

# CARDINAL CALL

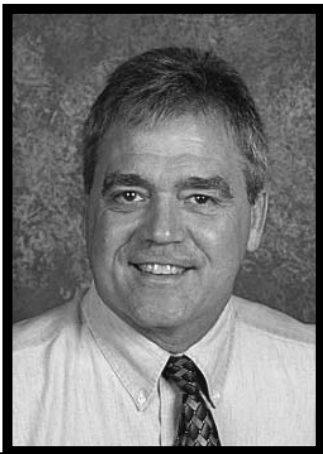
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Mr. Lawrence R. Kroswek  
Superintendent

As we head quickly toward the end of another successful school year here at Millington, things do not seem as bright on the K-12 School Aid Fund as we work to prepare a budget for the 2011-2012 school year. I am sure that you have all heard the news out of Lansing that the School Aid Fund will be hit hard with a raid on it to balance the State of Michigan's General Fund Budget. Therefore, let me give you some facts that we can use to communicate with our state representatives and legislators.

Michigan Public School Districts will face a \$470 per pupil cut on top of an increase in mandated retirement costs of \$230 per pupil. There are some proponents of this cut that argue \$470+\$230 doesn't equal \$700, but no matter how you spin it, those numbers amount to the largest reduction in per pupil funding ever. Many of our local school districts are facing the possibility of cutting long standing programs. That means that everything from athletics to band to transportation is on the table and being discussed as a possible cut in order to balance the school's budget. We here in Millington are looking at a possible \$775,000 cut in either school aid or having to pay extra revenues out because of increased health care and retirement costs.

One of the biggest reasons that we are facing a tremendous cut in K-12 School Aid is that the governor's budget plan includes the funding of community



Mr. Tim Berlin  
Interim-Superintendent

colleges and four year state universities out of the School Aid Fund. We cannot allow this to happen. It simply is not a level playing field. Community colleges and state universities can pass operating millages, charge tuition, do not have to pay for books, paper, pencil or supplies and materials that the students need for class. That is all paid for by the students. Also hidden in the governor's budget plan for community colleges and state universities is the fact that they could possibly receive an increase in their funding. This could happen because the cut to community colleges and state universities in only 3.9% but there is a provision in the plan that allows them to raise their tuition by as much as 7% each year thus offsetting the cut by the State of Michigan.

People in our communities in the thumb of Michigan need to contact their representatives and legislators to let them know that combining the K-12 School Aid Fund with the community colleges and state universities is not appropriate, it is not acceptable and it is just plain wrong. Please let your voices be heard strong and loud in order to save our school systems and the many great programs for our children that those school systems provide.

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.  
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# MILLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL "TOP 10"



**Kaitlyn Zumbach**

**Valedictorian**

Kaitlyn is the daughter of Paul and Teresa Zumbach. Kaitlyn has been awarded the Presidential Scholarship from Saginaw Valley State University where she has been accepted into the Honor's Program. She will be pursuing a bachelor's degree in graphic design and marketing, as well as a master's degree in communications and digital media. Kaitlyn would

like to work for Stampin' Up. She has been involved in National Honor Society-2 years, Academic "M"-3 years, Student Council-4 years, Class of 2011 Secretary-4 years, SVSU Math Olympics-3 years with Honorable Mention 2010, Spanish Club-1 year, and Art at the Inn-3 years where she received 3rd Place Teacher's Choice Award in 2010. Kaitlyn received Rotary Club Golden Rule Award in 2009 and was selected in the TVC Academic Honors Program. Her GPA is 4.130.



**Kristen Luedtke**

**Salutatorian**

Kristen is the daughter of Alan and Sheila Luedtke. She will be attending Michigan State University to obtain a degree in elementary education. She hopes to become a teacher at the Pre-Kindergarten through 2nd grade. She has been involved in National Honor Society Vice-President-2 years,

and Student Council-4 years with one year as President and 2 years as Treasurer. Her other activities include: Class of 2011 President-4 years, Softball-4 years serving as Captain her senior year, Yearbook-2 years, Cardinal Call-2 years and Spanish Club-1 year. Her GPA is 4.060.



**Noah Moore**

**Salutatorian**

Noah Moore is the son of Mike and Karen Moore. He will be attending the University of Michigan majoring in pre-med. Noah has been involved in National Honor Society, Student Council-

Co-President, Football-Captain, Basketball, Track, Breakfast Club and Bible Study. His GPA is 4.060.



**Cameron Wilson**

Cameron is the son of Bryan and Annette Wilson. His plans are to attend Grand Valley State University to become a physician's assistant. Cameron has been involved in Student Council, Rocketry

Club, Cardinal Call, Yearbook, Math Club and Math Olympics. He has also participated in Football, Basketball, Indoor Track and Spring Track. His GPA is 4.048.



**William Alvord II**

William "Brett" is the son of William Alvord and Tracy Kehoe. William is deciding between Central Michigan University and University of Michigan-Flint to study pre-law. He then plans to attend law school to finish his education. William has been involved in National Honor Society, Academic "M", Varsity Soccer, Yearbook, Dual Enrollment, Book Club and Rocket Club. He has achieved Eagle Scout and is part of the Order of the Arrow-Scout's NHS. Through school he attended the Boy's State Program. His GPA is 4.040.

in National Honor Society, Academic "M", Varsity Soccer, Yearbook, Dual Enrollment, Book Club and Rocket Club. He has achieved Eagle Scout and is part of the Order of the Arrow-Scout's NHS. Through school he attended the Boy's State Program. His GPA is 4.040.



**Kyle Currie**

Kyle is the son of Michael and Dawn Currie. His future plans include attending Saginaw Valley State University. Kyle will be pursuing a master's degree. At this time he has not made a final decision as to his major. He hopes to be successful and

make a difference in life. Kyle has been involved in National Honor Society-2 years, Student Council-3 years, Academic "M", Class of 2011 Vice-President, Spanish Club, Baseball-4 years, Basketball-4 years and Football-4 years. His GPA is 4.006.



