



# The mosinee link

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 2023 to learn about the many job and educational opportunities in manufacturing that are available in the Central Wisconsin area. This year students toured **AROW Global**, **Epiroc**, **Crystal Finishing Systems**, and **G3 Industries** where they were able to see a first-hand look at a variety of manufacturing processes. The tours were then followed by a walk-through of the NTC campus in the area dedicated to education for industrial jobs including the welding facilities and the robotics labs.



*Pictured above: MMS 8th grade students visited Epiroc's Wain-Roy facility where they learned about the processes involved in manufacturing a wide variety of buckets for excavating equipment.*

## Financial Stability & Innovative Programs are Trademarks of the Mosinee School District



**Robert Way**  
*Interim Superintendent of Schools*

The district's financial position remains strong with a fund balance over 30%. The district completed a \$4.07 million dollar middle school cafeteria addition and classroom remodel project without the need to take on new debt.

The district will be levying \$9,521,648 in property taxes for the 2023-24 budget. The Mosinee levy rate (tax per \$1,000 value on local property) is dropping dramatically for all taxpayers to \$5.91 per thousand of assessed value. The mill rate has been slowly dropping over the past 6 years going from a high of \$9.42 to \$5.91. October 2023 equalized property values have increased 13% across the Mosinee District. The district will receive \$14,612,638 in general state aid.

Thank you Mosinee School District community for your continued support of our school district's outstanding programs. Thank you to Mary Dwyer and the American Legion #492 for raffling baskets at a variety of locations and locally at the Clean Slate Coffee House as a fundraiser for our elementary students with disabilities.

The Mosinee School District continues to lead the way in ensuring innovative educational opportunities that engage students and prepare them to be successful in their career pathway are offered at all grade levels. The new elementary Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) Program is a hit with students and parents alike. Thank you to numerous community members for their donations to support inquiry-based learning. The school forest is a gem for student inquiry. Our students and families are enjoying the environmental programs offered by the district. Recently, our incredible buildings and grounds crew enhanced the accessibility of the trails at the school forest.

District 4th grade students recently traveled to Madison as part of our civics program to learn about the traditions of the government for the great state of Wisconsin. Middle school science teachers and English language arts teachers are piloting new programs focusing on developing strong readers/writers and cultivating curiosity.

High school students participated in the Northcentral Technical College Youth Apprentice (YA) information day. The YA program is a rigorous one- or two-year elective program that combines academic and technical instruction with mentored, paid, on-the-job learning that makes a real world connection for students. The number of juniors and seniors in a work-based learning program has increased in the district over the past two years. In 2020-21, 29.3% of these students participated in a work based program, and in 2022-2023, 42% of these students participated in a work based program.



## Parent-Teacher Conferences

### High School

Nov. 16 • 4pm - 8pm

### Middle School

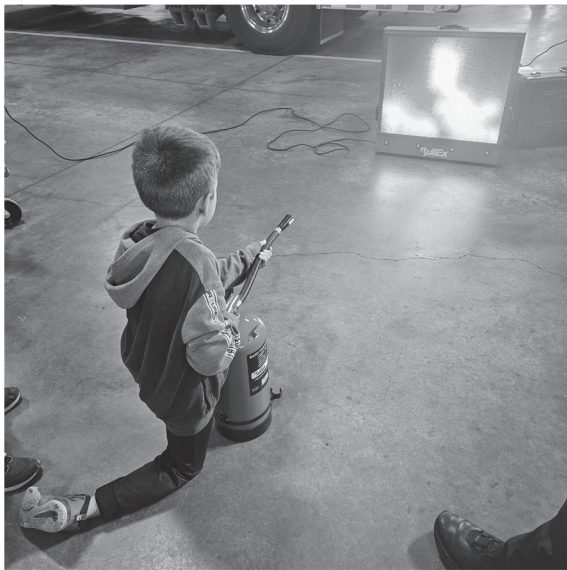
Nov. 9 & 16 • 4pm - 8pm

### Elementary School

Nov. 14 & 16 • 4pm - 8pm

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Students Learn About Fire Safety

During October, which is Fire Prevention Month, second graders at Mosinee Elementary School visited the **Mosinee Fire Department** to learn about fire safety and how to stay safe in case of an emergency. The firefighters talked to students about the importance of having smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors in their homes, and creating a family meeting spot in case of a fire emergency.



Students also had the opportunity to tour the emergency vehicles, practice "Stop, Drop, and Roll", and learn how to use a fire extinguisher. It was an interesting and fun hands-on learning experience for the second graders!



*Pictured above top: Cove Meddaugh extinguishing a fire.*

*Pictured above bottom: Mrs. Fandrey's class by the fire truck.*

## **SCHOLASTIC Book Fair**

The Mosinee High School Library Club will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair on Friday, December 1 and Saturday, December 2 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.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Gr. Students Visit Madison



This fall, 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 is a great compliment to the lessons that will be taught in the classroom this school year.

