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## Spring Is Here!



**Updated Budget  
Crisis Video at  
[www.monashores.net](http://www.monashores.net)**

**Senior Citizen Picnic Information on Page 19!**



## Mona Shores Public Schools:

# Spring-time Message

I suspect we're all equally excited about the arrival of spring! It's simply a great feeling knowing we're about to see bright colored flowers and green grass blanketing our West Michigan landscape. As a result of the change of seasons I hope you're planning on getting outside to enjoy the nice spring weather. Warmer temperatures in April and May are a welcome relief after being cooped up inside for months on end this winter!

Students and staff are coming down the home stretch of the current 2009/10 school year. It's a very exciting time of year for all, especially our graduating seniors. While commencement and summer vacation plans are already underway, there's still much to do before closing out the school year. The list of remaining duties this spring is still very long. This list includes finalizing the District budget plans for the 2010/11 school year ahead. Unfortunately, next year is shaping up to be a far more challenging school year than any in recent memory. This is true for school districts all across the state. Here's what's in store for Mona Shores in the months and year ahead.

### Deep District Budget Cuts

#### Are Coming:

As I've shared with you in past issues of the Lighthouse View, Michigan's public schools have been engaged in a years-long battle with state lawmakers over proper funding of essential student programs and services. This long and drawn out budget battle has gone on for so long that we have now reached a statewide

budget crisis. In the past eight years school districts have been battered by repeated state per pupil funding cuts, rising costs, and declining student enrollments leading to deep program and service cuts in school districts all across the state. Here in Mona Shores the Board of Education was forced to make \$6.4 million in budget cuts during this time. These cuts led to over \$26 million in compounded district savings keeping the school district solvent and out of debt. Unfortunately, past district budget cuts pale in comparison to the massive budget cuts that lie ahead.

Mona Shores is currently running a \$1.5 million budget deficit this school year. This budget shortfall is being covered by dwindling district savings commonly known as the district's rainy-day fund. More importantly, without immediate help from Lansing to fix Michigan's long-standing structural K-12 school-funding problem, a crushing \$4.6 million deficit awaits the district next year. This massive budget deficit is primarily due to a \$255 per pupil budget cut being projected by Governor Granholm. While our Board of Education has agreed to use \$1.7 million in additional district savings to temper next year's projected (\$4.6 million) deficit, the district is still left with cutting nearly \$3 million in programs and services to balance next year's budget. This \$3 million projected deficit will lead to deep cuts next year, unlike anything Mona Shores' parents, students, and staff members have seen since the early 1990's.

It's critical that students, parents, staff, and residents realize that school district revenues are controlled by Lansing lawmakers. That's why Mona Shores' school board members have repeatedly called on area state legislators Senator Gerald VanWoerkom, Jr. and Representative Mary Valentine to provide strong leadership to correct Michigan's statewide school-funding problem. However, without immediate bipartisan leadership efforts in Lansing from both Democrats and Republicans alike, Mona Shores' school board members will be left with no choice but to approve \$3 million in additional program and service cuts this spring ... to take place next fall.

Please take a few moments to read the adjacent article by School Board President Stuart Jones, who shares his parent and school board perspective on the crippling budget problems facing the school district. Then, join with him and our other school board members and district leaders in calling on Senator VanWoerkom, Representative Valentine, and all other Lansing lawmakers to aggressively support the proper funding of Michigan's public schools! The future of every Michigan student is at risk right now, and they deserve all of us to speak up on their behalf to defend their right to a high quality education!

Respectfully,  
Mr. Terry L. Babbitt  
Superintendent of Schools  
231-780-4751, extension 8205  
babbitt@monashores.net

# FUNDING CRISIS FOR MICHIGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In recent years there has been a constant drumbeat of bad budget news for all public schools around the state. The Mona Shores Board of Education wishes it could tell our community things are different here, but they are not. Over the course of the past eight years, we have made more than \$6.4 million in specific budget reductions. Next year's budget is far worse; we anticipate a total of **\$2.99 million in budget reductions** to be effective by July 1, 2010.

Why the budget crisis? The reasons are many, but they ultimately revolve around the fact Michigan's School Aid Fund (SAF) budget is in freefall. In just the past three years alone, the SAF has fallen by more than \$1 billion. On top of that, most school districts, including Mona Shores, are losing students due to lower birth rates and an exodus of young families from the state.

So where does that leave Mona Shores for the upcoming school year? In March, the Board of Education voted to reduce our fund equity –

sometimes called a “rainy day fund” - by \$1.7 million to subsidize next year's operations. This will leave \$2.3 million in fund equity at the end of next school year (2011). Even with this fund equity contribution, the Board must reduce expenditures next year by \$2.99 million, or **approximately nine percent of the district's total operating budget**. As already evidenced by the Board's recent decision to contract for district custodial services, these decisions will be extremely difficult, frustrating, and controversial.

As it has done during the past eight years of budget reductions, the Board will do its best to limit the effects on the primary mission of the school district: preparing our children for success in an increasingly complicated global economy. However, let no one pretend that reducing funding by this amount will not have detrimental effects on what will be offered. The scope of these budget reductions is enormous, and no quick turnaround is being

predicted by nonpartisan experts throughout the state.

**Your input into this process is needed.** Please contact board members by e-mail (addresses listed on the district's website and back page of this publication), or attend board meetings to offer suggestions about the essential priorities of a Mona Shores education. Look for a survey which will be available online at the District's website in the near future; please take a few moments and share your thoughts. In addition, please contact our State Representative Mary Valentine at [maryvalentine@house.mi.gov](mailto:maryvalentine@house.mi.gov) and Senator Gerald VanWoerkom at [sengvanwoerkom@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:sengvanwoerkom@senate.michigan.gov) to advocate for needed school funding. The funding crisis affecting all districts throughout the state is due in large part to the declining per pupil allocations and the ever-increasing mandated costs from Lansing. Local control of our schools is quickly being replaced by Lansing's directives. The time to act is now!

## 2010 – 2011

# SCHOOLS OF CHOICE PROGRAM

Non-Resident Schools of Choice application forms are available at the Mona Shores Administration Building, 3374 McCracken in Room 8 (Community Services) **beginning Monday, April 12th**. Applications must be completed and returned **in person** to the Administration Building by 4:00 p.m., Monday, May 10, 2010. Students with any suspensions, expulsions or trancies are not eligible to apply.

If necessary, grade level public lotteries will be held at the May 10th Board of Education meeting to determine new enrollees. The meeting will begin at 7:00

p.m. in the Administration Building Board Room. Draws will be held if the district receives more student applications in a grade level than there are slots available.

Siblings of current choice students will be given preference for identified openings as required by state statute. Parents and guardians will be notified of tentative building placements in early June. Further information about the Mona Shores District Plan may be obtained by contacting Administrative Assistant, Sheryle Bronsema at (231) 780-4751, extension 8205, or via e-mail at [bronsems@monashores.net](mailto:bronsems@monashores.net).

### OPENINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

GRADE	# OF OPENINGS
Kindergarten	45
1st	20
2nd	15
3rd	15
4th	15
5th	10
6th	20
7th	15
8th	15
9th	20
10th	15
11th	5
12th	0

# Destination ImagiNation® Regional Tournament

A weight-bearing newspaper and glue structure, an elaborate piece of origami garden scenery, a catapult and task-performing robots...all are just a few examples of Mona Shores DI Challenge solutions. Those and many more innovative ideas were part of a celebration of creativity which took place as Mona Shores hosted the 2010 Destination ImagiNation (DI) Regional Tournament on March 6th. The district welcomed 104 creative problem-solving teams from Allegan, Manistee, Mecosta, Montcalm, Muskegon, Oceola, Ottawa and Van Buren counties as they converged in Norton Shores to test their Instant Challenge skills and to present their Central Challenge solutions. DI Challenge categories range from scientific and technical to theater arts and improvisation. Each Challenge was developed to connect to educational standards and pushes student teams to look at the ordinary in extraordinary ways.

“Destination ImagiNation complements our district curriculum...it helps some students break out of their shell, and it helps any student find expression for their creativity and problem-solving skills,” said Judy Breting, Mona Shores DI Coordinator and Regional Director.

More than 72,000 young people worldwide will be showcasing their solutions and competing for a chance to advance to the 2010 Destination ImagiNation Global Finals. Last year, two Mona Shores High School teams advanced to the DI Global Finals in Knoxville, Tennessee. The Leaver/White scientific theatrical team (Rebecca Avila, Maggie Barnard, Jamie Barnes, Laurel Burgam, Ki-Joo Sung, and Kendyl White) and the Wilson theatrical team (Maddie Campbell, Franny Kromminga, Andrea Veenstra, Abby Wilson, Claire Wilson and Maddie Wilson) represented Mona Shores at the international level of competition after taking top state honors. The Leaver/White team has competed at the Global Finals with teams from Brazil, China, Great Britain, Korea, Mexico, Poland, Turkey and many other countries for the past three years...a



Photos by Carri Wilson



tremendous accomplishment for this group of Mona Shores students. The Wilson team also deserves recognition and congratulations for the major accomplishment of a 4th place Honorable Mention placement at the worldwide Global Finals last year.

This year's regional results saw these same (above) students qualifying for the state level competition (Cross/Corrello team) were Mona Shores seniors Sarah Corrello, Joey Gravlin, Alex Morton, Hannah Steir, Emily Tascone and sophomore, Hannah Corrello. This team received the Gold Medal in the Structure Challenge. This group of seniors is truly exceptional in that they have been a Mona Shores creative

problem solving team since 1st grade and are now taking these experiences with them as they transition on to college. Additionally, the Mona Shores High School (Baxter) theatrical team of Rachael Baxter, Alex Beall, Jackie Burdo, Meghan Ebare and Emily Watson received a Regional Honorable Mention.

The Ross Park Elementary Ouellette technical team will also represent Mona Shores at the State DI Tournament on April 17th in the Lansing area. Team members include: Scotty Bader, Alex Danhof, Kaylynne Dennis, Paige VanderKooi and Danielle Wisner. Also, Campbell Elementary (Buck scientific theatrical team), Ross Park Elementary (Quick improvisational team) and Mona Shores Middle School (McKeown/Young scientific theatrical team) were each recognized with Regional Honorable Mention placements.

Congratulations are in order for each of the 17 Mona Shores DI teams ranging in grades from K-2nd (non-competitive Rising Stars!) through high school seniors. Each participant deserves recognition for completing their Challenge solutions and representing their respective schools at the regional tournament. Also, a special big thank you to the parent, student, alumni, and staff volunteers who help to make this enrichment opportunity possible for our students. Visit the DI website at [www.IDODI.org](http://www.IDODI.org).



## A Message from High School Principal, Jennifer Bustard

We have recently completed our 2nd trimester, the ACT/MME week and have entered into our 3rd and final trimester. I would like to acknowledge our students and staff for a successful school year and certainly want to commend them for all of their fine efforts in the classroom, on the stage, and the playing field!

Each day there is huge progress on the renovations to the high school and it is very exciting! Our students and staff have enjoyed this school year with the use of the new music room, publishing room and chemistry rooms. From the outside of the building you can see the additions to the new competition gymnasium, which is to be completed by Fall 2010. Once again our students and staff are so grateful for the support in passing the recent bond election that allowed for these much needed renovations to even be possible.

Right now all school districts in Michigan will be faced with very tough decisions in making reductions to district budgets due to the fact that the State of Michigan has reduced the per pupil funding that is received for students. Our district, not unlike most

districts across the state, will have to make necessary reductions in our school operations.

Even though we are making renovations to our high school and middle school, it is important to understand that these renovations are possible because our community passed a bond in February

2009. Some community members have asked the question, "How can we afford to build new facilities but also have to make budget reductions in our district?" *The answer is pretty simple, it is two separate monies.* The State of Michigan puts restrictions on what bond dollars can be used for, such as, technology, transportation, and renovations of buildings. It cannot be used to support the general operations of a school district. Please visit the district web page for more specific information on our district budget crisis at [www.monashores.net](http://www.monashores.net).

### Summer School

We are very pleased to announce that Mona Shores High School will once again be offering Summer School for students. Students will have the opportunity to take a class for credit recovery and also for credit enhancement. Specific Summer School information is available in the counseling office at the high school or can be found on our high school web page at [www.monashores.net](http://www.monashores.net).

**1st session begins** on June 21-24, June 28-July 1, July 6-9

**2nd session begins** on July 12-15, 19-22, 26-29

### Cyber Safety

Cyber Safety is a concern for parents, staff and students. We are seeing more misuse of cell phones, Facebook and internet usage that is in the form of cyber bullying, inappropriate messages and photos, humiliating texts, cheating and the list goes on. It is important to know that messages are sent instantly and the results can be very damaging and hurtful. Please be aware of a helpful website that provides tips on preventing misuse at [www.commonssensemedia.org](http://www.commonssensemedia.org).

Hope to see you at our next event! Please visit our high school web page for dates, locations, current events and general school information at [www.monashores.net](http://www.monashores.net).

All the best!  
Jennifer Bustard, Principal  
(231) 780-4711, extension 8498

### Students of the Month:

#### September

Dana Briggs & Jordan Tejehma

#### October

Tyler Hoerle & Elizabeth Rich

#### November

Jon Busken & Morgan Thompson

#### December

Natalie Clark & Alex Anderegg

#### January

Kathleen Grace & Desmond Kolean-Burley

#### February

Tyler Slamkowski & Samantha Grimm

## 2010 Calendar of Events for High School Seniors

- April 23 Cap, gown, announcement distribution – during lunches (High School Auditorium lobby)
- May 1 Prom – 8:00 pm (Trillium Conference & Banquet Center)
- May 3 National Honors Society Induction – 7:30 pm (High School Auditorium)
- May 12 Graduation Seating Chart Posted
- May 20 Honors Convocation – 8:00 pm (High School Auditorium)
- May 25 0 Hour Senior Exam
- May 26 No Late Start  
4th & 5th Hour Senior Exams
- May 27 1st & 3rd Hour Senior Exams
- May 28 2nd Hour Senior Exam  
Senior Breakfast – 7:45-8:45 am (High School Cafeteria)  
Senior Checkout – 10:19-12:00 pm  
Senior Lunch – 12:30 pm (Fricano's on the Lake Pizza)
- May 30 Baccalaureate – 3:00 pm (High School Auditorium)
- June 2 Commencement Rehearsal – 12:45 pm (LC Walker Arena)  
Commencement – 8:00 pm (LC Walker Arena)

## 2010 High School Exam Schedule Grade 9th – 11th

- June 9 0 Hour Exam – 6:30-7:34 am  
1st Hour Exam – 7:40-9:05 am
- June 10 2nd Hour Exam – 7:40-9:05 am  
3rd Hour Exam – 9:20-10:40 am
- June 11 4th Hour Exam – 7:40-9:05 am  
5th Hour Exam – 9:20-10:40 am



## Counselors' Corner



### SCHOLARSHIP FORMS

Any senior who has received a scholarship should fill out a form in the Counseling Office in order to be recognized at the Honors Convocation. These forms will be available in May.

