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Letter from the Superintendent

Dear Mishicot Community,

My name is Lee Bush, and I am privileged to serve as the Interim Superintendent of the School District of Mishicot until the end of this school year. Although I make my home in Florida, I have served as a teacher, principal, and superintendent in several Wisconsin school districts. I hope all of you have a wonderful holiday season, no matter who you are, or how you celebrate. You should be proud of your school system - it is filled with caring staff who truly do outstanding work for the students. The academic program is excellent, and the District earned a rating of "Exceeds Expectations" on the recent State of Wisconsin report card. The drama department's production of *Fiddler on the Roof* was sensational, and our athletic program had a successful fall season. Thanks to all of you, the renovation project has truly made the district's facilities first-rate, and will last far into the future. Your support of this school district is very much appreciated!

We recently had the pleasure of hosting Governor Walker, who signed a bill in honor of Dillon Mueller that would allow anyone with proper training to have an EpiPen auto-injector for allergic reaction emergencies. This bill was promoted by Angel and George Mueller, and through their diligence and perseverance, is now a state law. They have turned their personal tragedy into life-saving for others.

Thank you for the honor to be a part of this caring community, and have a happy winter season!

Respectfully,

Dr. Lee Bush, Interim Superintendent



Our Students: The Reason For The Season!

Please visit our **NEW** school website to receive up-to-date news! www.mishicot.k12.wi.us.

2018-2019 Superintendent Announcement

Dear Mishicot Parents and Community,

At the December 11, 2017 board meeting, the board approved the contract for Mr. Paul Orlich, Mishicot High School Principal, to become the Superintendent/High School Principal for the 2018-2019 school year. Let me congratulate Mr. Orlich for the honor and privilege to lead this district! I truly believe that he is taking on a great opportunity to serve as your superintendent, for this staff and community is second to none in its commitment to students and their achievement.

As many of you are aware, following the resignation of the previous superintendent, I was appointed to serve for this school year until July. The board needed to begin a process this past November to find a replacement who would be selected in the spring. They began that process at their first November meeting by interviewing two search firms who both shared their timelines for a search, and the costs associated with a search. In the discussion that ensued, it was brought up that we had an internal qualified member of our administration who was licensed as a superintendent, and had already established himself as a positive administrator in the district. The board reached consensus to interview Mr. Orlich at their next meeting, and then came to a unanimous decision to offer him the contract to serve in the dual roles of superintendent and high school principal for next year.

The board is aware that this process did not allow for forums, both with the staff and the community, in which participants can discuss the qualities and attributes that they would like to see in a superintendent. However, given the opportunity that was handed them to both hire a positive aspiring administrator from within, and also assist with the overall fiscal health of the district, they decided to make their decision at this point in time. His appointment will also allow ample time for our office team to assist him in this transition period as well.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to Mr. Paul Orlich!

Respectfully,

Dr. Lee Bush, Interim Superintendent

School District of Mishicot



Mr. Paul Orlich

Governor Walker Signed a Bill at our High School!

On Monday, December 11th, the Governor had a bill signing ceremony in the Mishicot High School Performing Arts gym. The bill was in honor of Dillon Mueller (a past graduate), and allows anyone to get an EpiPen for the prevention of fatal allergic reactions. The bill is a result of the perseverance of Angel and George Mueller, with the help of Representative Andre Jacque. A big congratulations goes out to everyone who helped to get this bill get passed!

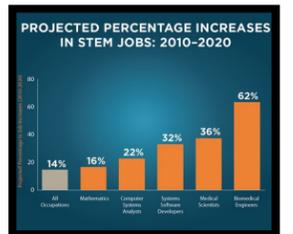


In Education cont.

STEM Initiative at Mishicot

STEM, also known as Science Technology Engineering and Math, is a concept that Mishicot has adopted to incorporate into its curriculum for the 2017-2018 school year. STEM is an interdisciplinary approach that integrates subject areas to solve real-world problems. STEM careers continue to increase, but students tend to struggle with the application of how the subject areas work together. STEM also requires students to use communication skills, teamwork skills, and have the drive to complete a task successfully.

