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Rick Wiersma, High School Principal

Student Count

9-64

10-80

11-81

12-74

299

Staffing

No Changes

Curriculum

No changes

Past Events

3/5- Our MSHS Band competed at District Band Festival in Big Rapids and received all ones in the concert portion.

3/11- Ms. Simons and I represented the High School at a work day that the ISD hosted for the Michigan Integrated Continuous Improvement Plan. This was valuable time to dig into data, strategizing goals, and planning steps for implementation.

3/11- Mr. Rogers and I took our winter All Conference athletes to pictures and a celebration lunch.

3/12- The High School and Middle School hosted Parent/Teacher Conferences and Community Night. It was a great turn out and a lot of fun.

Upcoming Events

3/18- The MSHS Band will be taking a trip to the Soaring Eagle Waterpark.

3/20- Mrs. Berry and Mr. Jalovec will be taking students on a tour of Calvin College.

3/20- Mrs. Gross will be taking her Jazz Band to the MSBOA State Jazz Festival

3/25-3/29- MSHS Spring Break

Dale Rogers, Middle School Principal

Middle School Report

6 - 85

7 - 80

8 - 69

Total 234

Middle School

Community Night was March 12th. The Middle School teachers showed off STEM projects.

Ferris State Aspiring Educators of MI did an outreach project with the Middle School staff. Teacher wish lists will be delivered March 22nd.

Currently working with Ferris State on the MDE-OST Grant

Athletics

Girls Varsity Basketball are the Conference and District champions this year.

Baseball, Softball and Track have just begun.

John Nawrot, Morley Stanwood Elementary Principal

February 24: The MSE Student Council hosted the Special Person's dance at Morley Stanwood Elementary. 84 third through fifth grade girls and their special person attended this event. A special THANK YOU to Katie Doyle, Tara Lovejoy, Shawnda Starr, and Amber Zwiers for the extra work that went into this special evening.

February 27: Students and staff at MSE kicked off March is Reading Month with an Adventures in Reading assembly by Doug Scheer. Students participated in a variety of reading activities, engaging stories, and encouragement to become lifelong readers!

February 28: I participated, virtually, in Session 3 of the Title I Principals Training with Sara Shriver. This time allowed for gaining insight into the Title I processes, procedures, and requirements. I was also able to spend time working on the MSE Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA) and analyzing data.

March 7: MSE hosted Family Art & Health Night. 411 people, 217 students, enjoyed an evening of engaging Art and Health related activities such as face painting, using a bicycle-powered blender to make a smoothie, and much, much more. Families enjoyed a tasty chicken-taco bar dinner and each child went home with a book. A special thank you to Sarah Benson who has stepped up to coordinate these family outreach events.

March 11: Bruce Bennett and I joined Molly Simons, Jamey Nelson, Rick Wiersma and representatives from other local districts at MICIP/CNA Training @ MOISD. Mr. Bennett and I were able to nearly complete the CNA and will bring that back to the MSE-CIT to review. We are now at a stage where we can begin to create the school's Title I plan for submission to MDE.

On-Going Matters:

The 3rd through 5th grade teachers and students are gearing up for M-STEP assessments. The testing window opens on April 8 which is shortly after we return from Spring Break.

Enrollment:

2023-2024	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March
DK	15	14	14	14	14	14	14
Kdg.	66	70	71	72	71	72	73
1st	75	73	74	75	74	75	75
2nd	65	65	67	68	68	67	67
3rd	66	67	67	67	67	65	67
4th	80	78	82	82	83	82	83
5th	63	64	63	63	63	62	63
ECSE	13	13	14	14	14	16	17
Total	443	444	452	455	454	453	459

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<u>Jamey Nelson, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Director</u>

Assessment

Elementary is practicing MSTEP skills leading up to their testing windows. Teachers have been sending me results on the time spent practicing. HS has one more round of Horizons testing practice prior to the SAT.

Professional Development

Next PD is May 6th.

School Improvement

Buildings have been working on Comprehensive Needs Assessment to plan for next year. WE have one more work session at the ISD in May.

School Safety

Teachers will have CPR training in May. Fire and Tornado maps will be updated when all construction is complete this year.

Curriculum:

Continued - Implement with fidelity and review gaps. We are currently looking at grant funding to supply further training in our English and Math curriculums.

Phil Stier, Technology Director

Everyone is moved into their respective spaces now and minor issues are being addressed. Moving on from the construction, AT&T approached the district and notified us that they will not be servicing their old telephone service. This is our fax and elevator lines. We are in the process of moving the phone lines over to our digital circuit.

Kristy Thompson, Transportation Director

I need driver's, HELP. Looking for 1 full time driver for right now, and I may need a couple more come fall. If anyone knows of someone that likes kids and would like to drive, please let me know.

Spring sports are starting and field trips are being booked. This must mean we are winding down another school year.

Thanks for all the support everyone has shown toward Transportation this year.

Cindy Sutherland, Food Service Director

We are into reading month at the elementary and Kelli has planned a special treat at lunch each friday. The kids are loving it.

Not too much to report at the middle/ high school this month. We have not been able to do deli as we have had a lot of sickness with employees and hopefully will be back up and running after break.

Lori Bruggema, Special Education Supervisor

The special education coordinator has worked with the MOISD on completing the B-4 Corrective Action Plan. We have been making adjustments to our new discipline policies and procedures to ensure accuracy. This not only helps us achieve compliant IEP's, but also gives us quality data to apply behavior interventions to reduce discipline referrals.

Morley Stanwood is currently servicing 184 students with IEP's. Elementary - 104 Middle - 37 High - 43

Candance Nielsen, 6-12 Behavior Intervention Report

Behavior Intervention in the middle and high school has leveled up this month with new school store options and increased staff communication home.

The middle and high school have opened a school "store" - The Mohawk Depot! Students in both schools are recognized in the classroom, in the hallway, and in academics for their "strong" and "win" attributes each week. These tickets not only recognize the desired behaviors with an entry into the weekly drawing, but they earn a "Mohawk buck" good at the school store. They can choose to cash them in 1 time a week during lunch or save for a larger earned reward the next week. And, just to level up, students have voiced that they would like to focus on building peer relationships as well, so each week a LEVEL UP challenge is presented as a student option. In the past week we have worked on random acts of kindness.

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Staff have also risen to the challenge by working on making one phone call a day to parents to share a positive celebration about their student. It's always a great day to be a Mohawk.

Kellsey Fairris, Grant Coordinator

27k Student Loan Forgiveness

MOISD has signed and paid for a partnership with a company, Fiducius, that will be handling the 27k Student Loan Forgiveness grant for the entire intermediate school district. This company can provide support on the loans and walking staff through the process. They will be responsible for verifying information and tracking the grant requirements. Currently, we have 8 staff members that are in the process of taking advantage of this grant.

Consolidated Application

Our Consolidated Application (Title Grant) has been approved. By the end of summer all technology will be back on track for the replacement schedule. Through Title IV, the Elementary will be purchasing some new furniture for the Mohawk Room to create a better meeting space. Mrs. Estes hosts community sessions in this space to teach families skills they need to help their students.

We are seeing many new grants come out frequently. Mr. Nelson and I review each grant to see if it would benefit the district. The newest grant to come out is Title IV, Part A Stronger Connections Grant. I am doing research to see if the district could potentially make some Elementary Playground improvements with this money.

An amended Budget has been included with your board packet and will be presented at the board meeting.