



North Madison Kindergarteners celebrate the 50th day of school 1950s style!

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Mooresville Schools

Pioneers are Stronger Together

In August, I asked that our Pioneers be more resilient as we entered a school year like no one has ever had. The students, staff and families of Mooresville Schools have been amazing adjusting to this year's challenges, with masking, social distancing, and more.



Superintendent Randy Taylor

As much as we've been doing, we know that increasing COVID 19 numbers across our state threaten the strides we've made in our in-person school year. We need our school

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Spotlight on Innovation

The integrated virtual learning system Mooresville Schools helped pioneer has been spotlighted by for its innovation on *Inside Indiana Business*.

CLASSROOM OF THE FUTURE



Asst. Superintendent Dr. Allen and Reggie Gresham of Matrix Integration featured on Inside Indiana Business

To create the classroom of the future, school leaders wanted to construct a seamless, collaborative learning solution that would introduce long-term, creative teaching and learning tools. They system also needed to to encourage as much interaction between teachers and students as possible. "We started working with Matrix Integration and Cisco last school year to create a high-tech system that helped put the personality back into virtual learning," said Dr. Jake Allen, assistant superintendent, "The most important piece in education is the connection between the student

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Important Updates for families about eLearning Day Nov. 4 and take-home devices for grades K-6, see p. 4

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With parking lots finished at MHS, seniors have now had their chance to paint their parking spots.

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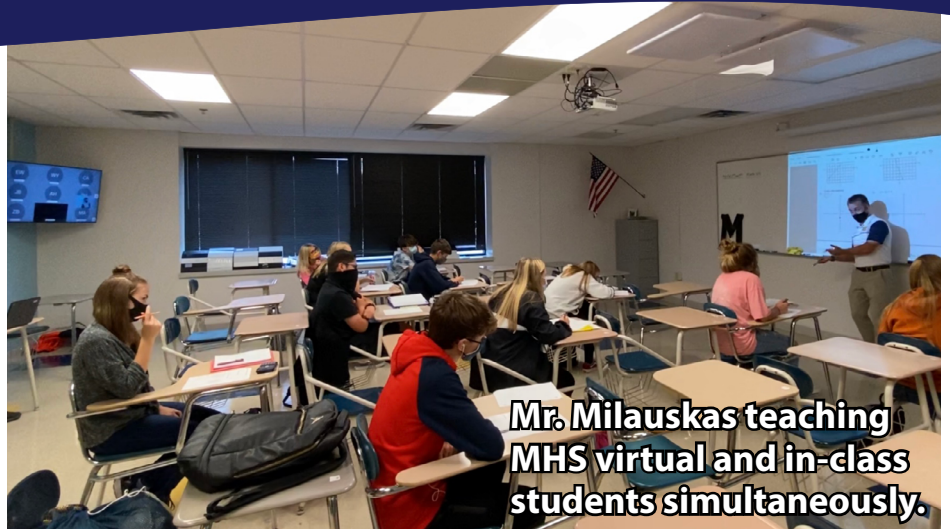
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and the teacher. While in-class teaching is the best option for learning, we wanted to find a system that would make virtual learning as close as to the in-person experience as possible.”

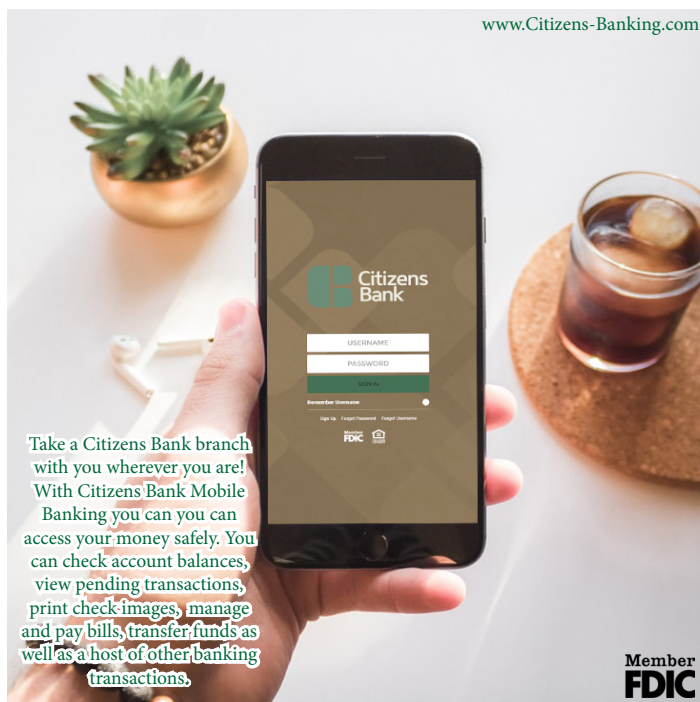


Mr. Milauskas teaching MHS virtual and in-class students simultaneously.

The solution included a WebEx platform with TelePresence equipment. WebEx allows for a secure continuous learning environment for the students, making the classrooms visible only to those with correct logins and passwords and other security to block potential hackers.

