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A background image showing two hands, one larger and one smaller, framing a bright sun. The hands are positioned as if holding the sun, with the fingers spread. The sun is a bright, glowing orb, and the background is a soft, hazy sky with a warm, golden light. The overall mood is hopeful and optimistic.

FRAMING
OUR
FUTURE



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IS AUGUST 28TH • HALF DAY

WELCOME BACK BIG REDS!

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HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE



OFFICE HOURS:
7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.
MONDAY - FRIDAY

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appointment outside
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- Fingerprinting and background check required
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- \$100 per day
- \$140 per day (21st consecutive day)
- \$200 per day (61st consecutive day)

2023-2024 Support Staff Substitutes Rates:

- \$15.07 – Classroom Assistant/Para Educator
- \$12.37 – Lunchroom Aide
- \$15.69 – Secretary
- \$17.01 – Secretary (21st consecutive day)

RETIREMENT • *Thanks for the years of dedication and service to the Big Red Nation!*

Amy Carnes

Secretary
Marquette

13 years



Lisa Wenger Menerick

Teacher
Marquette

4 years

Mandy Fouchea

Teacher
Bunker

25 years

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR MUSKEGON COUNTY



WELCOME HOME SCHOLARSHIP

The Welcome Home Scholarship will award college graduates or returning professionals if they agree to move to and work within Muskegon County. Awards will be a maximum of \$15,000 and can be used for student loan repayment, down payment on a home, support continuing education, assist with moving expenses, or other expenses related to making Muskegon County home.

Educators, Ancillary Educational Staff, & Early Childhood Providers moving to Muskegon County can earn up to \$15,000.

Visit the Community Foundation for Muskegon County website for details!

Source: <https://muskegonfoundation.org/scholarships/welcome-home-scholarship/>



Matthew Cortez
Superintendent, Ed.S.
Muskegon Public Schools

Big Red Nation,

At different times of our lives we can get caught in the past or consumed by the present and we lose the time or energy to embrace our future. As our community and the world entered into a worldwide pandemic our present conditions began to overshadow the past, but more importantly it clouded our future. However, our community chose to not let that happen.

In May of 2020, while our community was consumed by Covid and separated from one another, an amazing truth was declared. This truth was revealed in the passage of both our district's bond initiatives, which declared that we would not relinquish our hope for the future. In fact, our community took a large step to re-invest in our schools to again establish them as a pillar of our community.

This Fall we are passing through the halfway point of that vision for our district. The completion of major projects at MHS and Bunker illustrate the first major leaps forward. The new middle school will be unveiled with a renovated Marquette and Oakview for the 24-25 school year. Despite challenges beyond all of our control we still persevered to maintain the vision born of our community.

This vision of our future is what is guiding the work of our district in becoming the premiere district that our students need and deserve. We will not continue to make the same missteps and failures, but rather embark forward into proper and direct investment into each and every student's interest, likes and wishes to prepare them for their next stage in life. Ours is the responsibility for preparation and foundation in partnership with our families and our community. We pledge to do better by all students and to eradicate the challenges of the past to make room for our success in the future.

Muskegon Public Schools needs to become the district for all our students, not just some or most. We must return to be the choice for all our families in Muskegon and not the consolation prize or the fall back. We will be the ground breakers and the trend setters whom families seek to join and become part of what a true 21st Century education looks like.

Educationally Yours,

Superintendent of Schools



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BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board of Education 2023 Meeting Schedule Tuesday's at 7pm

August 15, 2023 November 21, 2023
September 19, 2023 December 19, 2023
October 17, 2023

The Board's Organizational Meeting will be held in January 2024



Meetings are held in in the "Old J-Building"
Board room is located on the Garden Level room E003,
located at 1458 5th Street Muskegon, MI 49441.

*Anytime during emergency school closures, the board meetings will be available via live stream.
Please check online for Board Minutes and Agendas for the live stream link.*

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Lynnette Marks
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Board of Education

Greetings Big Red Community,

Welcome back to the 2023-2024 school year. Whether your student moved up to the high school, moved up to the middle school, is in a new temporary building due to construction, or is in the same building as last year, or this is your first year as a Big Red, this is going to be a great year of learning. Welcome!!

Muskegon Public Schools has been an integral part of the City of Muskegon and our community since its inception. As you will read about throughout this edition of the Mirror, we are highlighting Framing our Future.

The City of Muskegon Fire Department is celebrating 150 years of service this fall. The 150th graduating class of Muskegon Public Schools is currently attending High School. The expectations and skills necessary in graduates 150 years ago are somewhat different from the skills needed by today's graduates. How we teach has also changed. Today computers and live video projection are an integral part of classrooms instead of chalkboards. What has remained the same throughout all this is the importance of knowledgeable, dedicated, caring and passionate educators and staff to build relationships, nurture and educate our students. The facilities, traditions, commitment, and classes the district is establishing is to set our young people up for success right now and in the upcoming 5, 10, 50, 150 years.

Throughout the years, family support remains one of the key indicators for student success.

Please get involved with your student, their school, and their activities. Read as a family. Sign up on Power School and check it regularly. Look for communication from your teacher and principal about activities and events. Let your student know that you believe school and learning is important. Your student's teacher, principal, and parent engagement coordinator are great resources for support.

Here's to a great school year!

Go Big Reds. - Lynnette • lmarks@mpsk12.net • 231-740-6249

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What is a Portrait of a Big Red Graduate and Why is the Muskegon Public School District Creating it?

The World Economic Forum recently released the most in-demand skills employers are looking for in their new employees. These skills aren't necessarily content knowledge-related, but rather, "soft," or "core" skills. Employers are looking for workers who think, believe in themselves, work with others, engage with customers, use technology and have the ability to manage. As a public school district bound to teach reading, writing and arithmetic - we are now gearing up to create a learning experience for our students where they are not only prepared academically, but also in the core skills needed to be successful in the workforce.

This past spring, in partnership with KnowledgeWorks, a team of teachers, administrators and a sampling of students, parents, and board of education representatives first asked ourselves, "why do we need a portrait of a Big Red graduate?" We decided it was important because ***we want our students to graduate with a set of skills to become a happy, healthy and productive member of our community.*** Our team discussed, studied, debated and considered our students and our community to determine 5-6 core skills Muskegon graduates should possess to become productive citizens.

