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Ruth Marshall, High School Principal

<u>Count</u>

9th- 74 10th-59 11th-84 <u>12th-70</u> Total- 287

<u>Staff</u>

Amy Nawrot applied for and received a grant from GFWC Mecosta, Heart of the Lakes. Amy received \$450 toward the purchase of white boards for her math class.

Curriculum

No changes to report.

Events

Past-

11/19 Dale Rogers and I took 8 students to Big Rapids HS for CSAA All-Conference pictures and lunch at The Rock. Congratulations to these students who were honored for All-Conference or Honorable Mention-

Volleyball: Piper Kozuch, Brooke Moore, Alexis Martin, and Madeline Kozuch Football: Tristan DeVries, Isaiah Kukla, Bo Slavens, and Gage Freiburg

11/26 Our student services team received donations and put together full Thanksgiving meals for 8 families in our district.

12/12 Evening Play Performance- Our HS Drama crew performed a variety of short holiday skits for the public, then performed for our students the next day at school.

Upcoming-

12/16 We have two students who were recognized and photographed by the Pioneer today, Piper Kozuch signed a letter of intent to attend Madonna University and play volleyball for the NAIA Div II School. Also, Matthew Rainwater, has signed on with the Air Force. He has been accepted into the Air University and offered a Security Forces (Cop) position in the United States Air Force. He also completed and passed one of their most prestigious and rigorous fitness tests rendering him eligible for their Elite Special Warfare career fields.

12/16- Our MSHS Student Council hosted a "Cocoa and Cram" after school so that students can take advantage of an opportunity to meet with teachers, sip hot chocolate, and study for exams that start on the 18th.

12/18 Holiday Band Concert- All Band Students Grades 6-12 will perform starting at 6pm (wrong date on previous board report).

12/18-12/20 First Semester Exams

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Dale Rogers, Middle School Principal

6 - 64

7 - 84

8 - 80

Total 228

Middle School

Middle Schoolers are FastBridge testing before break

Mrs. Kangas has her students running a coffee bar for hands-on experience.

Mr. Doyle has received a Grant from GFWC Mecosta

Athletics

Middle School Boys Basketball is finishing.

Varsity Basketball is in the beginning of their seasons.

Winter Cheer has also started.

John Nawrot, Morley Stanwood Elementary Principal

November 20-21: Mr. Rogers and I were once again at the SUPES Academy at Genesee Intermediate School District. While there we enjoyed presentations on topics such as school safety, highly effective leadership and superintendent evaluation , risk mitigation, human resources and contract negotiations, instructional leadership and more.

November 27: No School for staff or students as Thanksgiving Break begins.

December 2: School resumed after Thanksgiving Break.

December 3-6: Students at Morley Stanwood Elementary School participated in Winter Benchmark Assessments. These assessments provide a snapshot of student performance during the middle of the year and allow us to monitor student growth. Intervention groups are built using this data with the hopes of closing instructional gaps where they exist.

December 10: The Morley Stanwood Elementary PTO hosted Christmas Craft Shop in the Elementary gymnasium. I am grateful for the hard work and diligence the PTO puts into recruiting and retaining vendors that provide low-cost opportunities for our students to shop for Christmas presents for their families. The event is also important as it allows high school students a chance to support elementary students as shoppers, gift wrappers, and more.

December 11: Marla Estes and Bruce Bennett represented the Elementary School Improvement Team at Continuous Improvement Training hosted by the MOISD. These sessions along with our district and building level work with Sara Shriver should establish and improve systems that result in improvement in student outcomes.

2024-2025	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
DK	15	15	15	15
Kdg.	73	72	76	75
1st	71	71	71	73
2nd	71	71	71	72
3rd	68	68	68	69
4th	60	61	63	64
5th	81	79	77	78
ECSE	12	12	15	16
Total	451	449	456	462

Enrollment Update:

Jamey Nelson, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Director

Curriculums Posted on the website. No curriculum reviews this year. Next cycle will include English and Mathematics.

