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ARKEMA

Arkema Inc. Science Teachers Program

Mount Morris Central School District teachers, Diane Gears (fourth grade) and Beth Provino (fifth grade), were chosen to participate in this year's Arkema Inc. Science Teachers Program. Teachers are selected based on the following criteria: interest in science, leadership potential, student impact, and geographic location. This program offers teachers the opportunity to learn new and fascinating ways to illustrate scientific concepts. Teachers work side by side with Arkema Inc. research scientists in a variety of hands-on experiments. At the end of the program, each participating school receives a science kit which meets the national science education standards and provides eight weeks of science curriculum. Schools also receive a donation to be used to purchase additional science experiment supplies for their classrooms. "Beth and I enjoyed our 3-day visit at Arkema Inc. We have divided up the science kit we received so that students in both grade levels will have the opportunity to work with the various activities. In addition to working directly with the engineer, we were also provided with a tour of the plant," said Mrs. Gears.

Red Ribbon Week

Choose to be Drug Free

Congratulations to Ms. Hendrickson and Ms. Fisher's classes for tying for first place with an overall total of 97% participation in Red Ribbon Week Dress Up days! Also, congratulations to Mrs. Bean's class for getting second place with 96%!





Mount Morris Central School

30 Bonadonna Avenue ♦ Mount Morris, New York 14510

From Greg Bump, District Superintendent

Mount Morris has a history of producing students who have gone on to become leaders in their communities. For decades, the District has participated in a number of state and national leadership programs. These highly selective and competitive programs allow our students to develop and refine leadership skills on a bigger stage. Below are descriptions of some of the leadership opportunities offered to our students.

Boys' and Girls' State: The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary are the sponsors of these programs which are two of the oldest and most respected leadership programs in the nation. Their prestigious programs select students who are going into their junior year to serve as delegates and attend a state convention. Our student delegates participate directly in the democratic process and learn how our republic form of government works at the state and national levels. The state convention is held on a college campus and delegates spend a week representing their home communities as part of an immersive learning experience.

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY): This organization is dedicated to "training and nurturing the young leaders of tomorrow." Its mission is to provide a leadership development opportunity that empowers youth to achieve their highest potential and gain knowledge of leadership skills. This weeklong summer program is designed to assist talented high school sophomores in being effective and ethical leaders in their home, school, workplace and community. Students attend seminars and participate in hands-on leadership activities, meet leaders in their state, and explore their own personal leadership skills while learning how to make a positive impact in their community.

Washington D.C. Close-Up: This national youth leadership conference is held in Washington, D.C. every year and develops student leaders who learn the operations of government at the local, state and national level. They meet with elected officials on Capitol Hill, participate in a Mock Congress, visit Washington's monuments and memorials, and engage in workshops about how our government works.

YMCA Youth & Government: This three day conference in Albany is part of a national government and politics program which promotes civic literacy and community service. Students participate in a simulation of the state's democratic process acting as senators and assembly members. They write, debate, and vote on legislation on the floor of the NYS Assembly using parliamentary rules.



Danny McCart (left) and Triniti Muscarella (right) have been selected to attend the weeklong summer program offered by the HOBY Leadership organization.



Support for Students Social and Emotional Well-Being

Jessica Levins is our Student and Family Support Counselor at MMCSD. Jessica joined our team with an undergraduate degree in social work as well as her Masters degree in school counseling. In an interview with Jessica she said, “It’s like this position was created for me. I am able to connect with students in school as well as with their families outside of school; I fell in love with both aspects of the job.”

During the interview, Jessica talked about the Leader in Me (LiM) program, which she facilitates alongside Student Support Specialist Heather Harvey. The program is an evidence-based, comprehensive-school improvement model that empowers students with the leadership and life skills they need to thrive in the 21st century. “Each week Heather and I visit students in classrooms. We are available to the students for instructional support, differentiated instruction or related services. The approach we use is hugely beneficial to our student’s social and emotional well-being.” The key fundamentals of this approach to education are to teach leadership to every student, create a culture of student empowerment, and align systems to drive results in academics. Jessica also offers individual and group counseling services to PreK through 6th grade students.

Another program Jessica facilitates is called the Backpack Program. With the support of Food Link and assistance from Elementary Principal Danielle Dean, Heather Harvey and Operations and Maintenance employee Rich Grover, we are able to provide families with groceries each week, year-round. Families are able to sign up for this program by contacting their student’s teacher or Jessica directly at jlevins@mtmorriscsd.org.

Jessica led the school’s annual Thanksgiving Basket Program which was a huge success. We were able to provide 37 families in our community with a Thanksgiving dinner! Each year, a letter is sent home to families making it easy for them to request this special holiday service.

