

FOR CHAMPS



Congratulations to the 2022-2023 Mount Gilead Varsity Lady Indians Basketball team who clinched the KMAC Championship on February 4th with their win over Cardington.

The last time our Lady Indians won the KMAC Champ title was in 2011.

BECOME AN INDIAN - PARK AVENUE KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION/SCREENING

It is once again time to register new kindergarten students into the Mt. Gilead Exempted Village Schools for the 2023-2024 school year. The dates will be Thursday May 11, and Friday May 12, 2023. Parents should call the office at (419)946-5736 to schedule an appointment. Students will

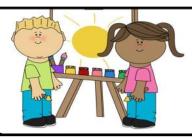
be screened for Kindergarten at this time.

CHILDREN MUST BE FIVE YEARS OLD ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2023
TO BE ELIGIBLE TO BEGIN KINDERGARTEN.

Parents will need to supply the following on the day of registration:

- ☑ A copy of the child's legal birth certificate (not souvenir copy)
- A copy of up to date immunization (shot) records
- ✓ Proof of residence (utility bill or purchase/rental agreement)
- ☑ Custody papers if applicable

Kindergarten Registration May 11 & 12, 2023 Appointment Required



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From the Desk of Dr. Zack Howard, Superintendent

Dear Mount Gilead Schools Community,

When I arrived in the district prior to the 2021/22 school year, one of the initial opportunities that presented itself was the ability to work with stakeholders in collaboration with our Board of Education to maintain our facilities and begin long range planning for future needs.

Our district has been working with SHP. SHP is an architectural and engineering firm that specializes in helping school districts make best use of spaces available to them. We're in the process of working with them to establish a multi-year plan so we can communicate this with our community and receive input. As a school district, we know that we work for the community. We know that fiscal responsibility is paramount. We also know that maintaining our buildings is important so that we can remain a strong hub within the community but also provide a source of pride we can all take part in as Mount Gilead Indians!

This past year, we completed the first phase which was providing our students athletes and community with an updated stadium to enjoy. Our next phase is slated to be an effort in improving the restrooms and concession stand. There are few venues in our community where masses of our stakeholders assemble and the stadium is certainly one of those. Currently, there are not enough public restroom stalls to support the amount of people that attend events at the stadium. After using the first two rounds of ESSER



dollars to support mitigation efforts with the pandemic, purchase technology to bring our district up to a "one to one" ratio of devices to students, and improving our HVAC with the purchase of two chillers (one to replace an aging chiller at Park Avenue Elementary and one to replace an aging chiller at the Middle School / High School that will be installed in June of 2023), we have remaining ESSER dollars that need to be spent. We believe that the use of ESSER dollars for this next phase of our building project is a good use of the monies available to us that will not negatively impact the general fund or further burden local taxpayers but also provide better service to our community than what we're currently able to provide with our present stadium setup. As it exists now, the district is required to bring in several porta pots to accommodate patrons at the stadium during athletic events.

This next phase for the stadium that we're exploring would bring the number of restroom stalls into compliance with the stadium capacity, improve the concession stand set up for our booster organizations (and fans eating at the stadium) and may allow us to increase flexible space available to the district. In addition to the restrooms and concession stand we're looking at creating additional flexible space that could be rotated by seasons to possibly serve as a classroom (if needed for future use) or locker room (Football/Wrestling/Track). This building would be located on the south end of the stadium or where our fans are accustomed to entering/exiting the stadium.

I previously referenced ESSER dollars and you may wonder what they are?

The federal government has allocated three rounds of relief funds to public schools during the course of the pandemic. Its most recent legislation, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 has funneled an additional \$4.5 billion to Ohio school districts. These monies, commonly referred to as ESSER III or ARP ESSER can be applied toward school district needs. ESSER III funds have a broad spectrum of potential uses, but a district may not simply spend

its allocation on anything it chooses. Instead, school districts must align their use of these monies with the fifteen categories of legislatively-established allowances, which range from the purchasing of cleaning supplies and technology, to school facility repairs and improvements, to activities necessary to maintain district operations and continue providing services.