The Mishicot science classes have formally adopted the Engineering and Design process to teach STEM within their own curriculum. The elementary school is beginning to work with Engineering is Elementary (EiE) and the middle school has a STEM class for both 7th and 8th grade students. All of the curriculum allows students to identify areas where challenges exist, brainstorm solutions, plan and design a product, test the product and most importantly, improve their designs. The improvement process is often the most difficult, but students need this to identify areas of weakness and work to make the design successful. All students that have participated have really enjoyed the "fun" in STEM, but they are building lifelong skills that will help in the future. The more we incorporate the ideas behind STEM, the more advanced our students will be in the areas of Career and College readiness!



As shown below, students in grades K, 3, 4, 5, and 8 have used STEM to construct various products and show their skills with the STEM process.

<https://www.ed.gov/stem>



High School Choir

Soundwave students have been hard at work during the holiday season. After the musical wrapped up they took on the challenge of holiday music. The first performance came on December 2nd when a few of our members met at Main Street Coffee Haus and Bistro to sing some tunes during Christmas in the Village. The next performance took them back in time to Pinecrest Historical Village, where they performed 30 minute concert for spectators and holiday enthusiasts. This all culminated with a great performance at their holiday concert on December 18th. These kids are excited to jump into the solo and ensemble season. They would also like to thank everyone for your continued support of the Mishicot Choral Program.



In Education

The Snack Pack Program

The Snack Pack program has provided families who take part of the program with some very exciting things this holiday season. Through various donations, the Snack Pack program was able to provide 18 families within our school district a Thanksgiving meal. With the help of NHS and FFA members, this cooked meal included turkey and the fixings. On December 20, the families also received a Christmas tree donated from a local business. In addition, ornaments, lights, a tree stand, and other decorations were provided to make the holiday season just a little more bright. These families also received gifts to place underneath the tree for the children. Each Friday, students who are part of the program, also take home a bag full of food for the weekend. This program continues to benefit many students at O.H. Schultz thanks to the generosity of this great community.



Veterans Day Ceremony at O.H. Schultz

On Friday, November 12th, O.H. Schultz Elementary hosted the area's veterans with their annual Veterans Day Celebration.

There were a few changes made to the program this year, one of which was a flag folding ceremony. The OHS Fifth Grade students led by Ms. Amanda Haag and the Mishicot VFW performed this ritual perfectly! At the end of the show, the students were led by Ms. Deb Mueller and Dr. Bush in the playing and singing to "God Bless the U.S.A." Nary a dry eye could be found!

The event also revealed that the students and area businesses had cooperatively raised \$420 for a veteran to attend the Old Glory Honor Flight to Washington D.C. to visit their respective war memorial. Mr. Roger Booth would also like to thank every man, woman, and child that continue to make this event special!!!!

Thank you to all,
Mr. Booth



Professional Development Opportunities

This **December 9-12**, six teachers from the district attended the TIES 2017 Education Technology in Minneapolis. The theme for this conference was What's Your Story? Keynotes and speakers focused on ways that teachers can help students have a voice both in the classroom and out. This was a technology conference, and the teachers who attended are excited to try out new technology tools they learned about and to share their new knowledge with the rest of the Mishicot staff.

This **December 4-6**, seven teachers from Mishicot School District attended the School Leaders Advancing Technology in Education (SLATE) conference in Wisconsin Dells. The theme of the conference was Making Education Personal, keynoted by TED Talk presenter Diana Laufenberg, Executive Director of Inquiry Schools. Sessions attended by Mishicot staff included Conferring in Personalized Learning: Protocols for Engaging Students, Dynamic Visual Presentations, Screencasting: Making Thinking Visible, and sessions on activating student creativity by noted technology integrationist Kevin Honeycutt. The teachers who attended are excited to try out new technology tools they learned about and to share their new knowledge with the rest of the Mishicot staff.



