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A LINK BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND ITS CITIZENS

MHS Culinary Students Learn from Japanese Chef

Chef John Sugimura, a Japanese-American, professionally trained, second-generation chef, visited all of the MHS culinary classes on Tuesday, February 8th. He made gyozas and introduced the students to traditions from Japan as well as the history of the Japanese Americans after WWII broke out. Chef Sugimura's Learning Objectives and Goals are the cooking principles: harmony, respect, purity, and tranquility; to promote the true spirit of traditional cooking, to educate proper techniques, and to share the



integrity of roots-cooking. Chef taught the students how to honor roots cooking from the streets by celebrating and guarding the values of often-overlooked nuances and practices of traditional Japanese cuisine. The results were delicious, and the students learned some amazing skills!

In addition to cooking in the classroom, Chef Sugimura prepared a special menu featuring yakitori and yakisoba which was served as a hot lunch option to all elementary, middle, and high school students.

Pictured above (l to r): Chef Sugimura teaches Nathan Saari to make gyozas for the class to sample.

Middle School New Commons/Cafeteria Opening Soon



David Muñoz
Superintendent of Schools

The Mosinee Middle School New Commons/Cafeteria is in the final days of completion of Phase 1 of this three phase project with a targeted opening of early March. The HVAC units providing heating and cooling arrived, albeit a bit late, and are set in place awaiting final state approval. All other items needed for full completion of Phase 1 are on-site. Thank you to the many hands and great patience from so many members of the community. This new facility will replace an out-of-date, undersized facility with the added benefit of being directly connected to the Creske Center Gym with new bathrooms between both facilities. The new middle school kitchen was

built with the ability to sustain all of our district food service needs, including having an extra large cold storage facility in the case of an emergency. The safety concerns have been solved by moving the outside garbage location away from student play areas which was an ongoing concern. Additional parking has been added around the new facility and permanent fencing will enclose the site as soon as the ground allows. The final coat of asphalt will be added with striping once the temperature allows. While we're excited to be ending Phase 1 of the project, we will immediately be moving into Phase 2 which is rebuilding the old cafeteria space to support our special education students and pupil services staff. Phase 2 is a remodeling project but just as important to make sure we are building the infrastructure to support these critical areas. Phase 2 should be completed sometime in late May or early June. Phase 3 will immediately follow during the summer where multiple classrooms will be rebuilt or repurposed for 8th grade teachers and music staff. Mr. Steve Kaiser, who is in charge of school district building and grounds reported, "With the Middle School Café project civil site work now formed, we are working with Wisconsin Public Service to add additional lighting that will enhance the safety of our parking lots and perimeter of our facility. These fixtures are owned and serviced by WPS along with the engineering of the lighting system that ensures we are code compliant."



Pictured above: The final stages of project completion from inside the Middle School New Commons/Cafeteria.

Elementary School Adopts New PBIS Character



The Mosinee Elementary PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention System) team wanted to better align the current reward systems (Compliment Critter, Top Banana, Golden Tickets, etc.) with the soon-to-come Leader in Me program. In November, MES students had the opportunity to vote for the PBIS character. There were three animals to choose from – a bear, a porcupine, or a bobcat. After the votes were tallied, the elementary school was proud to announce that the bobcat was the winner. Students then voted to choose the bobcat's name. **Bobby the Bobcat** was introduced to students at their PBIS assemblies on January 31st.

Pictured above: Bobby the Bobcat greets students after a PBIS assembly.

MES 100th Day Celebration



In mid-February, Mosinee Elementary School joined schools around the country to celebrate the 100th day of school. Mosinee students celebrated by dressing up as 100 years old, using an aging software program to modify their picture to see how they might look at 100 years old, writing about what they would do with 100 dollars, doing 100 different exercises, making 100 Valentine cards, bringing in shared collections of 100 things, and making a 100th day of school crown. The students were so excited to reach the 100 day mark!

Pictured above: Mrs. Bolanda's 2nd graders celebrate the 100th day of school by making 100 day crowns.