We went through these several activities to determine the 5 - 6 core skills. These skills will be taught and experienced throughout the K - 12 journey and will be developmentally appropriate. While these core skills are still in draft mode, the plan is to send a survey to students, parents and our community this fall. We will gather feedback and then begin the work to infuse these important skills into our curriculum.

Please remember, this is a **DRAFT**. More detailed definitions and information will be provided this fall.

A Big Red Graduate will...

- Self-advocate
- Be resilient
- Be an adaptable communicator
- Engage in meaningful relationships
- Be a critical thinker
- Be compassionate

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jennifer Hammond, Executive Director of Instruction, at jhammond@mpsk12.net.

References:

Future of Jobs: These are the most in-demand core skills in 2023 | World Economic Forum (weforum.org)

How the Portrait of a Graduate Can Help Communities Explore the Future of Learning



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The Transformative Power of AI in Education: Enhancing Learning Experiences for Teachers and Students

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has emerged as a groundbreaking technology with the potential to revolutionize various industries. One area where AI holds significant promise is education. By integrating AI into the classroom, teachers can enhance their instructional methods, personalize learning experiences, and unlock a multitude of benefits for both themselves and their students. Let's explore some of the remarkable advantages AI brings to education and how teachers can effectively utilize this technology to teach content.

Personalized Learning:

One of the primary benefits of AI in education is its ability to facilitate personalized learning experiences. AI-powered educational platforms can analyze vast amounts of data, such as student performance, preferences, and learning styles, to create personalized learning pathways. This empowers teachers to tailor their instruction to individual student needs, allowing for targeted interventions and adaptive learning materials. By leveraging AI, teachers can ensure that each student receives a tailored education, maximizing their potential for success.

Intelligent Tutoring:

AI can serve as an intelligent tutor, providing real-time guidance and support to students. Virtual tutors powered by AI algorithms can engage in interactive conversations, answer questions, and offer explanations. These systems can adapt to students' progress, identify areas of difficulty, and provide personalized feedback. With AI as a virtual tutor, students can receive individualized instruction and continuous support, improving their understanding and retention of the material.

Automated Grading and Feedback:

Grading assignments and providing timely feedback are essential but time-consuming tasks for teachers. AI can streamline this process by automating grading and offering immediate feedback to students. Natural Language Processing (NLP) algorithms can evaluate written work, essays, or even code submissions, providing objective assessments and constructive comments. This saves teachers valuable time, enabling them to focus on more impactful activities like individualized instruction and mentoring.

Intelligent Content Creation:

AI can assist teachers in developing high-quality educational content. For example, AI algorithms can generate interactive simulations, virtual reality experiences, and educational games that make learning engaging and immersive. These AI-powered tools can supplement traditional instructional materials, making complex concepts more accessible and facilitating active learning. By leveraging AI for content creation, teachers can enhance the effectiveness and variety of their teaching methods, resulting in improved student engagement and

comprehension.

Data-Driven Decision Making:

AI enables educators to harness the power of data to make informed decisions. By collecting and analyzing data from various sources, including student performance, attendance records, and engagement metrics, AI algorithms can generate valuable insights. Teachers can use these insights to identify learning gaps, track student progress, and implement targeted interventions. This data-driven approach empowers teachers to make evidence-based decisions, fostering continuous improvement in teaching strategies and student outcomes.

To effectively utilize AI in the classroom, teachers can start by integrating AI-powered educational platforms into their teaching practices. These platforms provide access to personalized learning pathways, virtual tutors, and automated grading systems. By leveraging these tools, teachers can optimize the learning experience for their students and streamline administrative tasks, enabling them to focus more on individualized instruction and student support.

Furthermore, MPS plans to employ professional development programs to equip teachers with the necessary skills to leverage AI effectively. MPS teachers will be able to access curriculum on AI technologies, learning how to interpret data insights, and integrating AI tools seamlessly into their teaching methodologies.

In conclusion, AI holds immense potential to revolutionize education by offering personalized learning experiences, intelligent tutoring, automated grading, intelligent content creation, and data-driven decision making. By embracing AI, MPS teachers can enhance their instructional practices, cater to individual student needs, and unlock a wealth of educational benefits. As AI continues to evolve, educators must embrace this transformative technology to foster a future of enhanced learning experiences and improved student outcomes.

Article written using AI
<https://chat.openai.com/>





Dear Community,

We regret to inform you that the opening of Charles Hackley Middle School will be delayed, due to unforeseen circumstances. We have encountered post-COVID delays in numerous areas (acquisitions, permits and inspections to name a few). As we emerged from an unprecedented pandemic our construction management firm has proven itself to go above and beyond expectations. The Christman Company has worked to solve and mitigate these delays, which were out of their area of responsibility. They have proven their mutual commitment to a premier, state of the art, turn-key facility to welcome our students, staff and community.

We all are excited with anticipation surrounding the opening of our new Charles Hackley Middle School, however we will prioritize the safety of all students and staff. Our team is working diligently to expedite the completion process, but the later premiere is the best pathway forward. We understand the inconvenience this may cause and sincerely apologize for any disruption to your plans and expectations.

The new timeline provides us the ability to tour our students through a completed Charles Hackley Middle School, prior to opening for the 2024-25 school year. It gives us the opportunity to showcase the tremendous support that our entire community has provided to the district with a proper ribbon cutting ceremony and public tours.

We will keep you informed about the progress and provide updates on the revised opening for August 2024. In the meantime, We encourage you to stay connected with the district website and social media for the latest information. You can see the monthly updates at <https://www.mpsbond2020.com/>.

Thank you for your understanding and patience during this time. We remain committed to delivering an exceptional learning environment for our students and appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely, John Snyder | Director of Operations | Muskegon Public Schools



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OFFICE OF SPECIALIZED INSTRUCTION

The Office of Specialized Instruction will be framing the future for students with disabilities by using new supplementary curriculum!

During the 2022-2023 school year, elementary OSI Resource Teachers Lorrie Brown, Molly Plowe, Barb Renkema, and Bethanee Yeoman piloted the use of SRA Reading Mastery, Connecting Math Concepts, and Language for Writing. At the end of this school year, the results of the pilot were compiled and presented to the Muskegon Public Schools Instructional Council and approved by the Muskegon Public Schools Board of Education.

Students with disabilities who participated in the pilot showed significant improvement in their performance skill across multiple data points.

