

# CARDINAL CALL

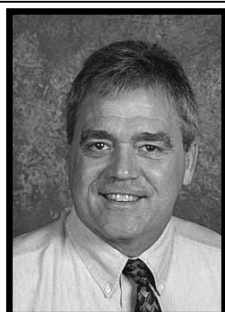
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Mr. Lawrence R. Kroswek  
Superintendent

Wow, summer came and went, and we have reached the mid-point of the first semester. I am pleased to announce that we had a great start to this new school year; and I trust your children are experiencing the same.

Notice that while we have completed work on all of our outside building projects, we have begun the improvement of our educational environment on the inside of all of our buildings with an energy performance project and improvements in educational technology. Last year we were able to qualify for Quality Zone Academy Bonds which enabled us to borrow money at less than 1% for the upgrades in energy efficiency and technology. With these upgrades the savings will pay for the borrowed money up front and allow us to move forward very quickly with improved technology throughout our school system. This is all very exciting for us here at Millington Community Schools.

Considering all of the financial challenges and constraints that have confronted us in preparation of the 2010-11 school year budget, we were able to maintain all of our personnel and positions. Any losses were through retirements and or resignations. Most importantly, we were able to maintain good class sizes throughout our school system with only a few areas of concern here and there.

Regarding our finances during the past two years, our budget has been in better shape than most of our neighbors and friends in K-12 education. As we have built our fund balance to just over \$2 million (up from \$29,000 eight years ago) we must still move forward cautiously as our K-12 funding mechanism in the State of Michigan has not yet been fixed. We are looking at a steep funding cliff as we approach the 2011-2012 school year and beyond. This is because much of the one-time funding that has been made available to us in the past will extinguish after this school year.

Regarding our financial situation, I certainly don't want to appear to be an alarmist. But, what I have stated above is factual and I believe it is important that parents and our citizens understand the gravity of this matter. Our school board has done an outstanding job during the past two years in managing this most challenging situation. Rest assured, they are astutely aware of all the factors related to this concern, and they will continue to work diligently on managing the shortfall along with the administration.

In closing, we are moving forward and in a progressive manner. We are continuing to move forward with our educational technology initiative where all classrooms in our system will have state of the art technology that will be used by all teachers to integrate technology into most academic disciplines on a regular basis. We are doing many great things at Millington Community Schools and we are blessed to have outstanding administrative, faculty, and support staff members that work very hard to service your children and the students of Millington Community Schools. We appreciate your continued support.

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### Millington High School Principal's Corner

We're off and running with the 2010-2011 school year, our students were able to take a variety of classes while still meeting the MMC guide lines. We offered A.P. classes in History, English, Calculus and Chemistry. The English, Calculus and Chemistry classes show good numbers. My hat goes off to our students for pushing themselves to greatness. Quite soon we will begin looking at next years schedule for the school year of 2011-2012. Finally, a special thank you to all the parents who attended parent teacher conferences. We appreciate the opportunity to talk with you about your student.

## 1st Marking Period

### 12th Grade

Sara Adkins	Anthony Edwards	Kelsi McAlister	Kayla Shelton
Erica Babcock	Jack Fischer	Karlie Mudge	Christopher Smith
Joel Babcock	Ryan French	Timothy Narsted	Jennifer Smith
Megan Birchmeier	Alyshia Fyke-Jolly	Dawn O'Bney	Jesse Stewart
Rachel Bongard	Candace Hartwick	Alexandria O'Hearn	Debbi Swantek
Sara Burns	Brandon Hawes	Ashley Pace	Tyler Sweers
Chelsea Canfield	Rachel Ill	Quintin Paquette	Julie Thomsen
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Ashleigh Coleman	Garett Knapp	Emilio Ramirez	Aaron Weinzierl
Genevieve Cox	Katellinn Koeltzow	Kyle Rich	Alexandra Woodall
Ashleigh Devereaux	Katherine Lee	Erik Sebert	Cheyenne Yost
Kateland Dryden	Brandon Lonsway	Sadie Sergent	Emma Zeck

### HONOR ROLL

### 11th Grade

Anna Bennett	Victoria Capsel	Todd Nelson	Angel Shaw
Joseph Bongard	Kristin Doshier	Hayden Nickle	Cal Smith
Taylor Bowman	Keith Geiger	Kyle O'Hearn	Kala Smith
Abbey Braidwood	Kirk Hilliker	Rachel Opperman	Tyler Smith
Adrianna Breckenridge	Bronwyn Cain-Jensen	Brittany Phillipson	Jordan Stieler
Taylor Buckle	Nick Johnson	Lauren Piper	Cheyenne Taylor
Kaitlin Burns	Seth Kosinski	Joseph Roehl	Mitchell Wilkerson
Bryce Byerley	Nicholas Maschke	Logyn Sebert	Hayley Zwerk

