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Mona Shores Middle School *News*

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MSMS Families,

While we continue to long for the sunshine and warmer temperatures, April has left and May has arrived. Traditionally, this month challenges our students to remain focused, continue to make positive choices, and to finish the year off strong...academically, behaviorally, and socially. It is a time when the weather really improves, students are outside more, and the days get longer. I am **confident**, with encouragement, support, and structure, that our students will continue to be successful and have a phenomenal end to the school year!

Throughout the month of May, we will focus on the character trait of **INTEGRITY!** *Integrity* can be defined as "the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; moral uprightness." We will be focused on challenging our students to make the right choices and to do what's right all through the month. Our goal is that our students will hold themselves to high moral and ethical standards, even when it is hard to do so. C.S. Lewis says, "**Integrity is doing the right thing, even when no one is watching.**" I believe this is a challenge for all of us, not just our students. As we head through May, please take the time to have intentional conversations with your students regarding **integrity**, recognize them when they make the right choices, and encourage them to demonstrate **integrity**, even when it is tough to do so.

I hope that you all will have a great week and are able to talk about **integrity** with your students! 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.

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INTEGRITY IS
choosing
COURAGE OVER COMFORT;
CHOOSING WHAT IS RIGHT
over what is
FUN, FAST, OR EASY;
AND CHOOSING TO
PRACTICE OUR VALUES
rather than simply
PROFESSING THEM.

CALENDAR

7th GR. BAND REHEARSAL

May 1st (Mon.) 3:00pm - 3:45pm

FESTIVAL OF VOICES @ HIGH SCHOOL

May 2nd (Tues.) 6:00pm - 7:00pm

LATE START DATES (WED. @ 9:40am)

May 3rd, May 17th, May 31st

MINI POPS AUDITIONS

May 3rd (Wed.) - May 4th (Thur.)

7th GR. BAND REHEARSAL

May 3rd (Wed.) 3:00pm - 3:45pm

BAND CONCERT @ MS HIGH SCHOOL

May 4th (Thur.) - 7:30pm

NO LATE START (WED. @ 7:40am)

May 10th & May 24th

6th GR. CHOIR CONCERT

May 11th (Thur.) - 7:00pm

SCIENCE FAIR

May 16th (Tues.) 5:45pm - 7:00pm

ORCHESTRA SPRING CONCERT

May 23rd (Tues.) - 7:00pm

6th GR. SCIENCE CAMP

May 24th (Wed.) - 26th (Fri.)

7th & 8th GR. BAND REHEARSAL

May 24th (Wed.) 6:00pm - 7:30pm

8th GR. ORCHESTRA SPRING TRIP

May 25th (Thur.)

7th & 8th BAND REHEARSAL RAIN DATE

May 25th (Thur.) 6:00pm - 7:30pm

MEMORIAL DAY - NO SCHOOL

May 29th (Mon.)

7th-8th GR. BAND MARCHES IN

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

May 29th (Mon.) - 8:15am @ Muskegon
County Courthouse

7th & 8th GR. CHOIR REHEARSAL

May 31st (Wed.) 3:00pm - 4:00pm



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BOX TOPS



MEETING DATE CHANGE

Washington DC informational meeting -
 Wednesday, June 7th
 6:30-7:30pm
 MSMS Auditorium
 Required for all 8th graders participating.

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.



8th Grade ELA: May is an exciting month in Language Arts for our 8th grade students! Students will be finishing up their research unit with a professional speech persuading their classmates to see their viewpoint on a topic. We will then enter our Shakespeare Appreciation unit! Students will get to see that Shakespeare's writing is impactful, engaging, and hilarious! As always, students should be reading for twenty minutes a night at home!

7th Grade ELA: We're headed to the Klondike with our final and most dynamic literature study of the year! While reading *The Call of the Wild*, students will learn about the historical setting of the Yukon Gold Rush, and analyze Jack London's effective use of characterization, theme, and symbolism. We will also learn about how he uses foreshadowing to add suspense and irony for drama. Our unit ends with an argumentative essay defending why the novel is a classic.

