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A LINK BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND ITS CITIZENS

MHS Junior Wins NTC T-Shirt Design Contest

Northcentral Technical College (NTC) challenged students to design the logo that is imprinted on all Dual Credit shirts given to students across the NTC region. The high school students were asked to create a one color design that utilized NTC's branded images in a new light. All of the students in Multimedia Design Communications at Mosinee High School, and many students from NTC's other Dual Credit high schools, participated in this competition. **Grayson Brown**, a junior at MHS, won by a landslide! He was awarded a \$100 Amazon gift card and his design was printed on the NTC Dual Credit t-shirts. Congratulations, Grayson!



Pictured above: Grayson Brown displays his winning shirt design with Tracy Ravn, NTC Director of K-12 Relations (left), and MHS Industrial Technology Teacher Kristie Heckendorf-Paul (right).



Pictured left: The winning design for the NTC logo contest uses just one color and NTC's branded images.

Proactive Planning for Projected Budget Deficit Underway



Robert Way

Interim Superintendent of Schools

I want to take the opportunity to share with you information regarding the budget challenges facing the Mosinee School District at this time. The Mosinee School District is facing a projected \$801,706 budget deficit for the 2024-25 school year based on current student enrollment projections. Therefore, the school board and administration are discussing budget reductions. The budget challenges are due to several factors that include: the WI state funding formula, declining enrollment and the discontinuation of ESSER (COVID relief) Grants.

Administration has been in the process of reviewing suggested expense reductions. Included in this conversation is the development of the 2024-25 staffing plan which may include recommendations for staff reductions. Reducing our operational budget, although necessary, is difficult and painful. I am hopeful that we will find solutions that minimize the impact on our students.

Increasing our operational revenue will be necessary to avoid increasing budget challenges in the future. To that end, a district community survey, which will be finalized and shared with the community this spring, is being developed. The survey will gather information on public opinion for increasing revenue for district operations and/or capital improvements via a referendum vote.

This past month, the Mosinee School Board continued interviewing finalists for the superintendent position. Several finalists were introduced to staff, administration, students and community members on February 26th. The board will share more information once a final choice has been made, and the new superintendent will assume the duties July, 1 2024.

I would like to take this opportunity again to thank all families for their flexibility and patience on Thursday, February 1 as we worked through our emergency evacuation and family reunification. Student safety is our number one priority. The search efforts determined that all three school buildings were safe and no further threat exists.

A special thank you to Mosinee Police Chief Kenneth Grams and the Mosinee Police Department, and Father Becker and St. Paul Catholic Church. Thank you also to the agencies that responded to the Mosinee School District during this crucial time including: the Kronenwetter and University of Wisconsin-Madison Police Departments, the Marathon, Wood, Brown and Outagamie County Sheriff's Departments and the Wisconsin State Patrol.

Thank you to Mosinee administrators for their strong, calm leadership leading the evacuation and parent reunification. Thank you to all of our teachers and support and

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maintenance staff for their professionalism and taking great care of our students. Thank you to our students for being great citizens during this stressful time.

Finally, thank you to our School Board and amazing Mosinee community for all of the support and concern for students, faculty and administration. A special thank you to **Lamers Bus Lines, Pit Stop, Lee's Piggly Wiggly, Gorski's, Casa Mezcal** and many others. Your kindness is noticed and greatly appreciated.

MES/MMS Kindness Week

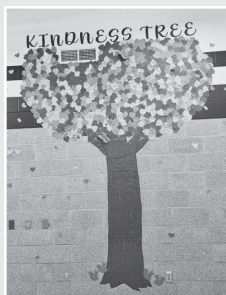
February 12-16, 2024

Mosinee Elementary School and Mosinee Middle School proudly celebrated **Kindness Week** from February 12th-16th. The week was dedicated to promoting kindness, empathy, and compassion among students, staff, and community. The goal was to create a positive and kind environment where everyone felt valued and respected.



MES students participated in various dress up days that revolved around the theme of kindness. Classroom discussions took place regarding what it meant to be kind, and how acts of kindness could be carried out.

