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SHARING THE MESSAGE OF LIFESAVING

Pictured above "Pint Size Lifesavers" from Lincoln Park. This Destination Team took first place in the Challenge Project Outreach at the regional competition this

past month. In addition their poster for the blood drive has been submitted to the Red Cross national poster contest.

For more details, see Page 12 inside.

The Pint Size Lifesavers pictured: bottom row - Emma Piasecki, Eliana Hardy, Grace Piasecki, Sarah Roman, top row - Grant Hylland, Morgan Ralston, Robby Swanker



WE ARE LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR A BRIGHT FUTURE

A Message from Superintendent Dave Peden

Happy Easter! We hope you had an enjoyable Spring Break and are ready for the final 10 weeks of another exciting Mona Shores school year.

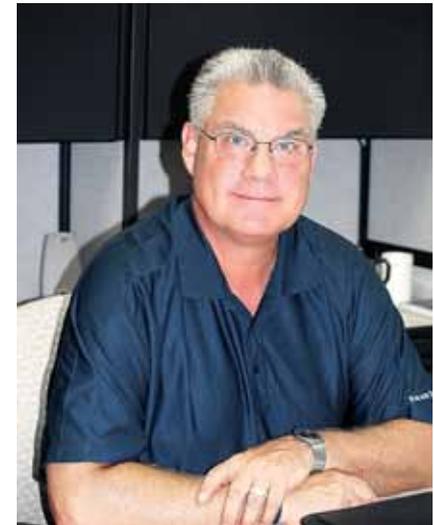
I never know what to expect after a mild winter but I hope we have a nice warm spring absent severe weather. I know the lake protects us but we still need to have plans in place for tornado type conditions.

This has been a year of change as is always the case with new leadership, but also a very successful year. We are laying the foundation for a bright future. I want to thank all of you who participated in our strategic planning process either in person or on-line providing feedback.

Once the plan is complete, we will report to our school community so you can help keep us accountable as we work to meet our goals.

I continue to be impressed with our fine arts department. The productions of "Seussical Jr." and "Annie" were as amazing as ever and there are still a number of opportunities to see our students in action including the "Pop Goes the Sailors" annual show.

I join our Board of Education and staff in wishing the class of 2012 and their families an enjoyable end of the year and a great future. We appreciate your contributions and look forward to your continued support. Be safe and make good decisions!



Dave Peden, Superintendent
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2012/2013 SCHOOLS OF CHOICE PROGRAM

Non-Resident Schools of Choice application forms are available at the Mona Shores Community Services Office located at Ross Park Elementary, 121 Randall Road **beginning Monday, April 9th**. Applications must be completed and returned **in person by 4:00 p.m., Monday, May 14, 2012**. Students with any suspensions, expulsions or trancies are not eligible to apply.

If necessary, grade level public lotteries will be held at the May 14th 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

Please note the change of location for Mona Shores Community Services Office:

We have moved to Ross Park Elementary at 121 Randall Road.

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.



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BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS ON TRACK FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR

A Message from Board President Kandace Boysen

Greetings!

We have entered the last trimester of the school year and what a dynamic year this has been for students as well as staff. I am relying on the department directors and administrators to provide you with updates regarding student achievement, building level news, etc.

The Board of Education has had two major board-driven goals for the current school year. First, we needed to completely review and update our policy manual, particularly with the increasing need for policy regarding the inclusion of personal electronic devices in education. Our work is nearly finished and will be ready for district use within the next few months. Furthermore, an electronic version of the entire policy manual will be available for reference on the district website.

Our second goal was to begin the process of developing a strategic plan.

Four meetings have been held with various stakeholders for the purpose of receiving appropriate input. The Strategic Planning Committee is now ready to begin the assigned task and hopefully will be presenting this formal document to the district and community as the school year ends.

In closing, I want to express the anticipation we board members are experiencing as we prepare to present to the Class of 2012 their high school diplomas. I am extending an early Congratulations to our graduating seniors.



*Sincerely,
Kandace Boysen,
Board President*

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BOARD OF EDUCATION 2012 MEETING SCHEDULE

The Board of Education generally meets on the first and second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. All meetings are held at the Admin. Building.*

April 16, 2012	Comb. Wk. Ses./Reg. Mtg.
May 7, 2012	Work Session
May 14, 2012	Regular Meeting
June 4, 2012	Work Session
June 11, 2012	Budget Hearing/Reg. Mtg.

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CURRICULUM CORNER

*A Message from Camille Gabris,
Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment*

The Michigan Department of Education recently released the Fall 2011 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, in the area of social studies in grades six and nine, and in the area of writing in grades four and seven. Test results can be found online under the assessment link at the Michigan School Data link at <https://www.mischooldata.org/>. An icon linked to this website is located on the homepage of the district website (www.monashores.net) and on each building's homepage.

The high school juniors have completed the 2012 Michigan Merit Exam (MME). As part of the MME, students take the ACT and WorkKeys tests. Students may have their ACT scores sent 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 are commended for their leadership in preparing our students for testing!

