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A LINK BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND ITS CITIZENS

Heavy Metal Tour

In October, Mosinee Middle School's 8th grade students participated in the Heavy Metal Tour 2022 to learn about the many job opportunities in manufacturing that are available in the Central Wisconsin area. This year students toured **Crystal Finishing Systems, JARP Industries, AROW Global, J & D Tube Benders and Greenheck Facility 8** where they were able to see a variety of steps in manufacturing processes. The tours were then followed by a walk-through of the areas of the NTC campus that are dedicated to education for industrial jobs.



Pictured above: Malik Wolfram, Liana Diestelhorst, and Genevieve Thompson toured JARP Industries.

MSD Adopts Budget Lowering Taxes, Middle School Construction Continues



David Muñoz
Superintendent of Schools

The mill rate (tax on local homes) will be dropping dramatically for all taxpayers to \$6.33 per thousand of assessed value. Over the past 5 years, the Mosinee School District mill rate has decreased 32.8% from \$9.42 to \$6.33 per thousand of assessed value. The amount of tax assessed to local homes going down provides needed relief for families, especially with inflation so high. However, continued decreases in revenues will not be sustainable for the operations of the district. This current financial situation is more a function of fiscal conservatism and the current funding formula in Wisconsin, which did not allow for any increase in the per pupil revenue limit in the 21-23 biennium budget. We gained more equalization aid (state dollars) because the state put more money into the formula, and our property values went up substantially but not nearly as much as the state as a whole. The only way to go beyond hard revenue limits is to pass a referendum to maintain current student programs/services, maintain/increase staff pay, and/or to continue making building improvements. Facility upgrades like the middle school cafeteria/remodel are regular needs based on the age of some of our facilities dating to the early 1900s. A majority of school districts in Wisconsin have had to go to referendum, as will Mosinee, in the next two years based on continued revenue limits, property values increasing but not as high as the state overall, the end to a 20 year old elementary school referendum debt, and a decline in student count.

The middle school new cafeteria/commons construction and remodel project continues to progress. Walls, brick, steel, and roof structures are being placed and finalized by the construction company. We anticipate being able to enclose the entire construction site within the next few weeks which will allow the focus to shift to interior finishes. The new parking lot, with over 40 spots, is slated for installation in November by American Asphalt, which if all goes well with the weather, would open up parking in this area to staff by mid-November. I realize and appreciate the patience and understanding required by many with the short-term parking challenges. This addition connected to the Creske Gym and middle school will provide a state-of-the-art environment for students, staff, and the community for decades. We have some HVAC units on backorder which may delay opening Phase 1 until sometime in January of 2023. Phase 2 of the project will commence early in the new year inside of the middle school. Phase 2 will be repurposing the old middle school cafeteria space for special education students and pupil services staff. Phase 3 of the project will occur in the summer of 2023 which will refit, upgrade and repurpose an out of date space to house classroom activities. Additionally, certain music areas at the middle school will be rebuilt to better accommodate the performance needs of our students and staff. All middle school construction projects will be completed by the end of the summer of 2023 and ready for the start of the 2023-2024 school year.



Parent-Teacher Conferences

High School

Nov. 17 • 4pm - 8pm

Middle School

Nov. 10 & 17 • 4pm - 8pm

Elementary School

Nov. 15 & 17 • 4pm - 8pm

MMS/MHS Flute Workshop

On October 20th, the Mosinee Middle and High School flute players attended a workshop with **Dr. Keith Hanlon** of Flute Authority, sponsored by Heid Music. Dr. Hanlon came to the Creske Auditorium and performed for approximately 40 students, playing flute, alto flute, bass flute and piccolo. He spent time teaching the students many interesting things about flute playing, including how to beat-box on the flute! It was a very interactive, engaging session.



Pictured above: Dr. Keith Hanlon playing for the students.



Pictured above: Middle school and high school flute players who attended the workshop with Dr. Keith Hanlon.

Pumpkin Patch Field Trip

The kindergarten classes took a field trip to **Schairer's Autumn Acres** in Birnamwood. The students went on a tractor ride, picked out a pumpkin, went through the corn maze, played fall themed games, and learned about the animals at the petting zoo.



