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Mehlville School District shows improved achievement in math

In the 2019 Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) tests, Mehlville School District has shown an improvement in math scores and a slight improvement in English Language Arts scores.

The MAP results, which were released by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) in October, show that 45.2 percent of tested students scored advanced or proficient on the 2019 math test, up 2.6 percentage points from the 2018 test. Slight gains were also seen on English Language Arts scores; 53.6 percent of students tested scored advanced or proficient in 2019, compared to 53 percent in 2018. Students can score in one of four categories: advanced, proficient, basic and below basic.

"I'm pleased with our math growth, which was particularly evident at the elementary school level," said Dr. Brian Smith, Assistant Superintendent, Teaching and Learning. "We've put additional focus on professional development of teachers and building administrators."

"Overall, our district mission continues to be to build a high-performing school system that is rooted in continuous improvement," Dr. Smith said. "We know we still have work to do, and we will continue to focus not only on results, but also our strategic plan, leadership and our ability to commit resources in order to create the best learning environment for every student in our district."

Mehlville exceeds most expectations, according to state report

DESE also released the district's Annual Performance Report (APR). APRs are part of Missouri's school accreditation system, which is known as the Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP). MSIP is the system used to review and accredit school districts. The APR considers academic achievement, subgroup achievement, college and career readiness, attendance rate, and graduation rate.

Rather than ranking districts with an APR score or percentage, the state now provides a visual representation of how districts perform.

Overall, district students are "exceeding" in both English Language Arts and math when considering the question, "Are individual students making achievement gains over time?"



Students work through math problems at Beasley Elementary School.

When looking at achievement by subgroups (students receiving special education services, English language support, or who qualify for free and reduced lunch), district students are "on track" for English Language Arts and "exceeding" for mathematics.

The district continues to score above the state average and is in the "exceeding" range for College and Career Readiness. College and Career Readiness takes into account standardized tests; assessments in Advanced Placement classes, Project Lead The Way classes and dual credit classes; and college and career placement following high school graduation.

The district attendance rates continue to be above the state average and are "exceeding" expectations.

Finally, graduation rates are classified as "exceeding."

Mehlville School District's APR and MAP results are available on the [DESE website](#).

Mehlville Listens

Your schools. Your voice. Our future.

Mehlville School District is working on an update to our strategic plan. We need your thoughts to help us continue to improve the education and services we provide our students. Our current ThoughtExchange focuses on the following question:

What support do our teachers need to prepare our students to be productive and successful citizens?

Visit mehvilleschooldistrict.com/MehlvilleListens to join the conversation or view results of the first ThoughtExchange. You can also attend our upcoming Mehlville Listens Meeting at Buerkle Middle School on Tuesday, Dec. 10, from 6:30-8 p.m.



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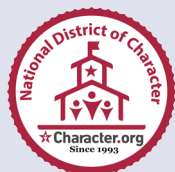
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Mehlville School District

FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Expanding our comfort zone to serve kids

Kevin Schartner



It is hard to believe we are already well into the fall semester. For that matter, it is hard to believe we are into the fourth year of our strategic plan. These years have been full of new ideas and innovation. The quote, “Greatness begins beyond your comfort zone,” could easily be a new slogan for the Mehlville School District.

We often talk about MOSAIC Elementary School as being where we broke the mold of traditional education. While it was an early step, we see countless examples throughout Mehlville School District where our administrators and teachers stretch themselves to improve student learning. Just this year, we see new examples with our Middle School Academies, expanded classroom innovation and co-teaching models. We are also using a new program called Panorama, which uses student input on social and emotional learning to identify how we can better support student success. Across our district, people are challenging the status quo to improve student learning.

Our Board of Education is no exception. This fall we initiated our first ever “Board Self Evaluation,” a process where school board members evaluate their strengths and opportunities. The process is designed to spotlight issues, which is exactly the type of thing that challenges our own personal comfort zones. We took the self-evaluation on with enthusiasm, excited to

see where we could improve. With the help of a Missouri School Boards’ Association facilitator, we conducted this first self-evaluation at our August Work Session and developed seven follow-up actions to improve our effectiveness.

It continues to be an exciting time in the Mehlville School District as we continue to challenge the traditional education “comfort zones,” to find what works for students and identify more opportunities. It is clear we are on the right path, and I can hardly wait to see where we go next.



Bernard Middle School Academy students present their Google Intern projects to MOSAIC Elementary students.