### HONOR ROLL

### 10th Grade

Jordan Alburus	Chelsey Cobb	Ryan Hebner	Cody Paquette
Justin Babcock	Joseph Cole	Bridgette Hickey	Nathan Robinet
Susie Balcom	Colton Diener	Nathan Kosinski	James Smith
Drew Boulton	Cynthia Fischer	Nicholas Lawe	Cassidy Taljonick
Hannah Braidwood	Courtney Gavitt	Savannah Long	Korey Thygesen
Christopher Callahan	Destiny Gregory	Brandon Love	Joseph Yeo
Anna Christensen	Jacquelin Guigear	Orianna Miller	

### HONOR ROLL

## ALL A'S HONOR ROLL

### 12th Grade

William Alvord, II	Kristen Luedtke
Kayla Beckman	Noah Moore
Kelly Courneya	Lukasz Rustecki
Kyle Currie	Cameron Wilson
Devin Eggert	Shiane Workman
Jessica Harpst	Kaitlyn Zumbach
Amber Lee	

### All A's

### 11th Grade

Tyler Auernhammer	Jordan Morrish
Joshua Bukoski	Ariel Patterson
Connor Collins	Kendall Pridemore
Chelsea Luedtke	Jordan Reed
Whitney McPherson	Tyler Wooldrige

### All A's

### 10th Grade

Samantha French	Morgan Pletcher
Hailee Hall	Courtney Rak
Kimber Ketelhut	Sara Searfoss
Jacquelyn Lahnanen	Jordan Wiskur
Rachael Moore	Travis Wolosonowich

### All A's

### 9th Grade

Reagan Eggert	Kayla Olmstead
Madison Giddings	Kody Petzold
Elizabeth Hall	Taylor Reed
Jeremy Johnson	Alexandra Rueger
Dillon Leix	Hannah Sergent
Jack Luxton	Michael Stuart
Laura Massey	Clark Trickey
Colin Meacham	Briane Wolfer
Chelsea Nelson	

### All A's

## Honor Roll

### 9th Grade

Lucas Ames	Ashley Jensen	Cheyenne Ramirez
Tanner Carley	Jason Keinath	Nicholas Ranney
Mason Coggins	Hunter Knapp	Jerald Schriber
Jesse Crane	Cheyenne Kujat	Jason Smith
Erika Edwards	Ashten Levan	Jacob Spycher
Drew Franko	Cassandra Loveland	Shianne Tatro
Ezekiel Gardy	Calyx Moore	Austin Weber
Tristan Gaval	Brittany Nelson	Danielle Weber
Jacob Hager	Cody Pero	Mikayla Weinzierl
Dakota Inskip	Courtney Phillipson	Olivia Zeck

### HONOR ROLL

### Millington High School Guidance Center Corner

Although school bullying has been an issue in our schools for many years, it seems only recently that issues have come to the forefront of our student's education. Bullying is something no student, or person for that matter, should have to endure yet everyday students are being subjected to this form of harassment in our schools. Physical bullying, emotional bullying, verbal bullying, cyber bullying, and sexual bullying are the types of bullying occurring in schools today.

Physical bullying is the type we typically associate with bullying. This type of bullying includes causing physical injuries, stealing, punching, shoving, slapping, etc.

Emotional bullying includes spreading malicious rumors, exclusion from groups, harassment, keeping secrets from "friends", etc.

Verbal bullying comes in the form of profanity directed at someone, name calling, tormenting others, negative comments made regarding the way one looks, acts dresses, etc.

Cyber-bullying involves the use of technology to send mean-spirited messages, inappropriate pictures, using someone else's username to spread rumors about others, etc.

Sexual bullying is any bullying behavior targeted toward a student's sexuality or gender.

Millington High School's policy on bullying is as follows:

Bullying is a form of harassment. For the purposes of this policy, "bullying" is defined as: "The repeated intimidation of others by the real or threatened infliction of physical, verbal, written, electronically transmitted, or emotional abuse, or through attacks on the property of another. It may include, but not be limited to, actions such as verbal taunts, name-calling and put-downs, including ethnically-based or gender based verbal putdowns, extortion of money or possessions, and exclusion from peer groups within school." Such conduct is disruptive to the educational process and, therefore, bullying is not acceptable behavior in this district, and is prohibited. Students who engage in any act of bullying while at school, at any school function, in connection to or with any district sponsored activity or event, or while en route to or from school are subject to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension or expulsion. As may be required by law, law enforcement officials shall be notified of bullying incidents.