MHS Teachers Attend Marine Corps Educator's Workshop

Three Mosinee High School teachers were selected to attend the **Marine Corps Educator's Workshop** in San Diego, CA, from February 6-10, 2023. The week was filled with life-changing experiences and copious amounts of information concerning what our students would potentially experience from boot camp to a full-time career in the Marines. **Kristie Heckendorf-Paul, Anna Kaiser, and Natasha Underwood** were able to see first-hand what the drill instructors are like from the moment recruits get off the bus at the Depot in San Diego, to the difficult Combat Fitness Test. Underwood, Paul, and Kaiser, along with 45 other educators from the Midwest, had lunch with the Marine Corps Band, listened to a Behavioral Health speaker and an NROTC speech, along with a Staff Non-Commissioned Officer Panel, watched a Marine Corps Martial Arts and Police K-9 demonstration, and toured the Marine Corps Museum and Gift Shop – all on the **FIRST DAY!** Other highlights of this educational experience included visiting Camp Pendleton, where they received gun safety training in marksmanship and were taught how to shoot AR-15s. Educators were honored to attend the Warrior's Breakfast with young recruits who had just completed the Crucible. This is where recruits endure 54 hours of the most challenging training in boot camp. In the two-and-a-half-day span, recruits are limited to only three MREs (Meal, Ready-To-Eat), hike over 30 miles, and get only about four hours of sleep. At the end of the Crucible, recruits must hike up a mountain known as the Reaper. When recruits come over the crest of the Reaper around sunrise, they are handed the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor pin that Marines proudly wear on their uniform, and earn the title of Marine. Educators then participated in what is known as the 12 Stables. Here, they used the resources provided to complete various challenges as a team.

Educators also toured Marine Corps Air Station Miramar where they were shown several types of aircraft and weapons used by the Marines. They traveled back to the Marine Corps Depot and tried their hand at the 60-foot rappel tower. The highlight of this once-in-a-lifetime experience was surely the graduation ceremony of the newest round of young Marines. From the Marine band and the drill instructors to speeches from high-ranking Marines and even Lance Cpl. Manny – the Marine's official bulldog mascot – this ceremony was a moving example of the pride the Marines have in their long history of protecting and serving the US. Our MHS educators who attended look forward to answering any questions students, parents, and community members might have about a possible future in the Marines.

Pictured above top (l to r): MHS teachers Anna Kaiser and Kristie Heckendorf-Paul prepare to tackle the 60-foot tall rappel tower.

Pictured above bottom (l to r): MHS teachers Natasha Underwood and Kristie Heckendorf-Paul rappel down the Marine's 60-foot practice tower.



FCCLA Competes in Regional Leadership Competition



Mosinee FCCLA (Family, Community, and Career Leaders of America) members will be heading to the State competition in April after earning either a silver or gold in the Regional competition on February 13th. Students competed in a variety of programs and events. Participating in the Job Interview category, **Kylie Maliszewski** interviewed for a childcare position receiving gold, and **Charlotte Sirny** interviewed for dietary assistant receiving silver. **Megan Wengelski** received a gold in Culinary Arts where she worked with a team to complete three recipes in a given time period. **Macie Hartle** and **Katelyn Baars** won a silver award in National Programs in Action-Community Service presenting a project which led to raising funds to donate to the Portage County Humane Society. The Chapter Service Project, The Motique: a Student Resource Closet, presented by **Dustin Brooks**, **Macey Mielke**, and **Jena Bartnik** won a silver. **Kiarra Kennedy**, silver, competed in Career Investigation of an Intellectual Property Attorney, interviewing three attorneys and going to a court hearing with club advisor **Mrs. Susan Swinick**. **Eowyn Pince** also received a silver for sewing a dress for the Fashion Construction category. **Abigail Wysocki** and **Ruby Sliwicki** served as runners.

Picture above (l to r): (back row): Megan Wengelski Eowyn Pince, Ruby Sliwicki, Abigail Wysocki, Charlotte Sirny, Jena Bartnik, Macey Mielke, (front row): FCCLA Advisor Susan Swinick, Kylie Maliszewski, Macie Hartle, Katelyn Baars, Kiarra Kennedy, and Dustin Brooks at the FCCLA Regional Leadership Competition in Stevens Point.