The TelePresence camera systems allows the teachers are able to move around the room to teach, all while staying engaged with their students in the classroom and online. Enhanced microphone technology keeps the audio levels where they need to be despite movement.

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An advertisement for the Citizens Bank mobile app. It features a hand holding a smartphone displaying the app's login screen. The background includes a small potted succulent and a glass of iced coffee. The website address www.Citizens-Banking.com is at the top right, and the Member FDIC logo is at the bottom right.

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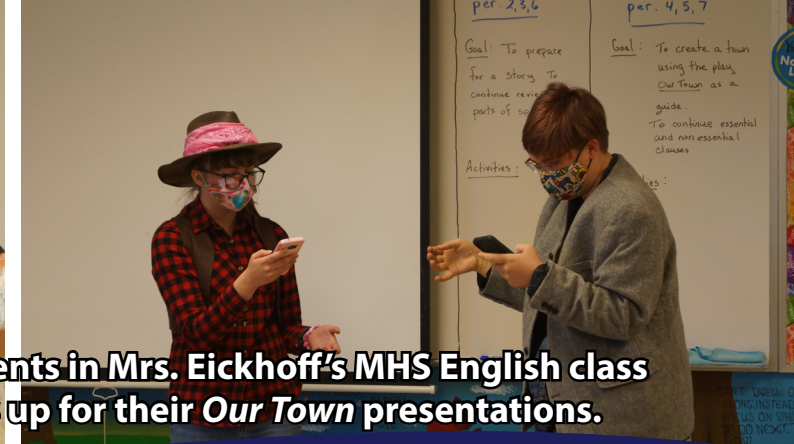
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The system also allows teacher time savings based on the ability to digitally collaborate on and share lesson plans. Teachers can also allow guest speakers to join online and share their remote video for a virtual field trip and lesson.

After a class, teachers are able to share video content online for students to review. Recorded sessions can even be enhanced with subtitles and language translations.

Dr. Allen was recently interviewed about Mooresville's innovative system. See the [Inside Indiana Business video](#) to learn more about Mooresville's "Classroom of the Future."



Students in Mrs. Eickhoff's MHS English class dress up for their *Our Town* presentations.

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Keeping Pioneers Together



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community to remember three important steps as we adjust to colder weather and flu season.

Keep Vigilant Outside of School - Please remember that parties, sleepovers, and other events bringing people together without social distancing and masking can have repercussions through school as well as home. Schools must do 48-hour look-backs on students who have symptoms and test positive. If a child attends a party on a weekend, develops symptoms and leaves school on Wednesday, and tests positive on Thursday, the school must contact trace and quarantine all students who were within six feet of the positive case patient for 15 minutes or more on Monday and Tuesday.

Keep Checking Every Day - The list of symptoms from the state include many signs of mild and common illnesses. Simple headaches and sore throats can, within a day, become something more serious. Please err on the side of caution if your child develops symptoms. Keep your child home and begin eLearning. State rules allow students who are home due to COVID-19 related issues to complete work online and not face any attendance consequences.

Keep In Touch - If you have questions or concerns about a COVID-19 related issue regarding school, please contact your child's school nurse. Our CNAs, RNs, and Nurse Practitioner work together for the health and safety of all students. They also get updates from the Indiana State Department of Health and communicate with the Morgan County Health Department frequently to have the latest information available.

Thank you, Pioneers, for continuing to help us keep our Mooresville Schools family as safe as possible.

Parents and Guardians

You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Mooresville School District utilizes the Skylert system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.

You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number: 67587.

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Congratulations to band members selected for IBA All-District Band (left): Elizabeth Thompson, Alex Stout, Emma Mayer, Kole Thompson (not pictured: Daphne Coffey and Zoey McGuire) and IBA All-Region Band (right) Nathan Webster and Nick Breedlove

eLearning Devices Available for Grades K-6

To help K-6 students who are full-time virtual learners or who are eLearning temporarily due to unique circumstances, Mooresville Schools is now offering additional technology resources to our families.

With parent/guardian permission, grade K-6 students may take home the Chromebook they use at school to use during eLearning. The Chromebooks are property of Mooresville Schools and must be returned upon the student’s return to in-class school or at the end of the school year. Families will be financially

responsible for any damages to the laptop (fees and details are fully outlined in the parent/guardian agreement).

In-class students in grades K-6 will not take home devices on a daily basis. The Chromebooks will be available for take home only during planned eLearning days or when a student will be virtual learning for an extended time.

Interested families can access the agreement through Skyward Family Access. Please be sure to read the information carefully and sign the electronic agreement no later than October 30, 2020, for a child to take home a device for the Nov. 4 district-wide eLearning Day. This offer is only available after the agreement is received by Mooresville Schools.

Families with questions about the program should contact skyward@moorevilleschools.org.

Next eLearning Day Set for November 4

To continue professional development for teachers and strengthen students’ resources in the event of eLearning across the district, Mooresville Schools will host another eLearning day for all students on Wednesday, Nov. 4.

