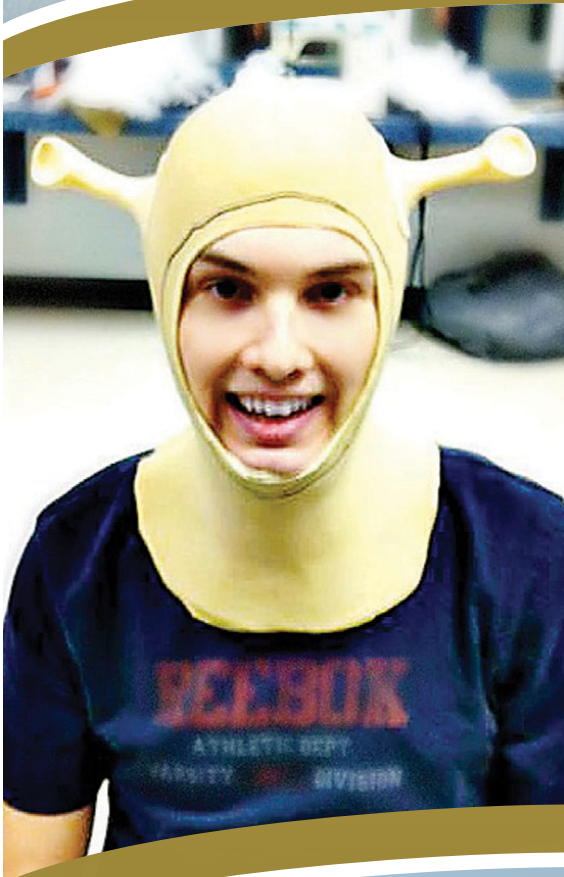


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on March 27, 28 and 29!

Spring Activities at Mona Shores are in Full Swing!



While this spring seemed like a long time coming, we are glad the warmer weather has arrived and our spring activities are in full swing.

On behalf of the Board of Education and staff, I want to thank those of you who voted back in February on the Technology and Security issue. The results demonstrated our areas' commitment to education and we were very proud when the results came in from our district, putting us over the top. We will start making security upgrades this summer and will outline the educational changes in future communications.

We are also completing the review of our facilities study with the help of TowerPinkster Architects/Engineers. This study will be the basis for our long-range facility plan that will also identify funding sources for these important projects.

Finally, since this is the last edition of the "View" this school year, I want to congratulate the class of 2014 and their families. Our entire staff is proud of what you have accomplished, in some cases doing what had never been done in Mona Shores. We hope you have a very enjoyable final few weeks and are successful at your chosen school or career after high school. You know what you can accomplish with hard work and while it may feel like it is over – it is just the beginning. Best wishes, you are well prepared.

Go Sailors!

Dave Peden, Superintendent

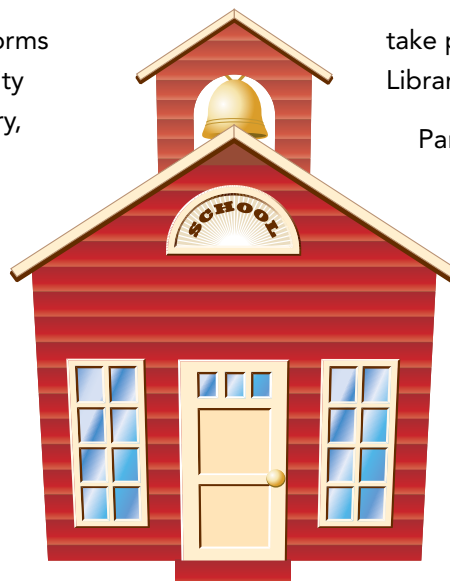
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2014/2015 Schools of Choice Program

Non-Resident Schools of Choice application forms will be available at the Mona Shores Community Services Office located at Ross Park Elementary, 121 Randall Road **beginning Monday, April 14, 2014**. Applications must be completed and returned **in person by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 23, 2014**.

This year, due to increased enrollment in grades K-12, we will only have openings in Kindergarten (15 openings). The lottery to determine these new enrollees will



take place on June 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the Ross Park Library Media Center.

Parents and guardians will be notified of tentative building placements in late June. Further information about the Mona Shores District Plan may be obtained by contacting Administrative Assistant, Sheryle Bronsema at (231) 780-4751, extension 8205, or via e-mail at bronsems@monashores.net.

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Your Support is Crucial to Success!

Thank you for caring about our schools. The passing of the technology millage will provide the opportunities to continue to be on the cutting edge of learning for our students. It is not only important to the students of Mona Shores but to all students in Muskegon County. All children deserve to learn in a safe environment with the latest technologies that are available to them. Your support assures them of this.



Spring is a time of growth and change. This is no more apparent than in the homes that are enrolling a kindergartener, planning a schedule for their middle or high school student, or preparing a graduating senior for the years ahead. The challenges that face our young people today are astounding, but so are the opportunities. Our administrators and faculty continue to study and adapt to better ways of creating an atmosphere for learning that will match each child's needs.

I would like to invite all members of the community to participate in a performance by the fine arts department, a sporting event, or a visit to a school building to see the wonderful work that is being done by our faculty and our students. This is what you have created and we are thankful for it!

Kay Olthoff
President, Mona Shores Board of Education

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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SCHEDULE

The Board of Education generally meets the first and second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Ross Park Media Center. Exceptions are noted below.

April 14, 2014
Combined Work Session/Regular Meeting
Ross Park Elementary

*April 21, 2014 - (5:00 p.m.)
Building Updates
Campbell/Lincoln Park Elementary

*April 23, 2014 - (5:00 p.m.)
Building Updates
Ross Park/Churchill Elementary

*April 28, 2014 - (5:00 p.m.)
Building Update
Middle School

*April 30, 2014 - (5:00 p.m.)
Building Update
High School

May 5, 2014
Work Session
Ross Park Elementary

May 12, 2014
Regular Meeting
Ross Park Elementary

June 16, 2014
Work Session
Ross Park Elementary

June 23, 2014
Budget Hearing/Regular Meeting
Ross Park Elementary

JOEY'S JOURNEY: THANK YOU TO OUR

Dear Mona Shores Family:

Our family would like to take this time to thank everyone who has helped us through Joey's journey. From the beginning, we have felt nothing but support for Joey and our family as he began his bone marrow transplant. His teachers and counselor Mrs. Smith-Walker had been more than willing to help Joey keep up with his schoolwork and to give him all the assistance he needed. When the transplant took a turn for the worse, the support did not waiver.

From the start of Joey's journey, the Mona Shores Family has been there for Joey and our family. Joey's hospital room was adorned with cards, posters and emails of support from the date of his admission. Joey's Facebook page quickly populated to a membership of more than 1,100 people cheering him on, praying, and offering help in many ways. A fund to help with our expenses, gift cards and prepared meals (organized by Barb Miller) appeared to help our family.

Band Director Jason Boyden has been nothing short of amazing. His sincere concern and guidance has been unimaginable. From the onset, he and the many band members and families have been such a strong support for Joey and our entire family. Jason led the band in supporting Joey, while maintaining as much of a sense of normalcy as anyone could for his students. We can't imagine how he felt upon receiving the call at band camp, sharing the news of Joey's passing. Thank

you Jason – and thank you to all of the parents who were at band camp to help the band and Joey's friends.

Thank you to Principal Mrs. Bustard and the support staff who dropped everything and headed to band camp to ensure that all of the students had all the support they may have needed. A decision was made immediately to get the band home for services if necessary.