### FINAL TRANSCRIPTS

Seniors must notify the Counseling Office which college must receive a final transcript.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

**Muskegon Community College Performance Based Scholarships:** Scholarships toward tuition at MCC from the following departments are available in the Counseling Department or online at [www.muskegoncc.edu/pages/2407.asp](http://www.muskegoncc.edu/pages/2407.asp). Art, Business, Dance, English, Foreign Language, Health, Physical Education and Recreation, Industrial Manufacturing Technology, Life Science, Math, Music, Social Science, and Theatre. **Deadline: April 15th.**

**Muskegon Community College Board of Trustees:** Any senior with a 3.2 – 3.49 GPA is eligible for a \$200 scholarship. Those with a 3.5 and above can get \$500. Pick up the application in the

Counseling Office. **Deadline: May 7th.**

### ACT

Juniors planning to take the **June 12th** ACT must have their registration packet postmarked by May 7th. Registration packets are available in the Counseling Office. Registration can also be completed online at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org). Mona Shores High School's code is 232-704 and our high school test site number is 178050. The basic fee for the ACT (no writing) is \$32 and ACT (plus writing) is \$47.

### CAREER FAIR

All juniors will have the opportunity to attend the area-wide Career Fair at the LC Walker Arena on April 22nd. Students will be able to talk to professionals in numerous careers representing all of the six career pathways as well as representatives from all the Michigan colleges and universities, all military branches, and several career and technical schools.

### PLAN AND EXPLORE TEST RESULTS

Sophomores and freshmen took the PLAN and EXPLORE tests on March 9th and will be receiving their results prior to the end of the school year. These

tests are valuable tools for assisting our students in gaining experience in test-taking strategies for the ACT.

### COUNSELING OFFICE WEB SITE

Please refer to our web site, located on the Mona Shores home page, for the latest scholarship application information, financial aid, and testing information. There are also links for scholarship searches. If students are interested in updating their EDP's, they should go to the Career Cruising site under the Media Center Department. We now also include written course descriptions for all classes that we offer at the high school in an effort to become more eco-friendly and efficient as well.

### SUMMER SCHOOL

Information regarding summer school at Mona Shores High School will be available in the Counseling Office and on our web site after spring break. This is an outstanding opportunity for students to either do credit recovery for one or two classes or do credit enhancement to get ahead in their coursework. Each class spans a three-week time period, and it is imperative that students attend every session. Check out the web site for the fees, specific dates, and the courses being offered, or contact your student's counselor.

### TESTING OUT OF CLASSES

Testing out of classes provides students with an opportunity to earn a credit in a course by passing an examination during the summer. The student must complete a request form, available in the Counseling Office on April 26th and then turn it into his/her counselor along with a refundable \$25 check no later than May 7th. The student will then be given a packet of study materials, including a book, prior to the end of the school year. Students must earn an 80% or better on the exam in order to receive credit for the course.

## Mona Shores High School Presents:

# M.I.P. more information please



**What:** Underage Drinking Prevention  
**When:** Thursday, April 29, 2010  
**Time:** 7:00 - 7:45 P.M.  
**Where:** Mona Shores High School Media Center  
**Who:** Parents of Teens  
**Dinner:** Included (Subway)



SL Productions

# High School Students are Involved in Their Learning the SAILOR Way

Throughout the school year, the High School teaching staff has focused on inquiry-based learning to better involve students in the learning process. Inquiry learning involves posing a question, investigating information, exploring possible answers, using higher order thinking skills to identify a problem, sorting through information, and applying possible solutions. This approach 1) allows deep, lasting learning in a process of construction that requires students' engagement and reflection, 2) motivates students to take ownership of their ideas and to create something that matters to them, 3) prepares students for the challenges of work and daily living in adulthood, and 4) allows students to see learning in school and real life experiences connected in integral ways.

Being literate is no longer the ability to read, write, and comprehend. Today, being literate includes the ability to access, evaluate, and use information from a variety of resources. Students need to recognize when information is needed and apply it to the situation at hand. Inquiry-based learning does exactly this.

Library Media Specialist, Anne Brainard, has provided training on this and continues to work with teachers and

students to enhance learning in the classroom. She has developed a model called the SAILOR model that students use during inquiry. This model is adaptable depending on the extent of the assignment or project. Students are learning to work through the SAILOR model steps as they research, explore, and problem-solve. As students use this model more and more, the goal is that the skills learned will intuitively be used in future schooling, at work and in life.

**S**timulate thinking to access prior knowledge

**A**sk key questions to be answered

**I**nvestigate, locate, and access information

**L**ook through information, organize, and analyze

**O**pen your mind to synthesize and apply

**R**eport your findings, evaluate, and reflect

Inquiry-based learning does what an old Chinese proverb states, "Tell me and I forget, show me and I remember, involve me and I understand." It is exciting to know that Mona Shores High School students are experiencing just that.

## Mona Shores High School Students 'Read Beyond Reality'

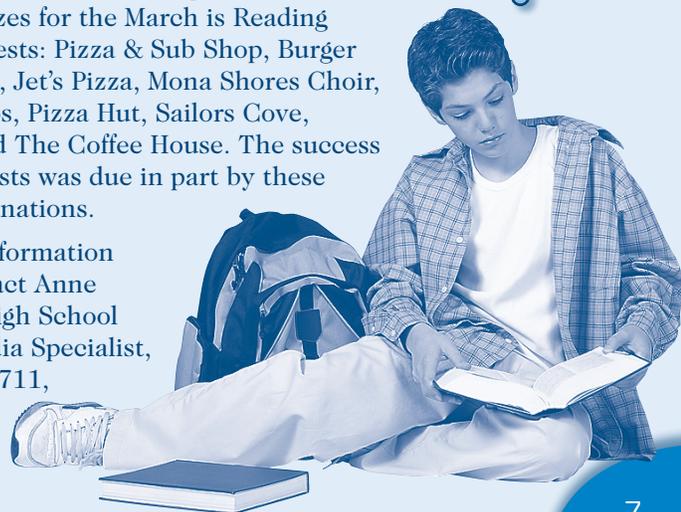
The High School Library Media Center (LMC) staff helped students celebrate March Is Reading Month with a number of 'Read Beyond Reality' activities to celebrate reading and the use of library resources. From sci-fi to fantasy, virtual reality to horror, books can transport us beyond our reality. Besides these genres, our goal was to get students involved in ways that were 'beyond' their norm. Students were able to do so by getting involved in the events and contests listed below.

