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Mooresville Schools

Indiana Statehood Essay Contest Finalists (story below)

Nov. 18, 2021

Tackling a Difficult Subject

Addressing the stigma that surrounds addiction, understanding how to spot the signs, and learning how to help loved ones will be the topic of an important event Dec. 1 at the MHS auditorium.

Justin White, a local minister, will share his story of succumbing to and ultimately beating painkiller addiction with his presentation "A Conversation About Addiction" on Wednesday, Dec. 1, at 6p.m.

See p. 2 flier for details.

Students Share Kindness

Students around the district took part in World Kindness Day activities last week, with projects to help emergency responders, veterans, and more.

RIGHT: Neil Armstrong Kindness Club delivering goodies to staff

BELOW RIGHT: MHS Life Skills class delivering goodie bags from MHS to first responders

BELOW: Cards from PHMS to



Five Receive State Writing Honors

Five North Madison fourth graders were finalists for the Indiana Statehood Day Essay Contest through the Indiana State Library. From more than 400 submitted essays, 83 were chosen as finalists. Finalists (top of page, from left) include: Adalynn Quincy, Gage Griffith, Abigail Johnson, Georgia Nielsen and Owen Robinson.

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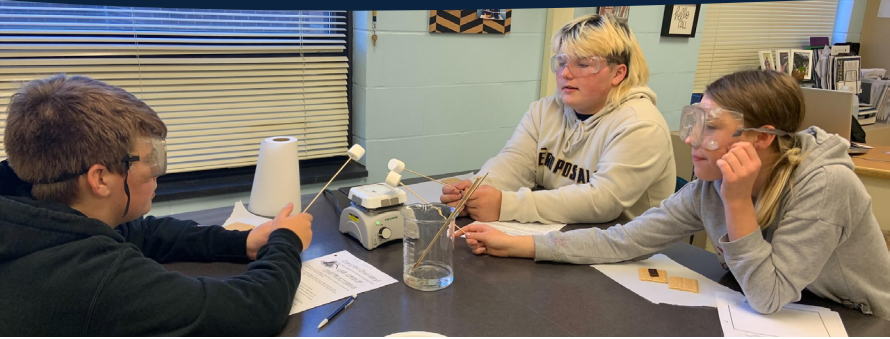


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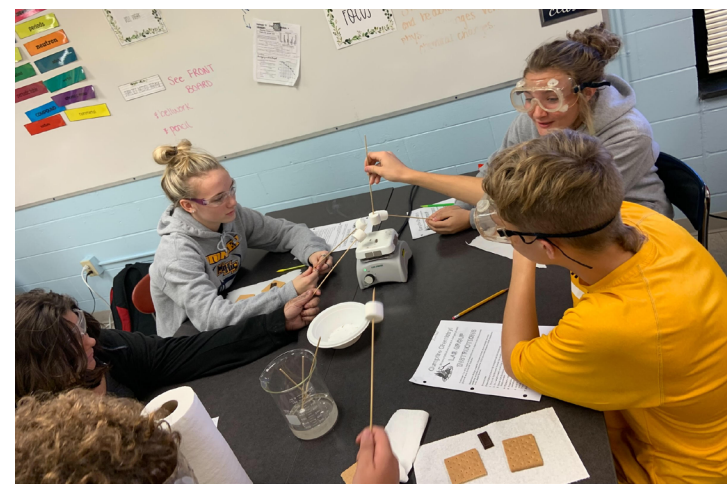
PHMS students collected 308 boxes of cereal for Churches in Mission

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Delicious Chemical Reactions

PHMS 8th grade science classes conducted a chemical reaction experiment using heat to change matter. Their subject, marshmallows, made for a tasty teachable moment.



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A Conversation About

Addiction



Hear Justin White's Powerful Message.

Join us as we shine an important and educational light on a difficult subject. Justin talks about his struggles with addiction, from taking medication for migraines to a destructive path through overdose, rehab, and prison. Justin explains how he found a path to recovery through faith, friends, and family. Everyone in the Mooresville community is invited to join us for an important evening learning about substance use disorder.

Join us Wednesday, Dec. 1, at 6:00 p.m. in the MHS Auditorium

For anyone who would like to better understand how addiction can begin, to recognize signs someone is struggling, and how to help to their loved ones. The event is appropriate for adults and youth ages 13 and older.



Investing in Mooresville's Future Leaders. Thank You MHS Key Club! Here's To Pioneers!