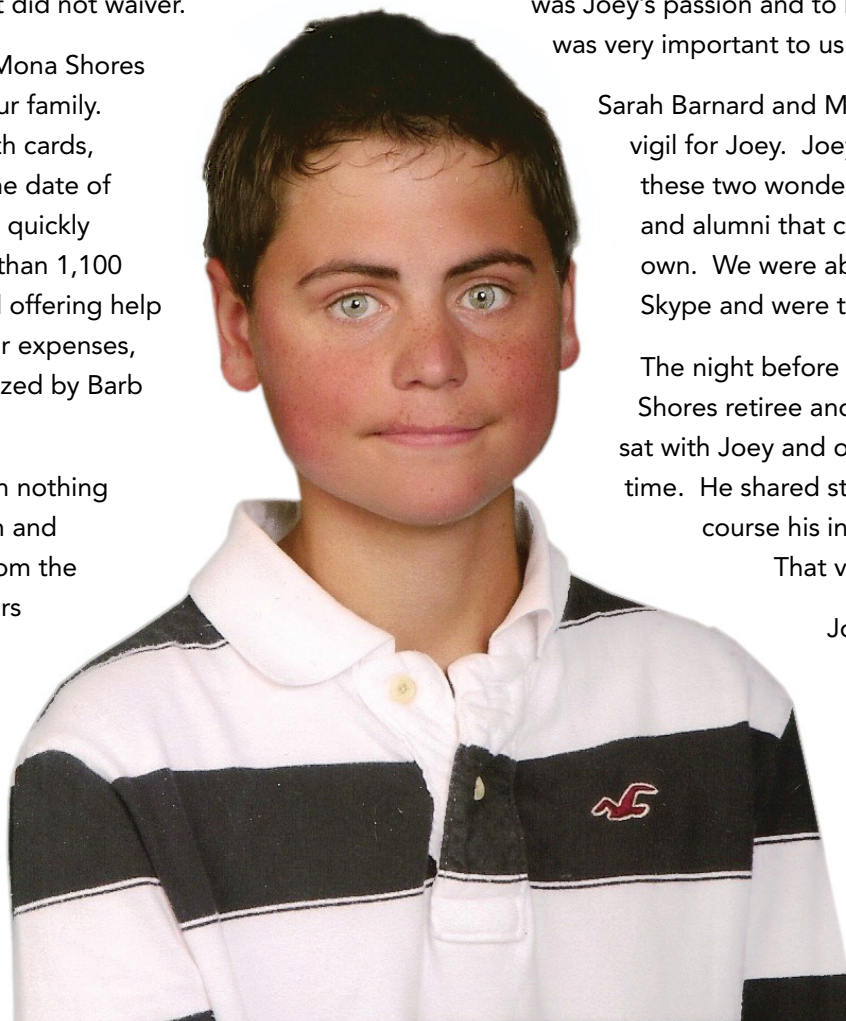
This meant more to the family than anyone can imagine. Band was Joey's passion and to have his band family at his funeral was very important to us.

Sarah Barnard and Mr. Lawton organized a candlelight vigil for Joey. Joey never had the privilege of meeting these two wonderful people or the many students and alumni that came out to support one of their own. We were able to view the candlelight vigil via Skype and were truly moved by their support.

The night before Joey's passing, Mike Mack, a Mona Shores retiree and Joey's elementary gym teacher, sat with Joey and our family for an extended period of time. He shared stories of Joey's determination and of course his infectious grin. Thank you Mr. Mack.

That visit will forever be remembered.

Joey's visitation and funeral was attended by so many staff, students, parents and community members. Again, such an outpouring of love for the family that words can't even begin to describe what that means to us. At his funeral, band t-shirts flooded the pews. Staff and students again expressing



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their support for Joey and our family. After Joey's funeral, the band sang the Alma Mater. What a lovely send off from the friends that Joey loved so much. Thank you.

With the help of Stan Miller, The Joey Hekkema Memorial Fund was set up almost immediately. Joey loved band and most importantly marching band. We recognize that the expenses that occur with sports, music and the arts can be daunting for some families. Therefore, we wanted to start up a fund that would help alleviate the cost for families in need. The purpose of the Joey Hekkema Memorial Fund is to help students in need with the cost of attending band camp. We truly believe this is a cause Joey would wholeheartedly support. We were well on our way to achieving the monetary goal when Mandy Versalle approached us and asked if the homecoming fundraising proceeds could go towards Joey's Fund. We can't express how humbled we were to hear that the students continued to support Joey. Because of the Student Senate's fundraising efforts and generosity of the Mona Shores Family, we more than exceeded our goal and Joey's legacy will live on and will support students who wish to participate in our wonderful band program.

We could not end this letter without acknowledging Becky Council. Becky acted as the go-between for the family and the school. Thank you for passing along information to those who needed it and for acting as Joey's advocate. By taking over the communications, you allowed us to spend every precious moment with Joey. Thank you friend.

Finally, we have received so much support, that we are sure we have unintentionally left someone out. Please know that your acts of kindness and heartfelt gestures have helped us through our grief and have not gone unnoticed.

We are so proud to be part of the Sailor Nation.

*Our Sincerest Gratitude,
Dave, Ruth and Meredith Hekkema*

SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON IS APRIL 25!

THIS POPULAR EVENT FILLS UP QUICKLY!

Mona Shores Residents ages 62 and older are eligible to attend. Reservations begin April 11th.

Mona Shores Community Services is partnering with Spectrum Health Continuing Care, Seminole Shores, and Village at Park Terrace for our Annual Senior Citizen Event. The date of the event is Friday, April 25, 2014 at 1:00 pm. Join us for a delicious lunch served in the High School Cafeteria.

RSVP beginning Friday, April 11, 2014. Please call our 24-hour reservation line at (231) 780-4748 and press 4 to leave a recorded reservation. Please leave first and last name, address, and phone number for each person attending. All attendees must be Mona Shores residents. Reservations are taken on a first come, first serve basis and fill very quickly. We will send out telephone confirmations on Monday, April 21st to confirm your reservation. Looking forward to another great event!



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WELCOME SPRING!

*A Message from High School Principal
Jennifer Bustard*

Spring is full of excitement for all of our students, and it is an exceptionally exciting time for our seniors who will soon be participating in the many upcoming events that are focused around graduation. Along with graduation comes the highly anticipated Spring Prom. To kick off another successful and safe prom, we will be providing students with a Drug and Alcohol Awareness Month. Once again this year, in partnership with our Norton Shores Police Department, Ramos and Sons, and Muskegon ALI, we will have a series of student and community events as a reminder of the dangers of the misuse of drugs and alcohol.

TEACHING AND LEARNING:

Our High School is proud to share that in our pursuit of College and Career readiness for all of our students, we have recently assessed our 9th grade, 10th grade and 11th grade students. Since the State of Michigan implemented the mandate for all juniors to take the ACT college entrance

IMPORTANT DATES:

April	Face the Book Campaign and Competition
April 21-24	AAA Driving Simulator during lunch hours - All grades
April 25	Drawing for the Ride with Pride final 10 juniors and seniors - Prize: Car! Final 9-10th grade students eligible for a Moped!
April 29	MSHS Awareness Activities sponsored by NSPD
May 3	Prom at the Trillium 7:30-11 pm
May 16	Sailor Pride All School Assembly: Celebrate School and Community Positive Behaviors. Present grade level prizes donated by local businesses and announce the winner of the Car and Moped! Sponsored by Ramos and Sons and Nexes Realty.

exam, we have created the opportunity to test all students on that day. The 9th grade took the Explore test, the 10th grade took the Plan test, and the 11th grade took the ACT/MME. The Explore and Plan tests are all predictor assessments on how students will fair on the ACT College Readiness Assessment. By having students take these assessments, teachers have a data resource to use in evaluating curriculum, monitor how students are learning, make the necessary adjustments to assist in student achievement and provide students and their parents with college readiness predictors. For more information on ACT readiness check out the counseling department web page or visit www.act.org.

