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A LINK BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND ITS CITIZENS

MHS Students Attend Build My Future

On September 25th, The Wausau Area Builders Association hosted Build My Future Northcentral WI at Kolbe Windows & Doors in Wausau. The annual event provides an excellent opportunity for students to gain knowledge on different careers offered within the trades, and encourages students to get involved in real-world jobs. Mosinee High School had 72 students attend, all of whom participate in high school technical education programs: construction, woodworking, engineering, graphic design, machining, and welding.



At the event students had the opportunity to operate heavy machinery, paint vehicles, fix dented car panels, weld through an electronic simulator, compete in pounding nails into large rail ties, and take in the view from an aerial lift. The interactive event opened the students' eyes to a wide array of future career paths.

Pictured above: Mikailynn Kelley-Fisher runs a mini excavator with a grapple, learning how to pick up rocks and set them into place just as a landscaper would.

Fall Season Brings a Flurry of Activity to the Mosinee School District



Greg Doverspike
Superintendent of Schools

I hope everyone is enjoying the fall season we are having. This is a busy time of year in the district, with the budget being finalized, student activities both winding down and ramping up, and the review of recent assessment results.

One of the most important tasks the district undertakes in the fall is setting the levy, which impacts the mill rate. During the Annual Meeting, the projected budget is presented, and a preliminary levy is approved, with the final levy set by the Board of Education at its October meeting. This delay allows time for the finalization of state aid, which is determined on October 15th, and the property valuations of each municipality. These two factors, along with the student enrollment count, are key components in determining the final levy and mill rate for the district. All of these factors are typically finalized over a two-week period in early October.

I am pleased to inform residents that the mill rate is projected to decrease. If the referendum passes, the mill rate will decrease by three cents from last year, going from \$5.92 in 2024 to a projected \$5.89 this year.

Another seasonal shift in the district is the transition of student activities – fall sports are winding down, while winter sports are starting up, rehearsals for the musical are in full swing, and club activities are under way. Our students are excited to showcase their talents in various arenas, whether it's an athletic contest, an auditorium, a classroom, or a competition. We are proud of their accomplishments in all areas of their education.

This time of year also brings a focus on assessment results. While the state report cards are not yet publicly available, we're excited to share that our current seniors achieved an impressive average score of 21.6 on the ACT last year. This is the highest mark in the history of Mosinee High School, as well as the highest in the Great Northern Conference and Marathon County. We are incredibly proud of our students' achievements and recognize that their success is a testament to the dedication of not only the students themselves but also their families, our staff, and the greater community.

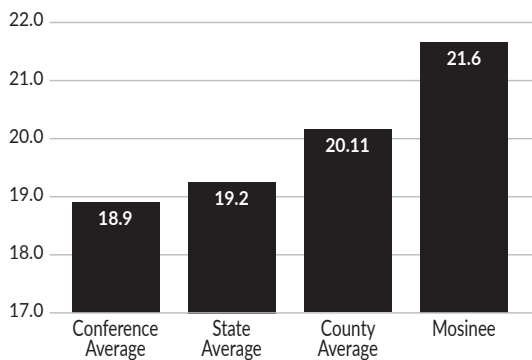
I would also like to take a moment to thank the community for their involvement in the referendum process. As I've mentioned at various community meetings, my only request during a referendum is for the community to become informed about what is being proposed and then exercise their right to vote. As a district, we will respect and respond to the wishes of the community. Once again, thank you for your engagement throughout this process and for taking the time to understand what we are asking for.

I hope everyone enjoys a wonderful month, and let's hope the snow holds off for a little while longer. If you have any questions regarding the district, please feel free to reach out to me or any of the building principals.

Class of 2025 Earns ACT Champions Title

The ACT is a state required test which all eleventh grade students take each spring. The results from last March were recently released and Mosinee High School has much to celebrate. The ACT scores from the Class of 2025 are the highest in all of Marathon County and the Great Northern Conference (GNC). The Class of 2025's average is 21.6, while the Wisconsin State average is 19.2. In fact, the scores are almost 2 points higher than the other schools in the GNC, which is an earth shattering feat. **Principal Tom McCarty** brought the whole student body together on Monday, October 21st to share the scores and celebrate the accomplishments of the Class of 2025, teachers, and support staff. Congratulations on this remarkable achievement!