- 1st offense: 1-3 day Suspension
- 2nd offense: 3-5 day Suspension
- 3rd offense: 5-10 day Suspension

Students who are bullied feel they have no voice because of their situation, bullying robs a student of self worth and the ability to believe in themselves. Bullying is an act perpetrated by someone who is trying to make up for inadequacies in their own life so they target others in order to make themselves feel better about their own situation.



Mr. Robert Riley  
Guidance Office  
Millington High School

### NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



Mrs. Angelia Munson  
National Honor Society  
Millington High School

This year has started off very well for Millington High Schools National Honor Society. The members have been working very hard for the school and the community. The students have been instrumental in planning induction, a fall blood drive, as well as providing community service for Millington and other surrounding areas.

On November 18, 2010 NHS welcomed 13 new members this year including 10 Juniors and 3 Seniors. With this new addition there are 30 members in National Honor Society for the 2010-2011 school year. With this many members NHS will be more able to participate in more community service projects.

On November 30, 2010 NHS held their first Red Cross Blood Drive of the school year. In the past years the students have only held one blood drive per year. This year the students have decided on holding two blood drives. Not only will this help save many lives, but the Red Cross will also donate a one thousand dollar scholarship to be given to a NHS member. The blood drive was held in the High School library.

Early this September NHS was contacted that a young girl in Mayville had lost her mother in a house fire. The NHS students went around the high school and collected \$518.85 in just two days! NHS was very proud of the school for acting so generously, the students know that the girl greatly appreciated the gift. This year NHS will be doing there annual Penny Drive this spring and will continue to work for the necessary 30 service hours for each member. The students continue to tutor before and after school every Monday and Wednesday.



### Cardinal Pride

It's difficult not to notice all the hard work Millington High school students have put into making our Cardinal Pride stand out on Friday nights. With the help of their teacher, Ms. Confer, the high school Art students have been working diligently all year on filling our driveway and stadium with all kinds of spirited posters and banners. "It is a lot of work to plan and organize, but it is well worth it on Friday nights when you see our hard work pay off", said Ms. Confer. For play-offs, posters were made for every player on the team and noise makers were made from old pop cans. Most students made extra noise makers which were passed out to the younger fans. Students are currently working on spirit posters for the basketball season. "You can feel the excitement. I love pumping the kids up, this is just such a great project to boost school spirit!"



### Puzzle Project

The high school art class got a dual lesson in abstract art and team work. Each student was given a 1"x 1" image that looked like nothing more than an abstract picture with a corresponding number on the back. After being instructed on how to enlarge an image using a grid, the class then used these skills to create a larger 5x5 practice version and 10"x10" final version. Using a numbered map, the students were required to find the pieces that matched up to theirs, creating a giant puzzle. In the end they discovered their pieces created a famous painting by Picasso titled "Guernica". This project served as a cross curricular lesson by incorporating history and math skills into an art project. "I like to find ways to integrate multiple subjects into our Art curriculum. The students don't even realize they are learning about math or history while creating art."- Ms. Confer



Miss Taylor Confer  
Art Teacher  
Millington High School



### ATHLETIC CORNER

Another fall sports season has come and gone for the 2010-2011 school year. The fall sports teams had some great moments to remember. In Boys football the freshmen team went 8-1, and JV football team had a perfect season 9-0 record. The Varsity football team won the district championship, regional championship and advanced to the state semi-final game to take on Olivet. The 7th and 8th grade girls Jr. High Volleyball team finished the season on a positive note and the boys Jr. High football team ended the season beating North Branch to finish with a 3-3 record. The Varsity Soccer team had a great season playing very tough teams and competing very competitive.

I would like to thank McDonald Chevrolet and the Millington Booster for their donation of the new score board at the football field. McDonald Chevrolet has truly shown a commitment to our community in many aspects. Also I would like to thank all the coaches and players for a great fall sports season. I would like to thank all the volunteers that help make the fall sports season so successful, without you Millington Athletics would not run.



