



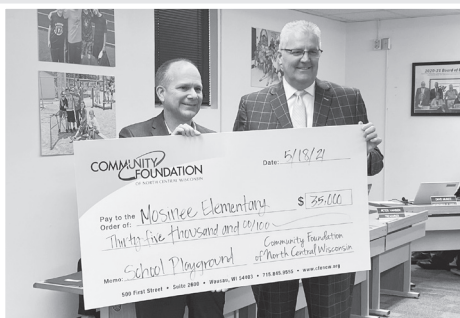
The mosinee link

A LINK BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND ITS CITIZENS

MES Playground Now Accessible to "Every Child, Every Day"



Over the summer, the Mosinee Elementary School playground was upgraded to include a section which features rubber flooring and new equipment that is accessible for all students, including those with special needs. The initiative "Every Child, Every Day" began in the spring of 2021. A committee of elementary and district staff applied for and received grant funding to get the project going. District funds balanced out the cost of the new addition. Thank you to the **Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin** and the **B.A. & Esther Greenheck Foundation** for their support in improving playground accessibility for all Mosinee students.



Pictured top: The elementary school playground now includes equipment that is accessible to every child.

Pictured bottom (l to r): Tim Parker, president/CEO of the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin, presents the donation check to Mosinee School Board President Kevin Hermening.

Grants, Donations and Community Support to Kick Off the School Year



David Muñoz
Superintendent of Schools

Thank you Mosinee School District community for your continued support of our commitment to in-person learning with a mask-optional policy. COVID-19 remains a concern but with vaccines and treatments available, we have taken the approach of living with COVID-19 as we do with other illnesses in our society. The Mosinee School District continues to thrive as one of the best school districts in Marathon County. We are big enough to offer amazing opportunities, but small enough that we know your name. The pool, auditorium, and fitness center continue to be open for our community to enjoy. The Mosinee School District continues to have a strong relationship with the City of Mosinee which helped forge the Safe Routes to School program resulting in the installation of flashing safety lights at the elementary school to improve awareness during high traffic periods.

The Mosinee School District received two large grants over the summer for a total of \$225,000. \$150,000 was received for school safety and another \$75,000 was received in a mental health grant. Both grants align well with our strategic plan pillar "Student and Staff Wellness." The district mental health navigator and district social worker both will be working with pupil services on the grant distribution.

The district financial position remains strong with over 30% fund balance, in excess of \$1.3 million dollars in a rainy-day capital improvement fund, up from under \$600 two years ago; fully funded post-employment health benefits for our year round staff; improved health insurance options; and Federal COVID ESSER dollars spent or targeted to be spent in excess of \$1.7 million dollars. There will be more detail in the next *Link* issue concerning the federal dollars. The district used this strong financial position to add teaching staff coming out of the global pandemic to support current and additional needs brought on by this once-in-a-lifetime challenge.

Special thanks for donations approaching \$50,000 from the **Mosinee PTO**, the **Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin**, and the **B.A. & Esther Greenheck Foundation** respectively which were used with district dollars to construct a handicap accessible play area behind Mosinee Elementary School. **Greenheck Fan Corporation** also generously constructed and donated 13 buddy benches for outdoor seating use. Thank you to the **Mosinee Community Athletic Association** for installing a parking lot on school district fields off of Rangeline Road. This is a wonderful addition to our district facilities paid for with private funds but used by many in the district and larger community.

Mosinee Homecoming 2021 filled the last week of September with dress up days, trophy competitions, and powder puff football. The amazing Mosinee Homecoming parade and football game takes place Friday, October 1 and the Homecoming dance for students will be on Saturday, October 2. Our fall sports fill the evenings and weekends with activity - feel free to stop out. It's always a great time to be in the Mosinee School District but a little more so during Homecoming Week!

MMS "Chalk the Walk"

Mosinee Middle School fourth graders spent the afternoon on September 14 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 (l to r): Lucas Buchberger and Jerry Cherek participated in the "Chalk the Walk" event.



Pictured above: Mosinee fourth graders work hard to create messages of kindness for the community.