On **December 15th**, Middle and High School staff participated in a Content Literacy and STEM professional development activity based on a Social Studies topic. In groups of 4 or 5, staff members researched Greek architecture and built a temple for Athena based on mathematical concepts. Not only do our teachers make learning fun for our students, they themselves have fun learning!

District News cont.

M.E.C.C.A. Trail Update

The vision of the M.E.C.C.A. (Mishicot Educational Curriculum Change Area) Trail Restoration project stems from a passion for environmental education and hands-on opportunities for learners of all ages. Thank you to the community who continues to support this project. Due to your donations we were able to open a hands-on Nature Center in the 31 acre school forest this Fall. This space has been used for classes, clubs and organizations to explore wildlife education. This summer all K-5 teachers were trained on ways to use the nature center and provided lesson plans housed within the space. Water quality sampling, tree growth labs, tree and leaf identification activities and STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activities continue to occur throughout the year for students K-12. We are still accepting donations to enhance the space including: taxidermied fish, coyote pelt, fox pelts, pelts or mounts of lynx, spotted skunk, opossum, muskrat, otter, weasel, bug spray, subscriptions to wildlife magazines, plant presses, skulls and other bones, waders, minnow traps, jaws, monetary donations and other nature-related materials. Thank you for the community's continued support. We will host more community clean-ups and open houses in Spring.



The Mishicot FFA

The Mishicot FFA has been very active this school year with our 114 members and over 100 yearly events. Recently, we finished our Fall trap shooting league as State Conference Champions (pictured at left) with the top male shooters in our conference. Thank you to the Maribel Sportsmen's Club for hosting our team and all who supported our annual trap shoot fundraiser. Seven students grew their leadership skills at 212/360 Conferences where they learned about virtues, growth and collaboration (pictured below) while nine students were selected to attend the National FFA Convention and tour various industries, hear from motivational speakers and earn national awards. Thank you to all community businesses and organizations who supported the Thanksgiving Meal for families in need feeding 35 families. We have phenomenal interest in speaking and leadership conferences/competitions requiring community members to come in and help us host local events to narrow down our top students to send on to the district and state level. Thank you for all the alumni, community and supporters who help make our chapter one of the best in the State! If you are interested in learning more or helping out with FFA events please contact FFA advisors Jamie Propson at jpropson@mishicot.k12.wi.us or Justin Gerlach at jgerlach@mishicot.k12.wi.us or at 920-755-2311.



Elementary School

920-755-2041

Positive Behavioral Interventions Continue to Pay Dividends at O.H. Schultz!

Congratulations go out to the students of O.H. Schultz Elementary School for their recent efforts in creating a safe and friendly learning environment through their positive behaviors! By demonstrating they can follow expectations in all settings around the school, the elementary students earned a school wide incentive, which came in the form of a Fall Dance. While some students chose to dress up for the incentive, others chose to “get down” to the music, provided by Mr. Ryan Wiegert and Moonlight Productions.

In the past, other school-wide incentives have included bingo, movies, ice cream treats, talent shows, tubing trips and many more. Each incentive is earned by the students who have their positive behaviors reinforced with Pride tickets. Once the designated amount of Pride tickets are earned, an incentive is planned.

Pride is just the ticket!

Another fun opportunity that O.H. Schultz students are afforded, is to take part in a quarterly raffle drawing. As mentioned, students can earn Pride tickets for demonstrating certain expectations around the school. They can then put their names on these tickets and enter them into the quarterly raffle. At the end of the first quarter we drew winners for some exciting prizes!

Golden Ticket Winners!

