

Rick Wiersma, High School Principal

Student Count

9- 92

10- 84

11- 120

12- 67

Total 363

Staffing

Clarence “Bobby” Riggs resigned as a Special Education paraprofessional. The position has been reposted.

Curriculum

We will be using Horizons Education as our new local assessment. In addition to preparing students for PSAT/SAT and identifying gaps in learning it also fulfills the state legislated nationally normed test requirements. This test replaces NWEA in that capacity and seems to be much more user friendly.

Past Events

-We had picture day on September 15th

-Constitution Day was September 16th

-Homecoming Week was a great success, thanks to our Student Council. We had great student engagement all throughout the week and our pep assembly was one of the best yet!

-The Homecoming Dance was October 1st. It went off without a hitch and the kids had a great time.

-We had a few student representatives from our Leadership Group and Student Council attend a virtual Mental Health Summit on October 10th. Some great conversations led to great ideas that we plan to implement for supporting the mental health of our students.

-Student Council students attended a Leadership Training Institute on October 13th.

Upcoming Events

-Community Night and Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on October 18th from 4:30-6:30

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-All 10th Graders will attend the MOISD Career Center for “Get Your Career in Gear” on October 20th

-Makeup Picture Day will be on October 27th

Dale Rogers, Middle School Principal

6 - 77

7 - 75

8 - 73

Total 225

10/18 COMMUNITY NIGHT & PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES, 4:30-6:00 P.M.

10/21 EARLY RELEASE (12:10PM)

10/21 END OF MARKING PERIOD

10/24 7TH & 8TH GRADE FIELD TRIP TO FERRIS

10/27 PICTURE RETAKES

September Model Mohawks:

6th grade- Avery Adams-Watson: Avery cleans up/straightens up the classroom and organizes the classroom bookshelf before heading to the bus at the end of the day. He has done this totally on his own without ever being asked to do so.

8th grade- Zander Bishop: Zander picks up garbage in the halls without being told to. He also greets staff members each morning.

8th grade- Erika Patrick: When another student was gone, she collected a workbook for her and labeled it so she wouldn't be behind when she returned to school.

6th Grade:

Congratulations to the sixth-grade students of the month: Lyla Carey, Calder Sorum, Conner Chupp, and Sophia Fisher. These students have been excellent role models to start off our school year. Beginning October 4, there will be a Ferris State University 80-hour student, Miss Garcia, working in Mrs. Kemp's ELA class. We look forward to having her work with our students as she gains experience for her future teaching career.

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7th Grade:

The 7th-grade team is proud to announce the September students of the month. Congrats Leif Hill and Gia Nostrant! These two students have displayed exceptional behavior in the classroom. The 7th grade is going to Ferris for a volleyball game on October 24th.

8th Grade:

September students of the month are Ava Barnes and Jackson Ramsey. Thank you so much for being awesome students! The 8th grade also goes to Ferris for a volleyball game on October 24th. Please make sure your student has turned in the field trip permission form. Lastly, Mr. Sutherland will be picking up the Salmon eggs so the 8th graders' journey to watching salmon grow begins!

Athletics

CRUSH CANCER

The Morley Stanwood Volleyball Team dedicates the game at Senior Night on **October 20th** to Cancer Awareness in honor of Lauren Bauman & Amy Nielsen.

JV Volleyball Took 1st place at the Big Rapids Tournament Saturday. Congrats Lady Mohawks!

The cross-country team traveled to Portage on 10/8. In both the girl's and boy's race there were just under 400 runners, Miranda Mcneil took 9th and Tyler Vining took 42nd both brought home medals! Kayden Kangas, Claire Johnston, Tyler Vining and Taytum Sanford ran a personal best time.

John Nawrot, Morley Stanwood Elementary Principal

September 13 & 14: I completed days 5 & 6 of 5D+ Training. With the exception of Day 4 (Formative Assessment), I have completed the training 5D+ Training. I was unable to complete Day 4 with my cohort due to a scheduling conflict with other training. I will be making up that day in January. The training has been refreshing and

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allowed me to dig deeper into the 5D+ Rubric as not only an evaluation tool, but also as an instructional framework.

September 15: Along with elementary principals from Chippewa Hills and Big Rapids, I presented to the Canadian Lakes chapter of MARSP (Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel) how we had spent a grant they provided. We are grateful for the \$500 dollar grant as it allows us the opportunity to provide things that go above and beyond the normal items & activities.

September 19 & 20: The elementary school hosted the Scholastic Book fair. The book fair was well attended and reviewed. I am thankful for the hours of time put in by Marla Estes to organize and coordinate the event and for the parent volunteers that help staff the book fair.

September 22: Morley Stanwood Elementary hosted our “Back-to-School Open House” Construction & clean up timelines caused the event to be pushed back, but the event was well attended with 257 total students being represented on sign-in sheets. It’s likely that more attended and were not signed in. As I observed the event, parents and students seemed like they had a good time. Students were able to take the lead on showing parents where their desks were, where their lockers were, and provide information on the class routines and procedures. Families were surveyed and have provided feedback. Approximately, 50% of respondents, so far, have indicated that they would prefer to see the Open House occur before the start of the school year.

