

Morley Stanwood

Community Schools

OCTOBER 2009

Superintendent of Schools
Dennis D. Rosen

Curriculum Director
Dennis D. Rosen

Special Education
Supervisor
Doug Beemer/Kim Colby

Technology
Phil Stier

Food Service Supervisor
Matthew A. Zimmerman

Transportation Supervisor
Building & Grounds
John A. Boyd

High School Principal
Dennis P. Szczerowski

Middle School Principal
Kim Colby

Morley Elem. Principal
Clark Huntley

Stanwood Elem. Principal
Douglas L. Beemer

Board of Education

President: **Curt Palmer**
Vice President: **Heidi Speese**
Secretary: **Darle Boerma**
Treasurer: **Steven Barnes**
Trustee: **Dennis Smith**
Trustee: **Cyndy Marek**
Trustee: **John Phillips**

Phone Numbers

Superintendent's Office
823-2069 or 856-4392

High School
823-2688 or 856-4444

Middle School
823-2688 or 856-4550

Morley Elementary
856-7684

Stanwood Elementary
823-2211

Sports Boosters Meeting

Next Sports Boosters Meeting will be on
TUESDAY, October 20, at 6:30 p.m.
in the High School Cafetorium.

Homecoming Tailgate Party

There will be a Tailgate Party on the Tennis Courts before the Homecoming game (October 9th) from 4:00 - 6:30 pm. There will be a pig roast/hot dogs and more. The meal ticket price will be \$5. There will be drawings for door prizes and t-shirts will be sold for \$5. Come on out and support the Mohawks with your family and friends!



MS Newspaper Drive Information

The Morley Stanwood Recycling Club will be holding their annual newspaper drive on Saturday, October 3rd from 9:00-1:00 pm. The truck will be located near the tennis courts. There will be student volunteers available to unload your papers. Newspapers should be tied or bagged together. If you have any questions call Mrs. Jutila at the middle school (856-4550 ext. 615). Plan now to help save the environment and get rid of all those old newspapers.



2009 Yearbooks Are In!

The 2009 yearbooks are in and can be picked up from Miss O'Neil in room 204. There are approximately 20 extra copies which can be purchased on a first come, first serve basis. Cost is \$50.

**Parent-Teacher Conferences
for the High School will be
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15th
from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

Lions of Michigan Youth Exchange Program My Be Looking For You!

Lions of Michigan Youth Exchange program offers summer opportunities for youth to travel and expand their knowledge of family and community life in other cultures.

Young people between the ages of 16 and 21 may participate. Youths traveling must be of good health, both mentally and physically, and be willing to learn new customs and cultures. Knowledge of foreign languages is not mandatory, except in Spain and France where the participant must have previously studied at least two years of French or Spanish. However, some knowledge of the country that a youth chooses to travel is helpful.

Each cultural exchange is approximately three to five weeks long, depending on the country to be visited. Youths traveling on the program are responsible for their fees and fares but may write to local Lions clubs and organizations to request sponsorship and help. Youth traveling on the program will stay with Lion approved families. You must have your application in by February 1st, 2010. All applications must be filled out online and emailed back to the State Chair person. You will need a copy of your passport.

We are also looking for families who would like to host a youth for three to six weeks in the winter or summer months. For more information on the Lions Youth Exchange Program, please email Lion Jim Ates at lionjimmy59@yahoo.com.

Thank you,
Lion Jim Ates, Chair Person

In an effort to provide additional means of communication with the schools for our students and their families we want you to be aware of our school website:

morleystanwood.org

For Morley Stanwood Band information, check morleystanwoodbands.org

inside...

- | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 - 2 Community News | 3 High School News |
| 2 Stanwood Elementary News | 4 Holiday Bazaar Flyer |
| 2 - 3 Middle School News | |



MSCS BOARD BRIEFS

*A condensed version of the last
School Board Meeting Minutes.
September 14, 2009*

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approved the consent agenda as follows: Consideration of August 11, Regular meeting minutes and Consideration to allow eligible student, Alyssa Smith to graduate early.

ADMINISTRATOR AND SUPERVISOR REPORTS:

Supervisor/Administrator reports are submitted in writing, in advance to the Board, copies are available at the meeting to the public and posted to the MSCS web site following the meeting.

FINANCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT BUSINESS:

- ◆ Treasurer Steve Barnes discussed the finance meeting held in the morning to review the bills and budget.
- ◆ The Board unanimously approved the payment of the August bills presented.
- ◆ Superintendent Rosen reviewed with the Board the Budget Accounting Codes and discussed enrollment counts for opening day of 1476 and the plan to check the numbers weekly until count day.

