

**MHS Lady Pioneers
basketball team
wins Sectionals,
advances to
Final Four! See
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Mooresville Schools

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Mooresville Teachers Receive VFW District, State Honors

Two Mooresville teachers have been honored by the Indiana Veterans of Foreign Wars, as noted on their awards, "in recognition and sincere appreciation for your strong commitment toward meeting the educational needs of America's youth."

MHS math teacher Aaron Milauskas and PHMS English teacher Amanda Miller were chosen to represent Mooresville VFW Post 1111 in a statewide contest. Both were named District 7 award winners and Milauskas has been named the recipient of the state's Smart/Maher Award.

"You have demonstrated the passion and desire to capture the strength, imagination and ability of each of your students and for that, we commend you," stated the award.

Top Photo: VFW Post 1111 Commander Todd Gonterman, Auxiliary President Juli Fennell, Miller, Superintendent Randy Taylor, and Milauskas at the District 7 Awards.



Gott Places 9th at State



Congratulations go to MHS senior Kayla Gott, who placed 9th at IHSAA Diving State Finals last weekend.

Way to go, Kayla!



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Final Four Fever

Victories over North Central and Ben Davis at last Saturday's 4A Girls Basketball Regionals earned the Lady Pioneers a trip to Semi-State competition this Saturday at Jasper.

The Lady Pioneers take on Franklin Community Saturday night at 6:30p.m. in Jasper. They were able to get a practice session in Jasper on Wednesday with a big sendoff from the students at Northwood Elementary!



Saturday Schedule

2:45p.m. Team Bus leaves MHS
Fans are encouraged to line Indiana Street to cheer on the team.

6:30p.m. Game time in Jasper
Watch the game on [IHSAAtv](#)

[See more Northwood sendoff photos here](#)

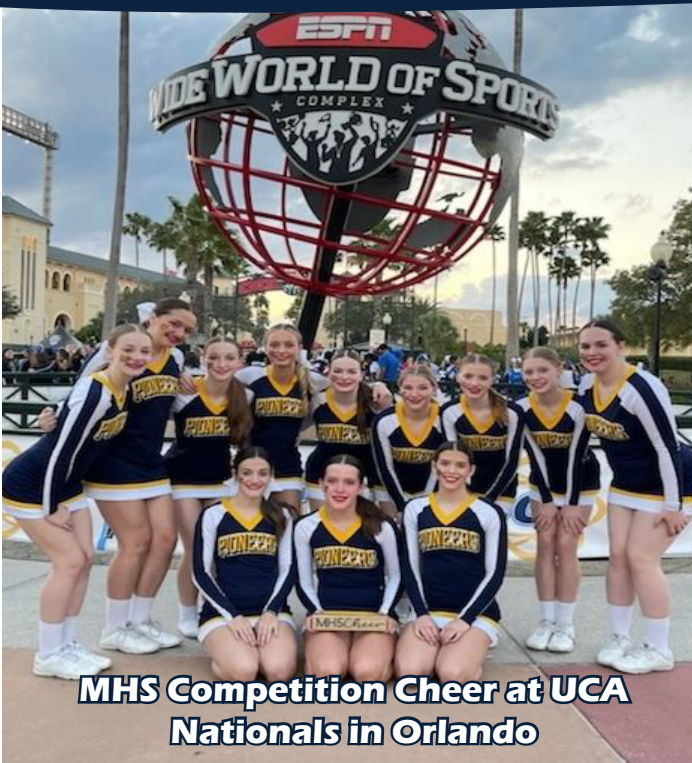




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Wake Up and Read with Mrs. Skiles' class at Neil Armstrong



