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

Moore Returns as Interim Superintendent

Dr. Larry Moore is serving as Mooresville's interim superintendent while the board searches for the district's next superintendent.



Dr. Moore is a familiar face to the staff at Mooresville, where he served as Assistant Superintendent for Business from 2010-2012.

"We are thankful to have Dr. Moore, someone who lives in this community and has experience leading a school district, here to help us during this transition," said School Board President Dr. Bill Roberson.

Dr. Moore has also served as a superintendent in several school districts in Indiana, including Cannelton City Schools, Northwestern Consolidated School District of Shelby County, and Eminence Community Schools.

**Welcome Back,
Dr. Moore!**

Welcome Back to School!



Newby Elementary Principal Krista Nelson talks with young bus riders about making sure they are on the right bus on the way home the first day of school.

Find more photos from the first day at all of our schools on page 4.

Taber is Mooresville's Teacher of the Year

Paul Hadley Middle School careers class teacher Brett Taber has been selected as Mooresville's H.O.P.E. (Helping Our Pupils Excel) award winner for the 2012-13 school year. He was honored at the district's luncheon at the end of the school year and his award was announced by last year's H.O.P.E. recipient, PHMS history teacher Kevin Reeves.

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H.O.P.E. nominees from each building included (from left): Jori Zollman (Waverly), Holly Brimberry (North Madison), Mary Jane Baxter (Northwood), Stephanie Dockery (Newby), Mandy Chitwood (Neil Armstrong), Brett Taber (PHMS), and Andy Marine (MHS).

Classwork and Construction Move Forward Together

Mooresville High School's construction project has created some changes for MHS students and staff, but the plan to continue work throughout the school year has been working well.

Over the summer, heavy construction took place, including the removal of walls, replacement of water lines and electrical lines, and building of the new concourse. Throughout the school year, smaller scale projects will take place, including the complete remodeling of classrooms.

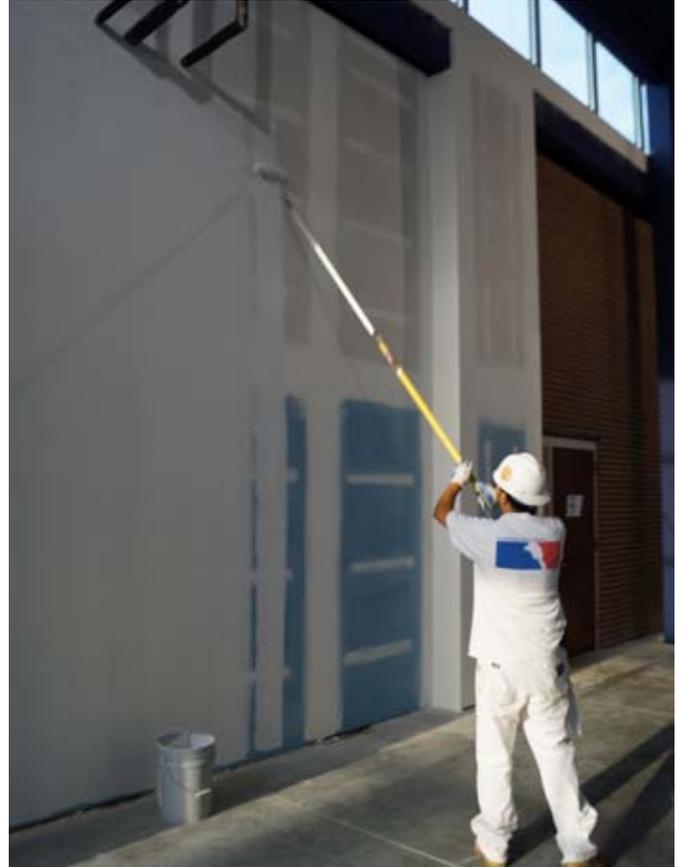
MHS students will utilize six "transition" classrooms located in what was the MHS main office (the main office has now moved immediately inside door #1). While construction crews complete work on a set of six classrooms, the teachers in "transition" will move back to their refurnished rooms and the next set of classes will move to the "transition" area.

