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A LINK BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND ITS CITIZENS

Ahlstrom Donates Funds for Mosinee Athletics

The Mosinee Athletic Department recently received a \$10,000 donation from **Ahlstrom**. The funds are going toward the purchase of a UTV which will assist the Maintenance and Athletic Departments in setting up for events during football, baseball, softball, and track and field. The UTV will also enhance safety and security at events, and be used to transport equipment around campus. The Mosinee School District would like to thank Ahlstrom for their generosity toward our student-athletes.



Pictured above (l to r): Mosinee Athletic Director Trevor Leopold, Luke Manley and Operations Manager Kelly Guay from Ahlstrom, and MHS Principal Daniel Halvorsen with the donation check.



Parent-Teacher Conferences

Elementary School

Tuesday, February 20 &

Thursday, February 22

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

The Positives of 2023 Pave the Way for a Successful 2024



Robert Way

Interim Superintendent of Schools

The Mosinee School District successfully completed half a school year. I look back and give thanks for an outstanding end to 2023. Community members, along with local churches, banks and businesses, all generously provided gifts making the holiday season merrier for a total of 58 students as part of a gift-giving partnership that has existed for years. Thank you to our community sponsors for caring for our students. The 24 families were very grateful when they came to pick up the presents that were donated to their children.

The halls of our schools were filled with holiday activity, decorations and music throughout December. The music ensembles in both middle school and high school performed holiday concerts for the community. Also, the 2nd grade students performed their concert live for a full house in the Creske Center Auditorium. Feel free to stop in to use the pool, catch a show or join other Mosinee sports fans at an athletic event this winter. All facility hours, events, and performances can be found on the district website, www.mosineeschools.org, under Upcoming Events at the bottom of the home page, or through the Community and Athletics tabs in the top left menu bar.

The Mosinee School District 2023-24 Budget includes a total tax levy of \$9,521,648 and state aid of \$14,612,638. The tax levy is distributed across the \$1,609,054,203 of equalized property of the nine (9) taxation districts making up the Mosinee School District. The resulting levy rate has decreased for a third consecutive year, at \$5.91, and results in a levy of \$591 per \$100,000 of property. The School Levy Tax credits provided by the State to taxation districts will further offset a portion of the tax levied by the school districts. For more information on the tax levy see the article on page 3.

The Mosinee School Board of Education interviewed three finalists in December for the superintendent position, but decided not to offer any of the three finalists the position. The vacancy has been reopened and will remain open until filled. The district is seeking additional applicants at this time.

At the December 19th board meeting, the Mosinee School Board approved the motion to partner with School Perceptions to develop a community survey to gather feedback on the future of district facilities and operations. School administration and the board are in the process of constructing questions for the survey. The survey will go out to all community members in the spring. Your input is appreciated.

At the January 8th City Common Council meeting, the city authorized a no parking area on the south side of High Street from 11th Street to 6th Street, 7:00 am - 4:00 pm during school days. The District Safety Ad Hoc Committee requested this change to improve the safety of traffic flow in this area. The new signage is scheduled to be installed in February. Parking is still available in the lot next to the high school front entrance.

Jason Shupe Receives Wisconsin Outstanding Teacher Award

Jason Shupe, a sixth grade math teacher at Mosinee Middle School, was honored by the State of Wisconsin with



an award for being an outstanding educator. **Senator Cory Tomczyk** and **Representative John Spiros** presented Mr. Shupe with the award at a recent middle school assembly. During his seventeen years at MMS, Mr. Shupe has served as 6th grade team lead, coached basketball and baseball, and been a member of the PBIS team. He creates a warm and caring atmosphere in his classroom where he works to differentiate math instruction for all students, fulfilling the district goals of excellence in education and expecting the best of all of his students. Congratulations, Mr. Shupe!

Pictured above: Mr. Shupe receives the Outstanding Teacher Award from Rep. John Spiros (left) and Sen. Cory Tomczyk (right.)