Pictured above: Superintendent Muñoz was the featured guest speaker for the fourth grade "Chalk the Walk" event.



Mosinee High School Hosts Foreign Exchange Students



Did you know that we have Italy's female Muay Thai national champion walking the halls of Mosinee High School? **Giorgia Chiloire** is staying with Jerald and Rebecca Hansen. She is from Como, Italy, a city of 85,000 people. So far she loves life in the United States. She likes our school, houses and the guys she has met. She is currently experimenting with volleyball for the first time competitively. She notes the craziest thing is America's idea of Italian food. Fettuccine Alfredo is not Italian - this dish isn't even made in Italy! Giorgia is excited to celebrate Thanksgiving and is looking forward to eating an awesome turkey dinner.



Daniel Gildain is from Lanškroun in the Czech Republic and is staying with the Mike and Tammy Gorski family. He is enjoying meeting new people and experiencing the different lifestyles, but is not a fan of the food here. American lunch is like fast food; whereas, in Czech lunch is like a healthy family meal of soup or roast and mashed potatoes. He is really excited to trick-or-treat on Halloween and to celebrate Thanksgiving.



Maria Valls Raya from Barcelona, Spain is often found cheering in the student section at sporting events. She is amazed at how many people play sports here. She herself is a serious softball player and is thrilled to be playing in the USA. She currently plays on the 16U Clutch travel softball team. Maria is very excited to experience homecoming and prom because she doesn't have those school events in her country. She is worried that winter will be very cold with the snow. Maria lives with the Pepe and Rebecca Gonzalez family.



Sofya Davydenko is from Kazakhstan and is living with her host family, David and Dana Kamke. She thinks all the people she has met in the US are so friendly. She has noticed that Americans don't spend much time cooking and there are many different snacks. Sofya came to the US to study English and hopes to attend an American university someday. She likes the fact that she can choose her classes at Mosinee High School and is excited to experience the school dances. She is also looking forward to celebrating all the holidays. Sofya is on the swim team at MHS and at home she enjoys hiking, jogging and baking sweets.



"Everyone at home wants to come to experience American life," said **Ondrej Napravnik**. He is from a small town of 14,000 called Poděbrady in the Czech Republic. One of the best aspects of being in American schools is the connection between schools and sports. At home, Ondrej has to travel to Prague to practice and play hockey which is 1.5 hours away from his home. This means he missed class often. His host family, Chris and Jodi Claeys, is fantastic because they are funny and caring, which he finds true of all the people here in Mosinee. The oddest aspect of school is the lunch because it isn't healthy. At home they would never have been served chips. Ondrej really loves Wisconsin's deep-fried cheese curds though! He currently is on the varsity soccer team and hopes to try golf in the spring.

Mosinee Athletes Compete at WIAA State Track and Field Meet



The Mosinee Boys and Girls Track and Field teams had great success in 2021. Both took the Great Northern Conference Team Championships, and a number of athletes qualified for the 2021 WIAA State Meet in La Crosse with the following results:

Emily Wicklund - High Jump - 9th place finish

Cyle Kowalski - 100m Dash - 7th place finish

Adalyn Lehman, Kate Fitzgerald, Claire Selenske, Katelyn Baars, Malina Carattini, Avery Ahles - Girls 4 x 200 - 7th place finish

Drayton Lehman, Cyle Kowalski, Kyle Miller, Evan Uthall, Wyatt Monyok, Cole Kowalski - Boys 4 x 100 - 2nd place finish

Claire Selenske - 300m Hurdles - 4th place finish

Kate Fitzgerald - 200m Dash - 3rd place finish

Olivia Donohue - 3200m - 14th place finish

Cyle Kowalski - Long Jump - 7th place finish

Sydney Leszczynski, Adalyn Lehman, Claire Selenske, Kate Fitzgerald, Olivia Donohue, Megan Wayerski - Girls 4 x 400 - 7th place finish


Drayton Lehman, Logan Cychosz, Kyle Miller, Cyle Kowalski, Wyatt Monyok, Evan Uthall - Boys 4 x 400 - 15th place finish

Congratulations athletes and coaches on an absolutely incredible season of Mosinee Track and Field!!

