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A LINK BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND ITS CITIZENS

MHS Students Sew Mittens and Toiletry Bags for Donation

This winter, Mrs. Susan Swinick's Design Principles class learned about the mechanics of sewing, mending, ironing, and the technical reading of patterns. The students then applied those skills to create mittens or toiletry bags for two community service projects. The fleece mittens were donated to the **Mosinee Elementary School** for students in need, and the toiletry bags were filled with travel-sized toiletries and donated to **The Women's Community** in Wausau.



Pictured above top: MHS Design Principles students proudly display the mittens they sewed for donation to the Mosinee Elementary School.

Pictured above bottom: MHS Design Principles students with the toiletry bags they sewed for donation to The Women's Community in Wausau.

Rose Parade, Community Donation, and New Commons Opening Soon



David Muñoz
Superintendent of Schools

Congratulations to the Mosinee High School Band members for their amazing performance and presentation at the Rose Parade in Pasadena, California. Special thanks to Mr. Schuster, the band boosters, and all of the parents and students who worked and sacrificed so much to make this happen. The full article for this wonderful achievement can be found on Page 3.

Thank you to the anonymous community donor who generously gave \$10,000 to support our community swimming pool upgrades. Similar anonymous community donors have regularly provided financial support over the past few years for upgrades including but not limited to new swimsuit dryers which benefit not only the community as a whole but also our students and staff. Use of the pool is free during open swim times for those living in the school district. You can find the latest pool schedule on our website: www.mosineeschools.org/community/pool.cfm

We received great news from Ellis Construction concerning the New Middle School Commons and Remodel Project. The HVAC carrier units that were caught in the supply chain slowdown have now arrived and been installed. We needed these units to start finishing items in Phase 1 of the project. Once we are able to open this new facility in late February/early March we will immediately start Phase 2, which is shutting down the old middle school cafeteria to begin demolition and remodeling. Phase 2 and Phase 3 will rebuild the old cafeteria into a state-of-the-art special education space and pupil services offices and rooms. Additionally, certain 8th grade teacher classrooms will be rebuilt and upgrades will be made to some music facilities. Phase 2 and Phase 3 will be targeted for completion before the start of the 2023-2024 school year.

Alyssa Garlie, district social worker, spearheaded outreach from our community for needy families during the recent holiday season. All items were delivered to students in need before Christmas. We had fourteen community/school donors and seventeen families that sponsored gifts: four families sponsored with \$250 cash each, and thirteen families sponsored with miscellaneous gift cards/cash (totaling \$660). Over 85 students in need were directly impacted by this generous community outreach. Thank you to all who were able to donate.

"No Bullying November" Initiative at MHS

In November of 2022, the newly formed **Mosinee PRIDE Club** (Perseverance, Respect, Inclusiveness, Diversity, Education) implemented a "No Bullying November" initiative in the high school. Members of the club created announcements for each week which encouraged respect, kindness, and openness amongst the students and teachers alike. The theme of the first week was "Make a Friend" and focused on branching out and meeting new friends. On Friday of that week, they had "dress like your new friend" day and handed out treats to those who dressed alike. Week two was a "Week of Remembrance," and they encouraged others to practice empathy, as well as put post-it notes with the names of loved ones lost on a "Wall of Remembrance." Week three was "Gratitude Week" and focused on things everyone can be thankful for. Students sold "Gratitude Grams" during lunch and handed them out (with a treat attached) to students on that Friday. Lastly, they had "Self-Love Week" where they encouraged everyone to take care of themselves because when we love ourselves, we are better able to love others. The club's mission statement is "to create an environment that is educational and safe for everyone. We will work with staff, admin, and other student groups to improve MHS by educating about acceptance of all."



Friday Night Lights Returns For MMS Indoor Soccer Players

A six night indoor soccer program for Mosinee Middle School students in grades 5-8 is scheduled for early March 2023 and will be held in the high school gym. Small-sided, fast paced games will be contested to a background of popular music using a hockey style - behind the goal - format. Boys Soccer Varsity Head Coach Joe Carlson and Assistant Coach Pat Youles are co-directors and will be assisted by members of MHS Boys' Soccer Club. The cost to participate is \$20. Additional information and registration details will be provided via MSD social media, staff, and Mosinee Soccer's Facebook page.

The soccer program's core values are: Fun, Friendship, Effort, Competition and Sportsmanship.

