



Mooresville PRIDE

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

Weighing Calendar Choices for 2012-13

Many schools in central Indiana are moving to different approaches to the traditional school calendar.

All students must attend 180 days of school as mandated by Indiana law. How those calendars are set is a matter of choice by individual school districts. Mooresville, like many districts, is looking at different options for 2012-13.

Indianapolis Public Schools are utilizing what they have named a “balanced” calendar this year and utilizing 2-week breaks in the fall and spring for remediation or enrichment classes.

This is different from a year-round school calendar, which spaces all breaks evenly throughout the year and does not have a longer summer break.

Wayne Township schools, which serve many Mooresville students through their Area 31 career vocational and special education programs, have adopted a what they call a “modified” calendar

for 2012-2013. Their calendar includes a two-week fall break and a two-week spring break. Traditionally Mooresville has aligned its calendar closely with Wayne. Other districts within Area 31 which have adopted similar calendars are Avon, Brownsburg, and Decatur. Monrovia and Plainfield have adopted calendars that align partially with Wayne Township.



A committee of school personnel and community members has been meeting to discuss possible calendars and will be conducting a calendar survey for parents and community members.

A proposal and final vote on the calendar will take place in early 2012.

EPA Names Mooresville a National Leader

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently awarded Mooresville Schools as a national leader in indoor environmental quality (IEQ).

The award highlights more than a year of hard work by Mooresville’s IEQ team leader and school board president, Dr. William Roberson, in searching for ways to improve environmental quality at MCSC. Those efforts included finding government bond programs to replace outdated and inefficient air units in several schools. In addition, Roberson and Facilities Director Jim Patrick received funding to attend a national symposium on indoor air quality.

Recent efforts by the school district and its IEQ team include utilizing more environmentally friendly cleaners, holding a pest management seminar for Indianapolis-area



Only three other school districts in Indiana have received indoor environmental quality Leadership Awards from the Environmental Protection Agency in the past 10 years.

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Superintendent's Message

Thank You, Mooreville Pioneers

During this time of giving thanks (from Veterans Day and Thanksgiving on the pathway to Christmas and a New Year) - I am reminded of how important it is to learn how to be thankful. Learning to develop a Spirit of Thanksgiving and finding a way in *everything* to give thanks is important, but not easily done. During this Thanksgiving, I want to reflect on 2011 and a handful of the many reasons why I am thankful for the greater school community of Mooreville, Indiana.

I am thankful for the positive and high expectations as well as the support of our School Board. I believe that our board, where every member is a proud MHS graduate, has been called to serve at this specific time in Mooreville history. Never before has there been a more high stakes time financially and in academic performance. This Board possesses diversified perspectives, skill sets, and experiences. In the past 18 months, I have witnessed their determination and commitment to effectively serve our students and school community in a spirit of unity and purpose and in the best possible manner. There has been much accomplished and there is much more to accomplish, but I am thankful for our board's sacrifice.

I am thankful for our parents - who have chosen Mooreville Schools to educate their precious children. This is a high honor and privilege. We are thankful for our parents' support in helping us provide the best possible learning experience for our children. In education, the profession to which we are called, we understand that with no students, there is no ministry.

I am thankful for our greater Mooreville Chamber of Commerce and leaders who have chosen Mooreville as the place for their business home. It is our desire for our local businesses to prosper as we all increasingly commit to "Buying Mooreville" and supporting local commerce.

I am thankful for our Ministerial Alliance and churches which serve and provide spiritual leadership to our community. I am thankful for our Churches in Mission and all of our Mooreville civic groups and nonprofit organizations called to serve our Mooreville youth and community.

I am thankful for our local government leaders striving to make a positive difference in the lives of more people, more of the time in greater Mooreville. I am thankful for local law enforcement, emergency responders, and firefighters who, along with our United States military, put their lives on the line every day - the highest possible demonstration of love.

I am thankful for St. Francis Hospital choosing to serve our Mooreville community. I am thankful for our parks and libraries and to our town for providing award-winning programs and opportunities to our youth and great people of Mooreville.

I am thankful for the caring, competent, student-centered manner in which our teachers, staff, and administrators serve our students, parents, and school community. I am thankful for the team spirit as well as the reflective, creative and intentional work occurring in our schools which promotes a culture of excellence and continuous improvement.

