

# The Lighthouse View

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## ELEMENTARY MUSIC PROGRAM HITS A HIGH NOTE!

This year has brought many changes to the music program at Ross Park and Churchill. For the first time, students are able to participate in choir at 4th and 5th grade. Ross Park started at 80 students and has grown to 95 and Churchill has 60! They have gone caroling, given a concert, and are currently preparing for a choir festival, 2 additional concerts, and singing the national anthem for the Lumberjacks and West Michigan Whitecaps. Additionally, 3 students from Ross Park and 5 from Churchill have been selected to participate in the first annual Michigan Music Education Association (MMEA) Elementary Honors Choir. These 8 students will join over 120 from all over the state in this inaugural event. It truly has been a great year for choir!

Outside of choir, classroom music classes are also flourishing. All 4-year-old preschool students receive music once a week and a class has also been specially designed for special needs students. The 5th graders put on a huge holiday program, and 1st and 2nd grades are busily preparing for their own. The year will be capped off with the Michigan Musical performed by 3rd grade students.

Justin Sarns-Elementary Music Teacher remarks "It truly has been a pleasure working with your children this year. They make my job one of the best in the world. If this is year one, I can't imagine what the future will hold for these  
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### *Mona Shores, A Closely Connected Family*

As my 90 day entry plan has allowed me to listen, look, learn, and question throughout our school district and community, I am left amazed at how closely connected we are as a school community. We serve nearly 3,800 students and nearly 400 employees, yet we feel like a close connected family. I am looking forward to working with all stakeholders. Working together will be the key as we focus on providing a globally recognized educational model, exceeding each student's needs every day, as stated in our current strategic plan. Mona Shores Public Schools has a strong tradition of academic excellence. Together, we will impact the future of our students by providing a rigorous academic experience, while building relationships that inspire and motivate.

I would like to share with you, what I have learned during my meetings with a variety of stakeholders throughout our Mona Shores Public Schools Community:

#### What we do well as a school district:

- Great hiring - faculty, staff, and administration
- High performing balance - academics, arts, and athletics
- Produce great citizens - whole child, well rounded students
- Large in size, but small in feel
- Performing arts

#### What we need to improve as a school district:

- Maintenance/Facilities/Operations - Resource allocations, infrastructure improvements
- Tell our story - communications
- Provide a balanced budget, make necessary reductions, and establish a fund balance goal

I am looking forward to celebrating our strengths, working hard to improve our weaknesses, and finding ways to support and enhance what makes us special.

*Sailing Forward,*  
*Greg Helmer, Superintendent*

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#### Only WE...What makes us special?

- Talented teachers, high quality staff and employees with high standards
- Have national class performing arts programs
- Meet as an administrative team and discuss how to support teaching and learning
- Perform at a high level in the classroom, on the stage, and on the athletic field
- Encourage every student to take at least 1 AP course
- Have America's tallest Singing Christmas Tree - 30 year tradition
- Are concerned about the whole child, not just test scores



## 2015/2016 SCHOOLS OF CHOICE PROGRAM

Non-Resident Schools of Choice Application Forms will be available at the Mona Shores Administration Offices located at 121 Randall Road, on the southwest corner of Ross Park Elementary, **beginning Monday, April 13, 2015**. Applications must be completed and returned **in person by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 22, 2015**. Students with any suspensions or expulsions are not eligible to apply. Students with truantries will require a parent meeting with administration.

Parents and guardians will be notified of tentative building placements in early July; however, some Schools of Choice placements will be filled as late as Friday, September 4th, 2015. Further information about the Mona Shores District Plan may be obtained by contacting Administrative Assistant, Amy Sparks at (231) 780-4751, extension 8205, or via e-mail at sparksa@monashores.net.

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM  
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Citizens, administrators, educators, and support staff, all working together, make up the team that drives the successes in the Mona Shores School District. Students can accomplish their goals and get a wonderful education because we care and are willing to work together. Our students excel in academics, the arts, and athletics because they have adults who support them in the classroom, at home, in their neighborhoods, and in the business of our community.



The “Points of Pride” that are listed on the Mona Shores web page are just a few of the talking points that we should be expounding upon as a community! When you heard that our football team was “All Academic”, did you know that their average GPA was 3.81?! We have students that are consistently chosen for the All-state Band and Orchestra. The Singing Christmas Tree continues to win awards as well as the Robotics Team and Destination Imagination Teams. Our high school has been chosen, for the second year in a row, by the Washington Post as a top school for college prep studies.

All of our buildings are promoting good behavior through positive interventions. Telephone calls have been made to the schools about students who have performed “random acts of kindness” for people they have seen in stores and in their neighborhoods. Our students are constantly providing our community with bragging rights.

We need to tell our wonderful story.

We have the opportunity to continue to shape the future for our students and ourselves. It is our responsibility to provide the best possible environment in which our educators can effectively teach and our students can learn. The community needs to be a role model. It is much easier to attract new businesses, keep property values high, and develop good citizens with excellent schools.

Thank you to the citizens of Norton Shores and Roosevelt Park for all of your past support. We look forward to the continuation of your involvement in making Mona Shores Schools even better!

Kay Olthoff  
President, Mona Shores Board of Education

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 Judith L. Wilcox Professional Learning Center. Exceptions are noted below.

April 13, 2015 Combined Ross Park Elementary	*April 29, 2015 (6 PM) Building Reports High School
*April 20, 2015 (6 PM) Building Reports Location TBD	May 4, 2015 Work Session Ross Park Elementary
*April 22, 2015 (6 PM) Building Reports Location TBD	May 11, 2015 Regular Ross Park Elementary
*April 27, 2015 (6 PM) Building Reports Middle School	June 15, 2015 Work Session Ross Park Elementary



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talented young people! I am beyond thrilled with the passion and dedication these students show on a daily basis, and also the true love that they show for music.”

If your child is interested in continuing music through the summer, we have several new programs available! Students will be able to participate in summer choir, world drumming, or a music and motion class through Mona Shores Community Services. Additionally, piano lessons are available through Mr. Sarns. Contact him for more details at [sarnsj@monashores.net](mailto:sarnsj@monashores.net).

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# MAY 5TH BOND ISSUE

**WHAT ARE WE VOTING ON?** The Board of Education has approved a May 5th Bond Issue to provide infrastructure improvements, buses, furnishings and new equipment which are needed throughout the district. This will provide our students with a "Warm, Safe and Dry" environment for learning. The sale of bonds is different from the sinking fund passed last November which does not address the additional needs of the school district. **The .75 mill increase will generate \$13,110,000 and will be paid off in less than 15 years.**

**HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?** For further information on how this bond will affect your taxes, visit: [www.mytaxcalc.com/monashores](http://www.mytaxcalc.com/monashores) to determine your change.

**WHEN DO WE VOTE?** May 5, 2015 between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

**WHERE DO WE VOTE?** Vote in your usual polling location for state and national elections unless you are notified by mail to do otherwise.

## WHAT WORK IS BEING PROPOSED?



### WARM

- Replace windows and exterior doors
- New boilers and pumps at Campbell, Churchill, Lincoln Park, Middle School and High School



### SAFE

- Security vestibules at all buildings
- 5 new buses
- Elementary playground upgrades
- Wall tile replacement - Ross Park and Middle School
- Traffic improvements at the Middle School



### DRY

- Replace roof sections that are leaking or at the end of their lifespan that have been given a D or F rating

In addition, new food service equipment and furniture will be purchased for all the schools

Find more information at:

<http://www.monashores.net/our-district/may-5th-bond-issue/>

## SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON ON APRIL 24!

THIS POPULAR EVENT FILLS UP QUICKLY!

**Mona Shores Residents ages 62 and older are eligible to attend. Reservations begin April 10th.**

Mona Shores Community Services is partnering with Spectrum Health Continuing Care, Seminole Shores, Village at Park Terrace and Beltone Hearing Centers for our Annual Senior Citizen Event. The date of the **event is Friday, April 24, 2015 at 1:00 pm.** Join us for a delicious lunch served in the High School Cafeteria.

RSVP **beginning Friday, April 10, 2015.** 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 20th to confirm your reservation. Looking forward to another great event!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO  
**VOTE**  
ON MAY 5, 2015



# Mona Shores Green Team Update

by Chris Smith, Co-founder

The Mona Shores Green Team is a volunteer group of students, staff and community members, dedicated to making our schools safer, healthier and more sustainable places to work and learn. The Green Team started in the spring of 2012 and has made great progress, thanks to the hard work and dedication of staff, students and parents.

