

The MOSINEE LINK

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A link between the district and its citizens.

Board of Education Redefines Process for Facilities Issues

by **Dr. Ann Schultz, Superintendent of Schools**



I want to thank you for taking the time in early August to respond to the Community Survey that our Board of Education sent out. Over 8,000 surveys hit the homes of Mosinee residents and we received nearly a 15% return rate. We value your opinion and we welcome the opportunity to take your thoughts and ideas and put them into practice. Your engagement focuses our work and helps us plan in a manner that clearly reflects the values that were shared with us in the Community Survey. The Board of Education met in early September to determine the process that we will use to continue our facility planning. We have learned a great deal from you and your advice has been a guiding factor for our work ahead. We invite you to participate again in the process of defining what our priorities are and what facility projects we should tackle first. Within this issue of

the Link, you will find an outline from the Board of Education meeting where we redefined the steps that we will take to plan for facilities. Please take a close look at the dates and times that our Board will meet to discuss the facility work. You are invited to attend those meetings and to speak directly to the Board of Education.

I am excited to move forward again with planning for our children. There is no greater gift that we can give our community than well-educated children. We continue to commit our time, our energy, and our resources to providing every child a quality educational experience.

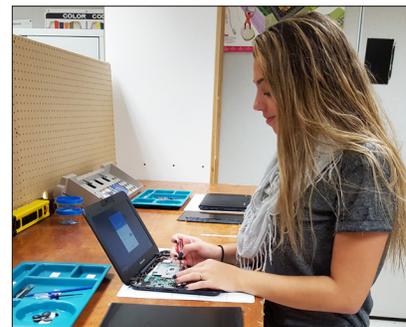
As the fall colors quickly approach, I am drawn to the river and spending time enjoying the incredible beauty of our Mosinee community. I hope you have a chance to walk in the woods and catch a glimpse of the gorgeous nature that surrounds us! Enjoy the fall sunshine, I look forward to seeing you at our Facility Planning Meetings. ❖

District Begins 1 to 1 Chromebook Initiative for Grades 6-12

The Mosinee School District has begun a full one-to-one Chromebook rollout for grades 6-12. Grades 9-12 received their devices and training on September 2, while sixth, seventh, and eighth graders will be receiving their devices in the coming weeks. The One-to-One Chromebook Initiative is intended to enable and support students and teachers in implementing transformative uses of technology and promoting the development of self-directed, responsible life-long users. The Chromebooks will allow for a more personalized learning approach to be used in meeting individual student needs and will provide each student access to required educational materials and research capabilities to enhance the educational experience. The supplied device is an educational tool not intended for personal gaming, social networking, or high-end computing.

In conjunction with the roll-out, the high school also offered students the opportunity to take a course in Chromebook repair.

The district is excited to continue to provide opportunities to help our students reach for success in the 21st century. ❖



Junior, Adriana Reed works on replacing a screen in the new "Chromesavers" repair class. The course teaches students the basics of device repair with the goal of getting the technology back to students quickly.

Mosinee FCCLA Members Compete at National Conference

Mosinee FCCLA traveled to San Diego, CA for the Family, Career, and Community Leaders Association National Leadership Conference. The chapter qualified ten competitors for Nationals, six chose to compete. **Neve Blanz** and **Allison Swid** (Food Innovations, Silver Medal), **Mikayla Hilgers** and

Rachel Lemke (Environmental Ambassador, Gold); **Camille Gorman**, (Chapter in Review, Gold); **Fawne Maguire** (Life Event Planning, Gold). In addition, the group visited Old Towne, the Gaslamp Quarter, Coronado Island, took a seal tour and trolley ride, and spent time at five of San Diego's best beaches. ❖

Plan to attend HS Parent-Teacher Conferences Tuesday, October 18, 4:00-8:00 pm

MES Butterfly Garden Selected for Master Gardeners Tour

The Mosinee Elementary School Hungry Caterpillar Butterfly Garden was selected by the Central Wisconsin Master Gardeners Association as the public garden for its 2016 Master Gardeners Walk. Over 500 gardening enthusiasts toured the garden during the two-day event held this past July.

