



A Voyage to Read at the Middle School

The staff at the Middle School has made a commitment to encourage reading among the students. Each month, activities are planned to encourage students to get involved with reading. To begin the year, Teen Read Week was celebrated during the week of October 20th. Students representing each grade level gave a book review through the televised announcements. These students promoted books available for check out from the Media Center.



Book Review Crew



Winners of Drawing

In addition, students entered a drawing in the Media Center when checking out a book. At the end of the week, two names were drawn, each of which won pizza certificates donated by Papa John's Pizza.

Posters were hung throughout the school for this event. To end the month, the Media Center displayed Halloween books on a decorative table. Wow, did the books circulate! The Media Center will continue to display books throughout the year, with the theme of the display changing on a monthly basis. Other highlights of the year include:

- Book Fair – December 1-5
- Student Book Wish List for the Media Center – February
- March is Reading Month – Principal, Mr. Hanichen, may dress up as a cow this month if the students meet the challenge.
- Book Fair – Buy-One-Get-One-Free, April 19-23
- Easter Egg 'Hunt' – April

For additional information regarding Middle School activities, please contact Matt Hanichen, Building Principal at 759-8506 or by email at hanichenm@monashores.net.

Raising Anchor & Setting Sail

A Message from the Superintendent

"Serving the Community with Distinction"

Some 20 years ago the City of Norton Shores commissioned and published a must read book for community residents titled Lake Harbor: The Beginning of Norton Shores. I've often recommended the book as a resource for parents and students interested in learning more about our rich and colorful local area history. As we begin another new calendar year, I'm reminded of the many sacrifices and contributions pointed out in the book that were made by those who lived in Norton Shores and Roosevelt Park in years gone by. Clearly, past local leaders from both cities carefully preserved a high quality of life here along the lakeshore. As a result of the vision, caring and courage of these past leaders, current residents in both cities still enjoy living in a beautiful natural surrounding that is the envy of many other communities across the state and nation. However, while paying tribute to the leaders who unselfishly served our communities in past years is certainly important, recognition of their leadership efforts is simply not enough. In addition, current residents must support the dreams of former leaders by getting involved with community-building activities now being promoted by local area leaders. Only this kind of active engagement will insure that the high quality lifestyle we enjoy today will be passed along to future generations of the community's children and grandchildren.

While serving as Superintendent of Schools I have the opportunity to witness every day the outstanding contributions made by local area leaders. Too often these leadership contributions go unnoticed by the general public. Consequently, I would like to start the New Year out right by personally thanking each of our area leaders for their past and future support of children's issues. In particular, I would like to salute those who serve in elective offices. Elected officials must always assume extra responsibilities that go way beyond those required of school, city and county staff. So, please join with

me in thanking the following list of resident leaders for their years of service to the community the next time you get an opportunity to visit with them!

State Senator Gerald VanWoerkom, Jr. and State Representative David Farhat

Muskegon County Commissioners: Robert Scolnik, Nancy Waters, and Paul Baade

Norton Shores Mayor Nancy Crandall and City Council Members: M. Kay Beecham, Vicki Broge, Richard Dolack, Edgar Hunt, Lowell Kinney, Robert McCartney, Henry Waldo, and Jerry Wiersma

Roosevelt Park Mayor Robert Young and City Council Members: Rick Bleich, Ed Groszowski, Michael Hylland, Rose Justian, Norman Mertz, and Judy Van Westen

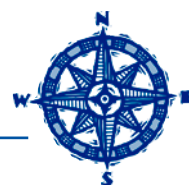
Mona Shores School Board President Linda Kelly and Board Members: Kay Olthoff, Michael Cavalier, Jr., Jeffrey Daugherty, Stuart Jones, Gary Langlois, and Judy Wilcox

Muskegon Area Intermediate School District President John Swanson and Board Members: Ed Garner, Robert Jacobs, Peggy Scouten, and Gordon Mudler

Muskegon Community College Chairman Ann D. Oakes and Board of Trustees: John DeBoer, Roy J. Portenga, Nancy L. Rubinsky, Kenneth J. Walcott, Dorothy Lester, and Frank Bednarek

In closing, thanks also for your own continuing school-community support. It is much appreciated! I hope 2004 is a really great year for you and your family!

Mr. Terry L. Babbitt, Superintendent of Schools
780-4751, extension 8205
E-mail: babbittt@monashores.net



Take a Tour of...



Middle school 8th graders and high school students are touring a new career exploration tool, Career Cruising. The goal for the developers of this resource was to "provide a comprehensive career guide that people would truly enjoy using." The developers have reached that goal, judging from the enthusiastic reception by students who have initially accessed this online tool.

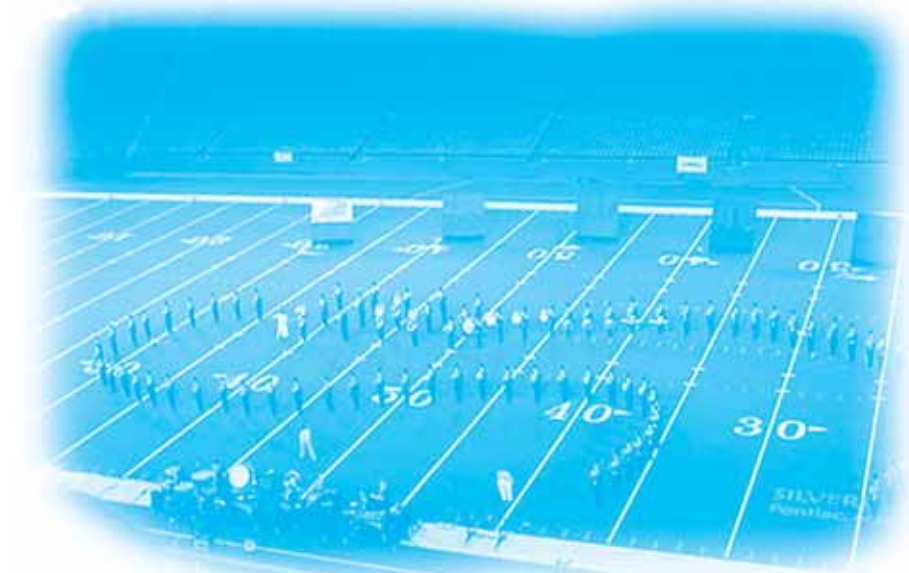
Students in grades eight through twelve will utilize this site in developing their EDP (Educational Development Plan). They will ultimately develop a portfolio online that tracks their career development activities, interests, and assessment results. They can bookmark careers of interest and schools for postsecondary education or training. Short-term and long-term goals can be identified within their career plan. Extra-curricular activities, work experience, and career exploration activities can all be tracked within this portfolio. Of particular interest to parents is the store of information about prospective postsecondary schools such as, school profile, admissions, academics, student life, facilities and services, estimated expenses, athletics, and majors offered. Schools can be searched based on majors selected by the student.