Our first project was to start a district-wide recycling program for paper, plastic and cardboard. Groups of students in every building are doing a great job of collecting and recycling paper and plastic every week. The recycling is coordinated by staff members in each building. Nancy Grigsby at Campbell, Tracey Miller at Churchill, Tim Zinger at Lincoln Park, Jill McMahon at Ross Park, Cheryl Brink and Colleen Hoffer at the Middle School and Lisa Caruso and Pat Rabbitt at the High School. Some of the buildings are tracking the weight of their recycling. For example, at the Middle School, Colleen Hoffer's students collected and recycled 7,124 pounds of paper and Cheryl Brink's students collected and recycled 553 pounds of plastic during the 2013-2014 school year! Nancy Grigsby's students at Campbell collected and recycled 2,005 pounds of paper! Great job!



We received a grant from the Community Foundation for Muskegon County that was used to purchase recycling bins imprinted with the Green Team logo. Look for them throughout the district. We then convinced the school board and our food service team, Chartwells, to change from Styrofoam lunch trays and plates to healthier, compostable ones. Styrofoam is not only unhealthy to eat from, but it is also very bad for the environment. We would like to thank the school board and Chartwells for their support!

We built and planted our first community garden at Ross Park Elementary during the summer of 2013. Our organic garden is now starting its third summer. We are very happy to announce that we have just received a \$2000 grant for the Ross Park Garden! The grant is from the Whole Kids Foundation. We are very excited and will be making some wonderful improvements to our garden this summer!

The garden was built with the help of donations from the Ross Park PTO and The Greater Grand Rapids Food Systems Council, and generous discounts on building materials and black dirt from SethCo Lumber and Summit Lawn Care. Several volunteers from the Green Team helped us build and fill the raised beds. Many of the classrooms at Ross Park help every spring by growing a flat of seeds. We then plant these in our garden. Students from child care help out by watering and weeding over the summer.

Last summer was a tremendous success and we harvested tomatoes, carrots and kohlrabi well into October. Classes at Ross Park enjoyed the garden in many ways, such as reading in the garden, eating tomatoes, harvesting purple carrots and kohlrabi and taste sampling in their classroom. Mrs. Eckerman's, Mrs. Eigenauer's and Mrs. Young's third grade classes harvested carrots and cabbage last fall. They had a tasting of the veggies in their classroom and then we froze the rest. They then used these veggies in their Stone Soup that they made in the classrooms in January. The kids really enjoyed seeing the vegetables go from the garden in the fall to their soup in the winter.

This summer promises to be even more bountiful! We hope to have a few events in the garden over the summer, such as salsa making, like we did last summer. Follow the Green Team Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/MonaShoresGreenTeam](http://www.facebook.com/MonaShoresGreenTeam) and Twitter, @msgreenteam, to hear about these events and other updates. One of



the main goals of the garden is to teach students where their food comes from and how they can grow it themselves. We hope to make the garden bigger and better every year!

We are very happy to announce that Mona Shores now has community gardens at Lincoln Park and Campbell too! The gardens at Lincoln Park were coordinated by Lincoln Park teacher Amy Recor, High School teacher Shannan Conrad, and their students. The gardens at Campbell were installed last summer. Several classrooms at Campbell grew seedlings in large, indoor gardens that were built by parent volunteers. They were then converted to outdoor raised beds.

We also helped in the planning of a native wildflower garden outside of the main entrance to the new administration offices at Ross Park Elementary, during the fall of 2013. Sara Busken's high school ecology students dug up the sod and planted the garden in September, and they did a great job!

We are very excited to announce our latest project! We are starting a Cooking Club at the Middle School! The club will be open to students, parents and staff. We will meet once a week and focus on learning about real, unprocessed food. What it is, where it comes from, how to grow it, and how to cook it. We will then sit down together and eat it!

We would like everyone to be a member of the Green Team! If you want our schools to be healthier, safer and more sustainable, you can consider yourself a member of our team! You can follow along with the Green Team's projects on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/MonaShoresGreenTeam](http://www.facebook.com/MonaShoresGreenTeam) and Twitter @msgreenteam.

If you have any questions, email Chris Smith at [smithc@monashores.net](mailto:smithc@monashores.net).

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## HR UPDATE:

from Sue McAvoy,  
Director of Human Resources

### Introducing our new Ross Park Elementary Principal, Mrs. Eve Mills



As Mr. Bill O'Brien moved into his new role as Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment for the district back in February, Mona Shores has been fortunate enough to welcome Mrs. Eve Mills as our new Ross Park Elementary Principal. Mrs.

Mills comes to Mona Shores from the Reeths-Puffer School District where she served as a Special Education Supervisor. She also brings a variety of other experiences, including speech pathologist and Early On provider, to her new principal role. Mrs. Mills is a graduate of both Central Michigan University as well as Grand Valley State University where she earned her Master's Degree in Special Education as well as her Administrative License. Mr. and Mrs. Mills have twin daughters who are currently in First Grade as well as a young son. Please welcome Eve to the Mona Shores Community. We are fortunate to have her on our "Super Sailor" team!

## Judith L. Wilcox Professional Learning Center



## Judith L. Wilcox Professional Learning Center



On March 2nd, we hosted the first Board of Education meeting in our new repurposed Professional Learning Center, completing phase 2 of 4 of the transition of moving our central office from McCracken to Ross Park Elementary.

Phase 1 - Move offices

Phase 2 - Professional learning, meeting space - Board of Education room

Phase 3 - District document storage, legal document security

Phase 4 - Parking lot and parking spaces

On the Northwest corner of Ross Park Elementary we now have a district Professional Learning Center named after Judith L. Wilcox. Judy served on the Mona Shores Board of Education for 40 years from 1972-2012! She also served on the Michigan Association of School Boards for 18 years, with 2 of those serving as President.

During her years with Mona Shores, Judy helped shape the district into a fantastic place for children to learn and educators to teach. She helped to keep the district financially strong during trying financial times. Prior to Proposal A, all of the districts funds were raised through millages. She has seen Mona Shores buildings built, torn down, repurposed, and remodeled. Now her name is on a room that we will use for years to come.



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# Sailor SPECIAL EDUCATION

*A Message from Mary VanderMolen,  
Director of Special Education*

## Moving and Learning

Special Education is mandated by both Federal and State law. As a result of these laws, the use of funds and staff are closely regulated and monitored. There are, however, many instances when all kids can benefit from the expertise and training of our teaching and related service staff. One way we are doing this in Mona Shores is through the use of the S'Cool Moves program. Our Occupational Therapists, Jessica Pascavis-Kever and JoAnn Hradsky, have attended the S'Cool Moves training and are sharing their knowledge in many Mona Shores classrooms. Below is an article written by Jessica explaining the importance of movement to the learning process and the impact of this "Cool" program.

## SAILORS BRING MOVEMENT TO THE CLASSROOM WITH S'COOL MOVES

*by Jessica M. Pascavis-Kever,  
Occupational Therapist*

"Why does movement play such an important role in the process of learning?" As school-based occupational therapists, this is one of our favorite questions to answer. For decades we have understood how physical activity impacts our students' physical health and development. Now, as we enter an era of significant changes nationally to our education system we are learning how physical activity affects cognitive development.

So why is movement so important? Movement is like food to our brains. Research tells us that more of the brain is activated when the body is moving and that movement helps the brain build and strengthen neural connections. Thus, what is learned can be

more easily remembered and retrieved; students can stay more alert, and are more motivated to learn.

As occupational therapists, we are proud to work in a District where the value of movement to learning is respected. We have always observed our teachers using movement breaks, but when we had the opportunity to implement a new movement program called S'Cool Moves we were thrilled with our teachers' enthusiastic responses.

S'Cool Moves is a research-based program developed by Debra Em Wilson, a reading specialist, and Margot Heiniger-White, an occupational therapist. S'Cool Moves' Minute Moves series is designed to improve learning by providing students with simple, quick movement routines to use throughout the school day for kindergarten through fifth grade. It also allows students to be leaders. These

moves help to improve focus and reduce stress, making learning easier. Routines address fine motor skills, core strength, motor coordination and provide input to the sensory systems. For instance, the "Core on the Floor Routine" helps to strengthen core postural muscles to create a strong, stable base for writing and reading. Students engage in strengthening moves on their backs and bellies on the floor. It is a fun routine that also increases the energy needed for cognitive processes such as in Writer's Workshop.

