



# Pioneer Blast

Mooresville Schools

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## Author Visit Sparks Students' Imaginations

Chris Grabenstein, author of the *Mr. Lemoncello's Library* series and many other books, stopped by Mooresville on Friday and spoke to all 3rd-6th grader students about writing and how he comes up with ideas for his books.

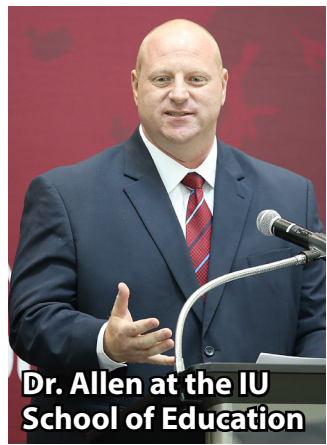
Grabenstein told the students that long before he landed on the New York Times bestseller list, he received many rejection letters and had to keep trying.

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Rebus contest winners Grace Anderson (Northwood), Kinsley Bechtold (Northwood), Taylor Green (Waverly), Chris Grabenstein, Faith Lawson (Waverly), Cadence Land (North Madison), Adilynn Breedlove (Newby), and Cami Shireley (North Madison). Not pictured Gavin Greider (PHMS)

## Mooresville Staff, Students Honored



Dr. Allen at the IU School of Education

Several Mooresville staff members and students have earned honors recently, including the following:

**Assistant Superintendent Dr. Jake Allen** was chosen as the commencement speaker for the Indiana University School of Education ceremonies earlier this month. Allen also serves on the IU School of Education Board of Directors.

**MHS sophomore Daphne Coffey** earned the Boys & Girls Club of Morgan County Youth of The Year award and was named an Indiana finalist for Youth of the Year. **Continued on p. 3**



Coffey at the Youth of the Year awards

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# Turner to Lead North Madison

The Mooresville School Board has announced that Donald Turner will join the staff at Mooresville Schools and become the next Principal at North Madison Elementary.

“Donald Turner’s skills make a great fit for our administrative team,” said Superintendent Randy Taylor. “He brings valuable experience which will complement North Madison’s strong educational staff.”

The search for a new North Madison principal began after it was announced that Principal Stephanie McGaha is stepping back into the classroom this fall to teach fourth grade.

“Job openings at schools with a family



atmosphere, a small town feeling, and a quality education program don’t come along very often,” said Turner. “When I saw the

opportunity to join the team at Mooresville, I knew it was a chance I didn’t want to miss.”

Turner currently serves as the Dean of Students at Hawthorne Elementary in Warren Township. He has also been an assistant principal at School 58 in IPS as well as an elementary teacher for Lawrence Township, Greenfield-Central, and Indianapolis Public Schools. Turner has also served as a middle school coach in tennis, basketball, and track and field.



“I’m very respectful of the culture and beliefs at Mooresville. Everyone has been welcoming and the entire process has been top notch,” said Turner. “I’m excited for the opportunity to work with the staff, students and families.”

Turner earned his Bachelor’s Degree from Indiana University and his Master’s Degree from Ball State University. He will assume the role of North Madison Principal in July.

Turner and his wife Ashley have one son, Dylan, who is 5.



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## Staff, Students Receive Honors

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**MHS Assistant Principal Wes Upton** has been named District 9 Assistant Principal of the Year by the Indiana Association of School Principals.

Congratulations go to **MHS senior Garret Fox** for his first place finish in SkillsUSA competition for Automotive Refinishing Tech.

**Sophomore Marissa Meador** placed second in the Indiana Association of School Principals Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest.

**Superintendent Randy Taylor, Athletic Director Mike Mossbrucker, Assistant Athletic Director Matt Bosworth, MHS Principal Dr. Brian Disney, and MHS coaches Mike Teders, Mike Gillin, Chris Stevenson, Mark Hurt, Dan Mikesell, and Bobby Carter** took part in the IHSA Foundation's InsideOut Initiative program, focusing on making high school sports education-based and character-building.

An article by **Data Management Coordinator Jacque Deckard** on best practices for student information systems during school crisis was published by *EdScoop*.