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Kindergarten and first grade girls cheering on the Lady Pioneers

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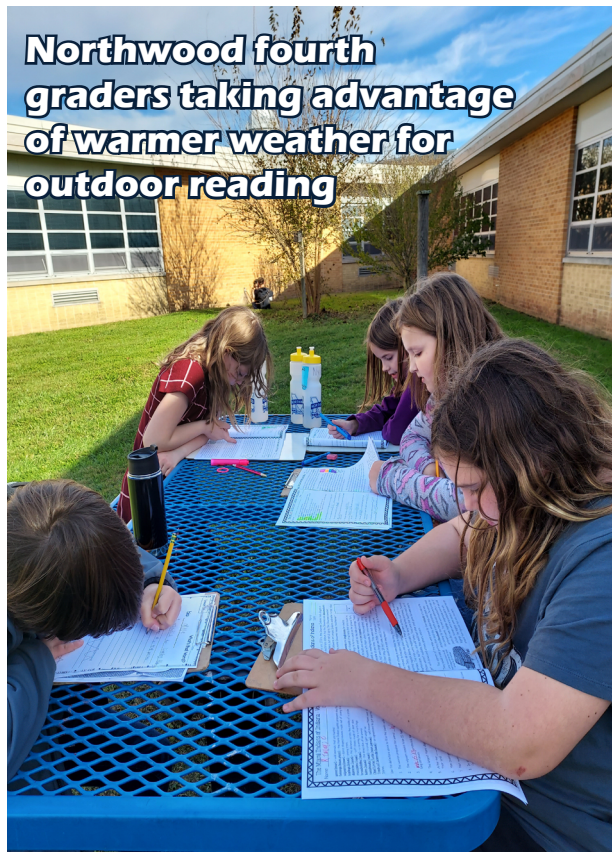
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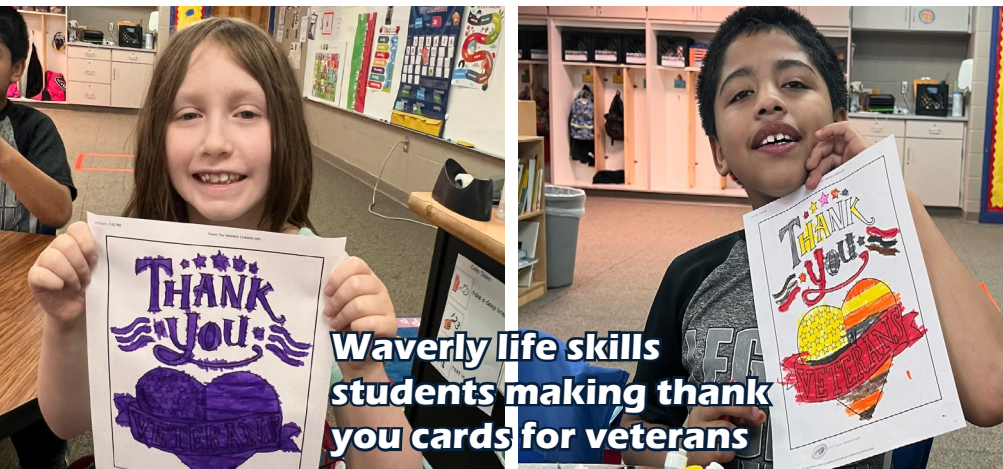


Goody bags from MHS students delivered to local firefighters

Around Our Schools

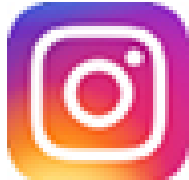


Northwood fourth graders taking advantage of warmer weather for outdoor reading



Waverly life skills students making thank you cards for veterans

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MHS Key Club received a \$2500 check from Citizens Bank to help with their ongoing projects.

News Briefs

MHS History Teacher Receives MAC Grant:

Mr. Oggy Brewer received a \$500 grant from McDonalds to share entrepreneurship lessons with his students based on his book "Max Out, Pay Out" and the concept of giving your efforts toward the achievements you want to make. To watch his grant presentation, click [here](#).



Light Tour Benefits PTOs: The five elementary PTOs will be the beneficiaries of this year's Mooresville Christmas Light Tour. The tour of decorated homes throughout the Mooresville school district area includes a virtual voting donation app. Learn more about the event, how to be a tour stop, and how to support the PTOs on their webpage: MooresvilleLights.com.

Holiday Assistance: Families in need of assistance for Christmas should contact their school counselor or family services coordinator for a Christmas assistance application. Applications and assistance are coordinated through Churches in Mission. Applications should be return to the Mission (27 S. Indiana St.) by December 1.