The day will be similar to the Sept. 30 eLearning Day, with students staying home and receiving instruction and online lessons for the day. Families should watch for specifics from their child’s teacher(s) prior to the day.

Find Mooresville Schools Online:



Northwood Kindergarten
50th day of school!



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News Briefs

Resources for Families in Need - Families in need should contact school counselors or family services for assistance opportunities. Each school now has applications for holiday assistance available. Forms must be returned before Thanksgiving. Families should also check out the [Bundle Up Coat Giveaway](#) this Saturday, Oct. 24, and the [Shoes for Souls free shoe program](#) on the first and third Saturdays of each month.

Community Information - Local nonprofits may share fliers for activities on the Mooresville Schools' [Community Webpage](#). Current fliers include:

[Mooresville Wrestling Club \(Gr. PK-6\)](#)

[Voice of Democracy Essay Contest \(9-12\)](#)

[Mooresville Junior Basketball Cheer](#)

[Weekday Religious Education \(Gr. 3-4\)](#)

[Girl Scouts Robot Building Parties - Northwood, North Madison](#)

[Wrestling Camp \(Gr. 2-8\)](#)

[Patriot's Pen Essay Contest \(Gr. 6-8\)](#)

[Upward Basketball Registration](#)

[Mooresville Junior Basketball](#)

Upcoming Events

October 22

OctoBOO! Orchestra
Concert, 7p.m. Watch
live on [PioneerTV](#)

October 23

North Madison, Newby,
and Paul Hadley
Picture Re-Takes

October 29

PSAT Day at MHS

November 4

K-12 eLearning Day

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Football on the Big Screen

Check out the Pioneers against the
Madison Cubs LIVE on the big screen!
Friday, Oct. 23, 7p.m.

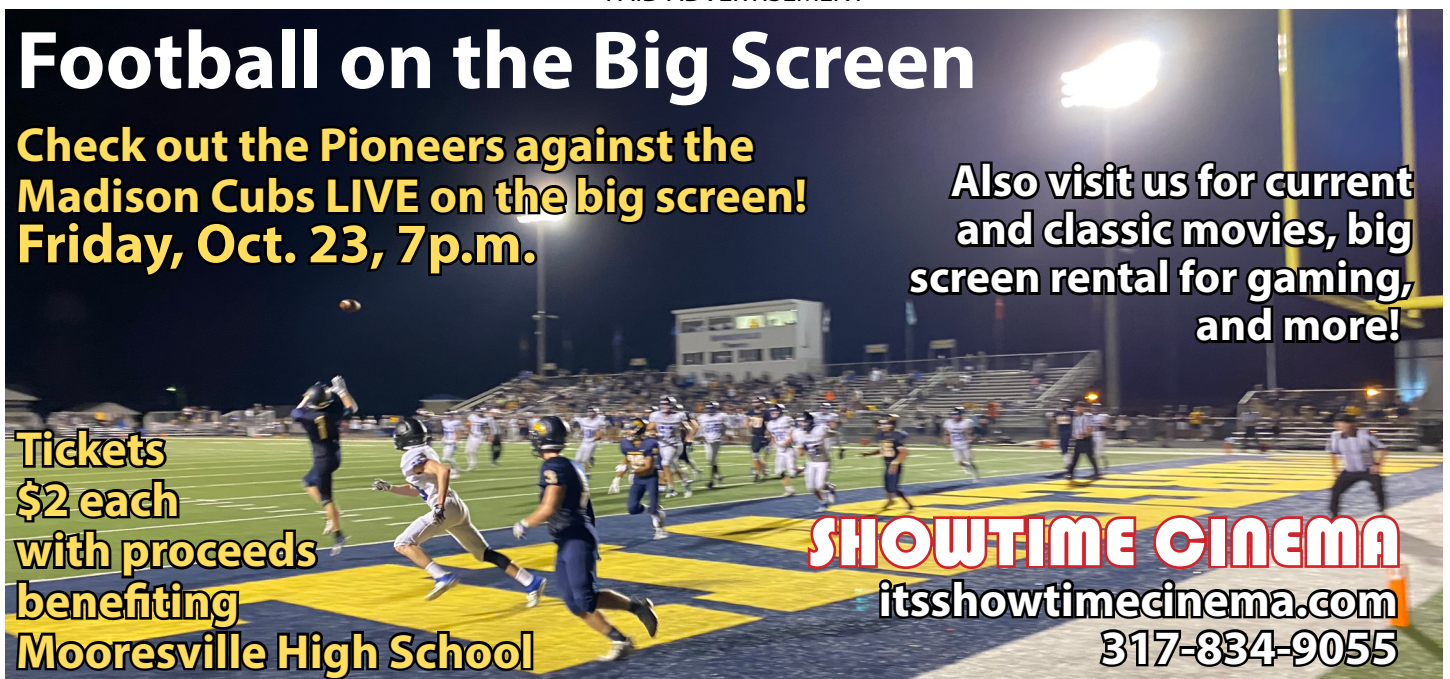
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DAILY HEALTH ASSESSMENT

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"