- Students entered their names into weekly drawings for checking out books from the LMC, for purchasing books from the book fair, for presenting a public library card, and for attending March is Reading Month events at the High School.
- Students entered their names into drawings when they attended March events at the Norton Shores Library.
- Lowry's Book Fair was held for 1 1/2 weeks with all proceeds going towards the purchase of new books for the LMC.
- Lunchtime sessions were offered to learn about using the district Web Portal, ordering books through the Lakeland Library Cooperative online catalog, and learning the benefits of using Google Docs.

- Prizes were given to the top five patrons for the month of March in the Library Media Center in regards to the highest number of book checkouts.
- Students participated in staff member trivia contests held each week throughout the month and prizes were awarded for correct answers.

Many thanks to the following establishments that donated prizes for the March is Reading Month contests: Pizza & Sub Shop, Burger King, Chili's, Jet's Pizza, Mona Shores Choir, Pablo's Tacos, Pizza Hut, Sailors Cove, Subway, and The Coffee House. The success of the contests was due in part by these generous donations.

For more information please contact Anne Brainard, High School Library Media Specialist, (231) 780-4711, extension 8352.



# A Message from Ryan Portenga, Director of Athletics



As I sit here at my desk and type out my thoughts on our recent athletic season, I am awestruck as to the amount of success our athletic program attained this winter. Truth be told, we don't get to hoist a state championship banner, but if you're a fan of programming, I challenge someone to point out a season filled with more drama, entertainment, education, and success than what our Sailor teams encountered over the last few months.

Consider our swimming cooperative program and the success they had this season with a great group of senior athletes. Senior Jake Hunt took third at the state finals in the 100Y Fly event last year and was seeded fifth going into the championship race, but led the entire field on the final leg of the race. What would have been our school's first-ever state swim championship ended with Hunt taking second place, two-tenths of a second behind Saline's David Boland, in dramatic fashion in front of a large and loud crowd at the Holland Aquatic Center. Under the direction of first-year coach Matt Schuchardt, the boys finished fifth in the conference and qualified six athletes for the state championship competition.

Consider our hockey program's thrilling state tournament run and the job the coaching staff did at keeping the team together after some early season setbacks and bouts with the injury bug. Despite it's 2-3 start in

conference competition, the squad rallied to suppress criticism by winning six straight O-K Conference matchups en route to yet another conference championship. As if that feat wasn't enough, to win the regional championship, take out a solid Traverse City Bay Reps squad with an overtime game-winning goal, and give eventual state champion Trenton its toughest tournament game in the state semifinals, made the 2009-10 season one of the most memorable in Sailor hockey history.

Consider the competitive cheerleading team under the direction of Coach Amanda Mills. Last year, the team took ninth place in district competition, worked a great deal together over the summer, recruited a ton of new members, and stood atop the leader boards this season. Not only did the team take first place at the final O-K Conference (Black & White) showdown jamboree, but the squad leveled area schools at the GMAA Competition and rallied for third place at the district meet to advance to the Regional Championships for the first time in school history! Coach Mills was dubbed "District Coach of the Year" and three team members were selected as first-team all-conference members. Furthermore, over fifty girls competed at the high school level with the addition of a club junior varsity team (that performed at numerous tournaments and jamborees and had a great deal of success as well). The future looks incredibly bright for this young sport!

Consider our gymnastics team's regular season domination and state tournament showing that brought home our school's first conference and regional championship since 1994. Down a point and a half entering the final event (floor exercise) at the regional meet, Sailors Jaclyn Sipovic, Amanda Weise, Brittany Wilson and Shannon Cook nailed their routine, all scoring above a 9.0, to help propel the team to victory. Although the team took

ninth place at the state meet, getting the program back to where it had once been was an amazing accomplishment for Coach Carol Schneller and the rest of the girls.

Consider our young grapplers, having to wrestle up in almost every match due to the fact that only one senior was on the squad, and the job they did at sticking out a season plagued by injuries. Whether it was junior Kyle Pawlowski's return from shoulder surgery to win twelve matches, sophomore David Balcom's ten pins, or the double-digit victories for guys like Colin Turnbow, Matt Nowak, and Tom McPhail, Coaches Al Weber and Blake Groenhout have a lot to look forward to in next year's squad, especially as they move into the confines of a new wrestling facility inside the Sailor Center.

Consider our upstart bowling team with over twenty male and female participants under the direction of first-year coach Greg Schmeling. The boys started the season with a 14-0 record, won the Zeeland Baker Tournament and the City Championship, but fell just short of its first-ever conference championship. The team ended up qualifying for the state tournament in Canton and finished just out of the head-to-head stage of the tournament. Senior Chris Dempsey took center-stage and took the third seed in Saturday's individual state finals and finished as a top-ten bowler in Division 2. On the girls side, behind All-Conference freshman Ashley Corey and Jill Klein, Mona Shores is certainly on the map, finishing runner-up in a few competitions, and looks to have a slew of solid years as the team matures.

Also, consider our girls basketball program, who achieved at least ten wins at all three levels, and the job the coaching staff did to replace leaders from last year's conference and district championship team. Led by seniors Chasadie Thornton, Dana Briggs and Lexy Parker, Coach Brad Kurth's squad took second place in the O-K

## PHYSICALS

Physicals will take place on **Monday, May 24 at 6:00 pm (registration closes at 7:00 pm) in the high school auxiliary gymnasium. Cost is \$15 per student-athlete (checks payable to "Mona Shores Athletics")**



Conference (Black Division) with a 12-8 overall regular season record. Despite an early bow from the state tournament, the team thrilled its fans with three different overtime games (all wins) and a mid-season five-game winning streak that gave everyone hope that a repeat of last year's success was possible.

Finally, consider our boys basketball team and their toughness down the stretch under first-year coach Nick Bronsema. Despite its 4-17 overall record, the team took care of business against rivals Muskegon Catholic and Kenowa Hills (twice) and defeated Northview (47-46) on a last second shot by senior Andy Aamodt. With the return of leading scorers Raywuan Bell and Trevor Butchart and a group of sophomores who had success at the junior varsity level, next year promises to be more impressive.

In addition to many great performances by our athletic teams, we had many individual honors awarded as well. Below you will find a list of our athletes who were recognized as All-Conference in their respective sports:

**Girls Basketball**

Chasadie Thornton, Brigid Kiley – HM

**Competitive Cheer**

Samantha Dalton, Tayler Garber,  
Allison Mocere

**Gymnastics**

Jaclyn Sipovic, Brittany Wilson,  
Shannon Cook

**Boys Bowling**

Chris Dempsey, Nick Yadloskey – HM

**Girls Bowling**

Ashly Corey, Jill Klein

**Boys Swimming**

Brad Otto, Jacob Hunt

**Wrestling**

Kyle Pawlowski – HM

**Hockey**

Kyle Hicks, David Coppock  
Ryan Mylenek – HM, Reed Schlender – HM  
Brock Boucamp – HM, Trevor Boyd – HM

As the winter sports season concludes and we start getting more sun on our faces, I want to encourage the community to come on out to see our student-athletes compete this spring. We have excellent participation numbers, enough to field a freshman girls soccer team and have nearly forty girls tennis players gripping racquets, and the

quality to hold high expectations over numerous varsity teams.