SUMMER SCHOOL INFORMATION:

We are pleased to announce that Mona Shores High School will be once again offering Summer School for students. Mona Shores High School recognizes the demands that the Michigan Merit Curriculum and the increased graduation requirements have placed on students. Having summer school will give students a local opportunity for credit recovery and credit enhancement. We are excited about this opportunity and are pleased to be able to offer a variety of classes to our students. Specific Summer School information is available in the counseling office at the high school or can be found on our high school web page. Any questions, please contact Assistant Principal, Walt Gawkowski at (231) 780-4711, extension 8494.

Hope to see you at our next event! Please visit our high school web page for dates, locations, current events and general school information at www.monashores.net.

*All the best! Jennifer Bustard, Principal
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SENIOR CELEBRATION 2014!



Senior Celebration 2014 plans are in full swing! A small but mighty group of parents has been meeting monthly since September to assure that everything goes off without a hitch. To do this, we have been planning and implementing a variety of fundraising activities to raise the approximately \$25,000 it takes to put on this annual event! Additional parents have volunteered for 50/50 raffles during football and basketball games and sold festive suckers that were delivered to the high school students for holidays. We have had two restaurant give-back nights at The Station and Handsome Henry's. A percentage of their proceeds was donated to our fundraising account. Thank you to the staffs of The Station and Handsome Henry's! Watch for future announcements of upcoming give-back nights.

Our next big event is a Pasta Dinner planned for Sunday, March 30, at Maranatha Conference Center. It will run from noon until 4:00. Tickets will be available in the high school counseling office or from members of the Senior Celebration Planning Committee (see right). Prices are \$10 – adults and \$7 – kids. We will have a pasta bar and salad bar catered by our very own senior parent and caterer extraordinaire Toby Schrier! Beverages and deserts will also be on the menu. Entertainment will be provided by the talented students of the Mona Shores performing arts programs. A Senior Celebration registration table will be available at the dinner for your convenience. We will need a number of parent volunteers to make this a successful event. Please consider volunteering!

Another SCENT-sational fundraiser we have going on right now is our YANKEE CANDLE online program. You can log on with the link <https://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com/ycfroot/home.htm#>, enter our group number 990060914, shop to your heart's content, and help the seniors all at the same time! Forty percent of the sales comes right back to our account!

Last year was the inaugural year for the PROUD HOME signs. The planning committee is building on the success of this and, once again, selling yard signs that read PROUD HOME of a MONA SHORES GRADUATE! These signs are designed for outdoor use, are weather-resistant, and a great addition to any landscape! If you are interested in purchasing a sign, please contact Laurie Wieman at lwieman5218@yahoo.com. They are also available at the Choir SCRIP table on Wednesday evenings at the high school and will be available for purchase at our Pasta Dinner.

Are you a senior? Is your student a senior? Worried that you haven't signed up yet? No worries! We are still accepting registrations. Forms are available in the counseling office at the High School. Please register soon! We have many great things planned. Late registrants aren't guaranteed all goodies! Is money tight? We have payment plans available from Mrs. Smith-Walker in the counseling office.

The planning committee is very excited to help provide this safe, fun, and memorable evening for our seniors—an opportunity to have one last hurrah before they go their separate ways on to bigger things! Please consider volunteering, donating, or supporting in any other way for this important event! Any questions, please contact Heather Sturr at sturrh@monashores.net.

The following committee members will have tickets for the Pasta Dinner: Toby Schrier, Jane Witt, Kristina Conley, Laurie Wieman, Sue Peterson, Danielle Smith-Walker, Andrea Slaugh, Sheri Sander, Laurie Mancuso, Priscilla Wilcox, Lisa Vaughan, Sonda Panici Bondy, Kristi Eigenauer, Sherry Essenberg, and Heather Sturr.

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SCHOLARSHIP FORMS

Any senior who has received a scholarship should fill out a form in the Counseling Office in order to be recognized at the Honors Convocation. These forms will be available in early May.

FINAL TRANSCRIPTS

Seniors must notify the Counseling Office which college must receive a final transcript.

SCHOLARSHIPS

There are still a small number of scholarships listed on our Counseling Department website with applications available in our office or online. Please remember that you should allow 5-7 days prior to the deadline for processing.

ACT

Juniors planning to take the June 14th ACT must submit their registration online by May 9th at www.actstudent.org. Mona Shores High School's code is 232-704 and our school test site number is 178050. The basic fee for the ACT (no writing) is \$36.50 and ACT plus writing is \$52.50.

PLAN AND EXPLORE TEST RESULTS

Sophomores and freshmen took the PLAN and EXPLORE tests on March 4th and will be receiving their results prior to the end of the school year. These tests are valuable tools for assisting our students in gaining experience in test-taking strategies for the ACT.

SCHEDULING 2014-2015

The Counseling Office has met with all current students grades 9-11 regarding their scheduling options for next school year. If your child has not completed this process, please contact the Counseling Office as soon as possible.

COUNSELING OFFICE WEBSITE

Please refer to our website, located on the high school home page, for the latest scholarship application information, financial aid, E-transcripts, and testing information. There are also links for scholarship searches. If students are interested in updating their EDP's, they should go to the MICAP site under the Media Center Department. We now also include written course descriptions for all classes that we offer at the high school in an effort to become more eco-friendly and efficient as well.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Information regarding summer school at Mona Shores High School will be available in the Counseling Office and on our website after spring break. This is an outstanding opportunity for students to either do credit recovery for one or two classes or do credit enhancement to get ahead in their coursework. Each class spans a three-week time period, and it is imperative that students attend every session. Check out the website for the fees, specific dates, and the courses being offered, or contact your student's counselor.

CREDIT RECOVERY CLASSES

Students who have failed classes or are behind in credits may elect to take an online course after school through the high school's credit recovery program. The student needs to see his/her counselor to complete an application and determine which course needs to be taken. Each half-credit course costs \$90 to cover the cost of the class and the instructor who is available Monday through Thursday

from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. All work needs to be completed at school and should be finished within a trimester's time.

TESTING OUT OF CLASSES

Testing out of classes provides students with an opportunity to earn a credit in a course by passing an examination during the summer. The student must complete a request form, available in the Counseling Office from April 23rd – May 7th, and then turn it into his/her counselor along with a refundable \$25 check (no later than May 11th). The student will be given a packet of study materials, including a book, prior to the end of the school year. Students must earn an 80% or better on the exam in order to receive credit for the course. The examinations are generally scheduled for the latter part of July.

2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

April 22	Cap, gown, announcement distribution – during lunches (High School Auditorium lobby)
April 28	National Honors Society Induction – 7:30 pm (High School Auditorium)
May 3	Prom – 7:30 pm (Trillium Conference & Banquet Center)
May 22	Honors Convocation – 7:30 pm (High School Auditorium)
May 23	Graduation Seating Chart Posted
May 28	No Late Start 4th & 5th Hour Senior Exams
May 29	1st & 3rd Hour Senior Exams
May 30	2nd Hour Senior Exam Senior Breakfast – 7:45-8:45 am (High School Cafeteria) Senior Checkout – 10:19 am -12:00 pm Senior Lunch – 12:30 pm (Fricano's on the Lake Pizza)
June 1	Baccalaureate – 3:00 pm (High School Auditorium)
June 4	Commencement Rehearsal – 12:45 pm (LC Walker Arena) Commencement – 7:00 pm (LC Walker Arena)

2014 HIGH SCHOOL EXAM SCHEDULE GRADES 9TH – 11TH

June 6	1st Hour Exam – 7:40-9:05 am
June 9	2nd Hour Exam- 7:40-9:05 am 3rd Hour Exam – 9:20-10:40 am
June 10	4th Hour Exam – 7:40-9:05 am 5th Hour Exam – 9:20-10:40 am



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2014 SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL

Tuesday	3/25/14	West Ottawa HS (DH)	Away	4:00PM
Thursday	3/27/14	Oakridge High School (DH)	Home	4:00PM
Friday	3/28/14	Calvin Christian HS (DH)	Away	4:00PM
Monday	3/31/14	Spring Lake High School (S)	Away	4:15PM
Tuesday	4/1/14	Forest Hills Central HS (DH)	Away	4:00PM
Thursday	4/3/14	Cedar Springs High School (DH)	Home	4:15PM
Monday	4/14/14	Grand Haven High School (S)	Away	4:30PM
Tuesday	4/15/14	* Grand Rapids Union HS (S)	Home	4:00PM
Wednesday	4/16/14	Muskegon Catholic Schools (S)	Home	4:30PM
Thursday	4/17/14	* Grand Rapids Union HS (S)	Away	4:00PM
Tuesday	4/22/14	* Zeeland East HS (S)	Home	4:00PM
Wednesday	4/23/14	East Kentwood HS (S)	Away	4:30PM
Thursday	4/24/14	* Zeeland East HS (S)	Away	4:00PM
Friday	4/25/14	Hudsonville High School (S)	Away	4:30PM
Tuesday	4/29/14	* Reeths-Puffer HS (S)	Away	4:30PM
Thursday	5/1/14	* Reeths-Puffer HS (S)	Home	4:00PM
Saturday	5/3/14	(GMAA @ Reeths-Puffer)	Away	TBA
Tuesday	5/6/14	* Kenowa Hills HS (S)	Home	4:00PM
Thursday	5/8/14	* Kenowa Hills HS (S)	Away	4:00PM
Monday	5/12/14	North Muskegon HS (DH)	Away	4:00PM
Tuesday	5/13/14	* Muskegon High School (S)	Away	4:00PM
Thursday	5/15/14	* Muskegon High School (S)	Home	4:00PM
Tuesday	5/20/14	Rockford High School (DH)	Away	4:00PM
Wednesday	5/21/14	Wyoming High School (S)	Home	4:15PM
Thursday	5/22/14	Western Michigan Christian HS (S)	Home	4:15PM

BOYS VARSITY GOLF

Thursday	4/17/14	(Ludington Invitational @ Lincoln Hills)	Away	9:30AM
Monday	4/21/14	(Seaholm Invitational @ Indianwood GC)	Away	11:00AM
Thursday	4/24/14	* (OK Black 18-Holes @ The Highlands GC)	Away	8:30AM
Friday	4/25/14	(TCC Invite @ Grand Traverse Resort)	Away	9:00AM
Saturday	4/26/14	(TCC Invite @ Grand Traverse Resort)	Away	9:00AM
Monday	4/28/14	(Mona Shores Spring Classic @ MCC)	Home	9:00AM
Wednesday	4/30/14	(GMAA @ Stonegate)	Away	TBA
Saturday	5/3/14	(FHC Ranger Invitational @ The Meadows)	Away	8:30AM
Monday	5/5/14	(Seaholm Invitational @ Orchard Lake CC)	Away	12:30PM

Tuesday	5/6/14	* (OK Black 18 Holes @ Stonegate GC)	Away	1:30PM
Friday	5/9/14	Lakeview High School-Battle Creek	Away	9:00AM
Saturday	5/10/14	(Lumen Christi Invitational @ Bedford Valley GC)	Away	9:30AM
Monday	5/12/14	Big Rapids High School (@ Tullemore)	Away	8:30AM
Wednesday	5/14/14	* (OK Black 18 Holes @ Winding Creek)	Away	9:00AM
Saturday	5/17/14	(East Lansing Classic)	Away	7:30AM
Monday	5/19/14	(Mona Shores Invitational @ SLCC)	Home	9:00AM
Tuesday	5/27/14	(Forest Hills Invite @ Egypt Valley CC)	Away	7:30AM

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

Tuesday	3/25/14	Wyoming High School	Away	6:45PM
Thursday	3/27/14	Fruitport HS	Home	6:45PM
Tuesday	4/1/14	Forest Hills Central HS	Home	6:45PM
Monday	4/14/14	Jenison High School	Home	6:45PM
Wednesday	4/16/14	East Kentwood HS	Away	6:45PM
Thursday	4/17/14	West Ottawa HS	Home	6:45PM
Tuesday	4/22/14	* Muskegon High School	Home	6:45PM
Thursday	4/24/14	* Kenowa Hills HS	Away	6:45PM
Saturday	4/26/14	Grand Haven High School	Away	12:00PM
Tuesday	4/29/14	* Zeeland East HS	Home	6:45PM
Thursday	5/1/14	* Reeths-Puffer HS	Away	6:45PM
Tuesday	5/6/14	* Grand Rapids Union HS	Away	5:00PM
Wednesday	5/7/14	Spring Lake High School	Home	6:45PM
Thursday	5/8/14	* Muskegon High School	Away	5:00PM
Tuesday	5/13/14	* Kenowa Hills HS	Home	6:45PM
Thursday	5/15/14	* Zeeland East HS	Away	6:45PM
Monday	5/19/14	Reeths-Puffer HS	Home	6:45PM
Thursday	5/22/14	* Grand Rapids Union HS	Home	6:45PM
Tuesday	5/27/14	(MHSAA Districts @ TBD)	Away	TBA

GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL

Tuesday	3/25/14	West Ottawa HS (DH)	Away	4:00PM
Thursday	3/27/14	Oakridge High School (DH)	Home	4:00PM
Friday	3/28/14	Calvin Christian HS (DH)	Away	4:00PM
Tuesday	4/1/14	Forest Hills Central HS (DH)	Away	4:00PM
Monday	4/14/14	Grand Haven High School (S)	Away	4:30PM
Tuesday	4/15/14	* Grand Rapids Union HS (DH)	Home	4:00PM
Tuesday	4/22/14	* Zeeland East HS (DH)	Home	4:00PM

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Saturday	4/26/14	Northview HS (DH)	Home	10:00AM
Tuesday	4/29/14	* Reeths-Puffer HS (DH)	Away	4:30PM
Saturday	5/3/14	(GMAA @ Reeths-Puffer)	Away	TBA
Tuesday	5/6/14	* Kenowa Hills HS (DH)	Home	4:00PM
Thursday	5/8/14	Holton HS (DH)	Home	4:15PM
Saturday	5/10/14	(Caledonia Invitational)	Away	9:00AM
Monday	5/12/14	North Muskegon HS (DH)	Home	4:00PM
Tuesday	5/13/14	* Muskegon High School (DH)	Away	4:00PM
Friday	5/16/14	Hudsonville High School (DH)	Home	4:30PM
Wednesday	5/21/14	Wyoming High School (DH)	Home	4:15PM
Thursday	5/22/14	Whitehall High School (DH)	Away	4:15PM
Wednesday	5/28/14	Hudsonville High School (S)	Away	4:30PM

GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS

Monday	3/24/14	Hudsonville High School	Away	4:30PM
Wednesday	3/26/14	Grandville HS	Home	4:30PM
Saturday	3/29/14	North Muskegon HS (@ Norton Pines)	Away	10:00AM
Wednesday	4/2/14	Holland High School	Away	4:30PM
Thursday	4/3/14	Grand Haven High School	Away	4:30PM
Wednesday	4/16/14	Northview HS	Home	4:30PM
Saturday	4/19/14	(East Kentwood Invitational)	Away	8:30AM
Monday	4/21/14	* Zeeland East HS	Home	4:30PM
Wednesday	4/23/14	Reeths-Puffer HS	Away	4:30PM
Saturday	4/26/14	(Caledonia Invite)	Away	9:00AM
Monday	4/28/14	West Ottawa HS	Away	4:00PM
Wednesday	4/30/14	Grand Rapids Union HS	Away	4:30PM
Saturday	5/3/14	(GMAA @ Whitehall)	Away	TBA
Monday	5/5/14	Kenowa Hills HS	Away	4:30PM
Saturday	5/10/14	(O-K Black Conference Tournament)	Home	TBA
Tuesday	5/13/14	(Ludington Tri)	Away	4:00PM
Thursday	5/15/14	(MHSAA Regionals @ Holland)	Away	9:00AM