The ESSER ARP funds are one-time investments that should be managed carefully. These funds generally should not be used to provide ongoing services, as services may be terminated abruptly when federal funds expire. Rather, funds should be used for one-time or short-duration intensive supports that address the impacts of education disruption due to the coronavirus pandemic or that build the capacity of the education system to operate effectively.

To date the district has received \$2.6 million in ESSER Funds within Rounds 1-3. The remaining amount of funds available to the district is \$853,635.34. These funds need to be used by September 30, 2024.

Maintaining our buildings and providing a plan for improving our district's ability to serve our students and community is an important endeavor. We know that money that is spent toward these initiatives need to be done with community input and done in a fiscally responsible manner. Over the next few months we plan to outline our district's needs and create a master plan for our facility needs/renovations and communicate this publicly so we can receive public feedback.

It's a pleasure to serve the community as your Superintendent.



Order by April 9th at ybpay.com Code: 12259823

Cost: \$17.00

Middle School

Order by April 14th at ybpay.com Code: 8794523 Cost: \$16.00

High School

The 2023 Mizpah is on sale through March 31, 2023 at www.balfour.com.

Cost: \$60.00

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

WHY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MATTERS

- Regular attendance at school is the law. It is required for all grade levels.
- Studies show that regular attendance directly impacts success in school.
- Regular attendance means learning is not interrupted; less time is spent on make-up work; class participation benefits and help with social interaction.
- Since students often miss only partial days, the state tracks attendance by the hour. K-5th graders attend school for 6 hours a day, 6-12th graders are counted for 6.5 hours a day.



Unexcused absences count towards Truancy:

- 30 consecutive hours (~5 days)
- 42 hours in one month (~8 days)
- 72 hours in a school year (~12 days)

We are required to notify families with a letter when a student is absent (Unexcused or with a General excuse) for:

- 38 hours in one month (~6 days)
- 65 hours in a year (~10-11 days)

We track absences in 3 categories:

- Medically Excused absences
- General Excused absences
- Unexcused absences
 Medical excused absences do not count towards state absence limits.

There certainly are appropriate times when a student needs to - or should - stay home.

If your student needs to miss classes, report their absence by calling their school main office and selecting the "Report an Absence" option:

Park Avenue Elementary (419) 946-5736 **Middle School** (419) 947-9517

High School (419) 947-6065

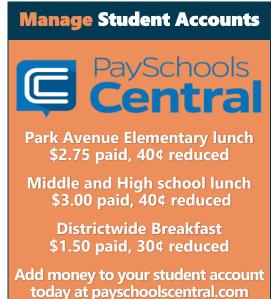
If your student misses because of a medical appointment; quarantine of home; death in the family; religious holiday or school field trip (college visit), please send documentation of such event with your child on their next day in school.

Days absent without qualifying documentation will be marked as unexcused.

In the Kitchen(s) with the Director of Food and Nutrition

id you know that you can still turn in a free and reduced applications, that can give you assistance with school breakfast and lunch? If you have had an income change, please contact your students school office or myself and request an application.

By the end of February all schools will be selling snacks. All snacks are smart snack approved by following the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act (HHFKA) guidelines, and are permitted to be sold in school cafeterias. The snacks will include assorted potato chips, Dorito's, and Cheetos (75¢); Fruit by the Foot 75¢), Grandma Chocolate Chip Cookies and Grandma Brownie Cookies (\$1.00). Please note that based on the HHFKA, different snacks are allowed in different buildings. If you have a middle school student and they say that they got something different from an elementary student that could be because of the guidelines that we have to follow. These are NOT part of any meal and will have to be paid for no matter the free and reduced status of your student. Your student will have to either have money on their student lunch account or have money to pay for the snacks.



Hopefully we are on the backside of having 2-hour delays, but just a reminder that we still serve breakfast on a 2-hour delay. So remind your student to stop down and get breakfast, even on a 2-hour delay day.

