

Ruth Marshall, High School Principal

Count

9th- 84

10th-71

11th-66

12th-74

Total- 295

Staff

Band Program Update- We are excited to welcome Kobe Canning to our staff as our next band director! Kobe is a graduate of White Cloud High School and Central Michigan University. He is eager to build on our strong band tradition and continue growing the program for our students.

Students

Student-Athlete Signing-

Ayvah Ladanyi will be running Track and Cross Country for Alma College next year.

Lila Prescott will be playing softball for University of Olivet next year.

Events

5/14- Junior/Senior Banquet and Senior Awards Night- Our annual Junior/Senior Banquet provides a special opportunity for our upperclassmen to come together, enjoy a meal, and celebrate the memories and experiences of the senior class. Following the banquet, Senior Awards Night recognizes the outstanding accomplishments of our seniors, highlighting their achievements in academics, athletics, and scholarships earned.

5/17- Graduation/Commencement Ceremony- We celebrated the Class of 2026 at our Graduation Ceremony. This special event honored the hard work, accomplishments, and perseverance of our seniors as they took the next step in their journey. We were proud to recognize and celebrate this milestone with our students, families, and community.

5/26 & 5/27- Final Exams and Last Day of School!

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Count

6th- 75

7th-60

8th-91

Total- 226

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Events

5/20- 6th Grade Field Trip to the Whitecaps Game- Earned through Reading Month

5/20- MSMS Unified Field Trip to Cranhill Ranch- This field trip gives our students a chance to participate in a leadership experience to build confidence, strengthen relationships, and promote an inclusive environment.

5/21- CPR Training for 7th Grade- All 7th grade students will participate in hands-on CPR training as part of Michigan's health and safety education requirements. Students will learn how to recognize cardiac emergencies, call for help, and perform chest compressions using proper technique. This training will help equip our students with life-saving skills and build confidence in responding during emergency situations. We are proud to provide our students with real-world skills that can make a meaningful difference in their communities.

5/22- 6th Grade Field Trip to the Dragon Trail (Date change)- This has become an annual tradition for our 6th graders, giving them the opportunity to hike and explore the beautiful Dragon Trail, an incredible natural area right in our community!

5/26- 6th Grade Field Trip to Battle GR

5/27- Middle School Field Day- Our final day of school will also serve as Middle School Field Day. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of outdoor games and activities while celebrating a great year together!

John Nawrot, Morley Stanwood Elementary Principal

April 27-May 1: Mrs. Estes and the Title I paraprofessionals completed the pull-out portions of our EOY Benchmark Assessments. This data will be reviewed by the MICIP team and teachers as we analyze growth for the year, identify areas for celebration, and areas for growth.

May 4: Morley Stanwood Elementary hosted Muffins with a Mohawk. The event allowed each student to invite a special person to attend a 45 minute session with them in the classroom/school. This is the first time an event like this has been held since the time of COVID-19 safety protocols were lifted. While events like these can be disruptive to the school day, they are an important part of ensuring we are partnering well with the parents and guardians that care for our students.

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May 4 and 5: MSE hosted a BOGO Scholastic Book Fair. This spring's book fair, due to the Muffins with a Mohawk Event, had better than normal participation. It was great to see so many students and families adding to home libraries.

May 5: Mr. Cole, Mr. Bunker, Mr. Nelson, and I met with representatives from The Christman Company for a discussion about this summer's renovations. This meeting included a walkthrough of key areas which allowed me to get answers to important questions to ensure that classrooms and other areas are ready for the construction to begin.

May 7: The eighth and final day of M-STEP testing wrapped up for MSE's third, fourth, and fifth graders. Remaining students that missed a test session completed their assessments on May 8th and May 11th.