The garden was the brainchild of kindergarten teacher, **Donna Nelson** and community member, **Shaun Groshek**, and began as a more cost efficient way to teach elementary students about life cycles. In the past, each classroom purchased larvae to hatch butterflies in their rooms, the garden provides better use of these limited funds and has continued to grow with help from a variety of benefactors. Beginning with a grant from the Mosinee PTO, a small unused area next to the playground was tilled, groomed, and planted with butterfly-friendly plants. The Hungry Caterpillar continued to evolve with a \$750 grant from Cell Com for three additional beds, a \$100 grant from Meemic Insurance to purchase butterfly books for student use in this outdoor classroom, and most recently a \$900 donation from the North Central Wisconsin Master Gardeners Association.

As his Eagle Scout project, **Jeremy Falstad** took on mulching the existing areas, cultivated two more areas, and created an Aldo Leopold bench which provides a multi-purpose teach-

ing area. A partnership with **Dan Frey** of Marathon has given the students an opportunity to observe the development of chrysalises and the release of over 600 monarch butterflies into the garden. In addition, Lietz's Auto Repair donated tires to complete the garden's tire caterpillar, signage was created by former MES art teacher, **Sarah Ford** and MHS Woods teacher, **Ron Klinner**, and blocks edging the garden were placed in memory of Mosinee students who have passed away. ❖



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MHS Welcomes Four Foreign Exchange Students

Jamie Petutschnig is from Austria and is living with the **Mark** and **Shelly Borchardt** family. Jamie decided to become a foreign exchange student because her brother was an exchange student in Brazil, to change her life, and to see America. Her original plan was to be on the beaches of Florida, but here she is in Wisconsin -- where the snow will fall. Talented in many ways, Jamie is already involved with the MHS dance team, musical, and band where she plays the drums, but is moving to play the flute soon. At home, she is also an accomplished violinist. Although she would like to try kick boxing and track, her biggest goal is to have fun and make friends.



The **Joseph** and **Heather Bett** family is host to **Joseph Novell** from Barcelona, Spain. To be independent and learn English is what made Joseph decide to come to the US. He said in Europe people with the strong English skills have more job opportunities. He likes how people in America are open and welcoming, which has made the transition easier -- European people don't say hello or make eye-contact. He is on the soccer team, a sport he played at home at the club level. He wishes the crowd from the football games would come cheer on the soccer team because the fans are amazing! He loves the food at his host family's home because they serve everything: meat, green vegetables, and sweets. To be forever linked to another family and friends is what Joseph wants to take home with him.



The **Anna Winkelmann** is from Monchengladbach, Germany, a city of 270,000. Her home here with the **Paul** and **Jean Reifenrath** family is located in a wooded subdivision a few miles from town and feels like a vacation home to Anna. She loves all the trees and space, but said it can be lonely. Anna decided to be a foreign exchange student to improve her English, have new experiences, and because her mom was exchange student in Minnesota. When she graduates in spring, her mother will come and they will travel to Minnesota to visit her host family. She finds school confusing because the students in her classes change each hour. At home, the teachers change rooms. She also finds it strange that so many kids have cars and can drive at 16 -- 18 is legal driving age in Germany. Anna loves her host father's cooking, especially his pumpkin cookies. When you meet Anna, bring Fruit Roll-ups, it's her new favorite food. ❖



Isabell Goepfert is from Germany and in love with s'mores -- it is her favorite new food in the United States! She is most surprised by the rules at school. American students can use their cell phones at school, but not in Germany. She enjoys learning about animals in Animal Care and about art in Clays. At home, she has a huge dog named Asmara, who she misses along with the bread from home. She said "Bread here can be made into a spongy ball, yuck!" Isabell is living with the **Monica** and **Chris Smith** family.



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District Shorts . . .