A special recognition goes out to several O.H. Schultz classrooms who have recently demonstrated exceptionally good behavior. Whenever a class goes to a ‘Specials’ class, such as music, gym, library, art, Spanish or guidance, they have the opportunity to win a Golden Ticket. At the end of each month, classes tally their Golden tickets into a percentage of tickets earned from opportunities. The highest scoring classes get to keep a traveling trophy for the month. This year we have had some unprecedented standards of Golden ticket achievement. Mrs. Hetue’s 4K A.M. and P.M. classes, Mrs. Stachovak’s 4K class and Mrs. Weidner’s Kindergarten class each maintaining a 100% golden ticket record, not just for one month, but for three consecutive months, September, October and November. This is exceptional! Well done to all the students and their teachers! Pictured below are Mrs. Hetue’s A.M and P.M. classes as well as some other Pride ticket winners!

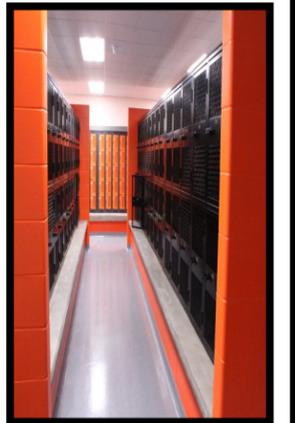


Referendum Project

SCHOOL DISTRICT REFERENDUM PROJECT SCOPE-2017

GENERAL BUILDING REMODEL

- Secure front school entrances
- Reconfiguration for both school reception areas
- High School PE locker rooms
- High School team locker rooms’ addition and access in rear of building
- New lockers in locker rooms and metal cubbies in Elementary School
- Science, Technology, Engineering & Math Lab
- Fab Lab created
- Wrestling room addition (previous wood shop)
- Family and Consumer Education room reconfigured (foods & home economics)
- Restrooms throughout both schools
- Acoustic ceilings throughout all corridors and new construction
- Elementary corridor flooring



HVAC/PLUMBING INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

- New energy efficient boilers at the Elementary School and improved gas main
- New or updated air handling units and variable frequency drives for improved high efficiency
- Piping throughout the buildings to accommodate chilled water for air conditioning
- Air conditioning in Elementary School and digital thermostats in classrooms for teacher controls
- New air-cooled chiller units to supply cold water for air conditioning
- All digital building automation control system to control HVAC and corridor lighting
- New dust collector system in the High School woods shop
- New air compressor for shop and STEM classrooms
- New water main and meter at the Elementary School
- New water heaters at both schools
- New water softener at Elementary School
- Safety gas shut off valves in science rooms



ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Corridor lighting replaced with high-efficiency LED fixtures
- Tech Ed, PE Gym and Wrestling room lighting replaced with high-efficiency LED fixtures
- Occupancy sensors in all classroom areas
- Electric panel and gear improvements (all panels)
- Wi-Fi network cabling improvements in both structures including fiber-optic between schools
- All digital building automation control system to control HVAC and corridor lighting
- Exterior lighting upgraded to LED with additional lighting around exterior of both buildings



Special Recognition

Chris Krepline-Future 15 Winner

Congratulations to Chris Krepline on being named one of the 2017 "Future 15"! This is awarded to young professionals in Manitowoc County that have set themselves apart from other individuals, both in their professional and personal lives and are currently making a contribution to the community and will continue to do so for years to come.



Tracy Bauer-Nominated for LifeChanger of the Year

Congratulations to Tracy Bauer for being nominated as a LifeChanger of the Year! Tracy Bauer is an English Teacher and Musical Director at the High School.

LifeChanger of the Year is an annual program recognizing K-12 educators and school employees across the country. Their program celebrates those who are making a significant difference in the lives of students by exemplifying excellence, positive influence and leadership.



