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A LINK BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND ITS CITIZENS

Lunch on the Town Supports Small Businesses

MMS 8th grade students participated in an annual Lunch on the Town event in November. Students were able to show appreciation for Mosinee's local small businesses through their patronage. This year, students visited **Lin's Garden**, **Mosinee Cafe**, and **Casa Mezcal**.



Pictured above: MMS 8th graders enjoy lunch at Casa Mezcal in Downtown Mosinee.



Parent-Teacher Conferences

Middle School

February 20 • 4:00pm - 7:30pm

Elementary School

February 18 • 4:00pm - 7:30pm

February 20 • 4:00pm - 7:30pm

Budgeting Begins for 2025-2026; Building Project Moves to Next Phase in Design Process



Greg Doverspike
Superintendent of Schools

Dear Mosinee School District Residents,

I hope everyone is staying safe and warm this winter. I am sure that many of you are like me and looking forward to the sounds of spring and temperatures above freezing.

As with any winter, this time of year is very busy. The school buildings are bustling with the typical sounds of learning, events showcasing our students' abilities, and state testing. I know the students truly appreciate seeing the stands full when they are competing, regardless of the sport or event.

As we turn the page to January, the district begins the process of budgeting for the 2025-2026 school year. We remain committed to being responsible stewards of taxpayers' dollars. Our goal is to present a balanced budget at the Annual Meeting next school year. The journey to achieving this is long and often involves many difficult decisions. The primary focus in these decisions is always on what is best for the students of the Mosinee School District.

While we are building the budget for next year, we are also waiting to see how the biennial state budget progresses in the coming months. We will be diligent in monitoring the process and are eagerly anticipating the final budget this summer.

In addition, we are actively working on the building project. We have completed the first stage of design and are excited to move into the next phase, where we will better define the spaces we are remodeling or adding. The final phase of the design process will involve creating the construction documents, which will be used by vendors to bid on various aspects of the project. We are thrilled to see the design and vision take shape and look forward to the first shovels breaking ground, with the project expected to develop over the next 18 to 20 months.

We are fortunate to have an excellent team of engineers working with us to ensure fiscal responsibility, preparing the district for many years to come, and delivering a building we can all be proud of. I am confident we will meet our promises. We will continue to provide updates in the coming months, so please watch for information about a groundbreaking ceremony.

As always, if you have any questions about the building project or anything else, please feel free to contact me or any of the other administrators.

Bench Donated in Honor of 6th Grade Student



The Mosinee community recently came together to honor the memory of **Ireland Ehrfurth**, a sixth grade student who brought joy and happiness to everyone around her. A bench was donated by an anonymous family in the community, and now sits outside of the Creske Center entrance — a place where Ireland enjoyed meeting her classmates each day. A special plaque was designed and placed on the bench by MHS Mosinee Manufacturing Club.

In addition to the bench, Mosinee Middle School has created a new character award in Ireland's honor. This award will be given to an eighth grade student at the end of the year who, like Ireland, displays the character traits Mosinee Middle School strives for in each student.

Pictured above: Community members, school staff, and Ireland's family gather at the Creske Center entrance for the bench dedication ceremony.

Kevilus Receives Aspirus Sunflower Award

A Mosinee Youth Apprenticeship student recently earned **The Sunflower Award**, an award that patients can give to any certified nursing assistant (CNA) they feel is doing a great job supporting their needs, no matter how big or small. The award represents the CNA's hard work and dedication to the job proving that all the hours they put into their patients are being honored and appreciated.



Patients nominate the recipient and write why the CNA is deserving of the award. Congratulations to **Mackenzie Kevilus**, CNA at Aspirus Wausau Hospital, for receiving this honor.

Pictured above: Mackenzie Kevilus proudly displays The Sunflower Award certificate she received for her outstanding work as a CNA at Aspirus Wausau Hospital.

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 Voice in America's Democracy" with **Nicholas Wolf** winning first place. "Is America Today Our Forefathers' Vision?" 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 **Nicole Rust** 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. Jack Ganser and Debra Syring, Breeona Imhoff (13th), Maxwell Diaz (12th), Ronni Stankowski (11th), Bennett Engstrom (10th), Emma Laurila (9th), Julia Baars (8th), Aylssa Shirek (7th), VFW Reps. Larry Gorski and Ben Stahlecker, (middle row): Kory Wokatsch (7th Grade Social Studies), Kayla Osterbrink-Cisler (7th Grade ELA Substitute), Elena Jacobs (3rd), Arianna Wurz (4th), Sophia Weisner (5th), Abigail Lindsey (6th), Dana Kamke (7th Grade ELA), (front row): Nicholas Wolf (1st), and Kyleigh Golden (2nd).



