

Rick Wiersma, High School Principal

Student Count

9- 60
10- 84
11- 84
<u>12- 81</u>
Total 309

Staffing

We welcomed Tricia Blanzky to our high school office as the new head secretary.

Curriculum

No changes

Past Events

9/19- Ms. Ray and Mr. Wiersma took 5 student council students to the Jostens Renaissance Regional Conference at CMU. It was a great time of learning and collaboration about how to promote positivity within our school culture and community.

9/20- MCYAC attended their first regional meeting

9/26- Mrs. Berry and Mr. Jalovec hosted Senior Parent Night for students to learn about resources and opportunities for their students as they prepare for graduation and the transition to college or the workforce.

9/27- NHS hosted a Red Cross Blood Drive open for students, staff, and the community

9/28- Ms. Prins hosted 5 students on campus for a Virtual Student Mental Health Summit. They will be moving forward with a mental health committee to support students by planning activities and promote mental health awareness.

9/29- Academic Award Ceremony

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10/2 - 10/6- Homecoming Spirit Week

10/6- Homecoming Pep Assembly hosted by Student Council. We also had a Powder Puff Football Game that students, staff, and parents enjoyed.

10/7- Homecoming Dance hosted by Student Council. The theme was "Haunted Homecoming" and the students had a great time.

Upcoming Events

10/17- Mrs. Berry and Mr. Jalovec will host College/Career activities for students

10/23- No school for students due to an all staff PD meeting

10/24- CMU College Visit

10/25- 5-7PM Parent/Teacher Conferences

Dale Rogers, Middle School Principal

6 - 85

7 - 79

8 - 70

Total 235

Middle School

6th Grade went on a Field Trip to the Dragon Tail

7th Grade went on a Field Trip to Art Prize

Mr. Sutherland picked up Salmon eggs to raise in the classroom

Athletics

Middle School Volleyball is ending soon.

Middle School boys basketball is having sign ups.

High School Volleyball, Football, and Cross Country are coming to the end of the season.

CSAA Principals voted to go to 2 divisions. We will be with Central Montcalm, Kent City, Lakeview, and White Cloud starting the 24-25 Season.

John Nawrot, Morley Stanwood Elementary Principal

September 12: I attended, remotely, the first of four sessions in the MAS/FPS Title I Principals training. This training allows me to support the MSE-CIT (Continuous Improvement Team) as we engage in practices and processes required due to our Title I funding.

September 14: The MSE CIT had its first meeting of the year. In conjunction with the middle/high school teams, the team continued to explore standards-based instruction and standards-based grading practices. This team will continue to support the rest of the staff at MSE throughout the rollout of the standards-based instruction initiative.

October 2: Mohawks in Motion kicked off the 2023 season. This after school program allows students to move (run/walk), focus on team building activities, have lessons on personal hygiene and more.

October 6: Mrs. Lovejoy and Mrs. Teresa Moore, DHHS - Pathways to Potential, provided an opportunity for classrooms that won the September Attendance Contest to have extra recess. As we seek to increase student attendance rates at MSE, one of the tools used to increase attendance is a contest to see which class at each grade level has the most days of perfect attendance in a month. Each month winning classrooms get to vote on a reward for their accomplishment.

October 6: Students at MSE were invited to participate in MSHS Homecoming activities in a couple of different ways. First, classes were invited to vote on best/scariest hay bale. This activity was well received by elementary students. Also, classrooms were invited to attend the Powder Puff Football game if interested. Several did come up and view. I think each of these supports building a K-12 school culture.

October 10: Shay Tuller, Ten 16 Recovery Network, and Jodi Cornelius, Community Mental Health for Central Michigan, presented the first of eight lessons to

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5th grade students at MSE focused on decision making and substance abuse prevention. The program is called Too Good for Drugs!

October 10 & 11: Members of the Mecosta Township Fire Department and Morley Area Fire and Rescue were at MSE to present fire safety presentations to the staff and students. I'm thankful for the dedicated staff within each department that come and share this important information with the students.

October 12: 3rd, 4th, 5th grade students and their teachers gathered for an M-STEP Awards Assembly. Using test results from last spring, 107 awards were given to 68 students. Students were eligible to receive an award by earning an Advanced or Proficient rating on the English Language Arts (ELA) or Mathematics M-STEP assessment. Students could also receive an award for earning a Student Growth Percentile score that was at the 80th percentile or higher in the area of ELA or Math.

