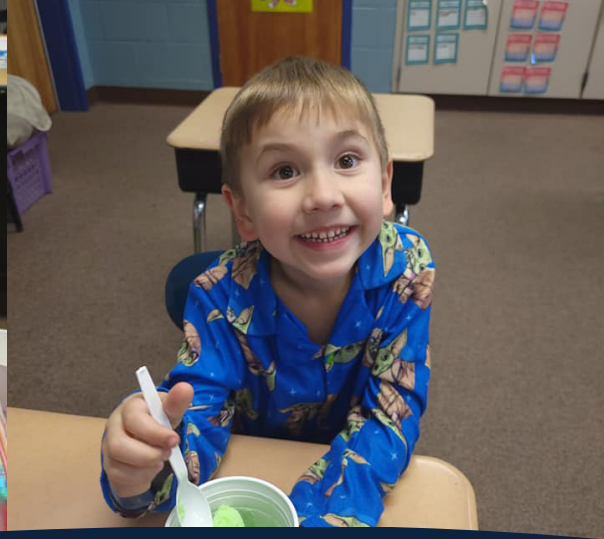


Mrs. Robinson's kindergarten class at Waverly celebrated the holidays with hot cocoa and Grinch floats.



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Mooresville Schools

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Working Together for Students

The Mooresville Schools' team been working hard to keep schools running and students learning as guidance changes regarding COVID-19.



Superintendent Randy Taylor

Please know that we are receiving updates from federal, state, and local health authorities on a daily basis. Should any protocols change, we will notify families directly as soon as possible. Please see p. 4 for current guidance and talk with your school health services and administrators with any questions. Thank you to our staff and families for your hard work.



Sweet Reunion!

The traditional last-day-of-school convocation at Northwood on Dec. 21 became much more for sixth grade teacher Allison Guffey when she was surprised by her sister Natalie coming home. Natalie is training to be a sonar technician in the U.S. Navy in California and hasn't been home for 10 months. The sisters, both MHS alumni, shared a hug and tears in front of a clapping audience of staff and students.



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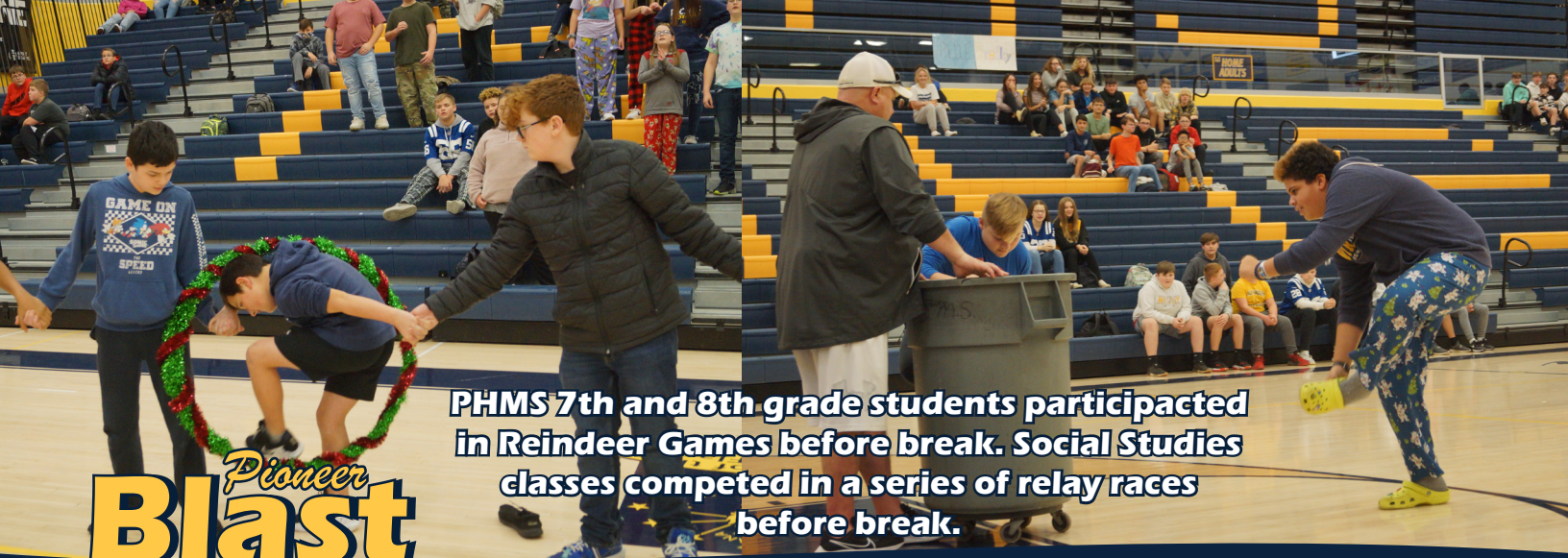
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PHMS 7th and 8th grade students participated in Reindeer Games before break. Social Studies classes competed in a series of relay races before break.

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Winter Weather Reminders

Indiana weather can be unpredictable and parents are advised to work out a “back-up plan” when school is delayed, an eLearning day is announced, or schools have to close early due to weather.

State law requires that schools be in session for 180 days. When there is an unscheduled school closing, the school day must be made up. Mooresville students will have eLearning days if school buildings must close. Online assignments will be posted with teacher and technology help available that morning. Students will have up to five school days to complete work. Should more than three closure days take place in a row, days may be added to the school calendar.