FCCLA Hosts Drive for Portage County Humane Society

In January, FCCLA club members **Macie Hartle** and **Katelyn Baars** hosted a drive to collect supplies for the **Portage County Humane Society**. The girls received donations from fellow students, staff and the community, along with monetary support from their club. FCCLA club members also helped out by making dog toys from old T-shirts.



In February, Macie and Katelyn took the items to the humane society. The generosity of so many enabled them to donate dog and cat food, treats, toys, dog beds, pet bowls, collars, leashes, harnesses, dog outfits, towels and a stand feeder. These items will positively impact all of the animals in the shelter waiting for their forever home.

Picture above (l to r): Portage County Humane Society Executive Director Sherri Galle-Teske accepts the donation from FCCLA club member Macie Hartle.

MHS Student Resource Closet Gets Rebranded

The Mosinee High School Student Resource Closet continues to evolve, this time with a name change. FCCLA members **Jena Bartnik**, **Dustin Brooks** and **Macey Mielke** wanted to remove the stigma of the Student Resource Closet as being a place only those in need could utilize. They wanted all students to feel welcome in the space and to take any item that caught their eye, regardless of need. They decided to rebrand the resource closet to a neutral name that was more inclusive – **Motique: More Than Clothes** was born.



Along with rebranding, Jena, Dustin and Macey also spent countless hours purging clothing from the space that had been there for months. Items that were stained or in poor condition were trashed and items that were still in good condition but not a teenager's preferred style were boxed and donated to **The Women's Community** in Wausau. They also salvaged T-shirts and made dog toys that they donated to the **Humane Society of Marathon County**. The trio then organized the remaining items, giving students more visibility and accessibility to what was left.

In the future, Jena, Dustin and Macey are hopeful that Motique will move into a larger space and that further upgrades can be made. They would like to add clothing racks so items can be displayed on hangers rather than folded and stacked on shelves, making it easier for students to browse the inventory. They would also like to paint the walls and create a seating area where kids can wait while their friends shop.

Motique is currently in a side hallway in the high school and houses a variety of clothes, shoes, school supplies and hygiene products. Motique also stocks baskets of feminine hygiene products in the bathrooms, and provides snacks for teachers to give to students if they come to class hungry.

If you or your organization would like to support Motique with a monetary donation, please contact FCCLA Advisor Susan Swinick for more information. 715-693-2550, ext. 3404

Picture above: These MHS students are all wearing clothing they found in Motique.

8th Graders Perform in Wisconsin Valley State Honors Band



Eight 8th grade Mosinee Middle School band students were chosen by their instructor to attend the **8th Annual Wisconsin Valley State Honors Band**. The students began practicing the honors band music months before the event and then teamed up on the day of with other top musicians from eight area middle schools. They had a busy day of practicing as a full band and with sectional rehearsals, and concluded the day with a very successful public concert at 4:30 pm.

The event took place at John Muir Middle School in Wausau, with guest clinician **Dr. Patrick Lawrence** from UW-Stevens Point conducting the ensemble. The kids had a blast working with him and their sectional teachers!

Pictured above (l to r): Honors Band members from MMS were (back row): Evan Colden, Kaeden Ludwig, Alexander Tourdot, Madison Orlovsky, MMS Band Instructor Tessa Knetter, (front row): Hailey Schippers, Jenna Gornicke, Liana Diestelhorst, and Malik Wolfgram.

Viterbo Choirs Perform at Mosinee High School

On January 26th Mosinee choir students from the middle school and high school had an outstanding musical experience as they attended a concert in the Creske Auditorium given by the music students of **Viterbo College**. Viterbo's vocal music students and their professors stopped in Mosinee on their winter performance tour and shared choral music of many different styles. **Professor Nancy Allen** and **Associate Professor James Wilson** conducted **Viterbo's Concert Choir, 9th Street Singers** (a chamber choir) and their award winning show choirs **Diamond Edition** and **Platinum Edition**. After enjoying an outstanding performance, Mosinee students had the opportunity to talk to Viterbo students and asked questions ranging from singing in a choir to college life and everything in between. Many thanks to Viterbo Music for including Mosinee in their winter tour. Students and staff hope they are able to stop here again!



