

CARDINAL CALL

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“Millington Community Schools is committed to providing the highest quality, progressive education in a safe and positive environment preparing all individuals for a successful and productive future.”

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Mr. Tim Berlin
Superintendent

It is certainly hard to believe we are at the mid-point of the first semester. I believe we have had a great start to our school year and hope all our students feel the same way.

We have completed most of the projects made available through our Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZAB), which enabled us to borrow money at less than 1%. The projects include many energy enhancements that will provide a better

learning environment and produce energy savings that will pay for the borrowed funds. Additionally with our QZAB funds we have been able to update our technology throughout the district. We have also installed new white boards and projectors in all of our classrooms.

There are challenges we will be facing in the coming year. First and foremost is the financial challenge we will face due to cuts in state and federal funding as well as our declining enrollment. These combined factors will result in a considerable reduction of revenue coming to Millington Community Schools. Over the past few years our budget has been in better shape than most of our neighbors and friends in K-12 education. As a result we have been able to build our fund balance to just over \$2.4 million. This fund balance will allow us to take this initial hit without cutting our programs

or personnel. We have however; put together a Board Committee that working in conjunction with administration will be reviewing everything we do, to see if there are things that can be done more efficiently, as it will not be sustainable to continue to cut into our fund balance over time.

Another change all schools in Michigan will see this year is the raising of cut scores on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) and the Michigan Merit Exam (MME). These tests assess students' learning to ensure they are on track to be college and career ready. Cut scores on these tests separate test takers into various categories, such as advanced, proficient, partially proficient and not proficient. MEAP and MME cut scores and categories are determined by the Michigan Department of Education and approved by the Michigan State Board of Education. Michigan's previous cut scores for these tests were set at a basic level. Michigan is one of only three states in the nation (along with New York and Tennessee) to move to this top tier level of test scoring. In the long run raising the cut scores should give parents and students a better sense of whether students are on track and prepared for college and careers. However, initially schools across the state will see a significant decline in the percentages of students that are considered proficient. At Millington Community Schools, we are confident this decline will be temporary due to our ongoing school improvement efforts and a very dedicated administration, faculty and support staff working with our children.

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The following table illustrates state wide, the percent proficient using the old cut scores and what the percent proficient would have been using the new cut scores for the previous four years.

| Subject | Grade | Percent Proficient With Old Cut Scores | | | | Percent Proficient With New Cut Scores | | | |
|----------------|-------|--|---------|---------|---------|--|---------|---------|---------|
| | | 2007-08 | 2008-09 | 2009-10 | 2010-11 | 2007-08 | 2008-09 | 2009-10 | 2010-11 |
| Mathematics | 3 | 90% | 91% | 95% | 95% | 33% | 40% | 36% | 35% |
| | 4 | 86% | 88% | 92% | 91% | 37% | 40% | 42% | 40% |
| | 5 | 74% | 77% | 79% | 80% | 34% | 38% | 40% | 39% |
| | 6 | 73% | 80% | 82% | 84% | 35% | 39% | 38% | 36% |
| | 7 | 73% | 83% | 82% | 85% | 29% | 37% | 39% | 36% |
| | 8 | 72% | 75% | 70% | 78% | 27% | 32% | 30% | 29% |
| | 11 | 46% | 49% | 50% | 52% | 22% | 26% | 25% | 27% |
| Reading | 3 | 86% | 86% | 90% | 87% | 58% | 59% | 65% | 63% |
| | 4 | 84% | 83% | 84% | 84% | 63% | 60% | 67% | 64% |
| | 5 | 82% | 82% | 85% | 85% | 60% | 59% | 65% | 65% |
| | 6 | 82% | 81% | 88% | 84% | 56% | 57% | 65% | 63% |
| | 7 | 72% | 80% | 82% | 79% | 52% | 57% | 56% | 56% |
| | 8 | 77% | 76% | 83% | 82% | 53% | 52% | 56% | 56% |
| | 11 | 62% | 60% | 65% | 63% | 52% | 49% | 54% | 53% |
| Science | 5 | 82% | 83% | 81% | 78% | 14% | 19% | 16% | 17% |
| | 8 | 79% | 76% | 76% | 78% | 19% | 21% | 16% | 15% |
| | 11 | 57% | 56% | 58% | 61% | 21% | 22% | 24% | 26% |
| Social Studies | 6 | 73% | 74% | 73% | 75% | 36% | 35% | 34% | 28% |
| | 9 | 71% | 72% | 71% | 73% | 33% | 37% | 35% | 33% |
| | 11 | 80% | 81% | 79% | 78% | 41% | 42% | 38% | 41% |



Mr. Roger E. Bearss II
Principal
Millington High School

Millington High School Principal's Corner

The days have certainly gone by quickly to reach this first marking period milestone. The days are filled with many activities that help our students to prepare for their futures. After school activities of a wide variety provide other experiences for students to help them become well rounded, mature adults.

Plans are underway for upcoming band and choir concerts as the holiday season approaches. Congratulations to all of our fall athletic teams, our athletes have done an outstanding job at competing with honor and

class. Winter sports have started and schedules can be viewed on our website: www.mcsdistrict.com. A special thanks is in order to all of our athletes, coaches, band members, cheerleaders, and the Millington Boosters for the hours that each give to Millington High School.

Also, I want to thank everyone who attended our parent-teacher conferences. We enjoy discussing your child's progress and meeting each of you. Please remember to use our web site for up to date information and our teachers email addresses to keep in contact with your child's teacher.