After attending the S'Cool Moves training in October 2014, we began piloting the program in elementary classrooms throughout the District. Our teachers' willingness to let us in their classrooms and effort in implementing these moves into their daily routines has been amazing. The feedback about the effectiveness of these movement routines has been overwhelmingly positive. Jill Jacobson, a third grade teacher at Campbell School explains, "We use the mirror me moves every day. Students love to be the one leading! After lunch, students remember to get their brains ready for learning by doing the moves. We love it!". "In our class, we like to use S'cool Moves during our rotation and transition times. I have seen a huge improvement

*Top: Mrs. Jacobson's third grade classroom at Campbell School performing "Core Out the Door"*

*Left: Mrs. Gorman's kindergarten students doing pancake flips from the "Fine Motor Routine".*

in the calmness of my students. They love the moves and look forward to it," reports a kindergarten teacher at Campbell School, AnneMarie Sikora. Andrea Wells, another kindergarten teacher at Ross Park, says, "This program is great for my kindergarteners because it helps them focus, calm down, and build strength in their muscles. I have seen improvements in handwriting, posture and energy release."

We look forward to continuing with implementation of S'Cool Moves in the elementary schools with new opportunities in different classrooms. A quote taken from the S'Cool Moves website puts it best, "The mind can absorb no more than the seat can endure." (Janet Trasli). Keep moving Sailors!



# DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Mona Shores Public Schools is forging a new path for our students and staff as we undergo a digital learning transformation throughout the district. Knowing this, we have developed a "Digital Learning Plan" that includes vision, goals, strategies, and outcomes for digital learning especially targeted at increasing student access to technology. We have four major goals that will drive this plan:

- Improve student's proficiency in digital literacy, collaboration, communication, critical thinking, creativity, global awareness and digital citizenship through personalized learning and equal access to technology
- Provide extended and expanded learning opportunities beyond the school day; "any place, any pace, anytime, anywhere" student learning environment
- Provide students the technology tools that will prepare them to be college and career ready
- Provide a learning environment that will transform the instructional delivery of rich curriculum content, information, and resources

To ensure the success of this plan we will need to innovate in the areas of robust infrastructures, powerful professional development, necessary culture shifts, high quality tech support, dynamic digital resources, and empowering 21st century leadership. To learn more please view our Digital Learning Plan at the following link -> <http://goo.gl/Yn5sC3>. The initial focus of this plan is targeted at the secondary level. We are currently visioning and designing how technology will look at the elementary level using pilots. The plan is very fluid and will be constantly changing and evolving as we move forward. In addition to the plan we have created a web presence that shares information about our plan and answers to frequently asked questions. -> <https://sites.google.com/a/monashores.net/one-to-one-computing/>.

In summary, this Fall 2015, students at the high school will have a device issued to them, middle school students will have access to devices located on a cart in each classroom, and elementary students will have increased access to devices via carts and centers.

I would like to thank the Digital Learning Team for their contributions and time. Many decisions and much work has been completed with much more being planned. Members of the team: Doug Ammeraal - Middle School Principal, Anne Brainard - High School Media Specialist, Jennifer Bustard - High School Principal, Greg Helmer - Superintendent, Andrew Hubbard - Technology Support Coordinator, Chris Johnson - High School Teacher, Bill O'Brien - Curriculum Director, Mike Phillips - Middle School Teacher, Chad Pranger - Network Engineer, Lori Veurink - Middle School Media Specialist, Lane White - Technology Director.

In addition to the Digital Learning Team, I need to thank the teachers who have been part of classroom pilots that have taken place the last three years. These pilots are crucial in helping us understand and prepare for these technology initiatives. Their feedback and enthusiasm is much appreciated!

- **High School:** Chris Johnson, Heather Hall, Tracy Saucedo-Geoghan, Jennifer Adams, Jennifer Fett, and Joan Wiersma



- **Middle School:** Karen Hanichen, Kyle Mireles, Alex Parr, Sue Marris, Beth Prentice, Beth McCaskey, Amanda Heethuis, Dawn Medendorp, Tracie Zimmer-Kreps

Finally, all of this is possible because of the passage of the "Technology Enhancement Millage" last February, 2014. Your support of the millage has provided much needed technology funding for the next ten years!

If you have any questions or concerns

about the Digital Learning Plan please contact me or a member of the Digital Learning Team. It's definitely an exciting time to be a Mona Shores Sailor!

*Lane White, Director of Technology*  
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## MONA SHORES ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM UPDATE

*by Chris Smith, Energy Specialist*



Mona Shores implemented a rigorous energy savings program in February of 2012 with the help of a company, Cenergistic, which specializes in organizational behavior-based energy conservation for school systems, higher education, and healthcare organizations. Our school board took proactive steps to reduce the amount of money we spend on utilities by adopting a policy stating the priority of energy conservation and entering into a partnership with Cenergistic. We determined to undertake this conservation effort because energy costs are rising and our utility costs are second only to salaries in our annual budget.

Our goal is simple, yet challenging: Reduce our energy consumption and therefore the cost of our utilities without affecting the comfort of our classrooms or our educational goals. I am pleased to report our efforts are succeeding and we are realizing significant financial savings. We are glad to share with you that as of December, 2014, Mona Shores has saved over \$320,000! This is money that can be used for education, instead of being spent on utilities.

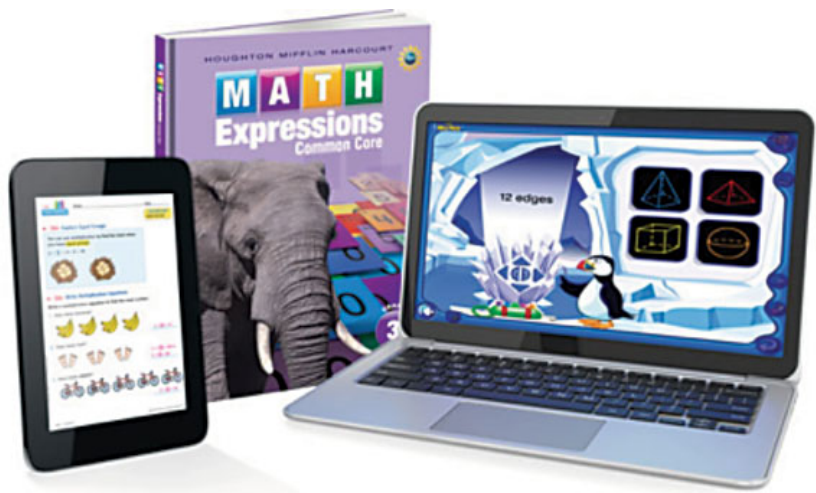
We have cut energy consumption by 13.1%. We expect these savings to grow as we further refine our program...but it's more than just financial savings. We are helping preserve the environment. According to the EPA, our decrease in energy use is the equivalent of taking 542 cars off the highways for one year or planting 66,000 trees in our community!

Our sense of accomplishment is gratifying, but there is more conservation to pursue. Our efforts will continue throughout the future because our taxpayers, faculty, staff, parents and students deserve to see every dollar possible sent to the classroom.



# Curriculum CORNER

*A Message from Bill O'Brien, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment*



## YEAR ONE OF NEW K-5 MATH CURRICULUM A SUCCESS!!!

Mona Shores elementary students were greeted last Fall with a new Math Curriculum called Math Expressions. Special thanks to the Mona Shores Education Foundation for donating \$30,000 to help make this purchase possible! Math Expressions is a nationally recognized elementary math curriculum that combines aspects of traditional approaches with the most powerful elements of standards-based instruction. This program emphasizes deeper understanding through real-world problems, modeling, Math Talk, and exploration in order to build ideas that make sense to students.

In addition to the great elements outlined above, Math Expressions has also allowed for every elementary family in Mona Shores to be assured of a common curriculum in Math. What this means is as a District we know that every student is learning the same content, in the same grade level, at the same time, regardless of which Mona Shores elementary he or she attends. At the same time we are also able to assess their learning in a common way in order to determine strengths, weaknesses, and additional supports that can ensure success for all students. This commonality across the District is extremely powerful and has resulted in some outstanding early success.

We monitor the performance of every student on end of unit assessments in order to monitor effective instruction, ensure deep understanding, and make necessary changes. Up to this point in the school year our Mona Shores students have scored an incredible average of 86% on all of their end of Unit Assessments. To put that in perspective it is important to know that there have been nearly 5,000 Unit Assessments total taken as a District this year and our students have scored an average of 86% overall.