Greenheck Donates to Metals Program



MHS recently received a donation of ten welding helmets from **Greenheck CVI Facility 8**, thanks to **Mr. Paul Bartnik**, the new metals instructor at the high school. Prior to joining the district, Mr. Bartnik was a welder/team lead at Greenheck for 28 years. He reached out to Greenheck to see if they would be willing to donate any gently used helmets. They agreed, providing helmets that use an air filtration system which provides clean air and increases safety for the welders.

Greenheck also donated two pallets of steel. The $\frac{3}{16}$ " steel plates will be used to rework some of the old, warped workstations in the MHS metals shop, as well as other projects. MHS is grateful to Greenheck for the donations and support in continuously improving the facilities for our students!

Pictured above: MHS metals students and staff are grateful for the generous donation of welding helmets from Greenheck CVI Facility 8.

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: "How Are You Inspired by America?" with **Haileigh Kroeplin** winning first place. "What are the Greatest Attributes of Our Democracy?" 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 **Vanessa Northcott** winning first place in the local contest. Congratulations!



Pictured above (l to r): MMS winners of the local Patriot's Pen writing contest were (back row): VFW Reps. Larry Gorski, Jim Morris, Nancy Reuter (7th Grade ELA), Lily Hrebik (9th), Boe Berndt (10th), Dana Kamke (7th Grade ELA), VFW Reps. Jack Ganser, David Folz, (middle row): Samantha Sann (4th), Breanna Blank (5th), Logan Hauke (6th), Emma Peterson (7th), Lily Heldt (8th), (front row): Haileigh Kroeplin (1st), Rachel Ruthe (2nd), and Hannah Baars (3rd).



Pictured above (l to r): MHS winners of the local Voice of Democracy writing contest were (back row): VFW Reps. Larry Gorski, Jim Morris, David Folz, Miranda Shnowske (4th), Logan Neufeld (5th), Rep. Jack Ganser, Ann Kedrowski (HS English), (front row): Vanessa Northcott (1st), Eli Sackmann (2nd), and Cailyn Bauer (3rd).

Developmental Screening

The Mosinee School District is hosting "The Other Check-up" a free developmental screening on Friday, March 1, 2024 from 7:00am-12:00pm at Mosinee Elementary School, 600 12th Street. The event gives parents an opportunity to have their children, ages two years/nine months to five years, complete a screening of all areas of their development. Children will be asked to complete a variety of activities in the areas of motor skills, verbal skills, and cognitive/readiness skills. Parents need not have concerns to schedule a screening. District residents may schedule an appointment by calling Becky at 715-693-3660, ext. 2140.

Tax Levy and Rate

The Mosinee School District 2023-24 Budget includes State Aid of \$14,612,638 and a total tax levy of \$9,521,648. The levy is distributed to the nine (9) taxation districts within the Mosinee School District. The levy is distributed based on the property valuation of each taxation district as a percentage of the entire equalized property value of the District of \$1,609,054,203. Dividing the total levy by the equalized property values* results in a levy rate of \$5.91. A levy rate of \$5.91 would result in a tax of \$591 per \$100,000 of property. See chart below for the value of each taxation district.

Value of Municipalities and Percentage of District

Taxation District	Equalized Value 2022	2022 Value as a % of District	Equalized Value 2023	2023 Value as a % of District	Levy Amount 2023-24
C. Mosinee	387,335,300	27.29	466,911,600	29.02	\$2,762,970
T. Bergen	92,442,300	6.51	109,609,100	6.81	\$648,617
T. Emmet	45,968,280	3.24	48,499,249	3.02	\$286,996
T. Green Valley	56,574,924	3.98	69,923,437	4.35	\$413,775
T. Guenther	44,758,400	3.15	49,672,500	3.09	\$293,939
T. Knowlton	320,275,000	22.56	358,676,200	22.29	\$2,122,482
T. Mosinee	232,518,823	16.38	235,310,696	14.62	\$1,392,461
T. Reid	43,811,504	3.087	47,224,549	2.94	\$279,453
V. Kronenwetter	195,465,580	13.77	223,226,872	13.86	\$1,320,955

The tax levied by the District is then reduced on each tax bill by the school levy tax credit received by the taxation district from the State. In 2022-23 the taxation districts in the Mosinee School District received \$1,837,092 to offset the tax levy. The School Levy Tax credits were increased for 2023-24. It is estimated that Mosinee taxation districts will receive \$2,217,647 to offset the 2023-24 School District levy.