All A's Honor Roll

12th Grade

| | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Tyler Auernhammer | Hayden Nickel |
| Joshua Bukoski | Rachel Opperman |
| Connor Collins | Ariel Patterson |
| Whitney McPherson | Kendall Pridemore |
| Jordan Morrish | Jordan Reed |

All A's

11th Grade

| | |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| Samantha French | Courtney Rak |
| Kimber Ketelhut | Sara Searfoss |
| Chealynn Long | Travis Wolosonowich |
| Rachael Moore | |

All A's

10th Grade

| | |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Mason Coggins | Brittany Nelson |
| Christian Davis | Kayla Olmstead |
| Reagan Eggert | Taylor Reed |
| Ashley Jensen | Alexandra Rueger |
| Jeremy Johnson | Hannah Sergent |
| Rachel Losey | Michael Stuart |
| Laura Massey | Clark Trickey |
| | Brianne Wolfer |

All A's

9th Grade

| | |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Jessica Allen | Amelia Leonard |
| Alana Collins | McCullen Nickel |
| Kelli Crittenden | Lauren Olmstead |
| Destiny Hall | Kristen Powell |
| Taylor Hawks | Alexandria Sergent |
| Rachelle Ignace | Amanda Stohon |
| Kathryn Lahnanen | |

All A's

1st Marking Period

B or Better Honor Roll

12th Grade

| | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Lucas Beck | Bronwyn Jensen-Cain | Lauren Piper |
| Anna Bennett | Lekako Johnson | Jordan Roberson |
| Joseph Bongard | Veronica Jones | Cheryl Rogers |
| Bryce Byerley | Brittany Kern | Sean Scribner |
| Victoria Capsel | Dakota Kujat | Logyn Sebert |
| Katelyn Cunningham | Chelsea Luedtke | Tyler Smith |
| Scarlett Cunningham | Nicholas Maschke | Jordan Stieler |
| Christina Doan | Marthe Molvik | Cassidy Thompson |
| Kristin Doshier | Brandon Moreau | Leandra Wheeler |
| Keith Geiger | Todd Nelson | Mitchell Wilkerson |
| Mathew Hallock | Kyle O'Hearn | Tyler Wooldridge |
| Amber Illig | Aaron Petzold | Sally Yopp |
| Marc Jaruzel | Brittany Phillipson | Hayley Zwerk |
| | Kourtney Piar | |

HONOR ROLL

11th Grade

| | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Justin Babcock | Cynthia Fischer | Morgan Pletcher |
| Susie Balcom | Courtney Gavitt | Brittany Richey |
| Drew Boulton | Destiny Gregory | Nathan Robinet |
| John Bowman | Hailee Hall | Maisen Rosteutcher |
| Christopher Callahan | Ryan Hebner | Dakota Sebert |
| Makayla Chrisinske | Bridgette Hickey | James Smith |
| Anna Christensen | Alison Kuberski | Korey Thygesen |
| Chelsey Cobb | Jacquelyn Lahnanen | Morgan Walter |
| Colton Diener | Cody Paquette | Cassandra Willette |
| Megan Edler | | Megan Williams |

HONOR ROLL

10th Grade

| | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Lucas Ames | Hunter Knapp | Courtney Phillipson |
| Olivia Beck | Ashten Levan | Nicholas Ranney |
| Tanner Carley | Cassandra Loveland | Jerald Schriber |
| Audra Christensen | Jaye Lowell | Jacob Spycher |
| Nicole Clark | Jack Luxton | Shianne Tatro |
| Erin Collins | Jordan McClendon | Austin Weber |
| Drew Franko | Colin Meacham | Danielle Weber |
| Miranda Gregory | Calyx Moore | Mikayla Weinzierl |
| Elizabeth Hall | Chelsea Nelson | Hunter White |
| Raeann Henderson | Cody Pero | Justin Wilson |
| Jason Keinath | Kody Petzold | Olivia Zeck |

HONOR ROLL

9th Grade

| | | |
|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Madison Alvord | Brooklyn Hickey | Ashlie Rivard |
| Timothy Baker | Amber Hodgkinson | Carter Rose |
| David Balcom | Kelsey Johnson | Cole Sergent |
| Nicholas Basques | Madison Jones | Madeline Shrontz |
| Wyatt Cunningham | Shayla Keene | Ty Smith |
| Brianna Dean | Andrew Kociba | Amanda Stuart |
| Sabrina Edwards | Samson Lawrence | Kristen Sutherland |
| Brenden Fischer | Kailyn LeMaster | Savannah Tatro |
| Larry Greer | Chelsea Mitchell | John Townsend |
| Leelynn Hallman | Austin Montgomery Smith | Josie Turowicz |
| Nicholas Harsen | Lucille Morris | Ashley Walter |
| Hogan Hennessy | Hailey Murray | Shelby Wood |
| Lily Hennessy | Aleksey Northrop | Garett Woods |
| | Isaac Phipps | |

HONOR ROLL

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S NEWS

Another fall sports season has come and gone for 2011 school year. The sports had some great moments to remember. The Millington volleyball programs made some major improvements and were very entertaining to watch. In Boys football the Freshmen team went 7-1, and JV football had a perfect season 9-0 record. The Varsity Football team won the TVC East Championship and recorded a perfect 9-0 season also. The 8th and 7th grade girls JH Volleyball team finished the season on a positive note and the Boys JH football team ended the season beating Carrollton with a finishing record of 3-3. The Varsity Soccer team had a great season playing very tough and participated very competitively.