Another thing I wanted to remind our community about is the rule on physicals. According to state rules, "athletic equipment should not be issued and students must not be allowed to try out or practice until an acceptable signed statement of physical examination and consent has been provided."

Also, "a statement for the current school year is interpreted as any physical examination given on or after April 15 of the previous year." Once again, in an effort to make it easy on families to get this part of their child's athletic eligibility taken care of for the 2010-11 school year, Mona Shores High School will be sponsoring a night of physical examinations on **Monday, May 24 at 6:00 pm** in the high school auxiliary gymnasium. Registration will

**Dan White Scholarship Fund**

A scholarship fund has been established in memory of Dan White, Campbell Elementary 5th Grade Teacher, who was killed in a car accident last spring. Volunteer Muskegon is teaming up with the family to sponsor the 5k run on August 28th during the Roosevelt Park Days. All those who would like to run and get pledges for the scholarship fund are welcome to come out. For additional information, please call Sherry White at 231-798-8739 or email at magswhite@msn.com.

close at 7:00 pm. Once again, the good physicians of Orthopedic Associates of Muskegon have partnered with us in this event and the cost to families will be **\$15 per student-athlete** (checks can be made out to "Mona Shores Athletics"). Due to the necessity and simplicity of this event, I encourage all student-athletes, (current) grades 6-11, to attend!

Yours in Sailor spirit,  
Ryan Portenga

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**2010 Excellence Awards**

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2009-2010 Excellence Awards.

Do you know a Mona Shores employee who is exceptional in his/her field? Always gives his/her all? If you can answer yes to these questions, then you may have a candidate for Mona Shores Public School's 2010 Excellence Award. Nominations are being accepted now through June 1, 2010. The nomination form is available at all school offices and can be located on the Mona Shores Education Foundation web page <http://www.monashoreskids.com/index.php>. Any community member, student, or staff member may nominate one or more Mona Shores employees for the award. We will be presenting five awards to our district employees.

**TEACHING STAFF**

- Inspires students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn.
- Has the respect and admiration of students, parents and colleagues.
- Plays an active and useful role in the community, as well as in the school.
- Has a minimum of five years of successful teaching experience.

**SUPPORT STAFF**

Is employed in one of the following work classifications: transportation, maintenance, custodial, office personnel, security, food services, professional support to teachers – including para educators and others providing educational support, health services group, etc.

- Is an exceptionally dedicated, knowledgeable, and skilled member of the support staff.
- Goes above and beyond the call of duty.
- Is supportive of the learning environment.
- Plays an active and useful role in the community.
- Has a minimum of five years of successful experience in his/her current position.

Members of the awards committee will review nominations for the Excellence Awards. Final decisions are based on recommendations and conversations with the nominees' co-workers and supervisors. *The Excellence Awards Program is made possible by the Mona Shores Education Foundation.*



# Curriculum Corner

Office of Curriculum,  
Instruction & Assessment

## *A Message from Camille Gabris, Curriculum Director*

This has been an exciting year in the Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment with our district focusing on utilizing common course assessment data to align instruction with individual student needs. We have expanded the use of our online assessment tool in Pinnacle Instruction. By the end of this school year, most students in grades three through twelve will have experienced taking tests through Pinnacle Instruction (part of the district's Gradebook system). While some of the tests are administered online, others are administered in "bubble sheet" or paper/pencil format.

No matter which testing format is used, the data is submitted directly into the Gradebook system producing a variety of reports detailing student progress. The reports contain a rich set of data concerning individual student learning and the class as a whole. Teachers are collaborating more than ever as they discuss the data and work

to align instruction to meet the needs of all students. Data collected from assessments is a key component that guides instructional practices, as well as the School Improvement Process. The Technology and Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Departments continue to partner with the teaching staff as we expand the utilization of this effective assessment and instructional tool.

On a different testing note, the Michigan Department of Education recently released the Fall 2009 Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) results for grades three through nine. All students in grades three through eight were tested in the areas of reading and mathematics. In addition, students were tested in the area of science in grades five and eight as well as in the area of social studies in grades six and nine. Students in grades four and seven participated in a pilot writing assessment. The new writing test will

become part of the MEAP assessment score beginning in Fall 2010.

I am proud to say that, once again, our students have continued to improve in almost all areas and grade levels on the MEAP, far exceeding the percent proficient in our state and even in the county. We have much to be proud of concerning our students, staff, and building leadership! We will continue to expand and implement researched-based strategies to help all Mona Shores' students achieve MEAP proficiency. Please visit our website for specific assessment information: [http://www.monashores.net/districtoffices/Curriculum\\_Instruction/assessment/](http://www.monashores.net/districtoffices/Curriculum_Instruction/assessment/).

The high school juniors have completed the 2010 Michigan Merit Exam (MME). While our students no longer have the Michigan Promise Scholarship incentive, they put forth their best efforts as they worked to gain college or other post-secondary educational opportunities. As part of the MME, students take the ACT and WorkKeys tests. The ACT score may be sent to up to four post-secondary institutions free of charge. A Gold, Silver, or Bronze National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) is available by taking the WorkKeys tests. The high school staff and administration is commended for their leadership in preparing our students for testing!

Mona Shores balances curriculum, instruction, and assessment practices to provide the best learning environment for students with the focus on achievement for all! For more information pertaining to curriculum, instruction, and assessment at Mona Shores, visit the Curriculum & Instruction website under Departments and Services at [www.monashores.net](http://www.monashores.net). Please feel free to contact our office team: Tammie Mathews, Secretary at (231) 780-4751 extension 8232 or Camille Gabris, Director at (231) 780-4751 extension 8231.



## Summer Driver's Education

**Segment I** class registration for summer is underway. Session begins June 16th and continues through July 8th (with driving schedule extending up to three weeks after last class).

**Segment II** class will be offered June 15, 16 & 17 from 3:10 p.m. - 5:10 p.m.

Forms are available in the High School Media Center and the Community Services Office, Room 8 of the Administration Building located at 3374 McCracken Street. Registration will continue until classes are full. The price for Segment I is currently \$365 and for Segment II the price is \$45.00.

To check availability, please contact the Mona Shores Community Services Office at (231) 780-4748. Please visit our website at [www.monashores.net](http://www.monashores.net) for further information regarding class sessions, driving schedules and enrollment requirements.



## Calling all 5th Grade Students and Parents!!!

Mona Shores Middle School is excited to begin the transition from 5th grade to the Middle School! In April, we will begin meeting with students and parents. It is our goal that each incoming 6th grade student enters the middle school with enthusiasm, comfort, and confidence. Check below for dates and times. We look forward to meeting you!

### 5th Grade Classroom Visits:

- Meet with 5th grade teachers and students
  - Introductions • Information
  - Questions and Answers

Churchill - Tuesday, April 13th  
Ross Park - Tuesday, April 13th  
Campbell - Thursday, April 15th  
Lincoln Park - Thursday, April 15th

### 5th Grade Middle School Visits:

- Information • Tours
- Questions and Answers

Churchill - Friday, April 16th  
Ross Park - Friday, April 16th  
Lincoln Park - Monday, April 19th  
Campbell - Friday, April 23rd

### 5th Grade Parent Night:

- Introductions • Presentation

Middle School Auditorium  
Thursday, April 22nd @ 7:00 p.m.