**Emma Zeck**

Emma is the daughter of Bud and Angie Zeck. Emma will be attending Delta Community College in the fall in a 2 year respiratory care program. She has been involved in National Honor Society-2 years, Academic "M"-3

years, Basketball-4 years and was Captain her senior year, Soccer-4 years where she was Captain her junior and senior year, Volleyball-4 years and was also Captain her senior year. Her GPA is 3.944.



**Kelly Courneya**

Kelly is the daughter of Rick and Paula Courneya. Kelly will be attending Mott Community College for her first two years then transferring to Kendall to major in graphic design and minor in

photography. She has been involved in National Technical Honor Society. Her GPA is 3.918.



**Jessica Harpst**

Jessica is the daughter of Richard Harpst and Diane Porter. Jessica's plans consist of attending Delta College for two years then transferring to SVSU, Eastern, or Western Michigan University to major in psychology and minor in criminal

justice. Jessica has participated in Academic "M"-3 years, Volleyball-1 year and Drama-2 years. Her GPA is 3.901.



**Ashleigh Coleman**

Ashleigh is the daughter of Britt and Roxane Coleman. She will be attending Saginaw Valley State University to pursue a career in the medical field. Ashleigh has been involved in National Honor Society, Class of

2011-Treasurer, Academic "M" and has been chosen as Student of the Month. Her GPA is 3.856.



**Devin Eggert**

Devin is the daughter of Mike & Nicole LaBean and Tony & Jacque Eggert. Her plans are to attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor where she will work towards a major in biology and a minor in psychology. She has been involved in National Honor

Society-Sergeant at Arms, Class of 2011 Trustee, Student Council, Math Club, Volleyball and Track. Her GPA is 3.853.



**Mr. Roger E. Bearss II**  
Principal  
Millington High School

### Millington High School Principal's Corner

The High School is busy as always. Programs are completed and new ones start in the ever changing cycle of a high school. Our students are very busy with co-curricular and with planning for next year. Still we are on the home stretch with many activities to fit in before the school year ends for 2010-2011. Graduation plans are set and the seniors are looking forward to starting a new phase of their lives. Many of them are busy filling out scholarships or last minute college enrollment forms. It is interesting watching them make choices about their futures. Spring sports are in full swing. Scheduling for next years classes is over and the teachers, counselor and administration are working with many students to help them plan for the best educational opportunities for their future. Many possibilities are available for our students to prepare them for a variety of career areas. Eighth grade students recently met with our high school counselor and administration to make a tentative four-year plan to help make their transition to high school easier and with a clear direction. I would encourage you to take sometime to look at our district web site ([www.mcsdistrict.com](http://www.mcsdistrict.com)). Click onto the Millington High School button then the Guidance Counselors office button. We have a lot of helpful information that would be of use to our students.

Some of our recent and up coming events for the next couple of months would include:

- Senior Last Day ..... May 20
- Drama Performance ..... May 20 & 21
- Senior Honors Night..... May 24 (7:00 p.m.)
- Baccalaureate ..... May 25 (7:00 p.m.)
- Graduation Practice ..... May 26 (8:15 – 9:45 a.m.)
- Graduation ..... May 26 (7:00 p.m.)
- Memorial Day Parade ..... May 30
- Exam 9 – 11th Grade..... June 7 - 10



### Graphic Art

Students in Miss Confer's Art class enjoyed a lesson in graphic design. Students worked with a variety of materials as they created wearable designs such as graphic T-shirts, Tie-Die shirts, and even Tie-Die socks.



## All A's Honor Roll

### 12th Grade

William Alvord, II	Katelinn Koeltzow
Kayla Beckman	Kristen Luedtke
Kyla Carrigan	Kelsi McAlister
Ashleigh Coleman	Noah Moore
Kelly Courneya	Lukasz Rustecki
Kyle Currie	Erik Sebert
Kateland Dryden	Sadie Sergent
Devin Eggert	Jennifer Smith
Jessica Harpst	Cameron Wilson
Candace Hartwick	Emma Zeck
Shelby Howay	Kaitlyn Zumbach
Rachel Ill	

### All A's

### 11th Grade

Tyler Auernhammer	Whitney McPherson
Joshua Bukoski	Jordan Morrish
Kristin Doshier	Kourtney Piar
Lekako Johnson	Kendall Pridemore
Chelsea Luedtke	Jordan Reed

### All A's

### 10th Grade

Samantha French	Morgan Pletcher
Hailee Hall	Jordan Wiskur
Rachael Moore	

### All A's

### 9th Grade

Reagan Eggert	Alexandra Rueger
Jeremy Johnson	Hannah Sergent
Laura Massey	Michael Stuart
Colin Meacham	Clark Trickey
Brittany Nelson	Brianne Wolfer
Taylor Reed	

### All A's

## 3rd Marking Period



# B or Better Honor Roll

## 12th Grade

Sara Adkins	Benjamin Kaiser	Alexandria O'Hearn
Erica Babcock	Alexander King	Todd O'Neill
Joel Babcock	Johnny Knack	Weston Pafford
Rachel Bongard	Evan Knapp	Ryan Petzold
Sara Burns	Garett Knapp	Kyle Rich
Chelsea Canfield	Amber Lee	Kayla Shelton
Alyxandra Carlyon	Katherine Lee	Alexandra Sherman
Ashleigh Devereaux	Ashleigh Levis	Chiara Standt
Anthony Edwards	Brandon Lonsway	Julie Thomsen
Ryan French	Karlie Mudge	Terri Walker
Alyshia Fyke-Jolly	Timothy Narsted	Cheyenne Yost
Matthew Jozwiak		Jennifer Zwerk

## HONOR ROLL

## 11th Grade

Anna Bennett	Kelsey Howay	Lauren Piper
Abbey Braidwood	Rachel Jensen	Kyle Ranney
Taylor Buckle	Bronwyn Jensen-Cain	Joseph Roehl
Bryce Byerley	Veronica Jones	Cheryl Rogers
Victoria Capsel	Nicholas Maschke	Logyn Sebert
Connor Collins	Hayden Nickel	Angel Shaw
Samantha Fox	Kyle O'Hearn	Mitchell Wilkerson
Courtney Hartwick	Rachel Opperman	Tyler Wooldridge
Kirk Hilliker	Ariel Patterson	Hayley Zwerk
	Aaron Petzold	

