

# BRIDGES

*At Mount Morris Central School District we are building the future, laying the foundation of lifelong learning, opening minds to explore, to create, and to achieve excellence.*

**2021 Wallethub Best High Schools in NYS: Ranked #1 in Livingston County**

**2020 National Support Music Merit Award**

**2019 National PTA School of Excellence**

**2018 Fastest Growing Districts: New York States**

**2017 U.S. News & World Report Best High Schools**

**2016 TOP 10 WNY SAT Math Performance**



GLOW with Your Hands is a hands-on career exploration event for GLOW region students, spotlighting high growth and high demand careers in Agriculture, Manufacturing, and Skilled Trades. On September 28th, MMCSO sophomores went on a field trip to the Genesee County Fairgrounds where they were able to participate in a variety of activities including welding, bricklaying, electrical wiring, heavy equipment operation and much more!



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**Fall 2021**



# Mount Morris Central School District

30 Bonadonna Avenue ♦ Mount Morris, NY 14510

*From Greg Bump, District Superintendent*

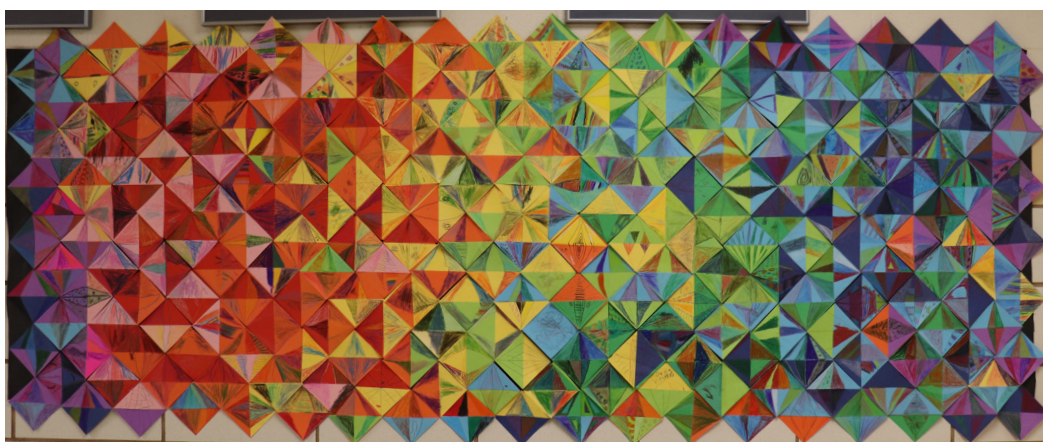
## Extracurricular Opportunities:

Part of what makes the MMCS D school experience enriching for students is participating in extracurricular activities. Throughout the school year, our students have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of extracurricular activities, listed below.

Bowling Club	Jazz Band	Pep Band
Chess Club	Key Club	Prism Club
Close Up	Lego League	Robotics Club
Coding Club	Masterminds	Spelling Bee
Digital Imaging/Graphic Design Club	Mock Trial	Student Council
Drama Club	Musical	Swim Club
Environmental Club	National Honor Society	Tech Wars
Fall Play	Newspaper Club	Weight Training Club
Girls on the Run	Odyssey of the Mind	Yearbook
Intramurals	Page Turners	YMCA Youth and Government

## Rapid Testing:

We continue to offer rapid testing seven days a week to members of the Mount Morris Community. Our testing is limited to symptomatic individuals and contacts of a positive. We are not able to test for travel, gatherings, or to comply with requirements of an employer. Please send an e-mail to [rapidtest@mtmorriscsd.org](mailto:rapidtest@mtmorriscsd.org) to schedule a rapid test.



The school year began with inspiration from Tula Pink's "TriDazzler Quilt." Every student in Kindergarten through 6th grade, present for their first art class, created a piece in our very own "Dazzling Mount Morris" collaborative art work. Currently

we are recognizing art and artists from Latin and Central America to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept.). Throughout the school year, Mrs. Orbaker's classes will explore different art materials, develop problem-solving skills, and grow creative brains through many different projects and activities!