Pictured above: Liam Alexander, Francis Stankowski, Maverick Baumann, Edlyn Gaiche, Finley Rosine, and Cora Stankowski hold bunnies and kittens at the pumpkin patch.

Mosinee Schools Welcome New Administrators



Daniel Halvorsen is the new principal at Mosinee High School, replacing Dr. Nathan Lehman who left the district to pursue other opportunities. Mr. Halvorsen served eight years in the US Army before earning his teaching degree from UW-Stevens Point. He taught in Wisconsin Rapids as a high school science teacher and middle school teacher and in the Racine Public School District. He then served as Assistant Principal for nine years in multiple districts in the greater Milwaukee and Racine area. For the last nine years, Mr. Halvorsen has been a highly successful principal of Fort Atkinson High School. He holds a master's and bachelor's degree with Principal, Director of Instruction, and Teacher Lifetime licenses. Mr. Halvorsen is happily married and has four daughters, two of whom are actively serving in the US military. Mr. Halvorsen is excited to be returning to an area that he knows well from his college days.



Sara Kaczor is the new assistant principal at Mosinee Middle School. She replaces Paul Rheinschmidt who took a position outside of the district. Sara is starting her 22nd year at Mosinee Middle School. She was a physical education teacher and coach for the last 21 years at MMS and is very excited to start her new role with the district. She enjoys camping with family and friends, live music, and is an avid Badger fan. Sara and her husband, Dennis, live in Mosinee and have three daughters, Samantha (25), McKenna (19), and Briley (14).



JoLynn Schmidt is the new principal at Mosinee Elementary School. She replaces Katie Colwell who took a position outside of the district. Before joining the Mosinee district, JoLynn taught a variety of grade levels for eleven years that included middle school science, third grade, and fourth grade. She also served for the past three years as an elementary principal for three elementary schools in the Tomah Area School District. JoLynn and her husband, Ryan, have three children, Kirsten (16), Kollin (9), and Calvin (6). They enjoy spending time outdoors hiking, hunting, and fishing together. They also enjoy watching and playing sports, and look forward to becoming a part of the Mosinee community!



Stefanie Tryba is the new dean of students at Mosinee Elementary School. She replaces Megan Koroch who has taken a position outside of the district. Prior to taking this position, Stefanie was employed at the Wisconsin Rapids School District for 14 years where she taught special education, helped to develop and implement the Project SEARCH program, and served as an instructional coach. Her experience spans from elementary to post secondary. The Tryba family resides in Milladore, WI. She and her husband, Patrick, have four children. Being a farming family by nature, all of their kids are named after tractors, Case (12), Ford (11), Kinze (7), and Hesston (4). The three oldest have joined the Mosinee family and number four will start at the elementary school next year! Mrs. Tryba enjoys spending time with her family on their acre pond, putting together puzzles and watching horror movies.