A summary of the scores are as follows:

- ★ I-Ready:
 - ☆ 75% of students made growth on I-Ready Reading
 - ☆ 76% of students made growth on I-Ready Math
- ★ Success For All Curriculum:
 - ☆ Students averaged a growth of 1.84 levels
 - ☆ Individual scores ranged from 1-5 levels of growth
- ★ SRA Reading Mastery:
 - ☆ Students averaged $\frac{3}{4}$ of a year of reading growth
 - ☆ Individual scores ranged from $\frac{1}{4}$ a year to 4 years of growth
- ★ Connecting Math Concepts:
 - ☆ Students averaged $\frac{3}{4}$ a year of math growth
 - ☆ Individual scores ranged from $\frac{1}{4}$ a year to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ years of math growth



Although it required the teachers to learn three new content areas at once, they all expressed the benefits of the programs. Ms. Brown noted that, “The Language for Writing program breaks writing down into its most basic components in a way that makes students become comfortable with writing. Even students who are reluctant readers or beginning readers are able to compose sentences and write basic sentences. While teaching this, I have found out how creative my students really are!” Ms. Renkema also praised the results saying that, “one of my students came to me mid year. He was insistent that “I cannot read.” By May, he was pulling me aside during our reading time, wanting to read the next story from the SRA book to me! He was so excited to finally be able to read!!”

The results indicate that the OSI elementary resource teachers were able to increase engagement, motivation, and the scores of our students with disabilities through their explicit instruction. Their commitment and passion to improving outcomes is apparent by the hard work that our OSI teachers have put into implementing the approved curriculum pilot with fidelity!

To continue framing the future for our students with disabilities and building upon the success that has been achieved during the 2022-2023 school year, the OSI department will continue with the use and implementation of both Reading Mastery and Connecting Math Concepts. In addition, these activities will be included during the 2023-2024 school year:

- ★ Monthly data reviews to improve instruction and engagement
- ★ Reading and Math progress monitoring
- ★ Student data chats around student goal setting and monitoring

The OSI team is committed to improving achievement and outcomes for our students with disabilities.
As one student exclaimed, “Now that I can read, I read to myself before going to bed.”



Paul Kurdziel
Muskegon Community
Education Center

Summer is finally here, MCEC Fam, and we are going to blink, and it is going to be time to get ready for the 2023-2024 school year!

And we have moved!

MCEC will now occupy the east-end of the Nelson Building, giving space to all of our Marquette family, who will be residing in the west-end of the building while renovations are completed at Marquette School. We cannot wait to meet our new neighbors!

We have met many of our new MCEC Fam for the 2023-2024 school year while school was still in session. Fear not, though: if we missed meeting with you and your family, we are scheduling home visits as I write this article.

Looking back over the course of the 2022-2023 school year, we continue to marvel at the ways in which the whole MCEC Fam works on grace and proximity and, well, family every day. We work hard to value and see each and every person daily!

Even over the summer: we have been working on some things that will continue to connect learning to real life and careers (no, I am not telling...you will have to experience it in the fall), and we cannot wait to implement them with you!

Our shared assignment is to collaborate with each and every student and their families to assist them in finding their purposes. You, MCEC Fam, are our assignment!

See you soon!

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Paul Kurdziel at 231-215-9534, on Facebook (search Paul Kurdziel), or pkurdzie@mpsk12.net.



Brenda Kota
Central Registrar &
Student Services Support

MPS Enrollment

Our MPS families are now able to enroll their student(s) online. Simply go to our website:

www.muskegonpublicschools.org

and select the enrollment link. You can take a picture of all required documents to upload during the online enrollment process. All our buildings have computers available.

If you have any issues with uploading the required documents, make sure to answer all the questions and you can email the documents directly to me

(bkota@mpsk12.net), or you can bring them to any one of our buildings.

Required Documents:

- Two proofs of residency: **MUST** provide a copy of your utility bill, assessment/property tax statement, rental/lease agreement (must include landlord's telephone and signature), no junk mail. *Must be removed from the envelope before providing the proof.*
- Parent/Guardian's Identification: Driver's license or passport
- Birth Certificate: An original certified/state issued birth certificate that can be viewed and copied by MPS
- Official Michigan Immunization Records: State law requires that your child's immunizations must be up-to-date or your child cannot enter school. Pick up a copy from your local health department or doctor's office.
- Custody/Guardianship court documents (if applicable)
- Copy of most current Special Education/IEP (if applicable)
- Transcripts and current grades from previous school for High School students

If you have any questions, please call

Brenda Kota, Central Registrar at 231-720-2013 or email bkota@mpsk12.net



COMMUNITY

WE ARE EXCITED TO LAUNCH A NEW COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TOOL CALLED **CONNECT MUSKEGON**.

There are new opportunities to stay engaged and informed about the many city services available to you. This online portal is the city's community engagement hub to share, discuss, and collaborate on creating sustainable solutions for the important issues facing our community. Please refer to this link when you have questions about projects. Here is a sneak peek at some projects currently on Connect Muskegon:



APPLE AVENUE REDESIGN PROJECT



The city and Michigan Department of Transportation are working together to engage stakeholders for the visioning and redesign process of Apple Avenue from West Webster Avenue to Home Street in Muskegon, Michigan. Design charrettes started in July and public comment periods will happen later this year.

MASTER PLAN LAND USE UPDATES



The city planning team will be bringing the updated Master Land Use Plan to the City Commission for final approval on September 12, 2023. Over 25 engagement events have been held over the past four years. This document provides guidelines and a vision for what the city will look like for years to come. Go check it out!

SHORELINE DRIVE PILOT PROJECT

Find more information efforts to improve traffic and pedestrian safety along Shoreline Drive.

PARKS & REC MASTER PLAN UPDATE



The city has a new Parks & Recreation Director, a Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee is being established, and feedback is currently being encouraged regarding updates to our community parks. You can find a new form online to submit maintenance request for any city park.

MUSKEGON FIRE DEPARTMENT 150TH CELEBRATION



Finally, help us celebrate and recognize the City of Muskegon Fire Department (MFD). The MFD was founded in 1873 and this year marks the 150th year of dedicated service to our community. The month of September is the official celebration month which includes the 150th Anniversary Parade on Saturday, September 9, 2023 at 11 AM along Western Ave. Learn more online at mkgcity.com/mfd150.



