

Pioneer Blast

Mooresville Schools

Newby sixth graders learn flag etiquette on Sept. 11.

Sept. 17, 2020

Great Work, Pioneers!

With nearly 5,000 students and staff members in our district every day,



**Superintendent
Randy Taylor**

Mooresville Schools operates like a small community of its own, with education being supported by transportation, maintenance, food services, health services, and more.

We are proud to say that, after six weeks of in-person school during a pandemic, our school community has only had five positive cases

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Honoring Heroes

Students across Mooresville Schools paid tribute to the heroes of September 11, 2001 last Friday with educational and patriotic activities. See more photos throughout this issue.

Mrs. Woods class at Neil Armstrong made goodie bags for local firefighters and a banner honoring the fallen heroes of 9-11.



Free Student Meal Program Updates



Food Services Director Daniel Williams talks with Channel 13 about the program. [See the Video Here.](#)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) extended their Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and Seamless Summer Option (SSO) waivers through as late as December 31, 2020. The move allows schools to offer meals to all students at no charge to minimize the challenges of meal service and

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**BRADLEY
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**AMANDA
WALTER, MD**



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"



Northwood students
picking up lunch on
Wednesday

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Free Meal Program Underway for All Students

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to ensure children have access to nutritious food during a pandemic. The waivers will allow Mooresville Schools to offer free breakfast and lunch meals to all students in all buildings through Dec. 31 or until USDA funds are depleted.

The USDA has informed schools that the program will now be retroactive back to the beginning of the school year, meaning any charges to students for meals will be removed beginning Aug. 5. All students will receive free breakfast and lunch meals until Dec. 31 or until further notice. All funds in student accounts at this time will remain in the accounts until needed either to buy extra

items beyond a regular meal or to use after the free meal program ends.

Families should be aware that the paid portion will be meals only. Students who wish to purchase extras, such as another beverage or fruit snacks, will need to purchase those items separately. Please visit the [Food Services website](#) for more information on meals as well as extra items available.

All refunds of money spent on meals in August has been refunded back into student accounts. Parents may log into their child's [Skyward Account](#) to see what funds are available.

Keep Up the Great Work for Health and Safety

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of COVID-19. Due to our ongoing social distancing, masking, and proactive health services work, contact tracing was only needed in two cases and only 17 were identified as close contacts. Of those close contacts, none has tested positive for COVID-19.

I want to acknowledge the important work that has gone into these low numbers. This includes our families making sure to practice safe health habits, our students continuing to follow important safety rules, our staff keeping vigilant about following our Return to Learn plans. Please keep it up, Pioneers! We're thankful to have all of our students learning and taking part in a great education.



This month the MHS Alumni Association is honoring school workers. See below.

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Homecoming Updates

MHS Homecoming will look a little different, but school leaders are working to keep many traditions as possible.

The powderpuff game will be held Wed., Sept. 23, at 6:30 p.m. Those planning on attending should be aware of school guidelines for wearing masks and social distancing.

On Sept. 25, the parade will take place at 5 p.m. The Pioneers take on the Franklin Grizzly Cubs beginning at 7p.m. Please be aware tickets are limited and priority is given to football, cheer, and band parents as well as students. This and all home football games are available to view on [Pioneer TV](#). Broadcast fees benefit MHS.

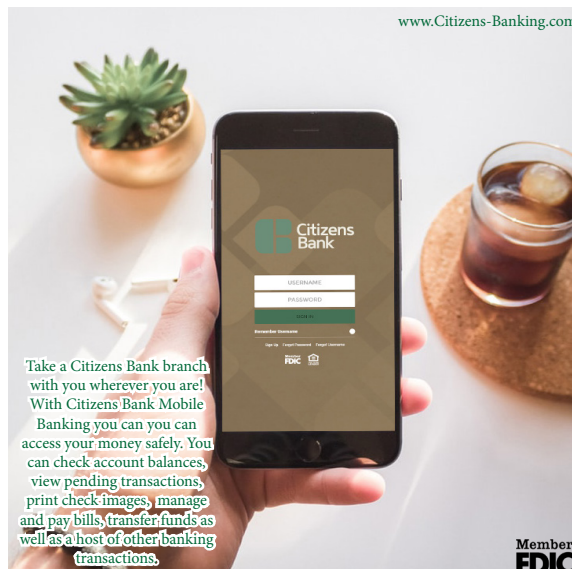
Watch for updates on the [MHS Facebook page](#).