Parents and students are encouraged to take a tour of Career Cruising to explore its many features and helpful information as they plan together for a student's future. Access is simple on your computer at home:

For more information, please contact Sera Thompson, Curriculum Director at 780-4751, extension 8231 or via e-mail at thompson@monashores.net.

Marching Band Wins State Championship



Congratulations to the Mona Shores High School Sailor Marching Band for winning their sixth state marching band championship. The Marching Band captured the state title at the Pontiac Silverdome on November 1st. The band won the high general effect caption award and scored an 89.75 to take first place in Flight II competition. The state championship contest is run by the Michigan Competing Band Association. The band is under the leadership of field commanders Sarah Griffith,

Sarah Jennings and Jillyn Fishel as well as color guard captains Catherine VanAntwerpen and Stephanie Bush.

The band is grateful to the Mona Shores Band Parent Association and the faculty and administration of Mona Shores Schools for their support throughout the season. For additional information regarding the Mona Shores Marching Band, please contact Jason Boyden at 780-4711, extension 8328 or email boydenj@monashores.net.

8th Grade Students Prepare For High School

Your student's first day of High School is right around the corner and will be here sooner than you think. Your 8th grader will have many important decisions to make regarding the high school curriculum. Educational Development Plans, Four Year Plans, and placement testing will keep your 8th grader busy during the winter months.

Want a glimpse of what's in store for your future high school student? Both you and your student are invited to attend the 8th Grade Parent Night in the High School Auditorium on Monday, February 23, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. Please plan to arrive at 6:50 p.m. in order to have sufficient time to collect your student's individual

packet. This packet contains valuable information you will use during the scheduling process.

Parent night is an opportune time to have your questions answered and will assist you and your student in making a smooth transition from Middle School to High School.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Dennis Vanderstelt, Assistant High School Principal at 780-4711 (vandersd@monashores.net), Heidi Sunderhaft, Assistant Middle School Principal at 759-8506 (sunderhh@monashores.net), or Rick Kesteloot, Middle School Guidance Counselor at 759-8506 (kestelor@monashores.net).



8th Grade High School Visitation

The High School has invited the Class of 2008 (the current 8th grade) to visit the building on Tuesday, March 9, 2004. Both the High School staff and students are planning specific activities and presentations. The visitation is one of multiple activities provided to ease student transition between the two buildings.

Additional information will be mailed to you from the Middle School. For questions, comments, or concerns, please contact Rick Kesteloot, the Middle School Counselor, at 759-8506, extension 8594 or email him at kestelor@monashores.net.

Applying for Financial Aid?

A representative from the Muskegon Community College Financial Aid Office will conduct a Financial Aid Workshop to familiarize parents with the "FAFSA" financial aid form.

FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP
MONDAY, JAN. 12, 2004
7:00 PM
HIGH SCHOOL ROOM 301(LGI)

Financial Aid Forms will be provided, however, they are also available in the High School Counseling Office. For additional financial aid information, you may also visit www.fafsa.ed.gov on the web.



SET YOUR COURSE

Adult Education

Adult Education is enrolling students for second semester. Currently, openings exist for students less than 20 years of age who need to earn credits toward a high school diploma or for GED preparation.

If you are 20 years of age or older and considering a return to school, you should act now. Due to cuts in funding at the state level, space in the Adult Education program for this age group is very limited.

Although Adult Education has scaled back in some areas, students continue to be successful. This fall two returning students received notification that they are eligible for MEAP scholarships. In addition, a number of students have earned their high school diploma.

Adult Education continues to offer flexible scheduling, individualized learning, and daytime childcare. If you would like additional program information or would like to enroll, call 780-4751 extension 8208.

Academic Booster Club Second Annual Variety Show

Mona Shores Academic Booster Club invites you to attend the second annual Monday Night "Chill-In". Come and see a variety of Mona Shores High School students perform for your entertainment. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$3.00.

"Chill-In"

Monday, January 26, 2004
High School Auditorium
7:00 p.m.

ABC would also like to thank everyone in the community that has supported the Academic Booster Club throughout the years. Also don't forget that you can help support the Academic Booster Club by purchasing a Mona Shores Banner for \$25. Banners can be purchased in the Sailors Cove at Mona Shores High School or by contacting Kathy Dickinson at 780-4047 or email at kathydickinson@hotmail.com.

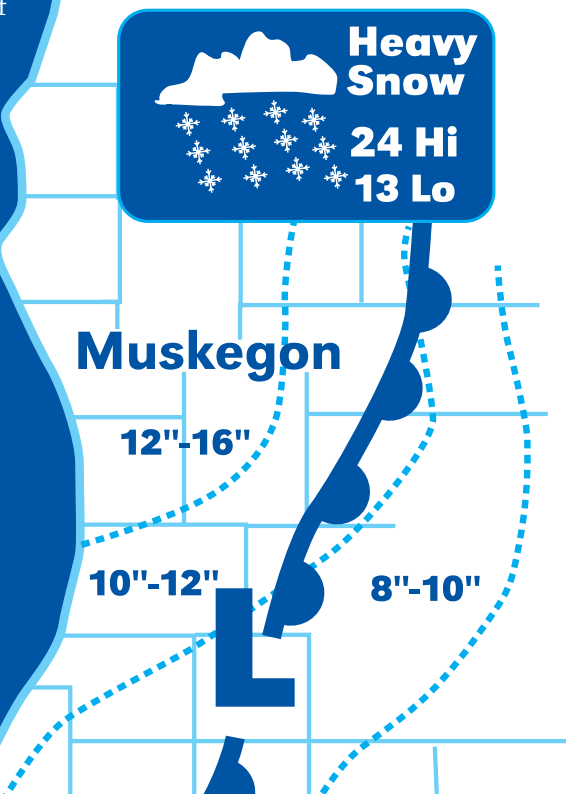
Is School Closed Today?