March Students of the Month



From left to right: **Carson Andree (6th), Devin McAllister (6th), Drew Sandberg (7th), Olivia Kasher (7th), Johnathan Hall (8th), & Megan Quigg (8th)**



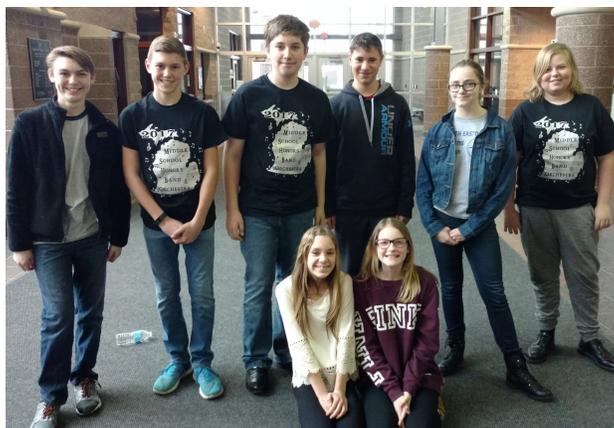
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Honors Band & Orchestra

Twenty of our MSMS student musicians were selected to perform with the Michigan School Band & Orchestra Association's District VII Honors Band and Orchestra on Saturday, March 25th at Sparta High School. These 7th and 8th grade students participated in the day-long event, which culminated in an outstanding concert directed by Mr. Ken Boulton and Mrs. Becky Bush.

Congratulations to our student performers!



Band: Zach Haverkamp, percussion; Tyler Leenhouts, trombone; Nova Crays, trumpet; Gavin Webster, French horn; Samantha Nye, flute; Charles Eyke, tuba; Brooklyn Yokubonus, flute; Katie Cree, flute



Orchestra: First Row - Avery Smith, Lauryn Jackson & Emma Kinnucan; Second Row - Kody Koeller, Carter Mann, Matt DuRose & Olivia Olejarczyk; Third Row - Jourdyn Starr & Bailey Graham; Back Row - Sarah Bayne, Elizabeth Keessen & Kyle Liddle



Orchestra: L to R - Ella Recknagel, Ana Ivanov, Aiden Mack & Noelle Elzinga



On the morning of April 11, our 8th grade students attended a career fair at the Career Tech Center. They attended two presentations regarding careers that matched their career pathways (determined earlier through the career cruising process). The keynote speaker was Megan Byard-Karaba, College Access Specialist. She presented information about the different choices that students have after high school and also talked about the Muskegon Promise. It was a very informative, worthwhile morning for our students. The feedback from staff and students was positive.



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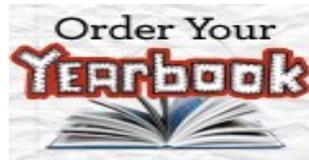
6th Grade Math:

The following topics will be covered from now until the end of the school year:

- Area of parallelograms, triangles, trapezoids and irregular figures
- Volume and surface area of rectangular prisms
- Statistical measures and data displays

These concepts can be reinforced at home by visiting Connect Ed and accessing the tutor videos, self-check quizzes and other resources.

On May 8th -10th, the 6th grade class will be conducting the M-Step math assessment. Students will need headphones during these days. Please encourage a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast so students can perform their best."



Yearbooks are coming soon!

It is not too late to order a yearbook. They will be delivered the last week of school. Just bring a check made out to MSMS, or cash for \$24, and you will be guaranteed to receive a book with the other students that pre-ordered. Don't miss out on the fun!

SOCIAL STUDIES

The 8th grade is in the middle of studying the Civil War. There are several assignments that we will be doing for the next three weeks. The Unit test will be on May 5th. We will also be taking the Social Studies M-STEP two part test on April 28th and May 1st.



Mona Shores Middle School would like to welcome the 5th graders, from Churchill Elementary and Ross Park Elementary, on Wednesday, May 3rd, and from Campbell Elementary and Lincoln Park Elementary on Wednesday, May 10th. They will receive tours from MSMS student leaders, practice their lockers, meet staff, and have lunch. We are extremely excited to go through this transition with our incoming 6th graders!