BOYS/GIRLS VARSITY TRACK

Wednesday	4/2/14	* Zeeland East HS	Away	4:15PM
Wednesday	4/16/14	* Reeths-Puffer HS	Home	4:15PM
Friday	4/18/14	(Rocket Invitational)	Away	1:00PM
Wednesday	4/23/14	* Muskegon High School	Away	4:15PM
Friday	4/25/14	(Mason County Central Invitational)	Away	TBA
Wednesday	4/30/14	* (GR Union Tri)	Away	4:15PM
Friday	5/2/14	(GMAA @ Whitehall)	Away	TBA
Thursday	5/8/14	(OK Black Prelims)	Home	TBA
Friday	5/9/14	(OK Black Finals)	Home	TBA
Friday	5/16/14	(MHSAA Regionals)	Away	TBA
Saturday	5/17/14	(MHSAA Regionals)	Away	TBA
Wednesday	5/21/14	(Meijer West Michigan Track Invite @ Reeths-Puffer)	Away	3:30PM
Saturday	5/31/14	(MHSAA State Finals)	Away	TBA

BOYS JV BASEBALL

Thursday	3/27/14	Oakridge High School (DH)	Away	4:00PM
Friday	3/28/14	Calvin Christian HS (DH)	Home	4:00PM
Monday	3/31/14	Spring Lake High School (S)	Home	4:15PM
Tuesday	4/1/14	Forest Hills Central HS (DH)	Home	4:00PM
Thursday	4/3/14	Cedar Springs High School (DH)	Away	4:15PM
Monday	4/14/14	Grand Haven High School (S)	Home	4:30PM
Tuesday	4/15/14	* Grand Rapids Union HS (S)	Away	4:00PM
Wednesday	4/16/14	Muskegon Catholic Schools (S)	Away	4:00PM
Thursday	4/17/14	* Grand Rapids Union HS (S)	Home	4:00PM
Tuesday	4/22/14	* Zeeland East HS (DH)	Away	4:00PM
Wednesday	4/23/14	East Kentwood HS (S)	Home	4:30PM
Thursday	4/24/14	* Zeeland East HS (S)	Home	4:00PM
Friday	4/25/14	Hudsonville High School (DH)	Away	4:15PM
Tuesday	4/29/14	* Reeths-Puffer HS (S)	Home	4:00PM
Thursday	5/1/14	* Reeths-Puffer HS (S)	Away	4:30PM
Tuesday	5/6/14	* Kenowa Hills HS (S)	Away	4:00PM
Thursday	5/8/14	* Kenowa Hills HS (S)	Home	4:00PM
Monday	5/12/14	North Muskegon HS (DH)	Home	4:00PM
Tuesday	5/13/14	* Muskegon High School (S)	Home	4:00PM
Thursday	5/15/14	* Muskegon High School (S)	Away	4:00PM
Tuesday	5/20/14	Rockford High School (DH)	Away	4:00PM
Wednesday	5/21/14	Wyoming High School (DH)	Away	4:15PM

BOYS JV GOLF

Tuesday	4/15/14	West Ottawa HS (@ Macatawa Legends GC)	Away	4:00PM
Thursday	4/17/14	Grand Haven High School	Home	3:00PM
Friday	4/18/14	(Kenowa Hills Invitational @ Gracewil GC)	Away	3:30PM
Monday	4/21/14	(O-K Black Jamboree @ Zeeland East (Winding Creek))	Away	3:30PM
Wednesday	4/23/14	(O-K Black Jamboree @ Oak Ridge GC)	Home	3:00PM
Thursday	4/24/14	East Kentwood HS (@ Briarwood GC)	Away	3:30PM
Monday	4/28/14	(Mona Shores Invitational #2)	Home	9:00AM
Thursday	5/1/14	Grandville HS	Away	TBA
Tuesday	5/6/14	(O-K Black Jamboree @ Kenowa Hills (Gracewill))	Away	3:00PM
Thursday	5/8/14	Hudsonville High School	Home	3:00PM
Saturday	5/10/14	Rockford High School (@ Cedar Chase)	Away	9:00AM
Monday	5/12/14	(Reeths-Puffer Invitational @ Lincoln CC)	Away	TBA
Tuesday	5/13/14	Rockford High School	Home	3:00PM
Thursday	5/15/14	(4th Annual Invite)	Home	9:00AM

GIRLS JV SOCCER

Tuesday	3/25/14	Wyoming High School	Away	5:00PM
Thursday	3/27/14	Fruitport HS	Home	5:00PM
Tuesday	4/1/14	Forest Hills Central HS	Home	5:00PM
Monday	4/14/14	Jenison High School	Home	5:00PM
Wednesday	4/16/14	East Kentwood HS	Away	5:00PM
Thursday	4/17/14	West Ottawa HS	Home	5:00PM

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2014 SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

Tuesday	4/22/14	* Muskegon High School	Home	5:00PM
Thursday	4/24/14	* Kenowa Hills HS	Away	5:00PM
Saturday	4/26/14	Grand Haven High School	Away	10:00AM
Tuesday	4/29/14	* Zeeland East HS	Home	5:00PM
Thursday	5/1/14	* Reeths-Puffer HS	Away	5:00PM
Tuesday	5/6/14	* Grand Rapids Union HS	Away	6:45PM
Wednesday	5/7/14	Spring Lake High School	Home	5:00PM
Thursday	5/8/14	* Muskegon High School	Away	6:45PM
Tuesday	5/13/14	* Kenowa Hills HS	Home	5:00PM
Thursday	5/15/14	* Zeeland East HS	Away	5:00PM
Monday	5/19/14	Reeths-Puffer HS	Home	5:00PM
Thursday	5/22/14	* Grand Rapids Union HS	Home	5:00PM

GIRLS JV SOFTBALL

Tuesday	3/25/14	West Ottawa HS (DH)	Home	4:00PM
Thursday	3/27/14	Oakridge High School (DH)	Away	4:00PM
Friday	3/28/14	Calvin Christian HS (DH)	Home	4:00PM
Tuesday	4/1/14	Forest Hills Central HS (DH)	Home	4:00PM
Monday	4/14/14	Grand Haven High School (S)	Home	4:30PM
Tuesday	4/15/14	* Grand Rapids Union HS (DH)	Away	4:00PM
Tuesday	4/22/14	* Zeeland East HS (DH)	Away	4:00PM
Saturday	4/26/14	Northview HS (DH)	Home	10:00AM
Tuesday	4/29/14	* Reeths-Puffer HS (DH)	Home	4:00PM
Saturday	5/3/14	(Caledonia Invitational)	Away	9:00AM
Tuesday	5/6/14	* Kenowa Hills HS (DH)	Away	4:00PM
Thursday	5/8/14	Holton HS (DH)	Home	4:15PM
Tuesday	5/13/14	* Muskegon High School (DH)	Home	4:00PM
Friday	5/16/14	Hudsonville High School (DH)	Home	4:30PM
Wednesday	5/21/14	Wyoming High School (DH)	Away	4:15PM
Thursday	5/22/14	Whitehall High School (DH)	Home	4:15PM