*Pictured above: Mrs. Recker's class on the steps outside the Capitol.*

## Kindergarten Classes Visit Acorn Hill Residents

Throughout the 2023-24 school year, each kindergarten class will have the opportunity to visit the residents at **Acorn Hill Senior Living Community**. During October, Mrs. Trelka's class was the first to participate in this new community outreach program. The students sang an autumn song, had a snack, and created art projects with the residents. Both the students and the residents enjoyed their time together.



*Pictured above: Students work on a pumpkin art project with one of the residents.*

## Motique Donations

Motique, the student resource closet in the high school, accepts donations of new or gently used teen clothing, toiletries and hygiene products. Monetary donations are also accepted. If you would like to make a donation, please email Sue Swinick at [sswinick@mosineeschools.org](mailto:sswinick@mosineeschools.org) to make arrangements.

# Mosinee School District Welcomes 27 New Staff Members



**Trece Baker**  
HS - Custodian



**Alexis Cleland**  
MS - Psychologist



**Jill Dunn**  
ES - Reading Specialist



**Cassandra Emmerich**  
MS - 6<sup>th</sup> Gr. English Teacher



**Janelle Eschman**  
HS - Science Teacher



**Melissa Gilbertson**  
MS - Special Education Teacher



**Calean Hoppe**  
HS - Mathematics Teacher



**Laura Janak**  
ES - Occupational Therapist



**Jenna Knoedler**  
HS - Special Education Teacher



**Kaylie Kohel**  
MS - 4<sup>th</sup> Gr. Teacher



**Callie Lehman**  
ES - 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr. Teacher



**Jenna McKellips**  
ES - 2<sup>nd</sup> Gr. Teacher



**Ella Meyer**  
ES - Special Education Teacher



**Ally Phakitthong**  
ES - 2<sup>nd</sup> Gr. Teacher



**Megan Priest**  
ES - Kindergarten Teacher



**Allison Scheibe**  
HS - Special Education  
Paraprofessional



**Savannah Schemenauer**  
ES - Psychologist



**Cheryl Schill**  
ES - Special Education  
Paraprofessional



**Mackenzie Schulz**  
MS - Health Room Assistant



**Ronald Seitz**  
HS - Custodian



**Katlin Sommerfeldt**  
ES - Paraprofessional



**Michelle Vannieuwenhoven**  
HS - Paraprofessional



**Jenni Vaughn**  
MS - Special Education Teacher



**Nicole Vermote**  
MS - Cafeteria Supervision Aide



**Helen Wisniewski**  
MS - Special Education Teacher



**Chelsea Wisz**  
ES - Health Room Assistant



**Scotty Witkus**  
DIST - Social Worker

# Leader In Me Monthly Minute

Mosinee School District is proud to be a *Leader in Me* district. *Leader in Me* is an evidence-based PK-12 model developed in partnership with educators, and designed to build leadership in students, create a high-trust culture, and improve academic achievement.

## What *Leader in Me* Schools Do

*Leader in Me* schools integrate highly-effective practices across these three areas: **leadership**, **culture**, and **academics**.

- **Start with adults learning and modeling** – All adults involved in student achievement learn and model the effective practices at school, at home, and in the community.
- **Teach students to lead** – Develop systems that give students the opportunity to lead, teach, and learn from other students in all facets of their learning experience.
- **Create a leadership environment** – Staff, students, and families collaboratively create and maintain an environment that empowers students and communicates the worth and potential of everyone.
- **Share leadership** – Build systems to authentically involve students in the continuous improvement of all aspects of the school and community, and provide real opportunities for them to lead, innovate, and collaborate.
- **Academics** – Achieve goals. Everyone is aware of and can articulate the goal and current state of the progress toward achieving said goal.
- **Empower learners** – Students use Leadership Portfolios and take primary ownership of updating, assessing, and reflecting on their progress toward their personal and academic goals.

## How Mosinee is Implementing *Leader in Me*

Each month, Mosinee School District will focus on one of **The 7 Habits®**. Students will participate in activities to learn more about the habit and how they can apply the principles to their lives.



Pictured above: Students in Mrs. Seeger's class learn about the "Power of Yet" – I can't...YET!

Pictured right: The 7 Habits Tree from the Leader in Me program.