Mosinee School District Welcomes 33 New Staff Members



Heather Althoff
ES - Special Education Teacher



Lindsay Anderson
ES - Cook



Danielle Bauer
HS - Special Education Teacher



Brian Beyer
MS - 7th Grade Math Teacher



Ashley Borth
HS - Health Office Assistant



Shelby Christianson
ES - Kindergarten Teacher



Ty Cook
ES - Special Education Teacher



Kelly Cooper
ES - Special Education Assistant



Faythe Erdmann
MS - 6th Grade ELA Teacher



Aaron Fiedler
HS - Health and Adaptive
Physical Education Teacher



Jayde Ganser
ES - Special Education Teacher



Brionna Haasl
ES - Teacher Assistant



Megan Hare
ES - Special Education Teacher



Zachary Henke
HS - Mathematics Teacher



Jade Hoffenbecker
MS - Teacher Assistant



Lori Jennejohn
District - Food Service Director



Jessica Kage
ES - 1st Grade Teacher



Tyler Karpinski
MS - 7th Grade Science Teacher



Brittany Kriegel
MS - Teacher Assistant



Linda Maurer
MS - 6th Grade Social Studies
Teacher



Melissa McConnell
ES/MS - K-8 Math Intervention
Specialist



Miranda Reno
MS - 6th-8th Grade Counselor



Elisha Riley
HS - Agriculture Education
Teacher



Dave Sabel
MS - Special Education Teacher



Sally Salber
ES - Teacher Assistant



Brenda Smith
HS - Special Education Teacher



Sara Thomer
District - Administrative Assistant
to the Superintendent



Brittani Turpin
MS - Teacher Assistant



Maria Wesley
ES - Teacher Assistant



Alexandra Wilde
ES - Teacher Assistant



Jessica Wolf
ES - Teacher Assistant



Francis Wysocki, Jr.
MS - Computer Science/STEAM



Mikayla Zastrow
HS - Mathematics Teacher

Nievinski Inducted into Athletic Hall of Fame

Mosinee Athletics welcomed **Paul Nievinski** into the Athletics Hall of Fame in October.



In 1990, Paul began teaching and coaching in Mosinee. He coached football for 30 years in Wisconsin, one year at D.C. Everest High School and 29 years at Mosinee. As head coach, Paul recorded 127 wins and 65 losses, while recording 62 wins and 32 losses as an assistant. He was an assistant coach for the 1989 WIAA State Championship Division 1 team at Everest and the head coach of the 2005 WIAA State Runner-Up Division 3 team. Paul's teams made an astonishing 21 appearances in the WIAA football playoffs and were Conference Champions 8 times.

Paul was the Conference Coach of the Year four times, the NewsChannel 7 Area Football Coach of the Year in 2012, and Teacher of the Year for the Mosinee School District in 1998 and 2021! He was the WFCAs District Coach of the Year in 2002, a WFCAs All-Star Game Assistant Coach in 1999 and 2007, and followed that up as the WFCAs All-Star Game Head Coach in 2012. He was the WFCAs District Representative from 2003-2015 and received the WADA Athletic Service Award in 2015 and 2021.

Paul was an assistant wrestling coach at Mosinee for 10 years and the advisor of the "M Club" for 15 years. In 2019, Paul took on the role of MHS Student Senate Advisor and led the members to manage and work the concession stand for all home football, volleyball, basketball and wrestling varsity events, being in attendance for nearly every one of those nights himself. Paul's service and commitment to Mosinee Athletics has set the standard for future individuals.

MES 1st Graders Celebrate Grandparents Day

First grade students at Mosinee Elementary School enjoyed singing, eating snacks and working on art projects with their grandparents when they celebrated Grandparents Day the first week of October. Thank you to everyone who joined the first graders on this special day!



Pictured right: Cora Sondelski celebrated the special day with her grandparents.

4th Gr. Students Visit Madison

In late October and early November, MMS fourth grade classes traveled to Madison for an all-day field trip. The first stop was at the Wisconsin Historical Museum to learn about the history of Wisconsin. The students then visited the Wisconsin Veterans Museum to explore history from the Civil War to present day through the stories of Wisconsin veterans. The final stop was at the Capitol where students learned about the state government. The field trip was a great compliment to the lessons that will be taught in the classroom this school year.



Pictured right: Mrs. Podoski's class on the steps outside the Capitol.

2nd Graders Visit School Forest



Second graders from Mosinee Elementary School visited the school forest where they learned all about skunks. They also went on a nature walk to enjoy the sunshine and colorful fall leaves. The students loved the learning adventures at the school forest – it was a memorable day for everyone!

Pictured above: Mrs. Bolanda's class had a great time exploring nature at the school forest.



Kindergarten Students Learn About Fire Safety

In October, which is Fire Prevention Month, firefighters from the **Mosinee Fire Department** came to the elementary school to teach kindergarten students about fire safety. The firefighters talked about the importance of having smoke detectors at home, getting out of a burning building quickly, and creating a family meeting spot in case of a fire emergency. Students also learned about the gear that firefighters wear to keep them safe, and about the firetrucks and the equipment on the trucks. Thank you to the Mosinee firefighters for coming in to teach the kindergartners all about fire safety!



Pictured above: Mrs. Neuner's class was excited to have the firetruck come to school.



