

Rick Wiersma, High School Principal

Student Count

9- 61

10- 83

11- 83

12- 77

304

Staffing

No changes

Curriculum

No changes

Past Events

10/25- 5-7PM Parent/Teacher Conferences was a great success of parents and students connecting with their teachers about academics. We used this opportunity to provide families with Horizon Testing data and discussion about progress in class.

10/26- Get Your Career In Gear at MOCC- All 10th grade students visited Career Center to see the programs as they consider enrolling as 11th and 12th graders.

10/31- October PBIS Assembly- Students enjoyed a school wide celebration that focused on rewarding students who have spent the most time in class focused on academics and choosing to not take passes.

11/7- All Conference Pictures- Mr. Wiersma and Mr. Rogers went to Big Rapids High School to take the Fall All Conference Athletes to pictures and lunch.

11/14- CSAA All Star Band performance- MSHS sent 10 students to participate in an all star band performance at TriCounty High School.

Upcoming Events

11/28- Mr. Jalovec and Mrs. Berry will be taking students to a GVSU visit

Dale Rogers, Middle School Principal

Middle School Report

6 - 85

7 - 81

8 - 70

Total 236

Middle School

Band Concert will be November 30th

8th Grade Manufacturing Field Trip November 30th

Mr Sutherland picked up Salmon eggs to raise in the classroom

Athletics

Middle School Boys Basketball Starting.

Varsity Volleyball lost in the District Finals

Varsity Basketball is beginning

John Nawrot, Morley Stanwood Elementary Principal

October 17 & 19: MSE hosted our Fall Parent Teacher Conferences. Anecdotally we had a very good turnout. I will be calculating the percentage of families represented in the upcoming days.

October 23: Staff participated in a full day of professional learning. Elementary teachers and paraprofessionals learned more about MTSS (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support), IXL, and had time to work collaboratively as grade level teams.

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October 26: MSE hosted Family Science Night. This is the first of 3 Family Fun Nights that we will host this year. We had an incredible turnout with 393 attendees and 31 volunteers to support students as they engaged in a multitude of science related activities, ate a wonderful dinner, and had the opportunity to win book sets and other fun prizes. A special thank you is owed to Sarah Benson who has taken on the mantle of leading the family night initiative and to Justin Fox from the MOISD for being here to run Star Lab.

October 31: MSE hosted, with the assistance of the MSE PTO and the Vining Volunteers our annual Trick-the-Halls event. Families were invited to a warm and dry trick or treat experience and had the opportunity to visit a haunted classroom, play Halloween themed games, and participate in costume contests.

November 3rd: Mohawk in Motion athletes, their families, and coaches celebrated the conclusion of the season with the 2nd Annual Glow Run & Pizza Party. This year's Mohawk in Motion program featured nearly 50, 3rd-5th grade athletes. A special thank you to Shawnda Starr and Amber Zwiers who stepped up to lead the program this year.

November 8: MSE hosted Jerry DeCaire and his SuperHero Workshop. During this workshop students learned about Jerry's career as an illustrator for Marvel Comics and got to hear a strong anti-bullying message including tips on how to address bullying if it does occur.

November 10: MSE hosted our 19th Veteran's Day Assembly. 45 area veterans and their families were treated to a breakfast buffet and performances by staff and students as we worked diligently to show our gratitude and appreciation for our Veterans. Julie Saez, Kristi Supanich, Bruce Bennett, Kyle Howard, Robin Kozuch, Susan Medler and many others went above and beyond, once again, to make this event a success.

Ongoing Matters:

I am currently in the process of hiring a paraprofessional at the elementary school. This position will be funded by a State of Michigan grant and will be tasked with supporting behavior in the lower elementary grade levels.

I hope by the time of the Board meeting to have a substitute in place for Katie Doyle who is on maternity leave. A previously arranged substitute was hired by the MOISD days before starting in that position here at MSE.

Enrollment:

2023-2024	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
DK	15	14	14
Kdg.	66	70	71
1st	75	73	74
2nd	65	65	67
3rd	66	67	67
4th	80	78	82
5th	63	64	63
ECSE	13	13	14
Total	443	444	452

Jamey Nelson, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Director

Curriculum:

All approved curriculum platforms now appear on our school website with available links for parents and community. The links allow for an overview of the curriculum for the viewer. Our committee had been reviewing the book “Tangerine” at the 4th grade level and had some concerns. For the current year the 4th grade team will be substituting “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory” for “Tangerine”. The replacement had been part of the bookworms curriculum previously and meets 4th grade standards. Middle school science teachers received their first PD in the Cereal City curriculum. Cereal City moves more towards an integrated science approach combining Earth, Life Sciences and Physical science each year. This should impact 8th grade science scores positively and allow students to carry more working knowledge into high school.

Mr. Stier and I are working on a single sign on for our digital curriculums which will allow our students to access all of their materials with their school google account. Students currently have several logins for access.