Pictured above (l to r): MHS winners of the local Voice of Democracy writing contest were VFW Rep. Jack Ganser, Nicole Rust (1st), Alana Lund (2nd), Colton Van Ert (4th), Nathaniel Kohnert (5th), VFW Rep. Larry Gorski, and Ann Kedrowski (HS English). Not Pictured: Brylee Schwartz (3rd)

FCCLA's Motique Receives United Way Grant

FCCLA Adviser **Susan Swinick** wrote a \$500 grant to the **United Way of Marathon County** requesting help supplying Motique, the high school's free "store," with hygiene products and more male clothing. The United Way Emerging Leaders committee carefully reviewed 14 high school grant applications for 2024 and they selected Mosinee FCCLA as a recipient. Motique continues to be supplied by grants, donations, and the hard work of the many FCCLA members who volunteer to keep it organized and stocked. Thank you to everyone who helps make Motique possible!

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 Adviser Susan Swinick and President Jena Bartnik deliver the gifts to The Women's Community.



Mosinee Elementary Students Learn the Value of Serving and Contributing

In December, Mosinee Elementary School counselors lead a lesson on **Serving and Contributing**, which is an important theme from the district's Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum. MES students put the lesson into action and worked together to paint and decorate wooden snowflakes and make cards. These homemade gifts were then given to local businesses, school substitutes and volunteers, bus drivers, school board members, and other individuals who make a positive impact in Mosinee's school community.



Pictured above left: Mrs. Alyssa Garlie (left) delivering the gift to Dana at Brightside Nutrition.

Pictured above right: Mrs. Alyssa Garlie (left) and Mrs. Kelsey Rennie (right) delivering the gift to Jeff and Pam at Charlie's Hardware.

"Mosinee Miracle Christmas Tree"



Throughout the month of December, elementary students brought in non-perishable food items for the "Mosinee Miracle Christmas Tree." The donations were given to **Feeding Our Future**, the organization in the elementary school that sends food home with students in need on the weekends.

Pictured above (l to r): Piper Wirkus, Owen Ver Velde, Colton Nichols, Payton Wimpe, Emmi Wojcik and Aunalise Espinoza hold up some of the food items that were collected under the Christmas tree.

"Changing the Future"

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 \$796.21. The collection took place in collaboration with the 2nd grade holiday concert, "Super Celebration," directed by **Mrs. Amber Theiss**. The 2nd grade presented their donation to the Community Center for Hope at the concert.



Pictured above (l to r): MES second graders Raina Perkins, Alaina Kramer, Cora Stankowski, Kaylyn Nest, Easton Lee and Kade Hladovcak present their donation to the Community Center for Hope during the concert.

Youth Philanthropy Leadership Program

The **Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin** offers area high school students the opportunity to learn the art of giving through their **Youth Philanthropy Leadership Program**. The program is a “two-year education and leadership program designed to teach the art, science, and business of community nonprofit work” (Community Foundation). The program runs September through May and students participate their junior and senior years. Each month, students are guided by mentors from the community who are active in nonprofits, civic affairs, and other leadership roles. The mentors help them develop the necessary skills to be effective advocates for the needs of the community. As juniors, the students focus on grant giving while the senior cohort works on fundraising to support those grants. A capstone event is held at the end of each year.

This year, Mosinee High School has four students participating in the program: **Jena Bartnik, Dustin Brooks, Ruby Sliwicki, and Colton Van Ert**. Their involvement in the program has made a lasting impact on each of them.

One junior in the program shared, “We get the opportunity to learn about real-life problems and then research and actually help the root of the problem, not just scratch the surface... For example, our group gets \$20,000 to donate to appropriate nonprofits in our area. We have to research, do site visits, and decide where the money will best be used.”

And a senior in the program has shared that she has found her future through the program; she is pursuing Philanthropic Leadership in college next year. Great Mosinee students doing amazing things! Congrats!



Pictured above (l to r): The Mosinee High School students participating in the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin's Youth Philanthropy program are Colton Van Ert, Ruby Sliwicki, Jena Bartnik and Dustin Brooks.

District Receives Generous Donations in Recent Months

Over the past few months, a number of community organizations and businesses have made generous donations to the Mosinee School District.

The **Mosinee Youth Football Organization** donated a new football scoreboard to the district. This donation included not only the scoreboard itself but also the installation of the new scoreboard and the removal of the old one. We deeply appreciate this significant contribution.

The **Mosinee PTO** provided its annual donation, which is funded through a fall fundraiser. Each school is incredibly grateful for this support, and the funds are used in various ways to directly benefit the students in their buildings.