Huge kudos to our school community (students, parents, and teachers) for their commitment to this new Math program! As a TEAM we have taken on this challenge and the results are clear that it has been a SUCCESS for our Mona Shores students.

## MONA SHORES PREPARES FOR A NEW STATE ASSESSMENT, M-STEP

Many of you will remember the MEAP Test that students took annually for 40 years in the state of Michigan. Beginning this April, Michigan is moving to a new state assessment known as the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress, better known as M-STEP.

The M-STEP will assess students in grades 3-8 in English language arts (reading, writing, and listening) and mathematics. Science will be assessed in grades 4 and 7 and Social Studies in grades 5 and 8. Grade 11 will be assessed in all 4 core areas (ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies) in addition to the MME/ACT which is taken the first week of March.

The M-STEP signifies a move from assessing previous year growth in the Fall each year to assessing in the Spring in order to measure the growth of a student during the current year. The M-STEP is a summative assessment meaning it is meant to measure how much a student has grown (learned) during that particular school year. The M-STEP will consist of 3 parts (On-line testing session, Classroom Activity, and Performance Task). Mona Shores students will be taking the assessment on-line using Chromebooks this school year. The opportunity to have score reports much quicker is one huge benefit of the on-line testing format.

Mona Shores will be fully prepared for the M-STEP from a student, staff, and technology perspective. It will be exciting to see the performance of our Sailors across the District as they take on this new state assessment.

GRADE	ASSESSMENT	ASSESSMENT WINDOW
3rd Grade	ELA and Math	May 18, 2015 - June 5, 2015
4th Grade	ELA, Math, and Science	April 27, 2015 - May 15, 2015
5th Grade	ELA, Math, and SS	April 13, 2015 - March 1, 2015
6th Grade	ELA and Math	May 18, 2015 - June 5, 2015
7th Grade	ELA, Math, and Science	April 27, 2015 - May 15, 2015
8th Grade	ELA, Math, and SS	April 13, 2015 - March 1, 2015
11th Grade	ELA, Math, Science, and SS	April 13, 2015 - March 1, 2015



# SAILOR Athletic News

*A Message from Ryan Portenga, Director of Athletics*

Sailor Nation! I thought I would write to clue you in on a few things coming up...

## BUILDING USE

Over the past few years, requesting gym space has been a struggle for a number of different organizations and parties. Although we have tried to accommodate all requests - whether they are youth basketball practice, a softball hitting session, or even a birthday party - our reservation system hasn't been the easiest to work with. I am pleased to announce that - through work with multiple departments within our school district - we will have a one-stop-shop for everyone.

Beginning June 1, 2015, interested parties may see the schedule for all gyms on our school's main page - [www.monashores.net](http://www.monashores.net) - located under our district calendar. Also, folks will have access to a reservation form that is electronically submitted to our athletic offices.

Considering all of our school teams that use the facilities, some might wonder how our department will go about approving requests. Although it is spelled out on the request form, the priority list is as follows...

1. Building level district-sponsored sports teams
2. Non-building level district-sponsored sports teams
3. Administrative needs
4. Building level school programs
5. District employees
6. Outside organizations

Finally, to calm fears that some might have about getting a request in on time, our department will sift through requests - and then use the priority list - five times a year... on June 1 for SUMMER requests; on September 1 for FALL requests; on November 1 for WINTER I requests; on January 1 for WINTER II requests; and on March 1 for SPRING requests. This way, high school and middle school schedules will be in place - along with bigger events our district is hosting (Destination Imagination, MHSAA Tournaments, etc.) - and our other district youth and recreation organizations can gobble up empty space!

Please remember that certain rental and custodial fees still apply - contact our Community Services office for details - but our goal is that our space is used by our taxpayers!

## FOOTBALL TICKET INFORMATION

With home games against **West Ottawa, Rockford, Zeeland East, Reeths-Puffer, and Muskegon** - hopefully playoffs as well - tickets for next year's

football season have already been in demand. Although general admission rates will not change - \$5 for adults and \$3 for students - we have instituted a few changes regarding the sale of reserved seating - very similar to the way Muskegon High School runs their operation.

First, all tickets in the reserved seating section will be on sale in the high school athletic office starting August 1. If you purchase season tickets - all five home games - the cost is \$6 per ticket. Please note that there is no discount for staff members, students, or senior citizens. These pre-sale reserved seating tickets are \$6 each. Also note that these tickets are \$7 if purchased the day of the game.

Second, beginning Wednesday, August 26, all tickets - reserved and general admission - will be sold outside at the main ticket booth - not in the high school office. On weeks where we have a home varsity football game, this booth will be open from 3:30-5:30 pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays. On Friday - game day - the booth will be open at 3:00 pm and will sell throughout the game.

Last year, we hosted almost 30,000 spectators between our four regular season home games and our two playoff games. We fully expect to host that and then some this year - so we're just trying to stay ahead of the curve. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

## SUMMER CAMPS

Most of our athletic programs offer youth, middle and/or high school camps throughout the summer. If you want your athlete to stay active this summer and have questions about sports camps, please contact our district's Community Services office - (231) 780-4748. Summer information will be available in May.

## 2015-16 PARENT MEETING

On Monday, August 10 - at 6:00 pm - Scott Panozzo, Middle School Athletic Director, and I will be conducting our annual mandatory parent meeting for all incoming 7-12th grade athletes in the High School Sailor Center. Whether you want to know school policies, meet coaches, or have other questions regarding participation, plenty will be covered. Reserved seating football tickets and annual passes - both family and individual - to sporting events will be sold as well. Please mark this meeting down on your calendars! It's going to be a great year!

Remember, a link to gym calendars can be found on our school's main page - [www.monashores.net](http://www.monashores.net). All other information, including schedules, news, team and coach information, etc. can be found at [www.monashoressports.com](http://www.monashoressports.com).

Follow us on Facebook (Mona Shores Sports) or on Twitter (@MSHS\_Athletics). Also, if you're posting anything about our Sailors, remember to use the hashtag #GoShores as well!

I hope to see everyone out wearing Blue and White at events this upcoming year. **#GoShores**

Yours in Sailor spirit,  
*Ryan Portenga*





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## 2015 SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

### BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL

Monday	3/30/15	Newaygo HS (DH)	Away	4:15PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>3/31/15</b>	<b>Fruitport HS (S)</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:00PM</b>
Wednesday	4/1/15	West Ottawa HS (S)	Away	4:30PM
Tuesday	4/14/15	* Zeeland East HS (DH)	Away	4:00PM
Wednesday	4/15/15	Muskegon Catholic Schools (S)	Away	4:30PM
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4/16/15</b>	<b>* Zeeland East HS (S)</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:00PM</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>4/17/15</b>	<b>West Catholic HS (S)</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:15PM</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>4/20/15</b>	<b>East Kentwood HS (S)</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:15PM</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4/21/15</b>	<b>* Reeths-Puffer HS (DH)</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:00PM</b>
Thursday	4/23/15	* Reeths-Puffer HS (S)	Away	4:30PM
<b>Friday</b>	<b>4/24/15</b>	<b>North Muskegon HS (S)</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:15PM</b>
Monday	4/27/15	Northview High School (S)	Away	4:00PM
Tuesday	4/28/15	* Kenowa Hills High School (DH)	Away	4:00PM
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4/30/15</b>	<b>* Kenowa Hills High School (S)</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:00PM</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5/2/15</b>	<b>(GMAA @ MS)</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5/5/15</b>	<b>* Muskegon High School (DH)</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:00PM</b>
Thursday	5/7/15	* Muskegon High School (S)	Away	4:00PM
Friday	5/8/15	Jenison High School (S)	Away	4:30PM
Saturday	5/9/15	(Byron Center Invitational)	Away	9:00AM
Tuesday	5/12/15	* Grand Rapids Union HS (DH)	Away	4:00PM
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5/14/15</b>	<b>* Grand Rapids Union HS (S)</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:00PM</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>5/15/15</b>	<b>Grand Haven High School (S)</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:15PM</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5/20/15</b>	<b>Spring Lake High School (DH)</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:00PM</b>
Friday	5/22/15	Montague High School (S)	Away	4:00PM
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5/23/15</b>	<b>Unity Christian High School (DH)</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>

