

Pioneer Blast

MHS students line the sidewalks to greet Lucas. Special thanks go to the Mooresville Police for arranging a timely escort so students could come out and go in quickly during the cold weather.

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Superintendent's Message Keeping High Safety Standards

We have received additional updates from the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) as well as the Morgan County



Superintendent
Randy Taylor

Health Department regarding contact tracing guidelines and quarantine options available to schools. Throughout this year, our primary goal has been to keep the safety of students and staff at the forefront while delivering high quality learning. With that in mind, we have updated our plans as follows:

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Cold Day, Warm Welcome!

On Friday, MHS students welcomed home sophomore Lucas Grounds after his two-month stay at Riley Hospital.

MHS students made signs and even turned the school's giant gold M orange for the occasion. See more from the [WTHR coverage](#) and [WISH-TV coverage](#).



Sign Up Now to Be a Pioneer this Fall!

Online enrollment is now open for students who plan to come to Mooresville this fall. Visit our [Enrollment Webpage](#) to learn about preschool, kindergarten, out-of-district and in-district applications. Be sure to check out our new ["Come to Mooresville!" video](#) as well.



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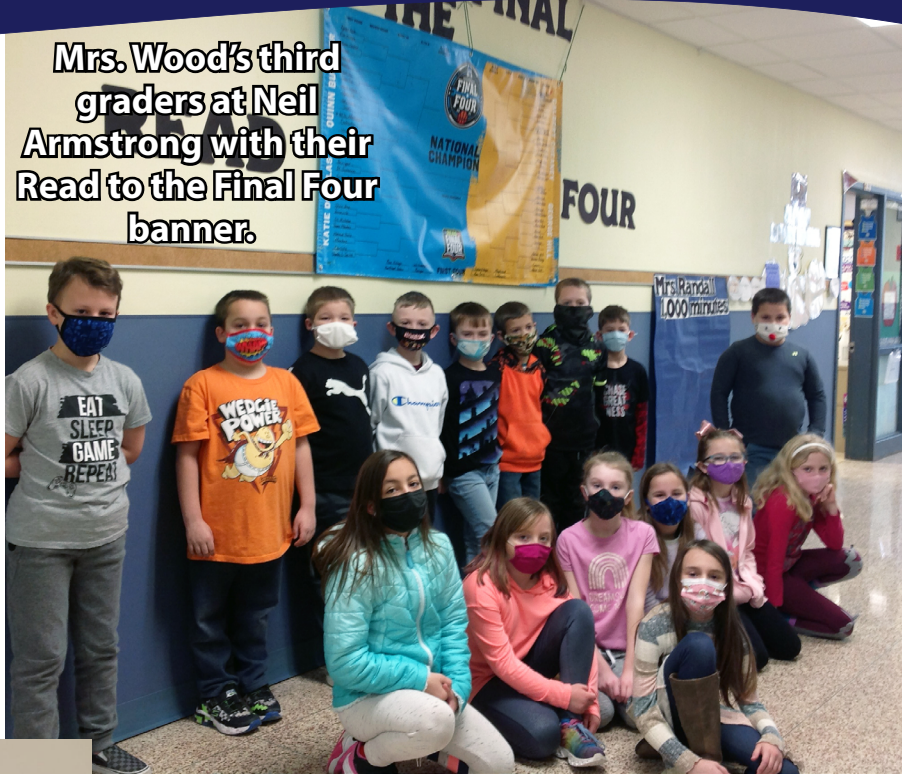
Mrs. Randall's third graders at Neil Armstrong are competing in the Read to the Final Four.