As winter weather approaches we are more likely to experience school closings and/or delays. School delays postpone the start time of school by two (2) hours. Closings typically cancel all school activities for the entire day.

Please tune into the following radio or television stations for up-to-the-minute school closing information: WCXT-105.3, WMUS-107.0, WLCS-98.3, WMRR-101.7, WSHZ-108.0, WSNX-104.5, WZZM-TV, WOOD-TV, and WWMT-TV.

Additionally, you can visit our district web site at www.monashores.net where a scrolling marquee will relay up-to-date information or telephone your building of choice for a recorded message.

A Winter Weather Alert!



Bond Refunding = Tax Savings!



Last January we shared with the community the savings to taxpayers as a result of the refunding (refinancing) the 8.1 million dollars of the 1995 construction bonds.

Once again, we are pleased to report we have refunded (refinanced) the final installment of the 1995 bonds, saving the taxpayers an **additional \$362,265!** The cumulative savings to taxpayers for all three refundings (1998, 2002, 2003) is approximately **1.6 million dollars!** Again, this is a direct savings to *every*

taxpayer in the Mona Shores district and will be passed on by further reducing the district’s debt millage rate in the years to come.

If you have any questions or would like additional information on the refunding, please contact Mike Schluentz at 780-4751, extension 8209 or by email at schluenm@monashores.net.

Green School Project Recycling Program

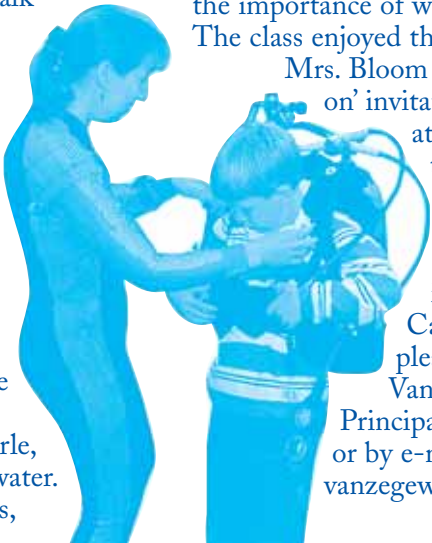
Don’t forget to drop off your used laser and inkjet cartridges, toner cartridges, and cell phones in the recycling boxes located in the Ross Park Library, Campbell Library, Lincoln Park Library, Churchill front hallway, or the Community Services Office at the High School. Feel free to recycle any brands of cartridges and cell phones.

The funds received from the recycled items help with library needs and programs.

Diving Into Their Stories

On October 2nd, Heather Bloom came to visit the third grade classes at Campbell Elementary to talk about diving underwater. She and her husband own the West Michigan Dive Center. She also organizes and participates in diving tours around the world.

The class had just read a story in their reading books called Meet an Underwater Explorer. The story made reference to marine scientist, Sylvia Earle, and her adventures underwater. In speaking to the students,



Mrs. Bloom told them of actually meeting Ms. Earle.

Mrs. Bloom and her son, David, ‘suited up’ to demonstrate underwater breathing techniques. She also talked about the importance of wearing a wet suit. The class enjoyed the presentation and Mrs. Bloom extended a ‘hands-on’ invitation for students to attend a session at the West Michigan Dive Center.

For more information about Campbell activities, please contact Wendy VanZegeren, Building Principal at 755-2550 or by e-mail at vanzegew@monashores.net.