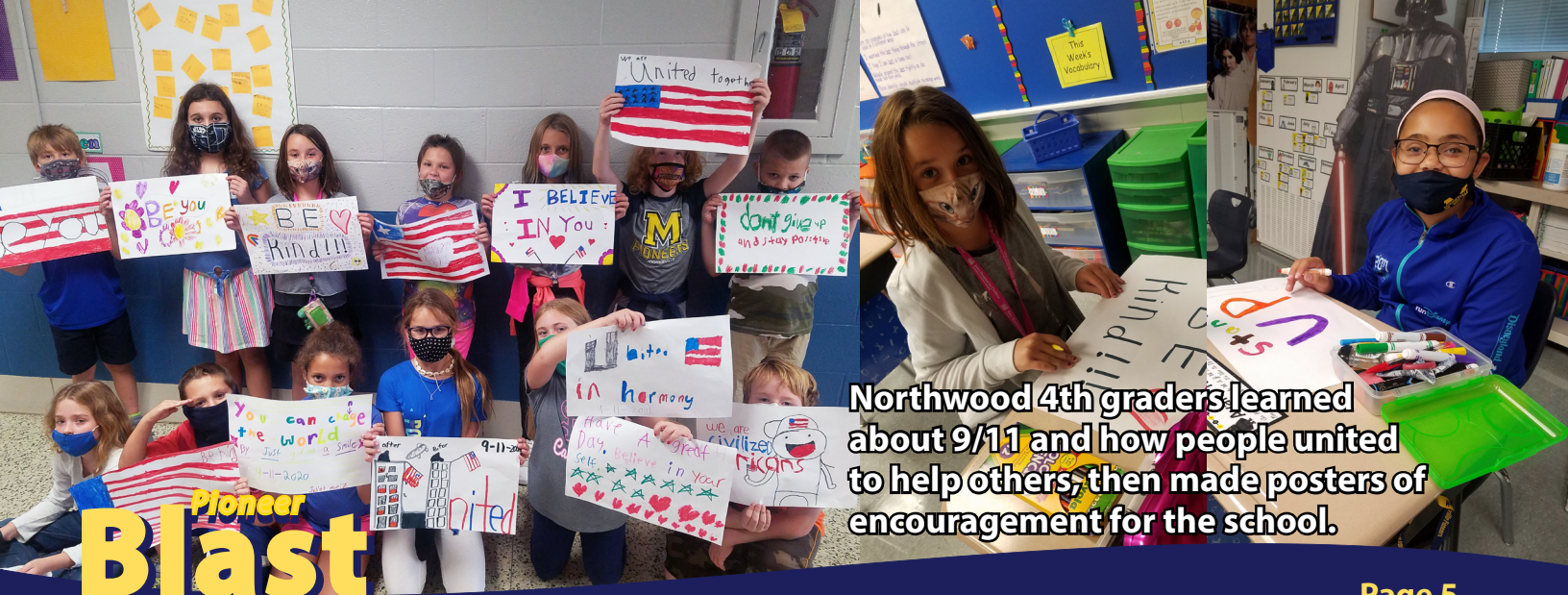


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Honoring Alumni in Education

During September, the MHS Alumni Association is honoring alumni who are currently working in the education field. Honorees could work from preschool through college as a teacher, administrator, or staff member. If you know of someone to honor, please get their permission and send their name (including maiden), job title, MHS graduation year, and photo to the [MHS Alumni Association Facebook Page](#). The posts will conclude Sept. 30.





Northwood 4th graders learned about 9/11 and how people united to help others; then made posters of encouragement for the school.

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Mrs. Pugh's class at North Madison learned about the events of Sept. 11, 2001, and took a class photo to show their patriotism.

Around Our Schools

Pioneer fans at Friday's football game showed off their red, white and blue.



College GO! Day

This Friday, students are encouraged to wear college shirts (or shirts for military or other careers) as a kick off to College GO! week. The week provides opportunities for students and teachers to discuss plans for after high school and the many possibilities.

Please note, due to school pictures, Northwood students will celebrate College GO! on Monday.

Find more resources about planning for careers and college at LearnMoreIndiana.org.

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HomeBank will donate to Mooresville Schools for each checking account opened Sept. 14 - Oct. 25 at the Mooresville Branch



Superheroes come in ALL shapes & sizes

BECOME A LIGHT IN YOUR COMMUNITY

For every checking account opened on September 18, we will donate school supplies to a local school.



765-342-6695
www.homebanksb.com





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News Briefs

Family First Success Virtual Program

- Youth First is hosting a free virtual program every Thursday evening for families to strengthen family relationships, parenting skills, and youth social and life skills. The program is open to all families with children ages 7-17. Learn more on the [Family First Flier](#). To register, email Jennifer.Green@MooresvilleSchools.org.

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

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

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

[Mooresville Parks Trick or Treat Trail](#)

[Shoes for Souls free shoe program](#)

[Mooresville Junior Basketball Cheer \(due 11/3\)](#)

[Upward Basketball Registration \(due 11/6\)](#)

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

[Mooresville Parks Fall Break Camp](#)

[Mooresville Junior Basketball \(due 11/6\)](#)

Open to ALL families with children ages 7-17

Family First Success

Put your FAMILY FIRST

Spend quality time together!

Create strong bonds. Set loving boundaries. Build on family strengths.

Featuring the Strengthening Families Curriculum

All Virtual | Free Family Meal | Comfort of Your Home

Available to EVERYONE!

10 week virtual program

Program every Thursday Sept. 17 - Dec. 3 6:30pm - 7:30pm

We Hope to See You There!

For more information, visit our website: youthfirstinc.org

Upcoming Events

September 18
Northwood School
Picture Day
(Northwood College
GO! Day 9/21)

September 18
College GO! Day

September 19
K-8 eLearner School
Picture Day

September 25
MHS Homecoming

September 30
Virtual School Day - No
in-class school for
grades PK-12

HSE BOOT CAMP

★ ★ SEPT 28, 29, 30, OCT 1 ★ 5-9PM ★ ★

MOORESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Earn your High School Equivalency (HSE) diploma in just a FOUR NIGHTS ...and WE PAY the \$95 test fee!

HSE Boot Camp students MUST...

- 1** Pre-register for boot camp. - Walk-ins cannot be accepted, so make sure you enroll ONLINE at adulted.info/mooresvillebootcamp
- 2** Come to your pre-registration appointment to complete your placement testing. **Students must score at least a level 3 (out of a possible 6) on the placement test to be eligible for boot camp.**
- 3** Be available to attend **EVERY NIGHT** of the HSE Boot Camp. This highly successful program only works if you give it 100% attendance and effort for all four nights!

SEATING IS LIMITED, SO
SIGN UP NOW
ADULTED.INFO/MOORESVILLE BOOTCAMP

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Those who pass the TASC test will receive their HSE and be invited to our graduation ceremony this year!