### Band Orientation:

- Introductions • Band Performances

High School Auditorium  
Thursday, April 29th @ 1:30 p.m.

### Ports of Call:

- Pick-up Schedule • Locker Assignment
- School Picture and ID • Handbook

Tuesday, August 24th  
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
and 3:00-6:00 p.m. (6th Grade)  
Tuesday, August 31, 4:00-7:00 p.m.  
(Make-up day for all grades)

### Open House:

- Meet Teachers • Visit Classrooms • Follow Schedule

Wednesday, September 1st 5:30-7:00 p.m.

### Important Forms

- Registration Form • Band Form

Issued to Students on Friday, April 30th –  
Due Friday, May 7th

## Middle School Calendar of Events

### APRIL:

- 5-9 No School/Spring Break
- 12 School Resumes
- 14 Late Start Wednesday, School Starts at 9:10 am
- 15 Choir Concert, 7th & 8th Grade, MSMS Auditorium, 7:30 pm
- 17 MSBOA Solo & Ensemble
- 20 Orchestra 5th & 6th Concert MSMS Auditorium, 7:00 pm
- 21 Late Start Wednesday, School Starts at 9:10 am
- 22 5th Grade Parent Meeting, 7:00 pm, Auditorium
- 23 Sailor Celebration, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- 28 Late Start Wednesday, School Starts at 9:10 am
- 29 Mona Shores 11 year-old Meningitis/DTP Booster Clinic, 9:30 am – noon

### MAY:

- 5 Late Start Wednesday, School Starts at 9:10 am
- 7-8 Middle School Play “Groovy” - Beardsley Theater
- 11 8th Grade Band Concert, 7:30 pm, Auditorium
- 12 **No Late Start**, School Starts at 7:45 am
- 18 7th Grade Band Spring Concert, 7:30 pm, MSMS Auditorium
- 19 Late Start Wednesday, School Starts at 9:10 am
- 20 Orchestra Spring Concert, 7:00 pm, MSMS
- 21-22 Orchestra Trip to Cedar Point, 8th Grade Only (Music in the Parks)
- 25 6th Grade Band Spring Concert, 7:30 pm, MSMS Auditorium
- 26 **No Late Start** Wednesday, School Starts at 7:45 am  
7th Grade Washington D.C. Parent Meeting, Auditorium, 6:30 pm  
8th Grade Washington D.C. Orientation Meeting, Auditorium, 7:30 pm
- 31 Memorial Day, No School  
8th Grade Band Marches in Memorial Day Parade

### JUNE:

- 2 Late Start Wednesday, School Starts at 9:10 am  
Mona Shores High School Graduation
- 3 Choir Concert, 7th/8th Grade, 7:30 pm,  
**Note: will be at MSHS**
- 4 8th Grade Bon Voyage Dance, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
- 9 **No Late Start** Wednesday, School Starts at 7:45 am
- 11 Last Student Day, Half-Day, School Dismisses at 10:55 am
- 12-14 8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip



# HATS "ON" FOR HAITI

Lincoln Park's Student Council sponsored a Hats "ON" for Haiti month to raise money for the victims of the Haitian Earthquake. Students were allowed to wear their hats in school all day, any day as long as a donation was made each time they wanted to wear their hat. Their efforts raised \$759.56 which was given to the American Red Cross for Haitian Relief.



## Lincoln Park Elementary Launches 2010-2011 Boxtops 4 Education Campaign

We all shop for groceries, sometimes two or three times a week, or more. Now turn those shopping trips into easy cash and help students at the same time. Just look for the Box Tops logo on hundreds of products like Cheerios®, Hamburger Helper® and Kleenex®; there are boxtops for Education products in almost every aisle of the store. All you need to do is clip and send them or drop them off to us. Each boxtop logo is worth 10¢ for our school.



Parents and supporters can sign up at the [boxtops4education](http://www.boxtopsforeducation.com) website [www.boxtopsforeducation.com](http://www.boxtopsforeducation.com) to help support Lincoln Park Student activities. Schools can earn up to \$80,000 by clipping Boxtops 4 Education from hundreds of their favorite General Mill's products, shopping online through the Boxtops 4 Education Marketplace@ <http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/marketplace>, and buying books online through Barnes & Noble at the Reading Room link @ <http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/readingroom>. Lincoln Park has more than tripled their earnings in two years thanks to the support of parents, teachers, and neighbors. A monthly contest, directed by Lincoln Park's volunteer coordinator, Debbie Sowa, keeps the students and teachers pumped up about boxtops. Visit the website for all the information, and submit your boxtops to the office at Lincoln Park Elementary.



# ROSS PARK



## OUELLETTE TEAM

Members of Ross Park's Destination Imagination Explore Program Team X proudly display their costumes at the regional competition held at Mona Shores High School on Saturday, March 6th. From left to right: Alex Danhof, Danny Wisner, Paige VanderKooi, Scotty Bader and Kaylynne Dennis. Coached by Angela Ouellette.

## VALLIE TEAM

Ross Park Explore Program Team X line up following their performance at the regional Destination Imagination competition. From left to right: Josh Gerrans, Noah Kinnucan, China Banks, Alexis Gerstenfeld, Conner Vallie, Andrew Moss and Jackson Huizenga. Coached by Jennifer Vallie, Amanda Kinnucan and Tara Gerrans.



## FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT

Ross Park celebrated its 3rd Annual Family Literacy Night on Thursday, March 4th. Sessions included storytelling, computer-based reading programs and a professional textbook illustrator. Pictured here are students and parents making bookmarks with the assistance of the Norton Shores Public Library.



# Campbell Students Turn Lemonade Into Relief for Haiti



In the days following the earthquake in Haiti, Mr. VanDyke's 4th grade class at Campbell Elementary discussed the hardships that the Haitian people were facing. They thought that maybe they could do something to help. The next day one of the students, Lauren Hellman, asked if they could have a lemonade sale. She discussed her plan with the principal and after his approval; Lauren and her mother went to work.



They contacted Meijer and along with 7Up, over 400 cans of Country Time Lemonade were donated for the sale. After the two-day sale, the money was counted and the Campbell 4th graders made \$517.59 to donate to the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. It was definitely a school-wide effort with generous support from the students.



Churchill Elementary

# Book Fair Blowout!



This year Churchill Elementary decided to make some changes regarding the book fair. What started out as a new idea, ended up to be a huge success! The thought was to make it more of a family social event where everyone could participate. It ended up being one of Churchill's most memorable moments!

The book fair was held at Barnes & Noble in Muskegon, February 26th and 27th. Children's historical fiction author Kim Cory from Michigan was there to sign her books and visit with us. Artists Dave Diller and Jesse Swanson came to draw



caricatures of the kids, which was a big hit! The Sailor String Quartet provided wonderful music for everyone to enjoy while they shopped! We listened to Mr. Platt read a couple of books, as well as several Churchill students sharing their own stories they had written. We visited, enjoyed Starbucks, played games and purchased lots of really good books! Families could participate in these events or just enjoy an outing together, as well as spend time with friends and neighbors! We had a blast!