Mosinee Board of Education Notes

At the **September 20, 2016** regular Board of Education meeting, the Board approved the following:

- minutes from the August 16, 2016 regular Board of Education meeting, and the August 23, August 30, and September 13, 2016 special board meetings
- monthly voucher list and treasurer's report
- MES, MMS, and MHS improvement goals and district focus for the 2016-17 school year
- extended field trip requests for the MMS eighth grade band to travel to Minneapolis, MN and the MHS FFA to travel to Indianapolis, IN
- 1975 MES boiler room retrofit project
- a half-time teacher assistant position for the 4K program for the 2016-17 school year

In other business, the Board:

- heard reports on student activities, staff retention, WASB, CESA 9, and September Curriculum and Standards meeting
- heard updates on the Facility Process and Timeline including dates for Facility Planning Board meetings, MCAA sports complex, final completed summer projects, and a new extra-curricular hire

The next regular meeting will be **Monday, October 24, 2016, at 7:00 pm** in the **Mosinee Elementary School IMC**. The public is invited to attend. ❖

MHS Presents *Les Misérables* - Nov. 3-6

The Mosinee High School Vocal Music Department will perform the classic Broadway musical *Les Misérables* on November 3, 4, and 5 at 7:00 pm and November 6 at 2:00 pm in the Creske Center auditorium. Reserved seating ticket prices are \$10.00 for adults and \$7.00 for students and senior citizens. Tickets will be available at showtix4u.com in October, or at the door one hour prior to the start of each performance. Hope to see you there! ❖

MHS Senate Blood Drive - Oct. 12

The Mosinee High School Student Senate will be hosting a Halloween-themed blood drive on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 from 8:00 am -1:00 pm in the Creske Center lobby. Donors will receive a Halloween water bottle and a raffle ticket to win prizes from local businesses. Walk-ins are welcome. ❖

Mosinee Volleyball Raises over \$5,000 for Midwest Athletes Against Childhood Cancer



The MHS volleyball team hosted a Thyroid Cancer Awareness Night in honor of teammate, **Megan Priest**, who was diagnosed earlier this summer. The night was an overwhelming show of support and encouragement by the Mosinee community and area volleyball teams as the stands were filled with hundreds of #PRIESTPOWER t-shirts. Megan had finally been medically-cleared to compete for the first time. The event raised over \$5,000 for the MACC Fund through t-shirt and bracelet sales, raffles, and a serving contest. ❖

PTO Corner

At its September meeting the PTO:

- approved funding for healthy snacks at MES
- approved funding for MMS moveable playground equipment
- approved funding a portion of a water rug at MES
- discussed more signage at Open Houses, so parents are aware of the Fall Fundraiser pizza and food samples available
- reminded parents that **fundraiser delivery day is Wednesday, October 26, from 3:00-6:00 pm in the HS gym**
- drew the September winners of the Support the Classroom program: **Jennifer Neuner, Amanda Lang, Paul Rhein-schmidt, and Dan Lesniak**

The next PTO meeting is **Monday, October 10, 2016 at 6:00 pm, in Room C124 of the elementary school.** ❖

Developmental Screening - October 20

The Mosinee School District is hosting "The Other Check-up" a free developmental screening on Thursday, October 20, 2016 from 1:00-7:00 pm at Mosinee Elementary School, 600 12th Street. The event gives parents an opportunity to have their children, ages two years/nine months to five years, complete a screening of all areas of their development. Children will be asked to complete a variety of activities in the areas of motor skills, verbal skills, and cognitive/readiness skills. The screening will provide parents with information on their child's overall growth and development. Parents need not have concerns to schedule a screening. District residents may schedule an appointment by calling Denise at 715-693-2530. ❖

Coverly Speaks to MMS/MHS Students

Tom Coverly, a professional comedian, illusionist, and motivational speaker preformed for MMS and MHS students on September 9. Tom has presented for millions around the world and is the most requested motivational entertainer in the nation. In his own unique way, Tom captured the attention of the students with truth and reality. His truth -- students have a purpose and that life is worth living with character. Tom spoke on a variety of topics, but his focus was on RESPECT. He strongly believes that a lack of respect for ourselves and others is the root cause of bullying, self-harm, suicide, eating disorders, and low self-esteem among students. Coverly had the students amazed, laughing, and crying in understanding the importance of respect. It was a potent message to start the school year. ❖



The MHS volleyball team surprised teammate, Megan Priest, with dinner at the Olive Garden to welcome her back from medical leave.