Learn more about all of these projects at mkgcity.com/connectmuskegon or scan the QR code. In addition, we have launched a city newsletter. Subscribe online to receive the monthly electronic newsletter, and check your mailbox for the twice-a-year print edition.

~ Have a great school year! ~ *Deborah Santiago-Sweet* | Community Engagement Manager | City of Muskegon

2023-2024 School Calendar



July 2023						
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Time Schedules	
Middle School, High School & MCEC	
Regular Day (+78 min online)	8:20am - 2:00pm
Early Dismissal Day (+78 min online)	8:20am - 12:15pm
Half Day AM (+78 min online)	8:20am - 11:21am
Elementary	
Regular Day (+35 min online)	8:40am - 3:11pm
Early Dismissal Day (+35 min online)	8:40am - 2:09pm
Half Day AM (+35 min online)	8:40am - 12:20pm

Schedule	
August 23	No School, Teacher PD Day
August 24 & 25	No School
August 28	First Day of School-Half Day
August 30	Early Dismissal
September 1 & 4	Labor Day, No School
September 6	Early Dismissal
September 13	Early Dismissal
September 20	Early Dismissal
September 27	Early Dismissal
October 4	Count Day-Full Day of School
October 11	Early Dismissal
October 18	Early Dismissal
October 20	Half Day Secondary Only
October 25	Early Dismissal
October 26 & 27	Half Day Elementary Only, Conferences End of Marking Period (MP) 1
November 1	Early Dismissal
November 7	No School, Teacher PD Day
November 8	Early Dismissal
November 15	Early Dismissal
November 22, 23, 24	No School, Thanksgiving Break
November 29	Early Dismissal
December 6	Early Dismissal
December 13	Early Dismissal
December 20	Early Dismissal
December 22-January 5	1/2 Day Friday, Holiday Break
January 8	School Resumes
January 10	Early Dismissal
January 11	Half Day Secondary Only, Exams
January 12	Half Day District Wide, End of MP2 & Semester 1
January 15	No School, MLK Day
January 16	Half Day Secondary Only
January 17	Early Dismissal
January 24	Early Dismissal
January 31	Early Dismissal
February 7	Early Dismissal
February 14	Count Day-Full Day of School
February 21	No School (Teacher PD Day)
February 22 & 23	No School Mid-Winter Break
February 28	Early Dismissal
March 6	Early Dismissal
March 13	Early Dismissal
March 20	Early Dismissal
March 21 & 22	Half Day Elementary for Conferences, MP3 Ends
March 27	Early Dismissal
March 29	No School, Good Friday
April 1-5	No School, Spring Break
April 10	Early Dismissal
April 17	Early Dismissal
April 24	Early Dismissal
May 1	Early Dismissal
May 8	Early Dismissal
May 15	Early Dismissal
May 22	Early Dismissal
May 22	HS Graduation
May 21 or 23	Graduation Make-up Dates
May 24	Half Day District Wide, Hackley Day
May 27	No School, Memorial Day
May 29	Early Dismissal
June 5	Early Dismissal Elementary, Secondary Half Day Exams
June 6	Half Day District Wide, End of MP4 & Semester 2

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Calendar Highlight Key	
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Half Day AM District Wide	Light Blue
No School - Teacher PD Day	Light Green
Half Day Elementary Only	Yellow
Half Day Secondary Only	Purple
No School	Dark Blue
Early Dismissal	Cyan
Early Dismissal Elementary, Secondary Half Day	Light Green



MUSKEGON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Career Pathways Grades 6-12

Creating tomorrow's future, today



STEAM
(Science, Technology,
Engineering, Arts, Math)



**Health &
Human Services**



**Business &
Leadership**

Visit
<https://www.aeseducation.com/states/michigan/career-clusters> to learn more about these and other career pathways.

Middle School

6th Grade Attend a 9-week *Design Thinking* course and introduction to three career pathways of STEAM, Health & Human Services and Business & Leadership.

7th Grade Learn from guest speakers in science and social studies classes who work in identified career pathway fields of STEAM, Health & Human Services and Business & Leadership.

8th Grade Shadow a Career Tech Center student experience at Career Tech Center (CTC). Create, complete and present a Career Portfolio.

High School

9th Grade Attend the College and Career Fair.

The students' chosen Career Pathway guides course selections and internship experiences to develop career-ready graduates.



STEAM

Examples include:
Engineer, Welder, Biochemist,
Technology Professional, Forensics



Health & Human Services

Examples include:
EMT First Responder, Teacher, Counselor,
Nurse, Policeman



Business & Leadership

Examples include:
Entrepreneur, Financial Analyst,
Sales Manager, Accountant, CEO

High School

10th Grade Take core classes (math, ELA, science, social studies) and remainder of courses can be taken in the student's chosen Career Pathway.

11th Grade Experience Career Pathways through core classes (math, science, social studies, English.) Content is focused on the student's chosen Career Pathway. Examples:



- Algebra II in Construction
- Writing content focused on processes.



- Measurement conversion
- Writing content on social services impact on communities



- Personal Finance
- Writing a business plan.

12th Grade Take courses in the student's chosen Career Pathway and as Independent Study or Internship. Continue to experience Career Pathways through core classes.

Through Career Pathways, Muskegon Public Schools is committed to developing employable citizens, fostering community engagement, establishing soft skills, and building job skills for students. Every student has the opportunity to explore a pathway to a post-secondary career. Enriching experiences at MPS help students make informed, educated decisions leading to credentialed, employable citizens with critical decision-making skills.

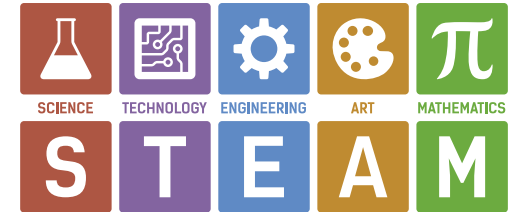


Tim Hoffman
Muskegon High School
Principal

Dear Muskegon High School community,

We are thrilled to share exciting updates about the future of Muskegon High School and our commitment to providing career pathways for all students. Our vision encompasses a diverse range of opportunities that cater to the interests and aspirations of our students.

Starting this academic year, we will be developing three distinct career pathways: STEAM, Business and Leadership, and Health and Human Services. These pathways will offer specialized coursework, hands-on experiences, and mentorship opportunities tailored to each field. Our aim is to equip students with the skills and knowledge necessary for success in their chosen careers.