Patriot's Pen & Voice of Democracy Essay Winners

Each year, the VFW sponsors Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy, essay competitions to help foster patriotism among today's youth. This year, MMS 7th graders wrote about the Patriot's Pen topic: "My Pledge to Our Veterans" with **Emeri Utphall** winning first place. "Why is a Veteran Important?" was the question posed to MHS students in the Voice of Democracy contest. Students wrote a 3-5 minute essay, which they read aloud to three judges. Five were then chosen to be audio-taped and judged by the VFW with **Jack Hohenstein** winning first place in the local contest and third place at the district level, and **Henrik Thompson** winning second place at the district level. Congratulations!



Pictured above (l to r): MMS winners of the local Patriot's Pen writing contest were (back row): Nancy Reuter (7th Grade ELA), Dana Kamke (7th Grade ELA), Josie Zebro (6th), Paetyn Jirschele (7th), VFW Reps. Jack Ganser, Larry Gorski, Jim Morris, (front row): Emeri Utphall (1st), Camryn Carrigan (2nd), Elliana Lewens (3rd), Kiera Klap (4th), and Kayleigh Tiffany (5th). Not Pictured: Ellie Ash (8th)



Pictured above (l to r): MMS winners of the local Voice of Democracy writing contest were (back row): Ann Kedrowski (HS English), VFW Reps. Jack Ganser, Larry Gorski, Rep. Jim Morris, (front row): Jack Hohenstein (1st), Henrik Thompson (2nd), Jacqueline Kramer (3rd), Emma Leach (4th), and Chase Pemble (5th).

Updated Fitness Center Hours

The Mosinee Strength and Fitness Center is open to all Mosinee School District students, athletes/teams, staff and community members free of charge during the following days and times:

Monday - Thursday: 3:30-5:00pm - for staff, teams & students only

Monday - Thursday: 5:00-6:30pm - for district residents

Friday, Saturday, Sunday: CLOSED

No morning hours are offered at this time.

The Fitness Center will also be CLOSED on the following days: non-school days, early release days, inservice days, winter break & spring break.

Mosinee Band Members March in Rose Parade as part of the Northwoods Marching Band

Members of the Mosinee High School Band had a unique experience this year: being in the **134th Rose Parade** in Pasadena, California as part of the **Northwoods Marching Band**. This band with its 390 members was one of the largest marching bands to perform in the parade. Band members from Mosinee, D.C. Everest, Merrill, Lakeland, Antigo, Wausau East, Northland Pines, and Three Lakes began this journey from a dream of Parade President Amy Wainscott, a former Northland Pines student, who wanted to find a way to have small Wisconsin school bands represented in the Rose Parade.

The forty-five Mosinee students began practicing their marching music last spring. The piece, a combination of "On Wisconsin" and "America the Beautiful," was specifically written for the Northwoods Marching Band by **Mike Leckrone**, the former UW-Madison band director. From June through December, the entire Northwoods Marching Band met in Merrill, Wausau East, and Northland Pines to practice as a full ensemble, moving indoors when the temperature dropped. Specific parade marching practice occurred at Wausau East since the City of Wausau was able to block off many residential streets. One of the most strenuous practicing and performing days was the 4th of July when the group marched in six different parades.

Mosinee students held fundraisers for the parade in many forms: selling Seroogy's candy bars, doing 50/50 raffles during football games, and running the Mosinee Community Band concessions. The students also did many individual fundraisers.

The experiences the students had were endless. They participated in the **30th Annual Tournament of Roses Bandfest** – a performance where bands marching in the parade execute a football field marching routine. During their performance, the Northwoods Marching Band created a large "N W" pattern on the field. Mosinee Band Director Tyler Schuster wrote the marching drill that created this formation. "It is extremely difficult to figure out where and how 390 marchers are going to get to certain places." In addition, the group went to **Universal Studios Hollywood** on New Year's Eve and **Disney California Adventure Park** after the parade. They also saw in person how the floats themselves were made, as each surface was covered with real plants and flowers.

The parade itself was an amazing experience. Mr. Schuster said that during the 5.5 mile journey the band had a plan. The first two miles, they played "Beautiful Wisconsin" on loop with no drum cadence in between. For the final 3.5 miles the band divided into three groups, with group 1 playing first, followed by group 2, then group 3, then the drum cadence; the process would then start all over again. The atmosphere of the parade itself was "insane," says Schuster. "We passed close to one million people, all waving and cheering. As you march, bleachers line the road on both sides that are so high you cannot see the buildings. Once the band is lined up and marching it is impossible to hear anyone."



Pictured above: The Northwoods Marching Band assembled in front of the Rose Bowl Stadium.