In addition to academics, we look out for the needs of the total student here at Mona Shores. In promoting overall good health, the 1in21 Education Committee (1in21.org) is challenging the school districts in our county to have 2100 students participate in the Seaway Run on June 23, 2012. Students (and families) can choose from three events: 15k run, 5k run, 5k fun run/walk. Following are the costs for students through the age of 18 if registered prior to June 15: The 15k and 5k cost is \$12.50 for online registration and \$15.00 for mail-in registration. There is also an option for no shirt at a \$5.00 discount. The 5k fun run/walk cost is \$10.00 online and \$13.00 mail-in. All registrations include the run, a t-shirt, a pre-race dinner and Health Expo, and post race refreshments. Register at <http://www.goracego.com/>. Scroll down to the Seaway Run. We hope to see an abundance of Shores' Sailors at the Seaway Run! With good nutrition and the right amount of physical activity, our students will be ready for the academic challenges ahead of them.

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. 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.

CONGRATULATIONS MONA SHORES

*Mona Shores Public Schools
Awarded Grant for MiBLSi*

This school year Mona Shores Public Schools was awarded one of seven school districts throughout Michigan a District Cohort grant from the State Department of Education and Michigan's Integrated Behavior and Learning Support Initiative (MiBLSi).

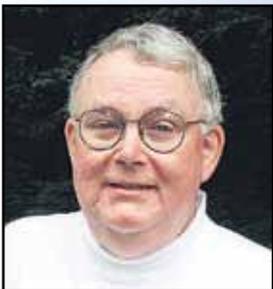
If you have been in a building at anytime during this school year you might see signage posted regarding expectations for all students and staff. For example, if you have been to Ross Park Elementary you know all about our Super Sailors!! Staff and students are doing a fantastic job modeling appropriate behaviors and learning not only at Ross Park, but in every one of our buildings.

MiBLSi is a "Multi-Tiered System of Support" (MTSS). Last spring, the state MiBLSi team moved from an individual school level focus to a district level. This change will help ensure that district policies, processes and structures are in place to sustain the long-term commitment of MTSS practices in the future. The Muskegon Area Intermediate School District (MAISD) has partnered with Mona Shores to develop a plan with goals that may be used by other school districts in Muskegon County in the near future.

For more information regarding MiBLSi and MTSS, please contact Greg Morris, Director of Student Services at morrisg@monashores.net or 231-780-4751, extension 8217. For additional information please visit our website under departments at www.monashores.net.

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DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

By Lane White Jr. –
Director of Technology

Exciting technology improvements are taking place at Mona Shores Public Schools! The district has invested heavily in technology over the past decade because we believe it's an essential part of quality instruction for our students and in preparing students for a global 21st century workforce. Keeping technology current remains a constant challenge for our district and many districts in the area. Resources are needed to accomplish all of our visions and dreams for technology, so funding is critical. Your continued support is essential in achieving our dreams and visions!

Listed below is a short summary of the major technology projects taking place currently or planned for the near future.

New projectors have arrived for every classroom (205) in the District. Installation has begun and every classroom will have a new projector by fall 2012. The original projectors were installed in the summer of 2006. The new projectors have a bulb life of 5,000 hours versus 2,000 hours with the old projectors. The new projectors are also much brighter and provide a much improved viewing experience for your child.

Teacher laptops have been purchased for every teacher (215). We plan to have the new laptops to teachers by the end of the school year. Current teacher laptops are approaching six years old!

As the district moves forward, we will continually require that we address upgrades to existing network infrastructures. To support future computing configurations, personal student devices and other wireless devices the district is planning for upgrades to the wireless infrastructure this summer. The district originally created the first wireless infrastructure



in 2006. Wireless access is having a positive impact on the way computers are used in schools and will encourage collaborative learning by eliminating the physical need of computers to be connected to the network with wires.

The District will be implementing a new student management system next school year. This will be a major transition for the District that will involve many stakeholders in data migration, planning and training. The new system will include a parent web portal for accessing your child's grades, attendance, and other information. You will receive information next school year on how to access the new system with instructions. Please bear with us as we deal with this transition.

The technology office will be moving with other administrative offices to Ross Park Elementary this summer. We are excited with the opportunity to work more closely with students!

Finally, we are currently in the process of updating the District Technology Plan. The plan will cover the next three years 2012 - 2015. The State of Michigan requires that every school district have a functional technology plan. The plan will be reviewed and approved by our Board of Education, Muskegon Area Intermediate School District (MAISD), and the State Department of Education (MDE) by June 30, 2012. In the near future you will receive information on completing a survey regarding technology planning in the District. I would very much appreciate your input!

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SPRING IS FULL OF EVENTS AND EXCITEMENT!