GIRLS JV TENNIS

Monday	3/24/14	Hudsonville High School	Home	4:30PM
Wednesday	3/26/14	Grandville HS	Away	4:30PM
Wednesday	4/2/14	Holland High School	Away	4:30PM
Thursday	4/3/14	Grand Haven High School	Home	4:30PM
Wednesday	4/16/14	Northview HS	Home	4:30PM
Monday	4/21/14	* Zeeland East HS	Home	4:30PM
Wednesday	4/23/14	Reeths-Puffer HS	Away	4:30PM
Monday	4/28/14	West Ottawa HS	Away	4:00PM
Wednesday	4/30/14	Grand Rapids Union HS	Away	4:30PM
Friday	5/2/14	Caledonia High School	Away	4:30PM
Monday	5/5/14	Kenowa Hills HS	Away	4:30PM
Wednesday	5/7/14	Sparta High School	Home	4:30PM
Friday	5/9/14	Fremont High School	Home	4:30PM
Tuesday	5/13/14	NorthPointe Christian HS	Away	4:30PM
Thursday	5/15/14	Wyoming High School	Away	4:00PM

BOYS FRESHMAN BASEBALL

Tuesday	3/25/14	West Ottawa HS (DH)	Away	4:00PM
Thursday	3/27/14	Holland High School (DH)	Away	4:15PM
Monday	3/31/14	Byron Center High School (DH)	Away	4:15PM
Tuesday	4/1/14	Forest Hills Central HS (DH)	Away	4:00PM
Monday	4/14/14	Grand Haven High School (S)	Away	4:30PM
Wednesday	4/16/14	Hamilton HS (DH)	Away	4:15PM
Friday	4/18/14	Wyoming High School (DH)	Home	4:15PM
Monday	4/21/14	Unity Christian HS (DH)	Away	4:15PM
Wednesday	4/23/14	East Kentwood HS (S)	Away	4:30PM
Friday	4/25/14	Hudsonville High School (DH)	Home	4:00PM
Monday	4/28/14	Byron Center High School (DH)	Home	4:15PM
Wednesday	4/30/14	Kenowa Hills HS (DH)	Away	4:15PM
Friday	5/2/14	Jenison High School	Away	4:00PM
Monday	5/5/14	Grand Rapids Union HS (DH)	Away	4:15PM
Wednesday	5/7/14	Zeeland East HS (DH)	Away	4:15PM
Monday	5/12/14	Holland Christian HS (DH)	Away	4:15PM
Wednesday	5/14/14	Kenowa Hills HS (DH)	Away	4:15PM
Friday	5/16/14	Zeeland East HS (DH)	Home	4:15PM
Monday	5/19/14	Grand Rapids Union HS (DH)	Away	4:15PM
Tuesday	5/20/14	Rockford High School (DH)	Home	4:00PM

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Sailor Athletic News



A Message from Ryan Portenga, Director of Athletics

COPING WITH FAILURE...

One of our varsity coaches recently sent me a great article written by Ashley Merryman of the New York Times. Published last September (2013), Merryman's article – "Losing is Good for You" – dives into a sensitive subject in the world of sports... the realm of failure.

Granted, an athletic program's legitimacy and long-term success is often defined by the win-loss column. There is a direct correlation between winning and the growth of fan bases, endorsements, and media coverage. Our school district certainly witnessed the power of winning first-hand this past fall on Friday nights. However, losing here and there certainly doesn't hurt anything. In fact, Merryman points out that losing is actually a positive thing for competitors to experience. At one point, she writes, "If the answer is, 'Everybody gets a trophy,' find another program."

The article goes on to point out that "kids respond positively to praise; they enjoy hearing that they're talented, smart and so on. But after such praise of their innate abilities, they collapse at the first experience of difficulty. Demoralized by their failure, they would rather cheat than risk failing again."

Over time, an assortment of in-competition successes and failures builds character that allows individuals to cope with like out-of-competition experiences. Eventual turbulence might be a poor performance review in the workplace, difficulties within a marriage, or financial hardships, but – as documented – those who can handle losing at a younger age are more prepared to cope with such hardships.

"When children make mistakes, our job should not be to spin those losses into decorated victories," Merryman writes. "Instead, our job is to help kids overcome setbacks, to help them see that progress over time is more important than a particular win or loss, and to help them graciously congratulate the child



who succeeded when they failed."

In my own experience as an athlete, I remember the joys of winning. My love and passion for athletic competition

came from the success I enjoyed. However, I remember losing equally as much. The motivation to work harder and to remain disciplined directly came from losses.

Maybe some of our readers can relate to the balance of winning and losing I'm referring to, but Merryman's article hit home for me. Those long (and sad) car rides home with my parents or a coach and the lengthy (and difficult) conversations we had after a loss certainly had more of an impact on me than any game-winning hit or last-second shot I made.

I am certainly not suggesting that losing is fun or needs to occur more often. I want our student-athletes to set high goals and aim for them at all times. However, consistent with the message in Merryman's article, I would like parents of athletes – whether they're in youth, middle school or high school competition – to think about how they handle losing with their child... and to remember the bigger picture.

In the meantime, what a winter! To see one of our wrestlers (senior Taylor McPhail; 145 lbs) take 5th Place at the MHSAA Individual Finals (earning First-Team All-State status), to see our awesome Competitive Cheerleading team achieve their goal of getting to the MHSAA State Finals (taking 7th Place), to watch both basketball teams rack up the victories this past season (with our girls sharing the conference championship with Muskegon), to root on hockey, boys swimming and bowling as they reached for higher ground each week, and to see over seventy athletes participate in powerlifting this winter (with over forty of them qualifying for the state championship meet)... it has been a great sports season! Go Sailors!

Yours in competitive spirit,

Ryan Portenga



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MONA SHORES MIDDLE SCHOOL MASTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL:

- 2 LATE START WEDNESDAY, SCHOOL STARTS AT **9:40 A.M.**
- 4 SPRING ASSEMBLY
HALF DAY, SCHOOL GETS OUT AT 11 A.M.
- 7-11 NO SCHOOL/SPRING BREAK
- 14 SCHOOL RESUMES
- 16 **NO LATE START** WEDNESDAY, SCHOOL STARTS AT 7:40 A.M.
- 18 GOOD FRIDAY/HALF-DAY DISMISS @ 11:00 A.M.
- 22 5TH & 6TH GRADE ORCHESTRA CONCERT @ M.S.M.S. AUDITORIUM, 7:00 P.M.
- 23 LATE START WEDNESDAY, SCHOOL STARTS AT **9:40 A.M.**
6TH GRADE SCIENCE CAMP PARENT MEETING, 7:00 P.M., MEDIA CENTER
- 30 **NO LATE START** WEDNESDAY, SCHOOL STARTS AT 7:40 A.M.

MAY:

- 1 BAND CONCERT 6TH – 8TH GRADE, 7:30 P.M.
- 2 SAILOR CELEBRATION, 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.
- 7 LATE START WEDNESDAY, SCHOOL STARTS AT **9:40 A.M.**
- 14 **NO LATE START** WEDNESDAY, SCHOOL STARTS AT 7:40 A.M.
- 15 ORCHESTRA SPRING CONCERT, 7 P.M.
- 21 LATE START WEDNESDAY, SCHOOL STARTS AT **9:40 A.M.**
WASHINGTON D.C. PARENT MEETING, 7TH & 8TH GRADE, 6 P.M. – 9 P.M., AUDITORIUM
21 – 23 6TH GRADE SCIENCE CAMP – MS. KERN'S CLASSES AND MR. JORDAN'S 1ST & 3RD HOURS
- 26 MEMORIAL DAY, NO SCHOOL
7TH - 8TH GRADE BAND MARCHES IN MEMORIAL DAY PARADE, 8:15 A.M. (@ MUSK. COUNTY COURTHOUSE)
- 28 LATE START WEDNESDAY, SCHOOL STARTS AT **9:40 A.M.**
CHOIR MINI-POPS CONCERT – 7:30 P.M. @ **MSHS**
- 28-30 6TH GRADE SCIENCE CAMP – MRS. COTNER'S CLASSES AND MR. JORDAN'S 2ND HOUR CLASS
- 31 7TH & 8TH GRADE CHOIR TRIP TO CEDAR POINT

JUNE:

- 4 **NO LATE START** WEDNESDAY, SCHOOL STARTS AT 7:40 A.M.
- 4-6 6TH GRADE SCIENCE CAMP
- 6 BON VOYAGE, 8TH GRADE DANCE, 7 P.M. – 9 P.M.
- 9 **EXAMS:** HALF-DAY OF SCHOOL, (DISMISSAL AT 11:00 A.M.)
- 10 **EXAMS:** HALF-DAY OF SCHOOL, (DISMISSAL AT 11:00 A.M.)
LAST STUDENT DAY - HALF-DAY OF SCHOOL, (DISMISSAL AT 11:00 A.M.)
- 14 WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP

CALLING ALL 5TH GRADE STUDENTS AND PARENTS!