Pictured above (l to r): (Back row) Drayton Lehman, Evan Uthall, Cyle Kowalski, Kyle Miller, Logan Cychosz, Cole Kowalski, Wyatt Monyok, (Front row) Malina Carattini, Sydney Leszczynski, Katelyn Baars, Olivia Donohue, Adalyn Lehman, Claire Selenske, and Kate Fitzgerald were some of the athletes that competed at the WIAA State Track and Field Meet.

Link Mosinee Sports Schedules to Your Calendar



Linking your favorite school sport to your calendar is easy! Go to www.mosineeschools.org and select "Athletics" and then "Athletic Calendar." Choose "View Schedule"  on the right side, select the activity you would like to link, and click "View." A new window will open with the schedule listed. In the upper right hand corner, click on "Subscribe," then follow the on screen instructions to select the feed that is compatible with your device.

2021 WIAA Scholar Athletes

Every year, each of the WIAA member high schools in the state is invited to nominate one boy and one girl for Scholar Athlete honors, based on their achievements in both athletics and academics. Normally, the WIAA would then select 32 statewide award recipients to be honored at a banquet, however the program changed to local awards only for the 2020-21 school year due to numerous COVID-19 changes made to athletic seasons statewide.

The Mosinee Athletic Department was please to select two very deserving recipients for 2021 WIAA Scholar Athlete Award: **Cyle Kowalski** and **Riley Sondelski**.



Cyle maintained a 4.0 gpa for his entire high school career while also earning Varsity Letters, participating in WIAA State Track and Field, and contributing to a 2020 Level 1 Football victory.



Riley also maintained a 4.0 gpa throughout her high school career. She earned Varsity Letters and was a member of the Mosinee Girls Basketball team which won the Great Northern Conference Championship.

Congratulations to both on this recognition!!

FITNESS CENTER



Open to all Mosinee School District students, athletes/teams, staff and community members free of charge.

COMMUNITY/ STUDENT/STAFF HOURS:

Monday & Thursday 6:15am-7:15am

Monday-Thursday 5:00pm-6:30pm

STUDENT/STAFF ONLY HOURS:

Monday-Friday 3:30pm - 5:00pm

***Note: The Fitness Center will be CLOSED on the following days: non-school days, early release days, inservice days, winter break & spring break.*

MES Students Celebrate Patriot Day

On September 10th, Mosinee Elementary students headed outdoors on a Freedom Walk in honor of Patriot Day. Students and staff wore red, white, and blue to show their patriotic spirit. Classes also participated in activities to learn the meaning of freedom, read books, made American flags, and wrote letters to veterans.



Pictured above: Mosinee Elementary students, staff, and parents participated in an all-school Freedom Walk in honor of Patriot Day.

MMS to Hold Color Run Playground Fundraiser

For the past few years, Mosinee Middle School students have been holding fundraisers to raise money for new equipment on the playground. In 2017-18, students helped raise over \$12,000, which was then matched by the district, to obtain a large playground structure. In the years following, MMS has added a 10 spin mondo (merry go round for 10), a stand-up teeter totter, floor hockey equipment, glass backboards on one of the basketball courts, and two GaGa ball pits. In October, students will be able to join a Color Run to raise funds for more playground equipment. Participants will ask for donations, run through neon colored chalk powder, win prizes, and have fun. The goal this year is to add another piece of playground structure, a sand volleyball court, and tether ball pits. Students love to use the equipment during recess, after school and in the summer, and MMS is excited to add new options to the space.