### BOYS VARSITY GOLF

Wednesday	4/15/15	(OK Black Jamboree @ Winding Creek GC)	Away	3:30PM
Friday	4/17/15	(OK Black Jamboree @ The Mines GC)	Away	3:30PM
Monday	4/20/15	(Seaholm Invitational @ Red Run GC)	Away	12:00PM
Wednesday	4/22/15	(OK Black Jamboree @ Lincoln GC)	Away	3:30PM
Friday	4/24/15	(Traverse City Central Invitational @ Grand Traverse Resort)	Away	9:00AM
Saturday	4/25/15	(Traverse City Tournament)	Away	TBA

Monday	4/27/15	(Seaholm Invitational @ Oakland Hills GC)	Away	12:00PM
Tuesday	4/28/15	(OK Black Jamboree @ Gracewil GC)	Away	3:30PM
Wednesday	4/29/15	(GMAA Tournament @ Stonegate GC)	Away	9:00AM
Saturday	5/2/15	(FHC Invitational @ The Meadows GC)	Away	8:30AM
<b>Monday</b>	<b>5/4/15</b>	<b>(OK Black Jamboree @ Muskegon CC)</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>3:30PM</b>
Monday	5/11/15	(Big Rapids Tournament @ West Shore Community College)	Away	8:30AM
Thursday	5/14/15	(OK Black Championship @ Macatawa Legends GC)	Away	9:00AM
Saturday	5/16/15	(East Lansing Classic @ Forest Akers GC)	Away	7:30PM
<b>Monday</b>	<b>5/18/15</b>	<b>(Mona Shores Invitational)</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>
Wednesday	5/20/15	(MHSAA Districts @ Hudsonville (Sunnybrook GC))	Away	TBA
Tuesday	5/26/15	(Forest Hills Eastern Invitational @ Egypt Valley GC)	Away	7:30AM
Wednesday	5/27/15	(MHSAA Regionals @ Grand Haven (Grand Haven GC))	Away	TBA
Friday	6/5/15	(MHSAA State Finals @ TBD)	Away	TBA

### GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

Tuesday	3/31/15	West Ottawa HS	Away	7:15PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4/1/15</b>	<b>Fremont High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>6:45PM</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4/15/15</b>	<b>East Kentwood HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>6:45PM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4/16/15</b>	<b>Wyoming High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>6:45PM</b>
Tuesday	4/21/15	* Kenowa Hills High School	Away	6:45PM
Thursday	4/23/15	* Zeeland East HS	Away	6:45PM
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4/25/15</b>	<b>Grand Haven High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>11:45AM</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4/28/15</b>	<b>* Reeths-Puffer HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>6:45PM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4/30/15</b>	<b>* Grand Rapids Union HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>6:45PM</b>
Saturday	5/2/15	Rockford High School	Away	12:00PM
Tuesday	5/5/15	* Muskegon High School	Away	6:45PM
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5/7/15</b>	<b>* Kenowa Hills High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>6:45PM</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5/12/15</b>	<b>* Zeeland East HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>6:45PM</b>
Thursday	5/14/15	* Reeths-Puffer HS	Away	6:45PM
Friday	5/15/15	Spring Lake High School	Away	6:45PM
Tuesday	5/19/15	* Grand Rapids Union HS	Away	6:45PM

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## GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER (cont.)

Wednesday	5/20/15	Fruitport HS	Away	6:45PM
Thursday	5/21/15	* Muskegon High School	Home	6:45PM
Tuesday	5/26/15	(MHSAA Districts)	Away	TBA

## GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL

Tuesday	3/31/15	Fruitport HS (DH)	Home	4:00PM
Wednesday	4/1/15	West Ottawa HS (DH)	Away	4:30PM
Tuesday	4/14/15	* Zeeland East HS (DH)	Away	4:00PM
Thursday	4/16/15	Whitehall High School (DH)	Home	4:00PM
Tuesday	4/21/15	* Reeths-Puffer HS (DH)	Home	4:00PM
Friday	4/24/15	North Muskegon HS (DH)	Away	4:00PM
Saturday	4/25/15	East Kentwood HS (DH)	Home	10:00AM
Monday	4/27/15	Northview High School (DH)	Away	4:00PM
Tuesday	4/28/15	* Kenowa Hills High School (DH)	Away	4:00PM
Saturday	5/2/15	(GMAA Tournament)	Home	9:00AM
Tuesday	5/5/15	* Muskegon High School (DH)	Home	4:00PM
Saturday	5/9/15	(Caledonia Invitational)	Away	9:30AM
Tuesday	5/12/15	* Grand Rapids Union HS (DH)	Away	4:00PM
Friday	5/15/15	Grand Haven High School (DH)	Home	4:00PM
Saturday	5/16/15	(Tri-County Tournament)	Away	10:00AM
Tuesday	5/19/15	Hudsonville High School (DH)	Away	4:00PM
Wednesday	5/20/15	Spring Lake High School (DH)	Home	4:00PM
Friday	5/22/15	Montague High School (DH)	Away	4:00PM

## GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS

Saturday	3/21/15	(North Muskegon Invitational @ Norton Pines)	Away	9:00AM
Saturday	3/28/15	(Rockford Quad)	Away	9:00AM
Wednesday	4/1/15	* Zeeland East HS	Away	4:30PM
Wednesday	4/15/15	* Reeths-Puffer HS	Home	4:30PM
Thursday	4/16/15	Northview High School	Away	4:30PM
Saturday	4/18/15	(East Kentwood Invitational)	Away	8:30AM
Wednesday	4/22/15	* Grand Rapids Union HS	Home	4:30PM
Thursday	4/23/15	Grand Haven High School	Home	4:30PM
Saturday	4/25/15	(Caledonia Invitational)	Away	9:00AM
Wednesday	4/29/15	* Kenowa Hills High School	Home	4:30PM
Thursday	4/30/15	Hudsonville High School	Away	4:00PM
Saturday	5/2/15	(GMAA Tournament @ Fruitport)	Away	TBA
Saturday	5/9/15	* (Conference Tournament @ Union)	Away	TBA
Tuesday	5/12/15	(Ludington Tri)	Away	12:00PM

## BOYS/GIRLS VARSITY TRACK

Wednesday	3/18/15	(GVSU Indoor Meet (Boys Only))	Away	TBA
Thursday	3/19/15	(GVSU Indoor Meet (Girls Only))	Away	TBA
Wednesday	4/1/15	* Reeths-Puffer HS	Away	4:15PM

Wednesday	4/15/15	* Zeeland East HS	Away	4:15PM
Friday	4/17/15	(Reeths-Puffer Invitational)	Away	TBA
Wednesday	4/22/15	* Kenowa Hills High School	Home	4:15PM
Friday	4/24/15	(Mason County Invitational)	Away	TBA
Tuesday	4/28/15	Mona Shores Tri		
		(Mona Shores, Union, Muskegon)	Home	4:15PM
Friday	5/1/15	(GMAA Tournament @ Fruitport)	Away	TBA
Thursday	5/7/15	(Conference Meet @ Zeeland East)	Away	TBA
Friday	5/15/15	(MHSAA Regionals @ Grand Haven)	Away	TBA
Wednesday	5/20/15	(Meijer West Michigan All-Star Invitational @ Reeths-Puffer)	Away	TBA
Saturday	5/30/15	(MHSAA State Meet @ TBD)	Away	TBA

## BOYS JV BASEBALL

Monday	3/30/15	Newaygo HS (DH)	Home	4:15PM
Tuesday	3/31/15	Fruitport HS (S)	Away	4:00PM
Wednesday	4/1/15	West Ottawa HS (S)	Home	4:30PM
Tuesday	4/14/15	* Zeeland East HS (DH)	Home	4:00PM
Wednesday	4/15/15	Muskegon Catholic Schools (S)	Home	4:15PM
Thursday	4/16/15	* Zeeland East HS (S)	Away	4:00PM
Friday	4/17/15	West Catholic HS (S)	Away	4:15PM
Monday	4/20/15	East Kentwood HS (S)	Away	4:15PM
Tuesday	4/21/15	* Reeths-Puffer HS (DH)	Away	4:00PM
Thursday	4/23/15	* Reeths-Puffer HS (S)	Home	4:00PM
Friday	4/24/15	North Muskegon HS (S)	Away	4:30PM
Monday	4/27/15	Northview High School (S)	Away	4:00PM
Tuesday	4/28/15	* Kenowa Hills High School (DH)	Home	4:00PM
Thursday	4/30/15	* Kenowa Hills High School (S)	Away	4:00PM
Tuesday	5/5/15	* Muskegon High School (DH)	Away	4:00PM
Thursday	5/7/15	* Muskegon High School (S)	Home	4:00PM
Friday	5/8/15	Jenison High School (S)	Home	4:30PM
Monday	5/11/15	Holland High School (S)	Away	4:15PM
Tuesday	5/12/15	* Grand Rapids Union HS (DH)	Home	4:00PM
Thursday	5/14/15	* Grand Rapids Union HS (S)	Away	4:00PM
Friday	5/15/15	Grand Haven High School (S)	Away	4:00PM
Wednesday	5/20/15	Spring Lake High School (DH)	Away	4:00PM
Friday	5/22/15	Montague High School (S)	Home	4:00PM

