



Pioneer Blast

Mooresville Schools

Nov. 19, 2020

Meece, Anderson, Coffey, Bosworth

Being Thankful

This is the time of year we should all remember the things for which we are thankful. Right now, I am thankful for the amazing



Superintendent Randy Taylor

staff at Mooresville Schools, from our newest hires to our seasoned veterans, for all they have done for our students. We could not have come this far with in-person learning and such a strong eLearning program without everyone doing their part.

We will continue to keep our in-person and eLearning options open to students as long as we can provide a safe, high quality education to our students. The

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Circle of Winners!

Northwood students were the best of the best in the annual statewide Circle of Lights art competition this year. Emma Meece is the grand prize winner while Grace Anderson, Declan Coffey, and Natalie Bosworth took three of the top four finalist prizes!

Each finalist receives a \$529 CollegeChoice scholarship and their artwork will be projected onto the IPL building on Monument Circle in downtown Indianapolis every night for the next month as part of the Circle of Lights. In addition, Emma will help Santa flip the switch on the Soldiers and Sailors Monument Christmas tree on Friday,

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The Buck Stops Here

Passersby did a double-take Wednesday as a six-point buck and his doe friend stopped by the MHS softball fields. Both managed to safely exit the area.



Cheer on the Pioneers!

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Northwood students cheered on the MHS football team as they traveled to Evansville Friday

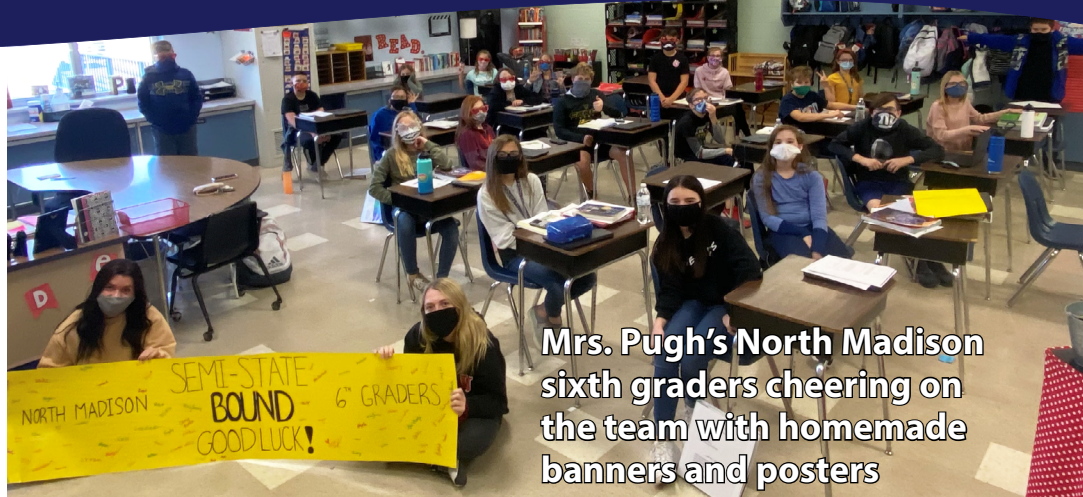
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Semi-State Sendoff

The MHS football team defeated the Evansville Central Bears 37-34 to become Regional Champions for the first time since 1989! The Pioneers advance to the

Semi-State Championship at Roncalli to take on the Rebels on Friday. The public is welcome and encouraged to line up on Indiana St. and downtown Friday to cheer on the football team as they travel to Roncalli for semi-state. The team buses will leave MHS at 4:15 p.m. and travel south on Indiana St.

All tickets are sold out. The game will be broadcast for a \$14.95 access fee on IHSAA tv.



Mrs. Pugh's North Madison sixth graders cheering on the team with homemade banners and posters

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Newby Student Council members promote the food drive.

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Free Meal Program Continues

The USDA has announced the extension of its free breakfast and lunch

program for all students through the end of the 2020-2021 school year. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) extended their Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and Seamless Summer Option (SSO) at first through the end of December, but has added several months to the program to ensure children have access to nutritious food during the pandemic.

The Mooresville Schools Food Services Department is providing families with a free five-day meal pack pickup for all students for Thanksgiving week. To order meal packs, fill out the [Meal Pickup Order Form](#) for each student in your household. Orders are due by **9p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19**. Families will choose their meal pickup times and sites for the Tuesday, Nov. 24, distributions.

Circle of Lights Contest Winners

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Nov. 27. Restrictions this year mean there will be no live event on Monument Circle, but the lighting ceremony will be televised on Nov. 27 at 7p.m. on WTHR, Channel 13. Congratulations to the winners and their art teacher, Mrs. Avery!



Food Drive Ends Friday

Tomorrow is the final day for the annual Mooresville Schools Food Drive. Each school is collecting nonperishable goods for Churches in Mission. Each food item collected is worth one point. This year's bonus item, cereal, is worth two. Grade levels and schools will receive prizes for items collected.