September 26: Mohawks in Motion, a running/fitness club for 4th and 5th grade students kicked off. Numbers are currently slightly above 30 participants. This participation level exceeds expectations as none of this year’s participants have ever been official Mohawks in Motion members. The MiM planning team is planning an end of season glow run for participants.

September 26-30: Staff and students at MSE participated in a homecoming spirit week. During this celebration, participants were invited to dress their best, dress like a decade (70s, 80s, etc.), wear pajamas and more.

October 5: Shawn Garza, a new kindergarten teacher, began working at Morley Stanwood Elementary school. Shawn utilized the October 5-7 to observe classrooms and instructional routines, meet students, set up her classroom, familiarize herself with assessment platforms and more. On Monday, October 10th, Shawn began teaching in her own classroom with her own group of students.

October 7: Tara Lovejoy and I attended a discussion and planning meeting concerning enrollment, special education evaluation, and other topics associated with Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE). This meeting was attended by a variety of ISD personnel, special education directors, and administrators with the goal of better understanding processes, identifying best practices and barriers, and hopefully creating a unified set of processes and procedures.

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October 10 & 11: Students were treated to Fire Safety & Fire Prevention presentations by members of the Morley & Mecosta Township fire departments. These presentations included opportunities for students to learn more about fire trucks, gear worn by firefighters, and much, much more.

Enrollment:

2022-2023	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	Apr.	May
DK	19	18							
Kdg.	75	79							
1st	67	67							
2nd	64	63							
3rd	75	76							
4th	69	68							
5th	91	90							
ECSE	18	16							
Total	478	477							

Jamey Nelson, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Director

Instructional Coaching

Instructional Coaching Informal Observations: 25

Instructional Coaching Formal Observations w/feedback: 10

New Teachers: 7

Probationary Teachers: 5

Tenured Teachers: 1

Building principals upon observations can add more staff to instructional coaching.

Professional Development

October 4th - EGlass training for 10 units purchased through ESSER. 6 math teachers, 2 science teachers and 2 social studies teachers. Training was for middle and high school buildings.

October 21st - Tom Cody will return to train staff on "Raising the Bar". This training will provide staff with reminders of what high level professionalism looks like. Elementary teachers will receive tier 1 while middle and high school will receive tier 2.

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On the Horizon:

January 13th TRAILS SEL training for 8 middle and high school team leaders

January 16th CRASE school safety training

MICIP (School Improvement)

Schools are currently finishing the practice profile survey. We are organizing budgeted items to make sure they are included in the plan to keep all programming that is impactful for students.

Phil Stier, Technology Director

The new smart boards are in full swing at the elementary and middle school. It is exciting to see students interact with the displays as I visit the classrooms. Most of the month has been making sure all the technology is functioning in the classroom after being disconnected for the summer. The press box at the football field received a Pixellot video system to broadcast the football games. There are still some bugs that need to be worked through, but overall it's functioning. Fiber was ran out to the press box to ensure reliable communication.

Kristy Thompson, Transportation Director

Everything is going well out here in transportation. It has been busy with sports and field trips. Hopefully, the weather will hold out to get the remaining fall sports events finished.

Cindy Sutherland, Food Service Director

Kelli started the Deli back up in the elementary for the upper elementary students. I will receive a second round of Supply Chain funds for \$ 23,489.56. Our students are drinking a lot more milk this year and that will help offset that expense.

Amanda Nelson, Grant Coordinator

State and Federal Grant Updates

Orders continue to be placed for ESSER III funds. Current purchases made for schools include the following:

Elementary

- Promethean active panel whiteboards
- Ipads for kindergarten

Middle school

- EGlass for classrooms
- Swooper stools flex seating
- Playground balls
- Ukelele set for music class
- LEGO Stem sets
- IntelliScanners for reading areas
- Kindle Paperwhites
- Promethean active panel whiteboards

High School

- Lab kits and hands on activities for physics/science classrooms
- Assorted supplies for gym class
- Keyboard system for band
- Chromebooks for 9th grade
- Science curriculum
- Promethean board for STEM classroom

Title Grants are currently awaiting full approval due to a glitch in the NexSys program. The State continues to work on correcting the problem.

Martine Fiting, Special Education Supervisor

DATA – taken from EdPlan

200 students are currently identified for Special Education and set to receive services.

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HeadStart/Early On		2	3
Elem – includes ECSE	109 (50 SPED, 59 SLI)	105 (includes speech only, speech/teacher support, and teacher support only)	102 (includes speech only, speech/teacher support, and teacher support only)
Middle School	36 (31 SPED, 5 SLI)	34 (includes 2 speech only, 3 speech/teacher support, and teacher support only)	38 (includes 2 speech only, 3 speech/teacher support, and teacher support only)
High School	54	61	52
Total SE numbers	199	202	200

IEP/CLPs

Per the ISD - SE teachers can start phasing out CLPs for SE students.

504 Coordinator

504s are a regular education plan for how the school will support a student with a disability and remove barriers to learning. The goal is to give the student equal access at school. This is similar, yet different, to an IEP. The accommodations are generally focused on access rather than academic accommodations and are for students who do not need special education accommodations.

Elementary school	4
Middle school	2
High school	8