A Message from High School Principal Jennifer Bustard



We have recently completed our 2nd Trimester 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! Spring is full of excitement for all students, and it is an exceptionally exciting time for our seniors who will soon be participating in the many upcoming events that are focused around graduation. Along with graduation comes the highly anticipated Spring Prom. To kick off another successful and safe prom, we will be providing students with a Drug and Alcohol Awareness Month. This year, in partnership with our Community Liaison Officer, Jim Davis, and Muskegon ALI (Muskegon Alcohol Liability Initiative), we will have a series of student and community events as a reminder of the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- March** Face the Book Campaign and Competition - Prize: iPad 2
- April 19** MSHS Student Assembly - Sponsored by Tyler Sales Bob Anastas, founder of SADD presenting "Check into a Winning Life"
- April 19** 7pm MSHS Auditorium - Countywide Community Event
- April 23-27** MSHS-On Site Crash Demonstration-Sponsored by Norton Shores Police Department
- May 5** Prom at the Trillium - 7:30pm

TEACHING AND LEARNING:

Our High School is proud to share that in our pursuit of academic excellence for our students, we have recently assessed our 9th, 10th and 11th grade students. Since the State of Michigan implemented the mandate for all juniors to take the ACT, we have created the opportunity to test all students on that day. The 9th grade took the Explore test, the 10th grade took the Plan test, and the 11th grade took the ACT/MME. Our 9th grade students were one of 80 schools in the state to pilot the "Clicker tool" for inputting test answers. The Explore and Plan tests are all predictor assessments on how students will fair on the ACT College Readiness Assessment. By having students take these assessments, teachers have a data resource to use in evaluating curriculum, monitor how students are learning and make the necessary adjustments to assist in student achievement.

SUMMER SCHOOL INFORMATION:

We are pleased to announce that Mona Shores High School will once again offer Summer School for students. Mona Shores High School recognizes the demands that the Michigan Merit Curriculum and the increased graduation requirements have placed on students. Having summer school will give students a local opportunity for credit recovery and credit enhancement. We are excited about this opportunity and are pleased to be able to offer a variety of classes to our students. Specific Summer School information is available in the counseling office at the high school or can be found on our high school web page. Any questions, please contact Dean of Students, Al Weber at (231) 780-4711 extension 8496.

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.

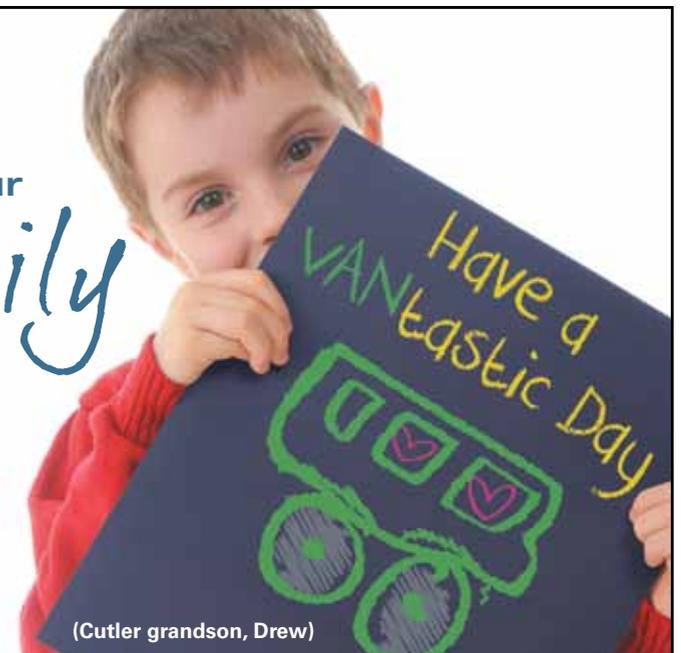
All the best! Jennifer Bustard, Principal
Phone: (231) 780-4711 extension 8499

MONA SHORES SENIOR CELEBRATION 2012 NEWS!

It's time to get your \$100.00 registration fee and forms sent in! Forms are available in the high school office or may be downloaded from the high school website under "Our School - Class of 2012". Check out our Facebook page at Mona Shores Class of 2012. Please contact Kathy Bremer at 740-4978 with any questions.



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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 early May.

FINAL TRANSCRIPTS

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

SCHOLARSHIPS

There are still a small number of scholarships listed on our Counseling Department website with applications available in our office or online. Please remember that you should allow 5-7 days prior to the deadline for processing.

ACT

Juniors planning to take the June 9th ACT must submit their registration online by May 4th at 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 \$34 and ACT plus writing is \$49.50.



PLAN AND EXPLORE TEST RESULTS

Sophomores and freshmen took the PLAN and EXPLORE tests on March 6th 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 WEBSITE

Please refer to our website, located on the Mona Shores home page, for the latest scholarship application information, financial aid, E-transcripts, and testing information. There are also links for scholarship searches. If students are interested in updating their EDP's (Educational Development Plans), 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 website 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 website for the fees, specific dates, and the courses being offered, or contact your student's counselor.

CREDIT RECOVERY CLASSES

Students who have failed classes or are behind in credits may elect to take an online course after school through the High School's credit recovery program. The student needs to see his/her counselor to complete an application and determine which course needs to be taken. Each half-credit course costs \$90 to cover the cost of the class and the instructor who is available Monday through Thursday from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. All work needs to be completed at school and should be finished within a trimester's time.

