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Partnership Supports Middle School Students

A new program at PHMS is adding mental and emotional health supports for students. The Youth First program provides a social worker in the school as well as support programs for families.

Principal Windy McGowen believes the program is a great addition to the supports in place. Social worker Amanda Haney joined the staff at the beginning of the semester and has been talking with students and staff throughout the school.

"Our students face challenges and changes during middle school which can be difficult to navigate," said McGowen. "Having a social

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Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Chris Tann (in tie) presented the Visionary Heroes Award to (from left) Jim Sharp, Tim Smith, and Dana Mills for their assistance getting students to and from the Club.

Transportation Staff Contributions Recognized

Members of the Moore'sville Schools family were part of the Boys & Girls Club of Morgan County Eat, Thank, Love - Community Thank You Luncheon on Feb. 14. Erin Bechtold, Principal of Northwood Elementary, provided the welcome address for the group. Bechtold spoke of how the Boys & Girls Club provides a safe outlet for youth and helps students to be

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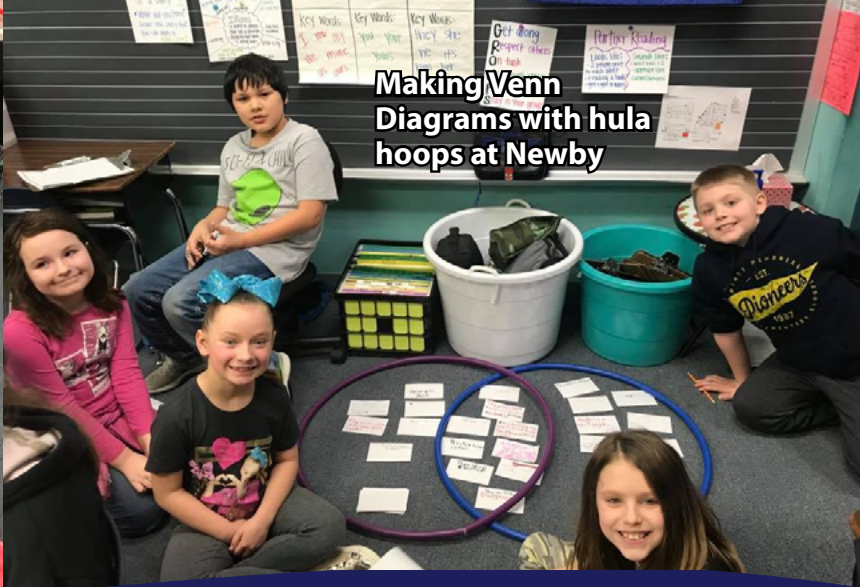


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Mooresville Students Honored

Waverly Elementary fifth grader Teagan McGinley (bottom right photo with Pacer Myles Turner) was recognized at Wednesday night's Indiana Pacers game as a Hoosier Hero. Teagan donated her Christmas money to purchase Steak 'N' Shake gift cards for the homeless around Indianapolis. Through her generosity, more than two dozen people were able to enjoy a warm meal over the holidays.

MHS senior Sophia DeFelice (top photo), Advanced Placement art student, is one of the artists being showcased at Re-Generation Indy at the Athenaeum during the month of February.



Staff Contributions Recognized

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better prepared for school. Approximately 25 Northwood students attend the Club everyday after school.

The Transportation Department was awarded the Boys & Girls Club Visionary Heroes Award for supporting students and families by providing transportation to the BGCMC after school.

Northwood Principal Erin Bechtold gave the welcome at the Boys and Girls Club Community Thank You Luncheon.



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Youth First Partnership

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worker provides another resource for our students to help with problem solving and working through situations such as relationship and conflict resolution." McGowen noted that issues such as social media awareness, friendships, prioritizing schoolwork, and goal setting are some of important topics being covered.

"Any student can come and talk with me for any reason," said Haney, who noted that she seeks parental consent for ongoing visits. She meets with students one-on-one and also with small groups of students during homeroom times.

Funding for the program was provided by Home Bank and the Kendrick Foundation. Youth First has been in place more than 10 years across Indiana.

