



Pioneer Blast

Mooresville Schools Feb. 4, 2021

The MHS Champions Together Basketball Team displays the new banner honoring the school's commitment to unified sports.

Superintendent's Message The Winter Weather Question

Every winter, our schools are faced with the question of whether conditions have become unsafe to hold school.



Superintendent
Randy Taylor

Our administrators are on the roads beginning at 4:00a.m. to make decisions about school closings. In addition to road conditions, we look at incoming weather information, power outages, and other factors. We consider the distances some of our students need to walk to school, the ability of

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Updating COVID-19 Protocols for Schools

In Governor Holcomb's COVID-19 press conference Wednesday, it was announced that the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) is making changes to COVID-19 protocols for schools regarding quarantine guidance. No changes are to take place before Monday, Feb. 8.



The preliminary information will lessen quarantine requirements, but there are several exceptions such as when exposure occurs in situations such as lunch or athletic activities. *Continued on p. 3*

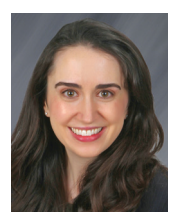
**Fall Enrollment Opens
Wednesday, February 10**
for Kindergarten, Community Preschool,
and Out of District students.



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MHS Winter Homecoming royalty (from left) Escort Zach Sollers, Princess Madelynn Denny, Escort Ben Cox, and Queen Lily Wymer



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Read to the Final Four

Third graders from Neil Armstrong and Waverly have qualified for the Read to the Final Four reading competition sponsored by the NCAA and the Indiana Sports Corp. Third graders across the state were challenged to read enough minutes to qualify for the competition. Through April, the 68 qualifying schools across the state will compete to see who can read the most minutes.

From Nov. 20 to Jan. 27, Neil Armstrong students read a total of 59,147 minutes and Waverly read 19,088 to qualify. Neil Armstrong will compete against Centeron Elementary, and Waverly will compete against Woodbrook Elementary this week. Competitions are weighted based on the number of students reading. The schools will learn Monday if they advance in their brackets.

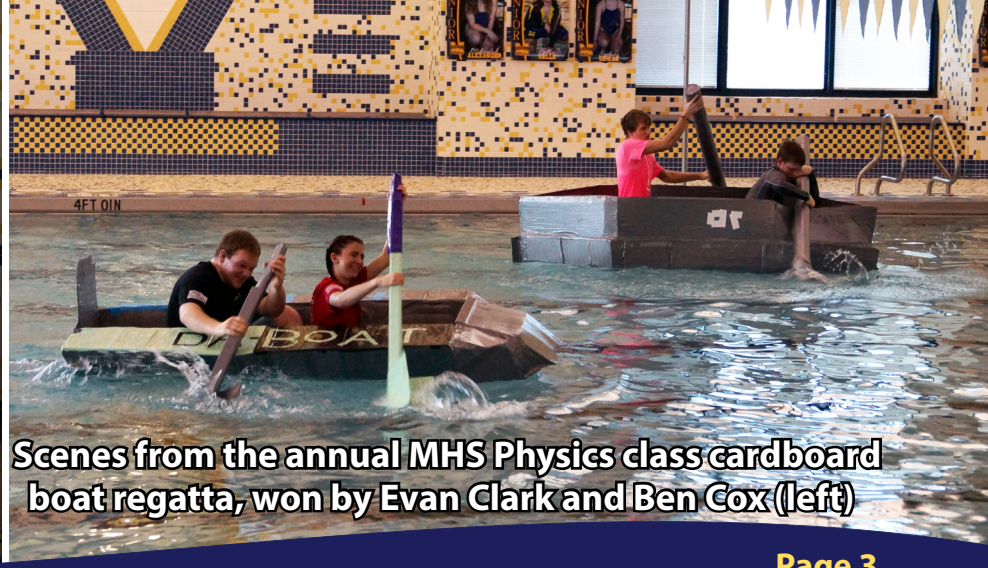
To follow the schools' progress, check out the [Read to the Final Four](#) website.



Waverly's third graders (above) are excited for the competition.

Neil Armstrong third graders (right) show off their wristband prizes for making it into the competition.





Scenes from the annual MHS Physics class cardboard boat regatta, won by Evan Clark and Ben Cox (left)

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Winter Weather

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a full-sized bus to pass another vehicle on a country road where snow is piled up on the sides, temperature with wind chill, and many other factors. We also receive information from highway departments, police agencies, and neighboring school systems.

Members of our transportation department are in early to make sure buses are cleared off and ready to go. We also have maintenance and custodial personnel at all buildings early in the mornings to work on clearing acres of parking lots and sidewalks.

All of these factor into the final determination of whether a school delay or eLearning Day is needed. If there is a determination to change the school day, we plan to make the all-call to our staff and families as well as media notification prior to 6:00a.m. Only in the case of rapidly changing conditions would a decision be made later.

To learn more about our weather plans and how they affect programs such

REMINDER

Families can choose their contact options for school delays and closures. Please log into Skyward and visit the Skylert tab to learn more.

as before and after school care, Area 31 Career programs, and more, please read our [School Delay and Closing Information](#).