MMS planned a series of fun and engaging activities that encouraged students and staff to spread kindness in their daily lives. They wrote kind words and phrases on leaves that were used to build a Kindness Tree. Students and staff also wrote kind sentiments on hearts and thank you cards and shared them with others in the building. Different grade levels also decorated quilt squares that were filled with kind thoughts and pictures.



Pictured above top: Mrs. Lindell's class dressed in red and pink to show how much they "love" to be kind during Kindness Week.

Pictured above bottom: Kind words from MMS students and staff bring the Kindness Tree to life.

Motique Relocates, Becoming More Accessible and Inviting

Motique: More Than Clothes, which offers MHS students access to free clothing, hygiene products, school supplies and snacks, reopened in February after being relocated from a side hallway to an entire room. The larger space was designed and organized by **Jena Bartnik, Dustin Brooks, and Macey Mielke**, chairpersons of Motique.

With almost three times more space than before, Jena, Dustin, and Macey were able to incorporate hanging racks into the room. The new racks allow students to easily browse through the clothes, and FCCLA members can keep the room neat and organized by clothing type. In addition to the racks, the trio also made aesthetic improvements to create an inviting space ensuring a fun shopping experience for students. The walls were painted a soothing lilac, and an inspirational mural was painted on the back wall by MHS students **Hannah Block, Natalie Block, Sierra Jonas, and Carmen Mielke**. There is also artwork on the wall, along with a mirror and other decorative items around the room, making it a true boutique shopping experience!



Students can browse in Motique before, during, or after school to access any available resources they require. If a student does not want to be seen in the room, or needs items that are not available or they would need more of, they can scan the QR code on the Motique posters around the school to submit a Google form detailing what they need. The requested items are then delivered to students' lockers anonymously.



Motique accepts donations of new or gently used teen clothing, toiletries, hygiene products, and snacks. Students and staff who would like to donate to Motique can place their donations inside the donation basket in the room. Community members who would like to donate can email FCCLA adviser Sue Swinick at sswinick@mosineeschools.org to make arrangements. Monetary donations are also accepted.

Jena, Dustin, and Macey would like to thank all of the dedicated people who made the relocation and reinvention of Motique possible through their endless support: the administrative staff, custodial staff, club members, local businesses, and community members.

Congratulations to Mosinee FCCLA and its members; it will be exciting to see what an impact Motique makes!

To learn more, visit: mosineeschools.org/schools/high/motique.cfm.

Pictured above top: Motique's new space in the high school.

Pictured above bottom: Students can choose items quickly from the Grab & Go Cart.

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 12th. Students competed in a variety of programs and events. **Katelyn Baars, Macie Hartle, and Kiarra Kennedy** received a gold in Promote and Publicize FCCLA with their promotion of the Mosinee chapter via the web and social media. **Jena Bartnik, Dustin Brooks, and Macey Mielke** were awarded a gold in Chapter Service Project Portfolio for their relocation and redesign of Motique: More Than Clothes, MHS's student resource closet. **Ruby Sliwicki and Abigail Wysocki** competed in Focus on Children earning a gold for their presentation on internet safety. In the Entrepreneurship category, **Sophia Knetter** received a gold for her design of a twist off water bottle. **Eowyn Pince** was awarded a gold for sewing a dress for the Fashion Construction category. **Eli Sackmann** received a silver in Culinary Arts and **Isabella Lyon** received a bronze in Baking and Pastry Arts. **Madison Orlovsky** competed in Focus on Children and received a bronze for her presentation on GiGi's Playhouse. **Kylie Bartnik and Elissa Nyman** served as runners.

Pictured above: Members of FCCLA's Mosinee Chapter at the FCCLA Regional Leadership Competition in Stevens Point.

8th Graders Perform in Wisconsin Valley State Honors Band



On February 10th, ten 8th graders from Mosinee Middle School participated in the **9th Annual Wisconsin Valley State Honors Band**. The honors band is made up of the most exceptional musicians from neighboring middle schools, and students must be nominated by their teacher to attend.

The event took place at John Muir Middle School in Wausau, with guest clinician **Dr. Glenn Hayes** from UW-Whitewater conducting the ensemble.