Volunteer Spotlight: Community Center of Hope

Chase Pemble, a junior at MHS, has been volunteering at the **Community Center of Hope** in Mosinee every Tuesday since he was 10. As the tallest volunteer at the food pantry on Tuesdays, Chase is often beckoned when an item is needed off of the top shelf. Recently, he was able to help with a donation of almost 500 lbs. of food made by Wausau Area Disc Golf Enthusiasts (WADGE). Chase plans to continue volunteering through his senior year.

Pictured right (l to r): Chase Pemble helps with the WADGE donation that was dropped off by former MHS teacher Señor Peter Hoover.



FCCLA Donates to No Kid Hungry

Mosinee FCCLA held a delicious Valentine's Day cookie sale in the high school cafeteria. Students and staff could purchase a cookie for \$1.50, and for an additional 50 cents, the cookies could be delivered to the recipient's seventh or eighth-hour classroom. They sold every cookie and raised \$300 which was donated to the **No Kid Hungry** initiative.

Pictured above: FCCLA members frost cookies in preparation of their Valentine's Day cookie sale.



MES "Soup-er" Bowl Challenge

The students at Mosinee Elementary celebrated the NFL Super Bowl by hosting their own "Soup-er" Bowl food drive challenge. Students donated soup and/or canned goods to the NFL team that they wanted to win. After collecting the canned goods, the Philadelphia Eagles ended up with 362 cans and the Kansas City Chiefs had 215 cans. The 577 canned goods were donated to the Mosinee Elementary School food pantry to help local families.



Pictured above (l to r): Theodore Knoedler, Alaina Kramer, Cora Stankowski, and Piper Wirkus with the food that was collected in the "Soup-er" Bowl food drive.

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/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. Busing transportation forms can also be completed at this time. **The 4K site preference form opened 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.

2023-24 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 2023-24 school year. A letter will be mailed in August to all parents/guardians of incoming five-year-olds confirming their teacher assignment and other important information for the upcoming school year.

If you know your child will not be attending Mosinee Elementary School for the 2023-24 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.

Developmental Screening

The Mosinee School District is hosting "The Other Check-up" a free developmental screening on Friday, March 31, 2023 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. 2109.

Mosinee Board of Education Notes

At the February 21, 2023 regular Board of Education meeting, the Board approved the following:

- consents agendas from Finance/Building Committee and Instructional Programs
- minutes from the regular Board of Education meeting on January 16, 2023
- monthly voucher list and treasurer's report
- 2023-2024 School Calendar
- Specialized Intervention Support
- FTE from 1st grade to 2nd grade
- Elementary STEM Specialist
- Alternative Education/Credit Recovery Specialist
- Middle School Band Valley Fair Trip

The Board received presentations/updates from:

- Middle School Student Senate
- School Perceptions on referendums
- Middle School New Commons/Cafeteria.

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 6:00 pm. The public is invited to attend.

PTO Notes

Highlights from the February PTO meeting:

- The PTO is now accepting applications for Mini Grants. Requests should be for enriching activities for students, not a classroom supply or a field trip. Applications are due March 9, 2023.
- Family Date Night was held in February and was well attended. The PTO was happy to purchase gift cards from local businesses to award as prizes for families. Thank you to all who were able to volunteer to make this event a success.

The next PTO meeting is Monday, March 13, 2023 at 6:00 pm, in the Mosinee Creske Library.

Mosinee Schools Website Undergoes Upgrade

The Mosinee School District's website has a new look! The site recently underwent an upgrade in both design and content. Users will find that it has been reorganized for easier navigation and also includes prominent announcements and easy access to popular content such as food menus, a district-wide staff directory, athletics, the community pool and Class Link. We invite you to explore the new site and see what it all has to offer.



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.

