



# Pioneer Blast

Students across the district tell Dr. Allen about their first day back at school

Jan. 11, 2024

Mooresville Schools

## Superintendent's Message Focusing On Our Mission

As the Superintendent, and 20-year employee of Mooresville Schools, I am honored to be a part of a community that values education, growth, and the well-being of every student.



Dr. Jake Allen  
Superintendent

At Mooresville Schools, our mission is to create a safe learning environment that nurtures excellence and inspires the hearts and minds of each and every student.

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# Mooresville Leads in Graduation Rates



Mooresville High School is again one of the best in the state when it comes to graduations rates.

The Class of 2023 saw 97.78 percent of students who entered the school as freshmen turn their tassels on graduation day. That rate leads all Morgan County schools as well as all of the Mid-State Conference schools. The district was 11th among large high schools (more than 300 graduates) across Indiana.

MHS Principal Wes Upton shared the news with the Mooresville School Board on Tuesday evening, noting that Mooresville's graduation rate was steady across all student groups. Students with special needs, free/reduced lunch status, and other demographic factors all graduated at more than 97 percent.

"This achievement is the culmination of hard work from all areas of the district, from elementary schools who start our students strong through middle and high school, including the teachers as well as the support staff members who care for our students each and every day," said Upton.

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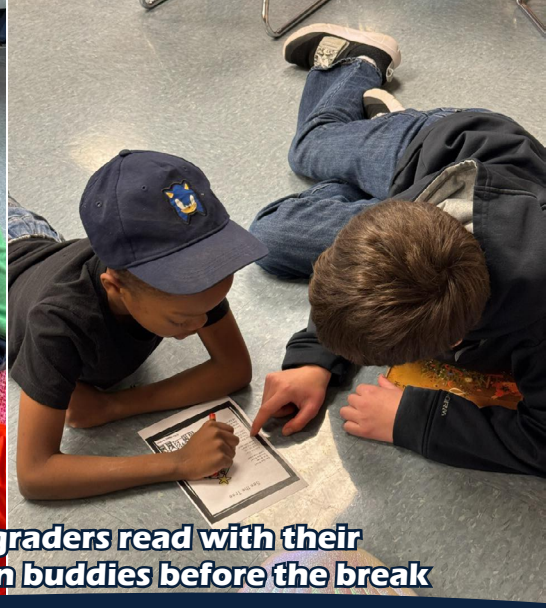




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**Newby 5th graders read with their kindergarten buddies before the break**



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# Superintendent's Message

We are committed to providing a high-quality education that prepares students for success in an ever-changing global society. Our dedicated team of educators, administrators, and support staff work collaboratively to foster a love for learning and cultivate the skills necessary for lifelong success.

We believe that education is a partnership between schools, parents, and the community. Your involvement and support are crucial to the success of our students. We encourage open communication and invite you to be active participants in your child's educational journey. Together, we can create a positive and enriching experience for every student.

**Learn more about Dr. Allen in the [December issue of the Morgan County Business Leader](#).**

## School Board Appreciation Month

**January is School Board Appreciation Month. At Mooresville, we are thankful for the dedication and service of our board!**



Clockwise from top left:  
**Jen Reed, Secretary** (Madison Twp)  
**Matt Saner, President** (At-Large)  
**Tim Cummins, Member** (Harrison Twp)  
**Dave Oberle, Member** (Town of Mooresville)  
**Dr. Bill Roberson, Vice President** (Brown Twp.)