## HONOR ROLL

## 10th Grade

Jordan Alburtus	Cynthia Fischer	Courtney Rak
Justin Babcock	Courtney Gavitt	Nathan Robinet
Susie Balcom	Ryan Hebner	Sara Searfoss
Drew Boulton	Kimber Ketelhut	James Smith
Hannah Braidwood	Nathan Kosinski	Cassidy Taljonick
Christopher Callahan	Jacquelyn Lahnanen	Korey Thygesen
Chelsey Cobb	Chealynn Long	Morgan Walter
Colton Diener	Brandon Love	Travis Wolosonowich

## HONOR ROLL

## 9th Grade

Lucas Ames	Cheyenne Kujat	Kody Petzold
Mason Coggins	Dillon Leix	Courtney Phillipson
Drew Franko	Ashten Levan	Cheyenne Ramirez
Madison Giddings	Jamie Logie	Nicholas Ranney
Raeann Henderson	Jack Luxton	Jacob Spycher
Ashley Jensen	Jordan McClendon	Shianne Tatro
Jason Keinath	Calyx Moore	Justin Wilson
Hunter Knapp	Chelsea Nelson	Olivia Zeck
	Kayla Olmstead	

## HONOR ROLL

## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

In the month of March, the NHS members have been working diligently for their second Red Cross Blood Drive of the school year, held on March 29, 2011. As a senior, if you are active in three Red Cross Blood Drives, you will receive red cords to wear on graduation day. This year we have many seniors striving to earn them. This is the largest number of participants involved in this program since it was offered to Millington High School. Great job seniors!



**Mrs. Angelia Munson**  
National Honor Society  
Millington High School

The goal for the spring Red Cross Blood Drive was 69 units of useable blood. There was a pleasant turnout of 85 volunteers, and 64 productive units. This was a very successful blood drive. National Honor Society would like to thank all the donors and volunteers whom helped with this success.

Academic tutoring is being held 7:15 - 7:45 am before school and 3:00 - 3:30pm after school by NHS members. Each member needs to fulfill the requirement of 8 tutoring hours and 30 hours of community service by the time they graduate.

National Honors Society has voted on their new officers for the 2011-2012 school year; Lauren Piper as President, Chelsea Luedtke as Vice President, Rachel Opperman as secretary, Josh Bukoski as treasurer, and Jordan Reed as Sergeant-at-Arms. The month of March has been quite a successful month for National Honor Society and we look forward to next year as well.



### Millington High School Guidance Center Corner

When dealing with the success of students, communication between parents and school personnel is vitally important and students tend to respond well to parents participating in their schooling. Being involved in your student's education shows you care about their progress, sends the message that their schooling is important to you, and gives them a sense of pride and accomplishment when he/she does well. Families have a major influence on their student's achievements in school and through life. When parents support learning, students will do better in school; they like school more, stay in school longer, pass their classes, and earn credits. Students with involved parents are also more likely to earn higher grades and test scores, enroll in higher-level programs, and graduate and go on to post-secondary education.

An effective form of communication between parents and school personnel is the use of email. Using email to communicate with teachers takes the student out of the equation which in turn lowers the potential of miscommunication. Email allows for direct communication between the parent and the teacher and provides an alternative for those parents whose schedules may not be conducive to a face-to-face meeting. All school personnel, teacher, administrator, district office, e-mails can be accessed at the school website [www.mcsdistrict.com](http://www.mcsdistrict.com). Our school district also allows access to an online grading system (Parent Portal) that when utilized can be an excellent tool in facilitating communication with your student's teachers. Parent Portal displays attendance, homework, test, report card and midterm grades. Parents can request a user name and password by completing a request form, available in the school office, and returning it to the school. Once the user name and password information is received parents can log on to access their student's account.



Mr. Robert Riley  
Guidance Office  
Millington High School

### ART AT THE INN

This year's Art show at the Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth was once again a success for Millington High School. Our artists took home 2 of the 3 awards for Teacher's Choice. Sara Burns received 1st Place for her charcoal portrait of a young girl titled "Lonely". In addition, an honorable mention prize went to Sara's chalk pastel drawing of her Great-Grand Parents titled "She wore white shoes".



Miss Taylor Confer  
Art Teacher  
Millington High School

Kim Clark received a 3rd Place medal for her acrylic painting of a horse titled "Enchanté". Another honorable mention went to Rachel Opperman for her charcoal and pastel drawing "Ballerina". Millington High School exhibited over 150 pieces in all.



## Google Doodles!

The Millington High School has been brewing with creative ideas for the Doodle 4 Google Contest! Google is sponsoring a contest in which kids are asked to redesign their famous logo to represent a specific theme. The National Grand Prize winner receives a \$15,000 college scholarship, a trip to the awards ceremony in New York, a new Laptop with a Wacom® digital drawing pad, a tee shirt with their winning doodle as well as a \$25,000 technology grant for their school. There will also be several prizes at the state level as well.

Grade Groups	State Finalists (400)	Regional Winners (40)	National Finalists (4)	National Winner
K-3	100 finalists	10 winners	1 finalist	1 overall winner
4-6	100 finalists	10 winners	1 finalist	
7-9	100 finalists	10 winners	1 finalist	
10-12	100 finalists	10 winners	1 finalist	

“I registered all 7 of my Art classes this year”, said Ms. Confer. I asked the students to redesign the logo based on this year’s theme “What I’d like to do someday.” I was amazed at how many strong entries we ended up with. I really enjoyed watching the students work on this project because they are all so different. Some students selected a career path as their design while other focused on something they’d like to accomplish, or somewhere they’d like to travel. We ended up sending in over 100 entries to New York.

I was so inspired by the student’s diligence and creativity that I decided to sweeten the pot. We made up our own contest just for the Millington High School Designs. After hours of sorting the doodles, we ended up with the top 12 from each grade level. With the help of some teachers, staff and administration we narrowed down the designs to the top 4, one from each grade level. Each of these designs will win an individual prize and the top artist will be awarded with movie passes from Cinema Hollywood in Birch Run.