March Calendar of Events

March 20 - 24 **NO SCHOOL** - Spring Break

MOSINEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 13 PTO Meeting - Creske Library 6:00pm-6:45pm
- 17 End of 3rd Quarter - **EARLY RELEASE** 12:40pm
- 31 Developmental Screening 7:00am-12:00pm

MOSINEE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 2 Mary Poppins Jr. - Creske Auditorium 6:00pm
- 4 Mary Poppins Jr. - Creske Auditorium 1:00pm
- 9 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00pm-8:00pm
- 13 7th Gr. & HS Band Concert - Creske Auditorium... 7:00pm
- 17 End of 3rd Quarter - **EARLY RELEASE** 12:49pm

MOSINEE HIGH SCHOOL

- 2-4 Hockey - State Tournament (A - Middleton)
- 3 BBB - Regionals (TBD) 7:00pm
- 4 BBB - Regionals (TBD) 7:00pm
- 4 GBB - Sectionals (TBD) 7:00pm
- 7 Juniors ACT Test
- 9 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00pm-8:00pm
- 9 BBB - Sectionals (TBD) 7:00pm
- 9-11 GBB - State Tournament (A - Green Bay)
- 11 BBB - Sectionals (TBD) 7:00pm
- 13 7th Gr. & HS Band Concert - Creske Auditorium... 7:00pm
- 14 Girls Track - Meet (A - D.C. Everest) 4:30pm
- 16-18 BBB - State Tournament (A - Madison)
- 17 End of 3rd Quarter - **EARLY RELEASE** 12:49pm
- 17 Girls Track - Invitational (A - UWSP) 4:00pm
- 18 Boys Track - Invitational (A - UWSP) 10:00am
- 21 Boys Track - Invitational (A - Marshfield) 4:30pm
- 23 Girls Track - Invitational (A - Marshfield) 4:30pm
- 28 Boys Track - Invitational (A - TBA) 1:00pm
- Baseball - Shawano (A) 4:30pm
- Softball - Lakeland Union (H) 5:00pm
- 30 Baseball - Wautoma (H) 4:30pm

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



Parent-Teacher Conferences

**High School
& Middle School**
 Thurs, March 9 • 4pm - 8pm



Community Outreach Classes

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

CLASS	BEGINS	DAY	TIME	SESSIONS	LOC.
Ahlstrom-Munksjö Paper Mill Tour	3-9	Thur	6:00-8:30	1	Ahlstrom-Munksjö Paper Mill
Guided Senior Snowshoeing	3-11	Sat	9:30am-11:00am	1	Mead Wildlife Ctr.
Maple Syrup Tap Event	3-11	Sat	11:00am-12:30pm	1	Mosinee School Forest
English Paper Piercing	3-14	Tues	6:00-7:30	1	Creske Library
MC Solid Waste Facility Tour	3-16	Thur	11:00am-1:00pm	1	MC Solid Waste Facility
Seed Starting Indoors	3-23	Thur	6:00-7:30	1	MHS Cafeteria
Quality Wetland Habitat & Impact of Invasives	3-27	Mon	6:30-7:30	1	Mead Wildlife Ctr.
Acrylic Painting - <i>Spring has Sprung</i>	3-28	Tues	6:00-9:00	1	MES Cafeteria

Summer School Information

The Mosinee School District is once again providing fun and engaging learning opportunities in the upcoming summer school program. Two sessions will be offered: **Session 1: June 12-29** and **Session 2: July 10-27**. (Classes will not be in session the week of July 4th.) Classes are Monday-Thursday, 7:45 am - 12:30 pm, unless otherwise noted.

Students entering kindergarten this fall will register for *Kickoff to Kindergarten* while 1st graders will register for *Fun in First Grade*.

Students entering grades 2-5 will have three elective classes per day, per session, including an academic enhancement period, while grades 6-12 are allowed four electives.



Some class offerings include, but are not limited to: free swim lessons, art, outdoor adventures, weightlifting, reading, math, science, history, hunters/boaters/ATV/snowmobile safety and more! An informational packet including a full class listing with descriptions will be sent home in early April, and online registration will open late April in Skyward. Look for more information to come on this great summer opportunity!

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