We are particularly excited about the emphasis on career exposure within our Freshman Academy. By introducing students to a wide array of professions early on, we hope to ignite their curiosity and help them make informed decisions about their future pathways. Through guest speakers, job exposure opportunities, and a pathway focussed career day our freshmen will gain valuable insights into various careers and industries.

Freshman students will select a pathway to pursue at the end of their freshman year.

Moreover, our commitment to exposing students to careers will extend beyond the Freshman Academy. We have developed a range of new classes that integrate real-world applications and provide hands-on experiences directly related to different career fields. This approach will enable students to explore their interests further and develop a deeper understanding of potential career paths while still at MHS. We are excited to have our JROTC program back for the fall of 2023!

However, our efforts to foster career exploration do not stop within the school walls. We are actively seeking partnerships and collaborations within the community to provide additional learning and growth opportunities for our students. By connecting with local businesses, organizations, and professionals, we aim to create meaningful experiences, internships, and mentorship programs that bridge the gap between classroom learning and real-world applications.

Together, we look forward to empowering Muskegon High School students with the skills, knowledge, and exposure necessary to thrive in their future careers. With these exciting developments, we are confident that our students will be well-prepared to embrace the opportunities that lie ahead.

Sincerely, Tim Hoffman - Muskegon High School Principal

REMEMBERING MIKE CLOSZ



In loving
MEMORY



Muskegon High School lost a fantastic educator too early in life after a brief battle with cancer.

Mike Closz was an English teacher at MHS where he was loved by staff and students. Mike was a husband, father, educator, cub master, musician, and coach. Mike's presence in Muskegon will be impossible to replace. Mike had a witty sense of humor and loved to laugh and have fun.

On behalf of everyone who knew and loved Mike, we are thankful for our time together.





Welcome new band director, Hope Paternia!



Hi, my name is Hope Paternina and I am incredibly excited to join Muskegon Public Schools as the Director of Bands. I am originally from Bossier City, Louisiana. I studied Music Education and Flute Performance at Northwestern State University in Louisiana, where I had the privilege of being a drum major for the Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band for 3 years. I just recently graduated from Central Michigan University with Masters degrees in Wind Conducting and Flute Performance. While there, I was a Graduate Assistant and worked with the concert bands, marching band, and orchestra. In my free time, I enjoy cooking Colombian and Cajun food with my husband, running, and watching Netflix. A fun fact about me is that I played hockey for 13 years and was a goalie for Team Louisiana.

My plans for this school year are to continue building the tradition of excellence within the band program, while embracing and learning traditions that the band and alumni have established. I look forward to building relationships with the students of Muskegon and the community!

MUSKEGON BIG REDS!!



2023 GREEN ALL CONFERENCE

The MHS Athletic Department is proud to recognize the following student athletes that were voted OK Green All Conference during the Spring season.

BOY'S TRACK & FIELD

Keon Drummer
Destin Piggee
Michael Piggee Jr.
Jakob Price

GIRL'S TRACK & FIELD

Kamya Anderson
Shamari Hamilton
Mariah Sain
Faith Woods

SOFTBALL

Paige Nash

Thank you!
MHS COACHES

The MHS Athletic Department would like to say thank you to all of our coaches, support staff, and trainers for a great 2022-2023 season. This season brought a lot of excitement at MHS and our teams did not disappoint. 2022/23 2 was highlighted by our Football team that made it back to Ford Field and capped off an impressive season with a State Runner-Up finish. Our Boys' Basketball team made it back to the Breslin Center and finished as State Runners-Up after playing the toughest schedule in the state. In Girls' Basketball, we saw a District Championship and a Regional appearance after playing an extremely tough schedule themselves. On top of that, many of our other programs showed improvement across the board during their respective seasons.

We appreciate all of the hard work and dedication from everyone this year. There is so much to be excited for heading into next school year. We had All-Conference participants in seven sports showing the hours that have been put in by our coaches and student-athletes. This Fall MHS is sending a total of 14 student-athletes to college in Boy's and Girls' Basketball, Football, and Track & Field. This is something that we can all take pride in and continue to build on in the future. There is one thing that we know for sure moving into the fall: MHS has the best coaches and student-athletes in the state of Michigan and we cannot wait to see where we go from here. Go Big Reds!!!

CLASS OF 2023 COLLEGIATE STUDENT-ATHLETES

The MHS Athletic Department would like to recognize the following student athletes that have accepted scholarships to play sports at the collegiate level next season. We are extremely proud of you and are excited to follow you all during your next chapter.

BOY'S BASKETBALL

Jordan Briggs - Wayne State
David Day III - Aquinas College
Anthony Sydnor III - Ferris State

GIRL'S BASKETBALL

Ty'veonna Davis - Muskegon Comm. College

FOOTBALL

Princeton Blackmon - Adrian College
Kingston Blackmon - Adrian College
Jay'V'on Gilbert - Adrian College
Amariyan Glover - Siena Heights
Seth Harris - Kalamazoo College
Nickarri Lane - Olivet College
Thaddeus Parker - Adrian College
Dominique Williams - Olivet College
Nyzirre Wynn - Olivet College

GIRL'S TRACK

Steffanie McGuffey - Muskegon Comm. College

GO MUSKEGON  BIG REDS!



**Mrs. LaKisha
Loudermill**

Muskegon Middle
School Principal

MIDDLE SCHOOL MATTERS!

These are the words that will drive Muskegon Middle School's progress in the 23-24 school year.

At MMS, *Middle School Matters!* means that every student will be given the support needed to succeed. Our middle school team believes that every MMS student deserves the opportunity to pursue academic and personal success while developing the skills to become tomorrow's independent and accomplished leaders. Additionally, *Middle School Matters!* means that each of our staff members will be given the resources to pursue their passions while striving to provide the best experience for every Big Red scholar. From the classroom to the concert stage and athletic venues, our MMS students will have a variety of classes and extracurricular activities that will give them multiple ways to show their unique talents. And most importantly, *Middle School Matters!* means that our school recognizes the essential role that the family of every middle school student will play in the success of their child's time at MMS. Success for every student starts with the love and encouragement provided by a child's family. This is the support that will lay the groundwork for the growth students can achieve as productive members of MMS and our Big Red community.