Mr. Duane K. Munson  
Athletic Director  
Millington Community Schools

### Meachum Jr. High School Student of the Week

Staff at Meachum Jr. High School take turns selecting a "Student of the Week" each week during the school year. So far, we have selected five deserving students, all nominated by different teachers for their outstanding efforts. Those students are Mike Davis, Kylie Auernhammer, Ethan Cox, Hanna Nelson, and Erika Hall. Congratulations to all of these students for their positive contributions to Meachum Jr. High School!



Mrs. Jennifer Mietz  
and Ericka Hall



Mr. Leonard Dantinne and Mike  
Davis

### MILLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL FOOD DONATIONS



High School math and english students pitch in to help provide a holiday meal for local families that are in need.



Mr. Jeffrey Gavitt  
and Kylie Auernhammer



Ms. Sara Sweeney  
and Hanna Nelson

## TECHNOLOGY CORNER



Mr. Matthew Lambertson  
Technology Director  
Millington Community Schools



Ms. Marcie Howell  
Technology Specialist  
Millington Community Schools

Ever since cell phones offered text messaging, people became addicted to the craze. As technology advanced, jokes and graphics were added to the messaging scene. Sending messages became simplified and receiving them caused anticipation to see what the next message was. This temptation affects all age brackets. The excitement becomes a problem when these people are getting behind a wheel and engaging in texting while driving, which is a major distraction to any driver. People are so curious to find out what someone has to say, that they choose to interact even though it requires a person's eyes to be focused on the message, instead of the road and its surroundings. A person cannot avoid an accident if they are not paying attention to their surroundings.

The Virginia Tech Transportation Institute conducted a study that revealed that truck drivers engaging in texting while driving increases the risk of an accident by over 20%. It

also concluded that texting takes the driver's eyes off the road for an average of 4.6 seconds, "long enough to blindly travel the length of a football field at 55 mph" (Holbrook, 2009). If a vehicle is traveling at 60 mph and is off by one degree, it is a lethal weapon in four seconds (Farley & van Heerden, 2008). Injuries are likely to be sustained in an accident. It might only affect the driver, but more than likely it will involve other people. The victims might be passengers in the same vehicle, people in another vehicle or on a motorcycle, or even a pedestrian. Either way, they could all become victims of people texting while driving.

Just five days after graduation, five young cheerleaders from the same high school died in a head on collision. The cheerleaders were all in the same car. Records report that the driver was texting while driving. (Farley & van Heerden, 2008). A big story that the news reported was a train colliding with another train. Twenty-five people were killed and 135 people were injured because the engineer was texting and failed to see the stop signal (Report, 2008). Also on the news, a commercial bus driver injured several people as he crashed while texting. An accident of a 26 year old driver named Heather, and another driver were killed by a truck driver who crashed into 10 vehicles while he was text messaging, encouraged Florida to pass a bill known as "Heather's Law" (Holbrook, 2009). These are only a few of the half of a million careless accidents caused from text messaging (Naik, 2010) that could have been avoided.

Laws have been put into effect to persuade people from texting while driving. In 2010, 30 states, DC and Guam ban text messaging for all drivers (Governors Highway Safety Association [GHSA], 2010). Since the enforcement of the law, a study by the Highway Loss Data Institute reports that the number of accidents has increased due to people inconspicuously hiding their phone by their lap to text (Bello, 2010). Their eyes are off the road much longer than if their phone were up by their face.

There are ways to continue educating and convincing drivers of how dangerous this distraction actually is. People need to lead as an example for other people; parents, friends, relatives, and even strangers. Another place to start is with driver's education classes. Videos could be played, speeches of innocent victims could be presented, also advertising the statistics and holding seminars in schools. People must be convinced that they are not invincible and that an accident is likely if they do not stop texting while driving.

Mobile devices are a luxury to have and make it more convenient to communicate, but should be used wisely. Though strategies are being considered to make driving safer, it is the responsibility of the driver to drive safely. Consideration and respect for others on the road should be a priority. Technology is useless if you are not around to utilize it.



## **Millington Boosters**

The Millington Booster Club is a volunteer group of interested adults, which support all school related activities within an environment that promotes leadership, team spirit, and sportsmanship, both in the classroom and at athletic events. We do this by providing financial aid that cannot be provided through normal school channels. Parental involvement is the key to establishing a tradition of successful support provided by the Booster Club. In the past six months with strong parent and community support, we have been fortunate to assist Millington Schools physically and financially, contributing to the following areas:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8th Grade Field Trip</li> <li>Flower Donations for Student Functions</li> <li>Fencing for Baseball</li> <li>Sprinkler Heads for Baseball</li> <li>Millington Football Equipment</li> <li>Scoreboard Donation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summer Festival Kids' Games</li> <li>Summer Festival Fireworks</li> <li>Homecoming Events</li> <li>National Honor Society</li> <li>Golf Carts for transporting Senior Citizens to Sporting Events</li> </ul> |
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We would like to thank all those individuals who have donated their time, talent, and resources for our school. It is greatly appreciated.