The MHS metals department received an extremely generous donation from **Ahlstrom**. The donation included a variety of tools, a new tool cabinet, and several other items to meet classroom needs, ensuring that more students have access to the tools they need. Employees from Ahlstrom also spoke with the students about career opportunities available at the paper mill.

The MHS metals department also received a donation of materials from **Crystal Finishing**. This contribution will keep the department well-stocked for an extended period and provide students with a variety of metals in different sizes and types to work with as they refine their skills.

The district received a monetary donation from the **International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers**. Each building received a check that can be used to benefit students or to support those in need. This donation will make a meaningful difference in each building.

The district is incredibly grateful for the outpouring of support from the community. The generosity of Mosinee's residents, organizations, and businesses is truly extraordinary and not something found in every community. On behalf of the district, thank you for everything you do to support the students of Mosinee.

MHS Band Performs at WCBA Annual Convention



On Saturday, January 18th, the Mosinee High School Band was given the opportunity to perform in the beautiful Young Auditorium on the campus of the University of Wisconsin - Whitewater as part of the **Wisconsin Concert Band Association (WCBA) Annual Convention**. The band earned this honor this past summer by submitting recordings of performances from last school year to a panel of current and retired band directors. Based on the recordings submitted, the band was chosen as one of just four bands in the state to perform at the convention. The 45-minute performance was a showcase of all the hard work the band has done during the first half of the school year.

Pictured above: Members of the 2024-2025 Mosinee High School Symphonic Band, conducted by Tyler Schuster along with guest conductor Karina Verdette.

Leader in Me Monthly Minute

The Mosinee Middle School hosted a Children's Hygiene Drive in December. Each TA/homeroom collected shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, body wash, soap, combs, brushes, and lip balm. The Mosinee Middle School Student Senate and Student Lighthouse team members packaged the items into Children's Hygiene Kits which were then donated to the **United Way of Marathon County** for distribution to those in need within the county. A total of 1,579 items were collected, totaling 223 Children's Hygiene Kits. Participation in the Children's Hygiene Drive was a way for students to recognize the needs of others and generously give back to the community. Through *Leader in Me* lessons, students continue to strengthen their leadership and life skills in the school and community.

Pictured above (l to r): Logan Hauke, Noah Cherek, and Ezmei Cronk pack hygiene kits for the United Way of Marathon County.



Open Enrollment Dates February 3 - April 30, 2025

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) has announced the dates for public school Open Enrollment for the 2025-26 school year. Children in 4K to grade 12 may apply to attend a nonresident school district under the open enrollment program. However, a child may transfer to a nonresident school district for early childhood education or 4K only if the child's resident school district offers the same type of program and only if the child is eligible for that program in the resident school district. The regular open enrollment application period for the 2025-26 school year begins on **February 3, 2025, and ends at 4:00pm on April 30, 2025. Late applications will not be accepted.** Parents may apply online at: <https://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment>. For more information: Toll-free: 888-245-2732; Email: openenrollment@dpi.wi.gov. You may also call Carrie Kunding at the Mosinee School District with questions: 715-693-2530.

4K Registration for the 2025-26 School Year

The enrollment process for the 2025-26 school year will soon be open for students entering 4K. Children who turn four on or before September 1, 2025 are eligible to register.

To learn more about the 4K program and complete the registration process, visit the Mosinee School District 4K webpage at <https://www.mosineeschools.org/schools/4yok/>. The page offers a program overview and detailed step-by-step instructions for registration.

If interested in the 4K program, please follow these steps:

1. Register your child in Mosinee's Skyward Family Access portal.
2. Complete open enrollment and transportation forms as needed.
3. Share your 4K site needs starting at noon on February 5, 2025.

If you have questions or need assistance, please call the elementary school at 715-693-2810.

Mosinee Board of Education Notes

At the January 20, 2025 regular Board of Education meeting, the Board approved the following:

- minutes from the regular Board of Education meeting on December 17, 2024
- extended field trips
- resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$15,000,000 general obligation promissory notes
- 4K from half-days to full-days
- December's monthly voucher list and treasurer's report
- coaches hired, district reading specialist job description, and Act 20 updates

The Board received presentations/updates from:

- Elementary staff on the exciting activities that the students are able to craft in new MES FabLab

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 6:00 pm at the District Educational Service Center. The public is invited to attend.


Community Pool Info Available Online

For information on water exercise classes, swim lessons, course offerings, birthday parties and events, and the latest pool schedule visit:

www.mosineeschools.org

and select **Community Pool** on the home page.