The construction project will continue throughout the school year and next summer, concluding in August 2014.

TOP: *The newly constructed concourse is getting a coat of paint and will be open in a few weeks.*

MIDDLE: *More than 1,500 students and parents took part in the MHS Welcome and Building Tour.*

RIGHT: *Transition classrooms may lack ceiling grids and finished flooring, but students and teachers are putting education first.*



Find ongoing construction photos at
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Allen Honored by IU School Administrators

The Indiana University School Administrators Association (IUSAA) presented this year's Dean F. Berkley Emerging Leader Award to PHMS Principal Jake Allen. The award recognizes leaders who have made significant contributions to education and who have graduated from the Indiana University Educational Leadership Program.



Jake Allen

"Jake was selected for this award for his dedication to ALL students and their learning," said Barbara Erwin of the IUSAA. "He has the energy and spirit of a true professional. We believe his work in school leadership is just beginning. We are proud to have him a member of our Indiana University alums."

Allen is in his third year as the principal of PHMS and his third year as a doctoral student at IU, where he studies in the Educational Leadership and Policy Studies department (ELPS).

"Dean Berkley was known for his wisdom and knowledge in quality school leadership. For Jake Allen to be recognized with the Dean F. Berkley Emerging Leader award is a great honor for Jake, Paul Hadley Middle School and the entire Mooreville community," said Dr. Larry Moore, Mooreville Schools Interim Superintendent.

Since his appointment as principal, he and his staff have implemented a classroom framework that maximizes instruction, keeps a clear focus on state standards, and places the learning and assessment of all students at the forefront of instructional practice. The administration team and all staff members have worked together to foster a safe school environment and a culture of high expectations.

"I am a passionate advocate for the learning and growth of all students," said Allen. "I am devoting my life to the field of education, and I am committed to the pursuit of social justice and the possibility for all students to receive an equal education opportunity. I believe in the power of educators to shape a world where all children can achieve their dreams; where each individual student is not only a capable citizen in our global society, but a citizen that is capable of creating change and challenging inequities where they are discovered."

Allen grew up in Harrisburg, Illinois before graduating from Southern Illinois University with a B.A. in English Literature. He enrolled in the first Transition to Teaching Program at IU in 2003. In 2004, Allen began teaching at MHS and in 2005 he completed his Masters Degree in Education. He graduated from Indiana University's Urban Principal Program in 2009 and began his first role in administration in 2010 as the Dean of Students at PHMS.

"I would like to thank my wife, my family, the community of Harrisburg, the community of Mooreville, the IUSAA and Indiana University for their support and critical role in making this success possible," said Allen. "This is not an individual award, but one that I share with you all."

Taber Receives HOPE Award

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Taber was nominated by his fellow teachers at PHMS and selected from among the district's seven building nominees by a group of administrators and representatives of the Community Foundation of Morgan County. Taber will represent Mooreville in the Indiana Teacher of the Year competition. Other nominees include:

MHS - Andy Marine

Neil Armstrong Elementary – Mandy Chitwood

Newby Elementary – Stephanie Dockery

North Madison Elementary – Holly Brimberry

Northwood Elementary – Mary Jane Baxter

Waverly Elementary – Jori Zollman

Also honored at the end of the school year were this year's retirees, including: MHS - Chuck Muston, Anne Brewer; PHMS – Gary Venable; Neil Armstrong Elementary – Jan Yaraschefski; North Madison Elementary – Sharon Knierim; Northwood Elementary – Karen Taft; Waverly Elementary – Sharon Cooper, Landra Hallock; Service Center – Ray Sawyer; and Technology – Cheri Piercefield.

This year's retirees had more than 150 years' of combined service at Mooreville Schools.

First Day of School!

Students and staff members were busy right off the bat with making lunch choices at Waverly (far right), finding new room numbers at MHS (right), and completing that first kindergarten coloring assignment at Newby (below).



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First Day of School!

The first day was busy at all schools, including (clockwise from top right) listening to a good story at Neil Armstrong, taking attendance at PHMS, lining up for that first recess at North Madison, and having lunch at Northwood.