HUMAN RESOURCE BUSINESS:

- ◆ MOP Co-op representative and Board member Curtis Palmer, reviewed the minutes of the last MOP Co-op meeting with the Board.
- ◆ The Board reviewed and acknowledged resignations of staff members Wendy Stark – bus driver and Patricia Langworthy – Special Education Supervisor. The Board then unanimously agreed to extend the right to accept and acknowledge staff resignations to new Superintendent Dennis Rosen.
- ◆ The Board unanimously agreed to hire Bridget Guttersohn – 5th grade teacher, Cheri Reed-Halladay – Alternative School teacher and Teri Heimbecker – Literacy Paraprofessional
- ◆ Superintendent Rosen reviewed the staffing rosters for the 09-10 school year; adjustments made the custodial maintenance schedules, allowing for earlier closings at the buildings; and reassignment of the Special Education Director's duties to principal Doug Beemer – Elementary Special Education, and Principal Kim Colby – Secondary Special Education.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION BUSINESS:

Superintendent Rosen reviewed: 1) The next TLC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 1st 2) Curriculum updates still being considered are reading, algebra II and 3rd/4th grade social studies 3) Each building will have teams meeting yet this month regarding the school improvement planning 4) None of the ISD schools have gotten approval of the federal funds applied for yet. MSCS has been selected for an audit in March, with preliminary meetings set for November. 5) MEAP and MME results were reviewed.

POLICY & PROCEDURE BUSINESS:

The Board unanimously voted to approve the changes to the Alternative School handbooks

FACILITIES & TRANSPORTATION BUSINESS:

- ◆ Superintendent Rosen informed that Hurst Company bought out Arms and Cole and offered to fulfill our agreement for contracted services and the District accepted.
- ◆ Superintendent Rosen requested the Facilities and Transportation Committee consider a meeting with John Boyd, himself

and a representative of ESG. The Committee agreed to have him set up a couple of dates for them to consider.

COMMUNITY & PUBLIC RELATIONS BUSINESS:

The Superintendent discussed with the Board: 1) The Library Board has scheduled its meetings on the same night as the Board meetings, making it difficult to schedule one of our members to attend, as stated in the bylaws. He planned to meet with Cory Taylor, librarian and discuss the matter. 2) If Central Office were to provide a list of Village and Township meeting times would any of the Board members be interested in attending them? They requested he pursue the list. 3) A review of the District Brochure designed this summer, promoting MSCS, for distribution around the community.

STUDENT SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES BUSINESS:

The Superintendent discussed with the Board: 1) The dates of the next three Sports Booster meetings, Sept 15th, October 20th and November 17th 2) Band Boosters meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month. More band information can be located at www.morleystanwoodbands.org 3) The Cyber Safety programs going on at the Elementary and Middle Schools on the 15th and 16th of this week. And the evening meeting being held on the 15th at the high school for parents. The program provided by the State Attorney General's Office provides students and parents safety information on internet usage and protection from bullying and fraud. 4) The Safe Schools online program initiated last school year and used by the staff for training on safety, health, environmental, human resources, nutrition and transportation issues. 5) Health care information being distributed to families regarding the H1N1 flu recommendations. 6) The Board unanimously approved giving the Superintendent rights to negotiate with union representatives the reinstatement of portions of Schedule B.

News from Stanwood

Club Choice Fundraiser

Be sure to find a Stanwood Elementary student and ask to purchase some products from our fundraiser. We are selling many food items among other things through Clubs Choice. Last day for orders will end on Oct. 5. Items will be returned the week of Oct. 28. Money will be due when items are delivered to you by the person who sold them to you. Items can also be purchased on line and delivered to your home by going to [HTTP://ORDERS.CLUBS-CHOICE.COM](http://ORDERS.CLUBS-CHOICE.COM). Use contract code #67120 in order for Stanwood Elementary to get credit

News from the Middle School

Check Your Kid's Grades On-line!!

If you want to see your kid's grades and attendance, please email Mrs. Colby for your Skyward Family Access log on and password. You can also stop by and get the information from the office secretaries.

Middle School News continues on next page.

News from the Middle School (cont.)

Easy Money!!

You can help our school earn **\$\$\$FREE CASH\$\$** by collecting Box Tops logos from all Betty Crocker products. Don't just toss 'em. Find Box Tops coupons on more than 500 products throughout the store where you shop. After purchasing Box Tops product, cut out the coupon, send to our MSMS office. Box Tops are worth **10¢ each** when we send them in to General Mills. General Mills will send our school a check for up \$20,000 per year!

In addition, our school also collects Campbell soup UPC codes and Spartan UPC codes. In addition, if you haven't signed up for the Meijer Community Reward Card (not a credit card), do so now. We receive a check for up to 4% of what you purchase. Our school code is **#975488**. Just send these items in a zip-lock bag or envelope marked for the office. We will do the rest! Thank you for your support.

