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

Mooresville Indoor Environmental Program Spolighted

Dr. William Roberson, Mooresville

school board president, was invited by the



Association of School Business Officials International to speak in Boston on Mooresville's Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ) this fall.

Dr. Roberson
has spoken at several
national and state
conferences on this and
other school business
topics. The school
district does not pay
any expenses for him to
speak at conferences.

Mooresville Schools have received two national awards for their efforts with Indoor

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Nearly \$8 Million Saved

By receiving zero-interest and low-interest renovation bonds, all of Mooresville's schools have been upgraded during the past four years without tax increases and with nearly \$8 million in interest savings to taxpayers.

If the buildings of the seven Mooresville schools could talk, they would have a lot to say. Built from 1936 (Newby) to 1971 (Neil Armstrong), the schools have all undergone renovations during their decades of use to make way for technology, energy efficiency, accessibility, and of course an increasing population over the past 75 years.

Within the past 4 years, every school has had renovations including secure entryways, heating and cooling system upgrades, and other upgrades. While the \$36 million in renovations were needed to maintain good facilities, school administrators and school board members wanted to be as frugal

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Gift Benefits Career and Technical Education

Mt. Olive
Manufacturing
owners Steve and Lisa
Langley announced a
new commitment to
MHS to enhance its
Career and Technical
Education Department.
Mt. Olive will donate
\$20,000 to benefit
the school's STEM
(Science, Technology,
Engineering, and
Mathematics) Program.

In addition, two \$2,500 scholarships will support graduating MHS seniors interested in pursuing careers in fields of engineering, technology, and advanced manufacturing.

"The financial support provided by Mt. Olive Manufacturing will



A.J. McAdams (left) talks with the Langleys and school administrators about howt he gift will transform the Technical Education space.

make a tremendous impact on our ability to utilize the type of equipment and technology needed to facilitate an advanced learning environment," said career and technical education teacher A.J. McAdams.

Roberson presents Mooresville IEQ Program



Dr. William Roberson at the international ASBO conference

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Roberson's presentation highlighted why IEQ is important.

"Every child deserves a safe and healthy place to learn," said Roberson, who added that the emphasis at Mooresville on IEQ "fits perfectly with our strategic plan for academics, safety, fiscal efficiency and facilities."

Roberson

noted that an average of 1 in ten school-age children have asthma and asthma is a leading cause of school absenteeism., responsible for more than 13 million missed days per school year nationally. The reduction in absenteeism is one of the factors affecting academic performance.

To assess IEQ issues in each school, Mooresville conducts an annual anonymous survey of staff in each building; adheres to Indiana State Department of Health environmental quality guidelines, and has a district-wide IEQ committee which meets to assess data, identify concerns, and create action plans for improvements.

In addition to the surveys, special training takes place for custodial and maintenance staffs and the district work order system includes ways to highlight and monitor IEQ concerns. Staff members have also benefited from expertise of integrated pest management programs from Indiana University and IEQ training/development from Purdue University.

A key improvement area for Mooresville Schools in the past five years has been improving HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) systems as well as water infiltration (roofs, brickwork, etc.). All seven school buildings will have upgraded HVAC systems by August 2014.

A four-year effort to work toward improving Indoor Environmental Quality has been matched by spending \$36 million on school improvements without raising the tax rate.

"IEQ is an important goal for all Indiana school districts," said Roberson. "Mooresville has set the bar high and is continually striving toward goals of a healthy and safe learning environment."

Note: Dr. Roberson's travel and conference fees were not paid with taxpayer funds.

Follow school information at

www.Facebook.com/ MooresvilleSchools

School pages are public and do not require Facebook membership.





First Semester Highlights

PHMS Principal Honored



PHMS Principal Jake Allen was named a Transformational Leader in Education by the IUPUI School of Education. The award honors IU School of Education alumni who have achieved transformational work early in their careers.



Champions Celebrated

MHS has been recognized by Special Olympics and the IHSAA for the tremendous Champions Together Night. Students across the

district banded together to promote awareness of those with special needs and to Spread the Word to End the Word.

More than \$2,000 was raised for Special Olympics. Special thanks goes to organizers junior Gracies Norton and Mrs. Selby for all of their hard work!

Trip of a Lifetime

Three Mooresville teachers took part in a trip of a lifetime as they traveled to Ota, Japan as part of a cultural exchange sponsored by TOA of Mooresville.

MHS/PHMS band director Jason Freeman, PHMS math teacher Charlene Bische, and

North Madison elementary teacher Angela Pugh visited schools in Ota to learn about academic preparation, how technology is integrated into the curriculum and how students prepare for secondary education



State Finalist

North Madison fifth grade student Katherine Stout's artwork earned her one of four finalist spots and a \$529 college savings plan through the Circle of Lights competition. She received her award at the lighting of the World's Largest

Christmas Tree in downtown Indianapolis.