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 from April 23rd – May 7th, and then turn it in to his/her counselor along with a refundable \$25 check no later than May 11th. The student will 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. The examinations are generally scheduled for the latter part of July.

PARENTS FORUM ON UNDERAGE DRINKING

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2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

April 24	Cap, gown and announcement distribution during lunches (High School Auditorium lobby)
May 5	Prom – 7:30 pm (Trillium Conference & Banquet Center)
May 7	National Honors Society Induction – 7:30 pm (High School Auditorium)
May 23	Graduation Seating Chart Posted
May 24	Honors Convocation – 7:30 pm (High School Auditorium)
May 29	0 Hour Senior Exam
May 30	No Late Start 4th & 5th Hour Senior Exams
May 31	1st & 3rd Hour Senior Exams
June 1	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)
June 3	Baccalaureate – 3:00 pm (High School Auditorium)
June 6	Commencement Rehearsal – 12:45 pm (LC Walker Arena) Commencement – 8:00 pm (LC Walker Arena)

2012 HIGH SCHOOL EXAM SCHEDULE - GRADES 9TH – 11TH

June 11	0 Hour Exam – 6:30-7:34 am 1st Hour Exam – 7:40-9:05 am
June 12	2nd Hour Exam- 7:40-9:05 am 3rd Hour Exam – 9:20-10:40 am
June 13	4th Hour Exam – 7:40-9:05 am 5th Hour Exam – 9:20-10:40 am

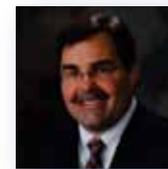


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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS HAS OWN LESSONS TO OFFER

*A Message from Ryan Portenga,
Director of Athletics*

As I sit here at my desk, reflecting on our winter sports season, what really comes to mind is the lessons that our teams learned over the past couple months.

It is very easy to forget at times that high school sports – and other co- and extra-curricular programming – are an extension of our classrooms. Junior basketball guard Meredith Smith practices for a game probably like she studies for a test. Our varsity hockey captain, Brandon Cottrell, no doubt had to cope with leadership issues on and off the ice much like many young leaders in our school have to deal with things when spearheading academic group projects. I'm sure there are many in our school who get lots of As, but get thrown off when that blemish of a C- shows up... kind of like our girl's bowling program winning just about everything during the regular season, but who learned to deal with disappointment at the state finals in Battle Creek.

Dealing with difficulties, overcoming adversity, celebrating success, learning to lead... they're all lessons in our academic curriculum, but they're battle-tested on a daily basis in Mona Shores' co- and extra-curricular programming. Below are some specific highlights and examples of what I'm talking about...

We saw our hockey team get off to a rocky start, but then win another Konrad

Championship and enjoy an impressive winning streak that included two victories in the Trenton (MI) Showcase for the first time in school history. Yes, we lost 1-0 (in one of the best high school hockey games I've ever seen, I might add) to Forest Hills in the Regional Finals, but you cannot convince me that our great hockey tradition wasn't continued and that our skaters didn't learn how to persevere.

Include our girl's basketball team, who would probably admit themselves that they could have nabbed a few more victories this year (the team lost two games by four points and two games by only one point), but who finished with an excellent fifteen-win season. Sure, they didn't achieve all of their goals, but they posted a record that only a handful of other Class A schools in the state can boast and grabbed excellent wins over Forest Hills Central and Cedar Springs – a lot to be proud of. They learned how hard work pays off in many of life's battles.

How about our boy's swimming cooperative, who have fought the battle for years of practicing in another school's facility (Muskegon) with guys on our team who go to yet another school (Reeths-Puffer)? Then throw in some of the changes made to their cooperative, including the financial burden that a great group of parents stepped up to overcome together, and do they not truly learn what teamwork is?

Then you've got a boy's basketball squad that emphasizes "programming" and puts action to this plan by volunteering their time to teach the game of basketball on Saturday mornings to the next generation of Sailor 'hoopsters'. They've got at least twenty-one games to prepare in a three-month stretch, but give back and recognize Mona Shores youth at these games in different ways almost every game. For these guys, servitude is the name of the game.

After reading about some student-section issues in San Antonio today, I cannot help but think of our own student-section, undoubtedly a team of their own, who try to raise the spirits of Mona Shores' teams and generate a true home-court advantage. Sure, they cross the line from time to time (and are disciplined, if need be)... but don't these teenagers learn what is socially acceptable, what is not, and what sort of real-world consequences result from such behavior?

Take wrestling, perhaps the primitive sport we enjoy today, where two players are matched up with each other in an evenly staged (by weight) battle of body and mind. There is an individual and a team component. It's one of the few sports I've never tried and yet I know it's arguably the toughest sport to grasp. Though all sports use innumerable muscles and have different levels of mastery, there are often times where there are mismatches (one basketball team having a 6'6" center versus a team with a 6'1" center) and strategy exploits these issues. Wrestling is different due to its rules, and one must be unbelievably tough and incredibly disciplined to achieve greatness.