Thank you Mooreville Pioneers for demonstrating the Character, Competence, Attitude, Determination, Work Ethic and Competitive Fire to bring your very best each day for our students that we are privileged to serve! These are the values of Champions and This Is The Mooreville Way!

Thank you, Pioneers for making our Mooreville School community an inspiring, exciting, healthy and safe place for our students to successfully learn and mature. Thank you for making this a visionary professional learning community committed to our mission, vision, values, culture and district goals.

We are a good and getting better school community on our pathway to becoming an Indiana and national premier school community!

Thank you TEAM MOOREVILLE for making more good things happen for our students and one another. Thank you for making Mooreville a great place to live, learn, worship, serve, shop, and play. Thank you for a unity in spirit and purpose to make Mooreville, Indiana the community of choice where as a TEAM we make more good things happen for more people, more of the time.

I am thankful for the Mooreville Pioneers. We Are Mooreville – This Is Our Time!

Fitness with Flair

A strong health and physical education component is always a part of the Mooresville curriculum, but lately it's been very evident.

At PHMS, former Colts player and current coach Mike Pryor led several PE classes through a workout. The presentation was part of the Fuel Up and Play 60 program sponsored by the NFL.

At Waverly, students won the countywide Pounding the Playground contest by walking or running 4,448 miles or about 14.83 miles per student participant during the four-week program.

Almost 90 percent of students participated in the program. Fox 59 featured the program and Waverly's PE program on their HealthKey report. The story link is available at [Facebook.com/MooresvilleSchools](https://www.facebook.com/MooresvilleSchools).



Holiday Assistance

MCSC families in need of food, clothing, or other assistance this holiday season should contact their school counselor or family services coordinator. They have referral forms for Churches in Mission, where local families are adopted by churches and other groups for assistance. Families in need are urged to get referrals returned as soon as possible.



The Mission also receives monies generated through Salvation Army bellringing in northern Morgan County and those funds are used to help with heating bills or other needs. Groups interested in helping with bellringing or adopting a family can contact the Mission directly.

The Mission is accepting donations for the holidays and welcomes donations of educational toys, gifts for teens, and new clothing for children and teens. For information, call 831-3987.

National Award

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schools, surveying all school staffs for baseline information about environmental quality, and ongoing efforts to improve quality in all buildings and departments.

"All of these are designed to better protect our staff and our students," said Roberson at a recent school board meeting.

In addition, the MCSC School Board is taking steps to adopt new policies and procedures with regarding to Indoor Environmental Quality, including policies on vehicles idling close to school buildings, classroom pets, pest management, use of cleaners, and more.



Veterans Day gave students and staff a chance to honor those who have served. At Newby (left), a new memorial was dedicated to three MHS graduates who lost their lives during the War on Terror. Newby Student Council members (below left) led the Pledge of Allegiance during the ceremony.



VETERANS DAY SIGHTS FROM OUR SCHOOLS



At Neil Armstrong (right), students learned a great deal about military life during classroom presentations. At Waverly (right), MHS graduate Dennis White devoted a song to students who are couch warriors on their game systems and haven't experienced living in a barracks or eating MREs.



Find more photos at [Facebook.com/MoorevilleSchools](https://www.facebook.com/MoorevilleSchools)

Ground Broken for Sports Complex

The first phase of the new Mooreville Sports Complex project has begun.

This historic project brings together MCSC, the Morris J. Cohen Junior Football League and Madison Township government. These organizations, collaborating with Banning Engineering, have made a vision become reality for the community of Mooreville.

“This has been a great example of our community and schools coming together for the benefit of our children,” said MCSC Superintendent Brad Lindsay. “Through these kinds of partnerships and collegiality, we can accomplish so much more for the greater good of Mooreville. We’re proud to be part of this important project.”

The property was donated to the school district as part of the Heartland Crossing development project.

“We feel, as a school board, this is the best use of the property for our children and our community,” said Board Secretary Perry King.

The first phase with the complex is the building of four football fields for the junior league on school property next to the existing Madison Township offices and fire department on Landersdale Road.

“We are extremely grateful for the generosity the school corporation has shown our league. After 40 years of partnership, we are excited about continuing to move forward together to serve the youth of our community,” said Brad Justus, League President.