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity to thank McDonald Chevrolet and the Millington Booster for their money donation for the new score board at the football field. McDonald Chevrolet has truly shown a commitment to our community in many aspects. Thank you coaches and players for a great fall season. And lets not forget those volunteers, who help make the fall season so successful. Without you Millington Athletics would not be as successful.



Mr. Duane K. Munson
Athletic Director
Millington Community Schools

"CARDINAL" CONTEST

Our high school students began the year with an exciting contest. The rules were simple... create a design for our school website inspired by the things you love about our school. Some students chose to design around our school's athletics, while others created designs incorporating Millington's nature scenes. In the end, the entire MCS staff participated in selecting the 8 winners. Two students were chosen from each grade level. The overall winner was Senior Josh Bukoski. His design will be on the site from June until the following school year in September. The winners are listed below.



Ms. Taylor Confer
Art Teacher
Millington High School



Alana Collins
Freshmen (November)



Wyatt Cunningham
Freshmen (May)



Olivia Zeck
Sophomore (March)



Brittany Nelson
Sophomore (April)



Jacquelyn Lahnanen
Junior (January)



Alexis Alberts
Junior (February)



Josh Bukoski
Senior (June-Sept.)



Rachel Opperman
Senior (December)



Mr. Robert Riley
Guidance Counselor
Millington High School

Guidance Corner

Seniors will want to check with the Guidance Office regarding incoming scholarships!!!!

The 2011-2012 school year is well under way and we've had many events that have already taken place through the Guidance Office. We have had many college representatives visit our campus, College Night was hosted by both the Tuscola Technology Center and Mott Community College, MEAP testing was concluded for the 9th graders, and Educational Development Plans (EDP's) are being updated.

As this school year progresses students and parents should be setting goals to be achieved throughout this school year. These goals can include filling out college and scholarship applications for the seniors, visiting college campuses and technology schools for juniors,

researching colleges for sophomores, and freshmen need to explore their interests and hobbies and how these can translate to what they can pursue in college. The days of earning a viable income with only a high school diploma are quickly coming to an end. Every student needs to look at an education beyond high school, whether it is through college, a technology school, or a trade school. Passing all classes is a must for every student to be successful. Some tips for parents getting involved in their student's success include: talking with your student daily about what was covered in class, and asking questions of teachers about their classroom policies regarding homework, behavior, and the expectations for the classroom. Communicating immediately with teachers when you feel a problem has surfaced is important so that all involved have the chance to express their concerns and reach a common conclusion for the problem. The most timely and effective way to communicate with your student's teacher is through e-mail, a directory can be found on the school website www.mcsdistrict.com.

The school year is well underway; we have completed the 1st marking period but have a lifetime of education to go. Together as an educational community, student, parent, educators, every student can be steered toward success.

National Honor Society Induction Ceremony



Mr. Michael Moore
NHS Advisor
Geometry/Biology Teacher
Millington High School

We are pleased to announce that we have selected 8 new students to add to our existing 12 National Honor Society members. These students are: Hayley Zwerk, Haillee Hall, Jordan Albertus, Nick Lawe, Rachael Moore, Jacquelyn Lahnanen, Ryan Hebner, and Courtney Gavitt. Congratulations everyone! These new members were inducted at our Induction ceremony Thursday,

November 17, 2011 in the high school cafeteria. We were lucky to have Dr. Jonathon Gould as our guest speaker from Saginaw Valley State University. Our existing officers are: Lauren Piper as president, Chelsea Luedtke as vice-president, Rachel Opperman as secretary, Josh Bukoski as treasurer, and Jordan Reed as sergeant-at-arms. Throughout the year, we will be observing junior NHS members to see the best candidates to take over officer positions after the seniors graduate.

The principles of NHS are to be true to your school, maintain and encourage high standards of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. In order to walk with National Honor society honors, a minimum total of 30 service hours and 8 tutoring hours are required. To be selected for NHS, you must have a G.P.A. of 3.2 or greater, passed all attempted classes, have at least 5 teacher recommendations, have a 3.2 or greater score of leadership, character, and service qualities in the official NHS questionnaire. You also need at least 2 school related activities (sports, band, cheerleading, skill center, etc.).

We are looking forward to working with the new members in our American Red Cross blood drive. Our goal is 53 viable units. In the month of December NHS members will start collecting items for Operation Care Package stockings for soldiers. We will also encourage the school to donate for this cause.

Tutoring is offered throughout the year Tuesday and

Thursday's 7:15-7:30am and 3:00-3:30pm in Mr. Moore's room.

Happy holidays!





Mr. Matthew Lambertson
Technology Director
Millington Community Schools

TECHNOLOGY CORNER

District Technology Status 2012

Millington has again made tremendous strides in technology this year. The technology that we are adding this year should keep the students more engaged in what they are doing in class. This will in turn help teacher's meet the district goal of improving student achievement.

By the middle of the school year this year all classrooms will have a projector and at least one white board. This is a major stride towards integrating technology into the classrooms.

In several rooms throughout the district we are adding student response systems. The student response systems we are adding come from Beyond Question. We have acquired a grant that will pay for 71% of the cost of the student response systems from Beyond Question. Our students come first and our mission on a daily basis is to engage the students, keep their interest and promote participation (even the shy students) with the ultimate goal of their comprehension and retention of the material being taught. With the student response systems, a teacher can monitor the student's progress with meaningful, immediate feedback, to know which students understand the material and which ones need more

help. It will also allow the teacher to assess which elements of a lesson are understood and which require re-teaching.