Mosinee vs Averages



Pictured above: The chart shows how well Mosinee students scored on the ACT compared to the Conference, State and County averages.



Parent-Teacher Conferences

High School

November 7 • 4:00pm - 7:30pm
November 14 • 4:00pm - 7:30pm

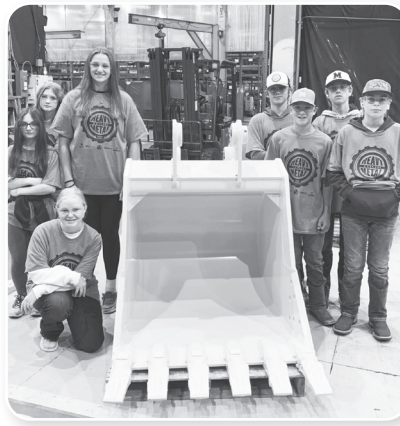
Middle School

November 7 • 4:00pm - 7:30pm
November 14 • 4:00pm - 7:30pm

Elementary School

November 12 • 4:00pm - 7:30pm
November 14 • 4:00pm - 7:30pm

8th Grade Heavy Metal Tour



On October 2nd, Mosinee Middle School's 8th grade students participated in the Heavy Metal Tour 2024 to learn about the many job and educational opportunities in manufacturing that are available in the Central Wisconsin area. This year student groups each toured two businesses, rotating between **Epiroc, Sulzer Machine and Manufacturing, AROW Global,** and **Crystal Finishing Systems.** The business tours were then

followed by a walk-through of the NTC campus with a focus on areas that are dedicated to education for industrial jobs.

Pictured above: MMS 8th grade students at Epiroc.

Alumni Donate to MHS Construction Program

2024 graduates **John Reede** and **Zach Owens** generously donated tools valued at \$1,200 to the construction program at Mosinee High School. John and Zach helped build the Habitat for Humanity house last school year in their Construction 3 class and said they made the tool donation so students would have a better experience while building projects.



Thank you for the generous donation to the MHS construction program!

Pictured above (l to r): MHS Construction 3 teacher Brad Oleson accepts the tool donation from his former students, John Reede and Zach Owens.

Middle School Students Attend Science Convention

Middle School STEAM students had the opportunity to attend a science convention at **Lowenwood**, an educational facility in Land O'Lakes, WI. They got to partake in many different workshops, including building a clean water filter, finding and identifying fungi, exploring food webs and ecosystems, and enjoying the beautiful outdoors!

Pictured right (l to r): Madyson Kasper and Elizabeth Dietel work on their design to create a water filter using gravel, sand, coffee filters, cotton balls, and/or napkins. The dirty water was filled with cinnamon and pepper, and their challenge was to design a filter that would clean the water in the most cost effective way.



