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Mona Shores Middle School

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News

Mona Shores Middle School Families,

It's hard to believe that Spring Break is here! I hope it is relaxing and enjoyable for the entire family, regardless of where you're going. Reflecting back on March, I continue to be proud of the dedication our teachers have to the art of teaching and the commitment to academic and behavioral success that our students demonstrate. Our students continue to be held responsible for their actions, receive high quality instruction, and put forth quality effort into their education. We are all extremely proud of this group of students! Academically, our students are taking ownership of their academic success by pushing themselves to complete assignments, prepare for assessments, and engage themselves in class. This past trimester, which concluded in the middle of March, only **5%** of all posted grades were failing, and over **93%** of students had ALL As, Bs, and Cs. These percentages were right in line with our first trimester and stronger than the past two years. I believe that our students will continue to step up, refocus, and maintain the standard of Sailor excellence. I know that MSMS teachers, administrators, and parents will continue to support, encourage, and strive towards helping our students achieve their highest levels of success. This collective focus on success is propelling MSMS to be the *best* Middle School in America.

Our Character Trait for the month of April is **DISCIPLINED**. By definition, **DISCIPLINED** is "showing a controlled form of behavior or way of working." Throughout our day, our week, month, or year, we encounter situations, people, or circumstances that challenge our focus and abilities to remain **DISCIPLINED**. Do we choose to correct behaviors? Do we choose to get our work done or go outside to play? Do we complete tasks or leave them unfinished? Are we procrastinators and give up, or do we get things done on time and stick-to-it? Do we set high expectations for ourselves and stay focused on meeting them? How will we stay **DISCIPLINED** in our relationships, behaviors, tasks, and work ethic? As John Maxwell said, "Small disciplines repeated with consistency every day lead to great achievements gained slowly over time." Remaining **DISCIPLINED** and focused leads to success! Throughout the month, know that your students will be challenged to stay **DISCIPLINED** in both their academics, behavior, and effort at MSMS!

As you move through April and into Spring, please continue to remind and have conversations with your students about remaining and being **DISCIPLINED**. Discuss how they can demonstrate **DISCIPLINED** actions and mindsets in their academics, behaviors, peer interactions, and adult conversations! I believe this will propel them to finish the year off strong!

Have a great week and enjoy Spring Break! Continue to positively encourage your students, support them, and communicate with their teachers when you need help, clarification, or simply an update on their progress towards success.

Doug Ammeraal
Principal

CALENDAR

SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL

Apr. 2nd (Mon.) - Apr. 6th (Fri.)

SCHOOL RESUMES

Apr. 9th (Mon.)

8TH GRADE CAREER DAY

April 10th (Tues.)

NO LATE START (7:40)

Apr. 11th (Wed.)

B.O.B. TOURNAMENT

Apr. 13th (Fri.) 8:45am

MIDDLE FIDDLES

Apr. 14th (Sat.) 9:00am - 10:00am

Apr. 16th (Mon.) 3:00pm - 4:00pm

SAILOR SHOWCASE: 8TH GR. BAND, ORCHESTRA & CHOIR

Apr. 14th (Sat.) - 3:30pm & 7:00pm

BOOK FAIR (@ MSMS LIBRARY)

Apr. 16th (Mon.)- Apr. 20th (Fri.)

5th & 6th GR. ORCHESTRA CONCERT

Apr. 17th (Tues.) 7:00pm @ MSMS

LATE START DATES (9:40)

Apr. 18th (Wed.)

Apr. 25th (Wed.)

SOLO & ENSEMBLE

Apr. 21st (Sat.)

SAILOR CELEBRATION

Apr. 27th (Fri.) 5:00pm - 7:00pm



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BOX TOPS



The science department is collecting Box Tops for Education. Please have your student give their box tops to their science teacher to be entered into a contest.

Rewards are as follows:

10=one ticket into drawing for pizza party.

100=candy bar (+10 tickets into pizza party drawing)

500=\$10 gift card to Cinema Carousel Theater (+5 candy bars and 50 tickets into pizza party drawing).

Tickets accumulate throughout the year so you have until the end of the year to collect 500. If you ask neighbors, grandparents, and other relatives to collect them for you, you will have no trouble collecting 500! CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS and Tyson Chicken Project A Labels are collected in the front office.

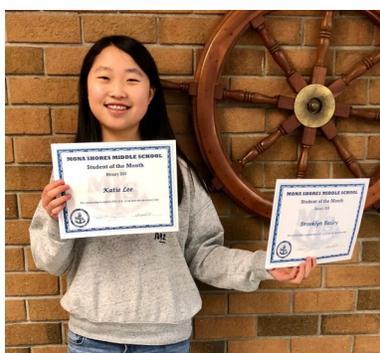


February Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students on being honored as our Students of the Month for February:



8th: Tyler Leenhouts & Sophia Fisher



7th: Katie Lee & Brooklyn Bailey



6th: Ila Kinnucan & Aidan Kreps



MSMS 8th grade students will be traveling to the Career Tech Center on April 10th for a Career Day. Students will have the opportunity to learn more about the Muskegon Promise, and also spend time listening to speakers from different career paths. Each student will be assigned different speakers based on the results of their Career Cruising matchmaker assessments that they completed earlier in the year. The hope is that each student hears about a career from a career cluster they have interest in.