### LeaderinMe® The 7 Habits® Tree

FIND YOUR VOICE

|                                       |         |                                                                              |
|---------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| AND REMEMBER TO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF | Habit 7 | SHARPEN THE SAW<br>Balance Feels Best                                        |
| THEN PLAY WELL WITH OTHERS            | Habit 6 | SYNERGIZE<br>Together Is Better                                              |
|                                       | Habit 5 | SEEK FIRST TO UNDERSTAND,<br>THEN TO BE UNDERSTOOD<br>Listen Before You Talk |
|                                       | Habit 4 | THINK WIN-WIN<br>Everyone Can Win                                            |
| START WITH YOU                        | Habit 3 | PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST<br>Work First, Then Play                              |
|                                       | Habit 2 | BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND®<br>Have a Plan                                   |
|                                       | Habit 1 | BE PROACTIVE<br>You're in Charge                                             |

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## Volunteer Spotlight: ENGIN - Helping Ukraine Speak to the World

For the past two years, **Braxtyn Olson** has participated in English tutoring through **ENGIN**, a global nonprofit which pairs Ukrainian students with English speakers to empower them with skills to help move their nation forward. Braxtyn meets with two Ukrainian students every week via Zoom or Google Meet to teach English and to help grow their speaking and comprehension proficiencies. In addition to tutoring, she serves as a pen pal with a student in Africa, writing a letter each month to help improve the student's English abilities. After graduation, Braxtyn plans to tutor as an English as a Foreign Language Teacher in other countries.



## Mosinee Elementary Celebrates Grandparents' Day

This fall, MES first grade students invited their grandparents to school to celebrate Grandparents' Day. They enjoyed singing, treats, and working on projects together.

*Pictured right: Veronica Thomer completes the "My Grandparents" questionnaire with her grandma and grandpa.*



## FFA Fruit Sale Fundraiser

The Mosinee FFA Chapter is hosting their annual fruit sale, selling a variety of fruit boxes, nuts, cheese, and meat snacks. All proceeds support funding the many opportunities offered through FFA such as the National convention, leadership conferences, and career development events. If you are interested in supporting the Mosinee FFA chapter, please use this link to place your order: <https://sales.minntexcitrus.com/organization/mosinee-ffa/>. Orders are due November 9th and will be delivered the third week in December.

*Please note: There is a small upcharge due to being credit card payment only.*

## Fall Fun at the Pumpkin Patch

Kindergarten students got to enjoy various fall activities during a field trip to **Schailer's Autumn Acres** in Birnamwood. They experienced a tractor ride, picked out a pumpkin, went through the corn maze, played fall kids' games, and learned about the animals at the petting zoo.

*Pictured right top: Mrs. Zastrow's class visited the pumpkin patch.*

*Pictured right bottom (l to r): Matthew Yeshe, Jackson Jensen, and Emerson Xiong stand by the old truck at the pumpkin patch.*



## Mosinee Board of Education Notes

At the October 24, 2023 budget and regular Board of Education meeting, the Board approved the following:

- minutes from the regular Board of Education meeting on September 19, 2023 and a review of the September 26, 2023 Annual Meeting
- final budget, levy, and tax rate for the 2023-24 school year
- Spring 2024 Start College Now and Early College Credit applications
- 2024 summer construction budget
- adoption of Record Retention Schedule
- September's monthly voucher list, treasurer's report, middle school playground equipment purchase, Skyward Qmlativ migration costs, extended field trips, and social studies curriculum

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the District Educational Service Center. The public is invited to attend.

## PTO Notes

Updates from the PTO:

- The Fall Fundraiser pick up was on Wednesday, October 25th. Thank you to everyone who helped organize and distribute orders.
- The fundraiser reward trip to Urban Air Trampoline and Adventure Park for the middle school students who qualified will be on Tuesday, November 14th.

The next PTO meeting is Monday, November 6, 2023 at 5:30 pm, in the Mosinee Creske Library.

## District Partners with 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](https://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.

## November Calendar of Events

November 22 - 24 **NO SCHOOL** - Thanksgiving Break

### MOSINEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

|    |                                                 |               |
|----|-------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 3  | End of 1st Quarter - <b>EARLY RELEASE</b> ..... | 12:40pm       |
| 6  | PTO Meeting - Creske Library.....               | 5:30pm-6:30pm |
| 14 | Parent-Teacher Conferences.....                 | 4:00pm-8:00pm |
| 16 | Parent-Teacher Conferences.....                 | 4:00pm-8:00pm |

