

Pioneer Blast

Mooresville Schools

Emma Meece gets ready to flip the switch on the Circle of Lights

Dec. 4, 2020

Home Stretch

It's amazing to say we're in the final days of the first semester of school. This has been one of the most unpredictable school years ever, but every Pioneer has done a great job of trying to make the best out of this difficult and ever-changing situation.



Superintendent Randy Taylor

Please help us do everything we can to end out the semester successfully. In our daily communications with the Morgan County Health Department, we are constantly evaluating the situation in our state and county as well as how it affects our schools. Cases are increasing in

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Partnership Promotes Reading

The partnership between Mooresville Schools and the Mooresville Public Library has expanded to include the Sora app, one of TIME's Best Inventions 2019, for middle and high school students to access hundreds of books and audiobooks. The partnership was recently [highlighted on CBS4-TV](#).

This app is one of the newest opportunities for students in the ongoing joint programs between the school and library. The

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Circle of Lights Season Begins

Northwood's Emma Meece helped Santa flip the switch on the Soldiers and Sailors Monument Christmas tree Friday night. Emma and other Northwood finalists Grace Anderson, Declan Coffey, and Natalie Bosworth will have their artwork projected on the IPL Building downtown throughout December.



IPL Coloring Contest Winners

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DRIVE-THRU with Santa!

SATURDAY, DEC 5 • 1-3PM • FRANCISCAN HEALTH MOORESVILLE PAVILION

Drop off your wish list, wave to Santa and pick up a candy cane without leaving your car!



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PHMS Students were inducted into National Junior Honor Society

Important Learning Plan, Attendance Reminders

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Indiana and here in Morgan County. We need to continue masking, distancing, and handwashing as well as checking for symptoms each day. We are continuing to do our part with social distancing as well as extra cleaning and sanitizing.

Transitioning To or From eLearning

We are asking all families to let schools know their child's learning plan for the third nine week. Please [log into Skyward](#) to let us know if your child will be taking part in virtual learning or in-class learning. Please complete the survey by Friday, Dec. 11.

When to Stay Home

Unfortunately, there have been situations in which many students have had to quarantine due to family's decision not to follow school guidance. ***Students should not come to school while awaiting test results or experiencing symptoms.*** Please review the guidelines on page 6 and call your school nurse with any questions about a COVID-19 situation. Also remember that COVID-related absences do not count against a child's attendance as long as work is completed.

Please be aware that changes may occur and we all must be ready to implement new plans. If this occurs, we will communicate with all families as quickly as possible. We appreciate your patience, flexibility, and support through these tough times. Thank you, Pioneers, for all you do and all you have done.

Quarantine Guidance Updates

Earlier this week, the CDC announced the possibility of changing quarantine guidance for those who are close contacts with someone who tested positive for COVID-19. These new guidelines shorten the quarantine with many conditions, including remaining asymptomatic and staying in socially distanced and masked situations only.

This morning, the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) recommended schools around the state keep their 14-day quarantine until the end of first semester. The IDOH will create additional guidance and information for schools prior to second semester. The Morgan County Health Department concurs with this guidance. Until then, we will continue to utilize the 14-day guidance as seen in the [COVID-19 School Attendance Reference](#) on the IDOH website.

Northwood kindergarten students looking good in their best snowman apparel.



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Helping Families In Need

Mooreville students collected hundreds of food and hygiene items for this year's food drive. The MHS Student Council coordinated the event and delivered all of the items to Churches in Mission.



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MOORESVILLE *Christmas* LIGHT TOUR

Explore the town with your family Dec. 5-24



Join us for the Mooreville Christmas Light Tour! Download our map, grab some hot cocoa and pack your family in the car to drive around town and view the beautifully decorated homes and businesses. It's free to view the lights, but you can vote for your favorite stop with your donation of \$2 or more. All proceeds benefit Churches in Mission, Boys & Girls Club and Peace Restored. This is the perfect holiday event this year - twinkling lights from the safety of your car! Get all the details at MoorevilleLights.com and [Facebook.com/MoorevilleLights](https://www.facebook.com/MoorevilleLights).

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Celebrating a Century

On Saturday, Dec. 5, a historic marker will be unveiled at the original Mooresville High School Gymnasium to commemorate the building's 100th anniversary. The small ceremony will be live on the [Historic Mooresville Gymnasium Facebook page](#) at noon. Plans are being made for a public open house at the gym on Saturday, April 17, in conjunction with the MHS Alumni Banquet.