School Calendar of Events

JANUARY		
1-4	Holiday Break – No School	
5	School Resumes	
6	8th Grade Science Placement Test	High School Café - 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
8	8th Grade English Placement Test	High School Café – 8:00-10:15 a.m.
12	0 Hour Exam (High School)	
	School Board Meeting (Combined Work Session/Regular Meeting)	
		7:00 p.m. – Administration Building
	College-bound Financial Aid Meeting	
		7:00 – 9:00 p.m. High School Room 301
13	Half Day Grades 9-12 – High School 1st and 2nd Hour Exams	
14	Half Day Grades 9-12 - High School 3rd and 4th hour exams	
15	End of First Semester	
	Half Day Grades 9-12 - High School 5th and 6th hour exams	
	8th Grade Social Studies Placement Test	High School Café 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
16	Records Day - Half Day Grades 1-12	
	(PM Kindergarten attends 8:25-11:29 a.m. – no AM Kindergarten)	
19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School	
20-22	8th Grade Math Placement Test at Middle School	
21	Driver’s Education Segment 1 Vision Screening	High School Auditorium Lobby – 3:00 p.m.
22-24	Middle School Musical ‘Ducktales & Bobbysox’	
		Middle School Auditorium – 7:30 p.m.
26	ABC “Chill-In” Variety Show @ HS Auditorium	
		7:00 p.m. – Tickets at the door - \$3.00 each
26-30	High School Winter Fest Week	
26-2/12	Meap Testing	
28	Driver’s Education Parent Meeting	High School Auditorium – 6:30-7:30 p.m.
31	MSBOA District 7 Solo and Ensemble Festival	
		High School – All Day
FEBRUARY		
2	School Board Meeting (Work Session)	7:00 p.m. - Lincoln Park Elementary
	High School Class of 2005 Scheduling Assembly	
		3rd Hour
5	Kindergarten Round-up – Campbell Elementary	
		6:30 p.m. Note: Pre-registration required.
6	Mariner Mania	
		7:00 – 9:00 p.m. - Middle School
7	Middle School Orchestra Camp	
	District Choir Solo and Ensemble Festival	
9	School Board Meeting	7:00 p.m. – Administration Building
	High School Class of 2006 Scheduling Assembly	
		3rd Hour
10	Kindergarten Round-up – Lincoln Park Elementary	
		6:30 p.m. Note: Pre-registration required.
11	Student Count Day	
13-16	Mid Winter Break – No School	
17	High School Class of 2007 Scheduling Assembly	
		3rd Hour
18	Orchestra Pre-festival Concert	
		High School Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.
19	Kindergarten Round-up – Ross Park	
		6:30 p.m. Note: Pre-registration required.
	Lincoln Park Elementary Science Fair	
		5:30-7:00 p.m.
23	8th Grade Parent Night – High School Auditorium	
		7:00 p.m.
24	Kindergarten Round-up – Churchill Elementary	
		6:30 p.m. Note: Pre-registration required.
	8th Grade Band Festival Concert	
		7:30 p.m. – Middle School Auditorium
	Middle School Pre-festival Orchestra Concert	
		High School Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.
25	Campbell Elementary Science Fair	
		5:30-7:00 p.m.
26	Churchill Elementary Science Fair	
		6:00-7:30 p.m.
	7th Grade Band Festival Concert	
		7:30 p.m. – Middle School Auditorium
28	Orchestra District Festival	
		High School Auditorium
29	Winter Band Concert – 3:00 p.m.	
		High School Auditorium
MARCH		
1	School Board Meeting (Work Session)	
		7:00 p.m. – Churchill Elementary
3	Middle School 8th Grade Career Fair	
		Muskegon Community College
3-5	MSBOA District 7 Band Festival	
		Grand Valley State University
5	Middle School Band Festival	
		Grand Valley State University
6	District Choir Festival	
7	Spring Choir Concert	
		2:00 p.m. – High School Auditorium
8	School Board Meeting	
		7:00 p.m. – Administration Building
9	High School Parent Teacher Conferences	
		11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and 5:30-8:30 p.m.
	Half Day Grades 9-12	
	8th Grade High School Visitation	
10	Parent Teacher Conferences	
		Middle School – 4:00-7:00 p.m.
11	Middle School Choir Concert – 7:30 p.m.	
		Middle School Auditorium
12	Half Day Grades 1-5 – Records Day	
	Kindergarten attends regular times	
13	Destination ImagiNation Regional Tournament	
		Reeths Puffer High School – All Day
18-20	Allegros Musical ‘Cinderella’	
		8:00 p.m. – High School Auditorium
19	Mariner Mania	
		7:00 – 9:00 p.m. - Middle School
20	Middle School Choir Festival	
25	Parent Teacher Conferences	
		Elementary Schools – 5:00-8:00 p.m.
26	Parent Teacher Conferences	
		Elementary Schools – 12:30-3:30 p.m.
	Half Day Grades 1-8	
	Kindergarten Regular Schedule	
30	Kindergarten Conferences	
		9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
APRIL		
2	Half Day Grades K-12 (AM Kindergarten attends, PM off)	
5-9	Spring Break – No School	

Attention Senior Citizens:

Mona Shores Community Services will be hosting a Senior Citizens Dinner for Mona Shores residents ages 62 and up. The date of the event is Thursday, March 4 at the High School Cafeteria. Seating at 3:45 p.m. & Dinner at 4:00 p.m. If you are interested in registering, please call our office at 780-4748. Visit our website at www.monashores.net under ‘Community Services’ for updated information.

Limited seating, reservations required.

Philanthropy is “Phun”!!!

What started out as a math lesson in making change, ended up to be a lesson in the spirit of what kids can do to make the world a better place.

On October 23rd the students in Miss Peters 3rd level Multi-Age class at Lincoln Park Elementary, decided they would like to host a bake sale for the school to learn how to count money and make change. Families baked fun Halloween treats and students priced the items, made posters and advertised throughout the school. When it came time to decide what the profits would be used for, the class read a book called Beatrice’s Goat. It is a true story about a young girl in Uganda, Africa. Because of the gift of a goat from Heifer Project International, Beatrice and her family were made healthy by the goat’s milk. Not only that, they were able to sell the extra milk and two offspring for money so that they could build a home, attend school, clothe themselves and buy necessary medicine. The students were so moved by this story; they set out to raise enough money to buy an animal for a family like Beatrice’s. The class estimated that they would raise about \$150 during the 3-day sale however; the final total resulted in \$365.38.

A local industry, Northern Machine Tool Company, heard the message from students and decided to match whatever funds were raised in the sale making



the grand total \$730.76!!! With this money, students were able to purchase two water buffalo, one goat and one sheep through the Heifer Project. As students Kelly McMahon and Brooklyn Sabin stated, “now the animals can help a lot because it can just go on and on because one family can pass a baby to another family and another so it (the gift) just keeps going.”

If you are interested in giving the gift of animals through the Heifer Project, please check out www.heifer.org or contact Amy Peters at 755-1257 ext. 8704.



A.S.K. Program at Churchill Elementary

The third grade students in Nancy Grigsby’s class at Churchill Elementary recently participated in the A.S.K. program. A.S.K. stands for Authors, Specialists, and Knowledge. The program consists of a class reading a book over a period of a few weeks and journaling on what they read. Upon completion of the book, students use their journal entries to write questions that they would like to ask the author of the book (or a specialist in a specific area of study). The students then meet with the author or specialist in a two-way interactive videoconference session to ask their questions.

At Churchill Elementary, the third grade students read Journey Back to Lumberjack Camp by Janie Lynn Panagopolous. This is a historical fiction book about lumberjacks in Michigan. Multiple copies of the book and cross-curricular activities were supplied by the Muskegon Area Intermediate School District (MAISD). Each day after reading, students expressed their thoughts on the day’s chapter in a journal entry by sharing something with which they could identify or an event that moved them.

After completing the book, students used their journal entries to help them write questions. The answers to their questions could not be found in the book nor could the answers be yes or no. The questions were to lead the students to a better understanding of the story itself, the story’s characters, and broader issues in the book. Students were to use their critical thinking skills.

In pairs, students selected their best four questions to present to the class. As a class, the students read aloud their questions, eliminated duplicates, revised the questions, and came up with one unique question for each student. The questions were then placed in order of the chapters in the book.

