



The PHMS cast of *Spamalot* performs for Neil Armstrong students. The musical will be Friday and Saturday at 7p.m. in the MHS auditorium. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

# Pioneer Blast

Mooreville Schools

Sept. 30, 2021

## Gaining Input

On behalf of our school board and administration, I want to thank our families who participated in last week's school board work session and sent in information regarding COVID-19 safety.



Randy Taylor  
Superintendent

All of the administrators involved in the session were very appreciative of how all of our speakers took time to thoughtfully explain their concerns.

We cannot express enough how impressive these presentations were, especially in comparison to some of the displays that have taken place in other communities. Without a doubt, our Mooreville parents have shown everyone, especially our children, how important it is to stand up for their beliefs in a respectful way.

We're incredibly proud to be part of

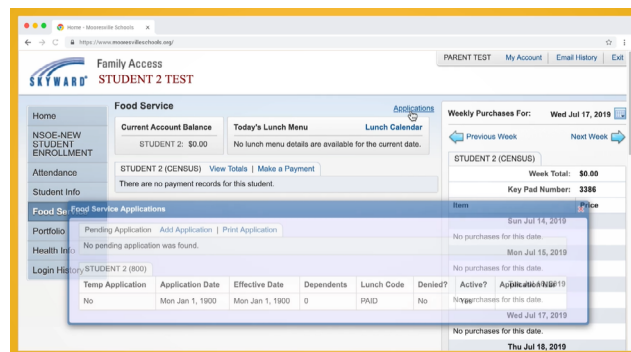
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## Support Programs for Mooreville Families

With the USDA's program for free meals to all students, many families are not completing traditional free and reduced lunch forms. Unfortunately, if the free and reduced lunch numbers don't accurately reflect our population, Mooreville Schools could lose out on program funding for Title 1 reading and math programs, including funds for support staff and materials for students.

Families who qualify also receive other income-eligible services, including free or reduced price textbooks, discounts for before and after school childcare, SAT and ACT fee waivers for students taking college entrance exams, college scholarships, 21st Century Scholars program eligibility, and more.

Reduced lunch programs are available for a family of four with an annual income of less than \$49,025. [Log into Skyward](#) to review the income eligibility chart and complete your child's application.



Visit the [Mooreville Schools YouTube page](#) for an instructional video about completing applications.

## WELCOMING FAMILY MEDICINE PATIENTS

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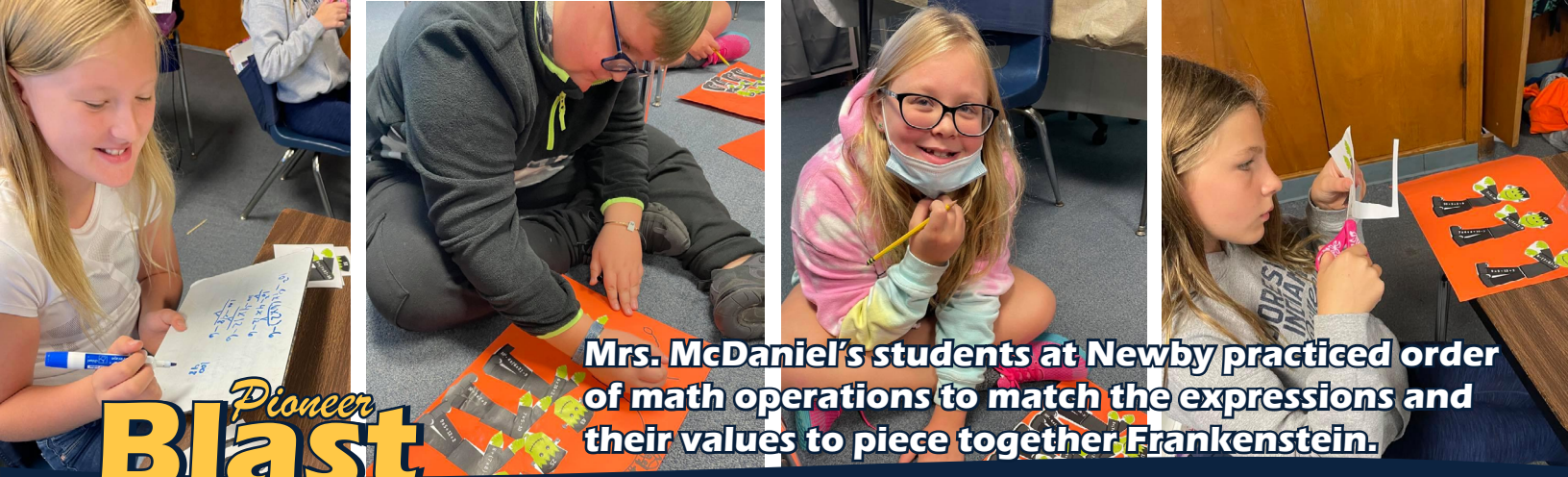
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Mrs. McDaniel's students at Newby practiced order of math operations to match the expressions and their values to piece together Frankenstein.

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## Setting A Positive Example for Students

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a school system which represents such a great group of families.

School board members are taking into account the information shared at the meeting, the nearly 100 online messages received, and the continued guidance of state and local health officials. Should our school district guidance change in any way, we will communicate updates directly to our parents as soon as possible. Those who would like to see the presentations to the school board may view them at [www.MooresvilleSchools.org/PioneerTV](http://www.MooresvilleSchools.org/PioneerTV).

I am thankful for a school board which values the input of our families and provides opportunities

for open lines of communication. Thank you to all of our families for sharing your concerns and showing how much you care about our community's children.

