

Rick Wiersma, High School Principal

Student Count

9- 63
10- 85
11- 77
12- 96
321

Staffing

No changes

Curriculum

No new curriculum changes for this year

Past Events

8/21- We welcomed our incoming freshmen at Freshmen Orientation from 4:30-5:00
We then hosted our Open House for students from 5:00-6:00

Upcoming Events

9/14- We will be facilitating our Fall Horizon Test for ELA and Math
9/19- Student Council will be attending the Josten's Renaissance Regional Conference at CMU
9/28- Ms. Prins will be hosting a virtual Mental Health Summit for student leaders to initiate conversations around mental health
9/28- Mrs. Berry and Mr. Jalovec will be hosting a Senior Parent Night
9/29- Mr. Wiersma and Ms. Simons will be presenting an Awards Ceremony to celebrate student achievement.

Dale Rogers, Middle School Principal

6 - 88

7 - 82

8 - 70

Total 240

Middle School

6th Grade is planning a Field Trip to the Dragon Tail

7th Grade is planning a Field Trip to Art Prize

Athletics

The Middle School Volleyball is starting.

High School Volleyball, Football, and Cross Country are in season.

CSAA Athletic Directors have voted to go back to Divisions in the 24-25 school year. CSAA Principals will vote on the change.

John Nawrot, Morley Stanwood Elementary Principal

August 14-17: 16 incoming kindergarten students and several staff members participated in Ready for K Camp. These students participated in early academic skills, learned classroom routines and procedures, navigated the school and much more. Students were also sent home with a picture book each day as well as a t-shirt. Parents have responded positively to a follow-up survey indicating that the event was beneficial for their children and themselves. I am hopeful that we can continue to make this event happen in the future.

August 17: I attended MiPSE Transfer of Student Data training with several MSCS staff as well as staff from other local schools. This training focused on the new special education platform and the process for ensuring a continuity of services for students that are enrolling with an IEP. Since that training, Lori Bruggema, Amy Rose, and I have worked closely to create a plan for accomplishing this process.

August 21: The staff at MSE kicked off the year by working with colleagues to examine instructional standards. Led by Zach Ripley, Communications by Design, teams were asked to rank from 1 to X the academic standards for given grade range and subject area. This work represents the first step of the district's multi-year transition to Standards-Based Instruction. While the elementary school has engaged in this work since before my time here, this work will strengthen our practices and will support common understandings.

August 21: MSE hosted our back to school open house. This was the first "normal" open house in 4 years. 2021 was held in the MS/HS cafeteria and 2022 was delayed. Both due to construction. 2020 there was no Open House due to concerns about COVID-19.

August 22: Staff from MSE participated in Blue Envelope training. This training was provided by staff from Corewell Health. Blue Envelope training provided an awareness of youth suicide and a process for obtaining additional assistance using a standardized process. Some staff participated in Level 2 training which provided additional training on how to respond to a student that has expressed suicidal ideation.

Administrator and Supervisor Reports

September, 2023

August 23: Staff and students alike celebrated the 1st Day of School.

August 28-31: Mrs. Estes and the Title I paraprofessionals wrapped up nearly all of the FastBridge Fall Benchmark assessing. This data will be used to monitor student growth, identify students for Title I services, and more.

Enrollment:

2022-2023	Sept.
DK	15
Kdg.	66
1st	75
2nd	65
3rd	66
4th	80
5th	63
ECSE	13
Total	443

Jamey Nelson, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Director

Curriculum Committee:

Elementary science will be the next curriculum to be reviewed and selected. On going curriculum review will occur.

Professional Development

Priority Standards training has begun. The initiative had a strong kickoff and now our guidance team will keep meeting in between district training sessions. Our Next PD will be MTSS training in October.

School Improvement

School improvement meetings will begin in September. We will be reviewing goals for the year and also data from the previous years testing cycles. We hope to get the high school and middle school off the TCI list by the end of the year.

Assessment

Elementary and Middle school Fastbridge testing will be in September. High School Horizons testing will also be in September.

Phil Stier, Technology Director

The summer went by quickly again this year. This year the high school received their Smart Panels to round off the rest of the district. There was a considerable amount of moving people and spaces to accommodate for all of the construction and renovation occurring in the high school building. Staying on top of all the unexpected surprises meant for an interesting and busy summer. However; I believe the school year started out very well. Teachers were able to use the technology in their classroom on day one, with possible exceptions of a few staff. All in all, it was a great start and looking forward to a great school year.

GO MOHAWKS!!!!!!!

Kristy Thompson, Transportation Director

The new year started out great. All the new buses were on time, and ready to go.

I bought animal magnets for the side of the buses with tags for the kindergarten and young 5's program. They worked fantastic. Some of the older grades were asking for the same tags and Katie Doyle made that happen.

We hired a new driver for the route I was driving last year. This freed me up to help sub drive when needed.

Unfortunately, we have a driver resigning on September 8th. Krystal drove all last year from Baldwin. Due to wanting to be closer to her children's school, she has decided to resign from her position. She will be greatly missed. As a result of her resignation, I am combining her route with 2 other routes. Monday the 11th this will start.

Here is to another great year!

Cindy Sutherland, Food Service Director

We are off to a good start this year. Student participation is a little down in the middle/high school but lunch is up. The elementary participation is about normal for breakfast and lunch. We will be having our annual pulled pork on September 14th for all schools. I will have the grills going for 2 days in preparation of homemade/smoked pulled pork. We have some of our equipment in and the rest should be finished by the end of September.

That is all the news for now.

Lori Bruggema, Special Education Supervisor

We are off to a busy start with developing new procedures and processes with the implementation of MiPSE. The special education staff have been to trainings and continue to learn all that MiPSE has to offer.

We are currently providing special education services to 192 students in the district.

Elementary School - 97 students

Middle School - 43 students

High School - 52 students

Candance Nielsen, 6-12 Behavior Intervention Report

The positive behavior support for students is off to a great start. Growing connections with students and two-way communication with parents has been a priority. Morley Stanwood has amazing families. Our outstanding teachers and grade level teams have begun meeting to discuss student needs and learn new ways to support learners.

The high school level team has implemented a “pass system” to support making every academic minute matter by coaching kids to manage their passing time and stay in class. This is keeping expectations clear, which is kind. Students and teachers are rising to the mark.

The middle school grade level teams have invested time in learning and brainstorming level 1 supports for students inside the classroom. Emotional support plans and behavior plans are underway to ensure students have access to education and support. Teachers are committed to building their toolboxes and finding new ways to support students.