Finally, perhaps my favorite of all is the sport of competitive cheer, where lessons are learned that are often difficult to see and comprehend at times. There are no two-point baskets, goals, pins, or visible times that separate each team. In fact, after each round, the crowd (for the most part) has no idea the exact scoring value of the team's performance. It's hard to place our efforts in the hands of judges, and these forty or so girls who participate get to experience first-hand the values of patience and understanding.

Therefore, in conclusion, congratulations to all of our All-Conference, All-Area, All-Region, and All-State athletes, but – more importantly – congratulations to all of our participants and teams for making it to the finish line of winter sports, improving your skill set, and being able to put to practice all that you learn at home and in our great classrooms here at Mona Shores. This community is proud of you.

Yours in Sailor spirit, Ryan Portenga

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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!

Middle School Team Visits 5th Grade Classrooms:

- Meet with 5th grade teachers and students • Introductions • Information • Questions & Answers
- Ross Park - Tuesday, April 10th (9:00 a.m.)
- Churchill - Tuesday, April 10th (1:00 p.m.)
- Lincoln Park - Thursday, April 12th (9:00 a.m.)
- Campbell - Friday, April 13th (9:00 a.m.)

5th Grade Students Visit Middle School:

- Information • Tours • Questions & Answers
- Ross Park - Tuesday, April 17th (9:30 a.m.)
- Churchill - Tuesday, April 17th (1:00 p.m.)
- Campbell - Thursday, April 19th (9:00 a.m.)
- Lincoln Park - Thursday, April 19th (1:00 p.m.)

5th Grade Parent Night:

- Introductions • Presentation
- Middle School Auditorium • Wed., April 25th @ 7:00 p.m.

Band Orientation:

- Introductions • Band Performances
- High School Auditorium • Wed., April 18th @ 1:30 p.m.

Important Forms

- Registration Form • Band Form
- Issued to Students on Friday, April 27th - Due Fri., May 4th

Ports of Call:

- Pick-up Schedule • Locker Assignment • School Picture and ID • Handbook
- Tuesday, August 21st 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 3:00-6:00 p.m. (6th Grade)
- Tues., August 28th, 4:00-6:00 p.m. (Make-up day for all grades)

Open House:

- Meet Teachers • Visit Classrooms • Follow Schedule
- Wednesday, August 29th - 6:30-8:00 p.m.

MONA SHORES MIDDLE SCHOOL MASTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL:

- 2-6 No School/Spring Break
- 9 School Resumes
- 11 Late Start Wednesday, School Starts at **9:40 a.m.**
- 11-12 7th Grade Vision Testing
- 17 5th & 6th Orchestra Concert @ MSMS Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- 18 **No Late Start** Wednesday, School Starts at 7:45 a.m. 6th Grade Camp Parent Meeting, 7 p.m. Percussion Ensemble @ **MSHS**, 7 p.m.
- 20 Sailor Celebration, 6 – 8 p.m.
- 25 Late Start Wednesday, School Starts at **9:40 a.m.**

MAY:

- 2 Late Start Wednesday, School Starts at **9:40 a.m.**
- 8 8th Grade Band Concert, 7:30 p.m., MSMS
- 9 **No Late Start** Wednesday, School Starts at 7:45 a.m.
- 15 7th Grade Band Concert, 7:30 p.m., MSMS
- 16 Late Start Wednesday, School Starts at **9:40 a.m.**
- 17 6th – 8th Grade Orchestra Spring Concert, 7 p.m., MSMS
- 22 6th Grade Band Spring Concert, 7:30 p.m., MSMS Auditorium
- 23 **No Late Start Wednesday**, School Starts at 7:45 a.m.
- 24-25 6th Grade Science Camp
- 28 Memorial Day, No School
- 8th Grade Band Marches in Memorial Day Parade, 8:15 a.m. at Muskegon County Courthouse
- 29 Choir Concert, 7:30 p.m., MSMS
- 30 Late Start Wednesday, School Starts at **9:40 a.m.**
- 31-6/1 6th Grade Science Camp

JUNE:

- 6 **No Late Start Wednesday**, School Starts at 7:45 a.m.
- 7-8 6th Grade Science Camp
- 8 8th Grade Bon Voyage Dance, 7 – 9 p.m.
- 13 Last Student Day, Half-Day, School Dismisses at 11 a.m.
- 16 8th Grade Washington DC Trip

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2012-2013 Tuition Preschool Registration

Mona Shores Tuition Preschool offers classes for children for the following ages: Three's, Four's, Young Four's and our popular five-day per week Pre-K class. All of our instructors are certified teachers and all classes are held at Ross Park Elementary. Our program will provide a positive, safe, nurturing environment that will promote physical, intellectual, social and emotional growth.

Mona Shores Preschool Program has an outstanding reputation in our school community for over 35 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. The Preschool Program is working closely with our Curriculum Office and kindergarten teachers to ensure every child entering kindergarten is ready to learn and better able to meet the demands of the full day kindergarten program. Our fours program also offers an all-inclusive preschool/kindergarten transition plan. Students will have opportunities to explore specials and activities and other school experiences, which will help provide a smooth transition, ease student fears and help them to quickly adapt. This joint effort will mean greater success for all children. Your choice should be simple...Mona Shores Preschool!

