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Northwood third grade students perform at their virtual winter program

Mooresville Schools

Dec. 17, 2020

2020: A Year of Achievements

It's easy to find reasons not to celebrate 2020. Everyone has been affected by the pandemic and other issues during this year. But we also need to shine a light on the many, many, great things that happened and the people who made it possible.



Randy Taylor
Superintendent

We started 2020 with 48 days of "regular" school. Granted, those last several days were filled with anxiety about COVID-19. Then we transitioned to elearning and paper packets, interspersed with waiver days from the state. At the same time, our technology department installed WiFi hotspots at all schools and deployed refurbished Chromebooks to families in need.

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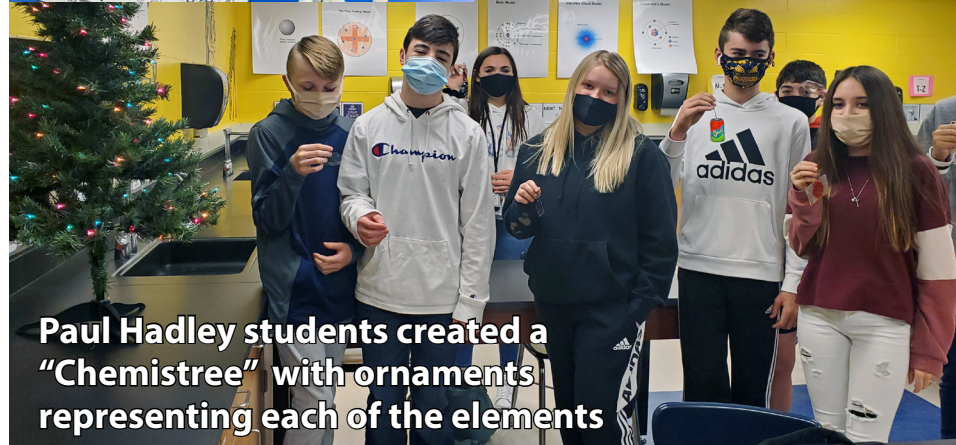
Festive Learning

Teachers found many ways to make learning fun this month for students of all ages!

Marshmallow math in Waverly kindergarten



Neil Armstrong first graders read Mooseloe and made Moose a tree!



Paul Hadley students created a "Chemistree" with ornaments representing each of the elements

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Santa Claus stopped by Neil Armstrong!



Waverly 3rd graders dress up as elves!

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Achievements

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Then, our historic Academy Building and our town were damaged by a tornado just as we were trying to catch our stride with eLearning.



Northwood car parade

But we began repairs, changed the location of our drive-through lunch program, and continued forward. We completed the school year with online classes, virtual awards ceremonies, staff car parades, and even handing back our student belongings through drive-through events.

There were no lazy days of summer for our staff, as we planned for virtual and in-school



Honoring 2020 graduates

education, began sanitization practices, added technology, and every staff member learned and adapted to new safety protocols. We held a safe, in-person graduation ceremony for the Class of 2020, keeping as many traditions as possible while balancing new health policies.

During same time we also held drive-through

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2020 by the Numbers



323,344 free meals served to children and students (in-person or drive-through)

2380 feet of drainage under the new MHS parking lots



343 2020 MHS graduates

275 refurbished Chromebooks distributed to families in need

159 years of history preserved with the restoration of the Academy Building



132 in-class school days



55 school buses moved to the new Transportation Center

31 district-wide eLearning days

2.6 percent of staff and students who tested positive for COVID-19 during first semester



PHMS Staff celebrates Christmas by wearing ugly masks and sweaters!

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2020: A Year of Great Achievements

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kindergarten fairs and back to school nights for our future MHS graduates to keep students and families connected with their schools.



Drive-through Kindergarten Roundup

In August, we could not have predicted how this semester would play out. Our staff has been stretched in different areas on different days, but we've been able to provide transportation, education, food services, technology support and custodial services. Furthermore, in-class



Masking up for school

learning days began Aug. 5 and continued throughout the semester in all schools. eLearning days helped our staff strengthen programming for our temporary eLearners and chosen virtual learners.

I applaud every staff member for what they were able to complete in 2020. There was no playbook, but we took the health guidelines given and created ways to make safety and learning go hand-in-hand.

But most of all, congratulations go to our students. They are adapting to the challenges of 2020 and I have no doubt they are stronger for their efforts. They are still achieving great things, even while masked and socially distanced. Their achievements, and our schools' achievements, could not be possible without supportive families and a caring community. Please let them know they've been amazing throughout this unprecedented, unexpected, and unplanned year. Together, we will do all we can to support them into the new year.

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Mrs. Sankey poses with her 2nd grade virtual students from all across the district for elf day!

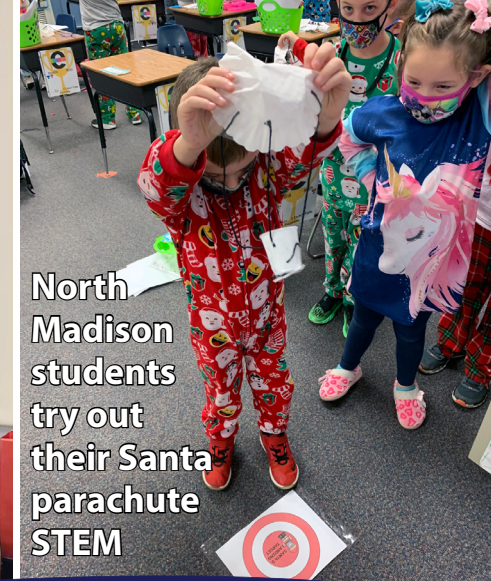
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Santa parked his sleigh on the MHS roof and greeted students with his elf!

