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Mooresville Schools

**Superintendent's Message**  
**Supporting Our Public Schools**

I joined with superintendents from Martinsville, Monrovia, and Eminence to write our Senator, Rod Bray, about very concerning bills which would hurt public education.



**Superintendent Randy Taylor**

In support of the 94 percent of Indiana students who attend public schools, we strongly oppose House Bill 1005, Senate Bill 412 and Senate Bill 413. Hoosiers all lose when children are not well educated and public tax dollars are not accounted for responsibly.

In Morgan County, hundreds of families already exercise choice for schools, and they are choosing our

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**Mrs. McCreary (in yellow mask) received her plaque and honorary check Friday. She was surrounded by her students who were making breakfast for MHS staff members to celebrate FFA Week.**

**McCreary Honored by Indiana FFA**

MHS agriculture teacher and FFA sponsor Tori McCreary has been honored as one of Indiana's Golden Owl (agriculture teacher of the year) award finalists.

McCreary, who is in her fourth year at MHS, found out about the honor during FFA Week last week, when the state issued an [awards video](#). The finalists were chosen based on votes from their students, peers, and communities. She will submit a full application and find out if she is the state winner at the FFA summer conference in June.

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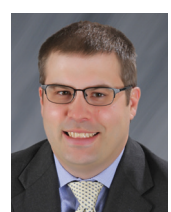
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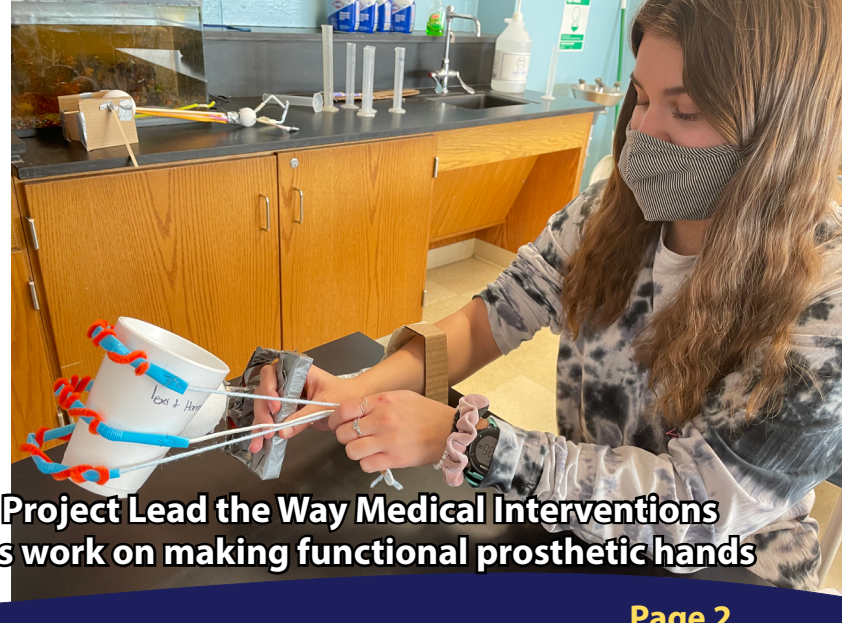
**CORIN MARSHALL, MD**



**BRADLEY KLEMAN, MD**



**AMANDA WALTER, MD**



MHS Project Lead the Way Medical Interventions students work on making functional prosthetic hands

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## Congratulations MHS Top 20 of 2021!

Congratulations go to the Class of 2021 Top 20 seniors. With academic courses including college-level work, all of these students have achieved great scholastic success and grade point averages above 4.0.

The students, in random order, include (photo on page 1), front row from left: Noah Allen,

Devon Theriac, Jacob Eyster, Sawyer Flinn, Logan Prather, Joel Hammon, Nolan Bond, Olivia Keller, Riley Owens, Maely Barrett, and, second row: Katirena Freitag, Clayton Cullers, Aidan Raymond, Miles McGowen, Chloe Walsh, Marissa Meador, Ellie Brill, Kaytlin Mendenhall, Hannah Arnold, and Grace Stanton.

## CDC Travel Recommendations for Spring Break

Students and staff who are traveling over Spring Break or other times are asked to review the CDC's travel webpage for their newest guidance before and after travel.

Mooresville staff and students who **plan to travel internationally must follow all CDC travel guidance including:**

- Get tested with a viral test 3-5 days after travel AND stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel (even if you test negative).
- If your test is positive, isolate yourself to protect others from getting infected.
- If you don't get tested, stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel.
- Avoid being around people who are at

increased risk for severe illness for 14 days, whether you get tested or not.

Those who are traveling within the United States or U.S. territories are recommended to follow CDC guidance as well as any state guidance for their travel destination. Learn more on the [CDC Travel webpage](#).

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Neil Armstrong fourth graders made birthday bags for families in need to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday.

