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Mona Shores Middle School

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News

Sailor Families,

What a phenomenal week! Halloween was a success, Sailor Celebration was an amazing time, and the teaching and learning in our classrooms continued at high levels! Truly a great week! As we look to conclude the month of October (Engagement) and move into November (**Gratitude**), I anticipate this to be an outstanding month for our students and our staff.

Gratitude is defined as “*the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness.*” This month, we will build on and remind our students what it is to be grateful, to show **gratitude**. Often, **gratitude** comes out when we truly shift our focus to all of the positives that we have in life; our eyes need to be opened to see all that we’ve been blessed with. Since the start of the new school year, many conversations with teachers and staff members have fed into a discussion of **gratitude**...how grateful we are to be at MSMS...how grateful we are to work with such phenomenal students...how grateful we are to come to school every day and do what we are passionate about...how grateful we are to team with such wonderful parents. Please allow me to send a heartfelt note of gratitude, on behalf of our entire staff. Thank you for allowing us to work with your children every single day; we are truly grateful for the opportunity!

- **ACADEMIC & BEHAVIOR DATA** -- Please look for an update on our Behavior and Academics in next week’s parent communication. We will have up-to-date information on discipline referrals and F-data. Remember, you can always stay up-to-date on your child’s grades through Parent Portal and/or communication with your child’s teacher
- **1st HOUR ATTENDANCE** -- Be sure that, if you are dropping your child off or if they walk, you leave with enough time for your student to get into the building, to their locker and to class on time. Those of you that drop off, know that over 350 cars come in-and-out of our parking lot every morning between 7:15 and 7:30. Plan accordingly. Missing only two minutes every day adds up to nearly two weeks of instructional time throughout the year in that class. This can dramatically impact your child’s learning!
- **PARENT TIPS FOR NOVEMBER** -- Here is a link to some [Tips for November](#) from the MDE. Simply wanted to share. Use/read it as you see fit

I hope you all have a wonderful month. Please continue to encourage your student, support them and communicate with their teachers when you need help, clarification, or simply an update on their progress towards success.

Be INSPIRED...Show PRIDE!

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CALENDAR

LATE START DATES (9:40am)

Nov. 1st (Wed.)
Nov. 8th (Wed.)
Nov. 15th (Wed.)
Nov. 29th (Wed.)

7TH & 8TH GR. CHOIR CONCERT

Nov. 2nd (Thur.) 7:30pm

PLAY ALLEGRETTO CAMP

Nov. 3rd (Fri.) - Nov. 4th (Sat.)

MIDDLE FIDDLES

Nov. 4th (Sat.) 9:00am - 10:00am
Nov. 11th (Sat.) 9:00am - 10:00am

MIDDLE FIDDLES REHEARSAL @ H.S.

Nov. 18th (Sat.) 3:00pm - 4:00pm

FIDDLE FESTIVAL @ MS HIGH SCHOOL

Nov. 18th (Sat.) 7:00 pm - 9:00pm

CHOIR HOSTING MSVMA CHOIR REHEARSAL

Nov. 18th (Sat.)

HALF-DAY - DISMISSAL @ 11:00 AM

Nov. 22nd (Wed.)

NO LATE START (7:40am)

Nov. 22nd (Wed.)

THANKSGIVING BREAK - NO SCHOOL

Nov. 23rd (Thur.) - Nov. 24th (Fri.)

6TH GR. CHOIR CONCERT

Nov. 30th (Thur.) 10:00am & 12:45pm



Sailors have ownership, engagement, gratitude, service, respect, compassion, attitude, disciplined, integrity & success.





BOX TOPS



8th Grade Washington DC Trip

8th grade Washington DC info will be coming home the beginning of December. This year's trip dates are June 16-18. .

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.



Attention Seventh Grade Parents:

The seventh grade team is excited to work with your students! We are planning a year-end celebration that will be purposeful and memorable for all of them.

On May 25, 2018, we will hold an entire day of workshops and activities devoted to broadening your child's horizons. We will have a keynote speaker, community service activities, and hands-on workshops.