Board of Education candidate filing opens Dec. 17

Any person wishing to file for the Mehlville School District Board of Education may do so in the Mehlville School District Administration Building, located at 3120 Lemay Ferry Road, St. Louis, MO 63125, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. beginning Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2019, through Friday, Jan. 17, 2020. The final day for filing will be Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2020, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. An election for three seats on the board will be held Tuesday, April 7, 2020. The seats carry a three-year term.

The office will be closed on Monday, Dec. 23, 2019, through Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020, for winter break and Monday, Jan. 20, 2020, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. No filings will be accepted on dates when the office is closed or when school is closed for inclement weather. For more information, visit mehlvilleschooldistrict.com or call 314-467-5000.

Board of Education drops blended tax rate by 35 cents

During its annual Tax Rate Hearing on Sept. 24, 2019, the Mehlville Board of Education unanimously approved the 2019 blended tax rate of \$3.7994.

The Hancock Amendment limits the increase of tax revenues up to inflation, or the consumer price index. The tax rate is a 35-cent decrease from the previous year to offset increases in assessed property value.

The blended rate is an average rate of the residential, commercial, agricultural and personal property tax rates. The blended rate includes the \$0.04 temporary tax for Prop A, which ends in 2025. The tax rates for 2019-2020 by category are as follows:

- Residential tax rate: \$3.6537
- Commercial tax rate: \$3.8328
- Agricultural tax rate: \$4.3698
- Personal property tax rate: \$4.5374

About 80 percent of Mehlville School District’s funding comes from local taxes. About 16 percent comes from state taxes, and about 3 percent is from federal taxes.



Mehlville Listens: What do you want to see in our schools?

With a third of the school year behind us, I wanted to share some information with you about the feedback we've collected through our Mehlville Listens activities.

We started the school year with a plan to engage the community as we build the next iteration of our strategic plan. More than 2,100 people participated in our August ThoughtExchange about student preparation. Thank you to those who shared thoughts and starred others' thoughts. A second ThoughtExchange is open through Nov. 15 regarding teacher support, and I hope you take some time to participate in this exchange. To get started, visit mehvilleschooldistrict.com/MehlvilleListens.

Since school started, we have talked to nearly 1,000 people as we ask questions about the future of the district. It's the community's schools, and we are asking what the community wants us to be. Opinions will always vary, so we are looking at the common themes that emerge from a variety of groups of people.

One theme that we can definitely identify is safety. It rises to the top in surveys about our facilities, and it's always brought up when we ask people about the school experience they want for their children and grandchildren.

We will continue to gather feedback throughout the next few months. We hope to identify the top themes in late April. Those themes will be used to guide planning for a revised strategic plan that will launch in the 2021-2022 school year. As we continue to work to identify those themes, there are several opportunities to give your input.

Please join us for a Mehlville Listens session from 6:30-8 p.m., on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at Margaret Buerkle Middle School, 623 Buckley Road, St. Louis, MO 63125. Parents can also participate through their school's parent-teacher organization meetings. And, of course, please leave your thoughts in our current ThoughtExchange.

Facilities Steering Committee continues prioritizing building needs

Members of the Mehlville School District Facilities Steering Committee have been meeting since January 2019. The committee tours schools and reviews feedback provided by parents, staff and community members. Using this data, the committee identifies and prioritizes facility needs at each of our schools.

So far, the committee has prioritized projects at 13 schools. They will meet at the remaining six schools this winter and spring. Common themes that have emerged so far include front entrance security, general safety enhancements, HVAC and adequate bathroom facilities.

"There has been a core committee that has stuck with this process the entire time," said Dr. Chad Dickemper, Executive Director of Planning and Development. "The level of understanding that those folks have developed is powerful. There is this knowledge base that has been created in the committee that shows an awareness of needs everywhere."

This summer, the committee will present its findings and recommendations to the Board of Education. Their recommendations will help the Board of Education determine what it might put on the November 2020 ballot. In 2020, the district has the opportunity to invest in its facilities and operations without increasing the existing tax rate.

Upcoming Meetings

The committee holds open houses from 5-6:30 p.m. and meetings from 6:30-8 p.m. All open houses and meetings are open to the public.

Trautwein Elementary School (5011 Ambs Road, St. Louis, MO 63128)
Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019

Wohlwend Elementary School (5966 Telegraph Road, St. Louis, MO 63129)
Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2019

Oakville Elementary School (2911 Yaeger Road, St. Louis, MO 63129)
Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2020

Mehlville High School (3200 Lemay Ferry Road, St. Louis, MO 63125)
Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2020

Jefferson Barracks, Witzel Learning Center, Central Office and Transportation Department

Meeting to be held at Mehlville High School (3200 Lemay Ferry Road, St. Louis, MO 63125)
Tuesday, March 3, 2020



Dr. Patrick Keenoy, Rogers Elementary School principal, presents survey results to the Facilities Steering Committee.