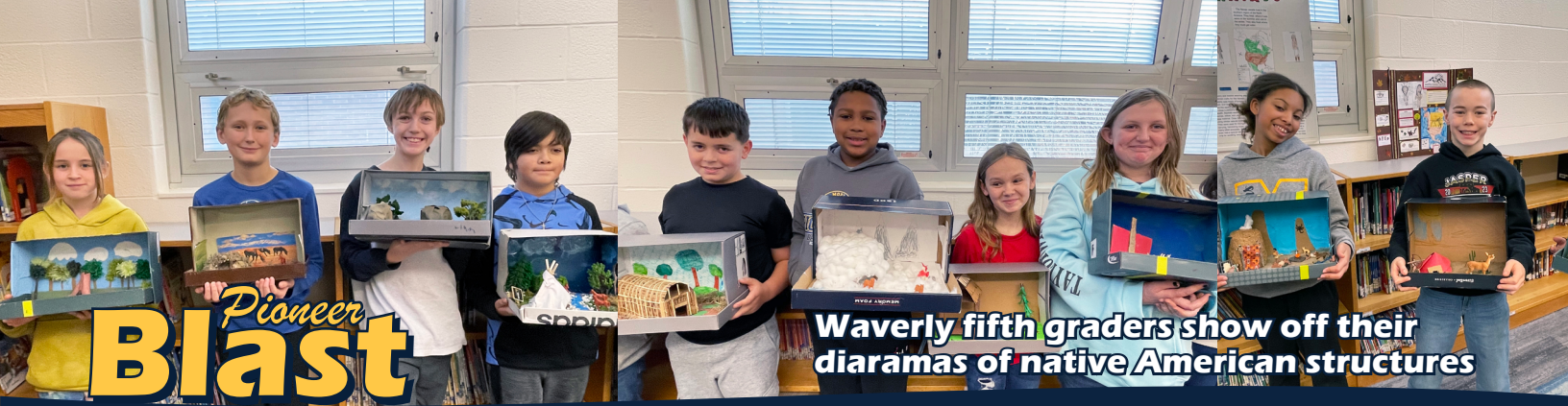


## Learning Sign Language

Newby and MHS Alumnus Suzy Head stopped by her former elementary school last month to teach students about American Sign Language (ASL) as part of her goal to expose younger generations to ASL. Head was recently crowned Miss Crossroads to America as part of the Miss America organization.







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Waverly fifth graders show off their diaramas of native American structures

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## FFA Success

Mooreville's FFA Entomology teams took part in state competition on Saturday, Dec. 9. Teams had to qualify to make it to the state by placing in the top two for middle school and top five for high school at their respective area competitions.

At the state, the Mooreville High School team placed fifth out of 45 teams. That was the entomology team's best outing to date, as they were a mere three points away from third place. Of 155 contestants, senior Emma Eytcheson placed sixth, senior Tori Hamilton placed 33rd, and Senior Kai Crossland placed 34th. Freshmen Carlee McIntosh placed was one of the few freshmen to compete and scored better than 33 contestants. "The high school students have accomplished a lot this year and the results show that," said FFA advisor Jeff Voris.

The team from Paul Hadley Middle School placed 14th out of 23. Individual scores had Emma Jess placed 45th, Brandyce Knight placed 53rd, Lillian Hickey Placed 55th, and Adasynn Souder placed 57th.

"These 8th graders knew very little about insects before October," said Voris. "They should be very proud of making it to the state competition."



Front row: MHS team members Crossland, Eytcheson, Hamilton, and McIntosh. Back row: PHMS team members Souder, Jess, Knight, and Hickey

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THE ENCLAVE  
From Upper \$200s

THE RANCHES  
From Low \$300s







**We have several openings for Instructional Assistants, Custodians, Bus Drivers, and more. Stop by the Education Center or [click here to learn about district job openings.](#)**

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## News Briefs

**Pioneer Pavilion Open to Community:** The Pioneer Pavilion walking track and upstairs exercise area are open to Mooresville community members. This area, located off the existing MHS/PHMS cafeteria (enter Door 9), includes various treadmills and other cardio equipment. It is open to community members from 5:30-7a.m. on all school days and 6-8p.m. on all Monday and Wednesday school days through the end of the school year. Anyone under age 18 using the space must be accompanied and directly supervised by a parent/guardian. Those interested in utilizing this area do not need to pre-arrange your workout. Community members who wish to use the space should [please complete this form prior to your first visit.](#)



## Upcoming Events

- Jan. 15 - District**  
No School - MLK Holiday
- Jan. 17 - Waverly**  
PTO Meeting 6p.m.
- Jan. 19 - Neil Armstrong**  
Healthy Smiles
- Jan. 22 - Neil Armstrong**  
PTO Meeting 3:45p.m.
- Feb. 14 - Waverly**  
Muffins with Mom 8a.m.

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1/2-1/3 Of Winter Vacation  
 1/8 School Reopens - 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Begins  
 1/23 Martin Luther King Day  
 2/19 Midterm Grades (24 days)  
 2/29 Presidents' Day  
 3/18 3<sup>rd</sup> 9-Weeks Ends (43 days)  
 3/22 3/29 Spring Break

APRIL							MAY							JUNE						
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4/19 Midterm Grades (24 days)  
 5/22 Last Day for Students (4<sup>th</sup> 9-Weeks Ends) (117 days)  
 5/23 Teacher Day\*  
 5/25 5/26 Potential Make-Up Days\*  
 5/25 Graduation

## Planning Ahead:

Families looking to plan ahead for second semester or the 2024-2025 school year should visit the [Calendar page of our website.](#)

**Community Information:** Nonprofit organizations in the Mooresville school district area which have activities for students may share fliers in the *Pioneer Blast*. Current fliers include:

- [VFW Patriotic Essay Contest - Gr. 9-12](#)
- [Mooresville Baseball and Softball 2024 Registration](#)
- [VFW Patriot's Pen Essay Contest - Gr. 6-8](#)

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