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# Supporting Public Schools

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public schools. More than 1,000 students who attend Morgan County public schools do so from a different school district of residence. These schools are fully accredited and accountable, and our families know our public schools are the place for a high quality education.

In Indiana communities, public schools have been and will continue to be the hub for vital services supporting the well-being of the whole child. Passing HB 1005, SB 412 or SB 413 would divert significant monies away from public schools, enhance the opportunity for a lack of oversight related to the intended educational purpose of such funds, further exacerbate insufficiencies tied to Indiana's teacher compensation, and increase the risk to student growth, proficiency, and well-being.

In Morgan County as well as countless counties across Indiana, the public schools are some of the largest employers in the county (Mooreville and Martinsville schools are the second and third largest employers for Morgan County, while Monrovia and Eminence schools are the largest employers in their communities). Siphoning money away from the public schools will drain funds from our communities with

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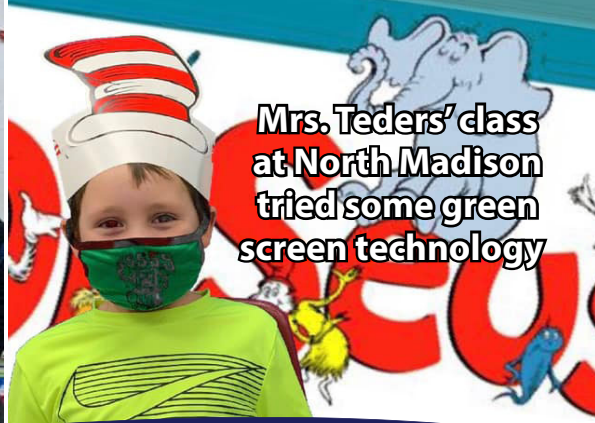
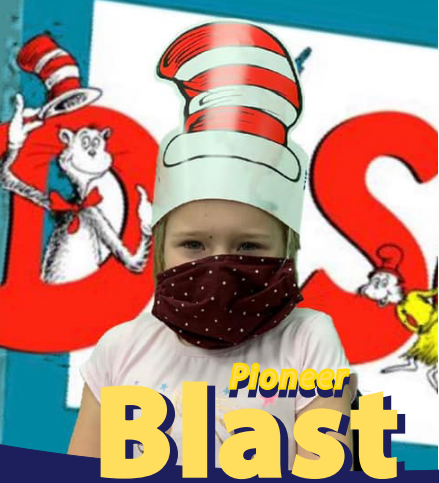
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lesser funding for employment, for the upkeep of infrastructure, and more.

Indiana's most vulnerable youth and families deserve a per-pupil funding level that promotes adequate and equitable funding. Unfortunately, the language of HB 1005 gives advantages to families with high incomes and adds disadvantages for our most vulnerable by shifting risks.

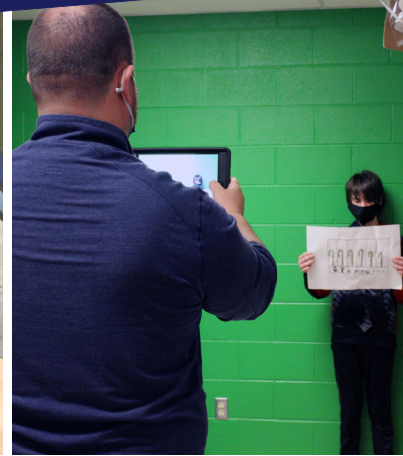
With the proposed legislation, private and voucher programs will receive about 38 percent of taxpayer funds for education while public schools receive 62 percent. With public schools educating 94 percent of students, these bills would effectively give private and charter schools \$9.50 for each of their **hand-picked** students while public schools receive a meager 65 **cents** per student. Why should public districts and teachers struggle to provide a more accountable education than charter schools, with a fraction of the funding?

We firmly oppose HB 1005, SB 412 and SB 413. We firmly support the adequate and equitable funding of our Indiana's public schools representing 94 percent of Hoosier students and families.



Mrs. Teders' class at North Madison tried some green screen technology

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Technology coach Mr. Wilburn (center photo) recorded candy commercials written by Mrs. Cox's 6th graders at Waverly Elementary. Students created a new candy, wrote the scripts, and performed their commercials in front of a green screen. Mr. Wilburn videotaped and added their backgrounds to the commercials.

## ILEARN Testing Begins Soon

Students will begin taking ILEARN tests soon. The online test will adjust to each student's skills and mastery of content. Every time a student answers a question, the response will help determine the next question presented.