Finally, the students conducted an interview with Janie Lynn Panagopolous via the distance learning equipment in the Churchill computer



lab. This equipment was made available through the Project-based Learning at a Distance (PLAD) Literacy Grant sponsored by the MAISD. Two other groups of students in Michigan participated from their respective buildings along with the Churchill students. The students debriefed after the interview and wrote letters of thanks to Mrs. Panagopolous.

The A.S.K. Program allows children to practice their critical thinking skills and meet with an author. This is a meaningful, cost effective, learning experience that directly correlates to curricular objectives. We are grateful to the MAISD for sponsoring and funding the entire program. There are future programs in the works.

For more information on the A.S.K. program visit <http://www.projectask.org/> or call Camille Gabris, Elementary Media Director at 798-1773, extension 8658 or by e-mail at gabrisc@monashores.net.

The Camp Pinewood Adventures

On October 27th, the third grade students at Campbell Elementary went on a field trip to Camp Pinewood. The focus of the trip was based around the third grade life science curriculum. Subjects covered were habitat, life cycles and classification of organisms.

The students were divided into groups and were allowed to participate in two of three stations. At one station, the group was introduced to snakes and one student was able to experience being a snake by dressing up as such. Students, parents and teachers also had the opportunity to actually feel the skin of a snake.

Another station allowed for students to get a first hand study of insects. The students went out in the field to catch insects and identified each specimen they caught. They learned the parts of an insect by singing a song and learned to identify the parts of the butterfly through a relay race activity.

The last station was the bat station. Students were shown models of bat’s skulls and also a diagram of a bat. Students experienced the echolocation skills of the bat by playing a related game that they really enjoyed.

For more information regarding Campbell activities, please contact Building Principal, Wendy VanZegeren at 755-2550 or e-mail at vanzegew@monashores.net.

Churchill Students Learning to Give

Mrs. Rose’s second grade classroom at Churchill Elementary worked on a special economics project during the previous school year. The students worked through the process of earning, counting and spending their “money” on prizes. This process developed their math skills and was later integrated into their social studies curriculum. They had been learning about being a “producer” and “consumer”. As a final project they made hand-stamped notepaper using “Stampin’ Up” rubber stamp products featuring designs of leaves, beach scenes, bug critters and the American flag.

With the help of para-pro Lora Brown, and parent Sandi Brinn, the students designed the notes and envelopes, which were then packaged, tied with a ribbon and tagged. The students eagerly sold the gift sets to their friends, neighbors and relatives. The culmination was a “Learning to Give” activity and the proceeds went to the Y’s Club for



Camp Pendalouan in memory of Mrs. Rose’s husband, Jack, who recently passed away. Their gift was well over \$300! What fun the students had learning with their “hands-on” projects.

For more information regarding Churchill Elementary activities please contact building principal, Mark Platt at 798-1276 or email at plattm@monashores.net.

Mark Your Calendars!

Resident Kindergarten Enrollment and Round-up Dates Announced

Kindergarten. It's such a significant event for both parent and child. The staff at Mona Shores would like to see this transition go smoothly for all. With this in mind, we offer our residents year-round enrollment and annual pre-kindergarten round-up meetings at each of our elementary schools.

If your resident child was born on or before December 1, 1999, we would like to hear from you. By completing and returning the enrollment form found below, your child will be pre-enrolled for kindergarten. This form is also available on our website at: www.monashores.net/sped/.

Plan on attending this informative round-up meeting at the dates and times listed below. Please contact your local elementary school for additional information. If you are unable to attend round-up please contact Jan Martin, Student Services, at 780-4751, extension 8218, or martinj@monashores.net to schedule your child's readiness testing appointment.

Please Bring the Following Information when Enrolling Your Child in Kindergarten

A certified copy of each student's **BIRTH CERTIFICATE(s)** and **SOCIAL SECURITY CARD(s)**; or other acceptable proof of identity and age.

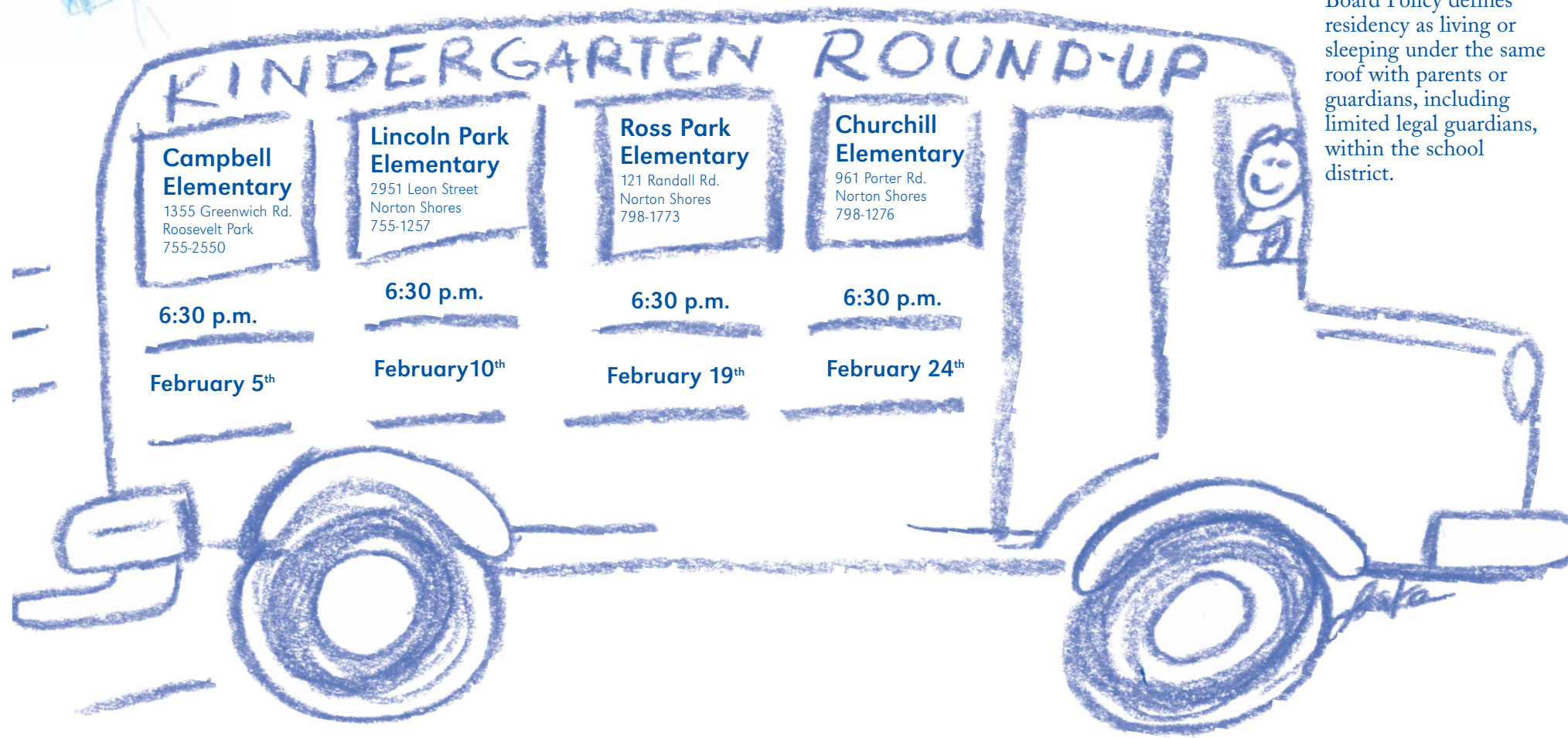
A complete **IMMUNIZATION RECORD** for each student. Michigan law requires parents/guardians to provide this information.