New calendar approved for 2020-2021 school year

The Mehlville Board of Education approved a revised 2020-2021 school year calendar at their Sept. 19 meeting. The changes were necessary because of a new state law requiring schools to start no earlier than 14 days prior to the first Monday in September.

The first day of school for the 2020-2021 year is Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2020. The last day of school is dependent on snow days but could be as early as Friday, May 28, 2021.

Learn more about the calendar at http://bit.ly/MSDR9_2020-2021_calendarPDF.

STUDENT DISTINCTIONS

Perfect score on the ACT

Matthew Hansen, a junior at Mehlville High School, earned a perfect score of 36 on the ACT. Only 0.2% of students who take the ACT earn a score of 36. Hansen transferred to the district prior to this school year and took the test for the first time in September.



Matthew Hansen

Mehlville Majorettes and Oakville Tiger Twirlers

The twirling teams from Mehlville High School and Oakville High School each placed top 5 in the nation at the America's Youth on Parade competition. The **MHS Majorettes** placed first in both Halftime Show and Dance Twirl categories, while the **OHS Tiger Twirlers** finished third in Halftime Show and fifth in Dance Twirl.



MHS Majorettes and OHS Tiger Twirlers

Bands of America Regional Championships

The **Oakville High School Marching Tigers** placed fourth and won Outstanding Visual in Class 3A at the Bands of America Central Ohio Regional Championships. The band advanced to finals based on their preliminary score and placed seventh, competing against bands from Ohio, Indiana and Pennsylvania.



John Jackson, Jack Parcell, John Emelko

National Merit Scholars

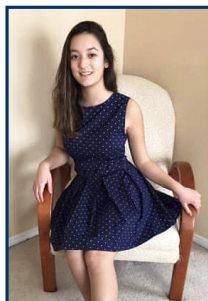
Three seniors were recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. **John Jackson**, Oakville High School, was named a Semifinalist, while **Jack Parcell**, Oakville High School, and **John Emelko**, Mehlville High School, earned Commended honors.



Sarah Daues

West Point Summer Leader Program

Senior **Sarah Daues**, Mehlville High School, was accepted to and participated in the U.S. Military Academy Summer Leaders Experience program. Daues plans to apply to both West Point and the Air Force Academy.



Megan Blanchard

EMMY Award for Channel 97 News

Louis Luong, Oakville High School Class of 2018, and **Caden Turner**, Oakville High School Class of 2019, won a Student Award of Excellence at the Mid-America EMMY Gala for the feature "The Broadcast Civil War" they produced for Channel 97 News.

Fashion Anarchy Youth Designer Assistant Competition

Megan Blanchard, Oakville High School junior, won the Fashion Anarchy Youth Designer Assistant Competition, earning one of three spots paired with professional designers at the Fashion Anarchy Competition Finale on Nov. 9.



Josh Neighbors

State Thespian Officer

Josh Neighbors, Mehlville High School junior, was

selected to the State Thespian Board. Neighbors is the first MHS Thespian to ever earn this distinction.

Student Leaders Summit

Sydney Lahm, Mehlville High School senior, was selected to the Outstanding Student Leaders Summit with St. Louis County and Washington University.



MHS Counselor David Pitts, Sydney Lahm, Assistant Principal Andy Ross

Beasley Terrific Kids

Kiwanis recognized Terrific Kids at Beasley Elementary School in October. **Chase Carroll**, fourth-grade student; **Brielle Grimes**, third-grade student; **Dzevad Subasic**, fifth-grade student; and **Harper Wayne**, second-grade student; were selected.



Chase Carroll, Brielle Grimes, Dzevad Subasic, Harper Wayne

Spirit of the Game Award

The **Oakville High School Girls Field Hockey team** was awarded the Mike Winkelmann Spirit of the Game Award by coaches and officials for displaying good sportsmanship; respect for opponents, officials and each other; and a genuine love for the game.



Oakville High girls field hockey team

MNEA Awards

The Mehlville National Educators Association recognized the following students of the month. **Mason Kilper**, Trautwein fourth-grader, was recognized in September for being hard-working and caring. **Braxton Brogan**, Wohlwend fifth-grader, was recognized in September for being responsible and respectful. **Gabrielle Surveyor**, Beasley fifth-grader, was recognized in October for being considerate and persistent. **Izzy Paluczak**, Bernard seventh-grader, was recognized in October for her positive attitude and hard work.