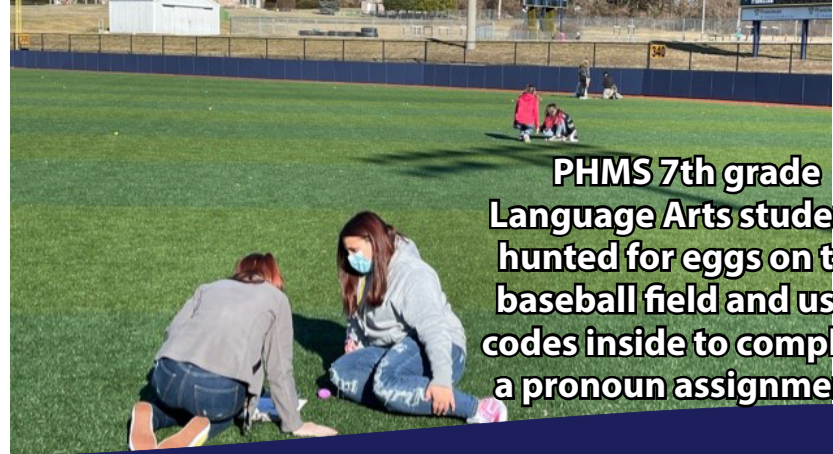
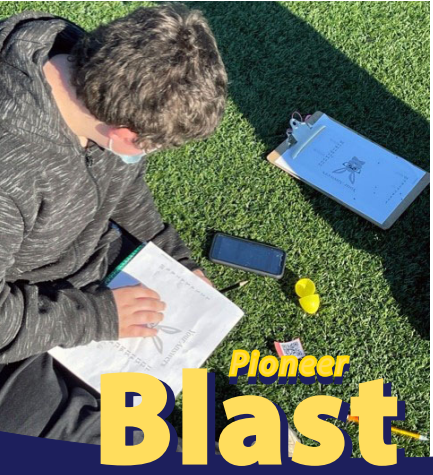
ILEARN testing in language arts and mathematics will be given to all students in grades 3-8 during a testing window from April 19 to May 21. Additionally, 5th grade students will take a social studies test, and 4th and 6th grade students will take a science test. Current sophomores will not take ILEARN and will transition to taking the SAT for their assessment. The ILEARN biology test window for current students in biology will be April 19- May 21.

All students are required to participate in state

testing, on-site, at their home schools. Principals will be in touch with virtual students regarding scheduling.

Parents are encouraged to schedule any appointments outside of testing days. Families are also encouraged to be sure their child is on time to school during the testing window, as many tests begin first thing in the morning. Specific information for your child's testing dates will come from his/her individual school.

Families can find out more about the ILEARN test on the Indiana Department of Education's [ILEARN For Families](#) webpage. Any families with questions or concerns about the ILEARN test should contact their building principal or Assistant Superintendent Holly Frye.



PHMS 7th grade Language Arts students hunted for eggs on the baseball field and used codes inside to complete a pronoun assignment

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## News Briefs

**Virtual Kindergarten Roundup** - families who have a child turning age five before Aug. 1 are encouraged to register their child for school at [Mooresville Schools.org](http://MooresvilleSchools.org) and watch the Facebook live [Virtual Kindergarten Roundup](#) event on Tuesday, March 23, at 5:30p.m.

**Promise Indiana Program** - Morgan County students entering kindergarten this fall will be part of the new Promise Indiana program, which helps create and fill 529 Savings Accounts for college, vocational training, and more. In Morgan County, a \$10 deposit is ready for any Class of '34 kindergarten student who opens an account this year as well as a \$25 match for a \$25 deposit. Families who take part in the Promise Indiana 529 account program in March will also have two chances to win a \$250 deposit into their child's Promise Account! Set up a new 529 direct account [through this link](#) with no additional deposit to be entered to win. Families who have a 529 direct account may deposit funds during March to be entered into the drawing. For questions, please [contact Jennifer Maurer](#).

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

- [Mooresville Parks Swim Lessons \(up to age 15\)](#)
- [Mooresville Parks Summer Camps \(grades K-6\)](#)
- [Mooresville Baseball/Softball Signups - Age 4-12](#)
- [Komets Riverplate Soccer - Ages 7-17](#)

THROUGH "BEING 100" ON DAY 100, AND BEYOND!  
**KINDERGARTEN - WHERE GREAT MEMORIES ARE MADE!**  
 Enroll today at [MooresvilleSchools.org](http://MooresvilleSchools.org) to receive your kindergarten readiness information!



**PROMISE INDIANA MORGAN COUNTY**  
 Partners are kick-starting your students' savings for their future

## Upcoming Events

- Mar. 5 District**  
End of 9 weeks
- Mar. 11 Newby**  
PTO Meeting (webex)
- Mar. 11-12 MHS**  
Spring Play 7pm
- Mar. 13 MHS**  
SAT
- Mar. 23 MHS**  
Spring Picture Day
- Mar. 23 District**  
Virtual Kindergarten Roundup 5:30pm (Mooresville Schools Facebook)

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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 a total of 15 minutes over a 24-hour period) 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.
- If you have trouble breathing, chest pain, new confusion, inability to wake or stay awake or bluish lips or face*

### CALL 911!



Updated: 2/9/21

### 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"