Online Reading Available for All Grades

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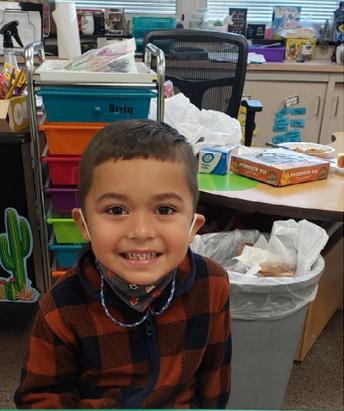
partnership provides [safe access to thousands of age-appropriate titles](#) for students' use inside the classroom, at home and anywhere 24/7 or an audiobook copy online even when they are learning from home.

Elementary students have online options using their school logins and passwords via the [Tumblebooks program](#).



"We are so excited to be partnering with the Mooresville Public Library and connecting our students with both the school's and the library's digital books," said Barbara Goddard, MHS Media Specialist. "This will allow our student's access to choose from thousands more titles."

Diane Huerkamp, Executive Director Mooresville Public Library, added, "This partnership clearly supports our mission to cultivate a desire for lifelong learning and reading. There are many benefits: easy access to interesting, adventurous and educational resources within one app and more opportunity for students to read more. We're so pleased the partnership between the Mooresville Public Library and Mooresville Schools provides equitable access for all students to explore the digital world of literacy."



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Waverly kindergarten students enjoy their Thanksgiving feasts!

News Briefs

Disney Presents to Statewide Audience

- MHS Principal Dr. Brian Disney was selected to present a workshop as part of this year's Indiana Association of School Principals virtual conference. Disney talked with assistant principals around the state about leadership.



Upcoming Events

December 18 - January 3
Winter Break

January 4
School resumes



Turley Honored - Senior Kimmy Turley was recently named the Student Board President for the Indiana High School Press Association. Turley, who is a member of the *Wagon Trails* yearbook staff and has been a *Pulse* newspaper staff member, leads a 16-member board of students from across Indiana.

Community Information - Local nonprofits may share fliers on our [Community Webpage](#). Current fliers include:

- [Illustrating America Gr. K-8 art contest](#)
- [National Anthem Singing Contest ages 6-16](#)
- [Mooresville Christmas Light Tour Map](#)
- [Ripfest Diving Lessons](#)
- [Winter Baseball Camp \(ages 5-12\)](#)



As a reminder, face masks are required to enter a school bus or school building. If you need a reusable cloth mask for your child, please contact your school office.

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DAILY HEALTH ASSESSMENT

Mooreville Families - Please be sure to assess student and staff member health each day before attending school.

COVID-19 Screening for Parents

Every morning before you send your child to school please check for signs of illness:



FEVER 100.4* OR CHILLS



SORE THROAT



COUGH* OR SHORTNESS OF BREATH
*especially new onset, uncontrolled cough



DIARRHEA, NAUSEA OR VOMITING, ABDOMINAL PAIN



HEADACHE*
*particularly new onset of severe headache, especially with fever



NEW LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL

**May present with more than one symptom. This list does not include all possible symptoms.*

- 1 Does your child have any sign of illness above?
 - 2 Were you in close contact (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) with anyone confirmed with COVID-19?
 - 3 If the answer is **YES** to any of the questions, **DO NOT** send your student to school. Instead, begin isolation of your child and contact your healthcare provider. Have you been tested for COVID-19? Only a positive test or provider diagnosis can confirm if someone has a current infection.
 - 4 Please keep your student home until they meet the criteria on the chart on back of the page.
- If you have trouble breathing, chest pain, new confusion, inability to wake or stay awake or bluish lips or face **CALL 911!**



Updated: 8/27/20

School Telephone Numbers

MHS	317-831-9203
PHMS	317-831-9208
Neil Armstrong	317-831-9210
Newby	317-831-9212
North Madison	317-831-9214
Northwood	317-831-9216
Waverly	317-831-9218

Please alert the school office if absent due to COVID-related reasons for attendance coding purposes. Students may take part in virtual school during quarantine.

In addition to the above, do not attend school if:

- You are awaiting COVID-19 test results.
- Any member of the household has tested positive or is awaiting test results due to exposure/symptoms.
- Any member of the household is home from work or school with COVID-19 symptoms.

If a person is at home for any of the above reasons, the person should stay at home until Indiana State Department of Health Return to School guidance is met. When in doubt, stay home and contact your school nurse or the Morgan County Health Department (765-342-6621) for guidance.

Find complete state guidance, visit the [Indiana State Department of Health Coronavirus Information Page](#) and click on "Back to School Resources"