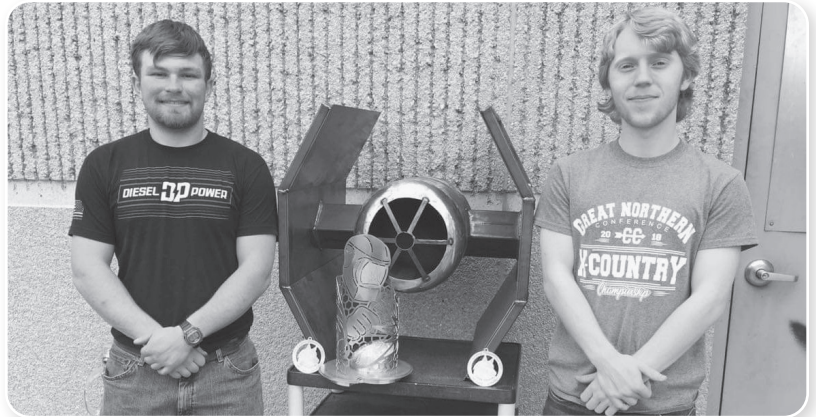


Pictured above: GaGa ball, a variation of dodgeball, is a favorite on the middle school playground.

Mosinee Manufacturing Continues to Impress

Mosinee Manufacturing welcomed many challenges this spring – entering into several competitions and facilitating a redesign for a local company.

Benjamin Folwarski and **Lucas Simonis** knocked it out of the park in the NTC Weld Competition held in May 2021. They competed against class members and groups from schools around Northcentral Wisconsin. Benjamin and Lucas walked away with the top overall highest score between both the artistic and utilitarian categories.



Cole Marx, Wilhelm Hytry, Brandon Jacob, and Logan Roberts received a 2nd in the artistic category with their infinity cube, while **Sydney Leszczynski** received 4th on her boot rack in the utilitarian category.

Benjamin Folwarski attended a Machine Tool competition, competing against students from all over Wisconsin. He created a part on a lathe he had never used before and received 2nd overall. His instructors are super proud of his accomplishments.

To end the spring, Mosinee Manufacturing students were challenged with redesigning a robotic decoy cart in order to bring material costs down for Custom Robotic Wildlife, a local taxidermy company. The students worked hard on re-engineering to reduce material costs, and learned how to weld aluminum so they could meet the deadline to produce three carts by the end of the school year.

Pictured above (l to r): Benjamin Folwarski and Lucas Simonis won both the artistic and utilitarian categories in the NTC Weld Competition in May 2021.

Pictured right: Benjamin Folwarski, along with other Mosinee Manufacturing students, accepted the challenge to redesign a robotic decoy cart for Custom Robotic Wildlife, a local taxidermy company.



MSD Employment Opportunities

YOU make a difference in our schools. Please consider working for the Mosinee School District by visiting <https://www.mosineeschools.org/district/prospective-staff.cfm> to view current openings or log on to WECAN (Wisconsin Education Career Access Network) to apply. Questions can be directed to Karla Michanowicz, Coordinator of Human Resources, at 715-693-2530, ext. 6109.

Mosinee Schools Welcome New Mental Health Navigator



The Mosinee School District values the social-emotional and mental health and well-being of all students and families and is excited to introduce **Kurstin Kolodziej** as the district's new mental health navigator. Mrs. Kolodziej will be working with building principals, school counselors and psychologists, the school social worker, and community service providers to build healthy relationships within Mosinee schools.

The district strives to provide students with a solid social-emotional curriculum, to implement positive behavioral interventions and supports (PBIS), and to connect students and families with school and community based resources. In addition to these policies, Mrs. Kolodziej will be organizing, developing, and leading professional development/learning activities for staff; helping staff, students, and families understand how to access mental health and social emotional supports; collaborating with community mental health providers to arrange opportunities for students to access mental health services while at school; providing resources, training, and information for staff, students, and families to increase their understanding of mental health and social-emotional development; supporting the use of social-emotional lessons and learning materials for students through collaboration with school counselors, teachers, and administrators; and managing and monitoring mental health grants which provide funds to support mental health and social-emotional development.

Mrs. Kolodziej graduated from UWSP in 2004 with a major in early childhood education and a minor in early childhood special education. She received her masters degree in 2018 in educational administration from Concordia University, WI. Prior to her role in Mosinee, she was an early childhood special education teacher and an early childhood program support teacher in the Wausau School District.