Did you know that each day your student has at least 3 options to choose from each day for each meal and possibly more? For Breakfast they have the option of what is on the menu each day, plus they have cereal offered daily and at least one breakfast bar. For lunch they have what is menued each day, plus they have entrée salads, deli sandwiches, and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

Don't forget you can always put money on your students account through PaySchools Central. Not only can you add funds but you can also see what your student is buying and how much is on their account.

Want to know what is on the menu? Menus right from your smart phone by downloading the NutriSlice app and searching for Mount Gilead schools, or going to the NutriSlice.com website and searching for Mount Gilead schools. Please remember to choose the right building so you are looking at the right menu. https://mtgilead.nutrislice.com/menu/

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at apauley@mgschools.org or (419) 947-1021.

PAE PTO to Host Upcoming Events, Spring Flower Fundraiser

Park Avenue PTO meets the second Monday of each month (unless no school) at 6:30 pm in the library. We have planned events for our students and their families to enjoy each month. In January we had a family movie night featuring *The Goonies*. Thank you to the Capitol Theatre for allowing us to use their facility to show the movie and provide concessions. On February 18th, PTO will have our Denim & Diamonds dance where Park Avenue girls, grades Pre-K through 5th grade, can bring the special man in their lives and join them on the dance floor for a night. This dance will take place at Park Avenue in the cafeteria/gym from 6:30-9:00pm.

The PTO does two big fundraisers, one in the fall and one in the spring. Our Spring Flower sale will be coming soon. Keep an eye out for the flyer. Our fundraisers help us help the school purchase items for the students and staff. A popular item we purchase every year are the t-shirts the students tie dye in art and wear on fun day. Recently we had our 5th graders draw a design for the shirt and had a special guest vote on their favorite design. Our topic design this year was "Everyday is an Adventure". The winner will be announced at the end of February.

Join us at our next PTO meeting to learn about our future events. Follow us on Facebook Park Avenue PTO (Parent Teacher Organization)



Mt. Gilead Athletic Boosters

www.facebook.com/mgindians athleticboosters@mgschools.org



We've been busy this season!

- State Championship rings for the 2022 Boys Cross Country Team and Coaches
- Pizza for the student section at the girls' basketball game against Cardington
- Popcorn for the MGHS "5th Quarter" event
- Successful Spaghetti Dinner for the MG Community
- · Concessions for nearly 30 athletic events staffed with volunteers from all teams

The mission of the Mt. Gilead Athletic Boosters is to promote continuous involvement, excitement, and pride among our students, parents, and community, in order to provide the resources necessary to support all athletes, coaches, and programs.

TRIO Talent Search helps MG Seniors with next steps

TRIO Talent Search has been hard at work with the students of Mount Gilead. Currently there are 23 Seniors enrolled with TRIO. Out of those 23 Seniors:

- 74% have applied to college
- An average of 2.8 applications per student
- 70% have been accepted to at least one institution
- 48% have completed their FAFSA



TRIO Talent Search advisor, Hanna Hashman, has been meeting regularly with students one-on-one to support them with their college applications, FAFSA, and scholarship applications. In addition to this coaching, TRIO Talent Search provided various opportunities for students to be exposed to a college atmosphere. TRIO Talent Search students attended a college fair hosted by Ohio State University & Marion Technical College. They also visited and toured Bowling Green State University earlier this year. Through TRIO the junior class completed a career inventory to learn more about their strengths and skills and how those align to different careers.

In a couple of weeks, students will also have the opportunity to go on workplace tours of the Dollar Tree Distribution Center and Lubrication Specialties Inc... Additional campus visits will be announced soon.

Hanna can be reached at hashmanh@mtc.edu or 740-386-4139 for more information.



Chiefs Club Seeks Community Helpers

Chiefs Club, Park Avenue's before and after school educational enrichment program, continues to provide academic support in Math and Reading to our students along with Youth Development, STEM activities and Parent Engagement. We are thrilled to begin our "Adopt a Pet" reading program, where the students fill out an application to adopt a stuffed pet and feed them by reading to them daily. This February and March we invite community helpers to come in and share what they do within our community. If you would like to come in and talk to our students please reach out to Erin Whipple at chiefsclub@mgschools.org to set up a date and time.