Assessment

Elementary and Middle school Fastbridge mid year testing is beginning. This allows for progress monitoring our in need students.

Professional Development/Instruction/School Improvement

Our MICIP group sent representatives to the ISD for a workshop on December 11th. They will work with the same consultant that is working with our team in house in January. We will be focusing on school indexes in the next two meetings for evaluation and improvement. Full Staff development continues for creating mastery rubrics to assess how students are mastering standards of learning.

MTSS

Our schools have been reviewing behavioral reporting data. We are currently in the process of adding indicators in our Skyward system that will allow us to track students more effectively as they work through behavioral interventions. This process was started through our work with the Michigan Department of Education data review and processes workshop in November.

Esports

With the addition of an Esports lab to our high school we have sent out an interest survey to our students to see what games they would be interested in playing and the number of interested participants. The team would be part of the Michigan High School Esports League. If room completion is finished students could compete as early as February.

Phil Stier, Technology Director

This month was pretty quiet with technology as far as any changes. Things seem to be doing ok. Working with the superintendent on making sure the heating system is working properly in all buildings with the cold weather upon us.

Kristy Thompson, Transportation Director

Everything is going well in the transportation department. Elizabeth Karel will be returning to work the week before Christmas break, which will help out on the trips. Her son is doing better, and we are hoping he continues to improve.

The roads haven't been too bad yet. Unfortunately the County is in the same situations we are with a shortage of drivers. I feel they are doing their best to keep the roads up for us and it is appreciated.

Hopefully we can make it to Christmas break without any more snow days. We will need them later I am sure.

<u>Kelli Molitor, Food Service Director</u>

Food Service enjoyed National Cookie Day on Wednesday December 4th. All students getting lunch enjoyed a cookie in both buildings!

We are beginning the process of updating the serving line area at the high school. A fresh coat of paint and a mural on the South wall of the serving line area will be coming soon!

We continue to update our menus and are trying new items on the menu.

Happy Holidays from Food Service!

Lori Bruggema, Special Education Supervisor

The Special Education department has completed the corrective action process for the B-4 discipline and B-13 transition CAP's. MDE has verified and closed these CAP's and our district does not currently have any findings.

Fall data on the ratios of primary disabilities for Morley Stanwood eligible students are as follows:

SLD (Specific Learning Disability) - 30.2%
SLI (Speech and Language Impairment) - 28.5%
OHI (Otherwise Health Impairment) - 16.3%
ECDD (Early Childhood Developmental Delay) - 10.5%
ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) - 5.2%
CI (Cognitive Impairment) - 4.1%
EI (Emotional Impairment) - 2.9%
PI (Physical Impairment) - 0.6%

<u>Kellsey Fairris, Grant Coordinator</u>

Grants

The district's Filter First grant application was approved with its intended purpose to offset the cost of meeting the Clean Drinking Water Access Act, 2023 PA 154.

To protect Michigan children from exposure to lead in drinking water, the Clean Drinking Water Access Act, 2023 PA 154, and amendments to the Child Care Organizations Act, 1973 PA 116, collectively also known as Filter First, were signed into law by Governor Gretchen Whitmer with an effective date of October 24, 2023. These laws require

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schools and child care centers in Michigan to develop a Drinking Water Management Plan (DWMP), install lead reducing filters on all consumptive fixtures, and test filtered water.

The district's application of \$52,000 in expenses was fully funded. Work should start on this endeavor

soon.

The Consolidated Application should be opening soon for amendments. The buildings are submitting requests for additional professional developments and other activities they wish to see in the district.

Hopefully by the next board update I will have some new state grant information to share!

Finance

Unfortunately, yet again, I do not have any updates at this time in regards to State Aid. The December State Aid status report has not been released at the time I am writing this update but property taxes should start coming in soon!