As we move into another school year full of opportunities for growth and learning, the two most common questions parents ask are "**How are my child's grades in their classes?**" and "**Is my child behaving well in school?**". To answer these perennial questions, let me first say that the teachers of Muskegon Middle School strive every day to provide a strong academic foundation for every student, and all of our staff work to create an environment where students can build the social skills that will help them succeed during their school years and beyond.

The easiest way for families to stay connected to a middle schooler's grades is through Powerschool where current information for classes can be found. Powerschool can be set-up easily by following the instructions on the *Muskegon Public Schools website* and then navigating to the *Parent Resources* page. Additionally, every MMS class has an online *Google Classroom* webpage that provides important information including how to contact a child's teacher and what content is being studied in the course. Finally, teachers at MMS will regularly provide information through email to families about class assignments and tests in order to keep students prepared for important dates and deadlines.

Seminar class happens almost every day of the school year, and the intention of the Seminar class is to provide your child with a strong connection to a mentoring adult in our building. Additionally, our middle school has adopted *Character Strong* for the coming school year. This program teaches our students valuable social skills and important self-regulation skills to maintain a positive mindset both inside and outside of the school. Our middle school relies heavily on our Peer-to-peer program to help students resolve issues that they may encounter in their relationships with others. This program helps students take responsibility for their own behaviors, experience empathy for others, and restore relationships that have been harmed. Finally, our school incorporates a Positive Behavior

Interventions and Support system to encourage and incentivise students to make healthy choices in school and in life.

In the coming year, we will do many things for the last time at our current middle school site: a last holiday dance, a last track meet, a last basketball game, a last concert. But more importantly, with the closing of the final chapter at Muskegon Middle School, we will look forward optimistically to the future with a renewed spirit of hope as we anxiously await the move to Charles Hackley Middle School opening in the Fall of 2024. Our MMS staff believes in the greatness of our Big Red community, and we are looking forward to the brightest of futures for our middle school students in the coming year. There are so many new things to accomplish ahead of us, and together we can achieve each of our goals. If you have any questions or comments, you can reach out to our building principal, or you can contact me at **231-720-3016** or **gnimtz@mpsk12.net**.

Thank you for your support in the coming school year. Go Big Reds!



Greg Nimitz

Muskegon Middle
School Assistant
Principal





Okeelah McBride
Bunker and Moon
Elementary Schools
Principal

From the Desk of Principal McBride

Greetings Bunker BIG REDS,

We hope everyone is enjoying their summer break with their families and friends. As we approach the beginning of another school year, anticipation is growing as the first day of school draws near. Along with that opening day excitement, one thing we are looking forward to about the 2023-24 school year is beginning the year with a focus on "reframing our future" through connections with our community. Over the last few years, we have come to understand the value of fellowship with others and that belonging to a community is important. There is no question that in schools, and in students' personal growth, relationships and belonging matter. The Bunker staff is committed to fostering positive relationships and creating community with, and between, our students this year. We have plans to reach out beyond our classroom walls and create community with broader groups of people as well. We certainly want to draw our families back into our school and we would love to make connections with local businesses and organizations. Our hope for the 2023-24 school year is that, through meaningful relationships, our students feel they belong to a loving community who wants to support them as they grow in their love of learning.

As always, I am excited about all that this new school year has to offer and to working collectively as a family to ensure that our students are provided with the best educational experience possible to be critical thinkers, responsible citizens, and prepared to be successful in their endeavors beyond Bunker Elementary School.

We will look to our families and our community to be positive partners in this year's journey by encouraging you to become an active member of the PTA and the Bunker BIG REDS family. I look forward to seeing you all on our newly renovated campus for both academic and extracurricular activities. It is going to be an amazing year.



M GO BIG REDS!!

Yours in Education, Miss Okeelah McBride, Principal | Bunker Elementary School

Bunker Elementary Welcomes Mrs. Joy Dockery

Greetings BIG REDS,



My name is Joy Dockery and I am a proud Muskegon Big Red Alumni, class of 2005. I am the wife of Montrell Dockery. Together, we have four beautiful children: Jayda-Monay (15), Julius (12), Joslynn (6), and Montrell Jr. (3). I am a graduate of Western Michigan University where I received my bachelor's degree in University Studies with a concentration in Education and Social Work. I have been with Muskegon Public Schools for the last 9 years and in the role of Dean of Students for the past 7 years. I have had the honor and privilege to serve many families. I look forward to building healthy relationships with staff, students, and parents as we all strive to come together to help create whole and healthy young productive citizens of Muskegon County. I am a firm believer that this is more than a career. I have been placed on assignment to serve others. And I look forward to beautiful beginnings as a new member of the Bunker Elementary Team.

Yours in Education, Mrs. Joy Dockery | Dean of Students

Two Way Immersion Education in Muskegon Public Schools

Welcome back to the 2023-2024 school year! I hope these words find you well rested and enjoying the bounties of summer!

This is an exciting year for us here at Muskegon Public Schools! Our beloved Two Way Immersion Program (TWI) has moved from Marquette Elementary and found a new home at Bunker Elementary. We leave behind many friends, colleagues, memories, and a community which embraced us and made us feel at home for so many years. Marquette Elementary, you will always be in our hearts!

As one chapter of TWI history closes, a new chapter begins. Please allow me to share with you a quick overview of our Two Way Immersion Program.

Spanish Two Way Immersion, also known as Spanish Dual Language, is a research-based instructional model that unites learners from Spanish speaking homes, learners from English speaking homes, and bilingual instructors. In our TWI program, we use Spanish and English for literacy and content instruction. Our TWI program provides the same academic content and addresses the same standards as traditional (English only) educational programs. Dual language programs have been in existence for over 40 years in the USA, and recently their popularity has grown exponentially. Muskegon Public Schools is proud to have pioneered one of the first TWI programs in west Michigan, and we look forward to its continued success and growth at Bunker Elementary.

Information about Muskegon Big Reds Two Way Immersion Program:

- We will be located at Bunker Elementary while serving the entire district.
- We offer transportation to students throughout the district.
- TWI classes are offered to students grades K-5.
- There are approximately 200 students currently enrolled in the program.
- All of our teachers are bilingual and highly trained to enhance the language learning of our students.
- Two of our teachers are international teachers from Spain.
- Students will develop and demonstrate positive cross-cultural attitudes and behaviors.



Since 2006, the Two Way Immersion program has served many generations of Big Reds and the future is promising and exciting. The TWI staff is energized and fully committed to making our transition to Bunker as smooth as possible.