The Google Doodle National Contest dates

State and Regional Finalists Notified  
 April 21st  
 Online Public Vote May 4th -13th  
 Awards Ceremony May 19th  
 Winning Doodle displayed on Google  
 May 20th

## BAND STUDENTS EARN AWARDS

February 12, Millington High School students performed at the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association District Solo and Ensemble Festival. The festival was held at North Branch High School. At the festival, students performed as soloists or in ensembles for expert judges.

Students from Millington High School who participated in this event were: Alex King-Trombone, Kaitlin Burns-French Horn, Josh Bukoski-Clarinet, Cassie Loveland-Euphonium, Miranda Gregory-Trumpet, Gavin Partridge-Snare Drum, Char Brigham-Clarinet, Ashleigh Devereaux-Clarinet, Hayden Nickel-Flute and Hunter Wright-Tenor Saxophone.

Performers from Millington earned either a “I” Superior rating or a “II” Good rating.



Mr. Mark VanHoose  
 Band Teacher  
 Millington Schools

## MILLINGTON BANDS EARN FIRST DIVISION RATING

For the third consecutive year, the Meachum Junior High Band and the Millington High School band have earned a First Division Rating at District Band Festival.

The bands performed Saturday, February 26th at Vassar High School as part of the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association District Band Festival.

At the festival, bands must perform a march, a required selection appropriate to the bands classification, and a selection of free choice. Bands must also sight read two selections. A First Division Rating is the highest rating a band can achieve.

The groups are rated by a panel of expert judges.

The Meachum Junior High Band performed “Forward March” by Paul Murtha, “The Two Minute Symphony” by Robert Margolis and “Serengeti Dreams” by Robert W. Smith.

The Millington High School Band performed “March to Castlerock” by Steve Hodges, “Heartland Overture” by William Himes and “Lament and Tribal Dances” by Michael Sweeney.

Congratulations to Millington bands on this accomplishment!





**Mr. Jeffrey Yorke**  
Principal  
Meachum Jr. High

### Meachum Junior High School Principal's Corner

Spring is here and we are hit with many exciting events happening at Meachum Jr. High School. It is a very busy time of year, but students and staff are continuing to prove that success is not only possible, but happens every day.

Winter academic assessment data demonstrated growth from the beginning of the year in nearly

every area. Staff use this data to inform and drive instruction on a very regular basis. Assessment results for the winter are as follows:

- \*\*5th grade – in math, an increase of 2.1; in reading, an increase of 2.3; and general science, an increase of 3.1
- \*\*6th grade – in math, an increase of 3.6; in reading, an increase of 1.9; and general science, an increase of 2.5
- \*\*7th grade – in math, an increase of 1.4; in reading, an increase of .4; and general science, an increase of 2.5
- \*\*8th grade – in math, an increase of 1.7; in reading, a decrease of .9; and general science, a increase of 0.6

Student achievement and success is also demonstrated in many other ways and through many other enriching activities. Some of those many activities include:

- A "Coins for Caring" drive that raised over \$2200 for needy families
- A 5th/6th grade lock-in
- Middle School band receiving 1's at band festival – the highest rating
- A first year Science Olympiad Team that had numerous students placing for awards
- 5th and 6th grade field trips to the Sloan Museum and Longway Planetarium
- Multiple art students with art on display at the "Art at the Inn" art fair in Frankenmuth
- Successful 7th and 8th grade boys' basketball seasons, including an undefeated 8th grade team
- A "Read-a-Thon" which raised over \$2500 for Student Council

With all of these activities, students are more engaged in school activities, which enhance and enrich the entire educational experience. There is no better evidence than the reduction of disciplinary referrals as compared to a year ago. During 2009-10, 76% of Meachum students received zero discipline referrals. This school year that number is almost 80%. In addition, last year saw 9% of our students with 6 or more disciplinary referrals, while this year only 5% of our students received 6 or more referrals.

There is a lot of information here, and a lot of things to be excited about. As we approach the end of the school year, we can certainly look back and see why Meachum is such a great place for students to be!

## ALL A'S HONOR ROLL

8th Grade	
Michael Davis	Amelia Leonard
Kelsey Johnson	Lauren Olmstead
Kathryn Lahnanan	Shelby Wood
All A's	
7th Grade	
Jasmine Keiter	Taylor Wright
Alexander Luxton	Hunter Ylitalo
Madison Wiskur	
All A's	
6th Grade	
Kylie Auernhammer	Chadd Kinsey
Brandon Basques	Tony Lowder
Philip Bongard	Kaytlynn Nichols
Buck Brown	Brady Payne
Sammy Chryslar	Taylor Rueger
Alyssa Cook	Alexandria Schipansky
Joshua Davis	Skylar Searfoss
Nicholas Eickhoff	Mackenzie Stephen
Lucinda Hall	Haley Trickey
Madison Jacot	Zachary Wolfer
Hailey Kelly	
All A's	
5th Grade	
Briar Bearss	Sydney Olmstead
Christopher Campbell	Hunter Osborn
Kaylie Fox	Amber Parker
Cameron Jones	Kohlton Sherman
Brookelle Mathely	Emma Trickey-Wazny
Kathryn Nichols	Pawel Waske
Robert Ohmer	Hannah Ylitalo
All A's	

8th Grade	
Timothy Baker	Madison Jones
Alana Collins	Shayla Keene
Wyatt Cunningham	Chelsea Mitchell
Aaron Danner	Savanna Moreau
Brianna Dean	Hailey Murray
Sabrina Edwards	Kristen Powell
Destiny Hall	Braxton Schultz
Lily Hennessy	Ty Smith
Brooklyn Hickey	Amanda Stohon
Amber Hodgkinson	Amanda Stuart
Rachelle Ignace	

B OR BETTER	
7th Grade	
Maeleigh Barron	Haley Knapp
Miah Brayboy	Kelsie Kujat
Angela Burton	Mariah Leach
Mackenzie Cobb	Kayli Leix
Rebecca Coggins	Julia McTaggart
Ivanna Colman	Gabriel Piper
Erika Hall	Keeley Rabideau
Whitney Hall	

