



Moore'sville

# PRIDE

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*MCSC Vision: To become an Indiana premier school community devoted to the successful learning and maturation of every student.*

## MCSC Earns Second Air Quality Award

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently awarded Moore'sville as a national leader in indoor environmental quality (IEQ). This month, the district received another citation for leadership in air quality from the Association of School Business Officials International.

Both awards highlight more than a year of hard work by Moore'sville's IEQ team. Those efforts included finding government bond programs to replace outdated and inefficient air units in several schools, utilizing more environmentally friendly cleaners, hosting a pest management seminar for Indianapolis-area schools, and ongoing efforts to improve quality in all buildings.

## Waverly Named a Four-Star School

The staff and students of Waverly Elementary School can be proud of their latest accomplishment - being named a Four Star School by the Indiana Department of Education.

The Four Star rating is reserved for schools which have all grade levels achieve the 75th or higher percentage ranking in ISTEP scores.

"This is a direct result of the culture, teamwork, intentional work, creative work and effective work Waverly teachers and staff have been engaged with students, parents, and our greater school community," said Superintendent Brad Lindsay.



*We Are Moore'sville . . .*

**An "A" - Rated, Exemplary School Community**

as named by the Indiana Department of Education

*. . . This Is Our Time!*



Lindsay

## Superintendent's Message

# Our 150th Year - Exemplary!

Being a Mooreville Pioneer comes with a great deal of pride and tradition. As central Indiana's oldest K-12 school system (beginning with the introduction of MHS in 1861),

Mooreville has been a leader in education. This past year we have been raising the standard for learning performance, with every school in every category making AYP, and Mooreville being named an exemplary, A-rated school community by the Indiana Department of Education, it has perhaps been the most distinguished year in Mooreville history. A few of the year's highlights include:

**April** - The arts took center spotlight as our MHS Orchestra tied for State Champions at the Indiana State School Music Association competition. The many students who participate in our music, visual arts, and theatre arts programs truly have the opportunity to shine as they show off their creative sides.

**June** - Great test scores! Purposeful and engaging teaching and learning at Mooreville paid off as ALL schools met or exceeded the state's benchmarks for Adequate Yearly Progress on our ISTEP+ scores, leading to Mooreville being named an exemplary, Indiana A-rated school district!

**October** - Our school district partnered with local youth sports leagues to help create a new area to better

serve our children. The new Mooreville Athletic Complex on Landersdale Road will serve as a site for our children to play, learn and grow as well as be a welcome addition to the community.

**November** - the Veterans Memorial Committee and our schools worked together to honor the fallen. A beautiful tradition was started in 1948 as the Mooreville Veterans Memorial was erected on the campus of Newby Elementary School. The tight bond between the schools and our veterans is another reminder of the important link of school and community.

And now in December, we have another Mooreville elementary school being honored as an Indiana Four Star School and our best is yet to come!

I am excited about our Vision for Victory for 2012 - I truly believe we are in much better position as a district team as we enter 2012 than we were as we entered 2011!

We are much more united in spirit and in purpose and we are strategically more laser-focused on performance results with better articulated performance objectives that will lead us to those intended results of best possible!

Thank you for an excellent 2011 – enjoy your two week Christmas Break – 2012 will be the year of the “All In and All Together” Mooreville Pioneers!

## 2012-2013 School Calendar Update

We would like to thank the 1,322 people who participated in our calendar survey. Different groups (parents, youth workers, staff, teachers, students, business representatives and community members) preferred different calendars – some felt Calendar A would be best and others felt strongly for Calendar B, while nearly 60 people did not prefer either calendar.

The two items people voted

as the best advantages of either one were Calendar B's two-week spring break (815 votes) and Calendar A's May 24 end date (790 votes).

Feedback was also gathered about options such as a three-day Thanksgiving Break and having a day set aside for parent-teacher conferences. It is possible that a calendar will be chosen which differs slightly from either Calendar A or B based on these opinions.

The calendar committee (consisting of staff and community members) reviewed information from this survey, previous teacher surveys, and feedback from a wide variety of community stakeholders. The committee's information was delivered to the superintendent, who will make a recommendation to the School Board in January.

## Sights from Our Schools . . .

### Trendy?

The staff of MHS joined in the ugly holiday sweater craze by wearing some of their most colorful favorites!



### Decorative

Northwood students show off their "hand" made reindeer antlers.



### Giving

Students at Waverly celebrated a season of giving by donating to the Morgan County Humane Society.



### Honored

Mooreville Veterans Memorial Committee Chairman Dave White (front right) presents a plaque to the school board in recognition of the partnership between the schools, veterans, and the committee to update the Veterans Memorial. Front row: Brad Lindsay, Ray Phillips, Dr. William Roberson, White. Back Row: Perry King, Randy Davis, Matt Swindle, Ron Wright





## Great Performances

### *With Jingle*

North Madison fifth graders perform with handbells at their winter program.

### *With Melody*

The PHMS Choirs performed some of their holiday music at the Artsgarden in downtown Indianapolis.



### *With Style*

Neil Armstrong students perform "A Christmas Carol" as part of their Readers Theatre.



Want to see more photos of Mooreville Schools' happenings? Visit our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/mooresvilleschools](http://www.facebook.com/mooresvilleschools). The page is public and does not require Facebook membership.

## Pioneer News Briefs

### 8th Grade Reality Store

Paul Hadley Middle School 8th graders will soon hear about careers, cars, homes and other adult topics as they get ready for the Thurs., Feb. 9 Reality Store. At the event in the school gym, students receive a “paycheck” for one month’s salary in their chosen career, pay taxes, and face decisions about their home, car, utilities, groceries, and other areas. Volunteers are needed to help with the event.

For information, contact School to Work Coordinator Julie Swaim at [julie.swaim@moorevilleschools.org](mailto:julie.swaim@moorevilleschools.org)

### Winter Weather

Please remember that as the weather turns cold the possibility of a school delay, closing, or early release is always there.

Please be sure your child and their teacher knows what the plan would be in the event of an early release. Also be sure your

contact information as well as that of your child’s emergency contact are updated in the school’s files.

Parents who wish to receive text messages regarding a closing will receive them most quickly utilizing services through WRTV (channel 6), WISH-TV (channel 8) and the Reporter-Times. Each of their websites has information on how to sign up for messages. The Mooreville Schools Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/MoorevilleSchools](http://www.facebook.com/MoorevilleSchools)) will also post information right away.

### Learn About Scholarships

The Community Foundation of Morgan County will host free “How to Apply for Scholarships” seminars from 6:30-7:30p.m. on the following dates:

Jan. 3 – Morgan County Library in Monrovia

Jan. 5 – Academy Building in Mooreville

### Gingerbread Houses too Pretty to Eat!



*Newby kindergarten students show off their creations.*

## Upcoming Events

### Jan. 4

-School Resumes

### Jan. 9

-PHMS Parent Meeting 6p.m.  
-North Madison PTO Meeting

### Jan. 9 - Feb. 1

-NWEA Testing Window

### Jan. 10

-School Board Meeting 7:30p.m.

### Jan. 11

-Northwood Group Photo Day

### Jan. 16

-Martin Luther King Holiday - no school

### Jan. 17

-Neil Armstrong PTO Executive Session

### Jan. 19

-Waverly PTO Meeting 6p.m.

### Jan. 24

-Waverly Activity Picture Day

### Feb. 3

- 9-week mid-term grades

### Feb. 8

-PHMS Reality Store

### Feb. 15

-MCSC Math Bowl at North Madison