Students participating were: **Danika Alford, Ellie Ash, Gavin Cole, Benjamin Colrud, Jordan Feit, Isaiah Framke, Tucker Kaiser, Payton Nechuta, Kayleigh Tiffany and Joslyn Winch.**

Pictured above: Mosinee's 8th grade students that participated in the Wisconsin Valley State Honors Band.

MoTown Market is Open for Business

The MHS school store, **MoTown Market**, is open for business daily, 7:45 am until 3:40 pm. The store sells apparel, snacks, and beverages. Seniors **Morgan Hoernke** and **Libby Sondelski** manage the store for DECA. They have been rewarded for all of their hard work with MoTown Market receiving Gold Certification through Wisconsin DECA. This remarkable achievement places MoTown Market among the 728 school-based enterprises across the nation achieving gold-level certification for the 2023-2024 school year. The store's success will be recognized during **DECA's International Career Development Conference** in Anaheim, California, from April 27-30, 2024.

School-based enterprises (SBEs) like MoTown Market provide invaluable hands-on learning experiences for students. They integrate National Curriculum Standards in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management, and prepare students for college and careers.

Congratulations, Morgan and Libby!

Mosinee Middle School Drama Club Proudly Presents...


LIONEL BART'S



Oliver! Jr.

Thursday, March 7th • 6:00pm Friday, March 8th • 6:00pm
Saturday, March 9th • 1:00pm

CRESKE AUDITORIUM



Tickets: \$10
Available at the MMS Office or at the Door *Doors open 30 minutes before showtime - Open Seating*

MHS Programming Club

In January, **Mosinee Programming Club** was offered as a new extracurricular activity for students at Mosinee High School. During meetings, club members work to improve not only their personal programming skills, but also their ability to collaborate and create as a team.



Meetings are held every Monday after school in Ms. Wieloch's room and the club is always open to new members, regardless of their coding abilities!

Pictured above (l to r): Programming Club members (back row): Logan Neufeld, Aidan Yelkin, (front row): David De León, and Henrik Thompson meet to work on their programming skills.

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. Lewens' second graders celebrated the 100th day of school by making a 100 day crown and necklace

FCCLA Valentine's Fundraiser

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-hour classroom. They sold every cookie and raised \$300 which was donated to the **No Kid Hungry** initiative.

Pictured right (l to r): FCCLA members Mya Thompson, Kyle Allen, Caroline Eick, and Giulia Deiana 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 Kansas City Chiefs ended up with 335 cans and the San Francisco 49ers had 239 cans. The 574 canned goods were donated to the Mosinee Elementary School food pantry to help local families.

Pictured right (l to r): Zayn Canales, Ayden Dallen, Lance Logalbo, Payton Schimmels, and Kinze Tryba with the food that was collected in the "Soup-er" Bowl food drive.



MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCCER LEAGUE

Kicking FOR A CAUSE

100% of the proceeds from the league will go to the Handley family. Nathaniel Handley is a sophomore at Mosinee High School and he just received a heart transplant.

MON. MARCH 11	MON. MARCH 18
TUES. MARCH 12	TUES. MARCH 19
THURS. MARCH 14	THURS. MARCH 21

5-6 GRADE: 5-6:30PM
7-8 GRADE: 7-8:30PM

\$20/participant

Mosinee High School Gym



Expect Excellence

REGISTER ONLINE AT:
<https://mosineesoccer.sportngin.com/register/form/549693222>

Science Olympiad Results

In February, MHS students participated in the regional Science Olympiad competition in Medford. **Logan Neufeld** placed 1st in Code Analysis and 2nd in Fermi Questions. **Dustin Brooks** placed 4th in Microbe Mission and 5th in Disease Detectives. Congratulations!

Pictured right (l to r): Logan Neufeld and Dustin Brooks.



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 Kunding 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.

2024-25 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 2024-25 school year. In early August, families will be emailed back-to-school information and their child's teacher information will be available in Skyward Family Access. If you know your child will not be attending Mosinee Elementary School for the 2024-25 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: <https://skyward.iscorp.com/scripts/wsisadll/WService=wsedumosineewi/skyenroll.w>

Mosinee Board of Education Notes

At the February 20, 2024 regular Board of Education meeting, the Board approved the following:

- minutes from the special and regular Board of Education meetings on January 15, 2024 and the special Board of Education meeting on February 6, 2024
- establishment of the Ad Hoc Human Growth & Development Curriculum Advisory Committee, and revision for policy 2312-Class Size
- 2024-25 compensation for support, salaried/island, and administrative staff
- third grade teacher retirement, January's monthly voucher list and treasurer's report, 2024-25 CESA shared services contract, middle school ELA curriculum, and an extended field trip for band to Shakopee, MN in June 2024.