Mona Shores Middle School is excited to begin the transition from 5th grade to the Middle School! In April, we begin meeting with students and parents. It is our goal that each incoming 6th grade student enters the middle school with enthusiasm, comfort, and confidence. Check below for dates and times.

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM VISITS 5TH GRADE CLASSROOMS:

- Meet with 5th grade teachers and students • Introductions
• Information • Questions & Answers

Ross Park - Tuesday, April 15th (9:00 a.m.)
Lincoln Park - Tuesday, April 15th (2:00 p.m.)
Churchill - Thursday, April 17th (9:00 a.m.)
Campbell - Thursday, April 17th (1:00 p.m.)

5TH GRADE STUDENTS VISIT MIDDLE SCHOOL:

- Information • Tours • Questions & Answers

Ross Park - Tuesday, April 22nd (9:00 a.m.)
Lincoln Park - Tuesday, April 22nd (1:00 p.m.)
Churchill - Thursday, April 24th (9:00 a.m.)
Campbell - Thursday, April 24th (1:00 p.m.)

BAND ORIENTATION:

- Introductions • Band Performances

High School Auditorium - Wednesday, April 30th @ 1:30 p.m.

IMPORTANT FORMS

- Registration Form • Band Form

Issued to Students on Friday, May 2nd – Due Friday, May 9th

PORTS OF CALL:

- Pick-up Schedule • Locker Assignment • School pictures & ID • Handbook
- Tuesday, August 19th - 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 3:00-6:00 p.m. (6th Grade)
Tuesday, August 26th, 4:00-6:00 p.m. - (Make-up day for all grades)

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Campbell Elementary Celebrates March is Reading Month



Campbell School recently celebrated March is Reading Month and encouraged all students to spend the month reading more than usual. This is the fourth year Campbell participated in the "One School-One Book" program. This year we read *James and the Giant Peach*. Each Campbell family was given a copy of the book and encouraged to read a chapter each evening together at home. Prizes were given at school for correct answers to trivia questions about the assigned chapter. Campbell students worked to fill the peach tree which represented hours of independent reading. Additionally, teachers videotaped presentations about their favorite books to be shown to the students during the month.



Campbell student Taylor Kinney practicing letters and sight words by drawing them in a salt tray.

CAMPBELL FAMILY LEARNING NIGHT

On February 27th, Campbell School hosted a Family Learning Night for parents and children. Fourteen Campbell teachers and staff members voluntarily prepared learning activities for the evening and led the small group opportunities. The families had the chance to attend three separate small group presentations. Some of the topics for the evening were; techniques to help children succeed in math and reading, healthy cooking ideas, beneficial bedtime routines and many more. The evening concluded with an ice cream treat and a drawing for several gift cards

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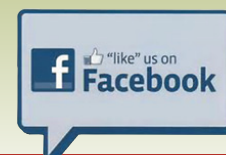
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Churchill students Mitchell Bettis and Michael Meekhof each won the opportunity to throw a pie at Physical Education/Technology Teacher, Angela Goodwin.



Churchill Elementary Students Jump to It!

Churchill held their 1st annual **Jump Rope for Heart** event on February 7, 2014. Prior to the event, during Physical Education class, students learned various jump rope skills along with different ways they can take care of their own hearts. The students were presented with a goal of raising \$1,500 in donations for the American Heart Association. The student with the most donations got to throw a pie in Ms. Goodwin's face! Mitchell Bettis and Michael Meekhof tied for first place!

The event included an invitation to all parents to join in jumping rope with their child, twirling the long rope, and learning about their hearts. A huge thank you to our volunteers, PTO, and parents who made it out to celebrate healthy hearts! This event would not have been successful without each one of you. We also express a special thank you to Meijer Corporation for supplying all of our students with a bottle of water. **Churchill Rockstars exceeded their goal by raising over \$5,000!**

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*from Lincoln Park Principal,
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Hopefully we have seen the last of the cold weather. The following are reminders for our parents as we move into spring.

PARKING AND TRAFFIC

As we all know, Lincoln Park Elementary is a community school, and as such, our boundaries border private residences. This close proximity hinders our options, and enhances our need for patience and respect. Even with the best of weather, there is no possible way to have 500 students and staff leaving the premises in a ten-minute window without some waiting and respectful interactions. The added mounds of plowed snow, snow banks, slippery and snow-clogged driveways are certainly going to slow the process down. That is unavoidable, and should come as no surprise to any of us.

Recently, the Norton Shores Police Department has received several complaints about individuals parking on the streets and disobeying No

Parking signs. While the Police Department is aware of the challenges that parents face with dense traffic at dismissal, they have no choice but to enforce and ticket offenders. To avoid any conflict with our neighbors, other drivers, and the police, please adhere to ordinance that prohibits parking within 50 feet of a No Parking sign.

HEAD LICE

While head lice are harder to get than a cold, the flu, ear infections, pink eye, strep throat or impetigo...they are also much harder to get rid of. Lice can be spread by the sharing of hats, scarves, hairbrushes, pillows, and bedding. However, transmission primarily occurs through head-to-head contact.

Our scalps provide the right combination of warmth, humidity, and a food source for lice to thrive. The good news is that lice cannot survive more than 24-36 hours when off the human body, which means that every Monday morning, the school is lice-free. The bad news is that by Monday morning, lice may very well have had a solid 60 hours to infest your family. The most complete source I have found for information about treating for lice can be found by typing "michigan.gov head lice" into your search engine.

When we find a case at school, we notify the parents to pick their child up as soon as they can. Upon returning to school, the child is re-checked by our office staff before being readmitted to class.

These topics can cause all of us a degree of discomfort. The more we can do to pull together and support the best efforts of each other, the better.



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Ross Park Goes 'Bananas Over Books' for March is Reading Month

At Ross Park we love every month but March is especially incredible as we celebrate March is Reading Month! Throughout the month of March, students and staff celebrate all things reading in a variety of ways. Our theme this year is "Don't Monkey Around, Go Bananas Over Books!" and below is a list of ways we celebrated our love of reading:

- Kick-off assembly on Friday February 28th with tons of fun and books!
- Preschool-First Grade teachers had 5 books based on monkeys and gorillas to read aloud to their class.
- Second-Fifth Grade teachers read "The One and Only Ivan" by Katherine Applegate in their classrooms out loud.
- Students/teachers decorated their doors in a jungle theme.
- Students were given a READO (Bingo) sheet. They traveled on Fridays with a passport to any room as a reward for reading at home and getting a bingo. Kindergarten and first grades were able to move for every square they completed.

- Each classroom, preschool through 5th grade, had 2 reading bags that students got to take home. Inside the bag was a stuffed gorilla, journal, and short activities for students to enjoy. We encouraged families to take a picture and email it to us so we could put together a slide show for the end of the month.
- There was a Super Sailor Book Swap for the whole school to participate in. We also did 2 teacher switches/student switches. Teachers got to read their favorite story to another class.
- On Tuesdays and Thursdays we called students at home to see if they were reading between 7:00-7:30p.m. If students were caught reading they got to sit at a special lunch table decorated in a jungle theme!
- Family Literacy Night on March 24th.
- Classroom visits from a "surprise" Gorilla friend.