Mason Kilper, Board Directors Tori Behlke and Jean Pretto, and Braxton Brogan

Board President Kevin Schartner, Bernard Assistant Principal **Erin Kennedy**, **Izzy Paluczak**, Bernard Principal **Lauren Cumming**, Beasley teacher **Amanda Barton**, **Gabrielle Surveyor**, Beasley Principal **Andrea Deane**, Board Vice President **Larry Felton**





Hagemann Elementary teacher honored for positive impact on student's life

Julie Dooley, a fourth-grade teacher at Hagemann Elementary School, was recognized by Honored, an organization that celebrates teachers who make a life-changing impact on students.

Dooley was nominated in May by Riley Barton, one of her students last year, and Amber Barton, Riley's mom. The two wrote a letter about the impact Dooley had on Riley throughout the course of the year.

"I remember reading it and thinking that it's amazing the impact you have on kids, and you just don't realize it," Dooley said. "It filled my heart that I can do that for someone. It's not about the nomination. It's about how Riley feels about me that means the world to me."

"She was always positive and a sweet, loving person," Riley said. "Even though she has her own problems, she doesn't show that here. She always puts on a bright face and encourages us to do more than what we are doing."

As the November honoree, Dooley received a \$5,000 unrestricted cash reward, as well as a \$1,000 gift card to DonorsChoose.org to support other teachers across the country.

"It means more to me that it came from her than anything else," Dooley said. "Knowing that she feels that way about me is something I'll treasure for the rest of my life."

This school year marks Dooley's tenth year in education, all of which have been at Hagemann Elementary.

Oakville Elementary music teacher published in national magazine

Karen Dickinson, a music teacher at Oakville Elementary School, was selected to have an article published in the January 2020 issue of the National Association for Music Education's magazine Music Teacher.



Karen Dickinson

Physical Education Teacher of the Year



Susie Birtley, physical education teacher at Beasley Elementary, was named the Teacher of the Year by the Missouri Society of Health and Physical Educators.

Susie Birtley

Buerkle's Dan Regan wins Excellence in Teaching Award

Buerkle Middle School teacher **Dan Regan** has been selected as Mehlville School District's Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award recipient for the 2019-2020 school year.



Dan Regan

"It's really cool to receive it from the district I've been in my entire life," Regan said. "I was born here. That's touching in a way. I'm proud of course. I hope my family is and my students are."

Emerson recognizes educators from across the St. Louis-area each year. Each school in the district nominates one teacher for the award; then a representative from the district is selected.



Regan listens as Academy students brainstorm ideas for their projects on identity.

"Dan has made huge accomplishments in the area of teaching, especially at our middle school level with the new Academy concept," said Dr. Jeff Bresler, Assistant Superintendent, Supervision of Schools. "Dan is currently teaching in that model that emphasizes individualized learning for all students. His passion for education shows in what he does in his classroom."

Regan, a Mehlville High School graduate, has spent his entire career teaching at Buerkle Middle.

"He works in the classroom to build relationships with students, use innovative practices and be someone who goes out on a limb and tries new things," Buerkle Middle Principal Jim Kern said.

Regan's students say those innovative practices are what make him such a good teacher.

"Mr. Regan makes learning fun," Buerkle Middle sixth-grader Morgan Williams said. "He makes it creative, so we can build something to do what we're learning instead of just writing an essay about it."

"We do a lot of small group work, and I really like that," Buerkle Middle sixth-grader Elise Barbier said. "Another thing I like about his class is that we get to learn at our own pace."

Regan says he's honored to receive the award but will continue to strive to improve in the classroom.

"I'm validated in a sense, but by no means am I done learning to grow," Regan said. "I feel like if they think I'm a good teacher now, what can I become?"

Receiving the Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award qualifies Regan to apply for the Gold Star Grant Program.

Mehlville School District Alumni Hall of Fame

Mehlville School District inducted thirteen extraordinary men and women into the inaugural class of the district's Alumni Hall of Fame. Inductees were honored in a ceremony and on the field before the Oakville High School vs. Mehlville High School football game on Friday, Oct. 25.

Candidates were selected for making a lasting impact in their communities or on our nation. These inductees serve as role models for current and future generations of students who aspire to be productive citizens and demonstrate traits aligned to the Mehlville School District's Portrait of a Graduate: Creative and Critical Thinker, Self-Aware, Persistent, Communicator, Ethical and Global.