# MOUNT MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL

## INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR 2021-22

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- HOLIDAYS
- FIRST/LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
- HALF DAYS for ELEMENTARY STUDENTS
- SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE DAY
- GRADUATION

- Holidays**
  - Independence Day Recess: Monday, July 5
  - Labor Day Recess: Monday, September 6
  - Columbus Day: Monday, October 11
  - Veterans Day: Thursday, November 11
  - Thanksgiving Recess: November 24 - 26
  - Winter Recess: December 24 - December 31
  - Martin Luther King Day: Monday, January 17
  - Presidents' Day Recess: February 21 - 25
  - Spring Recess: April 11 - 15
  - Memorial Day Recess: May 27 - 30
  - Juneteenth: June 20
- First/Last Days of School**
  - First Day: Tuesday, September 7
  - Last Day: Thursday, June 23
- Half Days for Elementary Students**
  - Friday, Dec. 3 (Parent/Teacher Conferences)
  - Tuesday, June 21
  - Wednesday, June 22
  - Thursday, June 23
- Half Day for ALL Students**
  - Thursday, December 23
- Elem. Parent Teacher Conferences**
  - December 4 & 7
- Conference Days**
  - Wednesday, September 1
  - Thursday, September 2
  - Friday, October 8
  - Monday, December 6
  - Friday, January 28
  - Friday, June 24
- Graduation**
  - Sunday, June 26
- Scheduled Make-Up Days**
  - (5) snow days....May 27
  - (6) snow days....May 27, June 24
  - (7) snow days....May 27, June 24, Apr. 11
  - (8) snow days....May 27, June 24, Apr. 11 & 12
  - (9) snow days....May 27, June 24, Apr. 11 - 13
  - (10) snow days..May 27, June 24, Apr. 11 - 14

B.O.E. Adopted: April 26, 2021

If you in need of help or assistance please call our  
School Support Message Line at 585-658-5010

# Helpful College Websites



Visit the Common App website to begin your college application:

<https://www.commonapp.org/>



Visit the FAFSA website to start your free application for Federal Student Aid:

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>



Use the link below for the Excelsior Application:

<https://on.ny.gov/3oAC1ua>



Visit the CollegeBoard Website for information on Colleges and Scholarships:

<https://www.collegeboard.org/>



Visit the FastWeb site where you will find thousands of scholarships!! FREE MONEY \$\$:

<https://www.fastweb.com/>



**Need help planning for after graduation?**

**Visit Ms. Atwell's Counseling Corner!**

<https://sites.google.com/mtmorriscsd.org/counselingcorner>



# Students in the Spotlight

## Nicole Martell-Dale

Nicole is a member of the National Honor Society which is the highest honor recognized at our school. She participates in the Yearbook Club, Newspaper Club, and has been a member of the Masterminds and Odyssey of the Mind teams. She is very much looking forward to putting in volunteer hours through NHS this year! "Nicole is an outstanding student. She is a leader in the classroom and her positive attitude is one of the many reasons our faculty members have nothing but positive things to say about her," said Principal Hamilton. Nicole is currently enrolled in three college courses which are taught here at



MMCS D: Practices of Academic writing through Syracuse University, Gender and Literacy Text through Syracuse University and Calculus through Alfred University. Nicole's favorite subject is English because of her love of reading and writing. Follow-

ing graduation, she plans to attend either SUNY Albany or Buffalo University, to major in English and begin her career writing novels. Nicole's favorite memories during her school career are the ones she made with friends. Each day, she looks forward to heading to the cafeteria and socializing and laughing with everyone. After Nicole graduates, she will miss all of the teachers at MMCS D who really care about each student's education and have truly helped her to be successful. Nicole has enjoyed living in Mount Morris because it is a small, close knit community and everyone knows everyone!

## Logan Brooks

Logan takes pride in having been on the Honor Roll for all four quarters last school year! Logan is an exceptional math student and enjoys math class very much. He also enjoys being active in gym class.



