

Pioneer Blast

Color Guard
Community Night

Jan. 18, 2018

Mooresville Schools

MHS Winter Homecoming & Champions Together

The Pioneer basketball teams will take on Plainfield Friday night for Winter Homecoming, with a girls game beginning at 6p.m. and the boys game starting at approximately 7:30p.m. During halftime of the girls game, athletes with and without special needs will take the court for the fifth annual Champions Together basketball game to raise money for Special Olympics. [See the Champions promotional video.](#) The Winter Homecoming King and Queen will be crowned during halftime of the boys game.



2018 Champions Together basketball players and cheerleaders



Planning Begins for 2018-19

The MHS administration and guidance department would like to thank all of the 8th-11th grade students' families who came out to MHS Scheduling Information Night. Those who were unable to attend should visit the [School Counseling website](#) to see the 2018-19 Curriculum Guide, look through copies of the slides presented, and find counselor contact information.

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Teambuilding and problem solving at the PHMS Reindeer Games

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High Ability Programming

The Mooresville Schools' Broad-Based Planning Committee has established a process for identifying high ability students.

"We believe that this process is a positive step in meeting every student's educational needs," said High Ability Coordinator Erin Bechtold.

Each year students in grades K, 2, 4, 6, and 8 are tested for placement in the High Ability Program. Students are administered the Cognitive Ability Test (CogAT) and Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA). CogAT testing occurs in January for all students in grades K, 2, 4, 6, and 8. Students take this test during the school day in their regular classrooms. The NWEA test is given to all students in grades K-6 three times per year. NWEA results, for students who score above the 80th percentile on all or one part of the CogAT test, will be reviewed by the committee for the achievement portion of the identification process.

Once testing has been completed, parents receive notification on whether their child qualified for the High Ability Program. If a child does not meet the requirements for identification, an appeals process is available.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Erin Bechtold at erin.bechtold@mooresvilleschools.org or 317-831-9216.



Newby students arrive at school in their cold weather gear.

Keeping Warm in Winter

We want to remind all families to dress their children warmly for the trip to and from school as well as recess or other outdoor activities (when weather-appropriate). Any families who need assistance with winter coats, hats, mittens or warm clothing should contact their school office or [Mooresville Schools Family Services](#).

News Briefs

Transition Fair: Families of students with special needs should mark their calendars to attend the Transition Fair March 6 from 5:30-8p.m. at Chapel Hill 7th and 8th Grade Center. Informational breakout sessions and dozens of vendors booths will be at the fair, which helps families plan for life outside of school for their students with special needs. The event is free of charge.

PHMS Yearbook Orders: PHMS yearbook sales will end on Jan. 29. To order a book for \$25, log onto www.yearbookOrderCenter.com and use order number 2925.

Upcoming Events

Jan.22 Northwood
Healthy Smiles Dentist

Jan. 23 MHS
Post Prom Parent Meeting 6:30pm

Jan.23 Newby
Healthy Smiles Dentist

Jan. 25 Northwood
Math/Science Night 5:30pm

Jan. 25 Neil Armstrong
Candid Yearbook Pictures

A free resource fair for students with disabilities & their families

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WSTC TRANSITION FAIR

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Tuesday, March 6
5:30 - 8 p.m.

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Chapel Hill 7th & 8th Grade Center
7320 W 10th St, Indianapolis, IN 46214

Free Children Activities BREAKOUT SESSIONS OVER 50 VENDORS
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Westside Secondary Transition Council

Congratulations: Congratulations go to Communications Director Susan Haynes on being named the 2018 Mooresville Chamber of Commerce President.

Community Information: Visit our [Community Information](#) page for fliers from local nonprofit organizations with activities and events for area students.

Homework Hotline: Students in grades 6-12 who need help with math and science questions are encouraged to utilize Rose-Hulman's Homework Hotline. This is a FREE service with college student-tutors available Sundays – Thursdays, 7:00–10:00 p.m. Students can call a tutor at 877-Ask-Rose (877-275-7673) or chat with a tutor at AskRose.org.