



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.

Full-Day Kindergarten Expanding

Any family wishing to enroll their child in full-day programming may do so in the 2011-2012 school year.

Studies show that students who have participated in full-day programming have far better success at school in first grade and beyond. This is not only due to their learning, but also the many experiences in kindergarten which foster social development.

“We believe this is a big step for our students,” said Superintendent Brad Lindsay.

“Students who attended full-day kindergarten continue to show strong achievements into first, second, third grade and beyond.”

MCSC’s full-day programming is available for \$125 per month and includes transportation to and from school. Families with income limitations may qualify for reduced-cost programming. This will be based on the state’s Free and Reduced Meals schedule, which is distributed to schools in late June. Families who qualify for food

stamps or Temporary Aid to Needy Families automatically qualify for

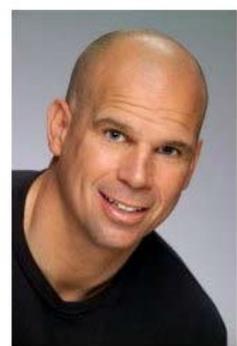
Students who qualify for Reduced Lunch may take part in full-day kindergarten for \$75 per month.

There is a separate cost for breakfast and/or lunch at school for reduced or regular lunch program students.

Find more information about full-day kindergarten, p. 3

Community, Student Anti-Bullying Presentations Today, Friday

Nationally recognized anti-bullying advocate Keith Deltano will speak at a community event this Thursday, April 7, at 6:30p.m. in the Moore'sville High School auditorium.



Deltano is a “teaching comedian” who will visit several local schools for convocations about bullying prevention. Keith uses a humorous approach in his talk about the serious subject of bullying.

“Humor helps to break down people’s defenses and opens them up to listen,” Deltano says, “I want the youth to be entertained when

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North Madison is Latest Recipient of QZAB Funds

Another MCSC elementary school has been awarded a zero interest construction bond from the Indiana Department of Education.

North Madison Elementary will be able to utilize the funding in the next few years to upgrade heating and cooling systems as well as make some energy-efficiency upgrades to the building.

Newby and Northwood will undergo QZAB projects this summer.



North Madison teachers are excited to hear that their school will be slated for a \$2 million upgrade through the qualified zone academy bond program.

Congratulations!

The MHS Academic Team has earned several great finishes this year, including “Hendricks County Champions” in Fine Arts and Science and third in Math. The Math team also came in first place in the Mid-State Academic Competition while the English team came in third.



Surprise!

MHS senior Tyler Huff was the subject of a surprise announcement in the MHS Guidance office recently, when he found out he has been named a 2011 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar.



Community Foundation of Morgan County Executive Director Tom Zoss congratulates Huff.

He and Daniel Kerstiens of Martinsville will receive full tuition to the Indiana college of their choice and a yearly stipend for books and equipment.

Seniors Amy Anderson and Sarah Newton were among the other finalists for the prestigious award.



All-Star!

MHS senior Jama Sharp is ending her high school basketball career with a big honor, being named to the Indiana Basketball Coaches All-State team. Sharp

played as a junior All-Star last year and also holds the school record for most career points (boys or girls teams). She and the other Indiana All-Stars will take on the Kentucky All Stars in two rivalry games this summer.

Community Anti-Bullying Presentation Thursday

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I perform, but primarily I want them to know that I care and, more importantly, that there are alternatives to the negativity they see and feel every day.”

The presentation will be appropriate for parents as well as students. The evening’s activities will be hosted by the Mooreville High School Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) club, in conjunction with their annual talent show fundraiser. The event is free of charge, although donations for the SADD program will be accepted.

Deltano, a former teacher and a former military police officer, will be presenting to students in Monrovia and Eminence on April 7th and in Mooreville on April 8th. All MCSC fifth through eighth grade students will take part in the convocations on Friday.

Additional information about his programs is available at www.dontbullyonline.com. This event is funded through the Morgan County PEERS program and a grant from the Kendrick Foundation.

Remaining Make-Up Days

MCSC schools will be in session as follows to make up for snow days in early February:

Friday, Apr. 29 = make-up for Feb. 3

Thursday, May 26 = make-up for Feb. 4



Benefits of Full-Day Kindergarten

- Teachers report significantly greater progress for full-day students in literacy, math, general learning, and social skills.
- Parents and educators report that full-day kindergarten is less rushed with opportunities for extending learning experiences, flexibility to address individual students' needs and better communication between home and school.
- The full-day schedule allows more appropriate challenges for children at all developmental levels.
- Children in full-day kindergarten showed more positive behavior than their half-day peers in the areas of originality, independent learning, involvement in class activities, productivity, and their approach to the teacher.
- On standardized tests, full-day students performed significantly better than half-day kindergarten children in third, fifth, and seventh grade.
- The number of transitions kindergartners face in a typical day can be reduced by full-day kindergarten.

More information is available at: <http://www.doe.in.gov/primetime/fulldaykbenefits.html>

All About Kindergarten

While many used to think of kindergarten as a time only for play, the learning that takes place in kindergarten is very valuable. Indiana state standards require students to be able to read simple sentences, understand basic addition and subtraction, and follow multi-step directions before entering first grade.

Half-day programming, including one-way transportation, is provided free of charge in Indiana.

When Can Parents Learn About Kindergarten?