Six-year Levy History

Year	Levy in \$	Levy Rate
2018-19	\$10,422,803	9.41
2019-20	\$10,058,330	8.67
2020-21	\$10,624,019	8.67
2021-22	\$10,556,684	8.10
2022-23	\$8,984,042	6.33
2023-24	\$9,521,648	5.91

* Total equalized property values exclude any increase in the Tax Incremental Districts until they are closed.

Additional information regarding school levy tax credits can be found on the State of Wisconsin Department of Revenue website: revenue.wi.gov and searching "school levy tax credit."

MHS Concert Choir Performs with UWSP Choirs

On December 7th, the Mosinee Concert Choir had the opportunity to sing with the **University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point's Concert Choir and Union Choir**. Mosinee opened the concert with three pieces and finished the concert singing a piece alongside UWSP's choirs. On December 8th, NewsChannel 7 came in and recorded the Concert Choir performing the piece "Jul jul strålande jul." This recording aired during the holiday season on WSAW/CBS, WZAW/FOX and WYOW.

Pictured right: The Mosinee Concert Choir sings alongside UWSP's Concert Choir and Union Choir.



“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 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.

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

Pictured above (l to r): Ella Johnstone, Emerson Xiong, Alexis Klockziem, Easton Fochs, Jaxson Phillips-Shoemake and Zanden Canales hold up some of the food 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 \$1,109.99. The collection took place in collaboration with the 2nd grade holiday concert, “Sing in the Holidays,” directed by **Mrs. Amber Theiss**. At



the concert on Friday, December 15th, the audience donated an additional \$293.33. Their generosity brought the grand total of the donation to \$1,403.32! Thank you to all who donated this holiday season!

Pictured above (l to r): MES second graders Cove Meddaugh, Lucy Wanish, and Layla Zastrow present their donation to the Community Center for Hope during the concert.

Feeding Our Future Donations

Thank you to everyone who recently donated to Feeding Our Future, Mosinee’s school food pantry. Your generosity is appreciated!

The pantry received monetary donations from the **Eau Pleine Riders Snowmobile Club** and **Lake DuBay Lions Club**, as well as from a number of community members.

During the holidays, **Mrs. Toni Bagby**, a 5th grade teacher, held a candy cane sale in the MMS school store and raised \$305.

Peyton’s Promise recruited MHS students involved in NHS and FCCLA to collect food at Piggly Wiggly in Mosinee.

The Women’s Community donated boxes of food to the pantry.

Brightside Nutrition donated the food collected from community members who participated in the Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning.



Pictured above top left: Mrs. Bagby with helpers Delaney Liebzeit (left) and Ireland Sullivan (right) sell candy canes in the school store to raise money for Feeding Our Future.

Pictured above top right: (front): Brena Dulak, (back l to r): Sierra Jonas, Dustin Brooks, Isabelle Olson, and Madelyn Wayerski with the food they collected at Piggly Wiggly.

Pictured above bottom left (l to r): Feeding Our Future Co-director Dana Kamke and Lisa Brooks from The Women’s Community carry in the food donation.

Pictured above bottom right (l to r): Dana Kamke accepts the food donation from Nicole Kukuczka and Dana Betz from Brightside Nutrition.

Small Business Saturday

MMS 8th grade students helped to support our small businesses by visiting local establishments for lunch. They enjoyed meals from **Gorski’s**, **Mosinee Cafe**, and **Casa Mezcal** while participating in Small Business Saturday – on a Tuesday!

Pictured right: Students had a great experience at Casa Mezcal.



Students Show Support For Heart Transplant Recipient

Mosinee's students and school clubs have rallied around sophomore **Nathaniel Handley**, who received a heart transplant in December. Several fundraisers have been organized to help with medical expenses and to show support for Nathaniel during his ongoing recovery.