Friday and Saturday were extremely busy during the event times. The managers said that "they have never seen anything like it", "we blew other book fairs out of the water" and "we broke a record for book fairs in the first night". Pretty amazing for a trial run at a new idea!

It was so nice to see the Mona Shores community contribute to the most basic, yet the most essential aspect of our children's education...READING! With the funds raised from purchases made and the donations from our wish list, we can put new and exciting books into the hands of Churchill kids. Thank you to all who participated in making this book fair a complete success!





# 2010-2011 Preschool Registration

Mona Shores Tuition Preschool offers classes for children for the following ages: Threes, Fours, Young Fours and our popular five-day per week Pre-K (Four/Five) class. All of our instructors are certified teachers and we offer classes at both Ross Park Elementary and the Administration Building. Our program will provide a positive, safe, nurturing environment that will promote physical, intellectual, social and emotional growth.

To receive an enrollment package, call or visit the Mona Shores Community Services Office, Room 8 of the Administration Building, 3374 McCracken Street, Norton Shores (231-780-4748). Residency is not required for the tuition preschool program. A non-refundable \$35 registration fee with one-month's tuition as a deposit is required with application. For additional information or age requirements, visit our website at [www.monashores.net](http://www.monashores.net).

**Classes fill  
up fast...  
Enroll today!**

## Head Start & Great Start Readiness (GSRP) FREE Preschool Programs

Fruitport and Mona Shores School districts are in consortium to serve preschool age children. Residents of Mona Shores School District may apply for two free programs: Head Start and Great Start Readiness Preschool (GSRP). Both classes are held at Ross Park Elementary.

Head Start is a free preschool program for 3 and 4 year old children who are income eligible. Transportation is provided. GSRP is a free preschool program for qualifying 4-year-old children. Transportation is not provided.

Open registration for both programs will be held on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Ross Park Elementary in classrooms 33 & 34. Please bring the following information with you to registration: child's birth certificate, immunization record, proof of income, proof of residency and insurance/Medicaid card.

If you have questions, please call the Fruitport Early Childhood Center at (231) 865-4102.

## Meet Our Preschool Staff

**Mona Shores Preschool Program** has an outstanding reputation in our school community for over 33 years. Our teaching staff is selected by considering academic qualifications, experience and the desire to teach and work with preschool age children. All teachers have a bachelor's degree with elementary certification and additional credits in early childhood education. We are working closely with our Curriculum Office and kindergarten teachers to ensure every child entering kindergarten is ready to learn. This joint effort will mean greater success for all children. Your choice should be simple...**Mona Shores Preschool!**



*Top Row (left to right): Sherri Johnson, Kendra Olsen  
Bottom Row (left to right): Amanda Marchese,  
Sue Kacprzyk, Rhonda Hall*

**Rhonda Hall** has a Master's Degree from Western Michigan University with an Early Childhood Education Endorsement. She has over 19 years experience with young children and teaches our Three, Four and Young-Four classes at Ross Park.

**Sherri Johnson** has a Bachelor's Degree from Utah State University. She started as our long-term sub and joined our staff in 2001. Sherri teaches our Three, Four and Young-Four classes at the Administration Building.

**Sue Kacprzyk** joined our staff in 1986. She has a Bachelor's Degree from Augustana College. She has taught preschool for Mona Shores for over 24 years and currently teaches both Three and Four-Year Old classes at Ross Park.

**Amanda Marchese** joined our staff in 2009. She has a Bachelor's Degree from Cornerstone University with a minor in Early Childhood Education Pre-K/K. She teaches both Three and Four-Year Old classes at our Administration Building.

**Kendra Olsen** is a former kindergarten teacher and joined our staff in 2005. She completed her Bachelor's Degree from Hope College with early childhood credits from Grand Valley State University. Kendra teaches our popular Pre-K (4/5) class at Ross Park.

# A Look Ahead...

Mona Shores Community Services

## Summer Camps & Activities

Grades listed  
are next year's  
incoming  
grade levels

**Princess Camp**  
Ages 4-5  
June 14-18

**Strings**  
Grades 6-8  
August 9-13

**Horsemanship**  
Ages 6-12  
July 5-26  
(Mondays)

**T-Ball**  
Ages 4-6  
June-July

**Pirate Camp**  
Ages 4-6 • June 14-18

**Boys' Basketball**  
Grades 1st-7th  
June 28-July 2

**Zumba Kids** **NEW!**  
Ages 6-8 • June 2-30

### Mona Shores Community Services **Spring Classes**

- Aerobics • Zumba
- Yoga Plus
- Oil Painting  
(Wet-on-Wet Workshops)
- Advanced Photography  
on Location
- Saddle-up Horsemanship
- Ice Skating for Students  
and Adults
- Self Defense
- Tennis

Please call  
(231) 780-4748 for  
details or to register



The above schedule is subject to change and is not all-inclusive. At the time of printing, additional classes, dates and times were still being updated. Please feel free to call our office with any questions or for additional information at (231) 780-4748. Credit Cards Accepted!

**Tennis - Intercity**  
Grades 7-12 • June 14-July 30

**NEW!** \*Lakeshore Tennis Camp  
Grades 1-5 • June 14-August 12

\*Lakeshore Tennis Academy **NEW!**  
Grades 6-12 • June 14-August 12

*\*Multiple Sessions Available*

**Girls' Fitness Program**  
Grades 9-12  
Dates:TBA

**Golf**  
Grades 2-9 • July 26-29

**NEW!** **Glamour Girlz**  
Ages 6-8 • June 21-25

**NEW!** **Crazy Critters Camp**  
Ages 4-6 • June 21-25

**Girls' Volleyball**  
Grades 8-12  
July 12-16

**Football**  
Grades 2-5 • July 12-15  
Grades 6-8 • July 12-15  
Grades 9-12 • June 14-17

**Arts & Crafts**  
Ages 4-6 • July 14-18

**Girls' Basketball**  
Grades 2-8 June 14-17  
Grades 9-12 June TBA



Look for complete  
flyer coming home  
with students in May!

**231-780-4748**  
Credit Cards Accepted!



## Web Portal System

We have recently completed the initial implementation of a web portal system for the Mona Shores school staff and students. We are very excited about this new environment, which will lay the groundwork for accessing all District web based learning applications and network files. This environment uses technology referred to as "Cloud Computing" which has tremendous potential in education and will promote the concept of 24x7 learning. Staff, students and parents can access District applications and network files wherever they have Internet access no longer limited to the confines of a school building.

With this system you will use your computer and browser to: Access your network files located on your H: Drive, S: Drive, M: Drive or any shared network drive that you may be using in school. You no longer need a thumb drive or USB device to save your files. While at school just save your files to your H: Drive and then access your files via the web portal at home, public library, or Internet cafe.

Also access your web-based applications such as Parent Viewer, Follett Destiny, and many others. The web portal will be the environment for building and accessing future applications.