B OR BETTER	
6th Grade	
Ashlee Adams	Owen Holtsberry
Austin Auld	Maci Leeck
Lauren Babcock	Breanna Mudge
Tanner Baker	Zoja Northrop
Baleigh Bellor	Kayla Petzold
Ian Boulis	Shelbee Pletcher
Taylor Brink	Brandon Reed
Ashlee Chema	Nikalis Roberson
Alexandria Claveau	Tyler Shelton
Ethan Cline	Lindsay Socia
Alyssa Duesbout	Tyler Sutton
Cody Griffith	Mikala Torrey
Megan Hallock	Logan Trickey
Dalton Hill	Austin Wilson
Vicki Hitsman	

B OR BETTER	
5th Grade	
Bryce Bearss	Reese Leonard
Randy Best	Autumn Lyon
Makayla Bremer	Dakota Morgan
Ashtin Brewer	Moquesha Morgan
Emilia Colman	Motesha Morgan
Johnny Cook	Zachery Newcomb
Gavin Cox	Regan Ostrander
Jason Davidson	Ethan Partridge
Cameron Dues	Chloe Pittenger
Hope Gager	Keenan Powell
Ethan Glenn	Shawnee Renshaw
Brady Gullede	Haley Siuda
Brody Gullede	Matthew Sykes
Anthony Hajdo	Dakota Tatro
Tessa Holtsberry	Jordan Trickey-Wazny
Noah Karas	Julian Tyson
Gabrielle Kociba	Harley Warner
Alexis Lansford	Kamry Williams

**B OR BETTER**

## Meachum Junior High Student Council



Mrs. Dawn Reinert  
Student Council Advisor  
Meachum Jr. High



Mrs. Karen Moore  
Student Council Advisor  
Meachum Jr. High

The end of the school year is approaching quickly, and the MJH student council has many events to organize.

March is "Reading Month" and once again the student council encouraged the whole school to read. On March 25, we held a Read-A-Thon with the highest pledge winning two tickets to Cinema Hollywood. We would like to thank the parents, students and staff for all the pledges totaling over \$2,500. This money will pay for future activities at the junior high.

April 28 is the third annual Meachum Junior High Talent Show. It will be held at 6:00 PM in the gymnasium at the Junior High. So mark your calendar and plan on attending to witness all the amazing talent our 5th through 8th grade students have.

May will be a busy month as we near the end of the school year. Student council members are organizing the 8th grade award night with the 8th grade dance following. We hope to make this evening a fun and memorable event for our 8th grade students.

Also, we are in the planning stages of our end of year reward for our Student Council members. We are hoping to take the students to Splash Village in Frankenmuth for an afternoon of fun.

## Cardinal Country Poppers

An awesome aroma has been filling the halls of Meacham Junior High as the Cardinal Country Poppers have been supplying the staff and students with popcorn on Fridays. The project is a grant from Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education.

The fifth and sixth graders are learning to be entrepreneurs. They collect and count money from presale orders on Wednesday. They record the data and organize the information for the Friday deliveries. Friday morning the corn is popped and bagged. The students organized it by classroom and deliver. The Cardinal Country Poppers have been learning about advertising, quality control and customer service.

The Cardinal Country Poppers hope to purchase outdoor games and toys, math tools and to have a pizza party if they show a profit from their first quarter.



Mrs. Marie Koch  
Teacher  
Meachum Jr. high School



Keena Powell, Nash LaBean, Harley Warner, & James Wilson



Antonio Fernandez, Mrs. Drops, & Harley Warner delivering the popcorn



Zach Newcomb, James Wilson, Vicki Hitsman, Keenan Powell & , Mrs. Bowman

MEACHUM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL - STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Amelia Leonard

Week of February 21 – February 25

Eighth Grade

Nominating Teacher:  
Mrs. Weiss

Parent: Brenda Leonard

**Nomination Biography**  
Amelia Leonard was chosen Student of the Week because she is always willing to help other students and teachers. She puts her best effort in her daily work. I can count on her to fully participate in class each day.



Pawel Waske

Week of February 28th- March 4th

Fifth Grade

Nominating Teacher:  
Miss Conn

Parents:  
Beth and Mark Waske

**Nomination Biography**  
Pawel Waske was chosen Student of the Week because he is always respectful, cooperative, and dependable. He is always willing to go out of his way to help other students. Pawel stays on task and is a positive role model for his peers.



Owen Holtsberry

Week of March 7 – March 11

Sixth Grade

Nominating Teacher:  
Ms. Jaruzel

Parents: Edward and Jodie Holtsberry

**Nomination Biography**  
Owen Holtsberry was chosen Student of the Week because of his outstanding dedication to our CARDS expectations. Owen is always prepared for class and is willing to help in anyway possible.



Shayla Keene

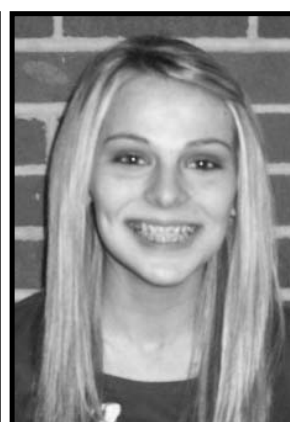
Week of March 14 – March 18

Eighth Grade

Nominating Teacher:  
Mr. Herzberger

Parent: Jamie Keene

**Nomination Biography**  
Shayla Keene was chosen Student of the Week because she is a good example of the CARDS characteristics. Shayla is Cooperative with staff and peers, shows Academic Excellence in all school work, she is very Respectful to staff and her peers, very Dependable and cares about the Safety of others.



Kelsey Johnson

Week of March 21 – March 25

Eighth Grade

Nominating Staff:  
Mr. Nesbitt

Parents:  
Bryan and Andrea Johnson

**Nomination Biography**  
Kelsey Johnson was chosen Student of the Week because she shows outstanding positive behavior and is a role model for other students. Kelsey works very hard to maintain a 4.0 grade point average, yet still finds time for her family and friends. She also enjoys playing basketball and babysitting.