Mosinee School District Welcomes 26 New Staff Members



Sienna Anderson
MS - 7th Gr. Mathematics Teacher



Rebecca Budnik
ES - Special Education
Paraprofessional



Kalie Canales
ES - Paraprofessional



Leslie Dacquisto
MS - Special Education
Paraprofessional



Natalie Doverspike
ES - Library Aide



Emily Flottmeyer
ES - Kindergarten Teacher



Brienne Gould
MS - Special Education Teacher



Marissa Hagen
MS - Special Education
Paraprofessional



Rita Jacob
HS - Special Education
Paraprofessional



Denise Jenkins
HS - Paraprofessional



Melissa Jirgl
MS - Special Education Teacher



Grace Kelley
ES - Special Education Teacher



Joshua Luetschwager
MS - 6th Gr. Science Teacher



Leah Meidl
MS - 6th Gr. English Teacher



**Margery
Monaghan-Wittenberg**
MS - Special Education Teacher



Michelle Novitski
ES - Paraprofessional



Paige Ravet
ES - 3rd Gr. Teacher



Conrad Schnell
HS - Special Education
Teacher



Elizabeth Steffes
MS - 4th Gr. Teacher



**Michelle
Vannieuwenhoven**
HS - RVA Secretary



**Lauren
Volkman Thorne**
MS - 7th Gr. Science Teacher



Aaron Weiler
ES - Special Education
Paraprofessional



Donna Wesenick
HS - Student Services Secretary



Kory Wokatsch
MS - 7th Gr. Social Studies Teacher



Avery Zebro
ES - Special Education
Paraprofessional



Leah Zemke
ES - Special Education Teacher

Fire Safety Lessons



During October, which is Fire Prevention Month, kindergartners at Mosinee Elementary School received a lesson on fire safety from members of the **Mosinee Fire Department**. The firefighters talked about the safety equipment they wear. They also shared the importance of having smoke detectors in your home, getting out of a burning building quickly, and creating a family meeting spot in case of a fire emergency.

The students also learned all about the trucks and equipment on the trucks.

MES second graders took a field trip to the Mosinee Fire Department. While there, they learned about fire safety and how to stay safe in case of an emergency. The firefighters also talked about the importance of smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. The students toured the emergency vehicles, practiced “Stop, Drop, and Roll”, and learned how to use a fire extinguisher. Thank you to the Mosinee firefighters for teaching the students about fire safety!



Pictured above top: Mrs. Fandrey's kindergarten students learn about the fire truck.

Pictured above bottom: Teddy Knoedler, a 2nd grade student, learns how to use a fire extinguisher.



Safety Corner

Scan this QR code to learn about bullying and cyberbullying prevention strategies and resources.



MHS Students Build Connections Across Generations

On September 13th, all nine students in **Mr. Jeffrey Heise's** English Skills class went on their first monthly field trip to **Willow Haven Community-Based Residential Facility** in Mosinee where they met the residents they are exchanging pen pal letters with. Mr. Heise implemented the program in his classroom to help students build connections, empathy, and communication skills – both verbal and written – while giving the residents a voice and an opportunity to share their stories with young people.

During their first visit, the students brought the residents a bouquet of flowers and cookies to brighten their day. They engaged in get-to-know-you conversations with their pen pals, asking thoughtful questions and practicing active listening. Later, the students wrote their first monthly letters, focusing on interpersonal writing, applying the conventions they are learning about, and incorporating engaging questions. The residents will reply with their own letters each month, further strengthening this connection.



Mr. Heise views this initiative as an effective way for students to utilize their writing skills. They plan to continue these monthly visits, with one or two extra special visits around the holidays, to deepen their understanding of one another and enhance their interpersonal skills.

Pictured above: Pele Chang visits with his pen pal at Willow Haven.

Family Fun at the School Forest

On Thursday, October 10th, 4K students and their families gathered at the Mosinee School Forest for an evening of fun. Families explored the trails and collected leaves, pine cones and other natural elements they then used to make a nature journal.



Pictured right (l to r): Jon Fandrey and his son Kyler work on their nature journal.

MES Participates in Unity Day

Mosinee Elementary School students and staff celebrated National Bullying Prevention Month by participating in Unity Day. On October 16th, they wore orange – which provides a visually compelling expression of unity – to show that MES is a safe place for ALL students.



Pictured above: Students and staff wore the color orange and formed a letter “U” on the playground for Unity Day.

LeaderinMe® Monthly Minute

As part of the *Leader in Me* program, Mrs. Bagby's fifth grade class participated in a fun and creative activity to share the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People with their middle school peers. The event took place on the sidewalk by the bus pickup area, where students showcased their artistic talents with colorful chalk drawings that illustrated the key habits in an engaging way. This hands-on experience not only helped the students better understand these habits but also encouraged them to lead by example, demonstrating the values of leadership and teamwork.



Pictured above (l to r): Solveigh Manley, Natalia Lopez-Garza, Ember Hornik, Emily Buchberger, and Ellianna Borchardt stand by the chalk drawing they created about Habit 1: Be Proactive.