FCCLA Donates to FABFAN

Mosinee FCCLA officers **Jessica Brown, Megan Garski, Annabella Kennedy, Bryanna Schwartz, Taylor Javoroski, and Kiarra Kennedy** met for their annual planning meeting in August and responded to the United Way of Marathon County's call for donations to the Workplace Volunteer Council's **Fill A Backpack Fill A Need (FABFAN)** project. Each officer donated a number of school supplies as well as a backpack. Their donations came full circle as Mosinee School's kitchen staff assembled backpacks with the school supplies and distributed them to local families before the school year began.



Pictured above left: FCCLA Regional Representative Taylor Javoroski delivers the supplies to the collection site at J&D Tube Benders in Weston.

Pictured above right (l to r): Billie Kern, kitchen staff member, and Haley Harman, director of food services, are ready to distribute the filled backpacks to local students.

Mosinee Board of Education Notes

At the September 21, 2021 regular Board of Education meeting, the Board approved the following:

- minutes from the regular Board of Education meeting on August 17, 2021
- school improvement goals for the 2021-22 school year
- teacher post-employment benefits
- an increase in teacher liquidated damages, an increased day in the Physical Therapist position, an increase in period subbing pay, an elementary Special Education Teacher hire, and COVID days for staff
- August's monthly voucher list, treasurer's report, and floor scrubber purchase

The next Regular Board of Education and Budget Meeting will be held Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 6:00 pm at the District Educational Service Center. The public is invited to attend.

PTO Notes

Highlights from the September PTO meeting:

- The PTO will give \$100 to each grade level (K-8) to utilize for their students as they see fit. An additional amount will be given to each school for their snack programs.
- The PTO donated school supplies for the 2021-22 school year to the elementary and middle schools.
- Fall Fundraiser pick up is Wednesday, October 27, 3:45 pm - 6:45 pm in the Creske Gym.

The next PTO meeting is Monday, October 11, 2021 at 6:00 pm, in the Mosinee High School IMC.



Middle School Early Intervention Parent-Teacher Conferences

Thursday, October 7
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

High School Parent-Teacher Conferences

Thursday, October 7
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

October Calendar of Events

October 28 - 29 **NO SCHOOL** - District Inservice

MOSINEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

11 PTO Meeting - HS IMC.....6:00pm-7:00pm

MOSINEE MIDDLE SCHOOL

7 Early Intervention Parent-Teacher Conferences...4:00pm-8:00pm

MOSINEE HIGH SCHOOL

- 1 Homecoming Parade.....5:00pm
- Football - Rhinelander (H - Homecoming).....7:00pm
- 2 Homecoming Dance - Creske Gym.....7:00pm-11:00pm
- Grand March.....10:00pm
- 4 Volleyball - Wausau West (A).....7:00pm
- 5 Soccer - Medford (H).....4:00pm
- Cross Country - Invitational (A - Black River Falls).....4:30pm
- Volleyball - Northland Pines (H).....7:00pm
- 7 Parent-Teacher Conferences.....4:00pm-8:00pm
- Soccer - Rhinelander (A).....7:00pm
- 8 Football - Medford (A).....7:00pm
- 9 Cross Country - Invitational (A - Tomahawk).....10:00am
- Volleyball - Conference Tournament (H).....10:00am
- 12 Volleyball - Medford (H).....7:00pm
- 14 Soccer - Lakeland (H).....4:00pm
- Volleyball - Marathon (A).....7:00pm
- 15 Football - Antigo (H).....7:00pm
- 16 Cross Country - GNC Meet (A - Lakeland).....11:00am
- 19 Soccer - Regionals (TBA).....TBA
- Volleyball - Regionals (TBA).....7:00pm
- 21 Volleyball - Regionals (TBA).....7:00pm
- 22/23 Cross Country - Sectionals (A - Colby).....TBA
- 23 Soccer - Regionals (TBA).....TBA
- Volleyball - Regionals (TBA).....7:00pm
- 28 Soccer - Sectionals (TBA).....TBA
- Volleyball - Sectionals (TBA).....7:00pm
- 30 Cross Country - State Meet (A - Wis. Rapids).....12:00pm
- Soccer - Sectionals (TBA).....TBA
- Volleyball - Sectionals (TBA).....7:00pm