The 2019 class was chosen by a selection committee including members of the Mehlville-Oakville Alumni Association, Mehlville-Oakville Foundation, Mehlville National Education Association, Missouri State Teachers Association, Oakville High School, Mehlville High School and district employees.

We're now accepting nominations for the 2020 Alumni Hall of Fame class. Begin the process here: <http://bit.ly/MSDR9HOFNoms>.

Congratulations to these outstanding alumni

Rob DesHotel, MHS '84, television writer and producer

DesHotel was a writer-producer who worked on shows including "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," "That '70s Show," "True Blood," "Mike and Molly," and "Man with a Plan." He also served on the Webster University School of Communications Advisory Board, where he regularly mentored students.



Michael Duggan, MHS '69, retired vice president of sales at Dot Foods

Duggan is the former president of Kraft Foodservice in Los Angeles. He went on to help start Arctic Frozen Foods in 1990. The frozen food distribution company merged with Dot Foods, the largest food industry redistributor in North America. Duggan has served on numerous boards, including Southwest Missouri State University (now Missouri State University) and Ducks Unlimited.



Dr. Howard Fields III, MHS '02, principal in Webster Groves School District

Dr. Fields is an award-winning school leader who has become known as an advocate for educational equity and building an environment where diversity is celebrated. He led Koch Elementary through the community turbulence that followed the shooting of Michael Brown, turned around a failing school and has been recognized as an Exemplary New Principal in Missouri. Dr. Fields is also an adjunct professor at Harris Stowe State University.



Congratulations to the 2019 Alumni Hall of Fame inductees! (L-R) Stephen O'Loughlin; Keon Raymond; Dr. Howard Fields III; Kevin Kline; Kelly Clark Wicks; Jan Nottelmann Gerfin (representing inductee Bill Nottelmann); Diane Anderson, Walter Treppler, John Treppler (representing inductee Irene Treppler); Dr. Jeff Bresler (representing inductee Dr. Bob Rogers); Emily DesHotel, Graham DesHotel and Ella DesHotel (representing inductee Rob DesHotel); Ken Leach; Lt. Col. Robyn Mestemacher; and Michael Duggan

Kevin Kline, OHS '88, radio broadcaster, founder of Snowdrop Foundation

Through the Snowdrop Foundation, Kline provides college scholarships to pediatric cancer patients and provides funding for pediatric cancer research. Kline is an endurance athlete, training to run 300 miles on the Dalton Highway in Alaska to raise money and awareness for his foundation. Kline's broadcast career spans three decades. He is currently co-host of the top country radio morning show in Houston.



Ken Leach, OHS '76, accomplished sales director, Blue and Gold Officer for the United States Naval Academy

Leach has served as a sales director for Compass Group and other companies that support education. He also started the junior football program at OHS and assisted with the MHS program. He's an admissions interviewer for the U.S. Naval Academy and was a Mehlville School District board member from 2005-2008, serving as president in 2006-2007.



Lieutenant Colonel Robyn Mestemacher, OHS '91, Commanding Officer, 4th Recruit Training Battalion, U.S. Marine Corps

Lt. Col. Mestemacher leads the all-female 4th Recruit Training Battalion in Parris Island, South Carolina. She's responsible for training 3,400 female Marines each year. Prior to this role, Lt. Col. Mestemacher was recognized as one of the top sexual assault response coordinators for the Marine Corps.



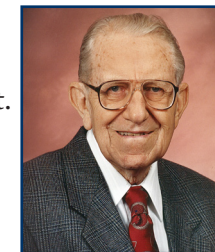
Todd Newton, OHS '88, game show host and author

Newton has been a disc jockey, entertainment reporter for E! and has hosted game shows, including "Family Game Night" and "Whammy!" He received the 2012 Daytime Emmy Award for Outstanding Game Show Host for "Family Game Night." He is currently hosting the live stage version of "The Price is Right."



Bill Nottelmann, MHS '36, music educator and former owner of Nottelmann music

Known as "Mr. Music Man," Nottelmann was widely considered the biggest supporter of Mehlville School District. He taught music in Mehlville schools and supported music education through the business he started, Nottelmann Music. Nottelmann also founded the Mehlville-Oakville Alumni Association.



Stephen O'Loughlin, MHS '85, president and chief operating officer of Lodging Hospitality Management

O'Loughlin has worked his way up in the hospitality industry, starting as a maintenance worker for the St. Louis Clarion Hotel at 15. Today he manages and owns more than a dozen hotels in St. Louis through Lodging Hospitality Management. He also serves on several boards, including Jazz St. Louis and Mathews-Dickey Boys' and Girls' Club.



