

Ruth Marshall, High School Principal

Count

9th- 77

10th-64

11th-79

12th-73

Total- 293

Staff

We are welcoming Alissa Boerman as our new Behavior Interventionist for the 2025-2026 school year.

Students

Student-Athlete Signing- Justin Mielke will be Cheering at Aquinas College.

Events

Past4/26- Jr/Sr Prom @ The Castle in Canadian Lakes

4/29- Night of Jazz @ The Peaks

5/1- State Band Festival @ Kent City- The High School Band Received all 1's

5/6- Hero's Banquet

5/8- Spring Band Concert

5/9- Seniors' Last Day

5/10-5/14 Senior Trip

5/15- Jr/Sr. Banquet and Senior Awards Night

5/18- Class of 2025 Commencement

Upcoming

5/29- Last day of school for students

Dale Rogers, Middle School Principal

6 - 64

7 - 86

8 - 76

Total 226

Middle School

6th Grade took a walk on the Dragon Trail

7th Grade travel to the Allegan Evant

Mrs. Kangas is taking a group to Cran Hill Ranch

8th Grade took students to Craigs Cruisers

Athletics

Baseball and Softball are getting ready for Districts

Track is preparing for Regionals

Middle School is completing Track season

John Nawrot, Morley Stanwood Elementary Principal

April 23: Lori Bruggema, Marla Estes, and I were part of a meeting with staff from the MOISD to roll out new guidance for qualifying students with a specific learning disability or SLD. This guidance establishes minimum thresholds for attendance and what can be considered a strength and formalizes the requirement that students have access to appropriate instruction and intervention. This guidance will likely result in fewer students qualifying for special education services under this area of eligibility.

April 30 & May 1: The kindergarten teachers spent time at the Stanwood Learning Center to observe the GSRP and Head Start classrooms. This is the second year of supporting the preschool to kindergarten transition in this way. Teachers were able to observe students in the classroom and meet with current teachers to get a better understanding of who students are prior to their arrival at kindergarten.

May 5: MSCS had an early release professional development day. The primary focus for most teachers was completion of competency scales tied to our standards-based learning work with Communications by Design (CBD). The SBG pilot team met with Zach Ripley, of CBD, to plan for some of next year's activities. Some staff also participated in Level II Blue Envelope training. This training provided a recap of data connected to student threats of self-harm at a local, ISD, and Blue Envelope program level.

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May, 2025

May 5 & May 6: MSE hosted the Scholastic Book Fair. The spring edition was a buy one get one edition. A special thanks to Marla Estes, many of the Title I paraprofessionals, as well as members of our PTO for the time and energy it took to host a successful book fair.

May 12: MSE hosted a Family Game Night. More than 50 people (students and family members) attended an evening of board games and light refreshments. Board games support many of our instructional and behavioral goals; for example addition, 1:1 counting, turn taking, problem-solving and more. Board games provide an opportunity for students to practice these skills in a way that doesn't feel like "school."

May 13: A couple of make-up test sessions wrapped up the spring testing season at Morley Stanwood Elementary. In all 209, 3rd-5th grade students completed 575 M-STEP test sessions. Every student at MSE completed Fastbridge assessments in the areas of Mathematics and Reading.

On-Going Matters:

A scheduling committee of teachers, paraprofessionals, ISD staff, and more is examining the elementary schedule and working on proposed changes that we hope will positively impact student learning outcomes.

The hiring process has started to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Mrs. Potrykus. Mrs. Medler's position was filled internally. We are also hoping to add a special education teacher, a first grade teacher, and a behavior interventionist this spring/summer.

Enrollment Update:

2024-2025	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	Apr.	May
DK	15	15	15	15	15	16	16	16	16
Kdg.	73	72	76	75	76	78	79	79	80
1st	71	71	71	73	71	71	70	70	70
2nd	71	71	71	72	73	71	73	73	72
3rd	68	68	68	69	73	73	73	69	68
4th	60	61	63	64	65	65	65	63	61
5th	81	79	77	78	77	80	80	79	78
ECSE	12	12	15	16	15	15	16	17	17
Total	451	449	456	462	465	469	472	466	462

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Jamey Nelson, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Director

Building Information:

We are currently trying to solve some intervention space issues. The work areas that paraprofessionals use is quickly being filled by teaching staff. We have several solutions we will be looking at during the month of May. Most of it is portable self contained meeting areas that may be able to be set up in classrooms, hallways, and even the stage.

Curriculums: Same as April
Posted on the website.

All curriculums will remain the same for the 2025-2026 School year. Purchases are currently being made so all resources are in place for the beginning of the year. Thanks to an influx in Title money our Bookworms curriculum received a much needed boost in replacement materials. Some digital materials in the HS/MS will not be replaced next year due to grant money running out.

Assessment

M-Step is wrapped up and we are now looking at some preliminary results. Each principal has access to embargoed results.

Instruction: Same as April

We applied for a 27H grant to help our mentoring program for teachers in their first three years. This will boost the mentor pay and provide us with more materials to steadily fill new teachers' toolboxes of skill.

Professional Development/School Improvement

The School Improvement team finished their work on the Activity Worksheet on May 7th. This will allow for some guidance for our consolidated application to the state and also submitting our MICIP on June 17th.

We will be utilizing the updated version of 15 fixes for broken grades to guide our continued work with CBD. Our guidance team received them on May 5th during our last training.

The ISD will be providing an MTSS consultant to us mid year next year and we will begin to look at Tier I academic and behavior instruction and procedures. Our hope is to build a bigger "toolbelt" to help teachers reach the 80/20 standard at Tier I.

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Phil Stier, Technology Director

This month was pretty quiet with technology as far as any changes. We dodged the power outage issue relating to technology. Everything seemed to make it through ok. As the year comes to a close, processes are coming together for Chromebook distribution for the Summer Learning Program.

Kristy Thompson, Transportation Director

No report at time of posting.

Kelli Molitor, Food Service Director

Busy, Busy time of year for food service, lots of field trips and extra events happening. We just celebrated School Lunch hero day, with new shirts and ice cream sundaes! We are in the process now of planning our summer food activities and look forward to seeing the kids down at the Gazebo in Morley for lunch this summer. We will also be feeding the various camps that happen this summer.

I have three retirements, Richard Debruyn, Deb Debruyn and Cat Armstrong. As I wrap up my first year as Food Service Director, I can say I learned alot and look forward to slowing down a little this summer and coming up with some exciting things for the fall.

Lori Bruggema, Special Education Supervisor

As the year comes to a close, it is important to appreciate all of the hard work that special education staff perform for students at Morley Stanwood. They have incorporated many behavior supports and strategies to meet students' social emotional needs and decrease discipline. We also had three special education teachers, Brenda Paris, Erin Kangas and Bruce Bennett and one general education teacher, Dawn Potrykus nominated and attend the We Make a Difference award ceremony. What a great representation for Morley Stanwood!

Morley Stanwood is servicing 20 students with active 504 plans.
Morley Stanwood currently has 117 students receiving special education programming with special education teachers as case managers.
ECSE + Elementary - 59
Middle - 36
High – 22

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Kellsey Fairris, Director of Finance and Grants

I have very little of interest to report this month. I am deep into the works of prepping for audit and end of the year. Preliminary budget reports have been released from the Governor, House, and Senate for the school aid. While it does look like we will be receiving a per pupil increase, that increase will likely be diminished by increased retirement costs. Hopefully by the time I finalize my budget in June we will have better figures to go on!