The Millington Booster Club is a good way to get involved with MHS students, staff, and parents. We have a great time together and enjoy working with each other. You may have seen one of our parents, known as "the Weenie Man", wearing his chef's hat, during home games preparing hot dogs and delicious brats. We hope you will become an active member of the Boosters and will share in the support we offer to Millington Students. Many times, we hear from people that the Booster Club is just for families with athletes. Although we do support athletics at Millington, we also support academics and promote student leadership. The Booster Club is made up of families who believe that school sponsored activities play an important role in the development and well being of students.

We have 11 voting members:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>John Crump, President</li> <li>Jerry Smith, Vice President</li> <li>Gailan Reinert, Treasurer</li> <li>Shelly Wooldridge, Secretary</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Barb Smith, Concessions/Trustee</li> <li>Ted Wooldridge, Trustee</li> <li>Mike Moore, Trustee</li> <li>Karen Moore, Trustee</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cecil York, Trustee</li> <li>Vance Hickey, Trustee</li> <li>Dan Meacham, Trustee</li> </ul> |
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### **Volunteer! Get to know the parents of your child's friends and have fun doing it!**

#### **The Power of the Mohawk**

During play-off season, when you walked down the halls in the high school, it was no surprise to find some interesting new hair styles. In a display of team unity, the Varsity Football Team changed their hair to the extreme. The boys sported the Mohawk, a trend started by Quarterback Noah Moore. Once the new hair-do caught on, the players began pestering the coaches to follow suit. Coach Dantine agreed to allow the players to give him a trim pending their win against Birch Run in the play-offs. After an easy win, Dantine followed through with his promise as Noah Moore, Cam Wilson and Kyle Currie styled his manly mane. Coach Germain was next with lots more hair falling to the floor.



Top Chef Ted Wooldridge preparing his world famous brats and hot dogs!

## Meachum Junior High School Principal's Corner

Meachum Jr. High has started the school year in great fashion! We have enhanced many of the opportunities for our students, as well as implemented some new ones. The fall athletic season has completed and we are moving on to winter. We have completed our fall NWEA, AIMSweb, and MEAP testing cycle, and have used results to help assist our students in every way we can.

We have some new faces in our building this year. Ms. Katie Conn is teaching 5th grade and Ms. Elizabeth Ahrens has taken over the Junior High Art Program. A few weeks into the year, we reinstated Spanish for 7th and 8th grade, and Mrs. Manuella Escobedo is instructing that class. As well, we welcome paraprofessionals Kris Bowman and Theron Nesbitt to the building. A new face is in the office with Mrs. Toni Narsted working as a clerk.

In October, the Jr. High Student Council provided our students an assembly by the Jim Linnehan Dance Troupe, which provided not only entertainment, but anti-bullying and anti-drug messages, as well as messages about making positive decisions in school and life.

Our Response to Intervention program is also proving to be a success. 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. Behavior referrals are down approximately 40% as compared to the same time last year. In addition, we have added a "Responsible Thinking Classroom", or RTC room, in which students take the time to self-examine the effects of the decisions they have made within the classroom.

During the last week of October, we hosted our Parent-Teacher Conferences. 772 conferences were held in two nights. We encourage all of our staff and parents to continually keep contact with each other to help monitor student progress in the classroom.

The winter will bring more excitement to the Junior 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.



Mr. Jeffrey Yorke  
Principal  
Meachum Jr. High

# HONOR ROLL

## ALL A'S HONOR ROLL

### 8th Grade

Timothy Baker	Amelia Leonard
Rachelle Ignace	Hailey Murray
Kelsey Johnson	Lauren Olmstead
Madison Jones	Amanda Stuart
Kathryn Lahnanen	

### All A's

### 7th Grade

Whitney Hall	Taylor Wright
Kayli Leix	Hunter Ylitalo
Madison Wiskur	

### All A's

### 6th Grade

Ashlee Adams	Tony Loweder
Kylie Auernhammer	Kayla Petzold
Austin Auld	Nikalis Roberson
Lauren Babock	Taylor Rueger
Tanner Baker	Alexandria Schipansky
Buck Brown	Skyler Searfoss
Sammy Chrysler	Tyler Shelton
Alyssa Cook	Lindsay Socia
Joshua Davis	MacKenzie Stephen
Lucinda Hall	Mikala Torrey
Hailey Kelly	Haley Trickey
Chadd Kinsey	Zachary Wolfer