Logan is currently enrolled in two college courses through Syracuse University that are taught here at MMCS D: Sports Management and Forensics. "When I think of our students who have shown the most growth, Logan is one of the first names that comes to mind. Logan has become a role model student-athlete who represents our school in a positive manner. I'm proud of him," said Principal Hamilton. Logan is a two-year Captain of the Varsity Soccer Team and is the starting goalie for the team. Logan has been playing Varsity Soccer since the 10th grade and is proud that he had the opportunity to play on the team with his older brother, Chance. One of Logan's favorite memories is getting his 1st shutout in a game against Avon in the tenth grade; he remembers that being a close game of 1/0! "Logan is very committed to soccer, never misses a day and his dedication shows with his play on the field. He is a very composed player, has a positive attitude and plays with great poise. We are going to miss Logan next year and wish him luck in the future, knowing he will be great at whatever he chooses to do," said Coach Connolly. Logan said he will miss the closeness of the sports teams after graduation. When Logan thinks about the Mount Morris community, he thinks about how welcoming everyone is in our small town. Logan is considering attending college for a degree in accounting or business.

## **Notification of Rights under FERPA for Elementary and Secondary Schools**

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students who are 18 years of age or older ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days after the date the Mount Morris Central School District receives a request for access.

Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal a written request that identifies the records they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA.

Parents or eligible students who wish to ask the Mount Morris Central School District to amend a record should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

3. The right to provide written consent before the school discloses personally identifiable information (PII) from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel) or a person serving on the school board. A school official also may include a volunteer or contractor outside of the school who performs an institutional service of function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist; a parent or student volunteering to serve on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee; or a parent, student, or other volunteer assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, the school discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll, or is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes of the student's enrollment or transfer. [NOTE: FERPA requires a school district to make a reasonable attempt to notify the parent or student of the records request unless it states in its annual notification that it intends to forward records on request.

4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the Mount Morris Central School District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20202

See the list below of the disclosures that elementary and secondary schools may make without consent.

FERPA permits the disclosure of PII from students' education records, without consent of the parent or eligible student, if the disclosure meets certain conditions found in §99.31 of the FERPA regulations. Except for disclosures



## Notification of Rights under FERPA for Elementary and Secondary Schools (continued)

to school officials, disclosures related to some judicial orders or lawfully issued subpoenas, disclosures of directory information, and disclosures to the parent or eligible student, §99.32 of the FERPA regulations requires the school to record the disclosure. Parents and eligible students have a right to inspect and review the record of disclosures. A school may disclose PII from the education records of a student without obtaining prior written consent of the parents or the eligible student –

- To other school officials, including teachers, within the educational agency or institution whom the school has determined to have legitimate educational interests. This includes contractors, consultants, volunteers, or other parties to whom the school has outsourced institutional services or functions, provided that the conditions listed in §99.31(a)(1)(i)(B)(1) - (a)(1)(i)(B)(2) are met. (§99.31(a)(1))
- To officials of another school, school system, or institution of postsecondary education where the student seeks or intends to enroll, or where the student is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes related to the student's enrollment or transfer, subject to the requirements of §99.34. (§99.31(a)(2))
- To authorized representatives of the U. S. Comptroller General, the U. S. Attorney General, the U.S. Secretary of Education, or State and local educational authorities, such as the State educational agency in the parent or eligible student's State (SEA). Disclosures under this provision may be made, subject to the requirements of §99.35, in connection with an audit or evaluation of Federal- or State-supported education programs, or for the enforcement of or compliance with Federal legal requirements that relate to those programs. These entities may make further disclosures of PII to outside entities that are designated by them as their authorized representatives to conduct any audit, evaluation, or enforcement or compliance activity on their behalf. (§§99.31(a)(3) and 99.35)
- In connection with financial aid for which the student has applied or which the student has received, if the information is necessary to determine eligibility for the aid, determine the amount of the aid, determine the conditions of the aid, or enforce the terms and conditions of the aid. (§99.31(a)(4))
- To State and local officials or authorities to whom information is specifically allowed to be reported or disclosed by a State statute that concerns the juvenile justice system and the system's ability to effectively serve, prior to adjudication, the student whose records were released, subject to §99.38. (§99.31(a)(5))
- To organizations conducting studies for, or on behalf of, the school, in order to: (a) develop, validate, or administer predictive tests; (b) administer student aid programs; or (c) improve instruction. (§99.31(a)(6))
- To accrediting organizations to carry out their accrediting functions. (§99.31(a)(7))
- To parents of an eligible student if the student is a dependent for IRS tax purposes. (§99.31(a)(8))
- To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena. (§99.31(a)(9))
- To appropriate officials in connection with a health or safety emergency, subject to §99.36. (§99.31(a)(10))
- Information the school has designated as "directory information" under §99.37. (§99.31(a)(11))