MHS Competition Cheer at UCA Nationals in Orlando

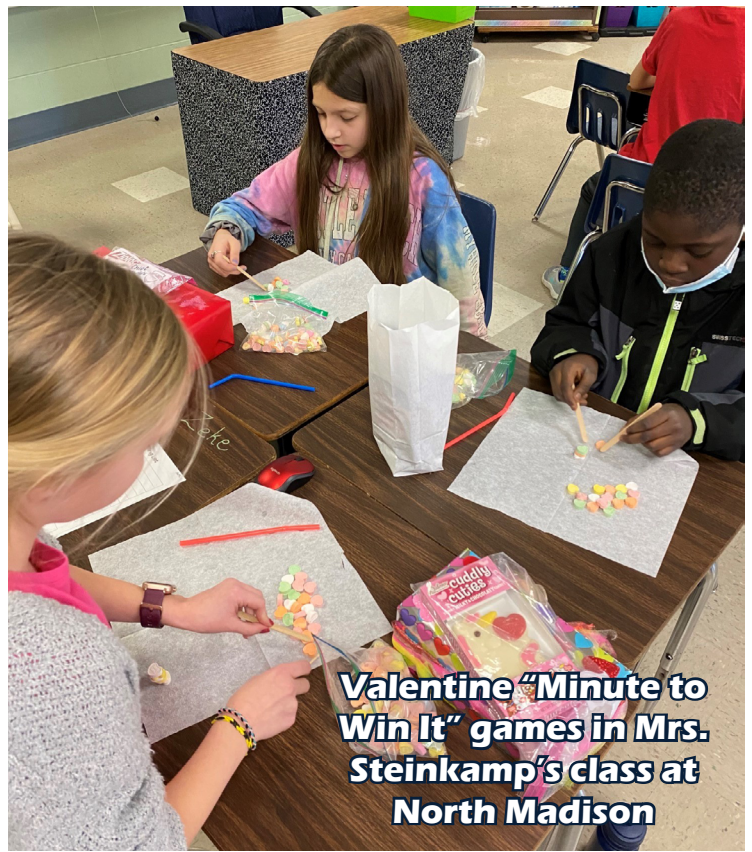


Valentines Day read aloud for North Madison first graders in the library

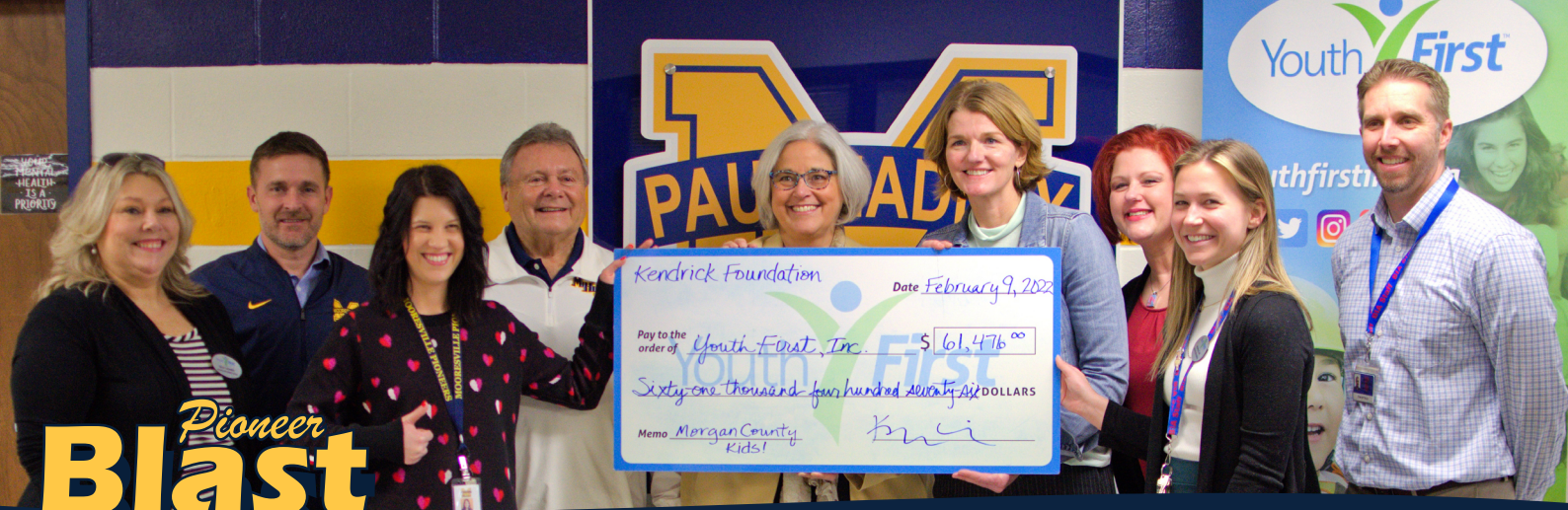
Around Our Schools



PHMS Student Council delivering chocolate roses and orange Crush for Valentines Day