## BOYS JV GOLF

Tuesday	4/14/15	* West Ottawa HS	Home	3:30PM
Thursday	4/16/15	* Grand Haven High School (@ Grand Haven GC)	Away	3:30PM
Saturday	4/18/15	(Lowell Invitational @ Deer Run GC)	Away	9:00AM
Tuesday	4/21/15	(Zeeland East Tri @ Winding Creek GC)	Away	3:30PM
Thursday	4/23/15	* East Kentwood HS	Home	3:30PM

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Friday	4/24/15	(Ludington Invitational @ Lincoln Hills GC)	Away	9:30AM
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4/28/15</b>	<b>(Mona Shores Tri)</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>3:30PM</b>
Wednesday	4/29/15	* (Mid-Season Tournament @ Grandville (TBD))	Away	TBA
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4/30/15</b>	<b>* Grandville HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>3:30PM</b>
Tuesday	5/5/15	(Kenowa Hills Tri @ Gracewil GC)	Away	3:30PM
Saturday	5/9/15	(GR Christian Invitational @ Fellowship Greens GC)	Away	8:00AM
<b>Monday</b>	<b>5/11/15</b>	<b>Forest Hills Central HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>3:30PM</b>
Tuesday	5/12/15	* Rockford High School (@ TBD)	Away	3:30PM
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5/14/15</b>	<b>(Mona Shores Invitational)</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>8:30AM</b>
Tuesday	5/19/15	* (Hudsonville Tournament @ Sunnybrook GC)	Away	4:00PM

## GIRLS JV SOCCER

Tuesday	3/31/15	West Ottawa HS	Away	5:30PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4/1/15</b>	<b>Fremont High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>5:00PM</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4/15/15</b>	<b>East Kentwood HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>5:00PM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4/16/15</b>	<b>Wyoming High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>5:00PM</b>
Tuesday	4/21/15	* Kenowa Hills High School	Away	5:00PM
Thursday	4/23/15	* Zeeland East HS	Away	5:00PM
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4/25/15</b>	<b>Grand Haven High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4/28/15</b>	<b>* Reeths-Puffer HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>5:00PM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4/30/15</b>	<b>* Grand Rapids Union HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>5:00PM</b>
Saturday	5/2/15	Rockford High School	Away	10:00AM
Tuesday	5/5/15	* Muskegon High School	Away	5:00PM
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5/7/15</b>	<b>* Kenowa Hills High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>5:00PM</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5/12/15</b>	<b>* Zeeland East HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>5:00PM</b>
Thursday	5/14/15	* Reeths-Puffer HS	Away	5:00PM
Friday	5/15/15	Spring Lake High School	Away	5:00PM
Tuesday	5/19/15	* Grand Rapids Union HS	Away	5:00PM
Wednesday	5/20/15	Fruitport HS	Away	5:00PM
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5/21/15</b>	<b>* Muskegon High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>5:00PM</b>

## GIRLS JV SOFTBALL

Tuesday	3/31/15	Fruitport HS (DH)	Away	4:00PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4/1/15</b>	<b>West Ottawa HS (DH)</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:30PM</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4/14/15</b>	<b>* Zeeland East HS (DH)</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:00PM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4/16/15</b>	<b>Whitehall High School (DH)</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:00PM</b>
Saturday	4/18/15	(Tri County Invitational)	Away	10:00AM
Tuesday	4/21/15	* Reeths-Puffer HS (DH)	Away	4:00PM
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4/25/15</b>	<b>East Kentwood HS (DH)</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:15PM</b>
Monday	4/27/15	Northview High School (DH)	Away	4:00PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4/28/15</b>	<b>* Kenowa Hills High School (DH)</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:00PM</b>
Tuesday	5/5/15	* Muskegon High School (DH)	Away	4:00PM
Monday	5/11/15	Holland High School (DH)	Away	4:15PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5/12/15</b>	<b>* Grand Rapids Union HS (DH)</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:00PM</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>5/15/15</b>	<b>Grand Haven High School (DH)</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:00PM</b>
Tuesday	5/19/15	Hudsonville High School (DH)	Away	4:00PM
Wednesday	5/20/15	Spring Lake High School (DH)	Away	4:00PM
<b>Friday</b>	<b>5/22/15</b>	<b>Montague High School (DH)</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:00PM</b>

## GIRLS JV TENNIS

Wednesday	4/1/15	* Zeeland East HS	Away	4:30PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4/15/15</b>	<b>* Reeths-Puffer HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:30PM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4/16/15</b>	<b>Northview High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:30PM</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4/22/15</b>	<b>* Grand Rapids Union HS</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:30PM</b>
Thursday	4/23/15	Grand Haven High School	Away	4:30PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4/29/15</b>	<b>* Kenowa Hills High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:30PM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4/30/15</b>	<b>Hudsonville High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:30PM</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>5/1/15</b>	<b>Caledonia High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:30PM</b>
Thursday	5/7/15	Muskegon Catholic Schools	Away	4:00PM

## TRACK BOYS/GIRLS JV

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5/12/15</b>	<b>(Mona Shores Invitational)</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>TBA</b>
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## BOYS FRESHMAN BASEBALL

Wednesday	4/1/15	* Calvin Christian HS (DH)	Away	4:15PM
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4/2/15</b>	<b>* Grand Rapids Catholic Central (DH)</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:15PM</b>
Wednesday	4/15/15	* Thornapple-Kellogg HS (DH)	Away	4:15PM
Friday	4/17/15	* Wayland Union High School (DH)	Away	4:15PM
Monday	4/20/15	* South Christian HS (DH)	Away	4:15PM
Wednesday	4/22/15	* Zeeland East HS (DH)	Away	4:15PM
<b>Monday</b>	<b>4/27/15</b>	<b>* Hastings HS (DH)</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:15PM</b>
Wednesday	4/29/15	* Grand Rapids Catholic Central (DH)	Away	4:15PM
<b>Friday</b>	<b>5/1/15</b>	<b>Holland High School</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:15PM</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>5/4/15</b>	<b>* Calvin Christian HS (DH)</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:15PM</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5/6/15</b>	<b>* Thornapple-Kellogg HS (DH)</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:15PM</b>
Friday	5/8/15	Jenison High School (S)	Away	4:30PM
<b>Monday</b>	<b>5/11/15</b>	<b>* Wayland Union High School (DH)</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:15PM</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5/13/15</b>	<b>* South Christian HS (DH)</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:15PM</b>
Friday	5/15/15	Grand Haven High School (DH)	Away	4:00PM
<b>Monday</b>	<b>5/18/15</b>	<b>* Zeeland East HS (DH)</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:15PM</b>
Wednesday	5/20/15	* Hastings HS (DH)	Away	4:15PM

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## SAILOR P.R.I.D.E.

*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 to further encourage positive decision making.

### TEACHING AND LEARNING:

This spring our juniors completed the ACT, Work Keys, and M-Step assessments. The ACT is a curriculum and standards based educational



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**We invite you to consider supporting our initiative that promotes positive behavior in school and in our community. If you are interested in donating, please contact Anne Brainard at 231-780-4711, extension 8352.**

### IMPORTANT DATES:

<b>April</b>	<b>Face the Book Campaign and Competition</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>Driving Simulator during lunch hours all grades</b>
<b>April 24</b>	<b>Drawing for the Ride with Pride finalists</b>
<b>April 28</b>	<b>MSHS Awareness Activities sponsored by NSPD</b>
<b>May 2</b>	<b>Prom at the Trillium 7:30-11 pm</b>
<b>May 15</b>	<b>Sailor Pride All School Assembly: Celebrate School and Community Positive Behaviors and 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.</b>

tool that assesses students' academic readiness for college. The ACT consists of four multiple choice tests: English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science. In addition, there is a 30 minute writing test which emphasizes the writing skills taught in high school English courses and in entry level college composition courses. New to the Michigan Department of Education assessment system is the M-Step. The M-Step summative assessments will measure student growth in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies; it replaces Day 3 of the MME. In addition, these assessments will give teachers a data resource to use in evaluating curriculum, monitoring how students are learning, and making 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](http://www.act.org).