Community Outreach Classes

For more info contact Michelle Pozorski at 693-2550 Ext. 3696.

Class	Begins	Day	Sess.	Time	Loc.
Basic Cake Decorating	10-1	Sa	1	10:00-3:00	MHS
Big Bull Falls Ghosts	10-4	Tu	1	6:00-7:30	MHS
Wausau Ghost Tours	10-8	Sa	1	6:00-7:30	Wau.
Beg. Acrylic Painting II	10-10	M	1	4:30-7:30	MHS
Sr. Financial Planning	10-11	Tu	2	4:30-5:45	MHS
Downsize/Declutter	10-11	Tu	1	6:00-7:30	MHS
Grasses/Shrubs	10-11	Tu	2	4:30-5:45	MHS
Wausau Ghost Tours	10-15	Sa	1	6:00-7:30	Wau.
Adult Color Book Party	10-15	Sa	1	10:00-12:00	MHS
Oil Pulling	10-18	Tu	1	6:00-7:00	MHS
Sm. Space Gardening	10-18	Tu	1	6:00-7:00	MHS
Wausau Ghost Tours	10-22	Sa	1	6:00-7:30	Wau.
Zumba	10-24	M-W	6/12	6:15-7:15	MES
Beg. Acrylic Painting II	10-24	M	1	4:30-7:30	MHS
Write Your Own Story	10-25	Tu	1	6:00-7:00	MHS
Zumba	10-25	Tu	6	4:00-5:00	MES
Zumba	10-26	W	6	6:15-7:15	MES
Cardio, Weights, Fun	10-26	W	6	6:15-7:15	Yoga Rm.
Gurnee Mills Shopping	11-5	Sa	1	All Day	Rec Ctr.

(Registration for this shopping trip is due by October 15.)

MES Holds 9-11 Freedom Walk



MES remembered 9-11 by holding a Freedom Walk. Students wore red, white, and blue and participated in a variety of activities to better understand the importance of freedom and patriotism.

October Calendar of Events

MOSINEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 10 PTO Meeting - ES Room C124 - 6:00
- 20 Developmental Screening 1:00-7:00
- 27 **NO SCHOOL - All District Inservice**
- 28 **NO SCHOOL**

MOSINEE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 3 Cross Country - Marion Inv. (A) 4:00
- 4 Gr. 7 Volleyball - Wisc. Rapids (A) 4:00
- Gr. 8 Volleyball - Wisc. Rapids (A) 4:00
- Gr. 8 Football A - P.J. Jacobs (H) 4:00
- MS Soccer - Ben Franklin (H) 4:00
- Boys Soccer - Ben Franklin (A) 5:15
- 6 Gr. 5 Vision/Hearing Screening
- Gr. 7 Volleyball - P.J. Jacobs (H) 4:00
- Gr. 8 Volleyball - Everest Inv. (A) 4:00
- MS Soccer - Everest (H) 4:00
- Boys Soccer - Horace Mann (H) 4:00
- 7 Picture Retake Day
- 12 Gr. 5 - Birds in Art Field Trip
- 14 Gr. 6-7 - NTC Mindtrekkers Field Trip
- 27 **NO SCHOOL - All District Inservice**
- 28 **NO SCHOOL**

MOSINEE HIGH SCHOOL

- 4 Volleyball - Antigo (A) 7:00
- Boys Soccer - Lakeland (A) 7:00
- 6 Boys Soccer - Northland Pines (A) 4:30
- 7 Football - Merrill (H) (Homecoming) 7:00
- 8 Volleyball - GNC Tournament (A) 10:00
- Cross Country - Edgewater Inv. (A) 10:00
- 12 Volleyball - Scrimmage (A) 4:00
- 13 Boys Soccer - Medford (H) 4:30
- Volleyball - Marathon (A) 7:00
- 14 Football - Lakeland (A) 7:00
- 15 Cross Country - GNC Meet (H) 10:00