PROOF OF RESIDENCY* in the school district. This requires either: (1) current legal documentation showing home ownership and occupancy or (2) current lease documentation showing occupancy (month-to-month leases necessitate submitting this documentation monthly as well) or (3) a signed (both parties) and notarized statement verifying the residency of a family in situations where leases, deeds, etc., are not available.

or


DOCUMENTATION supporting Non-Resident Schools of Choice Approval for Enrollment.

*Mona Shores Schools' Board Policy defines residency as living or sleeping under the same roof with parents or guardians, including limited legal guardians, within the school district.



MONA SHORES PUBLIC SCHOOLS

3374 McCracken St.
Norton Shores, MI 49441



ELEMENTARY
INITIAL ENROLLMENT FORM

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Teacher: _____
Room #: _____
Enrollment Date: _____
Record Request: _____ (date)

Student # _____
Res. Status: _____
Res. District: _____
Non-Con Cat.: _____

Student Name: _____
Birth Date: _____
Student Lives With: ☐ Both Parents ☐ Mother ☐ Father ☐ Guardian ☐ Other
Grade Entering: _____ Social Security #: _____ / _____ / _____
Previous School: _____ Date Enrolled: _____
Home Telephone#: _____ Unlisted? Yes _____ No _____
Native Language: _____
Ethnic Group(circle one): (1) American Indian/Alaskan Native (3) Asian/Pacific Islander (5) White/Non-Hispanic
(2) Black/African American (4) Hispanic (6) Multi Racial
Medical/Health Alert: _____
Home Address: _____

Male: _____
Female: _____

City/County _____ State _____
Middle _____
Birth Place: _____
City/Zip _____

Street# _____ Street Name _____ City/Zip _____
Last _____ First _____ Relationship to Student _____
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Birth Date: _____ School Attending: _____ Grade: _____
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Birth Date: _____ School Attending: _____ Grade: _____
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To ensure continuity of service, please Indicate with (✓) what services are currently provided for your child:
☐ Special Education ☐ Gifted and Talented ☐ Remedial Help ☐ Other _____
Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature _____ Date _____

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2004-2005 Preschool Registration

Registration begins on April 12, 2004 and will continue until classes are full.

The Mona Shores Tuition Preschool Program will provide a positive, safe, nurturing environment that will promote physical, intellectual, social and emotional growth.

Our three-year old program meets two days per week on Tuesdays and Thursdays for two hours each session. Our four-year old program includes both two and three days per week sessions. Both programs offer morning and afternoon classes at the Administration Building and Ross Park Elementary.

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 with additional credits in early childhood education.

Eligibility

- Children who are eligible for our four-year-old classes must be four by September 6, 2004.
- Children who are eligible for our three-year-old classes must be three by September 6, 2004.
- All children must be able to take care of their own bathroom needs.

How to Register

To request an enrollment package, please call the Mona Shores Community Services Office located in Room 300 of the High School, 1121 Seminole, Norton Shores (780-4748). Additional information is also available on our website at www.monashores.net (under Community Services). Registration begins on April 12, 2004, and will continue until classes are full. Students that are currently enrolled in our three-year-old program will automatically receive a four-year-old enrollment package. A non-refundable \$25 registration fee with one-month's tuition as a deposit is required at the time of registration.



Carousel Connection and Head Start Programs

Mona Shores Public Schools, in consortium with Fruitport Community Schools, is fortunate to offer two free programs for qualifying preschool age children. Research has overwhelmingly shown the significance of developmentally appropriate learning for young children. Our programs focus on learning opportunities that help ensure the future success of all children.

Carousel Connection is a home-based preschool program that emphasizes school readiness and the importance of a parent-child-school connection. Families receive a weekly home visit from a certified teacher. Literacy based lessons have a play-oriented approach focusing on pre-reading and pre-math skills. Families are invited to participate in planned field trips and parent informational meetings. Recently the Carousel Connection families traveled to Nelson's Farm Market and the Grand Rapids Children's Museum. All lessons and activities are free to qualifying families. Participating children must be four years old by December 1, 2003. Your child may participate and also attend a tuition preschool class. We currently have several openings. If you have a four year old and are excited about preparing your child for a successful home-school transition, please call the Fruitport Early Childhood Center at the numbers listed below.

Head Start is a preschool program for Mona Shores/ Fruitport three and four year old children. The program offers play-oriented classroom learning four days per week for 3 ½ hours per day. Nutritious meals and transportation are provided. Health, nutrition, socialization and individualized learning are key components for our family friendly program. Classes are currently full but interested parents are encouraged to apply and be placed on the waiting list. If you are interested in additional information about these programs, please contact the Fruitport Early Childhood Center at 865-4102 or 865-4111.