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**Stay up-to-date by regularly  
visiting our schools website:**  
<https://mtmorriscsd.org>

**Call our School Support  
Message Line if you need help  
or assistance:**  
**(585) 658-5010**



## Pesticide Notification

New York State Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2002, requires all public and non-public elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

The Mount Morris Central School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- A school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72-hours following an application;
- Anti-microbial products;
- Nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- Nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- Silica gels and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams, or gels in areas inaccessible to children;

- Boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate;
- The application of EPA designated biopesticides;
- The application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25;

The use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps, and hornets.

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour notification list.

If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in our school, please complete the form below and return to: Mount Morris School District pesticide representative, 30 Bonadonna Avenue, Mount Morris, NY 14510 (telephone (585) 658-3331).

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### Mount Morris Central School District Request for Pesticide Application Notification (please print)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please feel free to contact the Mount Morris School District pesticide representative at: 30 Bonadonna Avenue, Mount Morris, NY 14510 (telephone (585) 658-3331)

## AHERA Management Plan

The annual Mount Morris Central School District Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) Management Plan is available for review by contacting the Facilities Manager. While all friable asbestos has been removed from the district, ongoing maintenance and inspection activities will be conducted to ensure non-friable asbestos-containing materials (i.e. floor tiles) remain in safe condition.

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Our PTSA helps raise money for programs in our school district such as The Imagination Library & Birthday Book programs. They also purchase school supplies for Pre-K through 12th grade students, and fund Student Scholarships and Teacher Mini-Grants each year. If you are interested in becoming a

member of the Mount Morris PTSA, forms are available through the following resources:



### 2021-2022 PTSA Membership Dues

First Adult Member: \$7.00  
Second Adult Member: \$5.00  
Student Member: \$4.00

Memberhub eStore  
<https://mtmorrisny.memberhub.store/store>

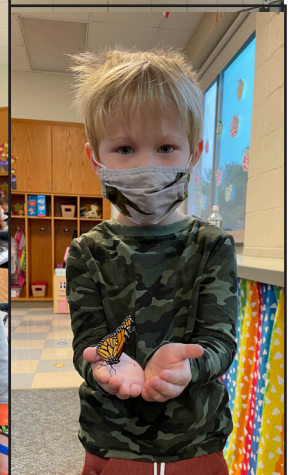
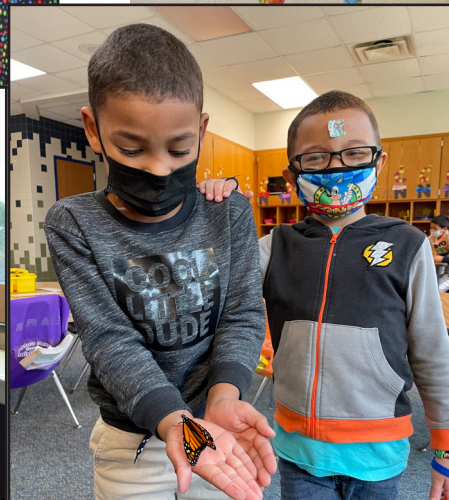
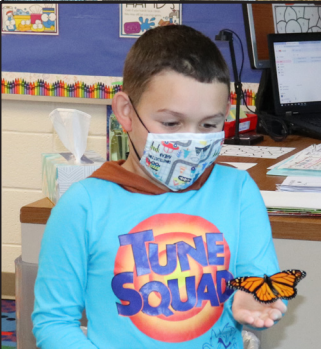
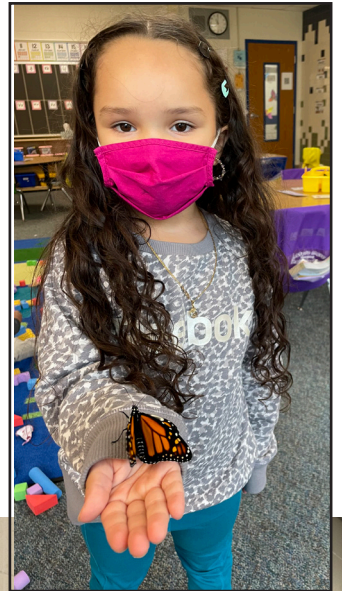
School website (under Parent Information)  
[www.mtmorriscsd.org](http://www.mtmorriscsd.org)

Call the school and request one  
585-658-3333



# The Life Cycle of a Butterfly

Each year, our Kindergarten students learn about the life cycle of a butterfly. Did you know that It can take up to two weeks for the butterflies to emerge from their chrysalises? At the end of this lesson, students are able to identify the main topic of a text, retell key details and identify the sequence of a butterfly's life cycle.