Volunteer Spotlight: Little Free Library

Siblings **Aiden and Emma Laurila** wanted to encourage people to read, and to make their community a better place, by building a **Little Free Library**. They got permission from the City of Mosinee Parks and Recreation Commission, and then built the Little Free Library with help from their grandpa and dad. The library is located on the Novak Spur of the Purple Circle Trail in Edgewood Park and has books for readers of all ages. Aiden and Emma encourage everyone to visit and take a book or share a book.

Pictured right (l to r): Emma and Aiden Laurila built a Little Free Library for the community.



4th Gr. Students Chalk the Walk

Fourth grade students spent an afternoon in September using sidewalk chalk to create positive messages and images on the pavement along the Purple Circle Trail to share with the community. Students then walked the length of the trail to see the other chalk drawings.



Pictured above: Karleigh Staszak used her creativity to share a positive message with the community.

MES Freedom Walk

In September, Mosinee Elementary students participated in a Freedom Walk in honor of Patriot Day. Classes also did activities on what freedom means, read books, made American flags, and wrote letters to veterans. They also wore red, white, and blue to show their patriotic colors.

Pictured right: MES students and staff, along with family members and personnel from the Mosinee Fire Department, participated in the Freedom Walk.



Mark Your Calendars: Reading Unleashed Nights

The MHS Library Club's **Reading Unleashed Nights** are scheduled for November 10, December 8, January 12, and February 9 from 6:00pm - 7:00pm in the Creske Library. Come read with Lucy, a certified Tail Waggin' Tutor! All ages are welcome.

Pictured right: Lucy listens attentively as the boys read to her.



Mosinee Board of Education Notes

At the October 25, 2022 budget and regular Board of Education meeting, the Board approved the following:

- minutes from the regular Board of Education meeting on September 20, 2022 and a review of the September 27, 2022 Annual Meeting
- Final Budget, Levy, and Tax Rate for the 2022-23 school year
- Spring 2023 Start College Now and Early College Credit applications
- School Resource Contract with the City of Mosinee
- Employee Handbook for the 2022-2023 school year

The Board also received a wonderful presentation from the high school staff spotlighting the CTE department and all the wonderful opportunities they are providing for our students.

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

PTO Notes

Highlights from the October PTO meeting:

- Elementary school students who qualified for the Fall Fundraiser reward will receive a gift card to the trampoline park; middle school students will visit the Urban Air Adventure Park - date to be determined.
- The PTO will host Family Date Night on February 10, 2023 for families of students in 4K through 5th grade.

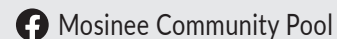
The next PTO meeting is Monday, November 7, 2022 at 6:00 pm, in the Mosinee Creske Library.

Community Pool Info Available Online

For the latest pool schedule visit:

www.mosineeschools.org/community/pool.cfm

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SCHOLASTIC Book Fair

The Mosinee High School Library Club will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair on Friday, December 2 and Saturday, December 3 from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm in the Creske Library. Friday's fair is open to students and staff with Saturday open to the public during the Mosinee Chamber's Holiday Craft Show.



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.

November Calendar of Events

November 21 - 25 **NO SCHOOL** - Thanksgiving Break

MOSINEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 1-4 Vision/Hearing Screening
- 4 End of 1st Quarter - **EARLY RELEASE** 12:40pm
- 7 PTO Meeting - Creske Library 6:00pm-7:00pm
- 15 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00pm-8:00pm
- 17 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00pm-8:00pm