Teachers Spend Summer Days Learning Best Practices

Learning Isn't Just for the Students



By Curriculum Director Scott Kern

Mooreville Schools hosted Professional Learning Community (PLC) training facilitated by Dr. Dennis King in early June.

Last year, our staff focused on the implementation of PLC's with fidelity to the Richard DuFour model, a researched-based and expertly-practiced approach to using data and creating critical conversation about teaching and learning amongst teachers.

Dr. King's nationally recognized work and interactive workshops go beyond surface-level understanding as he helps teachers and administrators close the from-knowing-to-doing gap for school improvement.

More than 70 staff members received the summer training and as a result all schools are ready to take the next step in the PLC journey.

The focus of a PLC is centered on four critical questions that drive discussions about student learning:

- 1. What do we want students to learn?** The district must ensure we have a guaranteed and viable curriculum for all students.
- 2. How will we know if they have learned?** This is a reference to how we assess student learning and collect the corresponding data.
- 3. How do we respond if they do not learn?** If students are not learning we must intervene early and often to make sure students are learning the standards and at or beyond grade level in literacy and numeracy.
- 4. How do we respond if students are**

learning? Students who have mastered the content and skills identified in the curriculum need to be challenged and accelerated.

All Mooreville teachers meet weekly to address these four essential questions. We are committed to making sure that all students learn at high levels of achievement.

Dr. King is an assistant professor of education in the doctoral program at Baker University in Kansas. A consultant with experience in alternative education in urban and suburban school districts, Dr. King has served as a classroom teacher, curriculum and instruction assistant principal, high school principal, executive director of school improvement, and assistant superintendent of school improvement. As a high school principal and assistant superintendent, Dr. King implemented the professional learning community process for school improvement at both the school and districts levels, which resulted in outstanding achievement gains.

As an assistant superintendent of school improvement for the Blue Valley School District in Kansas, Dr. King was responsible for implementing the PLC process in all of the district's 32 schools. The district aligned the PLC process with its strategic plan and every schools' state and national achievement gains reached all-time highs and Blue Valley was recognized as one of 12 best practice districts in the United States.

Staff time before school at all buildings is utilized for PLC discussions at grade levels, across the school, and within curriculum areas. With this summer's expert training, the staff is moving forward to work collectively to ensure high-quality learning for all students.



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Pioneer News Briefs

Welcome, Mrs. Bechtold!

Beginning Aug. 26, Mrs. Erin Bechtold will serve as principal of Northwood Elementary School.

Mrs. Bechtold has been with Mooreville Schools since 2004, having served as a teacher at Northwood and Newby elementary schools. She earned her Bachelor's Degree at the University of Southern Indiana and her Master's Degree at the University of Cincinnati. Most recently, she has served as the district's coordinator for high ability and Title 1 programming. She has also held coaching positions for MHS as well as PHMS. Welcome back to Northwood, Mrs. Bechtold!



New Vaccination Requirements

Students coming back to school need to be sure their immunization records are up to date. New immunization requirements this fall include a meningitis vaccination for students entering grades 11 and 12 while grades 1-5 need a second varicella vaccination. All students must have current vaccination records on file with the school by Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Please contact your school's health services office or visit our website and click on the "Health & Safety" link under "Departments" for information about immunization requirements.

Upcoming Events

Aug. 28

-Neil Armstrong School Picture Day

Aug. 30

-North Madison School Picture Day

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-Labor Day (No School)

Sept. 5

-North Madison Goodies with Grandparents

Sept. 10

-School Board meeting 6:30p.m.

Sept. 11

-Newby School Picture Day

Sept. 12

-Waverly PTO Meeting 6p.m.
-North Madison PTO Meeting 6p.m.

Welcome, Lt. Governor Ellspermann!



Indiana's Lieutenant Governor, Sue Ellspermann, visited the Newby campus Friday afternoon as part of her Listen and Learn Tour of Morgan County. The Lt. Governor visit the Academy Museum, where she learned about Paul Hadley designing the Indiana State Flag and about central Indiana's first high school, as well as the Mooreville Veterans Memorial.

LEFT: Newby students welcome the Lieutenant Governor.