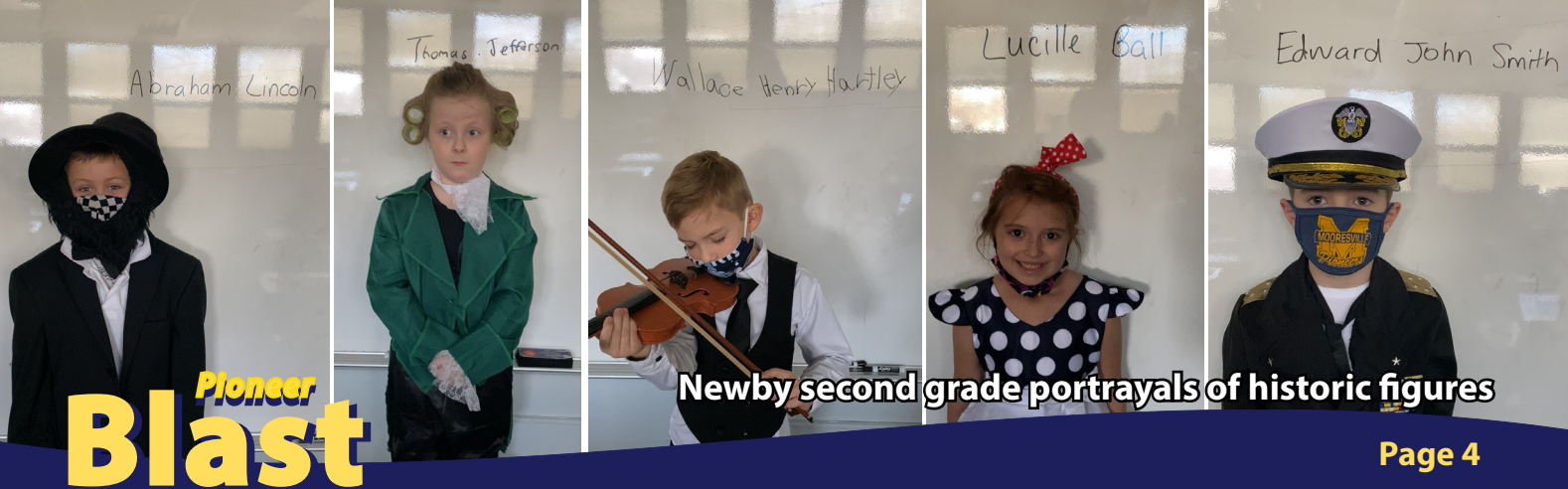
We also appreciate our families and community members clearing sidewalks and bus stops in inclement weather to be sure students can get on and off buses safely. Working together to keep our community's children safe is our number one priority.

COVID-19 Protocol Updates

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The new protocols also include the shipment of COVID-19 rapid tests to be administered by school nurses in circumstances such as someone exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms. The IDOH has not given a delivery date to schools at this time.

The IDOH has pledged to provide schools with additional information "soon." As this information is received, it will be shared with our families. Please be aware that no changes will occur until specific guidelines are received from state and county health officials.



Newby second grade portrayals of historic figures

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News Briefs

Family First Success -

Families with children ages 7-17 are welcome to take part in the Family First Success program sponsored by Youth First. The program helps families develop positive behaviors and strategies for daily life. The program will be held virtually on Thursdays from 6-7p.m. February 18-April 29. To register or for more information, contact PHMS Social Worker Heidi Mikac at 317-831-9208, extension 3110.

Open to families
with children
Ages 7-17



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Upcoming Events

February 5
Midterm Grades

February 8
Skyward Updates
(system down
from 5-7p.m.)

February 15
Presidents Day (No
School)

March 26 - April 2
Spring Break (No
School)

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 - Age 4-12](#)

[Illustrating America Art Contest - gr. K-8](#)

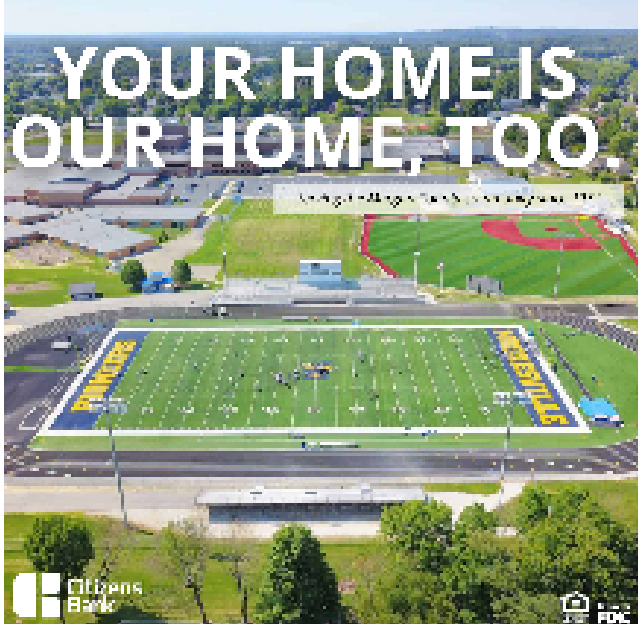
[National Anthem Singing Contest - ages 6-16](#)



[Ripfest Diving Lessons - ages 8 and up](#)

[Adult Ed High School Equivalency Bootcamp](#)

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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"