Each Mooreville school sets a "Kindergarten Round Up" date where parents can visit the school and meet the teacher. These days are designed to answer many common questions about kindergarten - what is a normal day like? is my child ready? what can we do to prepare for kindergarten?

Please contact your child's school to get signed up for Round Up.

Round Up Dates and Contact Information

Neil Armstrong	831-9210	April 13
Newby	831-9212	April 11
North Madison	831-9214	April 14
Northwood	831-9216	April 12
Waverly	831-9218	April 11

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

PHMS Students Reach Fitness Pinnacle

Students at Paul Hadley Middle School recently earned an honor which brought them national attention.

Shellie Pfohl, Executive Director of the President’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, visited Paul Hadley Middle School to see the school’s outstanding physical fitness programs and award 48 students with the Presidential Fitness Award.

“I’ve never been to a school with this many students completing the test,” Pfohl told the recipients. She told the students about the link between activity and concentration and the Council’s support of fitness programs. “Sometimes school administrators don’t see that



Shellie Pfohl is surrounded by PHMS’s Presidential Fitness recipients

connection but yours definitely do.” Pfohl talked with students about the Pinnacle of Fitness Challenge Program with the NCAA Women’s Final Four as well as the Let’s Move campaign sponsored by Michelle Obama. The school’s Physical Education/Health Dept. concluded their Pinnacle of Fitness Challenge on Sunday, April 3 when

100 PHMS students complete the last 1.2 miles of their 51-day Marathon at the Circle City Dribble.

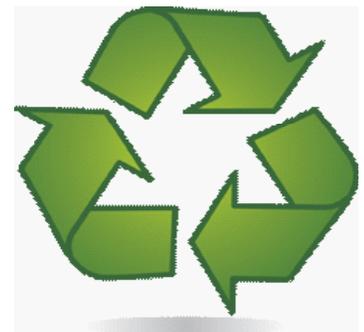
Two students, Lauren Jones and Luke Clair-Ficko, also won the “Pinnacle of Fitness” essay contest.

Only three schools in Indiana earned a visit from Pfohl.

Ways to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle While Supporting Students

MCSC schools take part in many recycling and other programs to earn funds for educational activities and items. Below is a list of current programs and where donations can be made.

- Box Tops for Education** -- all MCSC Elementary Schools
- Campbell’s Soup Labels** -- all MCSC Elementary Schools
- Newspapers & other paper** -- all MCSC schools (in the yellow & green container in school parking lots)
- Tyson Project A+ Labels** -- Newby, North Madison
- Nestle Water Bottle Labels** -- North Madison
- #1 and #2 Plastics** -- MHS Student Council
- Used Electronics** (including cell phones & batteries, portable electronics, digital cameras & batteries, video cameras and batteries, ink jet cartridges, game consoles, and gold/silver/platinum jewelry) - MHS Band
- Pop Tabs** -- Neil Armstrong, Newby, North Madison, Waverly
- Gently Used Backpacks** -- MCSC Education Center or Churches in Mission (for fall K-12 school supply drive)



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MHS Alumni Banquet, Wall of Success

The 46th annual MHS Alumni Banquet will be Saturday, April 16, 2011 in MHS cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. A copy of the registration and information are available on the MHS alumni webpage at www.mcsc.k12.in.us/alumni.

An MHS English class is helping the alumni association create a "Wall of Success" to be featured in the high school with information about past Alumnus of the Year recipients and other graduates who have gone on to achieve great things. For more information or to help sponsor the construction of this area, contact teacher Sharon Eickhoff at seickhof@mcsc.k12.in.us.

Indiana Career Explorer

The Indiana Department of Education announces the availability of the Indiana Career Explorer, an online tool for middle and high school students to explore career interests and skills. Educators, parents, and students (grades 6-16) can use the Indiana Career Explorer free of charge at www.indianacareerexplorer.org.

Email, Text Alerts

Parents who wish to receive text or email alerts when MCSC schools have a closing, delay, or early closure can sign up on the WISH TV website. Families can sign up their cell phone or email to receive alerts of different schools systems or counties.

Contact Information Updates

If you have changed cell phone numbers, email addresses, employment, etc., during the school year, please be sure to send updated emergency numbers and emails to your child's school. This information is updated in the school's Harmony system and used to call parents in case of a sick child, email report card and other information, etc.

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 at schools, on school buses, at school events, etc. The system is monitored weekdays by Education Center staff.

Upcoming Events

April 7

-SADD Talent Show and Anti-Bullying Presentation at MHS 6:30p.m.

April 8

-Gr. 5-8 Anti-Bullying Program

April 9

-North Madison Spring Carnival 3-7p.m.

April 11

-Newby & Waverly Kindergarten Roundup

April 12

-Northwood Kindergarten Roundup

April 13

-School Board Meeting 6:30p.m. at Education Center
-Neil Armstrong Kindergarten Roundup
-Northwood PTO Meeting 6:30p.m.

April 14

-North Madison Kindergarten Roundup

April 16

-MHS Alumni Banquet

April 18

-Neil Armstrong PTO Executive Session

April 21

-Newby Grandparents Night 5-7p.m.

April 22

-Mid-Term grades
-Waverly Talent Show 7p.m.

April 25 - May 4

-ISTEP Multiple Choice testing Gr. 3-8