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 Mosinee Community Pool & Programs

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 Greg Doverspike, Superintendent of Schools, Mosinee School District, 146001 State Highway 153, Mosinee, WI 54455 at 715-693-2530.

February Calendar of Events

February 14 **NO SCHOOL** - District Inservice

MOSINEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 7 1st Grade Concert - Creske Auditorium 1:30pm
18 & 20 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00pm-7:30pm

MOSINEE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 13 5th Gr. Concert - Creske Auditorium 2:00pm
20 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00pm-7:30pm

MOSINEE HIGH SCHOOL

- 1 Girls Wrestling - Invitational (A - Marshfield) 9:30am
Gymnastics - Invitational (A - Antigo) 10:00am
GBB - Wausau West (H) 1:00pm
Girls Hockey - Middleton (A) TBD
3 Course Registration Night 4:00pm-7:30pm
4 BBB - D.C. Everest (A) 7:15pm
Boys Hockey - GNC Meet (TBD) 7:00pm
7 BBB - Antigo (A) 7:15pm
GBB - Antigo (H) 7:15pm
8 Gymnastics - Invitational (A - Marshfield) 10:00am
Boys Wrestling - GNC Meet (A - Lakeland) 10:00am
Girls Hockey - Superior (Greenheck Fieldhouse) 2:00pm
11 BBB - Northland Pines (H) 7:15pm
Boys Hockey - GNC Meet (TBD) 7:00pm
GBB - Northland Pines (A) 7:15pm
Gymnastics - Rhinelander (H) 5:45pm
14 Girls Wrestling - Regionals (A - Wautoma) 3:30pm
BBB - Tomahawk (A) 7:15pm
GBB - Tomahawk (H) 7:15pm
15 Boys Wrestling - Regionals (A - Hayward) 10:00am
Boys Hockey - GNC Meet (A - Rhinelander) 1:00pm
Boys Hockey - GNC Meet (A - Rhinelander) 4:00pm
Girls Hockey - West De Pere (A) 7:30pm
17 GBB - Rice Lake (H) 6:00pm
18 GBB - D.C. Everest (A) 7:15pm
Boys Wrestling - Sectionals (TBD) TBD
Girls Hockey - Regionals (TBD) TBD
20 or 21 Girls Hockey - Regionals (TBD) TBD
21 Girls Wrestling - Sectionals (Eau Claire North) 5:00pm
BBB - Rhinelander (A) 7:15pm
GBB - Rhinelander (H) 7:15pm
22 Boys Wrestling - Sectionals (A - Amery) 10:00am
Gymnastics - GNC Meet (A - Stevens Point) 10:00am
25 GBB - Regionals (TBD) TBD
Girls Hockey - Sectionals (TBD) TBD
27 BBB - Lakeland (H) 7:15pm
Gymnastics - Sectionals TBD
Boys & Girls Wrestling - Individual State (TBD) TBD
28 GBB - Regionals (TBD) TBD
Girls Hockey - Sectionals (TBD) TBD
Gymnastics - Sectionals TBD
Boy & Girls Wrestling - Individual State (TBD) TBD

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.
Zumba	2-1	Sat	9-10am	1	MHS Cafeteria
Beginners Yoga	2-3	Mon	5:30-6:30	3	Yoga Room
Beginners Yoga	2-5	Wed	7:00-8:00	3	Yoga Room
Beginners Basket Coiling	2-6	Thur	6:00-8:00	1	Creske Library
Valentine Dessert Experience	2-6	Thur	6:00-8:00	1	MHS Room 404
Acrylic Painting - <i>Valentine's Day</i>	2-11	Tues	5:30-7:30	1	MHS Cafeteria
Basket Coiling II	2-13	Thur	6:00-8:00	1	Creske Library
Zumba	2-15	Sat	9-10am	1	MHS Cafeteria
Beginners Crochet	2-18	Tues	6:00-8:00	1	Creske Library
DIY Doormat	2-20	Thur	6:00-9:00	1	MHS Cafeteria
Strength Training for 50+	2-25	Tues	3:30-4:30	6	MSD Fitness Ctr.
Mindset Mastery	2-26	Wed	6:00-8:00	1	Creske Library
Strength Training for 50+	2-27	Thur	3:30-4:30	6	MSD Fitness Ctr.

A Day with the Milwaukee Bucks

Mosinee FCCLA members attended the **Milwaukee Bucks Day with FCCLA** on Wednesday, December 4th at the Fiserv Forum. Students learned about career opportunities within the Bucks organization and toured the Fiserv Forum. They also had the opportunity to explore the Public Market before returning to watch the Milwaukee Bucks take on the Atlanta Hawks.

Pictured right: FCCLA members outside the Fiserv Forum.



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