



Neil Armstrong kindergarten students try their hand at playing xylophones

# Pioneer Blast

Mooresville Schools

Oct. 21, 2021

## 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.

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## Catch PioneerTV Coverage

The PioneerTV broadcast team will travel to Jennings County with the football team for Friday night's sectional game. Livestream coverage will be available at [www.MooresvilleSchools.org/PioneerTV](http://www.MooresvilleSchools.org/PioneerTV). Photo: The broadcast team sets up for Mooresville's Homecoming game.



## Golden Anniversary Show

The MHS Wagon Trails Revue will have its 50th anniversary performances Nov. 4 and 6. The variety show began in 1971 as a fundraiser for the school yearbook, with "Buy a Yearbook" skits performed by the yearbook staff between acts. Tickets for the show may be purchased through the [online ticket link](#).

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## News Briefs

**Book Rental Fees Due:** All families who have not paid this year's book rental and supply fees should do so as soon as possible. Parents and guardians may [log into Skyward](#) to review the amount due. Please call your child's school with any questions about the amount due or to set up a payment plan.

**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.

**Now Hiring! Support Staff Positions Open:** Mooresville Schools' has several openings for support staff, including classroom aides, custodial positions, bus drivers and bus aides, and more. These include part-time openings available during the school day as well as full-time positions including daytime and evening. Substitute positions with openings including teaching, cafeteria, transportation and more. Visit our [Employment Webpage](#) to learn more and complete an application.

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

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## Upcoming Events

**Oct. 21 Newby**  
Picture Retake Day

**Oct. 21 Neil Armstrong**  
Fall Festival 5:30-7p.m.

**Oct. 22 Newby**  
Trunk or Treat

**Oct. 22 Paul Hadley**  
Picture Retake Day

**Oct. 26 MHS**  
PSAT for all Sophomores & Juniors

**Oct. 29 Northwood**  
Storybook Character Day

- [Upward Basketball & Cheer \(Gr. K-12\)](#)
- [RipFest Diving Academy \(age 8 and older\)](#)
- [Voice of Democracy scholarship competition \(Gr. 9-12\)](#)
- [Young American Patriotic Art Contest \(Gr. 9-12\)](#)
- [Patriot's Pen Essay Contest \(Gr. 6-8\)](#)
- [Bundle Up Coat Distribution](#)
- [Illuminate Walk for Suicide Prevention](#)
- [Indy Brass Choir Veteran's Day Concert](#)
- [Mooresville Boys Junior Basketball & Cheer \(Gr. K-8\)](#)
- [Brianna's Hope: A Better Life - Community Event on Substance Use Disorder](#)
- [Halloween Hike](#)
- [Elementary Wrestling \(gr. K-6\)](#)
- [Winter Baseball Camp \(ages 5-12\)](#)



# 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](http://www.Coronavirus.IN.gov)

[www.CDC.gov/coronavirus](http://www.CDC.gov/coronavirus)

[www.MooresvilleSchools.org](http://www.MooresvilleSchools.org)