MMCSD offers a multitude of programs for our students and community including the Christmas Angel Tree, Boyz to Men, Red Ribbon Week, Start with Hello Week, and various school parenting classes. Jessica states, “It is clear that the Mount Morris School District is here to help their students and community. Families can call me for anything they may need including clothing, food, emotional support and more. In addition to District resources, I have many community partners and agencies that I work with that can help. We are all connected and we are here to help our families. When basic needs are met, our students are given a greater chance at excelling academically and socially. My role is to help meet those needs for all students.” Jessica is looking forward to implementing some really fun new programs next school year!



A special thank you goes out to all who donated to help our families:

- Mount Morris Junior/Senior Student Council
- Cub Scout Troop number 82
- Focus on the Children
- Wegmans
- The Livingston County Sheriff’s Department
- Stephanie Gehrig’s Confirmation Class
- Amy’s After School Adventures Daycare
- Save-A-Lot
- community members
- students
- families
- faculty and staff of MMCSD



Showdown at Palm Tree Pines, a Drama Club Performance

Our Drama Club presented a one-act laugh out loud comedy to Mount Morris Central School District! In this performance, a battle between residents in a retirement community came to fruition as they argued over who would be the next in charge, making every aerobics class and bingo game their battleground for politics and pranks. What brought the residents back together was the unexpected arrival of three college students, determined to make the retirement community their new stomping grounds, however, the residents had something else in mind! They quickly banded together, unleashing their antics onto the teens. This performance was exciting and filled the auditorium with laughter! "The Drama Club really appreciated the people who went and they unanimously agree that it was an enjoyable and hilarious production," wrote Emily Mike in an article of The Blue and White. Ms. Sara Coniglio, Drama Club Advisor said, "As always, it was such a pleasure to work with the students. They did amazing throughout the whole rehearsal process and really poured their hearts into their roles and responsibilities. Our seniors will be sorely missed!" Congratulations on another successful performance students!!





To all veterans of all branches: We wish to extend our deepest gratitude for your sacrifice and bravery. Thank you for your service!



Thank you to all who came out to celebrate Grandparents and Special Persons Day!

Thank you, Mount Morris Fire Department Volunteers! Each October, members of the Mount Morris Fire Department hold a fire safety assembly for our elementary classes. Students watch video clips about preventing fires, how to stay safe in case of fire, escape routes, and calling 911. Students are even given the opportunity to tour a fire truck!



Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of October 9th in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire. In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed Fire Prevention Week a national observance, making it the longest-running public health observance in our country.

Fourth Grade Field Trip to Mills Mansion

Constructed in 1838, the Mills Mansion was the homestead of General William Augustus Mills, who was the founder of Mount Morris and a great friend of the Iroquois. Our fourth grade students visited the Mills Mansion and learned to make corn husk dolls which was a common craft of the settlers. Brittle dried cornhusks become soft if soaked in water and produce finished dolls sturdy enough to be used as children's toys. The students were told of a folktale in which the Spirit of Corn made a doll out of her husks to entertain and help care for children. The doll had a beautiful face, and when realizing this, began to spend less time with children and more time contemplating her own loveliness. As a result of her vanity, the doll's face was taken away so she would once again focus on her beauty within and care for the children. Friends of the Mills Mansion that helped create their dolls were MaryLou Martello, Suzanne Dunn, Deb Schmidt, Carol Mixon, Michele Shaughnessy, and Louise Michaud.

The children were able to return to the Mills Mansion for a full tour once it was beautifully decorated for the holiday season and experience what Christmas might have been like in 1838. The students had a great time singing carols in the parlor and listening to MaryLou Martello, Sue Long and Suzanne Dunn discuss the architecture of the home and the way of life for the Mills family.



SHREK THE MUSICAL

SHOW TIMES:
March 27th @ 7 pm
March 28th, @ 1 pm and 7 pm
at MMCSA Auditorium

artwork by High School Senior Devon Terry

Día de los Muertos Celebración ("The Day of the Dead Celebration")



At MMCSA, Senorita Mociaro helped her students create skeletons out of recycled milk jugs as she taught them about a Mexican holiday called The Day of the Dead or Día de los Muertos. The holiday is celebrated throughout most of Mexico and by people of Mexican heritage. The multi-day holiday involves family and friends gathering to pray for and remember friends and family members who have died. Scholars trace the origins of the modern Mexican holiday to indigenous observances dating back hundreds of years and to an Aztec festival dedicated to the goddess Mictecacihuatl. It has become a national symbol and is taught for educational purposes in the nation's schools.

AHERA Management Plan

The annual Mount Morris Central School District Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) Management Plan is available for review by contacting the Facilities Manager. While all friable asbestos has been removed from the district, ongoing maintenance and inspection activities will be conducted to ensure non-friable asbestos-containing materials (i.e. floor tiles) remain in safe condition.