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- 18 Parent-Teacher Conf. 4:00-8:00
- 21 Football - Playoffs (H) 7:00
- 22 Boys Soccer - Sectionals (A) 11:00
- 28 Football - Playoffs (H) 7:00
- 27 **NO SCHOOL - All District Inservice**
- 28 **NO SCHOOL**

MOSINEE HOMECOMING 2016

Friday, October 7, 2016

Pep Rally: 1:00 • Parade: 5:00 • Game: 7:00

Saturday, October 8, 2016

Dance: 7:30-11:00 • Grand March 10:00

PTO FUNDRAISER DELIVERY DAY WED., OCT. 26 • 3:00-6:00 PM • HS GYM

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 Richard Lind, Director of Instructional Programs, Mosinee School District, 591 West Highway 153, Mosinee, WI 54455 at 715-693-2530.

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Update on the Mosinee School District Facility Planning Process

The Board of Education has completed four steps in our facility planning process:

1. The Board has chosen a new “architect” model to follow for our facility planning.
2. The Board has contracted with an architect.
3. The Board has determined how our facility meetings will be structured.
4. The Board has set dates for our facility planning to occur from October through January.

STEP 1

- The Board of Education has chosen an Architect Model to follow as we move forward with the facility planning process. This model addresses the community’s concern for competitive bidding to occur. With this model, the district will not employ the services of a Construction Manager. Instead, the Architect will work with a number of construction companies during the pre-referendum phase of the project to develop cost information relative to project scope. This cost information, from multiple construction companies will allow the Board to identify a project dollar amount for referendum purposes. Once the referendum is successful, the project is sent out for competitive bidding to qualified general contractors/construction companies. After competitive bids are obtained, the Board will have an opportunity to select a contractor that they feel is qualified to build the project, brings the best value to the district, and/or have the option to go out and solicit additional bids.

ARCHITECT MODEL OVERVIEW

- The School District works with an Architect to determine the size, scope and cost for the School District needs.
- The Architect works with a number of Construction Companies during the pre-referendum process to gather cost information needed to cover the intended scope of the work.
- Budget figures are presented to the School Board for review and inclusion in an overall referendum total.
- During pre-referendum presentations the solutions and costs are presented to the community by the Board, Architect, and Community Facility Team.
- The Architect assists the School District with pre-referendum marketing needs to sell the referendum to the community. The Board may elect to hire a marketing firm to further assist in pre-referendum marketing services.
- After a successful referendum, the Board completes the project with the Architect that was hired for pre-referendum services.
- The Architect completes the drawings and sends the project out to bid.
- After the competitive bidding process a qualified construction company/general contractor is selected who in turn will competitively bid out the work required by all subcontractors.

STEP 2

- The Board of Education has hired Blue Design to be our Architect.

STEP 3

- The Board of Education has determined that our Facility Planning Meetings will be structured as Board meetings. Agendas will be planned by the Board President, Board Vice President, and Ann Schultz with direction and guidance from Steve Jamroz, Blue Design. The full Board will have input on the agenda just as they do as we plan for our regular meeting agendas. Significant time for community and staff input and involvement will be a critical and valued part of these agendas.

STEP 4

- The Board of Education has outlined meeting dates for our Facility Planning Board Meetings as follows:

Facility Planning Meeting 1	Monday, October 3, 2016	HS Cafeteria	6:00-8:00 pm
Facility Planning Meeting 2	Monday, October 17, 2016	HS Cafeteria	6:00-8:00 pm
Facility Planning Meeting 3	Monday, November 7, 2016	ES IMC	6:00-8:00 pm
Facility Planning Meeting 4	Monday, November 21, 2016	HS IMC	6:00-8:00 pm
Facility Planning Meeting 5	Monday, December 12, 2016	District Office	6:00-8:00 pm
Facility Planning Meeting 6	Monday, January 9, 2017	HS Cafeteria	6:00-8:00 pm