This year we are going to begin building a wireless network that will allow us to start practicing anytime anywhere instruction. This will be very important in the future because most textbooks will be electronic on iPad's, Kindles or tablet computers. We are going to begin building it in the high school this year with plans for the junior high and Kirk elementary next year.

We have also added computers to 3 classrooms at the high school. All of the rooms have enough computers to have one for each student in each class. This year we have also finished adding the computers to the Kirk classrooms so that each room has five computers including the two additional classrooms.



CARDS FOR DEVIN

Millington High School students and staff joined together to show their support for a local elementary school student. Devin Howell is a student at Kirk who has been diagnosed with Leukemia. Ms. Confer's high school art classes spent 2 days creating cards for Devin. Over 150 cards were made in the Art room that week. On Tuesday, October 18th the entire school joined to show their support by wearing orange, the color designated to Leukemia. "It was a better outcome than I could have expected. The word traveled fast!" said Ms. Confer. "My plan was to send him some cards from the high school kids to make sure he knew we cared and were thinking about him. It turned into a whole week devoted to Devin. There were orange shirts everywhere. We took pictures and made a giant card that the entire staff and student body signed. I had goose bumps all week! It was so nice to see these kids take the time to write a message of support to this little guy."





Ms. Taylor Confer
Art Teacher
 Class of 2014 Advisor
 Millington High School

MACHO VOLLEYBALL

The Class of 2014 would like to say thank you to everyone who came out to support our fundraiser. The Macho Volleyball Game was a HIT! The event turned out better than we ever could have imagined. We collected over \$1,400.00 in all.

We couldn't have created such a success without the help of a few key people...

Special Thanks To:

- Our Refs Laura Gleim and Dawn Meacham for their hard work.

- Mary Gavitt and Laura Gleim for bidding the game ball up to \$125 and then donating it to MHS. The players and coaches are signing the ball, when finished it will go on display in our showcase.

- Theron Nesbit for helping auction off the game ball.
- Mary Gavitt and Abbey Braidwood for running the scoreboard.
- Mr. and Mrs. Zeck for donating their \$103 from the 50/50 raffle.
- Announcer, Lenny Dantinne, for keeping the crowd excited with his hilarious play by play broadcasting, even though there were a few "questionable calls".

Overall, the event was a great success for the students, staff and the community. We hope to make this an annual event.

Thank you again for all of your help and support!

-Ms. Confer



CARDINAL CRAZIES

Check out the new shirts the Art department is selling for a fundraiser. Ms. Confer designed the image and the Tuscola Tech Center did the printing. This was a great opportunity for our students to see the entire screen-print process from start to finish. We tried to come up with a design that would be practical for all sports and seasons. The hoodies have the "Cardinal Crazyes" logo



on the front with the "We are Millington" phrase on the back for \$25. T-Shirts are the opposite design, with the logo on the back and the text on the front for \$15. The shirts will be on sale in the Art Room all year long.





Mr. Jeffrey Yorke
Principal
Meachum Jr. High

Meachum Junior High School Principal's Corner

Meachum Jr. High has started the school year in great fashion! Due to the assistance of parents and staff, our new curbside project in front of the school went off very well. Different parking procedures and driving patterns have been very well received by all.

The fall athletic season of football, cheerleading, and volleyball has completed and we are moving on to winter. We have completed our fall assessment period, and have used results to help assist our students in every way we can.

In October, our staff examined closely data from previous years, as well as the current fall's assessment. This is used in examining how best to help our students in the classroom and continue on our path to being the highest achieving school in Tuscola County and our area.

This leads to our Response to Intervention program. Student achievement is improving due to intervention efforts in all grades. As well, student behavior is improved, due in large part to the efforts of students and staff.

Our doors are always open to parent communication. We do this in many ways. We hosted an open house before the first week of school, and parent-teacher conferences in November. Parent portal is available to view student progress. As well, in October alone, our parents have been contacted over 500 times by staff, both for concerns and praise.

The winter will bring more excitement to the Jr. High School, as we close out the first semester and move to the second. There will be band concerts, athletics, and other winter activities. Please contact our office if there is any way we can be of assistance to you during this busy time of year.

POP tabs for Ronald McDonald House



Back Row: Matt Lewis, Nicole Whitehead, Destanie Hensen, Aaron Williams, Steven Styles, Melanie Farwell
Front Row: Hunter Jones, John Hitsman, Brooke Dean

Students in Mrs. Koch's classes are bringing in pop tabs that will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House.

The Bavarian Arbor of Gleaners collects the tabs and delivers them to Mc Donalds. The tabs are sold and the money is used to operate the Ronald McDonald houses.

Tabs can be dropped off at the Community Center or the Junior High Office.