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

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Community Outreach Classes

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

CLASS	BEGINS	DAY	TIME	SESSIONS	LOC.
Bats in Wisconsin	10-11	Mon	6:30-7:30	1	Virtual-Mead Wildlife
Acrylic Painting - <i>Colorful Moon River</i>	10-12	Tues	4:30-7:30	1	MHS 404
Custom Creations Jewelry	10-12	Tues	6:00-8:00	1	MHS IMC
Planning a Perennial Garden	10-12	Tues	6:00-7:00	1	MHS IMC Conf. Room
Miniature Gardens	10-13	Wed	6:00-7:00	1	MHS IMC Conf. Room
Soups & Salads	10-21	Thurs	6:00-8:00	1	MHS 406
DIY Wooden Sign Painting	10-21	Thurs	6:00-9:00	1	Olive Branch Sign Co.
Zumba	10-25	Mon	6:00-7:00	6	MES Gym
Wisconsin Turtles	10-25	Mon	6:30-7:30	1	Virtual-Mead Wildlife
Acrylic Painting - <i>Sunset Autumn Water</i>	10-26	Tues	4:30-7:30	1	MHS 404
Mall of America Shopping Trip*	11-13	Sat	All Day	1	Back of MHS

(*Minimum of 40 people, maximum of 56 people. Reservation deadline is October 15, 2021)

Mark Your Calendars! MHS Variety Show on Stage this November

The MHS Vocal Music Department is planning its fall variety show production which will be held November 5th and 6th at 7:00 pm and November 8th at 2:00 pm. This year's theme will focus on the music from the great shows of Broadway throughout the ages! Choir students will be featured in solos, duets, small and large ensembles as well as dance numbers with some of the most classic music of all time. Ticket prices will be \$9 for adults, and \$6 for students and senior citizens, and all seating is reserved. Tickets will be sold through showtix4u.com starting October 15th, and at the door prior to each show.

ANNUAL ASBESTOS NOTICE AND INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

ASBESTOS NOTICE

This notice is to inform the staff and students of the Mosinee School District that the Federal Environmental Protection Agency has amended the 1982 Asbestos Rule.

The 1982 rule required school districts to conduct an inspection of school buildings for all friable (easily crumbled with hand pressure) asbestos-containing materials and, if present, notify employees and parents of their existence. This rule placed no continuing responsibilities on the districts.

In 1987 the rule changed. Districts are now required to have their school buildings inspected by an accredited inspector for all friable and non-friable asbestos-containing building materials (ACBM), conduct reinspections, and develop a management plan for dealing with asbestos.

In 1988, the Mosinee School District contracted Twin City Testing Corporation of Wausau, Wisconsin, to inspect and develop a Management Plan for each building in the district. The Management Plan was submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services on October 12, 1988, as required by the new law.

The Management Plan had a mandatory implementation date of July 9, 1989. After that date, all asbestos-related work had to be conducted according to the Management Plan, unless altered by a certified management

planner. Periodic surveillances are conducted every six months to document the condition of asbestos-containing building materials.

All asbestos-containing building materials will be maintained with an operations and maintenance program, unless conditions warrant other action. Anyone interested in additional information about the location of asbestos containing building materials may contact the principal of the respective building or the district office to view a copy of the Management Plan for all district buildings.

INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

This notice is to inform staff and students of the Mosinee School District that, as directed by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, (2009 - Wisconsin Act 96) has adopted these standards.

The Mosinee School District will continue to give annual written notice to all parent and employee organizations about the availability of the Management Plan and any scheduled abatement activities.

Steven Kaiser is the District Asbestos Coordinator and appointed IEC Coordinator for all district facilities and can be reached at 715-693-2530 for all questions and concerns.

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.

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