Community Information & Fliers: Local nonprofit organizations with activities for school-age students may share their fliers through Mooresville Schools. Recent fliers include:

- [Free Flu Shot Clinic Nov. 18](#)
- [Patriot's Pen Essay Contest \(Gr.6-8\)](#)
- [Winter Baseball Camp \(ages 5- 12\)](#)
- [Young American Art Contest \(Gr. 9-12\)](#)
- [RipFest Diving Academy \(age 8 and older\)](#)
- [Elementary Wrestling \(gr. K-6\)](#)
- [North Madison and Waverly Cub Scouts](#)
- [Morgan County 4H \(K-12\)](#)
- [Young American Art Contest \(Gr. 9-12\)](#)
- [Mooresville Christmas Lights Tour Info](#)
- [Mooresville Boys Junior Basketball & Cheer \(Gr. K-8\)](#)

Free/Reduced Lunch Applications: Families who qualify to receive free or reduced meals may also receive other income-eligible services, including free or reduced textbooks rentals, discounts for before and after school childcare, SAT and ACT fee waivers for students, college scholarships, 21st Century Scholars program eligibility, and more. [Log into Skyward](#) to review the income eligibility chart and complete your child's application. [See our video](#) to learn more.

Upcoming Events

Nov. 24-26 District Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 5 MHS/PHMS Band Winter Concert 2p.m.

Dec. 6 Newby Book Fair Week

Dec. 7 Northwood Club & Candid Pictures

Dec. 8-9 MHS Christmas Plays 6p.m.

Dec. 9-11 MHS Madrigal Dinner 6:30pm (at Mt. Gilead)



Coronavirus COVID-19 Protocols 2021-2022 School Year

Please Note: These protocols reflect current guidance from federal, state and local health officials. Should guidance change, school protocols will be updated to reflect current information. 9/9/21

The safety and well-being of our students and staff are of utmost importance. We appreciate everyone's help with the following guidelines for our return to school.

- **Masks are recommended** for anyone who has not been vaccinated. Masks are not required; however, we respect the right of anyone who chooses to wear a mask at school.
- **Masks are required on school buses** for the duration of CDC mask guidance for public transportation. Masks will be provided to those who do not have them.
- **Water bottling filling stations** will remain open and water fountains will remain closed. Students will be asked to use water bottles at school.
- **Close Contact and Quarantine** guidance will be following from IDOH in accordance with [Indiana Code 16-41-2-1](#). Due to social distancing requirements for early returns, all close contact quarantines will be 14 days.
- **Assigned seating and increased spacing** between students will remain in classrooms, the cafeteria, and other group settings to fulfill contact tracing obligations.
- **Increased cleaning and disinfection** in all areas will remain in place. School air filtration systems meet or exceed all requirements for fresh air circulation.
- **Unvaccinated students or staff** who are close contacts with someone who has COVID-19 must quarantine per health department guidance. No student or staff member will be asked about vaccination status except as part of a close contact situation.
- **Home COVID-19 test kits** will not qualify as an alternate diagnosis or for an early return to school of a symptomatic person. A PCR or rapid test or alternate physician diagnosis is needed to return to school if there are symptoms.
- **Extracurricular activities** will resume with the same protocols as school attendance. IHSA and ISSMA guidance will be followed.

Best Practices

2020-21 taught us there are many important practices to help keep Pioneers healthy.

Proper hand washing

is the best way to limit the spread of COVID-19. Students will have many opportunities each day to wash their hands and use sanitizer.

Monitoring student health

before school each day is crucial. Students with a fever or [signs of illness](#) (including but not limited to: vomiting, diarrhea, uncontrolled cough, sore throat, and loss of taste or smell) should not come to school. Symptomatic students need a negative PCR or rapid test or alternate diagnosis to return to school.

Vaccinations

are recommended by the CDC for anyone [age 12 or older](#).

School health clinics

will have separate areas for students with symptoms.

When in doubt,

stay home and contact your school's student health services or the Morgan County Health Department (765-342-6621) for guidance.

Contact Tracing will still be in place in accordance with Indiana Department of Health guidelines.



Close contacts include anyone within 6' of the positive case for 15 minutes or more over the course of a day. There is a 48-hour "lookback" for close contacts prior to symptom onset/positive test.



Close contacts who do not show proof of vaccination will be required to quarantine. Vaccinated close contacts who are asymptomatic do not need to quarantine.

Additional resources are available at:

www.Coronavirus.IN.gov

www.CDC.gov/coronavirus

www.MooresvilleSchools.org