### All A's

### 5th Grade

Briar Bearss	Robert Ohmer
Bryce Bearss	Sydney Olmstead
Cameron Dues	Amber Parker
Brody Gullede	Chloe Pittenger
Anthony Hajdo	Kohlton Sherman
Cameron Jones	Dakota Tatro
Gabrielle Kociba	Pawel Waske
Brookelle Mathely	Hannah Ylitalo
Zachery Newcomb	

### All A's

### 8th Grade

David Balcom	Shayla Keene
Alana Collins	Samson Lawrence
Wyatt Cunningham	Savanna Moreau
Michael Davis	Kristen Powell
Rebecca Dise	Ashlie Rivard
Troy Dues	Carter Rose
Garrett Filarski	Ty Smith
John Freeze	Amanda Stohon
Destiny Hall	Josie Turowicz
Lily Hennessy	Ashley Walter
Brooklyn Hickey	Shelby Wood
Amber Hodgkinson	

### B OR BETTER

### 7th Grade

Maeleigh Barron	Alexander Luxton
Rebecca Coggins	Julia McTaggart
Ivanna Colman	Sarah Morgan
Richard Coon	Gabriel Piper
Emily Currie	Keeley Rabideau
Logan Dean	Ariel Rouse
Niklas Gullede	Shelby Townsend
Erika Hall	Caleb Wascher
Jasmine Keiter	Emily Wood
Haley Knapp	Hannah Woodall
Kelsie Kujat	

### B OR BETTER

### 6th Grade

Alivia Ascencio	Brett Lansford
Brandon Basques	Maci Leeck
Baleigh Bellow	Brianna Lucas
Philip Bongard	Tatienonna McNeese-Gonzalez
Ian Boulis	Elizabeth McVay
Taylor Brink	Ashley Miles
Ashlee Chema	Breanna Mudge
Ethan Cox	Zoja Northrop
Alyssa Duesbout	Brady Payne
Austin Dunkel	Shelbee Pletcher
Lillie Flach	Gabriell Raleigh
Cody Griffith	Trenton Saries
Megan Hallock	Justin Stanislawski
Lance Hendriksen	Morgan Taylor
Vicki Hitsman	Logan Trickey
Owen Holtsberry	Kenaniah Whisman
Madison Jacot	Austin Wilson
Nash Labean	James Wilson

### B OR BETTER

### 5th Grade

Makayla Bremer	Alexis Lansford
Ashtin Brewer	Reese Leonard
Ashlee Brink	Jesse Loomis
Christopher Campbell	Dakota Morgan
Emilia Colman	Hanna Nelson
Johnny Cook	Hunter Osborn
Gavin Cox	Regan Ostrander
Kaylie Fox	Keenan Powell
Hope Gager	Andrew Romzek
Ethan Glenn	Haley Siuda
Brady Gullede	Matthew Sykes
Kayla Hitsman	Emma Trickey-Wazny
Tessa Holtsberry	Jordan Trickey-Wazny
Noah Karas	Brittany Warner
Tyler Kevresian	

### B OR BETTER

## Meachum Junior High Student Council



Mrs. Dawn Reinert  
Student Council Advisor  
Meachum Jr. High

Meachum Junior High kicked off the 2010-2011 school year with an application process. After all applications were turned in, we have 37 members. Katie Lahnanen is President with Kristen Powell as Vice-President. Kristen will mentor 7th grade student Sarah Morgan to help train her for an important role in the 2011-2012 school year. Amber Hodgkinson is the Secretary and Miranda Main is the Treasurer.

Our first order of business was voting on Spirit days for the Homecoming week, Wacky Wednesday, Dress Up Thursday, and Red & White Friday won. Twenty-three members walked in the Homecoming parade.

To promote "Just Say No to Drugs" month, Student Council invited Jim Lineham Dance Troupe from New York City to talk about bullying and saying no to drugs. Mr. Lineham's music, dance, and speech entertained the students. A special thank you to Mrs. Toni Moore, Social Worker, and Mr. Yorke, Principal, for all the help and support they provided in organizing this assembly.

Mrs. T. Moore approached the Student Council to participate in "Mix It Up" at Lunch on November 9. Members helped Mrs. Moore organize this day where students eat lunch with a different group in hopes of making new friends. This activity was a lot of fun and we were very excited to participate.