Thank you to the Groveland Correctional Facility's Vocational Horticulture Program for providing plants and flowers for the front of our school on their annual Make a Difference Day. This service is provided throughout Livingston County each year to non-profit agencies and municipalities.

Pesticide Notification

New York State Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2002, requires all public and non-public elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

The Mount Morris Central School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- A school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72-hours following an application;
- Anti-microbial products;
- Nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- Nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- Silica gels and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams, or gels in areas inaccessible to children;

- Boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate;
- The application of EPA designated biopesticides;
- The application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25;

The use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps, and hornets.

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour notification list.

If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in our school, please complete the form below and return to: Mount Morris School District pesticide representative, 30 Bonadonna Avenue, Mount Morris, NY 14510 (telephone (585) 658-3331).

Mount Morris Central School District Request for Pesticide Application Notification (please print)

Name _____ Address _____

Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Email _____

Please feel free to contact the Mount Morris School District pesticide representative at: 30 Bonadonna Avenue, Mount Morris, NY 14510 (telephone (585) 658-3331)

Congratulations Students

12TH GRADE

HIGH HONOR

Jesse Bacon
Chance Brooks
Danielle Callaro
Nathan Callaro
Alyssa Cornelius
Robert Hartigan
Peyton Martin
Averie Matson
Kiona Morf
Erica Morgan
Ryan Morgan
Jacob Petti
Madyson Simmons
Mura Sumey
Devon Terry
John Yost

HONOR ROLL

Conner Markel
Julian Martin
Jansel Martinez
Heidi Nuttall

11TH GRADE

HIGH HONOR

Mary Rose Cautivo
Brandon Fleming
Edmee Lopez Crespo
Mckenzie Miller
Treyton Monteleone
Evelyn Morf
JoAnna Regatuso
Gabriel Simons
Alivia White
Elizabeth Young

HONOR ROLL

Kiara Belanger
Junery Crespo Toledo
Destiny Gross
Gordon Martin
Sarah Robles
Ashya Rosa

10TH GRADE

HIGH HONOR

Jye Crocker
Ian Lin
Nicole Martell-Dale
Isabella Martinez-Serrant
Daniel McCart
Natalie Muscarella
Daniela Rivera
Figueroa
Landon Titus

HIGH HONOR

Dominic Coyote-Medina
Rowen Gross
Briana Lang
Jeilyann Morales
Rodriguez
Trinity Muscarella
McKenzie Ryan
Skyler Savastano
Jaieshla Sepulveda

9TH GRADE

HIGH HONOR

Leah Gehrig
Anna Johnson
Anna Lin
Emily Mike
Ethan Provino
Calogero Scott
Hailee Sturm
Jade Sumey
Emma Van Gorder

HONOR ROLL

Trenten Willis
Benjamin Bacon
Maria Caceres Pou
Zoe Cornell
Jasmine Follett-Martes
Emyah Green

Gabriel Gross
Matthew Hartigan
Alex Lopez Crespo
Chloe Mike
Luis Ortiz-Cruz
Melania VanAernam
Jesse Yorks

8TH GRADE

HIGH HONOR

Elena Barrios
Emma Brickwood
Shayla Brown
Angelica Caceres Pou
Emelia Clester
Logan Cole
Caitlyn Dwyer
Keara Dwyer
Tyler Guzzardi
Jamie Hale
Adam Johnson
Sarina Johnson
Jolee Manthey
Richard Martin III
Lily Morris
Brenden Rivers
Brayden Ryan
Gadge Savastano
Quinn Simons
Jadyer Torres Ocasio
Denishka Valentin
Mia Valentin
Lillien Yack

HONOR ROLL

Bryson Constantino
Haley Crawford
Ethan Martin Julian
Ortiz William
Raspaldo-Gonzalez
Anthony Regatuso
Mason Santini
Owen Yencer

7TH GRADE

HIGH HONOR

Matthew Bacon
Giovanni DiSalvo
Nathaneil Englert
Natalie Gaby
Ayden Jones
Holly Lin

HONOR ROLL

Eliza Lonsberry
Morgan Luick
Dianne Morales Rodriguez
Savannah Morris
Elizabeth Moses
BobbiJo Nuttall
Keeley Oddo
Gabrielle Pagano
Vanessa Parris
Abigail Provo
Nicholas Reeder
Alexis Roberts
Greyson Thomas-Saltsman
Abigail Van Gorder
Sean White

HONOR ROLL

Hemestor
Antommarchi Rivera
Shanisse Brown
Jason Coyote-Medina
Luis Crespo-Toledo
Cooper Davis
Jaiden Davis
Kendyll Driesbach
Alex Gell
Lillianne Jett
Troy Johnson
Hannah Mckenzie
Kaylee Oriz
Thomas (TJ) Ryan
Joseph Swick III

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