The next regular Board of Education meeting will be Tuesday, March 19, 2024 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/district/pool-ymca.cfm

Follow Mosinee Community Pool on Facebook...

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

March Calendar of Events

March 25 - April 1 **NO SCHOOL** - Spring Break

MOSINEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 1 Developmental Screening 7:00am-12:00pm
- 11 PTO Meeting - Creske Library 5:30pm
- 22 End of 3rd Quarter - **EARLY RELEASE** 12:40pm

MOSINEE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 7 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00pm-8:00pm
- Oliver! Jr. - Creske Auditorium 6:00pm
- 8 Oliver! Jr. - Creske Auditorium 6:00pm
- 9 Oliver! Jr. - Creske Auditorium 1:00pm
- 18 7th/8th/HS Band Solo & Ensemble Showcase - Creske Auditorium 7:00pm
- 22 End of 3rd Quarter - **EARLY RELEASE** 12:49pm

MOSINEE HIGH SCHOOL

- 1 BBB - Regionals (TBD) 7:00pm
- Gymnastics - State Tournament (Wis. Rapids)
- 2 BBB - Regionals (TBD) 7:00pm
- GBB - Sectional Final (TBD) 7:00pm
- Boys Hockey - State Tournament (Middleton)
- Girls Hockey - State Tournament (Middleton)
- Gymnastics - State Tournament (Wis. Rapids)
- 7 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00pm-8:00pm
- BBB - Sectional Semifinal (TBD) 7:00pm
- 7-9 GBB - State Tournament (Green Bay)
- 9 BBB - Sectional Final (TBD) 7:00pm
- 12 ACT Test - Juniors
- 14-16 BBB - State Tournament (Madison)
- 15 Girls Track - Invitational (A - UWSP) 3:00pm
- 16 Boys Track - Invitational (A - UWSP) 10:00am
- 18 7th/8th/HS Band Solo & Ensemble Showcase - Creske Auditorium 7:00pm
- 22 End of 3rd Quarter - **EARLY RELEASE** 12:49pm
- 26 Boys Track - Invitational (A - Ripon College) 4:00pm
- 28 Girls Soccer - Adams-Friendship (A) 5:00pm

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.
Basket Coiling II	3-5	Tues	6:00-8:00	1	Creske Library
Strength Training for 50+	3-5	Tues	4:30-5:30	6	MSD Fitness Center
Strength Training for 50+	3-7	Thur	4:30-5:30	6	MSD Fitness Center
Leather Earrings	3-11	Mon	5:00-7:00	1	Creske Library
Acrylic Painting - Spring Theme	3-12	Tues	5:00-7:00	1	MHS Cafeteria
Iceland Travel Trips	3-20	Wed	6:00-8:00	1	Creske Library
Vegetable Gardening Series	3-28	Thur	6:00-7:30	3	Creske Library
Spring Cupcake Decorating	3-28	Thur	6:00-8:00	1	MHS Room 404



Save the Dates

The Mosinee School District is once again providing fun and engaging learning opportunities in the upcoming Summer School Program. Summer School will run June 10 - July 18. (Classes will not be in session the week of July 4th.) Classes will be Monday - Thursday, 7:50 am - 12:30 pm, unless otherwise noted. Breakfast and lunch will be available daily.

Grades 2 - 8 will be able to select classes from two 2.5 week sessions - **Session One: June 10 - June 25** and **Session Two: June 26 - July 18**. Students entering kindergarten this fall will register for Kickoff to Kindergarten, while 1st graders will register for Fun in First Grade. Both Kickoff to Kindergarten and Fun in First Grade will run for five weeks, June 10 - July 18.

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



Parent-Teacher Conferences

High School & Middle School
 Thurs, March 7 • 4pm - 8pm

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