With pride in our past and our history, the Two Way Immersion Program is looking ahead to a promising and bright future!



Two Way Immersion Program Staff:

Okeelah McBride - Principal
 Amado Pérez-Chávez - Assistant Principal
 Ane Platas Mendaza - Kindergarten Teacher
 Yesenia Lazo - Kindergarten Teacher
 Maria Murcia de Troya - First Grade Teacher
 Stephany Yack-Saavedra - First Grade Teacher
 Perla Hatch - Second Grade Teacher

Morgan Blizzard-Thompson - Second Grade Teacher
 Tiffany Atwood - Third Grade Teacher
 Alberto Saénz - Fourth Grade Teacher
 Angelica Herrera-Estrada - Fifth Grade Teacher
 Angela Pérez - English Language Learner Teacher
 Paula Torres - English Language Learner Interventionist
 Jessica Lopez - Academic Interventionist

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or if you would like to know more about the Two Way Immersion Program.
 We are proudly bilingual!

Okeelah McBride - Principal | 231-720-2301 | omcbride@mpsk12.net

Amado Pérez-Chávez - Assistant Principal | 231-720-2305 | aperez1@mpsk12.net



Marquette Future 2023-24

“MY PRESENCE IS MY SUPERPOWER”

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year at Marquette Elementary. A special welcome to the new students and families joining our school this year. We are looking forward to meeting all of you! This will be a year of temporary change for the Marquette community. These changes include programming, location and staff. Our theme, “MY PRESENCE IS MY SUPERPOWER”, emphasizes the importance for all stakeholders—students, parents and staff— to be in attendance each day.

More than ever, we are going to need the presence of families as we work through this transition year.

You can be present in a variety of ways:

1. Complete the volunteer background check at the beginning of the year
2. Attend the back to school open house
3. Be in contact with teachers and administrators
4. Talk with your student about school

We welcome your support as we navigate this year.



Students - Your Presence is Your Superpower.



You are the focus of everything we do at Marquette Elementary and your teacher needs you to be present. It is important for you to be at school each day so your teacher can:

- 1. Teach you**
- 2. Believe in you**
- 3. Learn with you**
- 4. Love you**

We are looking forward to seeing your Superpower in Action!

Marquette at Nelson Elementary

Welcome to 550 W Grand Avenue, the home to Marquette for the 2023-24 school year.

Nelson is a beautiful building with a long MPS history. Nelson was a Junior High facility and elementary school, and is currently the home to the MCEC program. Although the building will be a new learning space, our teaching and staff will remain the same.

As students enter the building, they will immediately see familiar faces greet them in the hallways and classrooms. As you may be aware, this building's layout is a lot different from our current building. This building has three floors for staff and students to navigate. Grade levels will be assigned to the following floors:

- **1st Floor - Kindergarten and 1st Grade**
- **2nd Floor - 2nd and 4th Grade**
- **3rd Floor - 3rd and 5th Grade**

It will be especially important for you and your student to attend the open house scheduled for August 24th.

Look for more details about this event.

The Marquette Staff and administrative team is looking forward to an action filled year of teaching and learning for all of you!

We cannot wait to meet you!

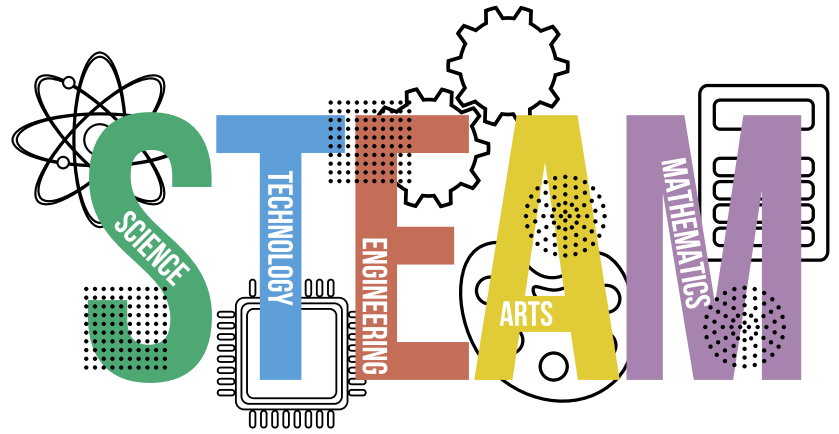
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS - OAKVIEW

Dear Oakview Elementary Families:

The theme for this quarter's edition of The Mirror is, "*Framing Our Future!*"

In my humble opinion, the future for students and families of Oakview Elementary is incredibly bright!

As you all know by now, Oakview Elementary has moved to Moon School (located at 1826 Hoyt Street) for the 2023-24 school year so that renovations can be made on the entirety of Oakview without disrupting our students' learning. The renovations to Oakview will include air conditioning as well as state-of-the-art technology as part of Oakview's new "S.T.E.A.M. laboratory." (Science/ Technology/ Engineering/ Art/ Mathematics). Many of our staff have been able to see Bunker's new S.T.E.A.M. lab and we are all very excited for the day when Oakview's S.T.E.A.M. lab is up and running! Can you imagine how much fun our students will have, not to mention how much learning will take place, once Oakview has our very own green screen? Oakview's staff and students will have all of these opportunities and so many more once the renovations are completed!



While some things will be different this year with Oakview moving to Moon, there will be many things about our school that will stay exactly the same!

Here is a list of some of the things that will be the SAME for this 2023-24 school year:

- ALL of Oakview's current teachers are going to Moon, PLUS we will be hosting several additional certified teachers to support lower class sizes!
- Oakview at Moon's schedule, including start and end times as well as Early Release Wednesdays, are STILL the same!
- Students will STILL have breakfast in their classrooms every morning!
- Oakview at Moon will STILL have a Family Engagement Coordinator to schedule our fun family events and dances!
- Oakview at Moon will STILL have Hackley Community Cares counseling services available on site!
- Oakview at Moon will STILL have 21st Century Club after school programming!
- Oakview at Moon will STILL have the Department of Human and Health Services on site.



The staff of Oakview are committed to ensuring that all of our students are safe, learning, and held to the MPS standard of excellence.

The move to Moon School is just another step toward the District's plan for ensuring that ALL of our MPS Big Reds have the tools needed for them to reach their highest potential.

The future is definitely bright here at Oakview!