Finally, you can also change your network password and more. If you are a staff member or student, try it out! First visit <http://www.monashores.net/resources/webportal/>. This web page shares knowledge articles and training videos for using this new environment. When you are ready, visit <https://portal.monashores.net/> and login with your network



**Access District applications  
and network files anywhere!**

ID and password. When you first visit the web site run the system check, which is located below the login window. You will only need to perform this procedure once on the computer you are using to access the web portal.

Let us know what you think about this new educational environment. We look forward to hearing from you!

For more information about this and other technology initiatives, please contact Lane White, Jr., Director of Technology at (231) 780-4751, extension 8234 or email at [lwhite@monashores.net](mailto:lwhite@monashores.net).



## **ONLINE PAYMENT NOW AVAILABLE FOR LUNCH ACCOUNTS!**

We can now accept online payments to your child's hot lunch account through a secure web portal. To use the system, you must have a current E-Link account. If you do not have an E-Link account, please contact Sandy Piper at (231) 780-4751, extension 8269.

The E-Link system allows you to view your child's lunch account information online, including the account balance, what your child is eating and also allows you to make electronic deposits.

# Senior Citizens Picnic

**This event is very popular & fills up quickly! Reservations begin May 3rd.**

Mona Shores Community Services is excited to announce the Annual Senior Citizens Event for Mona Shores residents ages 62 and older. The format this year has changed and we hope you share in our excitement! The date of the event will be **Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.** and we are having an outdoor picnic "Western Hoedown". So grab your partner and ride on in to the newly renovated high school stadium complex. Join our very own Mona Shores Fiddler's for some old fashioned, foot stompin' music. Please dress appropriately for the weather.



**RSVP beginning May 3, 2010.** Reservations accepted until full. Please call our office at (231) 780-4748 and press 4 to leave a recorded reservation on our 24-hour reservation line. Please leave first & last name, address, and phone number for each person attending. **All attendees must be Mona Shores residents.** Reservations are taken on a first come, first serve basis and fill very quickly. Confirmations will be mailed approximately one week prior to the event. Hope to see you there!

## 1963 - 1983 Churchill Henry Elementary School Reunion Sunday, August 29, 2010

Looking for former classmates, teachers and staff to attend Summer 2010 reunion.

Also looking for Churchill Porter Alumni for a "friendly" game of kickball for later in the day.

If interested, please contact

Michelle Ensign Schultz at (231) 981-5697

or join our Group/ Event at

Facebook.com /Churchill Henry Elementary School

## The Lighthouse View

The Lighthouse View is published four times per year by Mona Shores Community Services. Inquiries should contact Renee Doan at (231) 780-4748 or email at doanr@monashores.net. Visit Mona Shores on the web at www.monashores.net.

# 2010 School Calendar of Events

Month	Day	Event	Location/Time	
APRIL	5-9	Spring Break	No School Preschool – 12th Grade	
	4/12- 5/10	Schools of Choice Enrollment Period	Call (231) 780-4751, extension 8205	
	15	Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences 7th & 8th Grade Choir Concert	5:00-8:00 pm 7:30 pm – Middle School Auditorium	
	19	Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences	2:00-3:35 pm	
	20	5th & 6th Grade Orchestra Concert GSRP/Headstart Registration Night	7:00 pm – Middle School Auditorium 4:00-6:00 pm – Ross Park Elementary	
	21	4th Grade Link Up Concert-District 4th Graders	Frauenthal Center	
	22	5th Grade Parent/Student Orientation	7:00 pm – Middle School Auditorium	
	22-24	Mona Shores Players Present 'Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory'	7:00 pm – High School Auditorium	
	23	Campbell Carnival Sailor Celebration	5:30-8:00 pm – Campbell Elementary 6:00-8:00 pm – Middle School	
	28	Percussion Ensemble Concert	High School Auditorium	
	29	11-year old Meningitis/DTP Booster Clinic High School Parent Teacher Conferences	9:30 am-noon – Middle School 5:00-8:30 pm – High School	
	30	Underage Drinking Prevention (MIP) Lincoln Park Carnival ½ Day - High School	7:00-7:45 pm – High School Media Center 5:00-7:00 pm – Lincoln Park Elementary Dismiss at 10:40 am (grades 9-12)	
	MAY	1	High School Prom	8:00 pm Trillium Conference & Banquet Center
		2	High School Spring Band Concert High School Spring Orchestra Concert/Banquet	1:30 pm – High School Auditorium 4:00 pm – High School Auditorium
		3	National Honor Society Induction	7:30 pm – High School Auditorium
		7-8	Middle School Play 'Groovy'	Beardsley Theater
10		Schools of Choice Application Deadline	4:00 pm – Administration Building	
11		8th Grade Spring Band Concert	7:30 pm – Middle School Auditorium	
13-15		Pop Goes the Sailor Performances	7:30 pm – High School Auditorium	
18		7th Grade Spring Band Concert	7:30 pm – Middle School Auditorium	
19		Senior Citizen Luncheon	4:00 pm – High School Stadium	
20		Middle School Spring Orchestra Concert Senior Honors Convocation	7:00 pm – Middle School Auditorium 8:00 pm – High School Auditorium	
24		Sport Physicals – Grades 6-11	6:00-7:00 pm – High School Auxiliary Gym	
25		0 Hour Senior Exam		
26		6th Grade Spring Band Concert	7:30 pm – Middle School Auditorium	
27		4th & 5th Hour Senior Exam		
27		1st & 3rd Hour Senior Exams		
28		Fifth Grade Strings Concert 2nd Hour Senior Exams High School Senior Last Day Last Preschool Day	7:30 am – High School Auditorium	
30		Baccalaureate	3:00 pm – High School Auditorium	
31		Memorial Day 8th Grade Band marches in parade	No School	
JUNE	2	High School Commencement	8:00 pm – L.C. Walker Arena	
	3	Middle School Choir Concert	7:30 pm – High School Auditorium	
	4	8th Grade Bon Voyage Dance	7:00-9:00 pm – Middle School	
	9	No Late Start – High School & Middle School High School Exam - 0 and 1st Hour ½ Day - High School	Dismiss at 10:40 am (grades 9-11)	
	10	High School Exams – 2nd & 3rd Hours AM Kindergarten Last Day ½ Day - High School	Dismiss at 10:40 am (grades 9-11)	
	11	High School Exams - 4th & 5th Hours Last Student Day - ½ Day Grades DK-11	No AM Kindergarten PM Kindergarten attends in the morning	
	14	Ross Park Fifth Grade Celebration Ceremony Lincoln Park Fifth Grade Farewell Churchill Fifth Grade Completion Ceremony Campbell Fifth Grade Graduation Last Teacher Day Summer Camps & Activities Begin	9:00 am – Ross Park Elementary 9:30 am – Lincoln Park Elementary 10:00 am – Churchill Elementary 10:30 am – Westwood Reformed Church Call Community Services at (231) 780-4748 for details High School Room 301 A & B	
	16	Summer Driver's Education Begins		
	28	Elementary Offices Close for Summer		

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

### 2010 Meeting Schedule

The Board of Education generally meets on the first and second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

April 19	Comb. Wk./Reg. Mtg. - Lincoln Park Elementary
May 3	Work Session - Admin Building
May 10	Regular Meeting - Admin Building
June 7	Work Session - Admin Building
June 14	*6:45 p.m. Budget Hearing/Reg. Mtg. Administration Building



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