Congratulations to **MHS wrestlers Luke Bullock, Damien Albrect, and Robbie Gentry**



Letters About Literature Honorees Brockner, Keller and Land

who qualified for the USA freestyle national championships and to alternate **Jake Aleksa**.

The Indiana High School Press Association has commissioned **MHS senior Sophia DeFelice** to complete the artwork for their 2019 State Convention.

**Isabella Brockner** from Waverly Elementary, as well as **KylieAnn Keller** and **Cadence Land** from North Madison Elementary, were honored for earning Honorable Mentions in the Indiana State Library's Letters About Literature contest.

American Legion Post 103 has named the Boys State representatives, including (photo from left) **Franklin Zook, Reese Condon, Jack Bosworth**, American Legion Boys State Chairman John Chamness, **Jonah Corday, Sam Henderson, and Dixon Ramey**. The Post 103 Auxiliary named the Girls State representatives, including (photo from left) **Elise Turner, Emilie Reynolds**, American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Chairperson Sharon Regnier, **Emily Key, and Kaitlyn Johnson**.



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## Donation Helps Elementary Playgrounds

The Mooresville Park and Recreation District has donated \$50,000 to Mooresville Schools to allow each elementary school \$10,000 in playground upgrades. The funds were earned from the Rec&U before and after school care program which began in 2012 and is now run at all five Mooresville elementary schools.



Mooresville Park Superintendent Brent Callahan presents the donation to Superintendent Randy Taylor and the Mooresville School Board.



## Mooresville Special Olympics





April Champions of Character

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## Champions Honored

The MHS Athletic Department honored the April Champions of Character award winners at Wednesday's MHS baseball game.

The program recognizes students from each school for demonstrating the following Mooresville Champions of Character core values of character, unity and servant leadership.

Honorees included:

- MHS - Ethan Fetz, Ruthie Wellspring
- PHMS – Aaron Manning, Audri Staley
- Neil Armstrong – Trent Meier, Raelynn Bartlett
- Newby – Mathew Bennett, Bailey Hayes
- Northwood – Gavin Horsley, Brooklynn Vibbert
- North Madison – Talan Dobkins, Josalyn Baker
- Waverly – Milo Seidl, Myla Spangler



MHS baseball players congratulate April's Champions of Character

## Little League Night Friday

The MHS baseball team will have senior night and little league night this Friday evening, May 17. The game starts at 5:00p.m. against the Monrovia Bulldogs. Children in any Mooresville little league or local travel team are invited to come to the game. The MHS field is located behind the high school. Admission is free of charge for team members in their jerseys. Children in jerseys will also receive a voucher for a free drink and one item from the concession stand. To join the MHS team on the field for the National Anthem, little league players should arrive by 4:45p.m.

Players are also invited to stay after the game to come out on the field with the MHS team.



Author Chris Grabenstein speaking to 3rd-6th graders from Neil Armstrong, Waverly and North Madison

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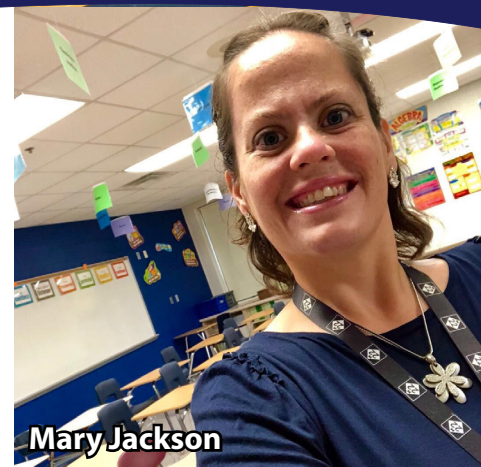
## Jackson to Teach in China

PHMS math teacher Mary Jackson will join a group of Indiana educators traveling to China to teach 125 seventh grade students through a Chinese Education Connection program.

The Hoosier teachers will show Chinese educators how American educators use collaboration as a part of our education system. "I've been meeting with teachers from all over the state of Indiana with various experience," said Jackson.

The team of STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Arts and Mathematics) teachers will be doing 10 days of lessons centered around renewable energy and how to generate it through movement.