School officials make decisions about school closings based on weather information and directly checking road conditions, as well as communicating with highway departments, police agencies, and neighboring school systems. School closings will be announced as early as possible, but it is not always feasible to predict if a closing or delay is needed the night before.

When it is necessary to close or delay school, a message will be sent via our Skylert system to all student households. Please update phone numbers and email addresses in Skyward, including adding an “SMS” (texting) tag for phone numbers which can receive text messages. Calls will be made prior to

6:00 a.m. Local media are also contacted before 6:00 a.m., unless conditions are rapidly changing. You may also get information on our website and social media pages.

When school is delayed two hours:

1. MHS and PHMS classes begin at 9:50; Newby and Northwood at 10:55; Neil Armstrong and North Madison at 11:00; and Waverly at 11:05. Bus pick-up times will be about two hours later than usual.
2. Elementary Before and After School Care Program: If school has a morning delay, the program will open at regular hours. If school is closed or closes early, the program is not in session. Please note: due to staffing shortages, some program coverage changes may occur. Contact Mooresville Parks RECU for additional information.
3. If conditions worsen during a delay, school may close.
4. Developmental Pre-School: morning session is from 10:30a.m. – 12:30p.m. and afternoon session from 1:30p.m. – 3:30p.m.
5. For MHS students who attend the Area 31 Career Center, if either Mooresville or Wayne Township schools are closed, they will not attend Area 31. If there is a 2-hour delay at either school, morning students do not attend Area 31 and afternoon students report at their regularly scheduled time.



North Madison 6th grade Art Club poses with their plaster snowman buddies to finish the semester.

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News Briefs

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

[Jr. Baseball and Softball Registration \(ages 4-12\)](#)

[Youth Cheer Clinic \(Gr. K-8\)](#)

[Young American Art Contest \(Gr.9-12\)](#)

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

[RipFest Diving Academy \(age 8 and older\)](#)

[Morgan County 4-H \(Gr. K-12\)](#)

Healthy Smiles: Healthy Smiles will return to Mooresville elementary schools to provide registered students dental care. Services provided include exams, fluoride, X-rays, cleaning, and sealants. Services are available to those with and without dental insurance as well as those on Hoosier Healthwise and Medicaid plans. Watch for fliers and registration forms being sent home. The schedule for visits includes: North Madison- 1/18; Northwood- 1/20; Newby- 1/24; Neil Armstrong- 1/25; and Waverly- 1/27.

Upcoming Events

Jan. 17
MLK Day- No School

Jan. 21
Winter Homecoming

Jan. 24
Northwood Virtual PTO meeting 6:30 p.m.

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Coronavirus COVID-19 Protocols 2021-2022 Second Semester

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. 1/5/22

The safety and well-being of our students and staff are of utmost importance. We appreciate everyone's help with the following:

- **Masks are highly recommended** in all situations.
- **Masks are required:**
 - on school buses for the duration of mask guidance for public transportation
 - during days 6-10 of return to school after isolation/quarantine (days 1-10 for fully vaccinated close contacts). Masks will be provided to those who do not have them.
- **Close contact and quarantine** guidance will be followed in accordance with [Indiana Code 16-41-2-1](#). No one will be asked about vaccination status except as part of a close contact situation.
- **Assigned seating and increased spacing** between students will remain in classrooms, cafeteria, and other settings
- **Increased cleaning and disinfection** remain in place. School air filtration systems meet or exceed all requirements for fresh air circulation.
- **Home 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 (EC) activities** will follow MCHD, IHSA and ISSMA guidance.

Best Practices

Proper hand washing

is the best way to limit the spread of germs. Students have many opportunities each day to wash hands and use sanitizer.

Monitoring student health

each day is crucial. Students with [signs of illness](#) (including but not limited to: fever, vomiting, diarrhea, 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 5 or older](#).

When in doubt,

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

Positive Case Isolation & Contact Tracing Quarantine Guidance

Positive Test - Isolation: Anyone who tests positive must stay home days 1-5 (date of symptoms or asymptomatic test is day "0") and may return to school days 6-10 if masked at all times and asymptomatic or symptoms resolved (fever-free for 24+ hours without use of medication and other symptoms improving).

Close Contact Quarantine - Fully Vaccinated: may remain in school as long as asymptomatic wearing a mask for 10 days (last day of contact is day "0"). Test day 5 if possible. If symptoms develop, must stay home and follow isolation guidance. May continue EC activities but must be masked while not actively performing/playing.

Close Contact Quarantine - Partially Vaccinated or Unvaccinated: must stay home days 1-5, test day 5 if possible, and may return to school days 6-10 if masked at all times and asymptomatic. If symptoms develop, must stay home and follow isolation guidance.

Fully vaccinated: those who have been vaccinated & boosted; had the second dose of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine 2 weeks-6 months ago; or had J&J vaccine 2 weeks-2 months ago. Also anyone with documented positive case of COVID-19 within the past 90 days.

Partially vaccinated: those who have not been boosted but who had second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine more than 6 months ago or had the J&J vaccine more than 2 months ago.

Unvaccinated: those who have not had any vaccine; have not had the second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine more than 2 weeks ago; or have not had the J&J vaccine more than 2 weeks ago.

Close Contact: anyone within 6' of a 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.

Additional resources at: www.Coronavirus.IN.gov