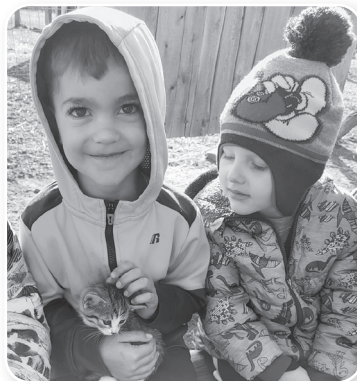
E-Hall Pass Program

Mosinee Middle and High Schools have implemented a new program called E-Hall Pass to address issues with students habitually leaving classes and sometimes abusing this privilege. This decision was made collaboratively over the summer of 2024 by both middle and high school administrators, who found that the physical paper passes previously used were no longer fulfilling our need to keep students safe and engaged. This program allows for consistency among teachers and staff; in the past, passes were handled inconsistently with students who requested to go to the bathroom, their lockers, the office, the nurse, student services, other classrooms, etc. As a result, hallway traffic increased, the number of times individual students left their classes could not be monitored, and students were able to avoid classes, meet with other students to possibly make poor choices, or create safety concerns. The reports and data generated with E-Hall Pass assist with conversations with students, families, and staff, making our schools safer, students more productive, and teachers better able to stay connected with their students to help them be successful. **Tom McCarty**, high school principal, states: "So far, we have seen a positive shift with these changes." While there was a learning curve for everyone involved, it is proving to be a change that benefits students, staff, administration, and families.

Fall Fun at the Pumpkin Patch

The kindergarten students took a field trip to **Schairer's Autumn Acres** in Birnamwood for some hands-on learning about pumpkins. While on the trip, the students were able to take a hayride, complete a corn maze, spend time with animals at the petting zoo, play on the playground, and pick a pumpkin to take home.

Pictured right: Leo Glimm holds a kitten at the petting zoo while Zachary Meyer waits for a turn.



Mosinee Board of Education Notes

At the October 22, 2024 regular Board of Education meeting, the Board approved the following:

- minutes from the regular Board of Education meeting on September 17, 2024
- minutes from the Annual Board of Education meeting on September 24, 2024
- final budget, levy, and tax rate for the 2024-25 school year
- Early College Credit Program/Start College Now
- extension of Rural Virtual Academy charter agreement
- September's monthly voucher list and treasurer's report
- policy updates, coaches hired, 10 year construction plan, and Act 20 updates

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the District Educational Service Center. The public is invited to attend.

PTO Notes

Updates from the PTO:

- The fundraiser reward trip to Sawmill Adventure Park for the middle school students who qualified will be on Friday, November 22nd.
- Two popcorn poppers along with popcorn and oil were purchased for the middle school and elementary school.

The next PTO meeting is Monday, November 4, 2024 at 5:30 pm, in the Mosinee Creske Library.

Care Solace

The Mosinee School District has partnered with **Care Solace**, a service that quickly and confidentially connects individuals to available mental health and substance use providers. The service offers multilingual support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, regardless of insurance coverage. There is also a self-serve website to find providers and services on your own. Care Solace is provided to Mosinee students, staff, families and community members at no cost.

Call: 888-515-0595 or visit: caresolace.com/mosinee
Please note: Care Solace is not an emergency response service or mental health service provider. In the event of a life threatening emergency, call 9-1-1 or the National Suicide Hotline 9-8-8.



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November Calendar of Events

November 1 **NO SCHOOL** - District Inservice
 November 27 - 29 **NO SCHOOL** - Thanksgiving Break

MOSINEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 4 PTO Meeting - Creske Library.....5:30pm-6:30pm
- 12 Parent-Teacher Conferences.....4:00pm-7:30pm
- 14 Parent-Teacher Conferences.....4:00pm-7:30pm