Enrollment:

2023-2024	Sept.	Oct.
DK	15	14
Kdg.	66	70
1st	75	73
2nd	65	65
3rd	66	67
4th	80	78
5th	63	64
ECSE	13	13
Total	443	444

Jamey Nelson, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Director

Curriculum:

Elementary science is the last curriculum to be formalized. The curriculum being piloted and showing the most promise to align with M-Step is Mystery science. Observations and conversations are now geared towards fidelity of use and data being provided.

Instruction

1st and 2nd year teacher observations have started. We are reviewing beginning of year processes and top instructional practices to help create a successful environment.

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Assessment

Beginning of year assessments have concluded (Elem/Middle - Fastbridge, High- Horizons) Interventions will start specific to student needs. IXL primary Tier 1 and 2 support.

Professional Development

October PD is focused around our MICIP goal of establishing MTSS processes. MSCIT continues to meet about Standards Based Learning.

School Improvement

October we will be reviewing possibilities for using 23G funds. In order to receive these funds, new MICIP goals must be created.

Building Safety Mapping

We have concluded the process of updating district building maps to provide information to district personnel and emergency responders. The district must purchase knox boxes and get them installed to meet the legislative requirements. Currently in the process of collecting bids.

Phil Stier, Technology Director

The new construction is getting closer to completion and it's time to get all of the security elements finalized and ordered. These past few weeks were spent getting the proper wires ran to each door enclosure and network cable installed in the new office area. Soon card readers, door strikes, network jacks and access points will soon be installed in the new office area in anticipation of occupying the space before the end of 2023.

Kristy Thompson, Transportation Director

I have hired another driver, starting the 20th of October. She lives in Roger Heights but was driving down in Grand Rapids. Not sure if I will divide the routes that I just put together, or there is a driver on the fence about leaving. She is supposed to let me know by Friday.

Everything else is going well.

Cindy Sutherland, Food Service Director

We had our pulled pork day at the Elementary and Middle/ High school last month. 15 pork butts and 2 days of grilling on 2 smokers. We had great participation and the elementary kids loved it. I am asked by many when I'm at the Elementary, when am I going to make my yummy pork.

We hired Wanita Little to replace Champagne Stoner and she is a great addition. She has a grandson in the Middle school.

Breakfast counts in the Middle/ high school started out slow but participation is climbing.

Lori Bruggema, Special Education Supervisor

Morley Stanwood is in the process of continuing to work through an SLCap for the B13 indicators for the 23-24 school year. The high school special education teachers have had to complete a number of trainings and other activities that were approved by the MDE/ISD. B13 indicators have to do with transition services for students with IEP's. We also had our B-4 CAP regarding discipline procedures and documentation approved by MDE. The Review and Analysis Process (RAP) Team met in June to determine building procedures regarding discipline and our data collection process. We will submit a progress report to MDE by November 15.

Candance Nielsen, 6-12 Behavior Intervention Report

The high school and middle school teams have been working on identifying, teaching, and reinforcing positive behaviors in students as well as using proactive strategies to address behaviors that become barriers to academic success. The high school "pass system" in the last 7 weeks has increased time spent in the classroom by approximately 15%.

The student study team has also begun. This team is helping students work toward learning about behavior management. The team has started to view students from an academic, social-emotional, and behavior lens in terms of helping set scaffolds of support to achieve success inside and outside of the classroom.

Middle school grade level teams collaborate weekly to plan and share the tools that are helping students reduce time out of the academic setting. These teams focus on best-practice approaches to educate the whole student. Data will show that students are spending almost 30% less time in the behavioral intervention center due to an increase in check-in and out procedures that are in place. This tool is helping students set goals, pair it with actions, and work toward success.

Kellsey Fairris, Grant Coordinator

The district has approximately 3 million in state and federal grant funding, from the eighteen grants I am currently aware of. This information is changing daily. Many of the state grants that historically have arrived with our monthly state aid note are now requiring an extensive application process. Jamey Nelson and I have been collaborating on these as they require plans in MiCIP and Nexsys, the state's grant application system. I expect to have a much clearer picture of our state funding after we receive the first State Aid payment on the 20th.

98c, a State grant we were awarded at the end of FY2023 was completed in September. We use this funding source to pay for the district's APP for FY23 & FY24, update social studies curriculum, a portion of IXL, and PBIS materials in all buildings.

I am currently working to modify the ESSER III grant to ensure we are not leaving any money on the table!

I am very, very happy to report Juanita Male started in Central Office full time on October 9th. We will begin working on training everyone in their new positions immediately. There is light at the end of the tunnel!