Family First Success Beginning Soon

Youth First is also beginning a Family First Success program for Mooresville Schools families with children ages 7-17 who would like to help strengthen their relationships. The 10-week



Funding for the program was provided by Home Bank and the Kendrick Foundation.

program helps with communication skills, reducing stress, and focusing on positive family time. Participating families will get a free meal and incentives at each session as well as leaving with tools for boosting family resiliency.

"These sessions are great for all families," said Haney, who added that there will be staff on hand to work with children and teens. The sessions will be held at PHMS on Thursday evenings from 5:30-7:30p.m. from March 7 through May 23, with no sessions March 21 or 28 for Spring Break. More information is available [on our website](#).

To sign up for the Family First Success program, contact Haney at amanda.haney@moorevilleschools.org or 317-831-9208, extension 3144.



Neil Armstrong third grade's Full Stomachs Full Hearts kindness project collected more than 200 items for Churches in Mission.

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Spotlighter Invitational This Weekend

MHS will host the annual Spotlighter Invitational show choir competition this weekend.

Festivities begin Friday at 6:30 p.m., with Community Night. Attendees will have the opportunity to see the MHS and PHMS choirs perform on the professional stage in the gym. This year will also feature a performance from MHS choir alumni led by former choir director Elaine Weber Moebius.

The admission charge for Community Night is \$5.

On Saturday, Feb. 23, 30 competing choirs and soloists will take the stage in sites throughout the school. Performances begin at 8 a.m. and continue until midnight when winners are announced. Admission fees start at \$10.

This is one of the largest fundraisers the MHS/PHMS choir department has and volunteers are still needed. Anyone wishing to volunteer should email SpotlighterInvitational@gmail.com.

MHS Choir Community Night
Friday, Feb. 22 at 6:30 p.m.
MHS Gymnasium
\$5 admission



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- 3** Be available to attend ALL 5 NIGHTS of the HSE Boot Camp on March 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8!

March 4
5:00PM - 9:30PM
Review and Test
Reading

March 5
5:00PM - 9:30PM
Review and Test
Social Studies

March 6
5:00PM - 9:30PM
Review and Test
Science

March 7
5:00PM - 9:30PM
Review and Test
Math

March 8
5:00PM - 9:30PM
Review and Test
Writing

Students who pass the TASC test will be invited to our graduation ceremony June 4!





PHMS students enjoyed several random acts of kindness this past week, including cookies from administrators and positive messages on lockers from the PHMS United Way Youth Council



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Leading the Way

Students and staff from Northwood showed what they're learning to teachers from across the state as part of Tuesday's Project Lead the Way Summit. Students in all Mooresville Schools take part in the innovative program.



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Champions of Character

The MHS Athletic Department honored the January Champions of Character award winners before the Feb. 15 varsity boys basketball game (photo p. 1). The program recognizes students from each school for demonstrating the Mooresville Champions of Character values of Character, Unity and Servant Leadership. January winners included:

- MHS- Edward Meade, Emma Ferrand
- PHMS - Jaxson Nielsen, Alyssa Kline
- Neil Armstrong – Greyson Hurt, Mattie Hutchison
- Newby – Dylan Cox, Addison Barnett
- Northwood – Trey Quillen, Rylan Deemer
- North Madison – Ty Wheatley, Riley Winters
- Waverly – Jayden Harrison, Olivia Denny



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News Briefs

Long-Distance Message: Several members of the North Madison Elementary staff sent a long-distance message to their students on the MLK Holiday when they shared photos and popped up on television cameras from the *Today Show* plaza in New York City (above).

Community Information: Visit our [community information page](#) for fliers from local nonprofit organizations with activities which benefit students. Recent fliers include: **Family First Success**, **Waverly 4H Club**, **Mooreville Youth Softball**, **Mooreville Junior Baseball** and **Komets Soccer**.

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Congratulations to the MHS Color Guard for a 5th place finish at WGI against competitors from Indiana and beyond!



FFA Members



Upcoming Events

Feb. 21 North Madison
PTO Meeting 6p.m.

Feb. 21 Neil Armstrong
State MATH Bowl

Feb. 28 Waverly
Talent Show 6p.m.

FFA Week: As part of FFA Week, members of the MHS chapter will be at Tractor Supply today from 5-8p.m. to talk about their activities and the program they were able to start with a recent Tractor Supply grant.