Jamie Propson-Featured in Culver's Campaign

Congratulations to Jamie Propson who was among four teachers who are members of the National Association of Agriculture Educators chosen from around the U.S. to be part of Culver's #FarmingFridays. Throughout the day on September 22, Culver's used its social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to showcase what Propson and four other FFA advisers nationwide do on a daily basis as part of their careers. Photos and videos were shared, and followers were able to ask questions. "#FarmingFridays is a way for Culver's to give agriculture influencers a platform to advocate for agriculture," said Jessie Kreke, senior marketing manager for Culver's, an avid supporter of the agriculture industry. "We definitely need to further agriculture education, and we want to promote that with the FFA members and students."

To learn more, please go to: <https://www.culvers.com/inside-culvers/thank-you-farmers/farming-fridays-our-favorite-day-of-the-week>.



Middle School

920-755-2808

Middle School Collections For Those In Need!

At the end of November and into December, Mishicot Middle School 6th and 7th graders have been collecting food for our district pantry and toys, books and games to donate to inCourage and CASA. After very successful collections, students presented their donations to Julie Ribley from CASA, Angel Johaneck, the OHS Parents Group Representative and Katherine Ashton of inCourage. These women were kind enough to come to MMS and share information about their agencies and pick up their donations. Thank you to all who participated in this service project.



Middle School Musical

This year the middle school will be presenting the musical *Peter Pan Jr.* This magical journey will take us to Neverland, where kids never want to grow up. The vivacious music will liven up the audience and get our actors dancing up a storm. The cast list will be determined by the end of December and rehearsals will begin in January. Please mark your calendars for April 13 and 14, 2018 at 7:00pm. Tickets will be for sale at the door and will be sold for \$5 each. We look forward to presenting this wonderful show to you.



Book Tasting

To tantalize the senses of Mishicot Middle School students, ELA teachers Mrs. Glandt, Mrs. Cornell, and Mrs. Tulachka invited their classes to participate in a Book Tasting. Reservations were made, tables were set, and hot chocolate was prepared as the teachers served their students five different courses. These included the genres of hot and hissing historical fiction, salt-flavored science fiction, richly satisfying fantasy, narrative nonfiction marbled through with facts and descriptions, and finally the surprisingly delicious poetry in verse. While relaxing in the classrooms that had been turned into cafes, our readers then previewed a book from each course by noticing cover details and reading a few pages inside. With their thirst for new knowledge ebbing, students then shared their opinions as to which details they thought were delectably delicious compared to a little overdone. Seventh grader Stephanie St. Peters said, "I got to learn about different books because I probably would have never thought to read one of these." Classmate Mason Starnes commented, "I learned not to judge a book by its cover." Students have now had a taste of a variety of new books they want to devour in the future.



High School

920-755-2311

The High School Musical

Fiddler on the Roof

High school students presented one of the greatest stories of all time! *Fiddler on the Roof*--a journey following Tevye the dairyman in a Jewish Russian village that celebrate the ups and downs of family and tradition while staying hopeful for the future prosperity, good health, and happiness in life. The score includes enduring classics such as "Matchmaker," "If I Were a Rich Man," and "Sunrise, Sunset." Tevye was played by senior, Austin Larson and his wife, Golde, by senior Riley Seib. Other principal actors included: Bernard Zipperer as Motel, Ethan Brossard as Perchik, and Miranda Vincent as Hodel, Sierra Siders as Chava, Joey Selke at Lazar Wolfe, and Dakota Kreiser as Tzeitel. A total of 82 students were involved in production and performance (over one third of the high school). The show was presented to 911 audience members over three shows, all of which received standing ovations.



Mishicot Enterprise is a partnership between the Intro to Business class and the Intro to Manufacturing class. Mishicot Enterprise was created after the Fab Lab renovations.

Mishicot Enterprise is giving everyone in the community an offer on fully customizable items. The items that are being offered are 20 or 30 oz. laser engraved tumblers, laser engraved plaques, and laser engraved glasses. For more information on these items, visit the Mishicot Enterprise site at: <https://mishicot-enterprise.myshopify.com>

Dash for Cash for the Theater Department!

