Gr. BBB A - DC Everest (A) 5:00pm
- 6th & 7th Gr. Band Concert - Creske Auditorium 7:00pm
- 4 7th Gr. BBB A - Tournament (A - Witt-Birn) 9:00am
- 8th Gr. BBB A - Tournament (A - Witt-Birn) 9:00am
- 6 7th Gr. BBB B - James Williams (H - ES Gym) 4:00pm
- 8th Gr. BBB B - James Williams (H - Creske Gym) 4:00pm
- 7th Gr. BBB A - James Williams (H - ES Gym) 5:00pm
- 8th Gr. BBB A - James Williams (H - Creske Gym) 5:00pm
- 13 7th Gr. BBB B - Ben Franklin (H - ES Gym) 4:00pm
- 8th Gr. BBB B - Ben Franklin (H - Creske Gym) 4:00pm
- 7th Gr. BBB A - Ben Franklin (H - ES Gym) 5:00pm
- 8th Gr. BBB A - Ben Franklin (H - Creske Gym) 5:00pm
- 14 8th Gr. Band & Choir Concert - Creske Auditorium 7:30pm
- 16 7th Gr. BBB B - Wis. Rapids (H - ES Gym) 4:00pm
- 8th Gr. BBB B - Wis. Rapids (H - Creske Gym) 4:00pm
- 7th Gr. BBB A - Wis. Rapids (H - ES Gym) 5:00pm
- 8th Gr. BBB A - Wis. Rapids (H - Creske Gym) 5:00pm
- 6th & 7th Gr. Choir Concert - Creske Auditorium 7:30pm

MOSINEE HIGH SCHOOL

- 2 Hockey - Medford (A) 7:00pm
- 3 Wrestling Invitational (A - Oconto) 4:00pm
- BBB - Antigo (A) 7:15pm
- GBB - Antigo (H) 7:15pm
- 4 Gymnastics Invitational (A - Medford) 9:00am
- Hockey - Ashwaubenon (H) 7:00pm
- 7 BBB - Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln (A) 7:15pm
- 9 Hockey - Marathon Cup (A - TBA) 5:00pm
- 10 BBB - Tomahawk (A) 7:15pm
- GBB - Tomahawk (H) 7:15pm
- 11 Wrestling Invitational (A - Tomah) 9:30am
- Gymnastics Invitational (A - Rhinelander) 10:00am
- Hockey - Marathon Cup (A - TBA) 5:00pm
- 14 Hockey - Marathon Cup (H) 7:00pm
- GBB - Merrill (H) 7:15pm
- 16 Hockey - Northland Pines (A) 7:00pm
- Wrestling Match - Rhinelander (H) 7:00pm
- 17 BBB - Rhinelander (H) 7:15pm
- GBB - Rhinelander (A) 7:15pm
- 18 Wrestling Invitational (A - Fond du Lac) 8:00am
- Hockey - Tomah (H) 2:15pm
- 19 Choirs Holiday Concert - Creske Auditorium 2:00pm
- 20 Band Concert - Creske Auditorium 7:00pm
- 21 Gymnastics Meet (H - Lakeland Union) 5:45pm
- Hockey - DeForest (H) 7:00pm
- GBB - Edgar (A) 7:15pm
- 23 BBB - Stratford (H) 7:15pm
- 27 GBB - Tournament (A - Auburndale) 1:00pm
- 28 GBB - Tournament (A - Auburndale) 1:00pm
- 29 Wrestling - Invitational (A - UW-Oshkosh) 9:30am
- BBB - Tournament (A - Green Bay Preble) 3:00pm
- 30 BBB - Tournament (A - Green Bay Preble) 3:00pm
- Hockey - Beaver Dam (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.
DIY Wooden Sign Painting	12-2	Thurs	6:00-9:00	1	Olive Branch Sign Co.
Balsam Wreath Workshop	12-6	Mon	6:00-8:00	1	MHS Cafeteria
Holiday Cookie Workshop	12-9	Thurs	6:00-8:00	1	MHS 406

MES & MMS Students Honor Veterans

On Veterans Day, Mosinee Schools recognized those men and women who have served our country in the Armed Forces with events at the elementary and middle schools. The elementary school commemorated this important day by wearing red, white, and blue. Classes also read books about Veterans Day, made art projects, and wrote letters to veterans.



The Mosinee Middle School hosted a Veterans Day assembly where local veterans were invited to participate. The 8th grade band and choir performed patriotic songs and art students designed patriotic artwork that was displayed throughout the Creske Auditorium. Three eighth grade students, **Nicole Rust**, **Colton VanErt** and **Aubrey Brzezinski**, read essays they wrote about what Veterans Day means to them. The veterans in attendance were recognized for their service and VFW Post 8733 presented the colors. Thank you to all who made this assembly possible. It was a great way to honor our local veterans.

Pictured above left: Aaron Starr made a red, white, and blue collage in art class.

Pictured above right: The MMS 8th grade choir sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" to begin the Veterans Day Assembly.

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