We would like to extend a special Thank you to MGTA, H & R Block, Buckeye Training and Fitness, and Jamie Brucker for their donations to our program.

Summer enrollment will start in April after spring break. If you would like a packet sent home please ask your students' teacher or email us at chiefsclub@mgschools.org

Park Ave Students Rewarded for Good Behavior, Academics and Attendance

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is an evidence-based, tiered framework for supporting students' behavioral, academic, social, emotional, and mental health. When implemented with fidelity, PBIS improves social emotional competence, academic success, and school climate. It also improves teacher health and wellbeing. It is a way to create positive, predictable, equitable and safe learning environments where everyone thrives.

We have high expectations of all students and staff at Park Avenue Elementary School. The Park Avenue PBIS Team has quarterly PBIS trips

for students who exemplify positive behavior, academics, and attendance. This year's trips include movies at the Capitol Theatre, roller skating at Zoomers, bowling at Blue Fusion, and jumping at the Altitude Trampoline Park. We have completed two successful trips so far this year, Zoomers and to the movie theatre.



Dear Members of the Class of 2023.....

The deadline to submit senior portraits for the 2023 Mount Gilead Yearbook is Friday, March 17!!!

Senior Portrait Requirements and Deadlines

- Vertical (up and down) portraits only.
- You must be featured from the waist up. Full body length photos
 will not be accepted. You will need to crop the picture before submitting.
- No props or sunglasses in the picture: you must be the focus of the photo.
- No watermarks or photography company logos.
- Images must be at least 300dpi. Use the photographer's original image not a download from social media or a screen shot.
- Turn in the digital image by email or on a flash drive. Hard copy prints can be submitted but they will not look as nice in print.
- Turn in photo to Mrs. Gerber in room 112 or email photos to: jgerber@mgschools.org

NOTICE: Students who do not submit a senior photo or submit an unacceptable picture will have their Lifetouch portrait used instead.



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Alexis Howell Chosen as MGHS Featured Artist

The featured high school art student for this Communicator cycle is Alexis Howell. She is currently a sophomore which is very impressive given her artistic talent. She may not have taken many art classes yet but the projects she made during her time in the art room were well above average. Alexis is a great student with a positive attitude. She always tackled each assignment with more effort, time, and detail than was asked of her. Expect many cool things to be made! She will have many art projects on display in the annual spring art show.

Submitted by Mr. Thompson, MGHS Art Teacher





Keever Brothers Named Park Avenue Featured Artists

Featured Park Avenue Elementary Artists are brothers Grant and Jackson Keever. Grant is a third grade student in Miss Gregory's class. He is a very meticulous artist, who takes his time and does his best on every assignment. He enjoys drawing and using his imagination. Jackson is a fifth grade student in Mr. Boltz's class. He is also a diligent artist who enjoys drawing. Jackson also enjoys football and plays basketball for the 5th grade Mount Gilead purple team.

Students Chosen as Honored Artists

1st grade student Gabriella Bateman and 4th grade student Emilee Hoffmaster were chosen as an honored artist for the 43rd Annual Young People's Art Exhibition sponsored by the Ohio Art Education Association. There are eight regions in Ohio representing the OAEA, and this year's show includes 89 student artworks from all over the state. It's a great honor for Gabriella 's art to be chosen for this exhibition, There will be a Recognition Ceremony on Saturday, March 11th at The Kings Arts Complex in Columbus.



Gabriella Bateman

Emilee Hoffmaster

Veterans Share Personal Experiences; Have Portraits Drawn

The 4th grade students completed an art project based on the book "Portraits of Courage" by George W. Bush. The book is a compilation of portraits of veterans, painted by George W. Bush and their personal stories. 4th grade students invited Veterans to visit their elementary art class and share their military experiences, and have their portraits drawn. The students enjoyed the speakers and had several questions for our guests. Finished portraits were displayed at the elementary school.