Our Coins for Caring drive was held during the month of November this year to raise money for our local families in need. We also held a dance in November with the admission was a non-perishable food items, an unwrapped gift, or a \$5.00 donation.



Mrs. Karen Moore  
Student Council Advisor  
Meachum Jr. High



### BACKPACKS DONATED

Thank you to Bavarian Arbor of Gleaners for donating back packs and supplies to Meachum Junior High School



Austin Wilson went all out for spirit week and shaved his head like an old man! This was a very wacky day!!



### Kirk School Celebrates Good Character



Mrs. Samantha Aguirre  
Kirk Elementary

Kirk Elementary celebrated students who showed good character for the first marking period by holding their second annual Appreciation Celebration. Students without visits to the Responsible Thinking Classroom and had no Office Discipline Referrals were celebrated on Thursday November 4, 2010.

Students were asked to sign up for a destination and activity to participate in as a way to say "thank-you" for showing C.A.R.D.S. expectations on a daily basis. Coloring and puzzle building was held in the library; board games and cards were held in the cafeteria; and a movie was shown in the new gymnasium.

The first Appreciation Celebration was held in May 2010. Students and teachers alike enjoyed the reward so much that the school's Positive Behavior Initiative Support (P.B.I.S.) Committee decided to hold an Appreciation Celebration at the end of each marking period to reward students.

The next Appreciation Celebration will be held in January.

Thank-you students for showing your teachers what wonderful people you can be, and are becoming and many thanks to the Kirk Staff for all of your help in executing the Appreciation Celebrations. (Pictures on Page 12.)

## Glaza Elementary Principal's Corner



Mrs. Mickie Kujat  
Principal  
Kirk Elementary School

[www.organiwiseguys.com](http://www.organiwiseguys.com)

Kirk Elementary has been a very busy place this fall! Staff, students and parents have been involved in a variety of tasks to make Kirk the best elementary school it can be.

When parents came in for Parent – Teacher Conferences, they had the opportunity to look at the new electronic report cards that have been implemented. These report cards align to grade level expectations and will indicate how a student is performing in specific skill areas.

Also new at Kirk this year is the implementation of a health curriculum, Organ-Wise Guys. Organ-Wise Guys uses “fun characters based on the organs of the body (such as Hardy Heart; Peri Stolic, the large intestine; and Sir Rebrum, the brain), with high energy activities, to teach children how to make positive health, nutrition, and physical activity choices.” For more information check out their website at

This program, along with the PE Nut program that was implemented last year, has helped us reexamine our breakfast and lunch choices. Our goal is to provide students with healthy choices and create an atmosphere where trying new foods is fun and exciting! Our teachers are committed to making your child’s health a priority as well. You may notice that classroom parties include a lot more healthy foods (i.e. grapes, crackers and cheese, apples and caramel, etc.) and fewer sweets. You can help by sending your students healthy snacks instead of chips or cookies.

All Kirk students took part in NWEA, DIBELS and Aimsweb assessments this fall. Grade level teams took part in analyzing their data and are in the process of completing differentiated instructional charts for reading, writing and math. These charts assist teachers in the planning of lessons to meet all of their student’s needs.

I would like to congratulate students who received Wall of Character recognition from their teacher and / or classmates during marking period one:

Jonathon Ihrke, Rosa Miles, Hunter Rivard, Clarissa Rose, Mark Waites, Hanna Willbanks, Jace Perroud, Allison Pawlanta, Jeffrey Cunningham, Andrew Fallowfield, Chase Campbell, Kimberly Montle, Sienna Kerr, Donovan Blackbird, Scotty Hall Jr., Vienna Middleton, Clayton Hendricks, Jenna Albrecht, Jaylene Auld, Austin Kirby, Cody Hannigan, Rylee Cobb, Matthew Fallowfield, Haley Stephen, Caitlyn Page, Madison Light, Jacob Buning, Samantha Lowder, Christine Styles, Justin Raleigh, Madelynne Olds, Reegan Riley, Talia Kyle, Kennedy Gamet, Claire Hannigan, Elizabeth Nowland, Mikey LaBean, Archie Morris, Danielle Kociba, Caleb Barber, Kole Campbell, Trevor Heuchert, Jason Loomis, Molly Ewald, Maxwell Wood, Owen Vollweiler, William Richards, Nicole Raleigh, Jace Perroud, Allison Pawlanta, Sarah McKnight, Lawson Mays, Ana Bukoski, Amanda Harris, Kaylee Kujat, Hayley Holmes, Makenzi Vaughn, Brooke Kidd, Eddie Clark, and Logan Pratt.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL KIRK STUDENTS WHO CONTINUALLY DISPLAY C.A.R.D.S. EXPECTATIONS ON A DAILY BASIS!**