Alexander Luxton

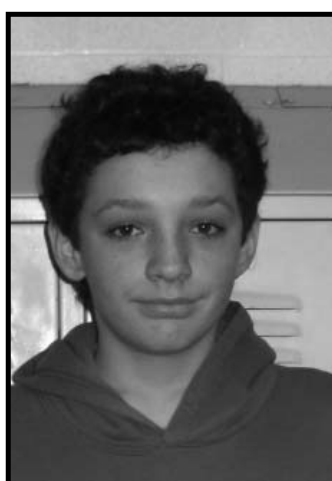
Week of March 28 – April 1

Eighth Grade

Nominating Teacher:  
Señora Escobedo

Parents:  
Joe and Brandy Luxton

**Nomination Biography:**  
Alex Luxton was chosen Student of the Week because he goes out of his way to greet me in the hall or any other place in Spanish. He is also cooperative, respectful and dependable. Therefore his academic achievement is excellent.



Nick Holtsberry

Week of April 11- April 15

8th Grade

Nominating Staff:  
Mr. Yorke

Parents:

Nomination Biography

Nick was selected Student of the Week because he does a great job of looking out for others, and encouraging his fellow students to make the right decisions.



Chelsea Mitchell

Week of April 18 - April 22

8th Grade

Nominating Teacher:  
Mrs. Mudge

Parent: Erika Payea

**Nomination Biography:**  
Chelsea Mitchell was chosen Student of the Week because she is cooperative, courteous, and always strives to achieve academic excellence. She takes pride in everything she does, is a positive role model and her bubbly personality is contagious.



Tyler Elkins

Week of April 25 – April 29

8th Grade

Nominating Teacher:  
Mr. Chamberlain

Nomination Biography

Tyler Elkins was chosen Student of the Week because of his recent commitment to his class work and his focus on improving his behavior.



**Mrs. Marie Koch**  
Teacher  
Meachum Jr. high School

## Field Trip to Sloan Longway Planetarium & Sloan Museum-Flint

Our adventure began with a visit to the Sloan Longway Planetarium where we journeyed from the Sun to Pluto. We explored the asteroid belt and many of the moons in the solar system along the way.

We enjoyed the night sky as we discussed the constellations and connected the stars to showcase the many pictures of the night. We also learned that several planets are visible right now starting at dusk. We reviewed the importance of the Big Dipper and how it points the North Star, the only star in the solar system that doesn't move.

Fifth grade C.S.I. Agents from Meacham Junior High recently helped solve a murder mystery at Flint's Sloan Museum. First, the agents studied the tire tracks from the murder scene. Then, they did blood testing and finger print analysis. Next, hair samples collected at the scene revealed more useful information. These procedures helped to eliminate suspects. The final piece of evidence was measuring the larva "the cleanup crew" found on the body; it determined how long the victim had been dead. After close examination and super fine science skills the C.S.I. Agents discovered who murdered the victim. After solving the crime, the agents toured the CSI exhibit at the museum.



Kayla Hitsman holding tire print samples from the crime scene. Gabby Kociba and Regan Ostrander & Emi Colman assist.



Measuring worm larvae to see how long the body had been dead are: Randy Best Amber Parker & Hannah Ylital



Cameron Jones and Becca Cooper studying fingerprints found at the scene



Zach Newcom testing blood from the crime scene.

## Kirk Elementary Principal's Corner



**Mrs. Mickie Kujat**  
Principal  
Kirk Elementary School

Kirk Elementary has had several exciting things happening lately. Staff and students continue to be hard at work!

I am very excited to share with you that our MEAP scores are again something to be very proud of. It takes all of us working together to prepare our students for life outside of our school walls. Staff here at Kirk are doing a wonderful job of this and one indicator are these MEAP scores. Of course we could not do it without the support from our super parents and the students themselves! Great job staff, students, and parents!

3rd Grade	2010	STATE	ISD	4th grade	2010	STATE	ISD
Reading	95%	87%	90%	Reading	89%	84%	83%
Math	97%	95%	97%	Writing	45%	47%	37%
				Math	90%	91%	87%

Another very exciting event at Kirk Elementary is the extraordinary performance of our representatives in the Tuscola County Spelling Bee. All 4 of our representatives, Erin Schwab, Natalie Clark, Sierra Cleland and Kaylee Kujat, made it in the top 10 for the entire county. Amazing! To top this off, Sierra Cleland took 1st place with Kaylee Kujat taking 2nd place. Truly our students worked very hard to compete at this level. I am very proud of them! Thank you to the parents who supported our 4th grade team in pursuit of this achievement.

One goal for our building this year is to improve our playground. We would like to offer more to our students during recess time. Thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Valerie Petzold with her scrap booking event, we have over \$700.00 for this project! In addition, our student council has dedicated all of our Read-A-Thon money to the improvement of our playground. Students will have to look for new items on our playground in the fall.

Mrs. Chizmadia and 4th grade students put together a tremendous "wax museum" again this year. Students researched a person and then "became" the person by dressing up as him or her. Students then stood still, as if made from wax. Guests could push a button and the student would give a brief description of the person's life achievements. It was very well done and an enjoyable time for all who visited.

We will once again hold a Health / Field Day at Kirk Elementary. We are in need of MANY volunteers to make this day run smoothly. This will take place on June 9, 2011. If you are able to help on this day, please contact your child's teacher.

Students will once again meet their "next year" teacher on the last day of school. Students will leave this school year knowing who their teacher is for next year, their classmates, and some of the things they will be doing! We found this to be a valuable experience to both the students and staff.

Kirk is looking forward to all that this last marking period will bring as we continue on our path for **SUCCESS FOR ALL STUDENTS!**



### SPELLING BEE WINNERS

Sierra Cleland took 1st place and Kaylee Kujat took 2nd place.

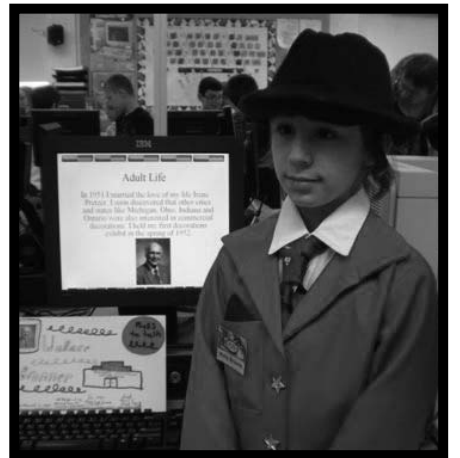
Right: "The Wee Deliver program at Kirk has been a huge success!"