Mrs. Bauer will be Dashing for Cash at the Gambler Game on Jan. 20th to benefit the theater department! The game starts at 7:05 pm. Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$9 for youth. \$3 from each ticket goes back to the school. If interested in ordering, please contact Mrs. Bauer at tbauer@mishicot.k12.wi.us or 920-755-3293. ORDER DUE BY JANUARY 12TH.

Mishicot High Students Experience the "Reality Store"

"Oh my gosh, I only have \$150 dollars left!" This was the reaction of one of the high school students after deducting all of her monthly expenses at the "Reality Store". On December 14th, business members of the Manitowoc Chamber of Commerce sat at tables throughout the gym that represented all of the monthly expenses a student might incur once they entered the "reality of the real world" after high school. Students selected a career based on research done throughout their high school career as a part of our Academic and Career Planning program. The week-long preparation for this event included locating information regarding starting monthly salaries and entry level requirements with regard to education and certification. As they went around the gym, they had to deduct each expense that they needed. The first table was "Uncle Sam" where their taxes were taken out. Many then proceeded to the table labeled "Bank or Credit Union", where they took out a loan for college, and found out how much the payment would be. Calculators at the tables were in constant use as they deducted the amounts. Other stations included: Health/Life Insurance, Cars, Auto Insurance, Utilities, Groceries, Clothes/Grooming, Recreation, Real Estate, and a popular one labeled "SOS" where they went when they ran out of money (many had to get a second job!).

Many thanks to the members of the business community and Chamber representatives for taking the time to impart this very important lesson!



Athletics

Event + Response = Outcome

The 2017 football season was defined by a collection of positive responses during crucial moments that led to the Indians qualifying for the WIAA Playoffs for only the 8th time in school history.

Event #1 - Week 3 @ St. Mary Catholic

Getting the first win of the season is never easy. The evolution of the "Big Cow" formation allowed us to find our identity as a football team. A formation that incorporated 8 offensive linemen, 2 tight ends, and 1 running back proved to be exactly what we needed. The first win of the season does not come easy. The 12-6 win was finished off with a 12-yard touchdown run by Sawyer Young in the Big Cow formation.

Event #2 - Week 7 @ Random Lake

4th down and 7 from the 30-yard line, down by 6 points, with 6:30 left in the game. A situation where many would press and get nervous. Not Nate Driscoll and Zach Skubal. This duo hooked up for a 30-yard touchdown pass, followed by a successful extra point by Dylan Becker gave the Indians a 1 point lead that eventually led to conference win number three and one win away from becoming playoff eligible.

Event #3 - Week 8 vs. Ozaukee

Homecoming...Senior Night...Pink Out fundraiser for Pink Heals of Manitowoc County..and Rain. A night that would have any high school athlete have some nervous butterflies. In a game tied 0-0 with 9:32 left in the game, the field goal unit lined up for a 31-yard field goal in the pouring rain. How would we respond? With a perfect snap from Nate Driscoll to Ethan Brossard, Dylan Becker drilled the kick through the uprights to take the lead 3-0. What nerves to overcome on a special night for the entire community. A Homecoming victory, winning your final home game as a Senior, the special event to raise funds for Pink Heals, and becoming playoff eligible!

The above three positive responses in critical situations lead to the successful 2017 football season. The playoff season came to a quick end in a 49-7 loss to eventual state runner-up Iola-Scandinavia, but this team will forever be remembered for the way they responded when faced with adversity. Lessons learned during the 2017 football season provided this group of athletes with experiences that will lead to future success in life. Coaching football and being able to see young student-athletes turn into positive members of a community is the greatest reward for any coach.



Congratulation to Senior, Austin Schnell!!

On November 9th, Austin Schnell signed his letter of intent to attend UW-Green Bay, a NCAA Division I School, to play golf for the Phoenix!



Congratulation to Senior, Billy McConnell!!!

On December 6th, Billy McConnell signed his letter of intent to attend William Penn, a NAIA Division I School to play baseball!