Food collected will help families in need while students are out on Thanksgiving and Christmas Break, making food items for breakfast and lunch especially important.

To learn more about the food drive, watch the [Newby Student Council Food Drive Video](#).



Members of MHS Best Buddies made "thank you" gift bags for all custodians in the school district!

What Our Families Need to Know

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Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) has updated their guidance for schools based upon county color codes. Please know that we at Mooresville Schools will meet or exceed any guidance from the IDOH and continue to consult with the Morgan County Health Department for guidance. To continue with our work, and to respond to any changes that may be needed, we ask our families to be aware of the following:

Thanksgiving Reminders

Please see important IDOH reminders for families on p. 7. If you will be traveling or visiting with many people outside of your home in a close contact situation, you may wish to consider transitioning your child to elearning on a temporary basis.

Transitioning To or From eLearning

Please contact your child's elementary principal or MHS/PHMS school counselor if you would like to discuss an elearning transition. Families who wish to transition to eLearning after Thanksgiving should contact their child's school as soon as possible. Families wanting their child to return to in-class learning must give a three-day lead time so the schools and teachers may adjust class setups for the transition.

When to Stay Home

Unfortunately, there have been situations in which many students have had to quarantine due to family's decision not to follow school guidance. **Students should not come to school while awaiting test results or experiencing symptoms.** Please review the guidelines on page 6 and call your school nurse with any questions about a COVID-19 situation. Also remember that COVID-related absences do not count against a child's attendance as long as work is completed. Please be aware that changes may occur and we all must be ready to implement new plans. If this occurs, we will communicate with all families as quickly as possible. We appreciate your patience, flexibility, and support through these tough times. Thank you, Pioneers, for all you do and all you have done.

COVID-19 Resources

[Indiana Coronavirus Resources](#) - Indiana Department of Health information

[Indiana COVID-19 Dashboard](#) - county color coding, school case data, and more

[Back to School Resources](#) - guidelines for schools, quarantine, and more.



Spooky math fun in Mrs. Skiles' class at Neil Armstrong

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News Briefs

Take-Home Chromebook Reminder - With parent/guardian permission, grade K-6 students may take home the Chromebook they use at school to use during eLearning. Families that are interested and have not already done this can access the agreement through Skyward Family Access. Parents must sign **by 9a.m. Friday, Nov. 20** for a child to take home a device for the Nov. 23 and Nov. 24 district-wide eLearning Days. This is only available after the agreement is received by Mooresville Schools. Families with questions about the program should call their school. For Skyward login questions, contact skyward@mooresvilleschools.org.



Upcoming Events

November 20
Last day for District-Wide Food Drive

November 23-24
eLearning Days for all schools

November 25-27
Thanksgiving Break

Community Information - Local nonprofits may share fliers for activities on our [Community Webpage](#). Current fliers include:
[Winter Baseball Camp \(ages 5-12\)](#)
[Fall Into Girl Scouts](#)
[Mooresville Wrestling Club \(Gr. PK-6\)](#)

Substitute Teachers Wanted

Attention college students or those seeking temporary employment: Mooresville Schools is hiring substitute teachers. Must obtain substitute permit and pass a background check. Call 317-831-0950 to learn more.

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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"

COVID-19 TIPS FOR CELEBRATING A SAFER THANKSGIVING

CREATE A SAFER ENVIRONMENT TO REDUCE THE RISK THAT ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSE, OR VISITING YOUR HOUSE WHO MAY BE AT INCREASED RISK FOR SERIOUS ILLNESS

LONG-TERM CARE

We recommend visiting with loved ones at the long-term care facility either through outdoor visitation or in those facilities where it is deemed safe through indoor visitation instead of visitations in your home.

More detailed guidance is available [here](#).



DECREASE EXPOSURES

Prior to your holiday gatherings, avoid indoor settings with people you don't live with where you cannot socially distance or wear a mask (e.g., indoor social events, bars, restaurants, carpooling).



WEAR A MASK

Wear a cloth mask at all times when you are in indoor locations outside of your house or at outdoor events

WASH YOUR HANDS

Regularly wash your hands or use hand sanitizer and ask those coming in your house to do the same. When at-risk individuals are visiting, wear a mask while visiting with them inside your house, that includes riding in the car.



PHYSICALLY DISTANCE

Set up your house so you can physically distance with individuals who have high-risk health conditions while they are visiting you and during meals or other times when a mask cannot be worn. If at all possible, have a separate bedroom and bathroom for the at-risk individual.

SCREEN

Ask anyone entering or staying in your house if they have had symptoms (e.g., fever, body aches, fatigue, runny nose, cough) of COVID-19 or if they have had a recent exposure to someone with COVID-19. Anyone in your house with symptoms should be isolated and anyone with exposures should be quarantined. If possible, get you and your household tested for COVID-19 in time to receive the results before having high risk individuals in your home.



CLEAN SURFACES

Designate someone to regularly clean high touch surfaces in your house (e.g., tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, sinks, etc.).