A U A'S Honor Roll

5th Grade

| | | |
|----------------|---------------|------------------|
| Sierra Cleland | Victoria Hall | Erin Schwab |
| Drew Germain | Colton Kidd | Nicole Whitehead |
| | Tessa Labean | |

6th Grade

| | | |
|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Briar Bearss | Anthony Hajdo | Shelby Ridley |
| Emilia Colman | Cameron Jones | Kohlton Sherman |
| Gavin Cox | Brookelle Mathely | Haley Siuda |
| Kaylie Fox | Kathryn Nichols | Dakota Tatro |
| | Sydney Olmstead | |

7th Grade

| | | |
|----------------|------------------|---------------|
| Baleigh Bellor | Madison Jacot | Taylor Rueger |
| Lucinda Hall | Hailey Kelly | Haley Trickey |
| | Gabriell Raleigh | |

8th Grade

| | | |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Rebecca Coggins | Alexander Luxton | Gabriel Piper |
| Ivanna Colman | Julia McTaggart | Shelby Townsend |
| Whitney Hall | | Taylor Wright |
| Jasmine Keiter | | Hunter Ylitalo |

5th Grade

| | | |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Hannah Anzures | Kayla Gager | Eva McNeese |
| Elizabeth Bees | Seth Garza | Carter Pittenger |
| Andrew Chambal | Riley Hager | Cara Pletcher |
| Natalie Clark | John Hitsman | Hannah Rabideau |
| Brooke Dean | Hayley Holmes | Joel Smith |
| McKenna Diener | Grace Kowitz | Katelyn Smith |
| Cassie Doan | Joshua Kubisz | Nicole Whitehead |
| Melanie Farwell | | Demi Wolosonowich |

6th Grade

| | | |
|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Bryce Bearss | Gabrielle Kociba | Elizabeth Selich |
| Makayla Bremer | Reese Leonard | Matthew Sykes |
| Christopher Campbell | Dakota Morgan | Emma Trickey-Wazny |
| Cameron Dues | Robert Ohmer | Haley Turner |
| Hope Gager | Amber Parker | Brittany Warner |
| Brady Gulledge | Mitchell Ramsey | Pawel Waske |
| Tessa Holtsberry | Andrew Romzek | Kamry Williams |
| Noah Karas | | Hannah Ylitalo |

7th Grade

| | | |
|-------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Kylie Auernhammer | Owen Holtsberry | Alexandria |
| Austin Auld | Tony Lowder | Schipansky |
| Philip Bongard | Elizabeth McVay | Jakob Selich |
| Sammy Chrysler | Brady Payne | Mikala Torrey |
| Joshua Davis | Kayla Petzold | Cole Williams |
| Kali Derscha | Nikalis Roberson | Zachary Wolfer |

8th Grade

| | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Morgan Aulbert | Meagan Jorgensen | Keeley Rabideau |
| Miah Brayboy | Haley Knapp | Ariel Rouse |
| Malachi Breece | Mariah Leach | Seth Seidell |
| Angela Burton | Kayli Leix | Caleb Wascher |
| Emily Currie | Miranda Main | Draven Williams |
| Christopher Davis | Sarah Morgan | Hannah Woodall |
| Ashlynn Jones | Samantha Olivarez | Haley Zimmerman |

BOR BETTER HONOR ROLL

Rewards Day at Meachum Junior High

Our first Rewards Day was a great success here at Meachum Jr. High. With help from all our schools, Millington Community Center, United Methodist Church, and St. Paul Lutheran School donating wheelchairs, we were able to have a very sporty Staff vs Student Wheelchair Basketball game. Rewards' Day is four times a year,

our positive behavior support for Meachum includes all students who have not received an office referral for each marking period. The game was a lot of fun for staff and students alike. A special Thank You for all those who donated and participated with the game.

Meachum Jr. High
PBIS Committee



MEACHUM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL - STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Chris Davis

Week of 10/03

Grade 8

Nominating Teacher:
Mr. Dantine

Parents: Mr. & Mrs.
Michael Davis

Chris was chosen Student of the Week because of his continued improvement and hard work in Algebra I. Chris has demonstrated superior leadership in the class through his actions. He is quick to participate in lessons and completes his work in an exemplary manner.



Chloe Pittenger

Week of 10/10

Grade 6

Nominating Teacher:
Ms. C. Bryan

Parents:
Ms. Rebecca Kelly

Chloe Pittenger was chosen Student of the Week because of her positive and cheerful attitude toward others and school. She offers to help others at every opportunity. Chloe always participates and raises her hand first during lessons. She is exemplary as a person and as a student!



Cole Williams

Week of 10/17

Grade 7th

Nominating Teacher:
Mrs. Mudge

Parents: Mark & Shawn
Williams

Cole Williams was chosen Student of the Week because he is a conscientious and reliable student. Cole continually volunteers to answer questions and is always willing to share his exciting and creative writings.



James Wilson

Week of 10/24/11

Grade 7th

Nominating Teacher:
Mr. Gohsman

Parents: James and
Mikal Wilson

James was chosen Student of the Week because he always is in a good mood and is a very positive person. James is very helpful and a responsible young man.



Gabriell Raleigh

Week of 10/31

Grade 7th

Nominating Teacher:
Mrs. Mietz

Parents:
Johnathan Raleigh

Gabriell was chosen Student of the Week because she always strives to do her best. She goes out of her way to help others, has a very strong work ethic, and is willing to go above and beyond what is expected.



Emma Trickey-Wazny

Week of 11/07

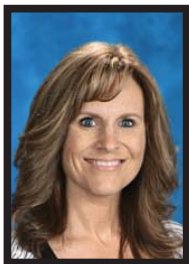
Grade 6

Nominating Teacher:
Mrs. Hergenreder

Parents: Corey Trickey
and Jen Wazny

Emma was chosen Student of the Week because she is a very studious student and a good role model for other students. She is courteous, respectful and always using her manners.

Meachum Junior High Student Council



Mrs. K. Moore
Student Council Advisor
Meachum Jr. High School

The 2011-2012 Meachum Junior High Student council currently has 38 members. To become a member of the student council each student had to complete an informational packet and answer questions. Throughout the year their attendance, behavior, and grades will be monitored to make sure that they are doing well.