Pictured above: Mosinee band students who were members of the Northwoods Marching Band.



Pictured above (l to r): (back row): Abigail Fisher, Raija Budimilija, Nora Dykhuis, Chloe Horrell, Jillian Jacobson, and (front row): Sophia Gburek enjoying their time at Universal Studios.

This was a once in a lifetime experience that the Mosinee Band members will remember forever – marching in the "Super Bowl of Parades."



Pictured above: Mosinee Band Director Tyler Schuster marching with the Northwoods Marching Band in the Rose Parade.



Pictured above: Students got to view the float building process; here workers are assembling the Snapchat float with fresh flowers.

"Mosinee Miracle Christmas Tree"



In lieu of students exchanging classmate gifts or bringing a gift for their teacher, the elementary students brought in non-perishable food items and hygiene products for the "Mosinee Miracle Christmas Tree." The items were collected under the tree throughout the month of December. All food donations were used to fill bags to send home with students in need on weekends. The hygiene items were distributed throughout the district to any student in need.

Classroom teachers also discussed the importance of giving to others who are truly in need during the holiday season.

Pictured above: Students in Mrs. Jensen's first grade class hold up items that were collected under the Christmas tree.

"Changing the Future" 2nd Grade Holiday Concert Collection

The Mosinee Elementary School 2nd grade students collected change to donate to the **Community Center of Hope**. The 2nd grade students brought in different coins each weekday – pennies on Monday, nickels on Tuesday, dimes on Wednesday, quarters on Thursday and dollar bills on Friday. Between the six classes, the students raised a total of \$1,052.16. The collection took place in collaboration with the 2nd grade holiday concert, "When the Holidays Come," directed by **Mrs. Amber Theiss**.



At the concert on Friday, December 16th, the audience donated an additional \$167.97. Their generosity brought the grand total of the donation to \$1,220.13! Thank you to all who donated this holiday season!

Pictured above (l to r): (back row): MES music teacher Mrs. Theiss, Peyton Christiansen, Makayla Walport, Henry Zeka, (front row): Abe Schippers, Everlee McAllister, and Macie Mae Nechuta with the donation check.

MMS 5th Graders Hold Craft & Candy Cane Sales for Charity

Some fifth grade students at Mosinee Middle School held a holiday craft sale in December to raise money for charity. The students made home-made gnomes, fresh pine swags, and hand-painted holiday signs to sell. The craft sale raised \$477 which was donated to **Feeding Our Future**, the Mosinee Middle School food pantry.



In addition to the craft sale, the fifth grade class sold candy canes during the month of December and raised \$115. That money was used to purchase toys for the **Toys for Tots** program.

Pictured above (listed alphabetically): Students who helped with the fundraising were Julia Baars, Paige Christiansen, Hattie Erdman, Greta Frye, Nadia Gaiche, Avery Hornik, Katie Knetter, Maysen Konietzki, Maelle Konietzki, Grayson Krause, Eliana LaRue, Emma Laurila, Sophia Lewens, Dawson Marshall, Maxwell McCarty, Kyra Morse, Ella Pachniak, Paige Rife, Briella Schremp, Alyssa Shirek, Isabella Stahlecker, Ronni Stankowski, Taylor Van Ert, Miles Wollersheim, Arianna Wurz

Puzzles 4 A Purpose Donates to Middle School Food Pantry

Puzzles 4 A Purpose is a club that is composed of Mosinee Middle School students who are looking to give back to the Mosinee community. Students write letters and address envelopes requesting donations from local businesses. Any money the club receives is then given to local organizations that are in need, such as Special Olympics, the middle school food pantry, and Toys for Tots. As a thank you, club members assemble puzzles and send them to the businesses to display in their establishment.

In the fall, club members wrote letters to Mosinee businesses asking for donations. In November they were able to make a \$300 donation to **Feeding Our Future**, the middle school food pantry!

A huge thank you to the following businesses for their kind support:

Story Book Kids, Casa Mezcal, Gorski's, Charlie's Hardware, B-Way Floors and More LLC, Salty Bones, Maple Ridge Farms, Mosinee Family Chiropractic, and Pinewood Supper Club.

Pictured above (l to r): (back row): Club Advisor Cody Brietzke, (front): Quinn Hauke, Austin Davis, and Isabella Stahlecker present their donation to Feeding Our Future Advisor Dana Kamke.