New York State  
School Boards  
Association

# School Board Recognition Week

October 18-22, 2021

*Honoring*

- Peter Privitera, President • Stephanie Gehrig, Vice-President
- Connie Dennison, Trustee • Ann Hunt, Trustee • Pamela Martin, Trustee
- Deborah Schmidt, Trustee • Jennifer Young, Trustee

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*for dedicated leadership in public education  
and continuing service to the children of this community.*

**Your Support Deserves a High Five!**

Art Work Created by the Class of 2030





# National Warplane Museum Field Trip



MMCS students in 8th and 10th grade were able to visit the National Warplane Museum located in Geneseo on September 30th, where they took a tour and watched a Historical Musical Drama called “Bombs & Blooms”. The Warplane Museum is dedicated to the preservation of WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam era aircraft, equipment and the stories of the men and women who served our country at home and abroad. The museum is open to the public and you can even become a member! Check out their hours and events by visiting <http://www.nationalwarplanemuseum.com/>.



**Red Ribbon Week takes place each year from October 23rd - October 31st. Join in the mission to keep kids drug free! Red Ribbon Week inspires our kids to be happy, brave and drug free. Learn more by visiting: <https://www.redribbon.org/>**

**Fire Prevention week was October 3rd - October 9th. Learn more about fire safety and take the pledge at: <https://www.sparky.org/pledge>**





# Homecoming, an Annual Tradition!

Homecoming is a time when faculty, students, and alumni get together to show their school pride.

During MMCS D's Homecoming, alumni are invited back to their alma mater to celebrate the bond they have with Mount Morris. For current students, Homecoming is special because it is a time when students can have fun with friends and show their Blue Devil spirit! MMCS D Homecoming is a weeklong event in September, and every day has a different theme.

School pride is what Homecoming is all about! Everyone wearing their school colors and parading around campus generates positive energy. Current students and faculty feel they are a part of something special and it gives alumni an opportunity to reminisce and catch up with former classmates. Showing school pride is simple; wear your school attire and enjoy the day!

Through school spirit, students and alumni can be a part of something exciting and unique. MMCS D welcomes alumni support and participation in its efforts to continue the school spirit momentum beyond graduation. By sharing stories of school pride and current successes, alumni help foster the same love they have for their beloved alma mater in today's students.

The District encourages students to show their love for MMCS D every single day, not just during Homecoming week, because it is truly wonderful to be a Blue Devil!







The MM Booster Club is looking for parent/community volunteers and new members! The club was able to purchase long sleeve warm-up shirts for all fall athletes and coaches in the 2021-2022 school year! Follow MM Sports Boosters on Facebook at: <https://bit.ly/3zVCgmr> and send them a message if you are interested in learning more information!





# MM Family Resources

## Backpack Program

With the support of Foodlink, we are able to provide families with groceries each week, year-round. Families are able to sign up for this program by contacting their student's teacher or our Family Support Counselor, Ms. Levins, at [jlevins@mtmorriscsd.org](mailto:jlevins@mtmorriscsd.org) or leave a message at 658-5010.