The officers are Sarah Morgan, President; Jenna Meacham, Co-Vice President; Ashleigh Noyce, Co-Vice President; Haley Trickey, Secretary; Taylor Rueger, Treasurer and Writer; and Chloe Pittenger, Writer.

So far the student council has had Spirit Week. On Wednesday, September 28th we had Wacky Wednesday. Wacky Wednesday was a success because the majority

of the school participated. Thursday, September 29th was Sports T-shirt Day. Students and teachers wore mostly Michigan and Michigan State attire. Friday, September 30th was Spirit Day.

Student Council has planned Coins for Caring which will run through December. The grade that raises the most money will receive doughnuts and apple cider. There was also be a dance for Coins for Caring on December 1st. Admission was a \$5 unwrapped gift, a \$5 cash donation, or \$5 worth of canned goods.

The Student Council has also voted to donate \$300 to the Class of 2015. We are hoping to have a lot more fun and a great year.

Taylor Rueger, Writer
Chloe Pittenger, Writer



Mrs. D. Reinert
Student Council Advisor
Meachum Jr. High School

Super Halloween

Kirk Elementary fourth grade students celebrated the joy of the Halloween holiday on Friday, October 28, 2011. The students showed off their costumes to parents and students as they paraded through the school. Christine Styles remarked, "This Halloween had many exciting costumes." They also ate yummy caramel apples, popcorn with M and M's, cupcakes, and awesome pumpkin pie. The students even tried raw pumpkin! Afterwards they played games like bingo, musical ghosts, and four corners. Each fourth grader got to choose a mini pumpkin to take home.

Logan Gutierrez said, "This was the best Halloween ever. I wish we could do it again." Kyle Paquette added, "I really want to do this again because this was the best Halloween ever." "This Halloween rocks!" exclaimed John Fox.



Mrs. Sisson
Teacher
Kirk Elementary School

By Mrs. Sisson's
Writing
Enrichment
Group



Mrs. D. Burns
Teacher
Kirk Elementary School

Fourth Grade Enrichment Groups

Fourth grade students at Kirk Elementary School are participating in a variety of academic enrichment groups throughout the week. The enrichment groups include math, reading, and writing. We currently provide two writing enrichment classes serving approximately 40 students each day. Mrs. Sisson's and Mrs. Burns' writing enrichment groups have been learning to write newspaper articles. They have written a variety of articles on MEAP celebration, Halloween, and other extra-curricular activities at the fourth grade level. This is a great opportunity for students to gain experience, knowledge, and confidence in writing outside of their regular classroom.

Cardinal Country Poppers

Cardinal Country Poppers are popping corn on Fridays and tantalizing the students and staff with the wonderful aroma. A big thank-you to Kris Bowman, Becky Guellette, Sheri Bowman and Marlene Stratton for helping pop the corn.



Mrs. Marie Koch
Teacher
Meachum Jr. high School



Melanie Farwell, John Hitsman, Steven Styles, Hunter Jones,
Brooke Dean, Nicole Whitehead, Aaron Williams

"Cardinal" Bird Watchers

Students in Mrs. Koch class will be identifying and counting the birds that land on the feeder outside of the window.

Students are installing feeder on post. The post is made from recycled bottle tops. The post was donated by Mr. Loper of Millington.



Aaron Williams, Matt Lewis, John Hitsman, Nicole Whitehead

**STUDENT GALLERY
AT KIRK**



Mrs. Deborah Oakwood
Art Teacher
Kirk Elementary School

Kirk Elementary has a new addition of a student gallery in the art room. For each art project there will be a student artist that will be selected from every classroom kindergarten through fourth grade. The selected artists will get to have their artwork displayed in a gold frame. In addition, they'll get to choose a prize from the artist treasure chest, have their name printed in the Cardinal Call, get their artwork displayed at the annual Art at the Inn, and be in the running for a chance at a spot in the Michigan Art Education Association's student art show at the Saginaw Art Museum. This marking period the following students have had their artwork selected:

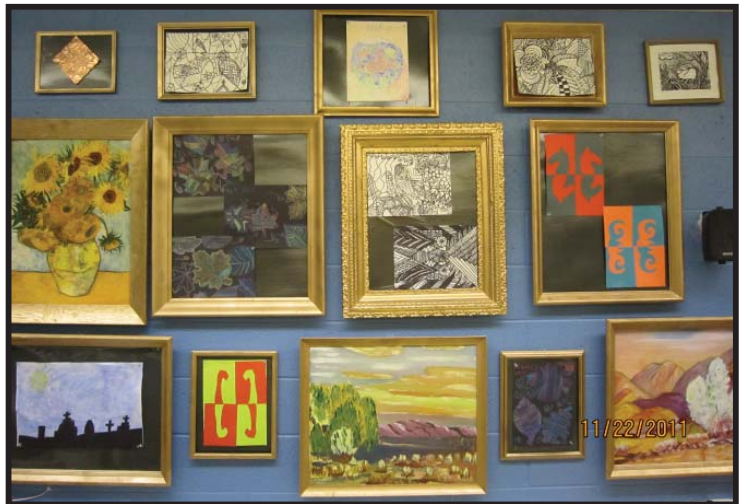
Kindergarten: Emelia Dueweke, Savannah Reed, Aaron Cochran, Emma Fuller, Johnny Crump, Bradley Coleman, Gennaveve Auld and Aiden Shurtz.