Valentine "Minute to Win It" games in Mrs. Steinkamp's class at North Madison



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Grant Continues Counseling, Family Programs

The Kendrick Foundation has awarded \$61,476 to Youth First, Inc. to strengthen the mental health and well-being of students in Morgan County, including programs through Mooresville Schools.

The grant will allow continued support for students at Paul Hadley Middle School. Youth First partners with 107 schools across 13 Indiana counties to embed skilled social workers in school buildings, where they become specialized mentors for students whose families have agreed for their children to take part.

“Since 2018, the Kendrick Foundation has invested in Youth First programs,” stated Keylee Wright, Kendrick Foundation Executive Director, “and we are seeing results. Last year, Youth First Social Workers managing caseloads in two Morgan County middle schools achieved 100% follow through on student referrals for outside mental health support, and the spring Strengthening Families program facilitated by Youth First saw seven families (26 participants) achieve 100% completion of the 10-week program.”

The next Family First Success program for Mooresville Schools families with children ages 7-17 who would like to help with communication skills, reducing stress, and focusing on positive family time. Participating families get a free meal and incentives at each session. The sessions will be held virtually on Thursday evenings from 6-7 p.m. Feb. 24 - May 5. To learn more, please contact jennifer.green@mooresvilleschools.org.

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FREE & VIRTUAL
Family First Success Program
featuring the Strengthening
Families Curriculum.

SPEND QUALITY
TIME TOGETHER

CREATE STRONG
BONDS

SET LOVING
BOUNDARIES

BUILD ON FAMILY
STRENGTHS

ENJOY A COMPLIMENTARY
FAMILY MEAL

Every Thursday
FEBRUARY 24 -
MAY 5

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm EST

This program was supported by grant number
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To register, contact Jennifer Green at 317-670-3902 or jennifer.green@mooresvilleschools.org

News Briefs

Pioneer Passion Project: MHS Key Club will hold a resource fair for parents and families of people with disabilities in Morgan County with special needs on Saturday, April 23 at MHS. The Club is looking for vendors interested in participating and sharing their resources. [See vendor flier.](#) To participate or for more information, contact Key Club Sponsor Alicia Richhart at alicia.richhart@moorevilleschools.org

Watch Moore News: The MHS Broadcast Team's Moore News program is available now on Mooresville PioneerTV's YouTube channel. The current show features the recent snow storm, overview of Pokémon, new Covid-19 guidelines, choir competition season, MHS boy's basketball *The Village*, and a Pioneer Pavilion update. Click [here](#) to watch on YouTube!

Pioneer Blast Correction: Evan Wilson's name was incorrect in the MHS Top 20 list of last week's Pioneer Blast. We regret the error. Find an updated issue as well as all past issues of the Pioneer Blast at MooresvilleSchools.org/News.

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



Upcoming Events

- Feb. 19 - Newby** Robotics Team at Franklin Competition
- Feb. 21 - District** Presidents Day- No School
- Feb. 22 - Waverly** Healthy Smiles program
- Feb. 24 - Newby** Spring Picture Day
- Feb. 25 - MHS** Spotlighter Invitational Community Night 6:30p.m.



Mascot Naming Contest: Friday, Feb. 18 is the deadline for a Mooresville Elementary student to submit a name for the official MHS Pioneers mascot! Elementary students may submit one entry per student (include name, teacher name, and school) to our [Mascot Naming Contest Form](#).

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

- [Komets-Riverplate Soccer League](#)
- [Jr. Baseball & Softball Registration \(ages 4-12\)](#)
- [Young American Art Contest \(Gr.9-12\)](#)
- [Patriot's Pen Essay Contest \(Gr.6-8\)](#)