



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.

One-to-One Technology Plan Begins This Fall

MCSC is moving toward having a computer in the hands of every student.

MCSC Technology Director Bob Sendelbach addressed the school board Tuesday evening with a three-year technology plan for the district. A centerpiece of the plan is the integration of one to one technology, a device for each student, beginning this fall for grades 8 and 9.

The initial plan to provide netbook computers to students took a new twist with a survey of high school students, which found that only 25 percent have high speed Internet access at home. That revelation spurred the technology team to explore other options.

"Having the computer without access to their research and files can be a bit handcuffing," said Sendelbach.

"We're extremely excited to have found a partnership with Verizon and HP which will give our students access to our school's network through their laptops,"

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Technology Department intern Victoria Cottrell tries out a demo model of the laptop computer 8th and 9th grade students will be issued this fall. The devices will allow students to access school files and information from home.

Full-Day Kindergarten Funding Explained

As announced last month, all MCSC kindergarten classrooms will contain full-day classes this fall, with some students whose families choose half-day programming picking their children up prior to lunchtime.

In April, Governor Daniels announced "I have decided to recommend that the upcoming budget be augmented by the addition of \$150 million for K-12 education, with about a quarter

of that money being used to complete the extension of full day kindergarten (FDK) to every school district in the state."

While this announcement was very positive toward the full-day kindergarten program, many families have asked how this translates to the average kindergarten student.

The \$37.5 million allotment (one-quarter of \$150 million)

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Moore'sville schools support the Letter Carrier Food Drive Sat., May 14 in the 46113 and 46158 zip codes. Food collected supports Churches in Mission and will help feed students who normally receive free and reduced lunches while they are out of school in the summer. We thank everyone who participates.

Technology Plan

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said Sendelbach. He added that Mooreville will be the second school district in the state to utilize this program.

The program will be funded through various technology grants. For grades receiving netbooks, some student book rental money will go toward the purchase of online books or study tools, making it possible students will not have an actual book for each class.

“This initiative aligns nicely with our textbook adoption program and the online tools available for many courses,” said MHS and PHMS Principal Chuck Muston. “This is a big step but it makes sense with the tools available.”

The technology department is also working on a consistent virtual desktop for students and staff members, so they will see the same icons, programs, and files regardless of the device, network, or operating system they use.

Other key components of the technology plan include:

- Expanding Wi-Fi availability to all schools by 2013-2014 (it is already available in MHS and PHMS)
- Installing projectors into all elementary classrooms this summer
- Utilizing laptops for teacher computers (grades 7-12 this fall, remaining grades in the future)
- Completion of a computer laboratory rewiring project for all school buildings.

School Lunch Price Change

To offset the rising cost of food, the MCSC food services department will raise the price of meals by 10 cents for the 2011-2012 school year. Lunches for elementary school will be \$2.10 and for middle and high school will be \$2.35. Breakfast will be \$1.60 for all grade levels. Reduced breakfasts and lunches will stay the same, at 30 cents and 40 cents respectively.

One to One Computing Timeline

2011-2012:

Grades 8 & 9 issued netbooks, grades 8-12 allowed to use personal laptops

2012-2013:

Grades 7-10 issued netbooks, grades 7-12 allowed to use personal laptops

2013-2014:

One to one computing expands to elementary schools, grades to be determined

- Increasing Internet bandwidth to handle additional student computers and increased online testing
- Moving newer teacher desktop computers to labs and student computer sites as teachers receive laptops

A change which will be visible to the public in the near future is a website change to “www.MoorevilleSchools.org” over the summer.

One to One Computing:

What Parents Need to Know

The implementation of one to one computing brings many questions for parents whose students may have laptops at school this fall. MHS and PHMS staff are working on a comprehensive plan to roll out the laptops and inform parents about the responsibilities.

All parents of incoming 8th and 9th grade students will receive information over the summer about the one to one program, including specific information about care of the laptop, what to do if it is damaged or stolen, and how to handle issues such as computer viruses. Specific penalties for damages will be spelled out before the computers are issued so parents are aware of any liability for loss or damage.

Information will also be available for parents whose 8th-12th grade students may bring their own laptops to school.

Volunteers Welcome at MCSC Schools

Community volunteers are welcomed and appreciated at Mooreville schools. There are many ways volunteers can enhance student learning, support teachers, and create the best possible atmosphere for our school community.