Keon Raymond, MHS '01, retired linebacker for Canadian Football League, founder of K25 Sports

In addition to teaching kids basketball, football and life skills through K25 Sports, the retired professional football player also regularly speaks at schools and community groups about a variety of topics including gender-based violence and concussions in youth athletes.



Dr. Bob Rogers MHS '59, former superintendent of Mehlville School District

Dr. Rogers first worked for Mehlville School District as a physical education teacher in 1963. He retired as superintendent 33 years later. Dr. Rogers created a successful strategic plan for the district and helped pass a \$30 million bond issue that resulted in the construction of Rogers Elementary.



Irene Treppler, MHS '43, former Missouri state legislator

Treppler was the first Republican woman elected to the Missouri Senate, where she served three terms. Prior to that, she served six terms in the Missouri House of Representatives. Treppler was known for writing the "potty parity" law, requiring an equitable number of toilet facilities for women at stadiums. She also helped pass laws to make public buildings safer during earthquakes and added protections for doctors who provide emergency aid at accident scenes.



Kelly Clark Wicks, MHS '85, successful small business owner, and baton twirling judge, coach and mentor

In addition to being a successful insurance agent, Wicks founded the Mehlville High School Majorettes and coached high school twirlers at both MHS and OHS along with numerous other area high schools. She also provides scholarship pageant coaching and has a 17-year history of volunteering for multiple schools in Mehlville School District.



Hall of Fame inductees were recognized at the OHS vs. MHS football game.

High-quality, tuition-free kindergarten open to district residents

Registration begins Jan. 6

Mehlville School District offers a full-day, tuition-free kindergarten program with developmentally appropriate and rigorous curriculum. Our high-quality teachers provide caring, personalized instruction.

Registration for students entering kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year will begin on Monday, Jan. 6. **Children born before Aug. 1, 2015, may register for kindergarten.** Please register your child by Jan. 31, to allow the district to properly plan student assignments.

This year Mehlville School District will offer online registration for all new students; including kindergarten students. Visit <http://bit.ly/kindergartenregistrationMSDR9> on or after Jan. 6 to complete kindergarten registration. You can also visit your elementary school for assistance completing the online registration. All of our schools will have computers available for those who do not have access to the internet or computers/smart devices at home.

Parents wishing to apply for the MOSAIC Elementary School lottery will be able to do so during the online registration process.

Have these documents on hand before registering

You will be required to upload the following documents during the online registration process:

1. Child's birth certificate issued by the Bureau of Vital Statistics
2. Medically documented immunization records
3. Proof of parent/guardian's residency. Must have one current item from list A and one from list B.



Students make new discoveries in Peggy Evers' kindergarten class at Oakville Elementary School.

4. Custody papers (court-appointed documents, divorce decree, DFS placement papers, foster care), which states custody rights.
5. If the student currently is receiving special education services please provide IEP and evaluation.

In addition, parents and/or legal guardians will be asked to provide the name, address and phone numbers of the child's doctor, along with the phone numbers of parent and/or legal guardian's employers and two emergency contact names and phone numbers. All of the above material must be provided to enroll a child in the Mehlville School District.

All kindergarten students entering Mehlville School District must provide a record of physical examination to their school prior to Aug. 1.

All schools will have computers available for those who do not have access to the internet or computers/smart devices at home. Please call your elementary school with any questions or to schedule a time to access a computer.

School	Hours	Phone
Beasley Elementary	8 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.	314-467-5400
Bierbaum Elementary	8:45 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.	314-467-5500
Blades Elementary	8 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.	314-467-7300
Forder Elementary	8:45 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.	314-467-5600
Hagemann Elementary	8:45 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.	314-467-5700
Oakville Elementary	8:45 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.	314-467-5800
Point Elementary	8:45 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.	314-467-5900
Rogers Elementary	8:45 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.	314-467-6300
Trautwein Elementary	8:45 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.	314-467-6400
Wohlwend Elementary	8:45 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.	314-467-6500

List A

- Mortgage statement
- Real estate tax bill
- Residential lease – Signed by both parties (enrolling student name required on lease if minors are allowed on lease agreement)
- Rental agreement – Signed by both parties (enrolling student name required on lease if minors are allowed on rental agreement)
- Rent receipts (only if printed name of apartment/condominium complex is on the receipt)
- Landlord verification (written on letterhead)
- Homeowner's insurance policy

List B

- Unpaid utility bill
- Verification of service from a utility provider
- Personal property tax invoice
- Welfare, Social Security, or other legal or court documents
- Municipal occupancy permit
- Pay stub or bank statement (with current name and address)

Lottery opens for MOSAIC Elementary kindergarten in January

MOSAIC Elementary provides personalized paths to empower learners for life beyond the classroom. Instruction and authentic learning opportunities are based on each student's academic and social needs. Teachers use a variety of tools and strategies, including learning menus, technology and blended learning opportunities to explore the curriculum. Students are encouraged to learn the curriculum at their own pace and within the context of their interests.