### 4th Grade

- Hannah Anzures
- Christopher Auerbach
- Elizabeth Bees
- Ana Bukoski
- Kaitlyn Burton
- Andrew Chambal
- Natalie Clark
- Sierra Cleland
- Adriana Cooper
- McKenna Diener
- Cassie Doan
- Erika Dunham
- Jade Eager
- Melanie Farwell
- Kayla Gager
- Kennedy Gamet
- Drew Germain
- Victoria Hall
- Dale Harmon
- Cole Hill
- Riley Hager
- Claire Hannigan
- Amanda Harris
- Caden Hoffman
- Hayley Holmes
- Kayla Jobson
- Hunter Jones
- Colton Kidd
- Kay Kirby
- Grace Kowitz
- Joshua Kubisz
- Kaylee Kujat
- Tessa LaBean
- Austin Lucas
- Lea Massey
- Dominique McClendon
- Eva McNeese
- Dakota Muckenthaler
- Sean O'Dell
- Andrew Pillsbury
- Carter Pittenger
- Cara Sue Pletcher
- Hannah Rabideau
- Andrew Revord
- Hunter Rivard
- Erin Schwab
- Karly Simerson
- Colton Smith
- Joel Smith
- Katelyn Smith
- Seth Smith
- Maddy Swims
- Hannah Thomas
- Weslee Vollweiler
- Demi Wolosonowich

### HONOR ROLL



# The "ALL LIVE" Michigan Wax Museum



**Mrs. Judy Chizmadia**  
Technology Teacher  
Kirk Elementary School



The "ALL LIVE" Michigan Wax Museum was successfully presented by the Kirk 4th grade student body. Students were responsible for a variety of components that took weeks of hard work to put together. This included researching historical facts, writing a condensed biography, creating both a Power-Point and oral presentation (which had to be memorized), designing a display board including a time-line, and dressing in a costume to represent the famous Michigan character they were depicting. The Michigan characters represented at the Wax Museum came from many different types of occupations and endeavors. Some characters in attendance included sports personalities Joe Louis and Serena Williams, along with science and engineering pioneers Thomas Edison and Henry Ford. Further in attendance were local legends Mike Illitch, Wally Bronner, our new governor Richard Snyder, as well as many amazing Michigan women including Rosa Parks, Harriet Quimby (female aviator), Senator Debbie Stabenow, Aretha Franklin, and Michigan's past governor Jennifer Granholm. Parents, grandparents, and classroom students at Kirk all enjoyed the diverse company of characters present Friday morning, March 25th. This year's third grade Kirk students are already anticipating their opportunity to momentarily step into a famous Michigan character's shoes next year.

Hope you will join us then.

## Students Selected for Art at the Inn



**Mrs. Deborah Oakwood**  
Art Teacher  
Kirk Elementary School



**Fourth Grade**-Back row L-R: Liza Bennett, Drew Germain, Gage Hiser, Sierra Cleland, McKenna Diener, Kaylee Kujat, Kennedy Gamet, Kaitlin Burton, Tessa LaBean, Hannah Anzures, Demi Wolosonowich, Caleb Brekenridge, Seth Smith  
Middle row L-R: Brooke Dean, Grace Kowitz, Christopher Auerbach, Alexis Mangold, Austin Lucas, Colton Kidd, Andrew Chambal, Zachary Strickland, Elizabeth Bees, Alyssa Quakenbush  
Front row L-R: Victoria Hall, Teddy Walker, Eva McNeese



**Third Grade**-Back row L-R: Ethan Raleigh, Alex Hazelwood, Maleia Thompson, Morgan Gosha, Naomi Toombs, Kendal Bowman, Madison Bernard, Nicholas McClain, Zachary Finatri, Macintyre Breece, Brady Fuller, Natalie Oakwood, Aurora Drubin  
Middle row L-R: Tristin Cook, Jackson Hitchcock, Zachary Chema, Reegan Riley, Madisen Moore, Naveah Hendricks, Madison Light, Trevor Copeland, Jacob Buning  
Second Middle row L-R: Skylar Stickland, Alyssa Monter, Lily Sergent, Samantha Lowder, Kylee McClintic, Shelby Dues  
Front row L-R: Haley Skunda, Alexa McTaggart



**Kindergarten Balcer**: Vienna Middleton, Hannah Cook, Connor Jones, Colt Jordan, Harmony Sarles

Close to one hundred and fifty pieces of art from Kirk Elementary were selected to be on display at the Bavarian Inn's annual art show that ran from March 21st-24th. Congratulations to all of our hard working and talented artists!

### The Michigan Art Education Association Saginaw Art Museum Student Show:

Kirk Elementary had the honor to have five young artists represent them at the annual MAEA Art Show hosted by the Saginaw Art Museum. Each one of the students was selected from grades K-4. Fourth grader, Christopher Auerbach, created an artwork that was an expressionistic chalk and glue portrait of an imaginary character he titled Lightning Man. Third grader Jacob Buning's artwork was a 3-D robot drawn with colored pencil. Second grader Kaitlyn Lee's artwork was inspired by the work of Eric Carle. She titled the piece Blue Bear with Flower and it was created using collaged self-created textured pieces. First grader Falon Wilson's piece was inspired by the book The Rainbow Fish, titled Underwater Fun. She created a watercolor with salt technique background layered with hand drawn and collaged pieces of paper. Kindergartner Vienna Middleton's artwork is not pictured because it went on to be judged at the state level. She created a dinosaur shape collage using folded and hand drawn pieces of colored construction paper, layered with marker and colored pencil for detail. We are proud to announce that her artwork was chosen to be on display in the rotunda of the state library/museum in Lansing Michigan the week of June 12th-17th. Congratulations to all of our exceptional young artists!



