



Pioneer Blast

Neil Armstrong kindergartners start the school year practicing their numbers and letters in a fun way.

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Honoring Alumni

Going "Back to School" has a different meaning for many district staff members. More than 70 MHS alumni return to the school district as employees. The group gathered for a photo on the first staff day of school.



WTHR also recently feature another Mooreville alumnus who went into education, Roger Raymond, in their series about outstanding teachers. [View the story.](#)

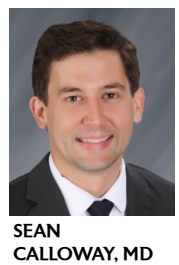


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Mrs. Pugh's sixth graders at North Madison starting off the school year

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MHS Principal Mr. Upton announced to students via Twitter selfie that this year's prom will be held in a new venue at the Indianapolis Zoo



Raising the flag at Northwood

Around Our Schools



Taco Tuesday in the Waverly cafeteria



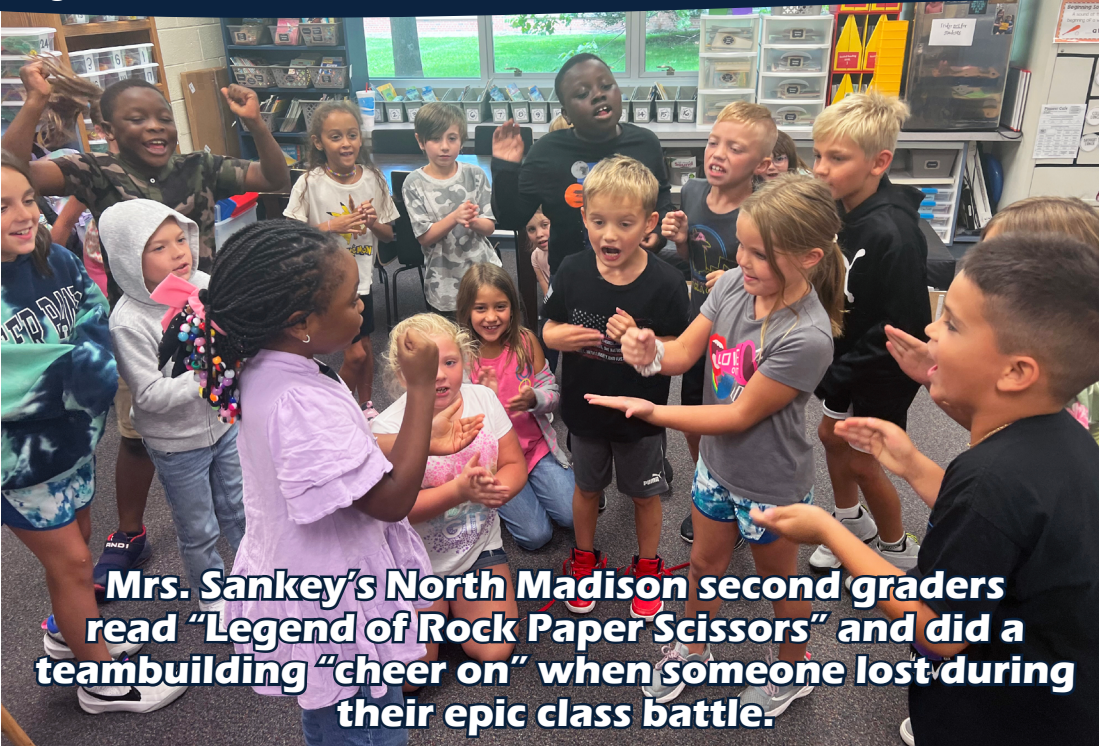
MHS Girls Varsity Cross Country



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Community preschoolers start off their first year at their new location, Neil Armstrong.



Mrs. Sankey's North Madison second graders read "Legend of Rock Paper Scissors" and did a teambuilding "cheer on" when someone lost during their epic class battle.

Upcoming Events

- Aug. 19 Northwood**
School Picture Day
- Sept. 5 District**
Labor Day- No School
- Sept. 7 Newby**
PTO Meeting
- Sept. 23 Newby**
Game Night and Book Fair
- Sept. 23 District**
Homecoming
- Oct. 5 Newby**
PTO Meeting

News Briefs

Community Information & Fliers: Nonprofit organizations in the Mooresville school district area with activities for school-age students may share their fliers through Mooresville Schools. Fliers will be posted on the school website with a link to this page of the weekly *Pioneer Blast*. Current fliers include:

- [-Mooresville Girls Junior Basketball League](#)
- [-Upward Junior Basketball & Cheer League](#)
- [-Girl Scouts Anderson Orchard Fishing Event](#)
- [-Illuminate Walk & Family Event](#)
- [-Patriot's Pen Middle School Essay Contest](#)
- [-Voice of Democracy High School Essay Contest](#)

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Health Services Protocols

Please Note: These protocols reflect current guidance from federal, state, and local health officials. Should guidance change, school protocols will be updated to reflect current information. 8/8/22

The safety and well-being of our students and staff are of utmost importance. We appreciate everyone's help with the following:

- **Masks are welcome** in any situation.
- **Close contact and quarantine** guidance will be followed in accordance with [Indiana Code 16-41-2-1](#).
- **Increased cleaning and disinfection** remain in place. School air filtration systems meet or exceed all requirements for fresh air circulation.
- **Home test kits** are available through health services at your school. Testing is encouraged if your child is a close contact or is symptomatic for COVID-19. PCR, rapid tests, or alternate physician diagnoses are accepted by the school. Families **MUST** share positive test result documents or photo of test with name and date with your school's Student Health Services so your child's absence can be coded as COVID-19 related.
- **Extracurricular (EC) activities** will follow MCHD, IHSA, and ISSMA guidance.

COVID-19 Positive Case Isolation & Contact Tracing Guidance

Positive Test - Isolation: Anyone who tests positive must stay home days 1-5 (date of symptoms or asymptomatic test is day "0") and may return to school day 6 if fever-free* and symptoms are resolving. We encourage those returning follow CDC guidance and be masked from days 6-10.

Close Contact Protocols - Regardless of Vaccination Status: Close contacts may remain in school as long as asymptomatic and negative. If symptoms develop, testing is recommended. CDC guidelines recommend wearing a mask for 10 days (last day of contact is day "0"). Testing on day 5 is recommended.

Best Practices

Proper hand washing

is the best way to limit the spread of germs. Students have many opportunities each day to wash hands and use sanitizer.

Monitoring student health each day is crucial. Students with [signs of illness](#) (including but not limited to: fever*, vomiting, diarrhea, cough, sore throat, and loss of taste or smell) should not come to school. Symptomatic students are encouraged to test for COVID-19.

Vaccinations

are recommended by the CDC for all students.

When in doubt,

stay home and contact school health services or the Morgan County Health Department (765-342-6621) for guidance.

Additional resources

are available through the following:

www.Coronavirus.IN.gov

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus

www.MooresvilleSchools.org/departments/health/safety

Returning to School After Illness

Please call your school's Student Health Services for information about health-related issues. Please be aware of Mooresville Schools' policies on returning to school after illness:

- Students sent home with a diarrhea or vomiting must remain out of school for 24 hours.
- Students sent home with fever* must be fever-free at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication such as Tylenol.
- Students who have a sore throat, cough, loss of taste or smell, or other signs of illness should not return to school until symptoms are improved.

**Mooresville Schools follow Indiana Department of Health recommendations, which classify a fever as a temperature of 100.4 degrees or greater. Students sent home with a fever must remain out of school for a minimum of 24 hours.*