If you are interested in volunteering, please look through the following activities and contact the school you are interested in helping. Please note that all volunteers who spend time with students are subject to a limited criminal background check, which will be done free of charge by the schools (each school office has the necessary form).

At All Schools

Assist with the school library – sorting and shelving books, creating displays, helping students find books



Assist with copying/sorting/stapling worksheets and other papers

Mentor/tutor students –working one-on-one on a consistent basis with a single student to help with assignments and provide positive guidance

Assist with display boards – in classrooms and hallways to promote school activities and recognize student achievements

Read to or with students – one-on-one or reading aloud to a classroom on a consistent basis

Assist a classroom – helping teachers create displays, prepare items for projects, organize worksheets, etc.



Short-term, Project-based Activities

Assist with the annual school supply drive and distribution for students in need (mid July-August)

Help with elementary school PTO activities (carnivals, book fairs, field days, etc.) or middle and high school parent group activities (athletic parents, music group parents, etc.)

Volunteer to help with middle and high school orientation days (August)

Assist with school grounds/playground “clean up” days (spreading mulch, planting, etc.)



Assist the MHS Post Prom committee – designing, planning, and fundraising for the annual event which keeps students safe after the prom (January -April)

Help with All Around Our Town events at each elementary school, where younger students learn about the different businesses that make up a town (February-March)

Volunteer at the annual Reality Store at PHMS, where students practice the game of “life” with a checkbook and a series of expense booths (October)

Donations / Ways to Contribute

Age-appropriate books or magazines for all ages of students (can be gently used). These are used for school libraries, classroom libraries, or for giveaways to students.

Campbell’s Soup Labels and General Mills Box Tops – accepted by all elementary schools

Paper recycling (magazines, newspapers, junk mail, etc. – no cardboard) – accepted in yellow and green bins at all schools

School supplies for students in need – can be donated any time to a school or the Education Center

Utilize shopper ID cards or credit cards which give a percentage back to a school (Marsh, Meijer, Target, and others have such programs).

These are just a few possibilities for becoming involved with our community’s schools. If you are unsure where your help might be the most beneficial, contact Community Relations Coordinator Susan Haynes at 831-0950, ext. 2015 for assistance.



Don’t Forget: due to snow make-up days, the last day of school will be Thursday, May 26

Don't Forget to Recycle!

Mrs. Bische's advanced math class at PHMS is the latest group to go green at MCSC. The school added its paper recycling bin this year. As a reminder, as students clean out lockers and backpacks, papers with staples, workbooks, spiral notebooks are all acceptable paper to put into the bins. Each school earns money for paper recycled at that school.



Staff Members Honored

Three members of the Mooreville schools family have recently received statewide honors.

MHS art teacher **Brinton Farrand** and Waverly 5th grade teacher **Heather Garrison** have each received a Lilly Teacher Creativity grant to pursue a summer activity which will be brought back into the classroom.

Garrison's project, "Through My Camera's Eye: Snapshots of a Wilderness Promised," will allow her to visit, photograph, and research the history of seven national parks.



Garrison

Farrand will take part in "An Artist's Adventure: Summer Intensive Study in Figure Painting," where he will take part in painting courses in France, visit world-renowned museums, and blog about his experiences for his students.



Farrand

by the Indiana Association of Basketball Coaches as the District 3 Administrator of the Year. Lindsay spent several years coaching prior to becoming an administrator.

MCSC

Superintendent **Brad Lindsay** has been honored



Lindsay

"Balancing" the School Calendar

Many schools in central Indiana are moving to a "balanced" calendar approach for the 2011-2012 or 2012-2013 school year.

Balanced calendars shorten the traditional summer break in favor of longer breaks throughout the school year. All students still must attend 180 days of school.

While MCSC will have a traditional calendar for 2011-2012 (see page 6), we will study the advantages and disadvantages of a balanced calendar for the 2012-2013 school year.

If you have ideas about utilizing a traditional vs. balanced calendar, please send comments to "intercom@mcsc.k12.in.us"

Honoring MHS's Finest

The Mooreville High School Alumni Association and a sophomore English class have banded together to create a place honoring some of the school's most successful graduates.