First: Brenden Marker, Cadenence Steepe, Sienna Kerr, Montanna Kerr, Wyatt Mitchel, Ray Thorington, Brennan Hunter, Rebecca Loudon, Kadence Gilker-son, Kaden Wisenbach, Aaron Gross, Braylen Reed, Cody Stephen and Joslyn Brooks.

Second: Christopher Porter, Cameron Elowsky-Nikora, Dylan Jacobi, Rylee Cobb, Karsyn Payne, Danielle Kociba, Trevor Heuchert, Mikayla Opperman, Kaitlin Riley and Austin Kirby.

Third: Avery Mayes, Kaitlyn Lee, Kate Cooper, Jazlyn Olejnik, Olivia McVay, Aiden Karas, Jordan Rabideau, Maddy Pquette, Abbie Gadany and Luke Hoffman.

Fourth: Aurora Drubin, James Jennings, Hailey Skunda, Emma McCartney, Danyell Wilson, Kylee McClintic, Olivia McKinney, Maleia Thompson, Naomi Tombs, Miranda Farwell, Talia Kyle and Alexa McTaggart.



Thanks & Appreciation



Ms. M. Howell
Student Intern
MCS Technology Department

Marci and Devin wish to thank EVERYONE for the thoughts, prayers and encouragement! We are blessed and grateful!

Thank You all so much!



Devin Howell
2nd Grade
Kirk Elementary School

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Kirk Elementary Principal's Corner



Mrs. Mickie Kujat
Principal
Kirk Elementary School

The 2011 – 2012 school year is off to a great start! Kirk Elementary has been a very busy learning place. Students have been involved in a lot of instruction as well as some extra curricular activities.

During the month of September, students participated in a round of assessments to gauge students' academic abilities. This information was reviewed and analyzed by teachers to assist in determining appropriate lessons for their classroom as well as reading or math groups.

In addition, Kirk Elementary held its first Run / Walk Event during co-curricular classes. The event asked all students to participate in running or walking for their health. Students also had the opportunity to ask people to sponsor them to raise additional funds for our playground. This event raised over \$3,000.00! Way to go Kirk students, staff, parents, and community!

The installation of our new playground equipment was a success. There were so many people involved in making this a possibility! I want to extend a special thank you to: Scott Murray, Rod Livingston, Walter Kujat, Deborah Oakwood and family, Robert Riley and family, Mike Livingston, Christina Terry and family, Estee Heike and family, Shelly and Ted Wooldridge, Greg Stanislawski and family, Valerie Petzold, Mary Gavitt, Judy Chizmadia, and Craig Stiff. A big heart-felt thank you to everyone who took part in making this a reality for our students and community!

As many of the Kirk family know, we have a student whose leukemia has returned. This student is not able to come to school. An exciting adventure we have become involved in with this student is Skype. Mrs. Rosebush's classroom has been Skyping with this student so he can continue his education and stay in touch with his friends. Besides this, Kirk's PTO has designated all proceeds earned from their Market Day sales to go toward helping pay for the family's medical expenses.

Another way Kirk is helping out the community is through our first "Stack Up for a Good Cause" event happening November 17th. Students will be speed stacking on this day during physical education. Along with speed stacking, students are asked to bring

in items to be donated to families in need within our community. We will watch as these items "stack up" for a good cause!

Parent – Teacher conferences are scheduled for November 21st and 22nd for Kirk families. Teachers will be sending home specific times for you to meet and discuss your child's progress. Report cards will be handed out at conferences as well. Kirk's goal is to make contact with 100% of our students' parents during conferences – come out and help us reach this goal!

To end the first marking period, our students took part in an Appreciation Celebration. This celebration was extended to all students who did not receive an office discipline referral for marking period one. Students were able to play board games, put together puzzles, enjoy an extra recess, watch a movie, or draw / color. Everyone had a great time. Thanks to all those students who follow the CARDS expectations on a daily basis.

Mark your calendar now for our Literacy Night on January 16, 2012 sponsored by your PTO and Kirk staff. This evening will begin with a spaghetti dinner followed by a presentation on how you can help your child with literacy (reading, writing, and spelling) skills. It will be a great evening of fun and learning. Childcare will be provided. More information will be available leading up to this event.

As you can see, a lot has been happening around Kirk Elementary. If you would like to get involved at Kirk, please contact your child's teacher or the office. It takes all of us working together to reach **SUCCESS FOR ALL STUDENTS!**



4th Grade Honor Roll

Moriah Babcock
Madison Barnard
Brynn Bearss
Kendal Bowman
Jimmy Cook
Kenneth Cunningham
Nikki Duesbout
Miranda Farwell
Zachery Finatri
John Fox
Brady Fuller
Morgan Gosha
Anthony Gross
Shayla Heike
Nevaeh Hendricks
Brandi Hickey
Jacob Holtsberry
Jacob Jackson
James Jennings
Jordan Kribs
Kelynn Kujat
Talia Kyle
Madison Light
Carleton Loveland
Samantha Lowder
Nicholas McClain
Parker McKeage
Olivia McKinney
Alexa McTaggart
Evan O'Dell
Natalie Oakwood
Madelynne Olds
Justin Raleigh
Kendrick Raleigh
Cecilia Ramirez
Reegan Riley
Michael Sherman
Bailey Skinner
Haley Skunda
Christine Styles
Maleia Thompson
Naomi Toombs
Mya Waites
James (Gabe) Wood

“Young Fives” Visit Johnson’s Pumpkins

Young Fives’ students enjoyed a field trip to Johnson’s Giant Pumpkins on 10-12-11. Young Fives did a soy bean maze, picked pumpkins from the pumpkin patch, took a nature trail hike. They got to see 30 different species of birds and tour a Native American teepee.