The Mosinee High School **National Honor Society (NHS)** led a clothing fundraiser, selling "Handley" t-shirts and sweatshirts. Nathaniel played basketball for Mosinee, and everyone was encouraged to wear their shirt to the boys basketball game on January 19th to show their support.

In the middle school, seventh graders **Kenley Heckel, Lily Heldt, Gracie Sanford, Katelyn Walkowski, Adriana De León, Breanna Blank, Keira Koskey, Alexandria Cabe, and Ellie Dykhuis**, with help from MHS junior **Cassidy McMeeken**, ran winter carnival games for 4th and 5th graders at the **Stocking Hop For A Cause** on December 22, raising \$900.

In March, **Mosinee Soccer** is hosting **Kicking for a Cause**. The indoor soccer league is for students in grades 5 through 8 and all proceeds will go to the Handley family. Registration is \$20 per participant. For more information or to register, visit www.mosineesoccer.com.

Thank you to everyone who helped lift the spirits of Nathaniel and his family, showing them that Mosinee stands by their side.

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 will open 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.

Mosinee Board of Education Notes

At the January 15, 2024 regular Board of Education meeting, the Board approved the following:

- minutes from the regular Board of Education meeting on December 19, 2023 and special Board of Education meeting on January 8, 2024
- donations from Mullins Whey and Greenheck CVI Facility 8
- safety plans
- open enrollment resolution
- December's monthly voucher list and treasurer's report, acceptance of audit reports and services contract, and technology purchases
- acceptance of Head Girls Track Coach resignation, increase in summer school teacher wages, paid student intern position in business office, and retirement early notice incentive
- advisory committee for human growth and development curriculum

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the District Educational Service Center. The public is invited to attend.

Breakfast Available at Mosinee Schools

Studies show that students who eat breakfast are more likely to reach higher levels of achievement, have better concentration and memory, be more alert, and maintain a healthy weight. Breakfast is served daily in the cafeteria at each building from 7:30 am until school begins for \$1.35. Menus can be found at: mosineeschools.nutrislice.com.

Care Solace

The Mosinee School District has partnered with **Care Solace**, a service that quickly and confidentially connects individuals to available mental health and substance use providers. The service offers multilingual support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, regardless of insurance coverage. There is also a self-serve website to find providers and services on your own. Care Solace is provided to Mosinee students, staff, families and community members at no cost.

Call: 888-515-0595 or visit: caresolace.com/mosinee

Please note: Care Solace is not an emergency response service or mental health service provider. In the event of a life threatening emergency, call 9-1-1 or the National Suicide Hotline 9-8-8.

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 Stephanie Durrant, Director of Human Resources, Mosinee School District, 146001 State Highway 153, Mosinee, WI 54455 at 715-693-2530.

February Calendar of Events

February 23 **NO SCHOOL** - District Inservice

MOSINEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

20 & 22 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00pm-8:00pm

MOSINEE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 1 8th Gr. GBB A - Tomahawk (H - Creske Gym) 5:00pm
- 6 7th Gr. GBB B - Wisconsin Rapids (A) 4:00pm
- 8th Gr. GBB B - Wisconsin Rapids (A) 4:00pm
- 7th Gr. GBB A - Wisconsin Rapids (A) 5:00pm
- 8th Gr. GBB A - Wisconsin Rapids (A) 5:00pm
- 8 7th Gr. GBB A - Antigo (A) 4:00pm
- 8th Gr. GBB A - Antigo (A) 5:00pm
- 13 8th Gr. GBB A - Tomahawk (A) 4:00pm
- 15 7th Gr. GBB B - D.C. Everest (A) 4:00pm
- 7th Gr. GBB A - D.C. Everest (A) 5:00pm
- 8th Gr. GBB A - D.C. Everest (A) 5:00pm
- 20 7th Gr. GBB B - James Williams (H - MES Gym) 4:00pm
- 8th Gr. GBB B - James Williams (H - Creske Gym) 4:00pm
- 7th Gr. GBB A - James Williams (H - MES Gym) 5:00pm
- 8th Gr. GBB A - James Williams (H - Creske Gym) 5:00pm
- 22 5th Gr. Musical - Creske Auditorium 2:00pm
- 24 District Solo & Ensemble - Wausau East HS 8:00am-3:00pm
- 27 7th Gr. GBB B - Ben Franklin (H - MES Gym) 4:00pm
- 8th Gr. GBB B - Ben Franklin (H - Creske Gym) 4:00pm
- 7th Gr. GBB A - Ben Franklin (H - MES Gym) 5:00pm
- 8th Gr. GBB A - Ben Franklin (H - Creske Gym) 5:00pm
- 29 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) 5:00pm
- 8th Gr. GBB A - Wis. Rapids (H - Creske Gym) 5:00pm

