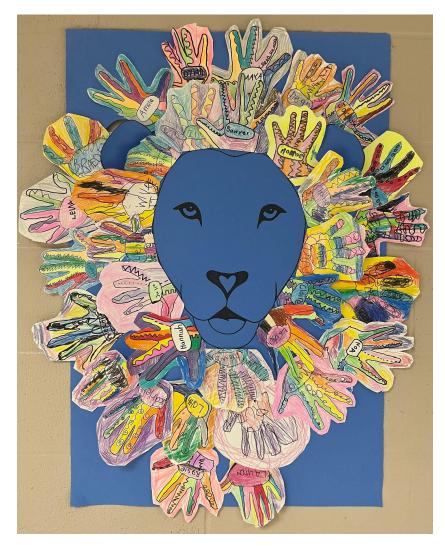
The Moreland Messenger

Principal: Mrs. Tuttle

Assistant Principals: Mrs. Lauro and Mr. Hardaway



November/December 2022



Report Cards

Report cards will be available on ProgressBook on the afternoon of Friday, November 18th. Many parents find it helpful to print their child's report card and bring it to their parent-teacher conference.

If you have not set up your account, check your email from October 25th for a letter with your ProgressBook Parent Access Key. Please contact ekimberly@orangecsd.org with questions.

Parent Teacher Conferences

There are a number of ways that parents and teachers can communicate with each other rather than relying specifically on scheduled parent/teacher conferences. It is our goal to form a cooperative team that has the student's best interest at heart. If at any time you have a question pertaining to your child's classroom or progress, please do not hesitate to contact his/her teacher to answer your questions or discuss your concerns.



- Fall Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Monday, November 21st from 12:00-7:45 pm and Tuesday, November 22nd from 8:00am-12:00pm. There will be no school for students on either day.
- You can choose an **in-person or remote conference** with your child's teacher.
- **IMPORTANT**: Please have your **child's report card** printed or on your device available for your conference.

Schedule Your Conferences Using Pick-A-Time



If you haven't already please log in to your pick-a-time account using the username and password you created for your previous conferences. If you are new to pick-a-time, you will need to enter your email address and push "Login/Create Account" and fill in the required fields. For any questions please contact Amber Smalley @ asmalley@orangecsd.org or EXT. 4605

 \rightarrow PickATime

→<u>Step-By-Step Instructions</u>

Lost and Found

We encourage parents and students to make every effort to stop by and claim their belongings. Lost and Found is located in the front of the Kindergarten wing. The front office staff have been safely storing missing eyewear, electronic devices, and other accessories that have been turned in over the past several months. Clothing items will be donated to those in need at our Winter Break.





Coats for Kids

The <u>Annual Coats for Kids</u> collection will begin **Monday, November 28th** after Thanksgiving Break and will continue until **Friday, December 16th**. Please search your closets for gently worn coats and jackets that are no longer needed.

FALL BALL on>>> November 18th

Thanks for the many letters and kind words after last year's Staff Gala day held in January. It was so much fun for the staff! We listened to our students and learned. This year > we will have a **Fall Ball for All**! Students & Staff are invited to dress up for our **Fall Ball** on **November 18**, **2022**. The day will be filled with many picture opportunities. Students & Staff > **DRESS UP** if you choose to participate.

Ocar Mr. Hardawax.

I think that fancy friday was a weird experience
for me. But in a good way, though. It was weird going to class and seeing the teacher dress up like
the queen of england. (note: She did not wear a erow
crown.) I wish that the kids could be included bear cause
I am small for my age and I think it would make
work kids feel older, so nextine I want to be included

Dear Mr. Hardaway,

The Fancy Friday was so fun all the teachers
looked like celebrities, we were surprized in but if kids
joined it be so fun. It would make us feel
mature and older for a day. Next time I think
you should e-mail the parents of Fancy Friday
and they would either tell us or for a Surprize
they would sneek clothes in our bag and then
it would be a surprize. We're tring to say
that all the kids should of been included, and it
would be even funner!

Your Friend,



YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST:

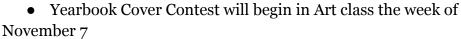
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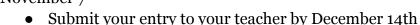
"ALL HANDS ON DECK"

This year MHS students will start their yearbook covers in Art class. Mrs. Otcasek and Mrs. Seachrist will review the guidelines and the theme, as well as help students work on their entries. If students choose to enter the contest, their entry can be finished at home. All entries should meet the following requirements:

- Moreland Hills School 2022-2023 must be written neatly on the front.
- Use standard-sized white copier paper, 8 ½ X 11, and the orientation must be vertical.
- Make it colorful and color the entire page you may use colored pencils or markers for your artwork.
- The artwork must be your own! <u>Do **not** include images printed from the computer or copied/traced from another source.</u>
- Your full name, grade level and teacher's name should be printed neatly on the **back** of your illustration in pen or pencil.
- The artwork should be connected to the theme "All Hands On Deck" not necessarily Orange Lions.