The fields will assist with the growing participation numbers in Mooreville football and cheerleading. These fields will fill a growing need for more field usage. The junior league has always utilized the historic football field behind Newby Elementary School, but the numbers of participants made expansion necessary.

“We have been bursting at the seams for several years now. Our program has grown



From left: Athletic Director Chad Briscoe, MJCFL board members Brad Justus and Doug Condon, school board members Dr. Bill Roberson and Perry King, Madison Township Trustee Jim Bolin

to the extent that we have been playing two games nearly every night,” said Justus. “While that is hard enough for our ‘natural turf’ playing field, it is even worse for the kids. It becomes difficult to preach to players about making good grades when we are playing games which last past 9:00 on a school night. We look forward to being able to play all of our games Saturday and getting our players back to the family dinner table during the week.”

The school district hopes to continue to growth at this site with both baseball and softball fields as well as a cross country course for the high school. MHS has never had school-owned facilities for softball or cross country teams. The first phase will also include a detention pond and parking area.

“We are blessed to have the opportunity to have so many great organizations come together for this athletic complex,” said MHS Athletic Director Chad Briscoe. “It will be a great resource for people of our community. It will also be a great place for athletic participation to shape the lives of the Pioneer athletes of tomorrow.”

Plans include having the first phase completed before spring of 2012, with games held on the fields during summer of 2012.





A Season of Giving

In a Uniquely Pioneer Way

Taking One for the Team!

The 7th grade volleyball team rose to Coach Ashleigh Allen's challenge - win the Morgan County Tournament Championship and get to cut 10" of their coach's hair. The girls were also proud Junior Mid-State Conference Champions but one of their biggest victories of the year was a donation to Locks of Love.



Sock It to 'Em!

The MHS Business Professionals of America donated new socks to Socks for the Homeless, a nonprofit organization which provides socks to Horizon House Inc., a homeless multi-service day center, and Outreach Inc., a homeless teen organization.



We Can Do It!

The Student Councils of several Mooreville schools banded together to collect food items for Churches in Mission in Mooreville. Winning classes in each school received a party from the MHS Student Council. Several thousand items were collected.

Pioneer News Briefs

Roberson Honored

Dr. William Roberson, school board president, was recently honored by the International Association of School Business Officials. Roberson was chosen to lead a workshop entitled "Leadership Matters," for the group's annual international conference. Dr. Roberson was the only leader from Indiana to be asked to present at this event, which is another distinctive for our Mooreville community. The workshop focused on the role of a leader during times of educational reform.



Page Earns Doctoral Degree

Debra Page, Director of Guidance for MHS and PHMS, recently earned her PhD in Human Services, specializing in Counseling Studies, from Capella University. Congratulations, Dr. Page!



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 utilize 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) will also post information right away.

Learn About Scholarships

The Morgan County Scholarship Fair will be held at Martinsville High School on Dec. 6 from 5:30-7:30p.m. This is a chance for seniors to learn about scholarship opportunities & meet local scholarship representatives. Students should dress their best to attend the event.

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:

Dec. 13 – CFMC Office, 56 N. Main Street, Martinsville

Jan. 3 – Morgan County Library in Monrovia

Jan. 5 – Academy Building in Mooreville

Upcoming Events

Nov. 24-25

-No school, Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 1

-Orchestra Concert 7p.m.

Dec. 3

-Victorian Christmas-various musical groups perform in downtown Mooreville
-Pioneer Park Community Tree Lighting - elementary choirs perform at 6p.m.

Dec. 4

-MHS Choir Concert 2p.m.
-Band Concert 4p.m.

Dec. 5

-PHMS Parent Meeting 6p.m.

Dec. 7-8

-MHS Christmas Play 7p.m.

Dec. 8

-North Madison 3rd Grade Music Program (Santa Shop Dec. 1-8)
-Northwood Gr.1&3 Music Program
-Waverly Music Program 7pm (Santa Shop Dec. 5-8)

Dec. 9

-Neil Armstrong Polar Express

Dec. 13

-PHMS Choir Concert 7p.m.

Dec. 15

-Newby Christmas Program

Dec. 16

-PHMS Rec Night 5-8p.m.

Dec. 16-17

-MHS Madrigal Dinner 6:30p.m. at Mt. Gilead

Dec. 19

- Neil Armstrong Winter Program

Dec. 21

-Last Day of School, End of First Semester