Volunteer Spotlight: MHS Library Club's Reading Unleashed

Seniors **Katelyn Kramer**, **Chloe Lemke**, **Kylie Maliszewski**, **Kate Schumitsch**, and **Megan Wengelski** were instrumental in helping to create the MHS Library Club's program, **Reading Unleashed**. The girls started the program in the fall of 2021 with help from club advisor **Kerri Leszczynski**, along with high school teacher **Danelle Ley** and her certified therapy dog, **Lucy**. The program has been a huge success thanks to those seniors who volunteer at every Reading Unleashed Night. They spend time reading to younger students and also listen while those students read to them. Mrs. Leszczynski comments, "It is fun to watch the interactions between the older and younger students." The dates and times of future Reading Unleashed Nights can be found on the district website calendar: <https://www.mosineeschools.org/district/calendars.cfm>



Pictured above (l to r): Reading Unleashed volunteers (back row): Kate Schumitsch, Megan Wengelski, (front row): Chloe Lemke and Kylie Maliszewski with Lucy, a Tail Waggin' Tutor.

Open Enrollment Dates February 6 - April 28, 2023

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) has announced the dates for public school Open Enrollment for the 2023-24 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 6 and April 28, 2023. Applications must be received by 4:00 pm on April 28, 2023. 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 2023-24 School Year

The enrollment process is now open for any students entering 4K (4-year-old kindergarten) for the 2023-24 school year. Children who are four years old on or before September 1, 2023 are eligible to register.

The 4K web page (https://www.mosineeschools.org/families/4K_Information.cfm) 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. Busing transportation forms can also be completed at this time. **The 4K site preference form will open at noon on February 9, 2023.**

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

Mosinee Board of Education Notes

At the January 16, 2023 regular Board of Education meeting, the Board approved the following:

- consents agendas from all committees
- minutes from the regular Board of Education meeting on December 20, 2022
- December's monthly voucher list and treasurer's report
- 2023-2024 Teacher Salary Schedule
- resolution of open enrollment
- extended field trip for the Mosinee High School Choir
- school safety drills
- acceptance of anonymous donation for \$10,000

Additional meeting highlights:

- Director Amy Baumann was appointed temporary Board Clerk.
- The 2023-2024 School Calendar has been tabled until the Board gets more feedback from staff and parents.

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 6:00 pm. The public is invited to attend. This is also the same day as the Primary Election for the at large seats. Don't forget to vote!

PTO Notes

Highlights from the January PTO meeting:

- In December, the PTO presented their \$18,000 donation from the fall fundraiser to the Mosinee School Board. The money will be equally distributed between the three school buildings.
- The PTO is hosting Family Date Night on Friday, February 10, 2023. Families with students in grades 4K - 5th grade are invited to attend. The Mosinee Dance Team will have dinner available for purchase from 5:00 - 6:30 pm. The movie will follow in the Creske Auditorium. There will also be other games and activities including a drawing for gift cards to one of these local businesses: Gorski's, Charlies Hardware, Mission Coffee, Casa Mezcal, and Brightside Nutrition. Families should bring their Piggly Wiggly receipts that night to be entered into the drawing.
- MHS seniors can apply for three \$250 scholarships given by the Mosinee PTO.

The next PTO meeting is Monday, February 13, 2023 at 6:00 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.

February Calendar of Events

February 24 NO SCHOOL - District Inservice

MOSINEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 7 & 9 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00pm-8:00pm
- 17 1st Grade Concert - Creske Auditorium..... 1:30pm
- 13 PTO Meeting - Creske Library..... 6:00pm-6:45pm

