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Mooresville Schools

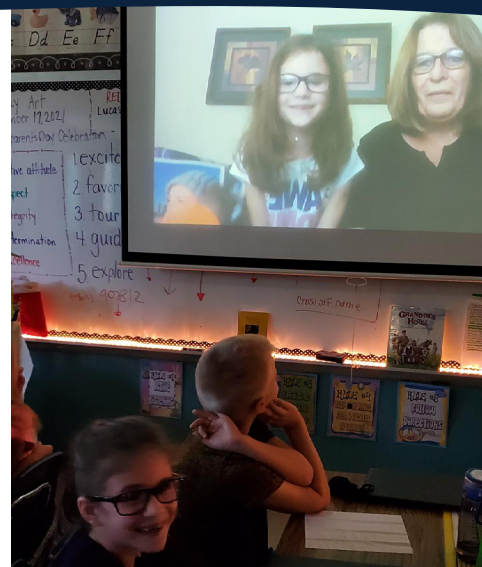
Mrs. Skiles' class at Neil Armstrong held a virtual celebration for Grandparents' Day.

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Partnering Traditions with Technology

Classrooms across the district have used innovative technology to help keep traditions and activities alive during the COVID-19 era.

One recent example of this is at Neil Armstrong Elementary, where Mrs. Skiles' second graders found a new way to experience a traditional Grandparents Day. Students used Flipgrid to make videos with their grandparents sharing treasures from long ago, then shared their videos with their classmates.



Livestream Event

Families interested in watching this evening's school board work session for parent/guardian input on COVID-19 safety may do so through Pioneer TV.

Those who signed up online to speak have received emails with their invitations and directions. The meeting will be online at 6:30p.m. at www.MooresvilleSchools.org/PioneerTV.

Free Strengthening Families Programs Available

The Family First Success program provides families with children ages 7-17 a chance to take part in weekly virtual sessions. The program is free for Mooresville Schools' families meets for one hour each week for 10 weeks on Thursday evenings beginning next Thursday, Sept. 30.

Families can connect to the programs via the internet or even through a smart phone. Weekly sessions teach families how to strengthen their family connections through better communication, spending quality time together, setting boundaries, and more. Families also receive a

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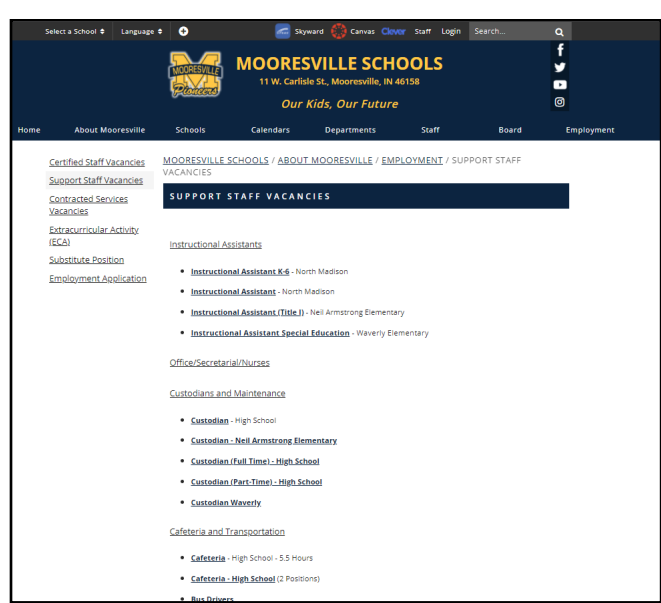
Newby Staff celebrate College GO Day.

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Now Hiring! Support Staff Positions Open

We have 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 including teaching, cafeteria, transportation and more. Visit our [Employment Webpage](#) to learn more and complete an application.



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North Madison and Waverly Elementary School's Student Council marched in the Homecoming Parade.

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Homecoming Princess Kate Oberle and Prince Nick Patterson



Homecoming Queen Maddie Denny and King Alex Sappenfield

Homecoming



FFA Float



The MHS football team prepares for a play during the first quarter of the Homecoming game.



MHS Dance Team halftime performance



The MHS Varsity Cheerleaders in the Homecoming Parade.



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College GO! Week

College GO! week explores opportunities for students to plan for life after high school. For more information, visit [Learn More Indiana.](#)



Northwood



Waverly



Neil Armstrong



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College GO! Day at the Education Center

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News Briefs

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

[Voice of Democracy audio-essay scholarship competition \(Gr. 9-12\)](#)

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

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

[RipFest Diving Academy](#)

[Illuminate Walk for Suicide Prevention](#)

[Upward Basketball & Cheer Gr. K-12](#)

Transportation Updates: Due to a shortage of bus drivers, some routes may be delayed or canceled. Families will be notified by 6:45a.m. (MHS/PHMS) or 7:45a.m. (elementary) if there is a change in their bus route. In the event of a route cancellation, parents may transport their students that day or may choose to have their students eLearn for the day.

Families should be sure their updated contact information, including a cell phone number for SMS/text notifications, is listed in Skyward for any updates.

Family First Success

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free family dinner from local restaurants after each week's participation. Families interested in learning more or signing up for the program should contact Jennifer Green at jennifer.green@moorsvilleschools.org.

Upcoming Events

Oct. 7 District
End of Nine Weeks

Oct. 8-15 District
Fall Break



Open to ALL families with children ages 7-17!

Family First Success

Join us for Youth First's **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
SEPTEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 9

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

To register, contact Jennifer Green @ 317-670-3902 or email jennifer.green@moorsvilleschools.org



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

www.CDC.gov/coronavirus

www.MooresvilleSchools.org