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Drivers Education Sign-Up

Winter/Spring 2004

Students interested in taking Driver’s Education during the upcoming semester, Segment 1 or Segment 2, will need to pick up an application at the Community Services Office, High School Room 300, immediately following the holiday break.



Application Deadline: Wednesday, January 21, 2004 by 3:00 p.m.

Segment 1 placement is determined by age and students must be at least 14 years 8 months by the first day of the class session and have parent permission in order to apply.

Segment 2 placement is determined by Segment 1 completion date. Students may apply for Segment 2 if at least 90 days have passed since completing Segment 1. They must have also accumulated 30 hours minimum of supervised driving time including a minimum of two hours of night driving.

For both Segment 1 & 2 you will be notified by mail of your class assignment or if we are unable to place you in a given session. (Class size is limited.)

Segment 1

The following documents must be included with the Segment 1 application:

- Copy of the student’s birth certificate
- Copy of the last semester’s grades
- Vision testing verification
- Payment by check/credit card or cash in the amount of \$225.00 (If we are unable to place your child your payment will be returned.)
- Completed Emergency Card

Vision Testing: Vision screening is scheduled for Wednesday, January 21, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. in the Mona Shores High School Auditorium Lobby. If a student prefers to have their vision screening performed by their own health care provider they must submit proof and results with their application.

Parent Meeting: The parent meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 28th from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. Parents of students interested in taking driver education during the winter or spring terms should attend this important meeting.

Segment 2

- Students must show their Level I license at the time of registration.
- Fee of \$25.00 (\$35.00 if Segment 1 taken outside of Mona Shores).

Fees and Policies: Please read carefully the information attached to the application for specific details related to the requirements and school policies for Segment 1 and/or Segment 2. Please keep this sheet for future reference. Schedules and fees are subject to change. The most current Driver’s Education information may be viewed on the website at www.monashores.net by clicking on the Community Services button.

Additional questions may be directed to the Community Services Office at 780-4748, extension 8354.

Mona Shores Middle School

Calender of Events

JANUARY:	
5	School Resumes
10	Ski Trip, TBA
16	End of 2nd Marking Period/Half-Day of School (dismissal at 10:55 A.M.)
19	No School/Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
22-24	School Play, 7:30 P.M.
26	MEAP Administered to 7th and 8th Grade Students (through 2/12)
FEBRUARY:	
6	Holiday Mariner Mania, 7:00 P.M.
7	Orchestra Camp - TBA
13-16	No School/Mid-Winter Break
21	Ski Trip, TBA
23	8th Grade Parent Night at M.S.H.S. Auditorium
24	Orchestra Pre-Festival Concert, 7:00 P.M. NOTE: Concert Held at M.S.H.S.
24	8th Grade Band Festival Concert, 7:30 P.M., M.S.M.S. Auditorium
26	7th Grade Band Festival Concert, 7:30 P.M., M.S.M.S. Auditorium
28	Orchestra Festival @ Mona Shores High School, TBA
MARCH:	
3	8th Grade Career Fair
5	Band Travels to G.V.S.U. for Band Festival
6	Ski Trip, TBA
9	8th Grade Visitation to H.S.
10	Spring Conferences, 4 P.M. – 7 P.M.
11	Choir Concert, 7:30 P.M., M.S.M.S. Auditorium
13	Mona Shores Friendship Invitational Volleyball
19	Mariner Mania, 7:00 P.M.
20	Choir Festival, TBA
26	End of 3rd Marking Period/Half-Day of School (Dismissal at 10:55 A.M.)
APRIL:	
2	Half-Day, Dismissal at 10:55 A.M.
5-9	No School/Spring Break

Curriculum Corner Office of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment

Winds of Change

The flurry of increasing accountability measures from the federal and state governments has districts scurrying to keep pace with demands for reports, confirmation of statistics and demographics, and databases of all kinds. While the goal of this paper storm is actions that result in 100% proficiency for each and every child by 2013-2014, Mona Shores has never lost sight of the individual student. The recognition of the varied needs of our students continues to drive our many actions in the areas of curriculum, instruction, and assessment.

More about MEAP

In spite of MEAP scores that are consistently above the state average, each building’s staff closely examines MEAP results and those of other assessments for areas needing improvement. The district teacher in-service day on October 3rd was spent in school improvement activities. The staff of Mona Shores High School participated in an interactive workshop led by consultant Kathy Gilbert as she used samples of their actual teaching materials to demonstrate effective reading strategies. The afternoon session focused on providing teachers with methods for helping students interpret, analyze, and extrapolate information from bars, graphs, and charts. Mona Shores Middle School welcomed consultant Sue Woodruff as she expanded on reading strategies already learned by staff in previous sessions. These teachers also used their own teaching materials and released MEAP items to practice the methods they learned. The teaching staff of each elementary building focused on school improvement as framed within their NCA (North Central Accreditation) goals. Staff members shared with each other what they had gleaned from analyzing MEAP results in each core academic area: science, social studies, language arts, and mathematics. Areas needing improvement were identified with specific strategies suggested. The other half day was spent honing their technology skills for integration into instruction.

Once MEAP results were confirmed by the State those scores were fed into the Education YES! report card system in order to determine each building’s grade. Confirmation of the resulting data and grades will be released from the State in late January. Grades were given in three areas: student achievement status, student achievement change, and a cumulative grade on eleven self-reported performance indicators. The Education YES! report cards provide detailed student and performance data for reading and mathematics testing results.

Midwest Talent Search

The Midwest Talent Search informational meetings at Mona Shores Middle School this fall resulted in 34 parents learning about opportunities for their “advanced or accelerated” student learners. These are students who were identified as eligible to take the high school ACT or SAT based on their Terra Nova scores from fifth or sixth grade. Parents in attendance could request placement on a mailing list to receive information about additional events or opportunities for them or their children. The Muskegon Area Intermediate School District holds parent advisory meetings for these parents.