As a reminder, Mrs. Opiela works with student last names A-K, and Mrs. Butterfield sees students with last names L-Z. Stop in and say "hi!" They look forward to seeing you!





8th Grade ELA: The 8th grade students will be entering into our Opposing Viewpoints Research Unit! This is a challenging and exciting time for our students. The 8th graders will chose an arguable topic, research that topic, conduct an interview, and generate a persuasive speech to share with their classmates. They should also be reading their chosen books at home!

7th Grade: To culminate our research projects, students will be giving persuasive oral presentations using effective verbal and non-verbal speaking strategies that we learned about and practice in class. Next we will travel to Yorkshire, England and will study the acclaimed writing of James Herriot, with emphasis on his effective use of connotation, bias, characterization, and theme. Students will write their own personal narrative stories this month incorporating those lessons.

6th Grade Language Arts: Friendship is important to all of us. Has your strongest friendship ever been tested? Through the novel study, *Under the Blood-Red Sun*, we will see if Tomi and Billy's friendship can survive during the challenging 1941 wartime in Hawaii. We will also be making personal connections with the themes: friendship, family, pride, prejudice, and perseverance.



Our Electives Teachers Go Beyond the Curriculum Everyday

Isn't it great to know that the MSMS Electives teachers are doing so much more than providing great content in their classrooms; they are reinforcing the life skills necessary to help our Sailors succeed in many other ways that go beyond the class content every day. You could come to Mr. Whalen's Technology classes and see the students refine their time management skills, or stop into Mrs. Hawes' classroom to see students learning the value of dressing appropriately for a variety of performance situations. See Mrs. Helsen guiding students to learn the value of art, while also learning the "art" of keeping *hands, feet, and objects to self!* Peek in on Mr. Cain's class to see students valuing and giving respect to one another for efforts in class. Stop in to Mr. Latz's or Mr. Nimitz's classes to see students learning the fine art of listening to one another carefully, actively, and respectfully. And, while Mr. Samson teaches the absolute importance of safety in the shop area, you can count on Mr. Check to be teaching the important and essential life skill of being truthful to yourself and to others. And last, but not least, Mr. Volkmann is helping students see the value of being prepared on a daily basis in his classes. While our Electives teachers teach a variety of unique subjects, they are also reinforcing positive behaviors, providing a solid foundation for our Sailors' success.





Scientific Challenge: Unlikely Attraction

Middle Level

1st Place - Gold Medal

*Middle School: Ingrid Kellaghan &
Dani Bell Team
Wesley Bell
Raymond Meara-Klinge
Alyssa Munson
Blythe Kellaghan (from Ross Park)*

Improvitational Challenge: Treasure!

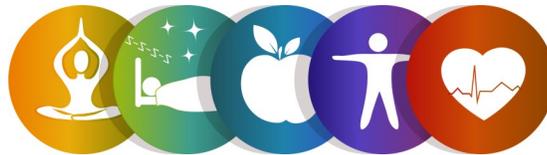
Middle Level

2nd Place - Silver Medal

*Middle School: Jennifer Hillman Team
Cequoia Davis
Satori Hillman
Evan Klairter
Ashton Ross
Aiden Silvis
Tamia Williams
Daken VanDusen*

3rd Place - Bronze Medal

*Middle School: Rogena Burgess Team
Shelby Haynes
Bailee McMilan
Mya Paggett
Cambell Robinson
Lakelynd Williams
Emma Kenney*



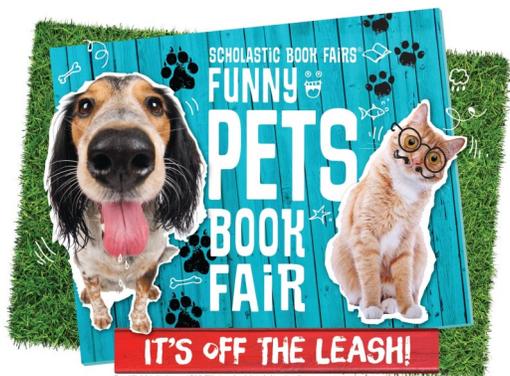
Wellness and leadership class researched Easter traditions and foods, and then presented their findings and brought in the dishes for classmates to try!



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LMC News



Our Spring Book Fair is coming April 16 - 20!

Students will have the opportunity to purchase books during their Language Arts class, at lunch, after school, and on Family Night. Parents and Grandparents are also welcome to visit the Book Fair any time during school hours! Just check into the school office and they will direct you to the LMC (Library Media Center). All purchases help us to purchase new books for the library and Scholastic magazines for the classrooms.

Family Night is Tuesday, April 17th from 5:00 - 6:30 pm!!!

Can't make it into the LMC? Books can be purchased ONLINE from April 7 - 23.

www.scholastic.com/bookfairs/onlinefair

Or get the APP and search for **Book Fairs**. Get \$5 off your Book Fairs App order of \$25 or more. Enter **APP18** at checkout.



Students are encouraged to donate their loose change to ALL FOR BOOKS. They can vote on whether a cat or dog makes the best pet. Any donations of \$1 or more will allow students to be entered in a drawing for a Cool Cats or Groovy Dog sculpture. For 25 cents, students can guess the number of candy dog bones in a jar with the closest guess winning the entire jar! Also, all students who purchase a book will receive Scooby Snacks, and Book Fair purchases over \$20 will be rewarded with a Pet Pen or Eraser.