To receive an enrollment package, call or visit the Mona Shores Community Services Office, 121 Randall Road (Ross Park Elementary), 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.

Classes fill up fast --- enroll today!



MONA SHORES COMMUNITY CHILD CARE CENTER ENROLLING SOON FOR SUMMER AND 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR!

Mona Shores Community Child Care Center, located at Ross Park Elementary, offers quality care to children ages 6 weeks through 5th grade including Sailor Care (Before and After School Care) located at each Elementary Building throughout the district. Our hours of operation are 7 am-6 pm Monday through Friday.

OUR PROGRAMS

Infant/Toddler (6 weeks – 33 months)

We believe consistency of warm, responsive, individualized care teaches trust and allows children to anticipate experiences. Every experience has the potential to be a learning experience.

Preschool (3 - 5 years)

Our preschool program promotes innovative learning opportunities and individual creativity, while maintaining high standards of care and fostering learning opportunities for all children.

Sailor Care (Before and After School Care) K-5

Our school age program, "Sailor Care" offers opportunities for children to transition from school into a slower, less structured setting. They enjoy a variety of fun activities such as crafts, sports, computers and much more. Sailor Care sites are located at each elementary building within the Mona Shores Public School District.

School Breaks/Summer Camp

Our focus is on FUN with the opportunity to celebrate individual differences and promote cultural awareness from around the world. We start with a dynamic new theme each year. We include all kinds of creative activities such as field trips, arts and crafts, athletics, and much more.

Additional Information

For enrollment or additional information, please contact us at (231) 780-6720 or vankersb@monashores.net.

Head Start: A federal preschool program that provides three and four-year-olds an early boost in their education. Transportation and meals are provided.

Great Start Readiness Program: A state sponsored preschool experience for 4-year-olds. Classes are taught by state certified teachers. A Home Based option is also available for this program.

Classrooms are located in Ross Park Elementary.
Please call 231-865-4102 for information.

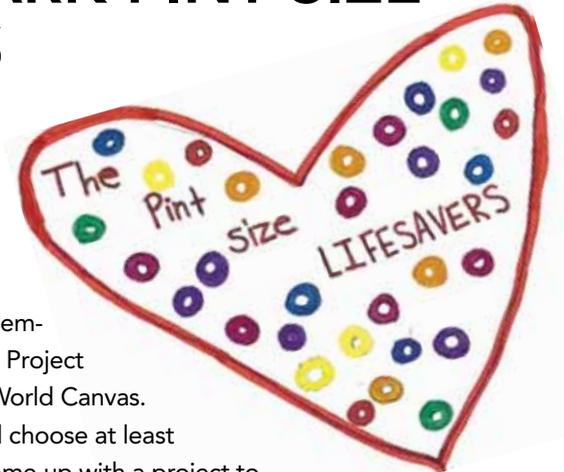
Both programs are FREE
to families that qualify.





Top pictured from left to right:
Olivia Sturtevant, Miah Lipps and Colin Berry.

LINCOLN PARK PINT SIZE LIFESAVERS



Seven fourth grade students from Lincoln Park Elementary formed a team for Destination Imagination, an organization that encourages students to solve challenges and learn, problem-solve and create. They chose the Project Outreach Challenge called The World Canvas. The team needed to identify and choose at least one real community need and come up with a project to address it, including advertising and marketing.

They named themselves The Pint Size Lifesavers. The students toured the Red Cross, met with their principal to get approval, designed a logo and posters, delivered the posters around town and spoke to their entire student body to inform them about the need for blood. They also served refreshments and read to blood donors during the blood drive.

The blood drive was a great success, with 56 people participating in the drive to benefit the community.

ROSS PARK SUPER SAILORS DONATE 1,500 BOOKS!

Our Ross Park Super Sailors and their families collected over 1,500 books to donate to the Muskegon Heights Edgewater School's library. PTO treasurer Jenny MacNeill initiated this book drive in an effort to replenish their supply of books and reach out to fellow students in need. The word began to spread and before you knew it, the book drive exceeded 1,500 books! Students at Muskegon Heights were very appreciative. Here at Ross Park our SUPER SAILORS proved once again that they are respectful, responsible, safe and KIND!



CAMPBELL ELEMENTARY HOSTS FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT!

On March 1st, Campbell School welcomed 275 parents and students for their annual Family Literacy Night. The evening began with a pizza dinner and a One School One Book information session. The One School One Book program involves the entire Campbell School community in the reading of "The World According to Humphrey" by Betty G. Birney. Parents also received Reading at Home packets while students excitedly picked out a book of their choice. An entertaining magician, Paul Rathbun, rounded out the evening with his astonishing magic and important messages about the value of voracious reading! All in all, it was a great night for families to come together and celebrate reading!



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HARMONIOUS LINK UP

Churchill and Ross Park 5th Graders

Fifth grade students at Churchill and Ross Park Schools have been involved in some exciting musical performances this year at the Beardsley and Frauenthal Theaters.