Visit our website mcsdistrict.com to view current information from your students school!

- Grades
- Attendance
- Honor Roll
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 - Testing Scores
 - Athletic Schedules

Girl Scout’s making a difference at Kirk Elementary

The Junior Girl Scout troop from Kirk Elementary is making a difference in their school community. It was a sunny crisp fall morning, the playground was getting its new addition and the front of the school was receiving a beautiful addition. The girls planted perennials that will come up every spring for years to come. Currently the troop is conducting an “extreme makeover” of the sensory room at Kirk and raising funds through the sale of Girl Scout cookies for a Kirk family in need. The skies the limit for these girls, they are on the path to becoming responsible, successful young women. Help support our local Girl Scouts.



L-R...B-F...Maliea Thompson, Hanna Auld, Olivia McKinney, Brynn Bearss, Reegan Riley, Kasee Lansford, Moriah Babcock, Madisen Moore, Samantha Lowder, Melanie Jorgensen, Front row, Brianna Schwab, Kaitlin Riley, Jenna Stanislawski, Natalie Oakwood and Aurora Drubin.



Madisen Moore, Kasse Lansford, Jenna Stanislawski and Brianna Schwab




Hanna Auld, Samantha Lowder, Melanie Jorgensen, Natalie Oakwood and Moriah Babcock



Maliea Thompson and Aurora Drubin




Reegan Riley, Olivia McKinney and Brynn Bearss



MILLINGTON BOOSTERS

SUPPORTING ATHLETICS, SCHOOL, & COMMUNITY



PROUD SUPPORTER OF

- Motivational Speaker - Kirk MTH & HS
- MTH Coins for Caring
- 1st Grade Field Trip
- Baseball Field Fencing
- Painting of Track
- Track Storage Building
- Freshman Basketball Uniforms
- 8th Grade Field Trip

- Kids Day at Summer Festival
- New Football Scoreboard
- National Honor Society
- Football Scouting Equipment
- Homecoming/Snowcoming
- Parents Night Flowers
- Football Playoffs
- Basketball Banquet

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and supported the Millington Boosters.
Without the help we would not be able to provide the extra financial support to help athletics, organizations, schools and community.

PRESIDENT: _____ JOHN CRUMP
VICE PRESIDENT: _____ GERRY SMITH
TREASURER: _____ GAILAN REINERT
SECRETARY: _____ SHELLY WOOLDRIDGE
CONCESSIONS: _____ BARB SMITH & SHELLY WOOLDRIDGE

2010-2011 Scholarship Winners

Alyshia Fyke-Jolly
Kristen Luedtke
Christopher Smith

Volunteer to be a booster and help rebuild and strengthen athletics, school & community.
MEETINGS HELD EVERY 3RD WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH @ 6:30.



Our fearless leader, Mr. Tim Berlin, enjoys a cookie after donating blood at the High School's bi-annual Red Cross Blood Drive.

TANG SOO DO

Korean Martial Arts

Contact:
Master Terry Balogh
989-843-6233

When: Tuesday
Where: Kirk Gym

Classes:
Juniors (Beginners)
5:00-5:45
Adult Class 6:00-8:00

Cardinal Care
Preschool and Daycare
is now accepting enrollments

Phone: 871-3133

8655 Gleason Street

National Honor Society has students lined up at their bi-annual Red Cross Blood Drive

NHS would like to thank all students who participated in our bi-annual blood drive this year. We had a great turn out by exceeding our goal of 53 viable pints with 59 total viable pints. We had 70 students that participated with 7 deferrals, 3 insufficient blood amounts, and 1 other donor. Again, thank you for your support and we look forward to the next blood drive in March.



Students Learn The Value of Giving

Students in every building have worked very hard to make sure that the families in our community who need assistance are taken care of during this "giving" time of year. As a district we have adopted families for Christmas, collected food, and learned the value of compassion for others.



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Tim Berlin, 871-5200

**Millington Community School
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**Meachum Junior High
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BOTTLE/CAN DRIVE

BENEFITTING DEVIN HOWELL

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We want to help support Devin as he goes through his treatments. We will be hosting a bottle and can drive and all monies earned through this will be given to Devin.

We are planning to hold a fundraiser for Marci and Devin Howell starting Wednesday, January 4th and running until Devin's birthday on Tuesday, Feb. 28th.

Mr. Berlin has approved our parking a semi-truck trailer in the back parking lot at Glaza Elementary and we will be collecting returnable bottles and cans. We would like to make this a school district wide fundraiser as well as involve the community.

Drop-off will be from 7:30 AM-8:00 PM Monday-Thursday at Glaza (right into the building) using the south-west entrance.

Mr. Steeter will accept the daytime dropoffs and Evening staff will accept late afternoon and evening dropoffs.



Devin Howell
2nd Grade
Kirk Elementary School

**Fill A SEMI TRUCK TRAILER
WITH RETURNABLE
BOTTLES AND CANS**

What: Returnable Bottle and Can Drive
Dates: January 4th-February 28th
Drop off: Glaza Building (back doors)
Drop off days:
Monday-Thursday
(no Fridays)
Hours: 7:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

For additional information,
please contact Linda Hill
at 871-6450