As you can see March is Reading Month is a big deal here at Ross Park. Our goal each year is to help inspire the love for books that leads to lifelong learning. The Ross Park community (students, parents, and staff) put a ton of energy into making this a great time for everyone and for that you are all appreciated! Going bananas over books was a blast!



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Mona Shores Community Child Care Center offers families a warm and enriching environment where young children can play, learn and grow together. We care for children ages 6 weeks through fifth grade by offering age-appropriate opportunities for learning through play. Each of our lead staff is certified in Early Childhood Development and trains yearly to further their professional skills and learn the latest in early childhood education.

Infant-Toddler Ages 6 weeks – 2 years

For more than 15 years, parents have trusted our licensed Center to provide a warm and welcoming place for their infants and toddlers to grow and discover the world around them. Our experienced and certified staff provides loving care and age-appropriate play, feedings and rest time in a structured daily routine.

Preschool Age Ages 3-5

Our preschool program serves children ages 3-5 and those enrolled in Mona Shores Preschool, GSRP and Headstart programs. Full or partial day care is available for before, during or after school hours. Each day is filled with opportunities to carry on the lessons our preschoolers are learning in school. Sharing, calendar time, center play, arts and crafts and story time are just a few of our favorite daily activities.

Elementary School Age Kindergarten through 5th Grade

"Sailor Care," is our before and after school program for children in kindergarten through fifth grade at each of our elementary schools. Our trained staff provides a variety of fun activities including crafts, games, sports, computer lab time, gym and outdoor playtime at each of our elementary schools in the Mona Shores Public School District.

Center Hours Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Our Center is closed on major holidays, during Winter Break and 2 days prior to the start of a new school year when we provide training to our staff. "Sailor Care" sites other than Ross Park Elementary are closed on Snow Days.

Meals

Our center provides nutritious snacks and drinks for all who attend. An optional paid breakfast and lunch is available on-site through the Mona Shores Food Service program, or you may choose to pack a breakfast or lunch for your child.

Fees

Please contact us today at (231) 780-6720 to learn about our current fees and availability, or to tour any of our locations. Space is limited. Early registration is recommended.

2014-2015 TUITION PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION



Mona Shores Tuition Preschool offers classes for children of the following ages: Three's, Four's, and our popular five-day per week Pre-K class. All of our instructors are certified teachers and all classes are

held at Ross Park Elementary. Our program provides a positive, safe, nurturing environment that promotes physical, intellectual, social and emotional growth.

Mona Shores Preschool Program has an outstanding reputation in our school community for over 37 years. Our teaching staff is selected by considering academic qualifications, experience and the desire to teach and work with preschool age children. All teachers have a bachelor's degree with elementary certification and additional credits in early childhood education. Our Preschool Program works closely with our Curriculum Office and kindergarten teachers to ensure every child entering kindergarten is ready to learn and better able to meet the demands of the full day kindergarten program. Our fours program also offers an all-inclusive preschool/kindergarten transition plan. Students will have opportunities to explore specials and activities and other school experiences, which will help provide a smooth transition, ease student fears, and help them to quickly adapt. This joint effort means greater success for all children!

To receive enrollment information, call or visit the Mona Shores Community Services Office, 121 Randall Road (Ross Park Elementary), Norton Shores (231-780-4748). Residency is not required for the tuition preschool program. **Non-resident students enrolled in a Mona Shores Early Childhood program will be given first preference for identified School of Choice openings.**

A non-refundable \$35 registration fee with one-month's tuition as a deposit is required with application. For additional information or age requirements, visit our website at www.monashores.net.

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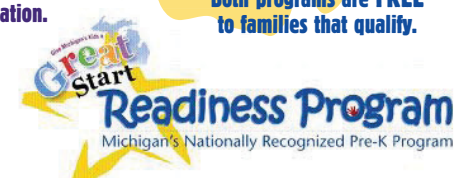


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ADULT ENRICHMENT

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CLASS	DESCRIPTION	DAY/TIME/LOCATION	DATES	FEE/EQUIPMENT
Furniture Painting Courtney Leibrandt Vintage Redefined	Learn how to paint furniture with a chalk based paint that is easy to use and will make your finished piece extraordinaire! Learn paint techniques, waxing and distressing using Vintage Market & Design Furniture Paint. Additional info at Vintage-Redefined.com.	Wednesday 6:30-8:30p Ross Park Room 39	4/30	\$45/1 class. All supplies included.
Photography-Advanced Dave Carlson (former Chronicle Photographer)	Hands on class! Travel each week to a different location. Great photo opportunity. Learn expert techniques to improve composition & develop new skills to make all your photos look better!	Mondays 6-8:30p Ross Park Room 39 & On Location. Due to travel time classes may end later.	4/21-5/19	\$69/5 classes Digital Camera (or 35mm) & Zip Drive to store photos. Bring tripod, lenses and related equipment.
Zumba 30 Tuesday Becky Moll	30 minutes of Hip Hop and Latin Dance moves to great music for a fun, fast & fantastic workout!	Tuesdays 6:25-6:55p Lincoln Park Gym	Ongoing until 5/13 No Class on 4/1 & 4/8	Call for prorated price. Exercise shoes & water bottle
Circuit/Intervals Tuesday Becky Moll	30 minutes of Circuit/Interval Training. Cardio warm-up, then hit the circuits. Bring own mat and hand-weights. Fast, fun and productive!	Tuesdays 7:00- 7:30p Lincoln Park Gym	Ongoing until 5/13 No Class on 4/1 & 4/8	Call for prorated price. Mat, hand- weights, exercise shoes & water bottle.
Zumba 30 Thursday Becky Moll	30 minutes of Hip Hop and Latin Dance moves to great music for a fun, fast & fantastic workout!	Thursdays 6-6:30p Lincoln Park Gym	Ongoing until 5/13 No Class on 4/3 & 4/10	Call for prorated price. Exercise shoes & water bottle
Total Body Conditioning Thursday Becky Moll	A multi-functioning workout that utilizes multiple muscle groups, all at the same time.	Thursdays 6:35-7:05p Lincoln Park Gym	Ongoing until 5/13 No Class on 4/3 & 4/10	Call for prorated price. Mat, hand- weights, exercise shoes & water bottle.

STUDENT ENRICHMENT

CLASS	DESCRIPTION	DAY/TIME/LOCATION	DATES	FEE/EQUIPMENT
Drawing & Painting Grades 6th – 8th MS Teacher Tom Jordan	An introduction to the basic elements of drawing and watercolor techniques. Class will discuss line, value, composition, color & perspective.	Thursdays 3-5p Middle School Art Room 39	4/17-5/22	\$50/6 classes. Bring watercolors, pencils and drawing/sketchpad. Snack provided. Wear old clothing.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION & FORM

TO REGISTER IN PERSON OR BY MAIL, PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO:
Mona Shores Community Services, 121 Randall Road, Norton Shores, MI, 49441
Register by phone at (231) 780-4748 or by fax (231) 798-8741 with a credit card.

Additions occur after printing. Visit our website at www.monashores.net for class updates.

To reduce printing costs, MSCS no longer distributes printed forms. All forms are available online or distributed through our Notification system. If you do not have email/internet please contact our office.

Refunds: A full refund will be issued if the class is canceled by MSCS. If you cannot attend a class as planned, a refund (less a \$10 non-refundable fee) will be issued. Refunds will not be made after the first day of class or due to inclement weather. No credits issued for one-session classes.

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On condition of this registration form being accepted, I hereby state that myself/my child is in a state of good health and I assume all risks associated with participation in this activity. Having read this waiver, I, for myself, my child and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release Mona Shores Community Services and Mona Shores Public Schools and any other agents from all claims of liabilities of any kind arising out of myself/my child's participation in this activity.

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