**Kindergarten Red Lockers** back row: Savannah Kozan, Tanner Ignace, Kathryn Malone, Sienna Kerr, Montana Kerr, Bailey Warner, Mikayla Lee, Isabelle Bognar  
Front row L-R: Braylin Reed, Nikolas Larue, Reilly Williams, Sarah McKnight, Garet Edler, Cadence Steepe



**Second Grade**-Back row L-R: Kaitlyn Lee, Jordan Rabideau, Hunter Manwell, Jake Finatri, Brody Germain, Infinity Sarles, Maximus Swink, Aubrey Stroud, Jazlyn Olejnik, Archie Morris  
Front row L-R: Arial Lansford, Jasmine Jacobs, Braydin Powell, Julianna Ignace, Avery Mays, Kate Cooper, Madalynn Paquette, Allen Stanley



**First Grade**-Back row L-R: Devin Howell, Eddie Clark, Makenzi Vaughn, Amellia Ascencio, Ella McKinney, Austin Kirby, Trevor Heuchert, Lucas Beckley  
Middle row L-R: Jason Loomis, Allison Sansote, Logan Cox, Jenna Albrecht, Emily Martin, Adrianna Horcha, Ryan Livingston, Calvin Dipzinski  
Front row: Dylan Holmes, Lexi Swink, Rylee Cobb, Kenzi Trato, Falon Wilson, Arianna Lapard

### Saginaw Art Museum:

Kaitlyn Lee  
Christopher Auerbach  
Vienna Middleton  
Jacob Buning  
Falon Wilson





The Millington 8th grade girls basketball team finished the season with a 9-2 record - good for 1st place in the league. Leading scorers were Kendra Kujat 9.7ppg, Madison Jones 4.8ppg, Hailey Murray 4.6ppg, and Ashlie Rivard with 2.4ppg.

The 8th grade B-Team finished with a 4-2 record also good for 1st place. Leading scorers were Madison Alvord 6.1ppg, Shelby Indish 4.5ppg, Amelia Leonard 4.1ppg, and Ashley Kuberski 2.3ppg.



The Millington 7th Grade Girls Basketball Team finished the season undefeated with an 11-0 record taking 1st place in the TVC Conference. Kelsie Kujat lead the team as our Floor General with her excellent ball handling and decision making skills. Madison Wiskur and AshLynn Jones led the team in scoring with 16.6ppg and 11.3ppg. Kayli Leix and Haley Knapp rounded out the team with their defensive hustle and rebounding. Taylor Wright was our Most Improved Player during the season. Their unselfish play, excellent work ethic and hustle each night were key to their undefeated season. Congratulations on an amazing season!

The 7th Grade B-Team had a good season as well. Julia McTaggart led the team with 7.8ppg.



Meachum Junior High's 8th grade basketball teams achieved great success this season. The "A" team finished with a perfect 11 - 0 record to defend their TVC title from the previous year. The "B" team capped off the season with a thrilling win over Frankenmuth. Members of the 8th grade team are: back row (l-r): Coach Dantine, Austin Levan, Chase Maxon, David Derscha, Andrew Kociba, Tyler Riley, Coach Germain; middle row (l-r): Anthony Thompson, Taylor Pratt, Garrett Filarski, T.J. Dues, Hunter Barriager, Brennan Jones, Dillon Townsend, Carter Rose; front row (l-r): Mike Davis, Managers Briar Bears, Brody Germain, Drew Germain, and Bryce Bearss, Austin Montgomery-Smith.



Mr. Matthew Lambertson  
Technology Director  
Millington Community Schools

## TECHNOLOGY CORNER

### Millington Adds Student Response Systems

For our teachers, students come first and their mission on a daily basis is to engage them, keep their interest and promote participation (even from the shy students) with the ultimate goal of their comprehension and retention of the material being taught. The development of interactive technologies simplifies and enhances the learning process. This partnership between learning and technology will accelerate and bolster education.


Students may shy away from answering a teacher's question, fearing the embarrassment of answering incorrectly. Even in smaller classes, which can be highly interactive, this "intimidation factor" can limit student-teacher interaction for some students. The Student Response System can compensate for these challenges by offering all students the opportunity to answer the teacher's questions.

Student interactive response systems give our teachers instant and accurate insight into student learning. Using the systems' handheld remotes, receiver and powerful assessment software, our teachers can prepare tests or pose on the spot questions to test student understanding of the material they are covering. Students respond instantly using the remotes, and the software automatically tallies and summarizes results. This instant insight means that the teacher can adjust their instruction according to student need.

These Response Systems are creating a revolution in our children's education because the devices offer unprecedented opportunities for student involvement and assessment. With these systems all students are getting involved and giving input. Each response device gives individual students a voice while equipping teachers with a tool for delivering dynamic lessons tailored to the immediate assessment of student performance.


An interactive classroom, particularly one where students can participate anonymously, affords students a higher level of engagement that is otherwise difficult to achieve within a large class. Instructors can use student responses to generate dialogue, respond to misconceptions, address ambiguities, open new avenues of discussion, and otherwise engage the class. Clickers merely lay the groundwork for this interactivity. Instructor questions must be challenging, thought provoking, and stimulating.

The quest for knowledge is unbounded. The innovation of technology is on-going. From elementary through college the desire to learn and the need to educate is vital to the success of our children.



# MILLINGTON BOOSTERS

**SUPPORTING ATHLETICS, SCHOOL, & COMMUNITY**



**PROUD SUPPORTER OF**

- Motivational Speaker - Kirk MCH & HS*
- MCH 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.

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CONCESSIONS:	BARB SMITH & SHELLY WOOLDRIDGE

**2009-2010 Scholarship Winners**

**Jenna Currie**  
**Audrey Keskes**  
**Christy Kinney**

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



**THANK YOU!**

The Millington Women's Club presented the Meachum Jr. high Building Leadership Team with a check to purchase a banner for the gym. The banner promotes our positive Behavior Support initiative. The banner will be a "huge" reminder to everyone what behaviors we at Meachum are trying to encourage in our students. It is nice to know that we have such caring organizations that want to help us educate our students academically as well as build students with strong characters. Thank you ladies of the Millington Women's Club! Pictures left or right: Kathy Hergenreder, Camille Bryan, Theron Nesbitt, Michelle Jaruzel, Karen Moore, Dana Mudge, Toni Moore, & Doris Webster.

## 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

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**MILLINGTON BANDS EARN FIRST DIVISION RATING**  
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