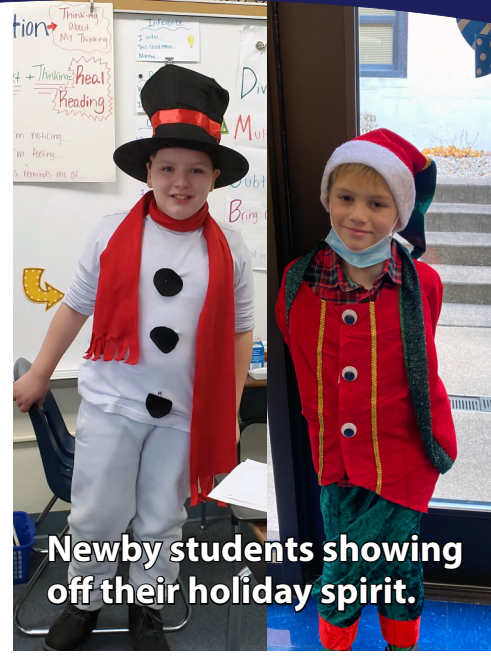


Mrs. Sizemore and Mrs. Ritorto at Northwood dress up in their best elf attire!



North Madison students try out their Santa parachute STEM

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Newby students showing off their holiday spirit.



Making ornaments at Neil Armstrong



147 elementary students (and their families!) joined virtual learning teacher Mrs. Ramsey and retired teacher Mrs. Adams for a virtual sing-along!

'Tis the Season!





MHS Staff celebrates Christmas by wearing ugly Christmas sweaters!

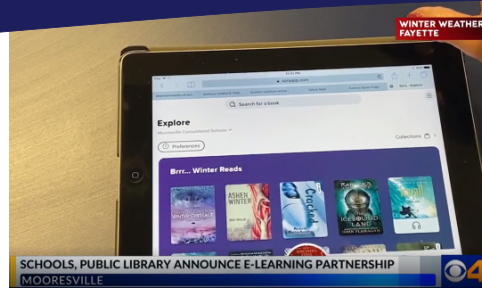
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News Briefs

Free Books Online - Mooresville students can access thousands of books to read virtually, during the school year as well as while on winter break. MHS and PHMS students can use school logins on [Sora](#) and elementary school students can use [TumbleBooks](#) to access books through a partnership with the Mooresville Public Library.



Community Information - Local nonprofits with information pertaining to activities for students may share fliers and information on our [Community Webpage](#). Current fliers include:

- [National Anthem Singing Contest](#)
- [Illustrating America Art Contest](#)
- [Ripfest Diving Lessons](#)
- [Winter Baseball Camp \(ages 5-12\)](#)
- [Mooresville Wrestling Club \(Gr. PK-6\)](#)

Upcoming Events

December 18 - January 3
Winter Break

January 1
Happy New Year!

January 4
School resumes

January 8
Report Cards Posted

January 18
MLK Day (NO School)

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MOORESVILLE *Christmas* LIGHT TOUR

Now through Dec. 24
Click to download our free tour map!



DAILY HEALTH ASSESSMENT

Mooreville Families - Please be sure to assess student and staff member health each day before attending school.

COVID-19 Screening for Parents

Every morning before you send your child to school please check for signs of illness:



FEVER 100.4* OR CHILLS



SORE THROAT



COUGH* OR SHORTNESS OF BREATH
*especially new onset, uncontrolled cough



DIARRHEA, NAUSEA OR VOMITING, ABDOMINAL PAIN



HEADACHE*
*particularly new onset of severe headache, especially with fever



NEW LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL

**May present with more than one symptom. This list does not include all possible symptoms.*

- 1 Does your child have any sign of illness above?
 - 2 Were you in close contact (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) with anyone confirmed with COVID-19?
 - 3 If the answer is **YES** to any of the questions, **DO NOT** send your student to school. Instead, begin isolation of your child and contact your healthcare provider. Have you been tested for COVID-19? Only a positive test or provider diagnosis can confirm if someone has a current infection.
 - 4 Please keep your student home until they meet the criteria on the chart on back of the page.
- If you have trouble breathing, chest pain, new confusion, inability to wake or stay awake or bluish lips or face **CALL 911!**



Updated: 8/27/20

School Telephone Numbers

MHS	317-831-9203
PHMS	317-831-9208
Neil Armstrong	317-831-9210
Newby	317-831-9212
North Madison	317-831-9214
Northwood	317-831-9216
Waverly	317-831-9218

Please alert the school office if absent due to COVID-related reasons for attendance coding purposes. Students may take part in virtual school during quarantine.

In addition to the above, do not attend school if:

- You are awaiting COVID-19 test results.
- Any member of the household has tested positive or is awaiting test results due to exposure/symptoms.
- Any member of the household is home from work or school with COVID-19 symptoms.

If a person is at home for any of the above reasons, the person should stay at home until Indiana State Department of Health Return to School guidance is met. When in doubt, stay home and contact your school nurse or the Morgan County Health Department (765-342-6621) for guidance.

Find complete state guidance, visit the [Indiana State Department of Health Coronavirus Information Page](#) and click on "Back to School Resources"