Curriculum Alignment

For the purpose of alignment of curriculum between the levels, articulation meetings are scheduled between high school and middle school staffs, and between sixth grade and elementary staffs. Meetings were scheduled for the month of December. Staff members of each department or grade level identified areas of alignment to be discussed with the goal to provide a seamless transition for students between levels.

Career Opportunities

The Career Preparation system of Mona Shores Public Schools seeks to make students aware of the multitude of career opportunities available while also preparing them to be successful in the workplace. Job shadowing, academic service learning, vocational classes at the Career Tech Center, Individual Vocational Training, and many other opportunities provide students with career learning experiences in a variety of settings. The Middle School Girls’ Math and Science Conference was held on November 8th at Reeths-Puffer High School with thirty-two girls from Mona Shores in attendance. The keynote speaker was an FBI forensic specialist, and students also were able to choose from over thirty mini-sessions featuring speakers from a variety of career fields. In addition, middle school and high school students will be attending career fairs in the spring. The new Career Cruising (see related article on Page 1) online tool provides parents, students, and staff access to a comprehensive career exploration resource.

Accountability

While the accountability measures from the federal and state governments might have recently increased the scrutiny of student progress and achievement at those levels, this is not a daunting change for Mona Shores. It is, rather, a continuation of this district’s goal to effectively meet the needs of all students through the avenues of curriculum, instruction, and assessment.

For more information, please contact Sera Thompson, Curriculum Director at 780-4751, extension 8231 or via e-mail at thompson@monashores.net.

2003 Annual Report Has a New Look

The 2003 Mona Shores Annual Report, recently posted on the Mona Shores district web site, has a new look. Sera Thompson, Curriculum Director, and Denise Dhuse, Administrative Assistant, worked collaboratively to create a more colorful and comprehensive annual report. The goal was to provide the public with a document more reflective of the complete education provided by the Mona Shores district that makes it a district of choice for families. While this document is required of the district by Public Act 25, the decision was made to make it even more inclusive than mandated.

Within this report you will find achievement and attendance statistics, assessment results, information about curriculum, instruction and school

improvement, programs, along with outstanding extra-curricular achievements.

The Administration Building staff receives requests for information about the district by families contemplating a move to the area. Mona Shores Public Schools wants to ensure those families understand the reasons they should choose this district. The report is accessible via the district web page: www.monashores.net. Look under “School Services” for the listing, “Annual School Report”. For questions regarding the Annual Report, please contact Sera Thompson at 780-4751, extension 8231 or via e-mail at thompson@monashores.net.

PORTS OF CALL - *Community Events Calendar*

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

January 12, 2004 - Combined .Mtg Admin. Building
February 2, 2004 - Work Session Lincoln Park
February 9, 2004 - Regular Meeting Admin. Building
March 1, 2004 - Work Session Churchill
March 8, 2004 - Regular Meeting Admin. Building
April 19, 2004 - Combined Mtg Admin. Building
May 3, 2004 - Work Session Campbell
May 10, 2004 - Regular Meeting Admin. Building
June 1, 2004 - Work Session** Admin. Building
June 8, 2004 - Regular Meeting** Admin. Building
**Tuesdays

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Middle School	231-759-8506
High School	231-780-4711
Community Services	231-780-4748

JANUARY

18 West Michigan Concert Winds
'South of the Border' – 4:00 p.m.
Mona Shores High School Auditorium – 755-9609

Bridal Expo 2003 – Muskegon Bridal Association
www.westmichiganbrides.com
Doors open at Noon - Frauenthal Theater

23 Dinner/Dance with The Vogues
Mona Shores Optimist Club
Muskegon Harbor Holiday Inn – Dinner - 7:00 p.m.
Show - 8:00 p.m. Contact Tom Welsh at 759-8504 or
1-800-901-8555 for tickets

24 Red Cross CPR Saturday and Family Safety Day
Begins 9:00 a.m. Muskegon Area Red Cross
313 W. Webster – 726-3555

28 'An Evening with the Temptations'
Frauenthal Theater – 1-800-585-3737

FEBRUARY

9 'Strauss Damenkapelle of Vienna' by Community Concerts
Frauenthal Theater – 798-4454

19-March 7
'To Kill a Mockingbird' by Muskegon Civic Theater
8:00 p.m. (Sundays at 4:00 p.m.)
Beardsley Theatre – 722-3852

13-15 'Dancing at Lughnasa' – 777-0324
20-22 Muskegon Community College – Overbrook Theatre

Mona Shores

Mardi Gras

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please contact: Pam VanderWalle at 750-1882.

This event will benefit the Mona Shores Education Foundation

MARCH

5-6 'Beethoven & Blue Jeans' – WSSO – 8:00 p.m.
Frauenthal Theatre – www.wssso.org – 800-585-3737

7 Mona Shores Spring Choir Concert – 2:00 p.m.
Mona Shores High School Auditorium – 780-4711, ext. 8318

18-20 Mona Shores Allegros Present 'Cinderella' - 8:00 p.m.
Mona Shores High School Auditorium – 780-4711, ext. 8318

26-27 'Chasing the Sun' – WSSO – 8:00 p.m.
Frauenthal Theatre – www.wssso.org - 800-585-3737

31 'Grease' Presented by Jam Theatricals- 7:30 p.m.
Frauenthal Theatre - 800-585-3737

*Events listed in this calendar are as current
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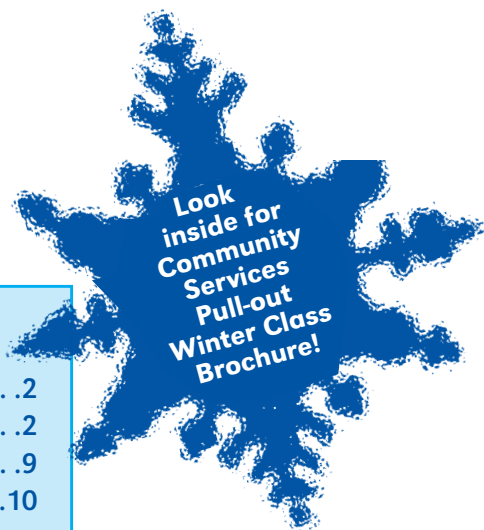
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