### SUMMER SCHOOL INFORMATION:

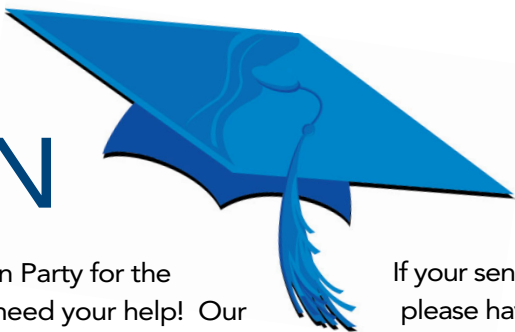
We are pleased to announce that Mona Shores High School will be once again offering summer school for students. Mona Shores High School recognizes the demands that the Michigan Merit Curriculum and the increased graduation requirements have placed on students. Having summer school will give students 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. If you have any questions, please contact the counseling office at 231-780-4711.

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](http://www.monashores.net).

*All the best for continued success!*  
*Jennifer Bustard, Principal*  
*(231) 780-4711, extension 8499*



# 2015 *Senior* CELEBRATION



Fundraising for the All Night Senior Celebration Party for the graduating Class of 2015 is underway and we need your help! Our goal is to raise about \$25,000 each year for the party. This year we have 357 graduating students at Mona Shores High School. We have raised approximately \$9,000 to date and have about 2 months to raise the additional \$16,000 needed to host a successful, fun and safe party for our seniors. We have tried several fundraising ideas this year and many have been successful. Thank you to all who have pitched in a helping hand...it takes an army! We are still looking for some great large fund raising ideas! Please contact Beth O'Neil at u4oneils@hotmail.com or at 231-557-9882 with suggestions.

If you would like to make a donation to the event, please visit <http://monashoresclassof2015.yolasite.com/> and contribute any amount of money you choose to help make this year's senior class party a huge success. The seniors at Mona Shores will certainly appreciate your generosity!

## SENIOR PARENTS

We need your help on Wednesday, June 3rd, 2015 from 9pm-5am. We need you and your spouse or other family member to chaperone the party on Wednesday, June 3rd. Please email u4oneils@hotmail.com or call Beth at 231-557-9882 if you are able to help that night. We have 2 shifts available.

Please watch your front yards for Moola the cow to appear. The Curran family is delivering her to senior's front yards and once you add money to the envelope, you can call for a pick up. If you haven't had a chance to help out; this would be a great opportunity for a donation.

We will be offering the PROUD HOME of a MONA SHORES SENIOR yard signs at Scrip from 5:15pm-6:30pm on Thursday nights in the lobby of the high school for anyone interested in purchasing one. Please contact Amy McNarland, amcnarland@hotmail.com or Lynn Diffell, diffell@comcast.net if interested.

If your senior has not registered for the amazing party we are planning, please have them pick up the registration form in the counseling office at the high school or email Melody Pyman at melody.pyman@gmail.com.

Thanks to all who have helped so far and to those helping in the future... we need you all! Let's make this the best Senior Class party EVER!!

## 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

April 22	Cap, gown, announcement distribution – during lunches (High School Auditorium lobby)
April 27	National Honor Society Induction – 7:30 pm (High School Auditorium)
May 2	Prom – 7:30 pm (Trillium Conference & Banquet Center)
May 20	Graduation Seating Chart Posted
May 21	Honors Convocation – 7:30 pm (High School Auditorium)
May 27	No Late Start 4th & 5th Hour Senior Exams
May 28	1st & 3rd Hour Senior Exams
May 29	2nd Hour Senior Exam Senior Breakfast – 7:45-8:45 am (High School Cafeteria) Senior Checkout – 10:19-12:00 noon Senior Lunch – 12:30 pm (Fricano's on the Lake Pizza)
June 3	Commencement Rehearsal – 12:45 pm (LC Walker Arena) Commencement – 7:00 pm (LC Walker Arena)

## 2015 HIGH SCHOOL EXAM SCHEDULE GRADES 9TH – 11TH

June 5	1st Hour Exam – 7:40-9:05 am
June 8	2nd Hour Exam- 7:40-9:05 am 3rd Hour Exam – 9:20-10:40 am
June 9	4th Hour Exam – 7:40-9:05 am 5th Hour Exam – 9:20-10:40 am



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# Counselor's CORNER

## SCHOLARSHIP FORMS

Any senior who has received a scholarship should fill out the "Award Form" in order to be recognized at the Honors Convocation. These forms will be available in early May. Please list all scholarship earnings and awards that you have been granted to date, whether you have accepted them or not as well as whether you are attending the college or not. Do not include loans or Pell Grants. It is important that you write legibly and include the full name of the scholarship/award including the college name if applicable.

## FINAL TRANSCRIPTS

All Seniors will be meeting with their counselor in May as part of the Senior Exit Interview process. At this meeting, Seniors should inform their counselor 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 13th ACT must submit their registration online by May 8th at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). Mona Shores High School's code is 232-704. The basic fee for the ACT (no writing) is \$38 and ACT plus writing is \$54.50.

## SCHEDULING 2015-2016

The Counseling Office met with all current students grades 8-11 regarding their scheduling options for next school year. If your child has not completed this process or turned in all forms please contact the Counseling Office as soon as possible.

## COLLEGE AWARENESS WEEK/ COLLEGE DECISION DAY



Mona Shores High School participates in the statewide initiatives with the goal to have every graduating high school senior complete at least one college application. On College Decision Day (May 1), we ask each senior to notify

our Counseling Office of their post high school plans. College Decision Day coincides with the date that most seniors are to inform a college of their plan to enroll. Please confirm with your student that they've submitted their name and college attending.

## FINANCIAL AID

The financial aid process begins with submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online after January 1 of the year you plan to enroll. The FAFSA evaluates eligibility for need-based aid, including federal loans, and gives students access to need-based grants, scholarships, loans, and work-study. For assistance in completing your FAFSA, please contact either Baker College or attend one of MCC's FAFSA Friday sessions. These services are available to the community (student need not be planning to attend either college for assistance).

## COUNSELING OFFICE WEBSITE

Please refer to our website: <http://www.monashores.net/our-schools/mona-shores-high-school/hs-departments/counseling/> to find the latest scholarship application information, financial aid, E-transcripts, NCAA 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 \$100 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 Athletic Office later this month) and then turn it in to Ms. Marine along with a refundable \$25 check. 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.



MONA SHORES MIDDLE SCHOOL  
MASTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL:

- 1 LATE START WEDNESDAY, SCHOOL STARTS AT 9:40 AM
- 3 HALF DAY, DISMISSAL AT 11 AM  
SPRING ASSEMBLY
- 6-10 NO SCHOOL/SPRING BREAK
- 13 SCHOOL RESUMES
- 15 **NO LATE START** WEDNESDAY, SCHOOL STARTS AT 7:40 AM
- 17 HALF-DAY OF SCHOOL, DISMISSAL AT 11:00 AM
- 21 5TH & 6TH ORCHESTRA CONCERT @ M.S.M.S. AUDITORIUM, 7:00 PM
- 22 LATE START WEDNESDAY, SCHOOL STARTS AT 9:40 AM  
6TH GRADE SCIENCE CAMP PARENT MEETING, 5:30 PM, MEDIA CENTER
- 29 **NO LATE START** WEDNESDAY, SCHOOL STARTS AT 7:40 AM
- 30 BAND CONCERT, 7:30 – 8:30 PM, **MSHS**

MAY:

- 1 SAILOR CELEBRATION, 6:00-8:00 PM
- 6 LATE START WEDNESDAY, SCHOOL STARTS AT 9:40 AM
- 7 SCIENCE FAIR, 6-7:30 PM, CAFETERIA
- 12 6TH GRADE CHOIR CONCERT, 7 PM
- 13 **NO LATE START** WEDNESDAY, SCHOOL STARTS AT 7:40 AM
- 19 ORCHESTRA SPRING CONCERT, 7:00 PM
- 20 LATE START WEDNESDAY, SCHOOL STARTS AT 9:40 AM
- 20-22 6TH GRADE SCIENCE CAMP
- 25 MEMORIAL DAY, NO SCHOOL  
7TH - 8TH GRADE BAND MARCHES IN MEMORIAL DAY PARADE, 8:15 AM (@ MUSKEGON COUNTY COURTHOUSE)
- 27 LATE START WEDNESDAY, SCHOOL STARTS AT 9:40 AM  
WASHINGTON D.C. PARENT MEETING, 7TH & 8TH GRADES, 6:30-7:30 PM, AUDITORIUM
- 27-29 6TH GRADE SCIENCE CAMP
- 28 CHOIR MINI-POPS CONCERT – 7:30 PM @ **MSHS**
- 30 7TH & 8TH GRADE CHOIR TRIP TO CEDAR POINT

JUNE:

- 3 **NO LATE START** WEDNESDAY, SCHOOL STARTS AT 7:40 AM
- 5 BON VOYAGE, 8TH GRADE DANCE, 7-9 PM
- 8 **EXAMS:** HALF-DAY OF SCHOOL, (DISMISSAL AT 11:00 AM)
- 9 **EXAMS:** HALF-DAY OF SCHOOL, (DISMISSAL AT 11:00 AM)  
LAST STUDENT DAY - HALF-DAY OF SCHOOL, (DISMISSAL AT 11:00 AM)
- 13 WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP

MONA SHORES MIDDLE SCHOOL  
5th to 6th Grade Transition  
2015 Important Dates

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM VISITS ELEMENTARY BUILDINGS

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

Tuesday, April 14

- 8:25 am • Churchill 1:15 pm • Campbell
- 10:00 am • Ross Park 2:00 pm • Lincoln Park

5TH GRADE STUDENTS VISIT MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Informational • Tours • Questions & Answers

Wednesday, April 22

- 10:00 am • Campbell & Lincoln Park

Wednesday, May 6

- 10:00 am • Ross Park & Churchill

BAND ORIENTATION

Wednesday, April 29, 1:40 HS Auditorium

- Introductions • Band Performances

PORTS OF CALL

Tuesday, August 25, 9:00-12:00 and 3:00-6:00 (6th grade)

Tuesday, September 1, 4:00-6:00 Make up day all grades

- Pick up Schedule • Locker Assignment • School Pictures and ID • Handbook

OPEN HOUSE (TENTATIVE):

Wednesday, September 2, 5:30-7:00

- Meet Teachers • Visit Classrooms • Follow Schedule

IMPORTANT FORMS

Registration Form

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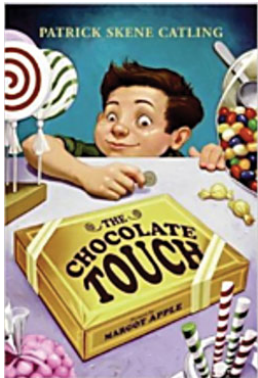


## March is Reading Month 2015

During the month of March students, families, and staff at CAMP Campbell were challenged with daily trivia and fun and engaging reading activities (MIRM). Various guests read to our Campers throughout MIRM.

## Campbell Families Enjoy Family Learning Night

On Thursday, February 26th, the Campbell family enjoyed fun and learning. The event included centers about reading, math, parenting strategies, and healthy living. All centers were taught by Campbell teachers or volunteers. Thanks to all for making this night happen! It was a great way to kick-off March is Reading Month (MIRM).



## Campbell One-School-One-Book

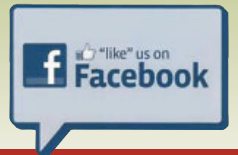
We once again read a book as an entire school. The book this year was "The Chocolate Touch" by Patrick Skene Catling. Each family received a book and we had a number of neat daily activities and lessons as a school community.

## CAMP CAMPBELL CORNER

### Helpful reminders:

- Tardy bell rings at 8:25 - students should be seated and ready to learn.
- If your child will be absent or late, please call the attendance line (231-755-2550 #2) and let the office know. The office takes care of attendance record keeping.
- If your child has an appointment during the day, we'll be happy to have your child in the office if you give us a call when you're on your way.
- Medicines: If your child might need a pain reliever during the day, please bring a supply to the office and complete a green medication form. Students may keep a few Tums or cough drops with them or in their backpack, if/as needed.

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# Churchill Students Jump In and Give



February 6, 2015 was Churchill's 2nd annual **Jump Rope for Heart** event. Three weeks prior to the event students in Physical Education class learned various jump rope skills and tricks using an individual and long jump rope; some of the older students even tried double Dutch!

During the event not only did students get a chance to jump rope, but they also learned about the importance of eating healthy and exercising from Dr. Twesten-O'Toole. Students learned about how both of these things lead to a healthy heart. Physical Education teacher, Angela Goodwin, set a goal of \$5,000 in donations for the American Heart Association. The student who raised the most money was able to throw a pie in her face at the all school assembly the day of the event. This year's winner was kindergarten student, William Nolan; way to go William! During the assembly, a special guest, former Churchill Rock Star Jacob Gravlin, performed a jump roping routine that he created himself, and spoke about why raising money for the American Heart Association is so important.



The event included an invitation for parents to join in the jump roping fun with their child(ren). Parents could watch their child show off their new skills/tricks, jump with their child, help twirl the long rope, and listen to Dr. Twesten-O'Toole discuss the importance of healthy hearts.

Thank you to all of the supporters who came out and made this event so much fun! We would also like to thank Meijer for their generous donation that allowed every student to receive a bottle of water when they finished jumping rope. This year **Churchill Rock Stars exceeded their goal by raising over \$10,000!**

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## Lincoln Park Family Literacy Night

Our Title I families recently joined in a festive evening. Families were invited to enjoy a pizza dinner and our Extended Day students performed a live reader's theater presentation. The students have been working hard studying various Aesop Fables, and practiced enough to bring one to presentation. Additionally, our students wrote about and read on camera what it means to them to be a CREW member. Their astute observations of what that looks like at Lincoln Park served as a great reminder to all of us!



The culminating activity was the highlight of the evening. Families were given the task of creating a 100-bead string. This structured activity allowed families to work together to create a very practical math tool. The families were asked to make two bead strings, one to keep and one to have at school for students to use. They went home with the math tool and a packet of math activities. It was a great act of service on the part of the families and we thank them very much!

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## Ross Park Celebrates 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 was "Humphrey's Home Sweet Home," and below is a list of ways we celebrated our love of reading:

- Kick-off assembly on Friday February 27th with tons of fun and books!
- Ross Park had a theme song "Read it All" adapted to the tune of "Shake it Off" by Taylor Swift
- Preschool classes had a pets theme and teachers read aloud "Humphrey's Playful Puppy Problem" by Betty G. Birney.
- Kindergarten-Fifth Grade students had their very own copy of "The World According to Humphrey" by Betty G. Birney to read with their family at home.
- Students/teachers decorated their doors as houses to create the feel of "home."
- Students were given tickets to turn in for every 30 minutes that they read. They traveled, on Fridays, with a passport using the "Home Sweet Home" map as a reward for reading at home.



- Each classroom, preschool through 5th grade, had a stuffed hamster named Humphrey that students got to take home. Along with Humphrey was a 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.
- We also did 4 all school reads in different locations around Ross Park.
- 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.
- Family Literacy Night on March 2nd was with the talented puppeteer Kevin Kammeraad.
- Mondays and Wednesdays were Humphrey Trivia Days with Principal Mills.



As you can see, March is Reading Month is a big deal at Ross Park. Our goal each year is to help inspire that 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!

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## PRESCHOOL

**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.**

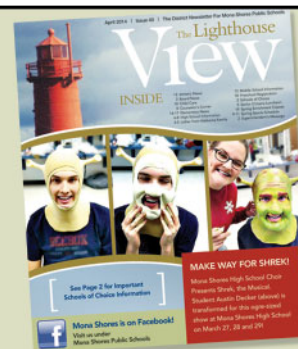
Our Center is closed on major holidays, during Winter Break and 2 days prior to the start of a new school year when we provide training to our staff. "Sailor Care" sites other than Ross Park Elementary are closed on Snow Days.

## 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

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**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 40 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 Schools 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](http://www.monashores.net).



Preschool Teachers (pictured left to right): Rhonda Hall, Sue Kacprzyk, Laura Zachar, Sherri Johnson and Casey Loomis.

**Classes fill up fast – enroll today!**

**Head Start:** A federal preschool program that provides three and four-year-olds an early boost in their education. Breakfast and lunch are provided.

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