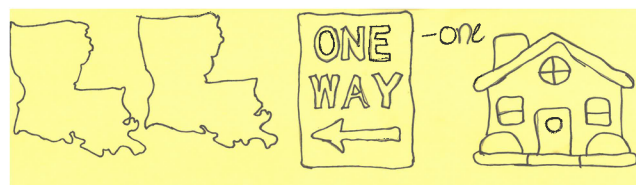
Several Chinese educators will also come to Indianapolis for training as well as teams traveling to China for educational purposes.



Mary Jackson

## Author Sparks Imagination

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One of the winning rebus entries - Kinsley Bechtold's rebus for the book "Louisiana's Way Home."

He even showed off some of his work writing commercials decades ago while working with another then-unknown author, James Patterson. He and Patterson have co-authored several books as well.

Several students also took part in lunch with the author for winning a rebus contest, creating photo puzzles to represent Mr. Grabenstein's book titles.

The event was made possible by the Mooresville Public Library with funding through the Claire and Helen Cook Library Endowment.



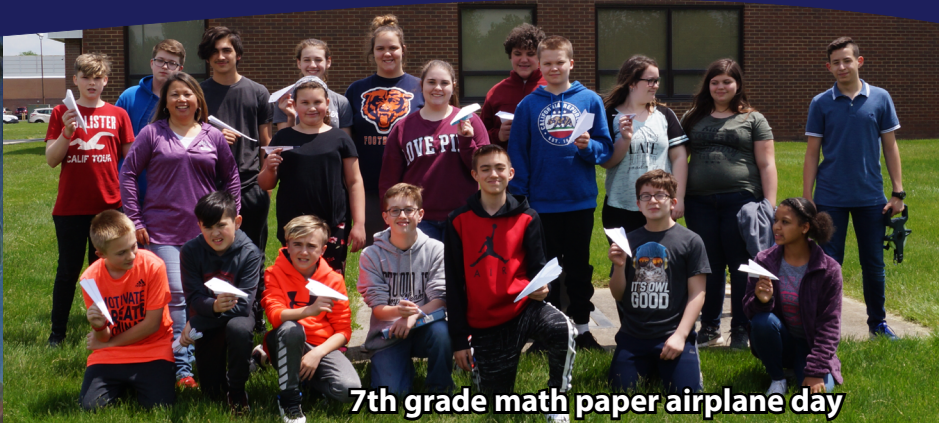
**PHMS National Junior Honor Society Inductees**

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Neil Armstrong second grade poetry readings



7th grade math paper airplane day

## Around Our Schools



Waverly Field Day



North Madison first grade field trip to Pioneer Park



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MHS Track Team - Morgan County Champions!

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## News Briefs

### Out of District Enrollment

**Reminder:** Families living outside the Mooresville district area who would like their children to attend Mooresville Schools may sign up now for the 2019-20 school year. More than 570 students who live outside our district area currently choose to attend Mooresville Schools instead of their home district. [Out of District Application](#)



**Community Information:** Visit our [community information page](#) for fliers from local nonprofit organizations with activities which benefit students. Recently added fliers include: **Morgan County Public Library Summer Reading Program, Ripfest Diving Academy Free Lesson, YMCA Summer Camp, Bicentennial Park Summer Concert Series, Indiana Sheriff's Youth Leadership Camp (Gr. 7&8), MHS Athletics Summer Sports Camps, Upward Fall Baseball, Coach Gillin's Football Camp, and Morris Cohen Junior Football.**

### Little Pioneers Preschool Now

**Enrolling:** The Little Pioneers Preschool Program is now enrolling for its second year. The students must be age 4 by Aug. 1, 2019, and the cost is \$475 per month for the ten-month, August through May, program. Preschool parents are responsible for transportation to and from school. Visit our [Little Pioneers webpage](#) to learn more.

## Upcoming Events

**May. 16 MHS/PHMS**  
Strictly Strings Concert 7pm

**May. 17 North Madison**  
4-6 Field Day 9:00am

**May. 20 Waverly**  
Breakfast of Champions

**May. 20 MHS/PHMS**  
Orchestra Awards 6:00pm

**May. 21-23 MHS**  
4th Quarter Exams

**May 22 North Madison**  
Talent Show

**May. 23 District**  
Last Student Day of School

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