### MOSINEE MIDDLE SCHOOL

|    |                                                 |               |
|----|-------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 2  | 7th Gr. BBB B - John Muir (A).....              | 4:00pm        |
|    | 8th Gr. BBB B - John Muir (A).....              | 4:00pm        |
|    | 7th Gr. BBB A - John Muir (A).....              | 5:00pm        |
|    | 8th Gr. BBB A - John Muir (A).....              | 5:00pm        |
| 3  | End of 1st Quarter - <b>EARLY RELEASE</b> ..... | 12:49pm       |
| 7  | 7th Gr. BBB B - Medford (A).....                | 4:00pm        |
|    | 8th Gr. BBB B - Medford (A).....                | 4:00pm        |
|    | 7th Gr. BBB A - Medford (A).....                | 5:00pm        |
|    | 8th Gr. BBB A - Medford (A).....                | 5:15pm        |
| 9  | Parent-Teacher Conferences.....                 | 4:00pm-8:00pm |
|    | 7th Gr. BBB B - Merrill (A).....                | 4:00pm        |
|    | 8th Gr. BBB B - Merrill (A).....                | 4:00pm        |
|    | 7th Gr. BBB A - Merrill (A).....                | 5:00pm        |
|    | 8th Gr. BBB A - Merrill (A).....                | 5:00pm        |
| 10 | Veterans Day Assembly - Creske Gym.....         | 10:00am       |
| 14 | 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        |
| 16 | Parent-Teacher Conferences.....                 | 4:00pm-8:00pm |
|    | 7th Gr. BBB B - Tomahawk (H - MES Gym).....     | 4:00pm        |
|    | 8th Gr. BBB B - Tomahawk (H - Creske Gym).....  | 4:00pm        |
|    | 7th Gr. BBB A - Tomahawk (H - MES Gym).....     | 4:00pm        |
|    | 8th Gr. BBB A - Tomahawk (H - Creske Gym).....  | 5:00pm        |
| 20 | 7th Gr. BBB B - Wis. Rapids (A).....            | 4:00pm        |
|    | 8th Gr. BBB B - Wis. Rapids (A).....            | 4:00pm        |
|    | 7th Gr. BBB A - Wis. Rapids (A).....            | 5:00pm        |
|    | 8th Gr. BBB A - Wis. Rapids (A).....            | 5:00pm        |
| 28 | 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        |
| 30 | 7th Gr. BBB B - Tomahawk (A).....               | 4:00pm        |
|    | 8th Gr. BBB A - Tomahawk (A).....               | 5:00pm        |

### MOSINEE HIGH SCHOOL

|       |                                                 |               |
|-------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 3     | End of 1st Quarter - <b>EARLY RELEASE</b> ..... | 12:49pm       |
| 9     | Variety Show - Creske Auditorium.....           | 7:00pm        |
| 10    | Variety Show - Creske Auditorium.....           | 7:00pm        |
| 12    | Variety Show - Creske Auditorium.....           | 2:00pm        |
| 14    | GBB - New London (A).....                       | 7:00pm        |
| 16    | Parent-Teacher Conferences.....                 | 4:00pm-8:00pm |
| 17    | GBB - Lake Mills (A).....                       | 7:30pm        |
| 21    | Hockey - Appleton North (H).....                | 7:00pm        |
| 24-25 | BBB - Tournament (H).....                       | TBA           |
|       | GBB - Tournament (A - DC Everest).....          | TBA           |
| 28    | Hockey - Tomah (H).....                         | 7:00pm        |
|       | GBB - Lakeland (H).....                         | 7:15pm        |
| 30    | Wrestling - Quad (A - New London).....          | 5:00pm        |
|       | Hockey - Lakeland (A).....                      | 7:00pm        |
|       | GBB - DC Everest (H).....                       | 7:15pm        |

For a complete list of activities and events, visit [mosineeschools.org](http://mosineeschools.org).



## Community Outreach Classes

To register, contact: Michelle Pozorski at [mpozorski@mosineeschools.org](mailto:mpozorski@mosineeschools.org)

| CLASS                                      | BEGINS | DAY   | TIME      | SESSIONS | LOC.           |
|--------------------------------------------|--------|-------|-----------|----------|----------------|
| Wildlife Damage Primer                     | 11-9   | Thurs | 6:00-7:30 | 1        | Creske Library |
| Basket Coiling                             | 11-9   | Thurs | 6:00-8:00 | 1        | Creske Library |
| Acrylic Painting - <i>Holiday Inspired</i> | 11-14  | Tues  | 6:30-9:00 | 1        | MES Cafeteria  |
| Zumba                                      | 11-15  | Wed   | 6:45-7:45 | 6        | MES Gym        |
| Mini Memory Quilt Ornaments                | 11-30  | Thurs | 6:00-8:00 | 1        | Creske Library |

MOSINEE HIGH SCHOOL VOCAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT PROUDLY PRESENTS...

# Back in Time



November 9  
7:00pm

November 10  
7:00pm

November 12  
2:00pm

CRESKE CENTER AUDITORIUM - MOSINEE

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED ONLINE AT [SHOWTIX4U.COM](http://SHOWTIX4U.COM) OR AT THE DOOR PRIOR TO EACH PERFORMANCE. ALL SEATING IS RESERVED.

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