Upcoming Events:

- May 18th @ 6:00 pm - Kindergarten Graduation
- May 20th - MSE Talent Show - Kdg., 2nd & 4th Grade (8:30-9:30), 1st, 3rd, and 5th Grade (10:00-11:00)
- May 22nd - MSE Field Day and PTO Inflatable Day
- May 27th - EOY Awards Assembly Kdg.-2nd (8:30-9:30)/3rd-5th Grade (9:45-10:45)

Enrollment Update:

2025-2026	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	Apr.	May
DK	15	15	15	16	16	16	16	16	16
Kdg.	56	58	58	59	59	59	59	58	58
1st	77	78	78	79	80	79	80	81	80
2nd	76	77	75	75	75	75	75	75	73
3rd	75	75	74	74	75	75	76	75	73
4th	69	68	69	68	68	68	69	70	70
5th	62	63	62	62	63	63	63	63	62
ECSE	5	5	5	5	6	6	6	6	6
Total	435	439	436	438	442	441	444	444	438

Jamey Nelson, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Director

Nothing Submitted

Phil Stier, Technology Director

Nothing submitted.

Kristy Thompson, Transportation Director

The next 2 weeks will be jammed packed with sports and field trips.

There is a lot going on in a short amount of time.

I have combined routes because of a lack of staff and they seem to be going well.

Hopefully over the summer we can get a few more drivers and be set for the coming school year.

Another year is almost finished. 🙌

Clark Huntley, Athletics

Morley Stanwood Athletics

Board Report

1. Congratulations to our varsity softball team for winning the CSAA championship.
2. Softball plays pre-districts on May 26 at 5:30pm vs. Central Montcalm at Belding HS.
3. Baseball plays pre-districts on May 26 at 5:00pm vs. Newaygo at Newaygo HS.
4. Track regional was held on May 16 at Manton HS.

Kelli Molitor, Food Service Director

May is always super busy in food service land with all the extra events going on. Lots of field trips and other events that keep us busy every day.

We are getting organized for our summer program also, hoping to reach between 150-200 kids each week with breakfast and lunch for the week.

Lori Bruggema, Special Education Supervisor

Nothing submitted.

Kellsey Fairris, Director of Finance and Grants

May, 2026 Finance & Grant Update.

The 2026 Consolidated Application has been fully approved, allowing the district access to several grant-funded initiatives. With a limited timeline for implementation, work is already underway to ensure these funds are utilized effectively to benefit students across the district.

One exciting project approved through the application is the installation of a “Free Little Library” in front of the Elementary School. After exploring options for construction, Christman Company generously offered to build and install the library at no cost to the district. We are very appreciative of their support and look forward to having the library in place before summer begins.

A brief summary on the three proposed budgets for the 2026-2027 school year.

Governor Whitmer’s Proposal Governor Whitmer’s education plan continues her focus on universal programs and student supports. Key items include: Raising the per-pupil foundation allowance by about \$250, bringing it to roughly \$10,300 per student

Continuing free breakfast and lunch for all students. Expanding investments in: o literacy and tutoring o school safety and mental health o free Pre-K and community college programs. Proposes a new weighted funding formula that gives additional

money to districts with higher numbers of at-risk and English learner students

Proposed reducing cyber school funding to 80% of traditional per-pupil funding

Michigan House Proposal (Republican-led)

The House proposal is more focused on flexibility and curriculum investments:

Also increases the foundation allowance to about \$10,300

Includes:

- o \$150 million for literacy curriculum

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- o \$100 million for math curriculum

- o \$50 million for STEM curriculum

Adds funding for tutoring and parent reimbursement for private tutoring

Continues funding for school meals and school safety

Does not adopt Whitmer's weighted funding formula

Includes several policy provisions related to DEI, transgender participation in sports, and parental notification requirements.

Michigan Senate Proposal (Democratic-led)

The Senate proposal is the largest and most equity-focused:

About a \$25 billion education budget

Includes the same \$250 per-student increase

Continues:

- o free school meals

- o mental health and school safety funding

- o literacy initiatives

Strongly expands funding for:

- o economically disadvantaged students

- o English learners

Introduces a long-term weighted funding model aimed at gradually increasing supports for high-needs districts over 15 years. Supports modest university funding increases rather than cuts.

Main Differences.

The biggest differences between the three proposals are:

Issue Governor House Senate

Foundation Allowance +\$250 +\$250 +\$250

Weighted Funding Formula Yes No Yes

Curriculum Funding Moderate Large investment Moderate

DEI / Social Policy Language No Yes No

Cyber School Funding Cuts Yes No Partial support

Higher Ed Funding Increase Major cuts to UM/MSU Small increases

All three plans still need to go through negotiations before a final state budget is approved.