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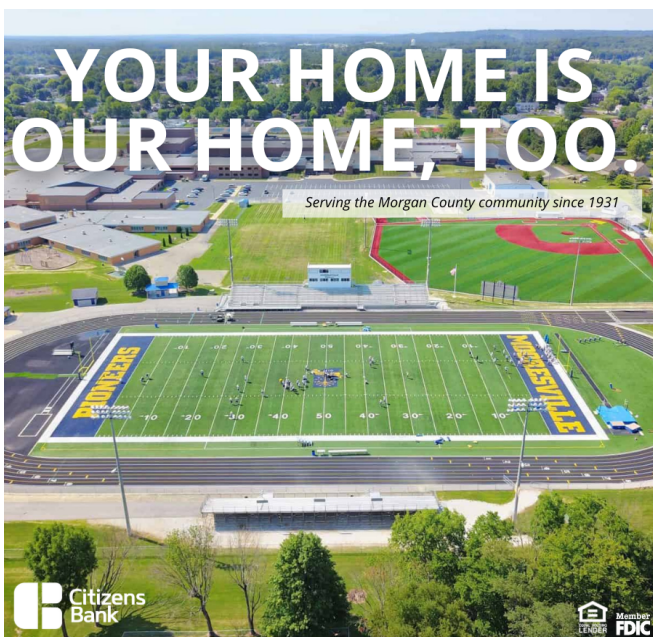
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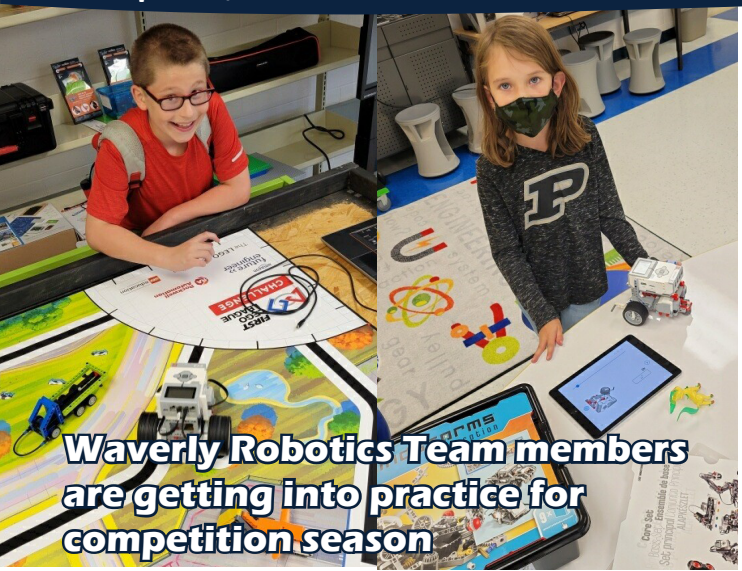
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**Unified Flag Football Senior Night - the team will compete in sectionals at MHS on Saturday**



**Waverly Robotics Team members are getting into practice for competition season**

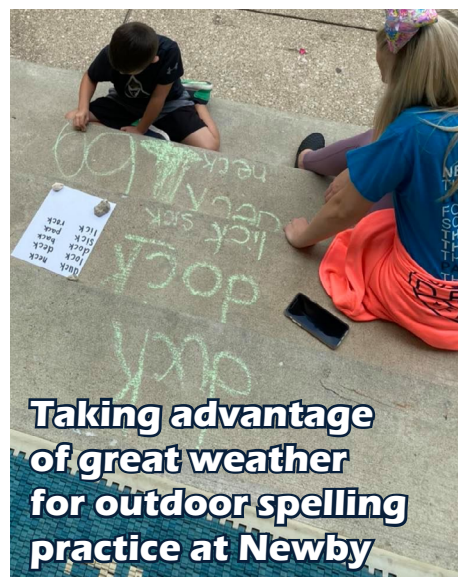


**Waverly students performing at the Old Town Waverly Park Festival**

## Around Our Schools



**North Madison kindergarten Chicka Chicka Boom Boom alphabet parade**



**Taking advantage of great weather for outdoor spelling practice at Newby**

# WELCOMING NEW PATIENTS

**Franciscan PHYSICIAN NETWORK**  
**HEARTLAND CROSSING PEDIATRICS (844) 376-2778**



**CORIN MARSHALL, MD**



**BRADLEY KLEMAN, MD**



**AMANDA WALTER, MD**



## News Briefs

**Free Strengthening Families Program:** 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 and meets for one hour each week for 10 weeks on Thursday evenings beginning today, 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 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@mooresvilleschools.org](mailto:jennifer.green@mooresvilleschools.org).

**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 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:

- [Cub Scouts - Neil Armstrong Troop](#)
- [Upward Basketball & Cheer Gr. K-12](#)
- [Voice of Democracy scholarship competition \(Gr. 9-12\)](#)
- [Young American Patriotic Art Contest \( Gr. 9-12\)](#)
- [Patriot's Pen Essay Contest \(Gr. 6-8\)](#)
- [RipFest Diving Academy](#)
- [Illuminate Walk for Suicide Prevention](#)
- [Brianna's Hope: A Better Life - Community Event on Substance Use Disorder](#)

## Upcoming Events

**Oct. 1 MHS**  
Picture Retake Day

**Oct. 1 Newby**  
Grandparents Night  
5:30-7p.m.

**Oct. 7 District**  
End of Nine Weeks

**Oct. 7 Neil Armstrong**  
Picture Retake Day

**Oct. 8-15 District**  
Fall Break



# 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@mooresvilleschools.org](mailto:jennifer.green@mooresvilleschools.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](http://www.Coronavirus.IN.gov)

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

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