During the past eight years, all fourth grade students in the district have learned to play a recorder instrument as part of a special music educational partnership with the West Michigan Symphony (WMS) here in Muskegon.

The Communities Link Up! Music Curriculum was brought to Muskegon from the Weill Music Institute at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Carnegie Hall has awarded the West Michigan Symphony Orchestra a grant that provides the opportunity for area schools to participate in this special music program. The West Michigan Symphony Orchestra is one of only ten orchestras in the United States chosen to participate in this community link up. This program links the West Michigan Symphony with the music education community in schools from several surrounding counties.



the students participate by singing and playing the recorder along with the orchestra.

In September, twenty-one fifth grade students from Churchill and Ross Park played a song on the recorder at a TEDx conference held at the Beardsley Theater in Muskegon. These Technology, Entertainment and Design Conferences are held in many parts of the world. It is where the world's leading thinkers and doers gather to share "ideas worth spreading". One of the speakers at the Muskegon conference was WMS conductor, Scott Speck. During his presentation he spoke about the Communities Link Up! Program and the student performance demonstrated to the audience what they had learned in this program.

In February, many of the same students played a song on the stage at the Frauenthal Theater with the West Michigan Symphony. Mr. Speck again spoke to the audience about the great opportunities for music learning that takes place each year in the Link Up! Program.

The students attending from Churchill School were: Madelyn Anderson, Kaitlin Girard, Coy Lakatos, Trevor Baker, Madeline Dibble, Ivy Dudgeon, Alec Hurst, Sophia Scheuerle and Carlie Shaw. The Ross Park musicians were: Marisa Bacon, Shelby Savacool, Kevin Gongalski, Madison Frost, Erin Carroll, Noah Kinnucan, Taylor Tenhove, Samantha Ladegast, Mkena Huffman, Maryam Esho and Marisa Vandermolten.

At both performances, the students performed like professional musicians. We can be very proud of them and the hundreds of other students in our district who have learned to play an instrument while participating in this curriculum.



The elementary music instructors teach the students the basic music fundamentals and the techniques to play the recorder. For the culminating activity in the study, the students attend an interactive concert with the West Michigan Symphony under the direction of the conductor, Scott Speck. During the concert

Retiring soon? Let's talk.

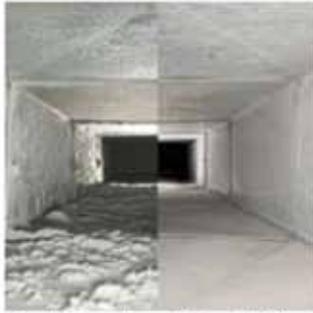


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CLASS	DESCRIPTION	DAY/TIME/LOCATION	DATES	FEE/EQUIPMENT
10-10-10 Mon. <u>or</u> Wed. Francine Sagan-Kilcrease	10 minutes each of Cardio, Abs & Strength Training. Look and feel fantastic! Monday at Middle School East Gym – Wednesday at Middle School Café.	Mon. 6-6:30p or 7-7:30p Wed. 7-7:30p Middle School Gym/Cafe	M - 4/16-5/21 MS Gym W - 4/18-5/23 MS Cafe	\$15/6 classes Mat, weights, water bottle, small bands, long resistance tubes & small play ball.
Zumba 30 Mon. <u>or</u> Wed. Francine Sagan-Kilcrease	30 minutes of Hip Hop & Latin Dance moves to great music for a fun, fast & fantastic workout. No dance experience needed. Very popular!	Mon. 6:35-7:05p OR Wed. 7:35-8:05p Middle School Gym/Cafe	M - 4/16-5/21 MS Gym W - 4/18-5/23 MS Cafe	\$15/6 classes Water bottle
Zumba 50 Wed. Francine Sagan-Kilcrease	50 minutes of this Latin Exercise Dance craze that will totally get you in shape!	Wed. 6-6:50p Middle School Cafeteria	W - 4/18-5/23 MS Cafe	\$30/6 classes Water bottle
Hoop Happy/Hoop Healthy Tarah Rhenae, Instructor Merri Davis, Owner	Hoop Fit is a new way to strengthen your core, add definition to your arms and tighten your legs. Combining basic hula-hoop moves to create a fun, energetic fitness routine to upbeat music. 5 classes plus hoop making night.	Wed. 4:15-5:00p Ross Park Cafeteria	W - 4/18 Hoop Making Class Fitting/Demo to your size. Classes: 4/25-5/23	\$40/5 classes – Plus hoop fee payable at 1st night beginning from \$45. Only Hoop Happy Hoops permitted.
Yogalates TBA	Hatha Yoga & Pilates for strength, flexibility, and muscular endurance to streamline your physique. Check on website for update	To be announced	To be announced	\$30/6 classes Yoga Mat, small blanket/towel, water bottle (blocks optional).
Photography-Advanced Dave Carlson (former Chronicle Photographer)	Hands on class! Travel each week to a different location. Great photo opportunity to learn expert techniques to improve composition, develop new skills and make all your photos look better!	Mon. 6-8:30p Ross Park Media Center & On Location. Due to travel time classes may end later.	M - 4/23-5/21	\$69/5 classes 35mm or Digital Camera & Zip Drive to store photos
Watercolor Beginner/Intermediate Tom Jordan www.etsy.com/shop/ thomasjordan	Learn about materials, history and see demos of techniques. Beginners start with basics and experienced painters work at own pace with help from instructor. Includes landscapes, florals, still-lifes, color mixing & basic color theory.	Wed. 6-8:30p Middle School Room 21	W - 4/18-5/23	\$70/6 classes Supply list available at registration & online. Wear old clothing.
Wet on Wet Oil Painting Workshops Pauline Stitt	Oil Painting Class using the “Bob Ross” wet-on-wet technique. Easy and fun to create a complete picture in one session. Color photos on our website at www.monashores.net (Under Adult Enrichment). Wear old clothing.	See Schedule at right/6-9p Ross Park Room 39	T - 4/17 Birdhouse w/Roses T - 5/15 Lake Michigan	\$40 each session Bring brushes, everything else included! Brush list available at registration & online.