MOSINEE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 2 7th Gr. GBB B - Wis. Rapids (H - MES Gym) 4:00pm
- 8th Gr. GBB B - Wis. Rapids (H - Creske Gym) 4:00pm
- 7th Gr. GBB A - Wis. Rapids (H - MES Gym) 5:15pm
- 8th Gr. GBB A - Wis. Rapids (H - Creske Gym) 5:15pm
- 3 5th Gr. Concert - Creske Auditorium 2:00pm
- 7 7th Gr. GBB B - Antigo (H - MES Gym) 4:00pm
- 8th Gr. GBB B - Antigo (H - Creske Gym) 4:00pm
- 7th Gr. GBB A - Antigo (H - MES Gym) 5:00pm
- 8th Gr. GBB A - Antigo (H - Creske Gym) 5:00pm
- 9 7th Gr. GBB A - Tomahawk (H - Creske Gym) 4:00pm
- 8th Gr. GBB A - Tomahawk (H - Creske Gym) 5:00pm
- 14 7th Gr. GBB B - D.C. Everest (H - MES Gym) 4:00pm
- 8th Gr. GBB B - D.C. Everest (H - Creske Gym) 4:00pm
- 7th Gr. GBB A - D.C. Everest (H - MES Gym) 5:00pm
- 8th Gr. GBB A - D.C. Everest (H - Creske Gym) 5:00pm
- 16 7th Gr. GBB B - James Williams (A) 4:00pm
- 8th Gr. GBB A - James Williams (A) 5:15pm
- 23 7th Gr. GBB B - Ben Franklin (A) 4:00pm
- 8th Gr. GBB B - Ben Franklin (A) 4:00pm
- 7th Gr. GBB A - Ben Franklin (A) 5:00pm
- 8th Gr. GBB A - Ben Franklin (A) 5:00pm
- 25 District Solo & Ensemble - Wausau East HS ... 8:00am-3:00pm
- 28 7th Gr. GBB B - Wis. Rapids (A) 4:00pm
- 8th Gr. GBB B - Wis. Rapids (A) 4:00pm
- 7th Gr. GBB A - Wis. Rapids (A) 5:00pm
- 8th Gr. GBB A - Wis. Rapids (A) 5:00pm

MOSINEE HIGH SCHOOL

- 2 BBB - Rhinelander (H) 7:15pm
- 3 GBB - Rhinelander (A) 7:15pm
- 4 Gymnastics - Invitational (A - Marshfield) 10:00am
- Wrestling - GNC Meet (A - Tomahawk) 10:00am
- 7 Gymnastics - Rhinelander (H) 5:45pm
- Hockey - GNC Meet (TBD) 7:00pm
- BBB - Northland Pines (A) 7:15pm
- GBB - Northland Pines (H) 7:15pm
- 11 Wrestling - Meet (A - Oconto Falls) TBD
- Hockey - GNC Meet (A - Medford) 7:00pm
- Winter Carnival Dance 7:30pm-10:00pm
- 13 GBB - Freedom (A) 7:00pm
- BBB - Eau Claire Memorial (A) 7:15pm
- 14 Hockey - Regionals (TBD) 7:00pm
- 16 Hockey - Regionals (TBD) 7:00pm
- 17 Hockey - Regionals (TBD) 7:00pm
- BBB - Medford (H) 7:15pm
- GBB - Medford (A) 7:15pm
- 18 Gymnastics - GNC Meet (A - Marshfield) 10:00am
- Wrestling - Meet (A - Wrightstown) 10:00am
- 20 BBB - Brillion (A) 7:00pm
- 21 GBB - Regionals (TBD) TBD
- Hockey - Sectionals (TBD) 7:00pm
- 23 BBB - Lakeland (A) 7:15pm
- 24 GBB - Regionals (TBD) TBD
- Hockey - Sectionals (TBD) 7:00pm
- 25 District Solo & Ensemble - Wausau East HS ... 8:00am-3:00pm
- GBB - Regionals (TBD) TBD
- Hockey - Sectionals (TBD) 7:00pm
- 28 BBB - Regionals (TBD) 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.
Beginning Basket Coiling	2-7	Tues	6:00-8:00	1	Creske Library
iPhone Utilization Basic Workshop	2-8	Wed	6:00-7:30	1	Creske Library
Reading Unleashed	2-9	Thur	6:00-7:00	1	Creske Library
Zumba	2-20	Mon	6:00-7:00	6	MES Gym
Intermediate Basket Coiling	2-21	Tues	6:00-8:00	1	Creske Library
Zumba Toning	2-22	Wed	7:15-8:15	6	MES Gym
Strength Training for 50+	2-23	Thur	4:30-5:15	6	Fitness Center
Aging Well with the ADRC	2-23	Thur	6:00-7:30	1	Creske Library
Acrylic Painting - Winter Scene	2-28	Tues	6:00-9:00	1	MES Cafeteria

FCCLA Members Help Spread Christmas Joy

FCCLA members crafted gifts to sell at the Mosinee Chamber of Commerce Christmas Craft Festival to raise funds to support a local family during the holiday season. The students made a variety of items such as mason jar mixes, sugar scrubs and dog treats. They were able to raise \$300 which they used to purchase gifts for the family. The students enjoyed gift shopping and wrapping, and knowing they helped make a family's Christmas a little bit brighter.

Pictured right (l to r): FCCLA member Vanessa Northcott, Secretary Jena Bartnik and Treasurer Dustin Brooks work the table at the craft show.



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