We are in need of expanding our list of presenters for this day. Do you have a special craft or hobby that you would be willing to share in a one hour session with a small group of students? Ideas might include jewelry making, self-defense, making fishing lures, cake decorating, or whatever may seem of high interest to a middle school child.

If you want to volunteer to help with this special day, please contact Beth Prentice at prenticb@monashores.net or Donna Cargill cargilld@monashores.net. The whole 7th grade team of teachers thanks you in advance for your support!



8th Grade ELA will continue to encourage twenty minutes of independent reading each night. We will soon begin reading *The Outsiders* for an in-class novel study. Additionally, we will be prepping students for their high school placement test, which they'll take in December.

6th Grade ELA: As we continue our literature journey with *The Watsons Go to Birmingham, 1963*, students will replicate the author's style with figurative language. Additionally, students will master the elements of a story and analyze the growth of characters throughout the novel. Students will face the trials and triumphs of the Civil Rights Movement alongside the Watson family.





This month, your counselors will be going into 7th grade Tech Ventures classes to introduce Career Cruising, a program designed for the exploration of different career options. Students will take an interest inventory assessment inside the program called the Matchmaker. The outcome of this assessment will provide each student with careers that align with his/her interests. This assessment will be revisited each year in career exploration. If your 7th grade student is not in Tech Ventures this trimester, he/she will participate in this activity in a coming trimester.

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 Science will be learning about Volcanic Eruptions and Tectonic Plate Motion.

6th Grade Science: In class, we are finishing up a unit on Measurement. They learned how to use a triple beam balance, metric ruler and meter stick, graduated cylinder and an overflow cup. We will begin a unit on States of Matter.

STUDENT CONGRESS

Student Congress Update:

Thank you to all the parents and teachers who chaperoned at our first Sailor Celebration of the year. What a great way for kids to make Middle School memories!

This year's Canned Food Drive was a HUGE success. We collected over 2000 cans - the most EVER! GREAT JOB SAILORS!!! The top 3 winning classes with the most cans per class average were 1st place: Mr. Buboltz with 15.67 cans per average student, 2nd place: Ms. Kern with 11.72 per average, and 3rd place: Mr. Whalen with 7.96 per average student. Great job everyone!



LMC News



THANK YOU to everyone who stopped by our Fall Book Fair during conferences! We had a lot of fun transforming our library into the Wild West! We are thankful for your interest in purchasing books for you and your children. Your purchase helps your children develop and maintain a love for reading -- and helps our library purchase more books and Scholastic magazines.

Thank you also to everyone who donated loose change for our All For Books "Most

Wanted Outlaw" competition between Doug "Black Jack" Ammeraal, Jake "The Kid" Manning, and Scott "Ponyman" Panozzo. Ponyman Panozzo rode away with the highest bounty, and we received an additional \$68.22 to purchase new books for our library.

Congratulations to our Gold Coin winner: Jacob Cook with an exact guess of 76. Our Cactus Lamp winner was Ian Pereda. For the Conference drawing, Brooklynn Bailey won a \$10 gift certificate -- as well as her teacher, Mrs. Danigelis! It was great to see so many families stop by the LMC during Conferences.



A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to our parent volunteers who helped set up and take down the Fair: Nicole Carmean, Jessica Hakala, Jean Nielsen, Jen Cree, Tracy Carefelle, Brad Vanderberg, Lisa Bayne, Lindsay Carr, and Michele Twesten-O'Toole.

If you need additional books, remember we have Scholastic Order Forms in the Library and you can order online anytime at www.scholastic.com/bookclubs using code **PM82N**. Books will be delivered to the middle school. They can be sent home with your student or picked up in the office.



MONA SHORES COMMUNITY SERVICES PRESENTS...



The Mona Shores Holiday Arts & Crafts Show

Saturday, November 4, 2017

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Over 180 Booths!
Handcrafted items by
exhibitors throughout
Michigan!**

**Mona Shores High School
1121 Seminole Road in Norton Shores**

**Booths located in the Sailor Center,
Hanichen Gym, Auxiliary Gym & Cafeteria
Breakfast, Lunch and Snacks Available
\$1.00 Admission, Free Parking**

For more information, call (231) 780-4748 or visit our website at www.monashores.net!