Instruction

MTSS tiered instruction is part of our professional development plan and is becoming the model for instructional evaluation and improvement. Tier 1 instruction is best practices from the teacher that allow for 80% of students in the classroom to be successful on a given task. Tier 2 instruction is for the next 15% of students that may need additional support for

success. This should be primarily the classroom teacher but can also be supported by paraprofessionals. Tier 3 instruction is the last 5% that need extensive support to be successful. This support is provided by Special education teachers or paraprofessionals. Congruent to priority standards for curriculum our Evaluation system has some dimensions that prove to lead to higher success for students. Here are a list of the higher level instructional strategies with their 5D (MS evaluation system) indicators:

P1: Learning targets connected to standards

A4: Teacher use of formative assessment

SE2: Ownership of learning

SE4: Opportunity and support for meaning making

CP1: Alignment of instructional materials and tasks

CP3: Discipline specific teaching strategies

CP5: Use of Scaffolds (modeling/examples/leveled learning)

CEC1: Classroom arrangement and resources

CEC4: Student Status

These indicators are where I focus my talks with new teachers after observations.

Assessment

All schools have completed fall assessments and are now progress monitoring. Middle of year assessments will be given so adjustments can be made for the spring.

Professional Development

January is our next professional development day. It will be an extension of the priority standards training we started in August. Tested standards are at the forefront to improve our state assessment scores. This continues to lead us to standards based instruction and learning which is skilled centered growth over task completion.

School Improvement

MICIP platform has been updated for the 2023-2024 school year. 23G(grant funds) strategies have been incorporated to fulfill requirements to access the money.

School Safety

The floor plans and critical incidence mapping has been completed for all 4 of our Morley Stanwood buildings. These maps are shared through a portal with emergency response agencies so they have up to date information on the buildings. Security key lockboxes will be ordered and installed for all four locations for emergency personnel access to buildings. "knox boxes" were a requirement to access the grant funds to map our buildings. The Building Maps company can also create evacuation, security, and storm maps upon request once all of the bond construction is finished.

December 8th we have a district security assessment evaluation. Another grant funded opportunity to evaluate the district security measures and emergency planning. This is an all

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day event and includes full walkthroughs of all buildings and an evaluation of our emergency planning document.

Phil Stier, Technology Director

The past month began with the installation of the new network switches that were ordered in 2022. Due to backorder issues, the material came in over the summer of 2023. Also, new network closets in both the high school and middle school were being fitted with network equipment. A rack was installed in each with a fiber install to each from the main network closet in the media center. Along with the networking side of things, final touches are being made on the new security system installation in the new offices.

Kristy Thompson, Transportation Director

I am happy to say that the transportation department is fully staffed. Cindy Witke came aboard at the beginning of the month. She is from Northview schools in Grand Rapids. Kim Bruce was hired at the beginning of this school year and just got off of our probation. Serine Petersen has resumed her position after taking some time off. Hopefully, this will last for the rest of the year!

Cindy Sutherland, Food Service Director

Not much new to report this month. Maintaining student participation in both breakfast and lunch. We have a new employee to replace Tammy Stilwell that left last month. Her name is Wanita Little. She has a grandson in our school that she is raising and she has been a great addition to the team.

Lori Bruggema, Special Education Supervisor

The B-13 Corrective Action Plan regarding secondary transition has been submitted and approved through Catamaran. The B-4 Corrective Action Plan regarding discipline in suspension/expulsion has been submitted through Catamaran and awaiting approval. We will be monitoring these areas until spring.

Candance Nielsen, 6-12 Behavior Intervention Report

The middle school grade-level teams have paired up with behavior support to deliver video lessons on appropriate safe school behavior. Creating clear expectations matched with targeted support for teachers and students is a win! Each tribe created a learning lesson and presented it to their team. Each tribe then took a formative assessment to see what students learned and are planning future lessons based on identified needs. The middle school PBIS team is in the planning stages of their January initiative to focus on rewarding students/teachers for positive behavior and academic achievement weekly. Stay tuned!

At the high school level, the leadership team and administration have started the process of looking at enacting steps of behavior support to increase attendance and build relationships. A pilot group of teachers have just started with classroom support systems that look at helping students identify positive influences on academics and attendance and providing rewards for individuals and classrooms. October highlighted 32 students during the school-wide assembly for never taking a pass for the first 9 weeks of school. EVERY MOMENT MATTERS at MSHS!

The high school student study team has implemented 4 support plans to help students set goals toward academics and supporting emotional needs to overcome barriers in the classroom. Three of the four initial focus students have made 60%+ progress on their individual goals over the last 3 weeks. Students are reporting a “better connection” in the classroom setting with teachers.

Kellsey Fairris, Grant Coordinator

State Aid is not recalculated for the fall count until December so I do not have much of an update yet. One new line item we will be receiving this year is 221 Transportation Reimbursement. We will not be recognizing this revenue until the final budget amendment as our allocation is likely to change. This is a brand new line item and they are still developing the calculation.

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The districts 23g Michigan Kids Back on Track grant plan was approved. Our plan included a Behavior Support Parapro for the lower Elementary, Chromebooks for our 1 to 1 initiative, Summer School at the High School, After School tutoring and some additional curriculum supports for the FY25 school year.

Our School Safety assessment is scheduled for December 8, 2023. This assessment will be completed by Secure Environment Consultants and is funded by Section 97d carried forward from FY 2023. A requirement of the grant was to use an approved vendor. The district mapping funded by 97c is almost complete as well, waiting on the purchase & installation of Knox boxes to complete the requirements of this grant.

I am working on amending the ESSER III grant. The state released new information stating there would be a 0% variance allowed for this grant. Typical grants allow for a 10% variation from your line items. For example, in Title I we may say we are going to spend \$5,000 in supplies we can deviate how much we spend by 10% (\$500) without any issues or errors when I complete the Final Expenditure Report. ESSER III we have to have allocated with 100% accuracy.