Thank you for your continued support and communication.

Respectfully,
Brian Gamm, PhD • Oakview Principal

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Parent Engagement in Schools is defined as parents and school staff working together to support and improve the learning, development, and health of children and adolescents.

Research shows that parent engagement in schools is closely linked to better student behavior, higher academic achievement, and enhanced social skills.



Please join us at our

Return to Learn Big Red Community Fair
on **Friday, August 25, 2023 at 3:00pm**

on our Muskegon High School Band Practice Field.

There will be local vendors, school information and much more!

Look for your child's Family Engagement Specialist at their school to sign up to be involved with framing your child's future in their school environment!

Muskegon Public Schools-Family Engagement Specialist

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Oakview and Marquette Elementary School

Trynette Lottie Harps | tlottieh@mpsk12.net
Bunker Elementary School

Cicely Smith | csmith@mpsk12.net
Muskegon Middle School and Muskegon High Schools

Angela Johnson | ajohnson@mpsk12.net
Coordinator

THE NANCY POPPEN PROGRAM



We had a lovely Art Show and Recital to end our 2022-23 school year, on June 12th. Pictured is Nancy K. Poppen senior, Tanea Keys, playing a duet with her instructor Maryanne Beery, during our recital. Tanea will be attending Ferris State University this fall, and plans to go on to dental school. She will be awarded the Sherman Poppen college scholarship to assist in her tuition costs, as she plans to continue flute lessons and playing in band throughout her college years.

The Nancy K. Poppen program offers arts opportunities for Big Reds who apply! We have students in the program studying private music lessons on many instruments, all kinds of visual arts, creative writing, theatre, dance, and spoken word performance! If your student is currently enrolled in third through eleventh grade at Muskegon Public Schools and shows talent for creative arts expression, they can apply to join this free program! Lessons are throughout the school year, and some summer opportunities are available as well. No cost to families once a student is accepted. Any student who remains in the program until MHS graduation and intends to continue artistic studies or performance in college years, is eligible for our Sherman Poppen Scholarship!

To apply, students must fill out an application either on hard copy (in your school's front office), or via Google Forms. Email Claire Root Benson for the link. cbenson@mpsk12.net. Three teachers, coaches, or school employees should be asked to be a reference. The final step is an interview at the Poppen Programs, located in Nelson school.



POP PEN
PROGRAMS, INC.

To join us for the second semester of the 2023-24 school year, apply before **November 1st, 2023!**
Call **231-720-2040** with questions, or visit poppenprograms.org for more information!

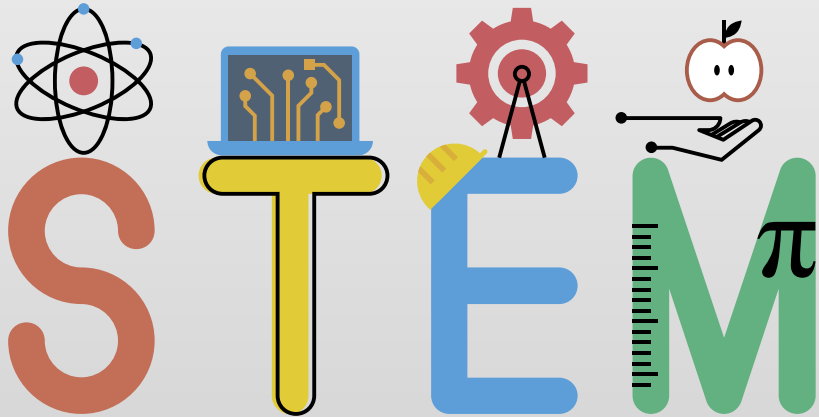
Framing Our Future with Afterschool Programs

The 21st CCLC is a community learning center that provides academic enrichment opportunities during non-school hours for students who attend high-poverty and low-performing schools. We have sites based in all our Muskegon Public Schools.

Our Site Coordinators,

Kim Lewis - Oakview School,
Shanay Clark - Marquette School,
Montinique Rone - Bunker School,
Coralyn Douglas - Muskegon Middle, and
Kay Foster - Muskegon High School,

are outstanding Site Coordinators who provide assistance with our students to meet state and local standards in core academic subjects, such as reading and math.



This year our sites will have students engaged in STEM activities that will encourage future mathematicians, computer analysts, artists and scientist!

Welcome to 21st Century Community Learning Center!



Muskegon Public Schools 21st Century Community Learning Center Program would like to welcome their new Program Director, Angela Johnson. Ms. Johnson is a long standing employee of Muskegon Public Schools, serving as a teacher, District Engagement Specialist and Assistant Principal.



Also in a new role is April Musgrove. She will serve as the Assistant Specialist for the 21st CCLC Program. Ms. Musgrove has been with the 21st CCLC Program for 2 years as a Site Coordinator.

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers After School Programs are funded in part by a 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant through the MDE.

Administration Building

1458 5th st. Muskegon, MI 49441

Now located in the "old J-building" until January due to construction.

Bunker Elementary

2312 Denmark st. Muskegon, MI 49442

Oakview Elementary

1826 Hoyt st. Muskegon, MI 49442 (old Moon building)

Only for the 23-24 school year due to construction.

Marquette Elementary

550 W. Grand Ave. Muskegon, MI 49441

(old Nelson building) *Only for the 23-24 school year due to construction.*

Muskegon Middle School

1150 Amity Ave. Muskegon, MI 49442

Muskegon High School

80 W. Southern Ave. Muskegon, MI 49441

MCEC

550 W. Grand Ave. Muskegon, MI 49441 (old Nelson building)

Moon Elementary School has permanently closed.



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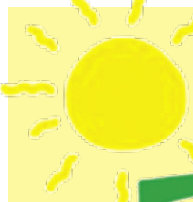
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MUSKEGON HIGH SCHOOL	7:30-8:20 AM	CAFETERIA
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MCEC @ NELSON	7:45-8:15 AM	CAFETERIA
BUNKER ELEMENTARY	8:40-8:55 AM	IN CLASSROOMS
MARQUETTE ELEMENTARY	8:40-8:55 AM	IN CLASSROOMS
MOON ELEMENTARY	8:40-8:55 AM	IN CLASSROOMS
OAKVIEW ELEMENTARY	8:40-8:55 AM	IN CLASSROOMS
GLENSIDE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER	8:10-9:45 AM	IN CLASSROOMS

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