MOSINEE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 4 7th Gr. BBB B - Medford (H - MES Gym).....4:00pm
- 8th Gr. BBB B - Medford (H - Creske Gym).....4:00pm
- 7th Gr. BBB A - Medford (H - MES Gym).....5:15pm
- 8th Gr. BBB A - Medford (H - Creske Gym).....5:15pm
- 7 Parent-Teacher Conferences.....4:00pm-7:30pm
- 7th Gr. BBB B - Merrill (H - MES Gym).....4:00pm
- 8th Gr. BBB B - Merrill (H - Creske Gym).....4:00pm
- 7th Gr. BBB A - Merrill (H - MES Gym).....5:15pm
- 8th Gr. BBB A - Merrill (H - Creske Gym).....5:15pm
- 11 Veterans Day Assembly - Creske Gym.....10:00am
- 7th Gr. BBB B - Antigo (A).....4:00pm
- 8th Gr. BBB B - Antigo (A).....4:00pm
- 7th Gr. BBB A - Antigo (A).....5:00pm
- 8th Gr. BBB A - Antigo (A).....5:00pm
- 14 Parent-Teacher Conferences.....4:00pm-7:30pm
- 7th Gr. BBB A - Tomahawk (A).....4:00pm
- 8th Gr. BBB A - Tomahawk (A).....5:00pm
- 18 7th Gr. BBB B - Wis. Rapids (H - MES Gym).....4:00pm
- 8th Gr. BBB B - Wis. Rapids (H - Creske Gym).....4:00pm
- 7th Gr. BBB A - Wis. Rapids (H - MES Gym).....5:15pm
- 8th Gr. BBB A - Wis. Rapids (H - Creske Gym).....5:15pm
- 21 7th Gr. BBB B - Antigo (H - MES Gym).....4:00pm
- 8th Gr. BBB B - Antigo (H - Creske Gym).....4:00pm
- 7th Gr. BBB A - Antigo (H - MES Gym).....5:15pm
- 8th Gr. BBB A - Antigo (H - Creske Gym).....5:15pm

MOSINEE HIGH SCHOOL

- 2 UW-Eau Claire Honors Band (Eau Claire).....All Day
- 7 Parent-Teacher Conferences.....4:00pm-7:30pm
- 9 GNC Honors Band/Choir (Medford).....All Day
- 14 Parent-Teacher Conferences.....4:00pm-7:30pm
- Grease - Creske Auditorium.....7:00pm
- 15 Grease - Creske Auditorium.....7:00pm
- 16 Grease - Creske Auditorium.....2:00pm
- Grease - Creske Auditorium.....7:00pm
- 17 Grease - Creske Auditorium.....2:00pm
- 19 GBB - New London (H).....7:15pm
- 22 Hockey - Marquette University HS (H).....7:00pm
- 26 Hockey - Kingsford (A).....6:00pm
- GBB - Shawano (A).....7:00pm
- 29 BBB - Tournament (H - New London).....7:00pm
- 30 BBB - Tournament (H - Golda Meir).....5:00pm
- Hockey - Madison Memorial (A).....7:30pm

For a complete list of activities and events, visit mosineeschools.org.



Community Outreach Classes

To register, contact: Michelle Pozorski at mpozorski@mosineeschools.org

| CLASS | BEGINS | DAY | TIME | SESSIONS | LOC. |
|--|--------|-------|-----------|----------|----------------|
| Zumba | 11-2 | Sat | 9am-10am | 1 | MES Gym |
| Paint Your Own Gnome - Holiday Outfits | 11-4 | Mon | 5:30-7:30 | 1 | MHS FabLab |
| Zumba | 11-7 | Thurs | 6:15-7:15 | 1 | MES Gym |
| DIY Leather Earrings | 11-12 | Tues | 6:00-9:00 | 1 | Creske Library |
| Beginners Basket Coiling | 11-12 | Tues | 6:00-8:00 | 1 | Creske Library |
| Acrylic Painting - Fall Theme | 11-12 | Tues | 5:00-8:00 | 1 | MHS Cafeteria |
| Croatia Travel Tips | 11-13 | Wed | 6:00-8:00 | 1 | Creske Library |
| Zumba | 11-16 | Sat | 9am-10am | 1 | MES Gym |
| Basket Coiling 2 | 11-19 | Tues | 6:00-8:00 | 1 | Creske Library |
| Houseplants | 11-20 | Wed | 6:00-7:30 | 1 | Creske Library |

Mosinee High School Vocal Music Department Proudly Presents....



November 14, 15, 16
7:00pm

November 16 & 17
2:00pm

- CRESKE CENTER AUDITORIUM -

Directed by: Carla Dul and Keith DuPuis
 Guest Choreographer: Celeste DuPuis

Tickets Available Oct. 31st

Online: ShowTix4u.com

In person: Created Anew Designs in Mosinee

At the door: 1 Hour prior to each show

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