Entries that do **not** follow the above requirements or have spelling mistakes will automatically be disqualified.





- Voting will take place on December 19
- Winners will be announced on December 21



Veterans Day Celebration:

Are you a veteran or have a veteran family member who would be interested in coming to read to a class on Veterans Day? Please fill out the following form with the information if you/someone you know are interested in volunteering.

Veterans Day Reader Sign-Up

Coins for Courage

HONOR FLIGHT CLEVELAND: It is the mission of Honor Flight Cleveland to pay tribute to U.S. veterans who served our country by providing them a safe and memorable all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. to visit the memorials honoring their service.

www.honorflightcleveland.com



Through the generosity of the **Coins for Courage** collection, Moreland Hills students have donated over \$1,000 annually for Cleveland veterans to go to Washington DC.

We would once again like the Moreland Hills family to assist in sending local veterans to Washington D.C. to visit the memorials. Help us to express gratitude for the many freedoms we enjoy because of the sacrifices made by our veterans.

The cost to send one veteran on Honor Flight is \$250. Honor Flight Cleveland will receive 100% of all money collected!

Please send your loose change in a plastic or paper bag labeled with your child's name and total amount.

Your child will be participating in various veteran appreciation activities at school.

On Wednesday, November 10th bring in your Coins for Courage.

Wear Red, White, & Blue on <u>Thursday, November 11th</u> for Veterans Day!

Picture RETAKE Day Information:

Tuesday, November 8





Are You or Someone You Know Interested in Joining Us?

If you or someone you know are interested in helping with our students' educational experiences while working alongside an excellent staff, we have some great full and part time job opportunities across the District. See our flyer for more details or call our human resources office at 216-831-8600, ext. 6622.

- Bus Driver (part-time)
- Substitute Teacher
- Substitute Paraprofessional

Fingerprint/background check fees
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waived on the Orange Schools!

Immediate availability

Contact Dr. Paul Lucas or Donna Hensley in the Orange Schools Human Resources Office

- 216-831-8600 ext. 6622
- plucas@orangecsd.org
 - www.orangeschools.org
- 32000 Chagrin Blvd. Pepper Pike, Ohio 44124

Pride Powers Classroom Trophy Winners

K, 1st, 2nd Grade

Carcelli

Sprinkle

Croft

Dechant

Omlor

Laninga

Crow

Degnovivo

(October 2022)



3rd, 4th, 5th Grade

Kenney Pawlaczyk

Kehres Lukes

Grano

Kenney

Hastings

Bradbourne

The Pride Powers Way

We have had a fantastic start to the 22-23 school year. Students are working hard to follow the Pride Powers Way. For more information on the Pride Powers please click on the following link:

Moreland Hills PBIS Pride Powers

School Health:

With the weather changing and more activities happening inside rather than outside, our school community may begin to see more contagious respiratory illnesses like flu and COVID-19.

It's difficult to tell the difference between flu and COVID-19 by the symptoms alone because they have some of the <u>same signs and symptoms</u>. Specific testing is needed to tell what the illness is and confirm a diagnosis and treatment. Fever or feeling feverish/chills, cough, and shortness of breath are common symptoms of flu and COVID-19 and testing is recommended.

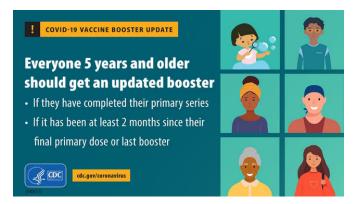
The single best way to reduce the risk of you and your children getting these contagious respiratory illnesses is to stay up to date on the COVID- 19 vaccine and get the annual flu vaccine.



Teaching, reinforcing, and role modeling good health habits like the ones listed below can help your children learn how to stop the spread of germs:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Stay home when sick
- Cover your mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing with a tissue or the crook of your elbow
- Clean your hands often with soap and water
- Avoid touching the T-Zone- eyes, nose, and mouth- with unwashed hands

NOTE: Notification of a contagious illness will be sent to classroom parents when a cluster of cases has been reported. Cuyahoga County Board of Health defines a cluster as 2 or more confirmed or probable cases within a 14-day period. Please report your child's contagious illness to Nurse Chris within 24 hours 216-831-8600 ext. 4622 or crogen@orangecsd.org.