### 4th Grade

- Hanna Anzures
- Christopher Auerbach
- Jeffrey Beckley
- Elizabeth Bees
- Ana Bukoski
- Kaitlyn Burton
- Andrew Chambal
- Natalie Clark
- Sierra Cleland
- Abby Cline
- Gavin Coggins
- Adriana Cooper
- McKenna Diener
- Erika Dunham
- Jade Eager
- Melanie Farwell
- Kayla Gager
- Kennedy Gamet
- Drew Germain
- Riley Hager
- Victoria Hall
- Claire Hannigan
- Dale Harmon
- Amanda Harris
- Skilerann Hastings
- Cole Hill
- John Hitsman
- Caden Hoffman
- Hayley Holmes
- Colton Kidd
- Kay Kirby
- Grace Kowitz
- Joshua Kubisz
- Kaylee Kujat
- Tessa LaBean
- Austin Lucas
- Alexis Mangold
- Lea Massey
- Eva McNeese
- Elizabeth Nowland
- Andrew Pillsbury
- Carter Pittenger
- Cara Pletcher
- Hannah Rabideau
- Andrew Revord
- Hunter Rivard
- Clarissa Rose
- Olivia Schell
- Erin Schwab
- Karly Simerson
- Colton Smith
- Joel Smith
- Katelyn Smith
- Seth Smith
- Zachary Strickland
- Hannah Thomas
- Weslee Vollweiler
- Hanna Willbanks
- Demi Wolosonowich

### HONOR ROLL

**TREE DONATION**



Mrs. Kathleen Benson  
Kindergarten Teacher  
Kirk Elementary

Kayla Erickson, a kindergartner in Mrs. Benson's class, and her family donated a tree to Kirk Elementary. Under the guidance of family friend, Dave Leineke of Leineke Landscaping, the kindergartners helped plant the ornamental flowering crab, aptly named "Cardinal." The tree was placed outside the classroom window so the students could enjoy watching it change with the seasons. The

Erickson family has also supplied bird feeders to hang from the tree's branches. The kindergartners learned what a tree needs to grow and are looking forward to feeding and watching the birds throughout the school year.



**COMMUNITY HELPERS DAY.**

First graders had a community helpers day on November 19th. The following local speakers come in and talk with the students:

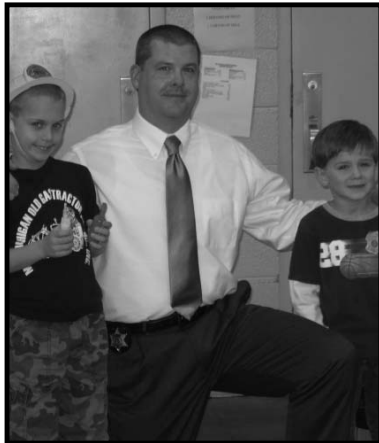
- Robin Hunt - custodian
- Eric Trato - chiropractor
- Darla Mays - physician's assistant
- Dan Armstrong - NBC 25 news reporter


- Mickie Kujat - principal
- Scott Jones - detective
- Tom McKenna - postmaster
- Lisa Barbersak - cook
- Barbie Smith - parapro, Curly Cone worker, and volunteer



Mrs. Jill Wygonick  
1st Grade Teacher  
Kirk Elementary

The students also dressed up as their favorite community helper job on this day. They all came prepared to ask questions to the volunteer speakers. It was wonderful!





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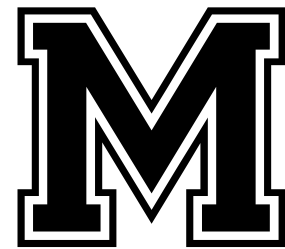
- Motivational Speaker: Kirk, MJH & HS
- MJH Coins for Caring
- 1st Grade Field Trip
- Baseball Field Fencing
- Painting of Track
- Track Storage Building
- Freshman Basketball Uniforms
- 8th Grade Field Trip

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

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and supported the Millington Boosters.  
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Volunteer to be a booster and help rebuild and strengthen athletics, school & community.  
MEETINGS HELD EVERY 3RD WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH @ 6:30.



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**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	

### STUDENTS ENJOY GOOD CHARACTER REWARD DAY



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