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Mrs. Karaffa's students study the Civil Rights



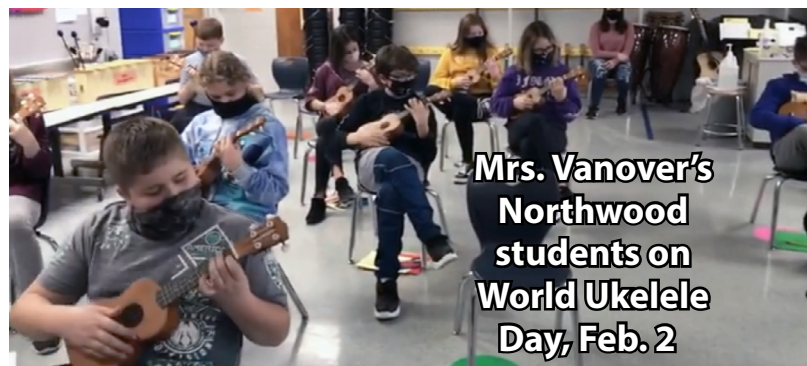
Mrs. Wood's third graders at Neil Armstrong with their Read to the Final Four banner.



Preparations are underway for construction of the new fitness center between MHS and PHMS.

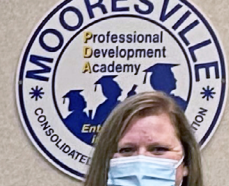


Newby Kindergarten STEM project to keep Humpty Dumpty from cracking.



Mrs. Vanover's Northwood students on World Ukelele Day, Feb. 2

Around Our Schools



Health Services staff from all schools were honored at Tuesday's school board meeting.

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COVID-19 Protocols

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The option to utilize three feet contact tracing for middle and high school students who are masked and sitting at desks all facing the same direction began Tuesday, Feb. 9. This does not apply to lunch, athletics, band, choir, and other non-standard classroom environments. This should decrease our number of students needing to quarantine due to contact tracing at the secondary level.

These contact tracing changes do not apply to our elementary schools. The distancing and masking requirements cannot be maintained due to our belief that small group instruction and occasional mask breaks are in the best interest of our younger students.

The IDOH and CDC continue to recommend a 14-day quarantine as the safest option. To utilize a 10-day quarantine, the IDOH guidelines say that returning students would have to maintain a 6-foot distance and remain masked 100% of the time in order to ride the bus, come into classrooms, take part in school meals, or take part in any school activities. The amount of space and personnel needed to attain this would be impractical for us to complete to the

New Protocol Reminders

3' contact tracing will take place for MHS/PHMS classroom settings with all seats facing the same direction.

Elementary classes will still observe 6' contact tracing.

All students will be required to finish CDC and IDOH recommended 14 days of quarantine so they may take part in all activities upon return to school.

safety standards needed. Therefore, we will continue with the 14-day quarantine time for all students who are deemed close contacts at school.

The IDOH has released information about test kits being sent to schools as well. We have not received these or the information about them, but we have been informed that students who are exhibiting symptoms would still need to be sent home regardless of the test results. We will not make any plans for testing until we have further information. For any testing be done, parental permission would have to be received.

Please continue to keep students home if they exhibit symptoms of COVID-19. Thank you for your support during this unusual school year.

News Briefs

Combatting Cold Weather - Students around the district are receiving a wonderful gift of warm socks in this cold weather. Thank you to FBF Originals (For Bare Feet) for the comfy and colorful donations!



Mrs. Haas' class at Neil Armstrong shows off their bigfoot-designed socks!

MHS Riley Dance Marathon - MHS Student Council is raising money for Riley Children's Hospital.



They will be accepting donations from now until February 19. To donate, visit the [MHS Riley Dance Marathon fundraising page](#).

Community Information - Local nonprofits may share fliers on our [Community Webpage](#). Current fliers include:

Mooresville Baseball/Softball Signups - Ages 4-12

Komets Riverplate Soccer at Pioneer Park - Ages 7-17

Illustrating America Art Contest - gr. K-8

National Anthem Singing Contest - ages 6-16

Adult Ed High School Equivalency Bootcamp

Calendar Reminder:

No School Monday, Feb. 15
in observance of Presidents Day

Open to families with children
Ages 7-17



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Build on family strengths

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AVAILABLE TO FAMILIES IN MORGAN COUNTY

Virtual via Zoom

Every Thursday

6:00pm - 7:00pm

February 18 - April 29

Free family meal included



To register, call Paul Hadley Middle School Youth First School Social Worker Heidi Mikac @ 317-831-9208 x 3110 or email hmikac@youthfirstinc.org



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"