



MILLINGTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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"YOU CAN'T HIDE THAT CARDINAL PRIDE"

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 24, 2022



A specter has been haunting Meachum Elementary School since early October, and that specter is the Candy Monster. It has been traveling through the hallways every morning, devouring candy that the elementary students donate to the Meachum PTO. The candy was handed out at the Trunk or Treat that took place on Sunday, October 23rd and any leftover candy will be distributed at future events. Mrs. Moore reported that over 100,000 pieces of candy were donated by families. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this event possible!

Congratulations to the MHS Band for earning the highest rating of ONE (I) at the Marching Band Festival at Elkton-Pigeon-Bayport Lakers High School earlier this month.

Upcoming Events

10/24 to 10/28	Red Ribbon Week – Anti Drug and Alcohol Awareness
Tuesday 10/25	Picture Retakes – Meachum Elementary School
Thursday 10/27	Junior High School Halloween Dance – 3:00 to 5:00 pm Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm
Friday 10/28	½ Day – End of Marking Period 1 Halloween Parade @ 10:00 am – Meachum Elementary School

Fall Sports

Please wish our fall varsity sports athletes good luck as they enter the post-season. Below are the dates, times, and locations of the playoffs for each program:

Cross Country Regionals @ Shepherd Friday 10/28 – Boys @ 4:00 pm, Girls @ 5:30 pm
Football District Playoff Game vs Sanford-Meridian – Home Friday 10/28 @ 7:00 pm
Volleyball District Playoff Match @ Reese Wednesday 11/2 @ 7:30 pm

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."

Les Brown

Staff Spotlight



The Millington Community Schools Staff Spotlight for the week of October 24th is Ms. Dekoski. Ms. Dekoski is in her twenty-fourth year at Millington Community Schools working as a Special Education Teacher. She graduated from Ubly High School and went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education from Saginaw Valley State University with a double-major in History and Special Education. While attending SVSU, she had the opportunity to take a trip to Poland, where she toured several World War II sites including the Auschwitz and Warsaw Concentration Camps. Millington High School had a graduation rate of nearly 98% in 2021 due to the efforts she made helping many of her senior

students earn their high school diplomas. During her time at Millington High School, she has team-taught English and History classes, tutorial, and resource room English, US History and World History classes. She also helps students with their credit recovery classes. Ms. Dekoski said, "The best thing about working at Millington Community Schools is the small-town community feel where everybody helps each other."

Cardinals in the Crowd – "Once a Cardinal, Always a Cardinal"

This week's Cardinals in the Crowd are Gary (1985) and Kelly (1990) Shreve. They were attending the varsity football contest at Beecher last Friday night. Kelly was the MHS Student Council President and played Softball, Volleyball, and Basketball for the Cardinals. At one point in time, she held the record for pitching 18 strikeouts in one game. Her daughter, Taylor (Blackmer) Duby, graduated from Birch Run in 2008 and her son, Andrew Kociba (2015), graduated from MHS. Kelly has coached Cardinal Travel Softball for eight seasons and has been a regular volunteer for the MHS Boosters. Gary played football, powerlifted, and wrestled for the Millington Cardinals. He was a two-time All-State Offensive Lineman, placed third in wrestling his senior year with a 40-1 record, and holds a power-lifting record at MHS for deadlift. Gary's sons, Jack (2019) and Ben (2023) have also attended Millington High School. Gary coached football at Birch Run High School from 1995 to 2001 and also coached ten seasons for the Millington Youth Football Program at all levels. Mr. Shreve currently serves as the Vice President of the Millington Community Schools Board of Education.