School Counseling/Guidance News: Miss Frabotta and Mrs. Raleigh

October was National Bullying Prevention month. MHS students continue to participate in classroom Guidance lessons centered around this theme, along with reviewing the annual MHS Pride Powers Handbook. We encourage families to review this handbook at home to support positive social interactions at MHS (Pride Powers Handbook). You can also help prevent bullying by fostering **empathy**. By definition, **empathy** is the power to understand perspectives other than your own; the ability to recognize and share the emotions of another person. Essentially it is, "walking a mile in someone else's shoes." Experts say empathy is an essential life skill that all youth should be taught to master, and that those youth who are more empathetic tend to perform better in school and have healthier relationships. Here is a link with helpful tips on fostering the importance of empathy.



Red Ribbon week was also celebrated across the nation during the week of October 23-31. This year's theme is "Celebrate Life, Live Drug Free!" During Guidance classes, all MHS students participated in developmentally age appropriate lessons centered around medicine safety and making healthy choices for our bodies and minds.

Reading:

It's okay if your child brings home a book from the library that may not be "just right" *yet*. During the school day, your child is given support when choosing appropriate books that

they read independently during Readers' Workshop and in small group instruction with their teacher.



In the library, students in grades 1-5 are gently encouraged to choose at least one book that is just right for their age and/or reading journey and the second book is a personal happiness choice. Reading success mixed with an equal amount of reading "exercise" is the way to ensure a lifelong reader.

Your child may have chosen a book from the library because they are interested in the topic, were impressed by the illustrations, or enjoy stories by a particular author.

The library is a place where your child can be exposed to many authors, topics and stories. Just like you may enjoy browsing Barnes and Noble, your child has the opportunity to browse our wonderful MHS library. It's enjoyable to shop for a book, isn't it?

If it's a library book that your child can't read independently *yet*, try reading it together! Carve out time for a family read aloud. Read aloud to your child and talk about the book together. You are a model for phrased and fluent reading.

It's okay to let your child's interest lead their choice. Making a choice all by yourself feels good for young learners. Honor their choice with a read aloud! Doing this will build engagement, excitement *and* comprehension. This video is very helpful...take a few minutes to listen.

Student Council:

The Student Council is up and running! We would like to welcome our newly elected members:

Fifth Grade: David Blum, Hadlie Munk, Charlie Garten, Lilah Bass, Cormac O'Neill, Bennet Harvat, and Gabby Macklin. Advisor: Miss D'Amore



Fourth Grade: Aidan Janke, Wyatt Janke, Ceci Cirino, Kate Ghoul, Lexi Simpson, Harry Valent, Iris Winklehaar, and Sam Partington. Advisor: Mrs. Lazuka

Third Grade: Mohammad Abu Rmaileh, Noam Kirschner, Ben Collier, Henry Sanders, Alex Lenzo, Noah Hochman, Tarini Chaudhari Advisor: Mrs. Valentine

Our first meeting was held at the end of September. The representatives and advisors got acquainted with each other and began our initial planning. We are all looking forward to helping out our PTA, and to contributing to school spirit, fundraisers, and assisting with buddy classrooms!

PTA:

2022 MHS Mitten Drive

October 31 - November 4

The PTA is collecting winter outerwear to help those in need. This is a wonderful opportunity for all MHS students and their families to support our community during the Thanksgiving season. We encourage families to include students in this charitable project. Let them help clean out the closets or do the shopping! Our collection will reach many families within our community.

Please help us by donating the following:

- Winter hats, mittens/gloves in all sizes (new or clean/gently used)
- Winter coats (new or clean/gently used)*
- Snow pants in all sizes (new or clean/gently used)

New socks

Donations will be accepted during the week of October 31-November 4, 2022.

Donations can be dropped off all week in the bin at the MHS office.

* Youth size coats will be donated to local families via Coats For Kids.

Have questions or want to volunteer? Please contact Molly Valent (mollyvalent@gmail.com) or Lindsey Jezek (lindsey.jezek@gmail.com).

Read to Me Program:



We are looking for volunteers to help us with our Read to Me program. Volunteers will sign up for one slot (for now) to come in and read to a small group of children (chosen by the teachers).

Any questions, please reach out to Amy Shiever ashiever@orangecsd.org or Jessica Baron - jessbaron33@gmail.com

When you join us for Read To Me...

- 1. Check in at the main office on your assigned day and time.
- 2. Choose one book to read aloud from the tubs outside of Ms Shiever's office.
- 3. Pick up your students from their classroom and find a quiet reading spot in a cafeteria that's not being used or at a small table in the grade level hallway.
- 4. Read to your students.
- 5. Talk about the book in a relaxed way. Choose one or two questions to guide your conversation.
- 6. Return the students to their classroom and the book to the tub. Your visit should take 20-25 minutes.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4CAFAB2CA1F85-read



THANK YOU to all of the students who submitted artwork to the Reflections arts contest!

Your hard work and creativity is impressive and inspiring. Entries are in the hands of our judges and we'll soon find out who the winners are in each category and age group.