MOSINEE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 1 7th Gr. BBB B - John Muir (H - MES Gym) 4:00pm
- 8th Gr. BBB B - John Muir (H - Creske Gym) 4:00pm
- 7th Gr. BBB A - John Muir (H - MES Gym) 5:00pm
- 8th Gr. BBB A - John Muir (H - Creske Gym) 5:00pm
- 3 7th Gr. BBB B - Medford (H - MES Gym) 4:00pm
- 8th Gr. BBB B - Medford (H - Creske Gym) 4:00pm
- 7th Gr. BBB A - Medford (H - MES Gym) 5:00pm
- 8th Gr. BBB A - Medford (H - Creske Gym) 5:00pm
- 4 End of 1st Quarter - **EARLY RELEASE** 12:49pm
- 8 7th Gr. BBB B - Merrill (H - MES Gym) 4:00pm
- 8th Gr. BBB B - Merrill (H - Creske Gym) 4:00pm
- 7th Gr. BBB A - Merrill (H - MES Gym) 5:00pm
- 8th Gr. BBB A - Merrill (H - Creske Gym) 5:00pm
- 10 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00pm-8:00pm
- 7th Gr. BBB B - Antigo (A) 4:00pm
- 8th Gr. BBB B - Antigo (A) 4:00pm
- 7th Gr. BBB A - Antigo (A) 5:00pm
- 8th Gr. BBB A - Antigo (A) 5:00pm
- 11 Veterans Day Assembly 10:00am
- 6th-8th Grade Dance - MS Gym 7:00pm-10:00pm
- 15 7th Gr. BBB A - Tomahawk (A) 4:00pm
- 8th Gr. BBB A - Tomahawk (A) 5:00pm
- 17 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00pm-8:00pm
- 7th Gr. BBB B - Wis. Rapids (H - MES Gym) 4:00pm
- 8th Gr. BBB B - Wis. Rapids (H - Creske Gym) 4:00pm
- 7th Gr. BBB A - Wis. Rapids (H - MES Gym) 5:00pm
- 8th Gr. BBB A - Wis. Rapids (H - Creske Gym) 5:00pm
- 21 7th Gr. BBB B - Antigo (H - MES Gym) 4:00pm
- 8th Gr. BBB B - Antigo (H - Creske Gym) 4:00pm
- 7th Gr. BBB A - Antigo (H - MES Gym) 5:00pm
- 8th Gr. BBB A - Antigo (H - Creske Gym) 5:00pm
- 29 7th Gr. BBB B - Tomahawk (H - MES Gym) 4:00pm
- 8th Gr. BBB B - Tomahawk (H - Creske Gym) 4:00pm
- 7th Gr. BBB A - Marshfield (H - MES Gym) 5:00pm
- 8th Gr. BBB A - Marshfield (H - Creske Gym) 5:00pm

MOSINEE HIGH SCHOOL

- 2 Student Senate Blood Drive - Creske Lobby 8:30am-1:30pm
- 4 End of 1st Quarter - **EARLY RELEASE** 12:49pm
- 10 The Music Man - Creske Auditorium 7:00pm
- 11 GBB - Scrimmage (A - DC Everest) 5:00pm
- The Music Man - Creske Auditorium 7:00pm
- 12 The Music Man - Creske Auditorium 2:00pm
- The Music Man - Creske Auditorium 7:00pm
- 15 GBB - New London (H) 7:15pm
- 17 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00pm-8:00pm
- 18 BBB - Scrimmage (A - Auburndale) 5:00pm
- GBB - Lake Mills (H) 7:15pm
- 22 Hockey - Appleton North (A) 8:00pm
- 25-26 BBB - Tournament (A - Wausau East) TBA
- GBB - Tournament (A - Wausau East) TBA
- 29 Hockey - SPASH (H) 7:00pm
- GBB - Lakeland (H) 7:15pm

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.
Strength Training for 50+	10-3	Thurs	4:30-5:15	6	Fitness Center
Heirloom Biographies	10-10	Thurs	6:00-7:30	1	Creske Library
Basket Coiling	10-15	Tues	6:00-8:00	1	Creske Library
Acrylic Painting - Winter Scene	10-15	Tues	6:00-9:00	1	MES Cafeteria

MOSINEE HIGH SCHOOL VOCAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT
proudly presents...
 MEREDITH WILLSON'S **THE MUSIC MAN**

NOV 10 7:00_{PM} **NOV 11** 7:00_{PM} **NOV 12** 2:00_{PM} **NOV 12** 7:00_{PM}
 CRESKE CENTER AUDITORIUM - MOSINEE

TICKETS: ADULTS \$10 STUDENTS/SENIOR CITIZENS \$7

Available at showtix4u.com or at the door one hour prior to showtime **ALL SEATING IS RESERVED**

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