MOSAIC Elementary will hold a Parent

Information Night on Monday, Dec. 9, at 6 p.m. for parents who are interested in their child attending kindergarten at MOSAIC Elementary for the 2020-2021 school year.

The kindergarten application for MOSAIC Elementary will be available online on the MOSAIC Elementary webpage beginning Jan. 6, 2020. **Only online applications will be accepted.** The online application closes on Jan. 31. Following a lottery, parents will be notified of acceptance by March 1.



Gold Cards available to residents over 60

Mehlville School District residents ages 60 and up can obtain a 60plus Gold Card by calling the Communications Department at 314-467-5153. The 60plus Gold Card is your ticket to special 60plus events, Mehlville School District home sporting events, band and strings concerts, choral performances and school plays (performed at the Nottelmann Auditorium) at no cost. Cardholders also receive a discount on swimming through our Community Enrichment programs.

60plus members chat with Bernard Middle School Principal Lauren Cumming at a 60plus luncheon. Mehlville School District hosts four 60plus luncheons a year to keep our seniors engaged in our schools.

Bernard Middle School's choir performs for 60plus members in October.



Notes from the Mehlville-Oakville Alumni Association

Upcoming Reunions

The Mehlville High School All Class Reunion is Wednesday, Nov. 27, from 7-11 p.m. at Andre's South (4254 Telegraph Road). The cost is \$30 and includes a buffet dinner and entertainment. For details, visit <http://bit.ly/MHSreunion>.

The Oakville High School All Class Reunion is Friday, Nov. 29, from 7-11 p.m. at Andre's South (4254 Telegraph Road). The cost is \$30 and includes a buffet dinner and entertainment. For details, visit <http://bit.ly/OHSReunion>.

Learn more about the Mehlville-Oakville Alumni Association by visiting <http://bit.ly/Mehlville-OakvilleAlumni>.



Community Enrichment 2019-2020



ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS:

- ▽ Driver's Education
- ▽ Drawing/Watercolor (18+)
- ▽ Financial Planning for Teens and Adults
- ▽ First Aid/CPR (14+)
- ▽ Women's Self-Defense
- ▽ Learn to Swim and Advanced Swim
- ▽ Kayaking (16+)
- ▽ Swimnastics/Swim Aerobics (18+)
- ▽ Coached Lap Swim

REGISTER ONLINE:

mehlvilleschooldistrict.revtrak.net

Mehlville Community Enrichment

314-467-5280 | lusterk@msdr9.org

www.mehlvilleschooldistrict.com/community

Facebook: @CommunityEnrichmentMSDR9

Before and After-school Programs

*Fall and winter programs vary by session.

Visit www.mehlvilleschooldistrict.com/community for more information!

Art Time

Chess Club

Mad Science

Abra-kid-Abra

Jewelry Creations

Spanish for Kids

Bricks 4 Kidz

Little Vet

Strings

Cheerleading

Little Wilderness

Tennis



Community Enrichment

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Buerkle Middle students work to solve community problems

Margaret Buerkle Middle School students have launched their #HandNHand project, a school-wide effort to team students up with community organizations. The project is being funded by a \$60,931 grant from the Innovative Technology Education Fund.

The school is partnering students with 16 organizations: Feed my People, National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse - St. Louis Area, Team Activities for Special Kids, Stream Team, Arbors, American Cancer Society, ICare, Animal Protection Association of Missouri, The BackStoppers, Cardinal Care, Humane Society of Missouri, Make a Wish Missouri/Kansas, Nurses for Newborns, St. Louis Zoo, Open Door Animal Sanctuary and World Bird Sanctuary. Students will learn about the organization and ways to help the organization achieve its mission.

On the first day of school, students chose organizations of interest to them. They then met with fellow students who shared an interest in the same organization. These communities of students focused on getting to know each other and team-building.