Please mark your calendars for the Awards Ceremony which will be held the evening of **Wednesday**, **November 16th** at the Orange High School. Details to follow.

The 2022 Stronger Together Walkathon was a wonderful success!

Walkathon 2022 STRONGER TOGETHER

Gorgeous weather, energetic students and staff, enthusiastic parent volunteers, and an incredibly gracious community made this year's "Stronger Together - Walkathon 2022" a huge success! Working together, the Elementary PTA Walkathon brought in a whopping 33-thousand dollars, far surpassing the original goal! And special congratulations to the MHS third graders who raised the most: \$7,000! They will receive an extra recess and special treat. All of the MHS students who participated were treated to many fun stations run by dozens of parent volunteers...from jumping jacks and lunges to limbo lines, dancing, and even a 'Three Billy Goats Gruff' game for some lucky kindergartners courtesy of Mrs. Aiello! The event offered students a healthy post-walk snack of apples and bananas courtesy of Dave's Markets and a DJ with hula hoop contests. It was a fantastic day for this primary fundraiser for the OIP, Elementary, & Middle School PTA this year. The OIP held its walkathon earlier this week. The money raised will support all of the PTA programs including educational grants, special programming for students and much more! Well done, Orange Schools!

Please visit <u>orangeschools.org/walkathon</u> for pictures of the MHS Walkathon event and to learn more about Orange Elementary and Middle School PTA along with the important work you are supporting!

<u>THANK YOU</u> Orange Inclusive Preschool, Moreland Hills Elementary, and Brady Middle School families for your generous support and investment in our children!

Special thank you to our OEPTA Walkathon co-chairs: Lindsay Heksch, Kerry Kertesz, Dana Saltzman, and Heather Sinn!

We finished our last session of Run Club on 10/21 with a huge group of enthusiastic runners and a beautiful fall morning.

We are so grateful to Mr. Parrotta and Mrs. Hoye for "running" everything and for all of our parent and staff volunteers. We look forward to seeing you again in the spring!





MHS Scholastic Book Fair is COMING SOON!!



December 5th - 9th (In Person) | December 2nd - 15th (Online)

We are excited to announce that the Book Fair is coming to MHS in December! Your child will shop during his/her library time the week of the Book Fair. This year, we will be holding special contests for all readers to take part in! Be sure to check your student's folders and your own email for more details, coming soon.

In the meantime, look below and visit our PTA Book Fair website link to read about the Fair. There you can continue on to our MHS Scholastic Book Fair website to learn about the books offered during the Fair, meet the Scholastic characters, and see what special events are taking place. Be sure to mark your calendars for our Family Morning and Evening shopping events!

*Please note: Book Fair Preview is intended to allow only the MHS teachers and support staff the opportunity to view the Book Fair.

Learn more from our PTA Book Fair website here!



Questions or comments can be directed to MHSbookfair@gmail.com

Orange Schools Foundation:



The Orange Schools Foundation has so much to be thankful for this year and every year. Our generous sponsors and donors allow us to make a positive impact in the district

through funding initiatives to support infrastructure, programming and curriculum that enables our students to be ready in an increasingly competitive, global world.

Each year we underwrite grants submitted by teachers and staff for initiatives that inspire creativity and exploration about our students. Funding is provided to all district schools, departments and partner organizations.

Teachers and Staff, have an idea for a grant? APPLY HERE



Cuyahoga County Public Library

Discover more cuyahogalibrary.org



Planning an international trip? You can apply for a passport and get your passport photo taken at the Orange Public Library. Call 216-831-4282 to schedule an appointment.

Check out these Upcoming Programs at the Orange Library

Hooked on Books for Grades 3-5

Wednesdays, December 7^{th} , January 11^{th} , and February 8^{th} 6:30-7:30 via Zoom Join us for a book discussion and related activities.

Register here beginning November 5th.

STEAM Club for Grades K-2

Saturdays, December 17th, January 28th, and February 25th 2:00-3:00 Learn about STEAM concepts through hands-on activities. Register here beginning November 19th.

American Girl Doll Baking for Ages 8-12 Saturday, December 10th 2:00-3:30 Bring your favorite doll or toy to make baking items to put in a shoebox bakery. Register here beginning November 10th.

November/December 2022 Upcoming Events:

November 1- Pick a time opens: https://pickatime.com/morelandhills/2022fallconferences

November 8- Picture Re-takes

November 10- Coins for Courage Collection

November 11- Veterans Day Recognition Wear Red White



November 14- NO SCHOOL

November 18- FALL BALL (Dress up day for students & staff)

There will be props and pictures for all on this day.

Report cards available

November 21-22- Conferences

November 21-25- No school -Thanksgiving Break

December 5-9- Book fair

December 21- Holiday Celebrations

December 22-January 3- Winter Break