PHMS students again did their part to help the Channel 6 Toy Drive, donating new toys which were distributed to local children through Churches in Mission. The school's toy drive commerical is available to view online at www.Facebook.com/ PaulHadleyMiddleSchool.

















Celebrating Veterans

Students across Mooresville celebrated Veterans Day on November 11, including these events:

Top left: Waverly students perform for dozens of visiting veterans.

Bottom: Newby students line up in front of the school to welcome the American Legion Riders arriving for the ceremony at the Mooresville Veterans Memorial.



Top right: North Madison students listened to presentations from local veterans.

Middle right: Northwood students held a Veterans Day ceremony around the school flagpole which included reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.







Renovation Project Bonds Save Taxpayers Millions

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as possible and utilize taxpayer funds to provide for needed renovations but try to do so without raising taxes during difficult economic times.

"We were able to save nearly \$8 million on our building and school improvement projects," said School Board President Dr. Bill Roberson. "These projects all completed needed renovations, not wants, to maintain better facilities for all of our students and staff."

Mooresville Schools saved 3.6 to 5 percent interest on each project throught the Qualified School

Construction Bond (QSCB) and Qualified Zone Academy Bond (QZAB) programs. Both programs were available to schools on a competitive basis. Mooresville has been able to receive these bonds each of the last four bond cycles even though there was only funding available or a handful of school districts in each cycle.

The QZAB projects would not have been possible without the support of several community organizations providing required matching funds through programs for schools and students.



Renovation Interest Savings \$7,975,643

QSCB program - zero to low interest

2009 –MHS \$1.98 million taxable rate 7.6%, our rate 1.6% HVAC \$1,048,000 savings

2010 - PHMS \$1.90 million taxable rate 4.97%, our rate 0% HVAC \$797,268 savings

QZAB program - zero interest

2011 - Newby & Northwood \$4 million taxable rate 5.42% HVAC & Secure Entrances \$2,757,575 savings

2011 - North Madison \$2 million taxable rate 3.6% HVAC & Secure Entrance \$652,800 savings

2013 - MHS \$2 million taxable rate estim. 4.4% Windows, Siding, Wiring \$1,360,000 savings

2013 – PHMS \$2 million taxable rate estim. 4.4% Roof, Siding \$1,360,000 savings



Members of the Mooresville School Board honored Communications Director Susan Haynes at the November board meeting for writing each of the QZAB applications.

The following community partners pledged to contribute more than \$2.9 million in services to Mooresville students and schools over the next 20 years.

American Legion Post 103

Barbara B. Jordan YMCA

Boys & Girls Club

Churches in Mission

Citizens Bank

Community Foundation of Morgan

County

Franciscan St. Francis

Healthier Morgan County Initiative

Healthy Smiles

Kendrick Foundation

Mooresville Band Parents

Mooresville Free Methodist Church

Mooresville Lions Club

Mooresville Police

Mooresville/Decatur Rotary Club

Morris Cohen Junior Football League

The Church at Mt. Gilead



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Pioneer News Briefs

Prevention is the Key to a Healthy Smile!

Many may remember the Healthy Smiles team of dentists visiting our schools last year. The program is returning in January to provide essential preventive dental care to students without them even leaving the building. Care provided includes check-ups, cleanings with fluoride, preventive sealants, and x-rays. Healthy Smiles dentists provide brushing instructions and a dental health report card will be sent home after the visit.

Medicaid and most insurance plans are accepted or students may be eligible for our grant program. If you need a registration form or have any questions, please contact the school Health Services. Visit dates are as follows:

January 9th – North Madison

January 13th – Newby

January 14th Waverly January 21st – Northwood January 16th – Neil Armstrong

January 22nd – Paul Hadley

Contact Information Updates

Families are reminded that if they have changed cell phone numbers, email addresses, work numbers or other contact information to please be sure to let their child's school know the new information. These numbers are needed in case a child gets sick at school, in case of an early dismissal question, to receive online report cards, and more.

2014-2015 Calendar

The calendar for the 2014-2015 Academic Year is now available on our website at www.MooresvilleSchools.org. Click on the "Calendar" tab for a printable copy of the entier year's school days and vacations.

Upcoming Events

Jan. 6

-School Resumes

Jan. 20

-Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, no school

Jan. 24

-MHS Winter Homecoming

Feb. 7

-Mid-term grades



Monday - Thursday 8:00am - 5:00pm Saturdays 8:00am - Noon (U-Hauls Only)