“We met our communities, which was tricky because our communities are made of a lot of different grade levels who are unfamiliar with each other and unfamiliar with the things we are doing,” sixth-grade teacher Ericka Gulden said.



Students participate in team-building activities to begin the project.

Students then took a field experience to their organization to gather information to determine what they can do to help.

“They’re going to get video footage, interview people, record some things with tablets and find out everything they can,” computer literacy teacher Cathy Schultz said.

After returning from the field experience, each community of students began working together to determine the major needs of the organization and brainstorm how they can help the organization.

“It may be building things or figuring out ways to generate extra income,” Gulden said. “The brainstorming piece is completely up to them. The teachers are there to facilitate these conversations and help them along the way in exploring the possibilities.”

The grant provides students with equipment and services to make the #HandNHand Project possible. Funds provide professional development for teachers, transportation to field experiences, a 3-D printer, 360-degree cameras, and more. It also pays for a plastic reclamation machine, which recycles plastic into filament for the 3-D printer.

Students will work with their #HandNHand communities on each early release day throughout the school year and will present their culminating project at a rally with their communities and organizations at the end of the school year.



Students celebrate at a pep rally to launch the Hand-N-Hand project.



Ruby Guthrie records footage using a 360-degree camera at World Bird Sanctuary.

How we communicate school cancellations

Occasionally, Mehlville School District cancels school or delays the start of school due to inclement weather or other emergency. When school is canceled, parents and community members will be alerted in a variety of ways.

Staff and parents will be notified via text, phone call and/or email through SchoolMessenger. Parents can update their contact preferences or add contacts (grandparents, childcare providers or even students) by logging into SchoolMessenger. Learn how to manage your notification preferences at <http://bit.ly/msdr9Notifications>.

Winter Weather Communication

In order to receive texts about cancellations or events at your child’s school, text the word YES to 67587 from any wireless device on file with your child’s school.

Not a parent?

We also notify the community about cancellations through our website, mehlvilleschooldistrict.com, Twitter, Facebook and Instagram, and through our media partners. You can also download the Mehlville School District app from the

Apple Store or Google Play and turn on push notifications for cancellations.

AROUND OUR SCHOOLS



Preparing for Tremont – Vivian Crawford, a MOSAIC Elementary fourth-grade student, journals outdoors as Wohlwend Elementary and MOSAIC Elementary students collaborate on team-building and data collection activities. The group is attending a three-day camping trip in the Smoky Mountains in Tennessee.



International Peace Day – Students and their families learn about the cultures of their classmates at Bierbaum Elementary's International Peace Day. Thirty-one countries were represented at the event.



Personalized Learning Visit – MOSAIC Elementary fifth-graders Ryan Durfee and Alexis Timmerman speak to a member of AASA, The School Superintendents Association, during a tour of schools, showcasing personalized learning.



Hello. Hola. Bonjour. – Students at Forder Elementary School are greeted in different languages as they arrive at school during Start with Hello week.



Panther Pride – Mehlville High School Assistant Principal Andrew Ross and Principal Jason Landherr cheer on the Panthers football team at Homecoming.



OHS Homecoming – The Oakville High School Band plays the national anthem before the Tigers' Homecoming football game.

Attn: Postal Patron

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IMPORTANT DATES

Find district event information at mehlvilleschooldistrict.com.

Nov. 12	Facilities Steering Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Trautwein Elementary
Nov. 19	Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Mehlville High Library
Nov. 20	Half day for students
Nov. 27-29	No school - Thanksgiving break
Dec. 3	Facilities Steering Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Wohlwend Elementary
Dec. 10	Mehlville Listens Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Buerkle Middle
Dec. 19	Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Mehlville High Library
Dec. 20	Finals for grades 6-12/half day for students/teacher workday
Dec. 23-Jan. 2	No school - winter break
Jan. 3	No school for students, half day professional development, half day teacher workday
Jan. 6	Students return from winter break
Jan. 14	Facilities Steering Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Oakville Elementary
Jan. 16	Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Mehlville High Library
Jan. 20	No school - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan. 29	Half day for students
Feb. 4	Facilities Steering Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Mehlville High
Feb. 6	Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Mehlville High Library

What apps are your kids using?



Wednesday, Nov. 13
Oakville Middle School
5950 Telegraph Rd.
6:30 p.m.

SPEAKER SERIES

bit.ly/MSDR9SpeakerSeriesCommunicator

Mehlville Messenger



“A Real World Difference”

Buerkle Middle School students embark on a yearlong, school-wide project to make a positive difference across the St. Louis-area. See page 10.

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