## Thanksgiving Dinner Program 2021

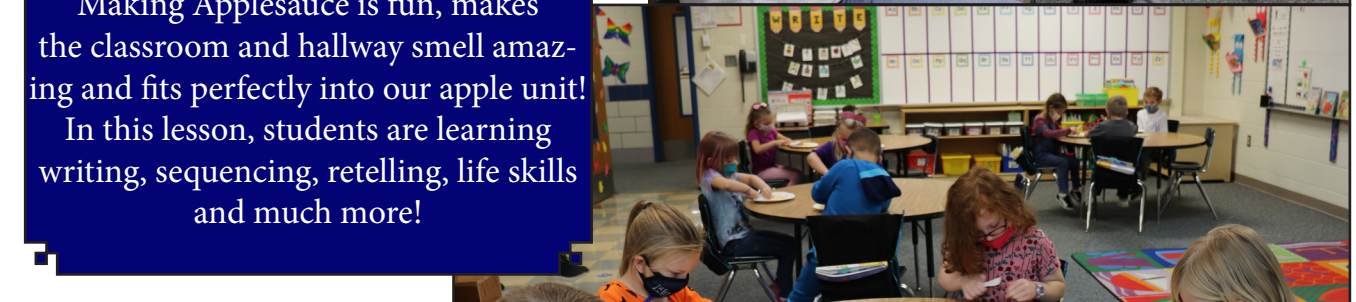


Each year, MMCSD runs a program which helps provide Thanksgiving dinners to families in our community. Specific information and forms have been sent home to families that have school age children. For more information on how you can sign up to receive a dinner or how you can contribute to the program, please contact our Family Support Counselor, Ms. Levins, at [jlevins@mtmorriscsd.org](mailto:jlevins@mtmorriscsd.org) or leave a message at 658-5010.

## Kindergarten and First Graders Make Applesauce in the Classroom!



Making Applesauce is fun, makes the classroom and hallway smell amazing and fits perfectly into our apple unit! In this lesson, students are learning writing, sequencing, retelling, life skills and much more!







# *Lifting the School Community*

Program starts:

## **October 25**

For more information and to REGISTER scan the QR code or visit:  
**[www.theliftproject.global/flashp-registrations](http://www.theliftproject.global/flashp-registrations)**

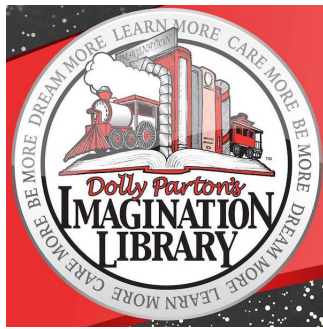
Finger Lakes Area School Health Plan (FLASHP) is *Lifting the School Community* by partnering with The Lift Project to provide tools and tips to help you take control of your wellbeing and live a happier life. It's free for faculty, staff, families, and community members – now that's something to be happy about!

The Lift Project is a wellbeing adventure that uniquely brings together scientifically-proven strategies from the fields of Neuroscience, Positive Psychology and Lifestyle Medicine.

Got questions about *Lifting the School Community*?  
Contact Rick: [amundson@smolaconsulting.com](mailto:amundson@smolaconsulting.com)







## ATTENTION:

### *Mount Morris Central School District Residents with a child under the age of 5!!*

Our PTSA's partnership with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program benefits our community by allowing all Mount Morris Central School District residents to register their child/children under the age of five (5) to receive a FREE book in the mail EVERY month!

To enroll your child in the Imagination Library, please send an email to [freebooks@mtmorriscsd.org](mailto:freebooks@mtmorriscsd.org) with the information listed below, complete an enrollment form which is available in our visitor entrance, or call Sarah Williams at 585-658-5036. The information required to register for this program is as follows: Parent Name(s), Child's Name, Child's Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year), Child's Gender, Mailing Address, Phone Number, Parent's Email Address (Optional). We hope to hear from you soon!

According to the National Commission on Reading the single most significant factor influencing a child's early educational success is an introduction to books and being read to at home prior to beginning school.

If you know a Mount Morris Central School District resident with a child under the age of 5, please share this information with them. Please note that not all Mount Morris residents are in the Mount Morris Central School District.



### THE MISSION OF THE MOUNT MORRIS PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION (MMPTSA) IS THREE-FOLD:

- To support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community, and before governmental bodies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children;
  - To assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children;
  - To encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools of this nation.
- The MMPTSA is affiliated with both the New York State and National PTAs.

Come help us make a difference!

Have a question? Want to get involved?

E-mail: [mountmorrispts@gmail.com](mailto:mountmorrispts@gmail.com)

For up-to-date announcements, photos, videos and more,  
please follow us on Facebook/[mountmorrispts](https://www.facebook.com/mountmorrispts)



## MOUNT MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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• Krystal Vanvalkenburg, Director of Pupil Personnel Services  
• Brandon Zingaro, Director of Facilities