PORTS OF CALL

Parents! Our early registration for the next school year will occur on Tuesday, Aug. 22 for 6th graders, Wednesday, Aug. 23 for 7th and 8th graders, and a make-up date on Tuesday, Aug. 29 for all grades. Parent volunteers are needed and appreciated. Please call Mrs. Kimball at 332-8598 in the front office for details.

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LMC News

Battle of the Books a Success!

Sixth graders participated in a fierce competition with Battle of the Books (BOB). The top four teams from each language arts teacher engaged in the final battle on April 14th. It was a close competition, but the following three teams took home the medals:

1st Place

The "L" (Kreps/Stielstra)

- Kyle Leenhouts
- Jasmine Perry
- Alaina Duff
- Victor Wu
- Hannah Jones



2nd Place

Radical Readers (Eccleston)

- Lane Fisher
- Alex Fitzpatrick
- Logan Kelley
- Lauren Kendall
- AJ McDaniel
- Alyssa Schoonbeck



3rd Place

Bookie Monster (Butterfield/Kurth)

- Alison Sewick
- Jared Olsen
- Jenna Carmean
- Carson Filz



Congratulations to the following students who read all the BOB books and scored 70% or higher on the quizzes. They enjoyed a pizza party!!! Tommy Hylland, Theo Conrad, Tatum Ruby, Stella Council, Selena Gaskill, Michael Hall, Luke Opfermann, Iliana Bejarano, Hannah Jones, Hailey Bringedahl, Greg Weinert, Emilia Matuz, Delaney Whalen, Cienna Billingsley, Chase Brott, Cecilia Conrad, Carly Califf, and Carlie Gelderloos.





**LONG TIME PROFESSIONAL PATTI BUTCHER LAUNCHES
LPGA*USGA GIRLS GOLF PROGRAM IN WEST MICHIGAN**

"Changing Lives one Swing at a Time" fits perfectly within the mission of Patti Butcher Golf Enterprises, a Golf Channel Academy. Beginning this spring, Patti and her team of instructors will launch West Michigan's first LPGA*USGA GIRLS GOLF PROGRAM. It is a nationally recognized leader in golf instruction program for girls with over 55,000 members at hundreds of locations. The host site will be Scott Lake Golf and Practice Center, home to the Golf Channel Academy by Patti Butcher as well as being named the "2012 National Golf Course of the Year by the NGCOA." Focused on FUN, the program will introduce all aspects of golf to girls ages 7-14. The group will meet every other Monday from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm beginning Monday, June 12 and continuing through August 28, 2017. A special outing to the Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give is planned. Fees for the program are very affordable inviting all to participate! Let us know if you need clubs. For more information www.pattiibutcher.org (Available April 20) or call Patti Butcher Golf Enterprises-A Golf Channel Academy at 616-228-7598.

2017 SCHEDULE

JUNIOR GOLF EXTRAVAGANZA-FOR ALL BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 7-14

Scott Lake Golf and Practice Center, 911 Hayes Road, Comstock, MI 49321

MONDAY, MAY 22 5:30 pm - 7:15 pm

Hands on FREE clinic to get your child back in the swing...fun and games, junior club fitting and snacks!!! Bring all your friends! Email pattiibutcher@gmail.com to sign up!

CLINICS

Scott Lake Golf and Practice Center, 911 Hayes Road, Comstock Park, MI 49321

Monday's 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

June 12, 26, July 10, 24, August 7, 28

MEIJER LPGA CLASSIC for SIMPLY GIVE

Junior Clinic - location TBD

Tuesday, June 13

Day at the Tournament Blythefield Country Club, Belmont, MI

Thursday, June 15

DUES AND FEES

To register go ONLINE TO GirlsGolf.org. Each player receives a gift from the LPGA!

National Girls Golf membership dues are **FREE!**

Each event will have a \$10 fee, payable on day of in cash....or a one time fee of \$65 for all events which may be paid with credit card for your convenience.

Scholarships for fees and/or equipment are available to those with free or reduced school lunch. Call Patti Butcher at 616-228-7598 for more information.

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