

Ruth Marshall, High School Principal

Count

9th- 74

10th-59

11th-84

12th-70

Total- 287

Staff

As our Virtual program continues to grow, we have added a new position...Toni Allers accepted this new position as a Virtual School Parapro. We currently have a posting for her previous position, Special Education Parapro.

Curriculum

All students are completing Hands-Only CPR and AED. This should wrap up next week.

Events

10/22 School Court Meeting- Local schools and service agencies attended to discuss opportunities to support families.

11/8 Varsity Volleyball are District Champs!

11/11 Winter Sports Began

Upcoming-

11/20 CSAA All-Star Band- We are sending 10 students to represent MSHS at the CSAA All-Star Band Performance

12/3 Holiday Band Concert- All Band Students Grades 6-12 will perform

12/12 Evening Play Performance- Our HS Drama crew will perform a variety of short holiday skits for the public, then will perform for our students the next day at school

12/18-12/20 First Semester Exams

Dale Rogers, Middle School Principal

Middle School Report

6 - 65

7 - 85

8 - 80

Total 230

Middle School

Middle School Band is getting ready for Solo and Ensemble

After school tutoring is available for students Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

The Mini Mobots competed in their first event on November 2nd

Middle School teachers are using the STEM room for various hands-on projects.

Athletics

Varsity and JV Basketball is starting

Volleyball is closing out their regular season and hope to make a run in the playoffs.

Middle School Boys Basketball is starting

John Nawrot, Morley Stanwood Elementary Principal

October 21: Staff from Morley Stanwood Elementary participated in a number of professional learning activities. This included refresher training for all staff in the Blue Envelope process and additional training for the Level 2 Blue Envelope Team. Most of the teaching staff continued our work on the standards-based grading initiative. The MSEKIT, met with Sara Shriver to learn more about continuous improvement processes and then spent time engaging in continuous improvement activities such as data reviews.

October 23-24: Mr. Rogers and I spent time at the SUPES Academy at Genesee Intermediate School District. We explored topics such as being vulnerable as a leader (Brene Brown), Strategic Planning, Using Data for Continuous Improvement, Options for Leading Bond work, Sinking Funds, and more. I continue to appreciate MSCS' support of our participation in this training opportunity.

October 31: With a lot of help from the Vining Volunteers, Morley Stanwood Elementary hosted our annual Trick the Halls Event. This event gives families a safe, warm, and dry location to trick-or-treat, play games, and more. A big thank you to Mrs. Holly Inman and the rest of the Vining Volunteers that work so hard to make this event special for the community.

November 5: Mr. Cole and I met with representatives from Custer and Smith Systems. We toured the building to look at issues we are experiencing with edge-banding falling off of desks that are less than 2.5 years old. Following our walkthrough, I am optimistic that both Smith Systems and Custer will be standing by their products and providing new tops for our desks/tables.

Administrator and Supervisor Reports

November, 2024

November 11: MSE hosted our 20th Veteran's Day Program. Attendees expressed a lot of appreciation for our efforts in expressing appreciation to our local veterans. This program is truly a team effort, but I would like to recognize some key individuals that take leadership roles including Kristi Supanich, Julie Pennington, Bruce Bennett, Kyle Howard, Susan Medler, and Sue Sarkozi. There are numerous others that contribute as well.

Enrollment Update:

2024-2025	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
DK	15	15	15
Kdg.	73	72	76
1st	71	71	71
2nd	71	71	71
3rd	68	68	68
4th	60	61	63
5th	81	79	77
ECSE	12	12	15
Total	451	449	456

Jamey Nelson, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Director

Curriculums

Posted on the website. No curriculum reviews this year. Next cycle will include English and Mathematics.

Assessment

Elementary and Middle school Fastbridge mid year testing is approaching soon. This allows for progress monitoring our in need students.

Professional Development/Instruction/School Improvement

Priority Standards are being designed and will be complete by the end of the year. We will test run our priority standards, assessments, and rubrics next year. MICIP training was highly successful in October. Our team will continue to data dive and create a needs based plan for the following years.

MTSS

Our schools have been investigating some early warning systems to help identify students in need by bringing whole child data into one place. This process is lengthy since products can be time consuming and not provide easily disseminated data.

Phil Stier, Technology Director

Last month I mentioned that the ISD signed a contract with Charter Communications for increased bandwidth from the ISD to the local districts. This project has been underway and Morley Stanwood did receive our new router and we now have a 10 GB connection back to the ISD. The ISD is now working on configuring the consortium switch that resides at the ISD for Morley Stanwood to accept a 10 GB fiber connection from our firewall which also resides at the ISD. This final connection should make our Internet connection faster because it will be able to handle more data simultaneously.

Kristy Thompson, Transportation Director

Nothing to report.

Kelli Molitor, Food Service Director

The Elementary celebrated National School Lunch week the week of October 14th. The theme was Pirate, find your treasure! The staff at the elementary dressed up as pirates and the menu was on a pirate theme! They enjoyed things like Yo-ho-ho Chicken patty and Black Beards Nachos and many other themed items. It was a fun week for all. At the middle & high school level, we have added a specialty pizza each week and a specialty sandwich each week. The works pizza was a big hit and the spicy swiss chicken patty also. We have also moved the snacks over in the old snack bar and that has made the line run much smoother and it's not so congested. Things are moving along nicely!

Lori Bruggema, Special Education Supervisor

Special Education is finalizing their CAP's for B-4 discipline and B-13 transition. Policies, procedures and targeted trainings have made for improvements in these areas for our district.

We are currently providing special education programs and/or services to 174 students.
Elementary School - 100 students, (55 students with programming)
Middle School - 39 students
High School - 35 students

We also currently service 23 students with 504 Plans.

Kellsey Fairris, Grant Coordinator

Grants

The Consolidated App has finally been approved! We have a new MDE Title Representative who is also new to her position. She is being very diligent about doing things the correct way. Line items have required to be moved or changed but we have learned a lot. Hopefully next year's grant will be released on time and we won't run into as many issues.

31aa is expected to be received in the November State Aid. It is unclear how much we will be receiving at this time. The allowable uses have been changed slightly but the main uses of this grant are supporting mental health and school security.

27k School Loan Reimbursement has ended, this grant provided repayment for monthly school loan payments. It is expected there will be a second round of this grant but the state will be hiring a third party to facilitate the grant while the district will still be in charge of making payments to the employees.

Mid-September we were awarded funds through 11bb which was a small portion relating back to GEER (State of Michigan's Governor's COVID allocation). We had around a three-week time frame from notification of the grant to the time the funds must be expended. This included getting a plan approved from MDE. We were able to purchase some great items for our buildings. The Middle School received a trailer to store and haul the new bikes in. Elementary received funds for calming kits for classrooms, soccer goals, and some fun PE equipment! In the High School some items were purchased for the weight room including a new leg press.

September 30 also marked the end of all COVID funds. October was spent doing Final Expenditure Reports (FERs) for many grants! While this funding source has run its course, I expect there will be numerous new grants on our horizon.

Administrator and Supervisor Reports

November, 2024

Finance

I do not have much to report for a Finance update. We will likely have a better picture of State and Federal funding in the coming weeks. As pupil accounting is wrapping up for the fall count, we were on target with our budgeted 960 pupils. Hopefully when we receive State Aid on November 20 I will have GREAT news to share. Fingers crossed.