The Alumni Wall of Success was unveiled at the April 16 MHS Alumni Banquet. The wall, located inside door #2 and next to the Curry Center Auditorium, showcases all of the past MHS Alumnus of the Year recipients as well as several Wall of Success inductees.

Sophomores in Sharon Eickhoff's English classes researched the accomplishments



From left: Sen. Richard Bray (representing William Bray), Rod Bray (representing Ann Bray), Donald Perry, Alice Wright (representing Becky Hardin), Bud Swisher, Ken Giffin, Dr. William Roberson, Justice William Lawrence, Justice Joseph Van Bokkelen
Not present: Jeff Franklin, Sammy Davis, Rose Mary Kellum

of dozens of alumni to write biographies of many of MHS's finest. The information was used to help a committee of alumni association and school staff members to finalize a list of this year's twelve inductees. Additional

inductees will be named at each year's alumni banquet.

Anyone who would like to nominate an alumnus for the Wall of Success can get more information by clicking on the "alumni" tab of the MHS website.

Full-Day Kindergarten *continued from p. 1*

will go into the state's full-day kindergarten grant fund. This money is divided out to all school districts for all kindergarten students, so the exact amount any school will receive is unknown until enrollment numbers are received and verified by the state in September.

All schools normally receive half-funding per kindergarten student. Any additional funding from the kindergarten grant will be determined after the number of full-day students is finalized across the state.

In 2010-2011, this amount was still about \$1,500 less per student than the cost of full-day programming. At this time, Mooreville's prices for full-day kindergarten for 2011-2012 remain at \$125 per month with lesser amounts for students on free or reduced lunch status.

Our administration and board will continue to monitor the state funding situation. If kindergarten grant funding does increase for 2011-2012, our administration pledges to pass those funds on to kindergarten families in the form of tuition reductions.

To Help a Kindergarten Family in Need

Although there is a full-day kindergarten tuition price break for families who qualify for free or reduced lunch (\$50 or \$75 per month instead of \$125), some families may still have a difficult time affording this very important learning opportunity.

Churches in Mission has set up a kindergarten scholarship fund to assist families in need. To donate to the fund and help a child get a full-day kindergarten experience, contact the Mission at 317-831-3987.

News Briefs

Safety Hotline Available

An anonymous safety hotline is available to students, parents and community members who want to report safety concerns to the schools.

By dialing 834-TIPS (8477), callers will hear

a voicemail message about reporting concerns involving the unsafe situations on school grounds or at school events, etc. The system is monitored weekdays by Education Center staff.

Upcoming Events

May 13-14

-MHS "The Sound of Music"

May 19

-Strictly Strings Concert 7p.m.

-Newby Field Day

-Waverly Field Day

May 20

-Northwood 4-6 Field Day

May 20-21

-MHS Choir Spring Spectacular

May 21

-Concert on the Lawn - School Supply Fundraiser at First Christian Church 11a.m.

May 23

-PHMS Farewell Future Freshmen Dance

-Neil Armstrong Field Day

-North Madison Talent Show

May 25

-PHMS Awards Day

-Northwood Flintstone 500

May 26

-Northwood Awards Day

May 28

-Commencement

June 1

-MHS Spring Sports banquet 5:30p.m.

June 11

-Tox-A-Way Day at MHS

-Relay for Life at MHS track (through June 12)

2011-2012 MCSC CALENDAR

Aug	9 Elem./M.S. Teacher Work Day 10 Teacher Orientation 11 First Day for Students
Sept.	5 Labor Day – No School 9 9-Week Mid-Term Grades
Oct.	14 End 9 Week Grading Period 20-21 Fall Recess
Nov.	18 9-Week Mid-Term Grades 24-25 Thanksgiving Vacation
Dec.	21 Last Day for Students, End Semester I
Jan.	3 High School Teachers Records Day 4 School Resumes 16 Martin Luther King Day - No School
Feb.	3 9-Week Mid-Term Grades 6 No School 17*-20 Mid-Winter Break
March	9 End 9-Week Grading Period 16 Snow Day*
April	2-6 Spring Break 20 9-Week Mid-Term Grades
May	4 No School 23 End Semester II 24 Teacher Records Day* 26 Commencement

The following priority will be used for make-up days: Feb. 17; March 16; May 24, 25, 29, 30, 31, June 1; Saturdays. "Snow Days" are days of no school unless needed for make-up days.