We have a new way to raise money for our school from Perfection Bakery. If you send in the UPC from Soft 'N Good products that have the "School Spirit Program" symbol, our school will receive five cents for each label. This is another easy way to raise money from recycling throw-away items. Tyson chicken also has a similar program. Look for the A+ label.

MEAP Testing This Month

Teachers will be administering the Michigan Educational Assessment this month to students in grades three through eight. All students will be assessed in reading and math. Students in grades five and eight will take the science assessment; students in grade six will take the social studies assessment. Students in grade seven will take the writing assessment. Please see the events listing below for the dates each assessment will be given.

Getting the proper amount of rest and eating a good breakfast are always good ideas to maximize academic performance!

TOTALLY ON TASK

The Ball 5A Mustangs are off to a great start at Morley Stanwood Middle School. Congratulations to our "TOTALLY ON TASK" students who have consistently completed all assignments and returned all necessary school forms. Students at 100% TOTALLY ON TASK are Jacob Aardema, Nathan Allen, Hayden Bean, Alexandra Bialik, Janae Burns, Lauren Crosslan, Breanna Hiler, Tyler Johnson, Jade Kage, Kory Knapp, Jared Krestakos, Paige Lintemuth, Frankie Moore, Faith Peacock, Brianna Raines, Alexis Reynolds, Zackary Schuberg, Amber Shearer, Emily Weirts, and Morgan Willis. Students between 95% and 99% TOTALLY ON TASK are Emily Anderson, Lauren Inman, Trenten Jack, Liam McKiness, Katrina Nickell, Jakob Raines, ShyAnna Stoner, Chase Wohlford, and Daniel Young.

October Events

Fifth Grade Special Person Day – Oct. 2nd

MEAP Reading Assessment – Oct. 13th and 15th

No School – Oct. 16th

MEAP Math Assessment – Oct. 20th

MEAP Science, Social Studies, & Writing Assessment - Oct. 22nd

News from the High School

COUNSELOR COMMENTS

SOPHOMORE & JUNIOR PARENTS – Sophomores and Juniors may take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) on October 14, 2009, at 8:15 a.m. This test helps students to practice for the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) which is used by some colleges for admissions. Further, it is the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship. The junior year test score determines the students that will qualify for National Merit Scholarships. We encourage sophomores with good test taking skills and strong academic backgrounds to take the test. We also encourage juniors that have scored well on the test the previous year to repeat the test in order to be considered for the National Merit Scholarship. The test cost is \$13.00 and students may register for the test by signing up outside the counseling office and bringing the fee to Mrs. Berry.

MME TEST RESULTS – Seniors were given their MME results in September. Seniors may retake the ACT on any national test day. If they score a 21 or higher, they will be qualified for the Michigan Promise Scholarship (if the state is still awarding it). They can register online or Mrs. Berry has a few paper applications. If they qualify for free or reduced lunch, a fee waiver can be given.

College Application Process – Seniors should bring completed applications and application fees in to Mrs. Berry to send out with an official transcript (unless applying online). This way she can document when applications are sent out.

COLLEGE & SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION – Visit the web to find out about colleges and scholarship opportunities.

- ♦ www.students.gov – find any kind of federal service or information such as financial aid, career development, and education planning.
- ♦ www.collegeboard.org – this website allows you to search for colleges, get ready for the PSAT & SAT, register for the SAT, find essential financial aid information, and apply to colleges.
- ♦ www.fastweb.com, www.careercruising.com & www.gocollege.com – free scholarship searches and college search

COLLEGES ON THE WEB

- ♦ www.wmichi.edu - Western Michigan University
- ♦ www.msu.edu - Michigan State University
- ♦ www.gvsu.edu - Grand Valley State University
- ♦ www.ferris.edu - Ferris State University
- ♦ www.cmich.edu - Central Michigan University
- ♦ www.macrao.org - information on Michigan colleges and universities

SCHOLARSHIP BOARD – Mrs. Berry will be posting all scholarships on a marker board outside her office. Applications for the scholarships will also be available in a file next to the scholarship board. There will also be bulletin boards in the main hallway with various postings. Please encourage your students to check out these boards periodically.

APPLY EARLY – If seniors are considered attending schools that have a very competitive application process, they are encouraged to apply early.

HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS – Remember that you can view your student's grades and attendance online. Please submit a family access form (available on the website or in the office) and you will be given an ID and password.



**30th Annual
Morley Stanwood
Holiday Bazaar**

**Saturday, November 7
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

**Held at
Morley Stanwood High School
4700 Northland Drive
Morley, MI**

Lunch & Bake Sale
All proceeds go to Morley Stanwood PTO Groups
For more information please call
Denise 231-796-1365