MOSINEE HIGH SCHOOL

- 1 Boys Hockey - Ashwaubenon (H) 7:00pm
- 2 BBB - Antigo (H) 7:15pm
- GBB - Antigo (A) 7:15pm
- 3 Gymnastics - Invitational (A - Marshfield) 10:00am
- Wrestling - GNC Meet (A - Antigo) 10:00am
- Girls Hockey - Superior (A) 2:00pm
- 5 Course Registration Night
- GBB - Lakeland (A) 7:15pm
- 6 Gymnastics - Rhinelander (A) 5:45pm
- Boys Hockey - GNC Meet (A - Medford) 7:00pm
- BBB - Northland Pines (A) 7:15pm
- GBB - Northland Pines (H) 7:15pm
- 8 Gymnastics - Ashland (A) 5:45pm
- Girls Hockey - Chippewa Falls (Greenheck Fieldhouse) 7:00pm
- 9 BBB - Tomahawk (H) 7:15pm
- GBB - Tomahawk (A) 7:15pm
- 10 Boys Hockey - GNC Meet (H) 1:00pm
- Girls Hockey - Cedarburg (Greenheck Fieldhouse) 2:00pm
- 13 BBB - Xavier (H) 7:15pm
- 16 BBB - Rhinelander (H) 7:15pm
- GBB - Rhinelander (A) 7:15pm
- 17 Gymnastics - GNC Meet (A - Rhinelander) 10:00am
- 19 BBB - Brillion (H) 7:15pm
- 22 BBB - Lakeland (A) 7:15pm
- 24 District Solo & Ensemble - Wausau East HS 8:00am-3:00pm

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.
Open Knitting Night	2-1	Thur	6:00-8:00	1	Creske Library
Valentine Charcuterie Board	2-8	Thur	6:00-8:00	1	MHS 404
Leather Earrings	2-12	Mon	5:00-7:00	1	Creske Library
Acrylic Painting - Spring Theme	2-20	Tues	5:00-7:00	1	MHS Cafeteria
iPhone Basics	2-21	Wed	6:00-8:00	1	Creske Library
Vegetable Gardening Series	2-22	Thur	6:00-7:30	3	Creske Library
Beginners Basket Coiling	2-27	Tues	6:00-8:00	1	Creske Library

MHS Students Sew Projects for Donation

Design Principles students at MHS applied their new sewing skills to make useful items that could be paid forward to their community. They learned how to install a zipper by creating a toiletry bag that they filled with travel size hygiene items. These bags were donated to **The Women's Community** in Wausau.

MHS alumni Hannah Ellis and Caitlyn Lassa, Aspirus Neonatal Intensive Care Unit nurses, contacted their former sewing instructor, **Mrs. Susan Swinick**, to request mattress covers for their tiny patients. Mrs. Swinick's students were happy to create beautiful pillow cases for donation to the **Aspirus NICU** in Wausau.

Pictured right top: Design Principles students with the toiletry bags they made for The Women's Community.

Pictured right bottom (l to r): Caitlyn Lassa, Mrs. Swinick, and Hannah Ellis with the pillowcases made for the Aspirus NICU patients.



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