STUDENT ENRICHMENT – SPRING 2012

Check out our website for individual flyers on these upcoming student activities.

Drawing & Painting 6th-8th MS Teacher Tom Jordan	Basic elements of drawing and techniques of watercolor. Complete flyer online at www.monashores.net.	Wed. 3-5:00p Middle School Room 21	W - 4/18-5/23	\$50/6 weeks Bring watercolors, drawing/sketchpad, & optional snack. Wear old clothing.
Self Defense Ages 5-15 Athletes In Motion Matthew Miller	Self Defense emphasizing child safety awareness. This is just what you need to help your kids be safe. Separate form available online with additional information.	Thursdays – Campbell Gym 5:45-6:30p Begin. Ages 5-7 6:30-7:15p Begin. Ages 8-13 7:15-8p All Returning	TH - 4/19-6/7	\$74/8 classes Additional fees for uniforms, belt advancements, tournaments and sparring packages.
Tennis Classes K-5th Coach Wilton & High School Varsity Players	QuickStart Tennis...Specialized equipment, shorter courts, modified scoring, all tailored to age and size. Under direction of Chris Wilton, USPTA & Lakeshore Community Tennis Association. Separate form available online.	Tue K-2: 5-5:45p 3rd-5th: 5-6:00p Middle School Outdoor Courts	T - 4/17-5/15	\$45.00/5 classes (each session) Bring own 19-23” racquet and wear tennis shoes.Limited number of demo racquets available at class. Coaches can assist with racquet sizing.

We often make additions to this class schedule after printing. Visit the Community Services website at www.monashores.net under Enrichment for updated class offerings. Mona Shores Community Services in an attempt to reduce printing costs no longer distributes printed flyers to each student. All forms are available online and distributed through our Notification System. Please be sure you update your contact information with your building secretary. If you do not have an email, please contact our office for a brochure at (231) 780-4748.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION & FORM

TO REGISTER IN PERSON OR BY MAIL, PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO:
 Mona Shores Community Services, 121 Randall Road, Norton Shores, MI, 49441
 Register by phone at (231) 780-4748 or by fax (231) 798-8741 with a credit card.

Early registration is encouraged. Enrollments are reviewed one week prior to the start of class, which may be canceled for insufficient enrollment.

Refunds: A full refund will be issued if the class is canceled by MSCS. If you cannot attend a class as planned, a refund (less a \$10 non-refundable fee) will be issued. Refunds will not be made after the first day of class or due to inclement weather. No credits issued for one-session classes.

Weather Cancellations: Classes may be cancelled due to inclement weather and will be rescheduled (refunds will not be issued).

Name: _____ Self Child Child's Age _____

Grade: (circle one) PS DK/K 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th Adult

T-Shirt Size (If Applicable to Class): Youth: S M L Adult: S M L XL

Address: _____ Zip _____ Resident: Yes No

Email for class updates/changes: _____ Add to Mailing list? Yes No

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Work Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Emergency Contact Phone: _____

Any health problems/allergies? _____

Class Title _____	Amount \$ _____
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On condition of this registration form being accepted, I hereby state that myself/my child is in a state of good health and I assume all risks associated with participation in this activity. Having read this waiver, I, for myself, my child and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release Mona Shores Community Services and Mona Shores Public Schools and any other agents from all claims of liabilities of any kind arising out of myself/my child's participation in this activity.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Total Fee Enclosed: _____ Credit Card Cash Check Check # _____

I authorize Mona Shores Community Services to charge my credit card. All information remains confidential.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

This event is very popular and fills up quickly! Reservations begin April 16th. In order to give all our seniors the opportunity to receive their Lighthouse View, we ask that you wait until this date to make your reservation.

Mona Shores Community Services is excited to announce the Annual Senior Citizens Event for Mona Shores residents ages 62 and older. The date of the event will be **Friday, April 27, 2012** at 1:00 pm. Join us for a delicious lunch served in the High School Cafeteria.

RSVP beginning **Monday, April 16, 2012.** 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 and 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. We will send out telephone confirmations on Monday, April 23rd to confirm your reservation. Hope to see you there!



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