Pictured are school resource officer Mike Turner and some of the 4th grade students.

MG Swimmers Gain Confidence as Season Progresses

The Mt. Gilead High School swim team is winding down the season as we head into our Sectional Tournaments. With 18 swimmers total, 10 boys and 8 girls, the team is a little smaller than many of the area teams, but the boys' team has been fairly competitive at our multi-team meets and invitationals. We don't have any comparable conference records like other sports because KMAC has no other swim teams. Several teams joined together to form the North Central Ohio Swim League to give teams like ours a conference meet. This year, we were down numbers due to the OMEA Contest, but the boys came in 4th of 9 teams.



Photo from Facebook/mgswimteam

MG Senior Cole Hershner

This has been a bit of a rebuilding year for the team as well, with 4 brand new swimmers and 3 freshmen.

With so many new swimmers, a real challenge for us is to try to fill many of the harder events like the IM or 500 free – if you can't fill events, you can't score as many points.

What has been rewarding is seeing so many of the new swimmers gain confidence as they improve each week. According to coach Dina Snow, "I think we have a great team spirit as the swimmers cheer for one another and work toward their goals. I don't know how the sectional tournaments will turn out or if we will advance anyone to Districts this season, but as long as I know they are giving their all, I will be happy! Some of our newer swimmers even have their sights set on trying some of the more challenging events next year, so I'd say that's a win!"

MGHS Leadership Team Attends Leadership Summit

Mount Gilead High School is excited to announce a new movement within its walls. The MGHS Leadership team has been born and is doing some amazing things. The MGHS Leaders group is composed of 20 high school students who show leadership qualities with their peers. These students are an excellent representation of all student groups and activities here at MG. This group is working alongside the PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Supports) initiative with building and district leaders. The goal of PBIS is to create a positive climate for students and staff that results in more positive opportunities for students, lower disciplinary issues, increased student participation, and inspiring students to become good citizens within their community.

Recently, the MGHS Leaders attended a Leadership Summit at Mid-Ohio Education Service Center. Joey Baldwin, a member of the group reported: "On November 16, 2022, Mount Gilead High School students attended the Mid-Ohio and OHSAA Leadership Conference in Mansfield, Ohio. While there, attendees heard speakers Harvey Alston, Omari Pearson, Deb Hult, and Jason Michaels. All four speakers taught lessons that we will use in life, now and later, to succeed as a person and leader." Joey also explains: "Harvey Alston was a very confident and passionate man who talked about his views and lessons for the students at the conference. The broad spectrum of his speech was "be the best" you can be whether it is being responsible, courageous, or courteous. Deb Hult taught us that when in public to not worry about what people think of you. The second speaker of the day was Omari Pearson. He taught us that no matter what you do you're going to face problems, but you need to be determined to reach your destiny. The last speaker of the day was Jason Michaels. He taught us that you may have problems but the way you turn that into a positive shows character and your capabilities."



Attention Alumni: If your class is having a reunion and you'd like to spread the word, or if you've already met and would like to share information or pictures, please contact

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and what a sound technician does. The sound technician then put their voices, sound effects, and spoken lines to scenes from the actual Disney movie! We will be playing this at our next concert.

The band had the opportunity to perform at Walt Disney World's "Disney Springs" on the Waterfront Stage. They

large outdoor audience. This was a great opportunity for our students to perform in a professional setting while sharing their music with visitors from across the country and world! The band represented the Mount Gilead Community proudly with a very successful concert. The students also had the opportunity to enjoy the magic of the Disney World parks; spending time in the Magic Kingdom, Epcot, and Hollywood Studios. It was a great experience for

performed a program of 6 songs, on a professional stage, in front of a



MG Athletic Hall of Fame inducts four new members

The Twenty-Second Mount Gilead Athletic Hall of Fame took place on Friday, January 27, 2023. The following were inducted into the Class of 2023: Jonah Barnett (2017 Graduate), Richard "Dick" Campbell - Deceased (1947 Graduate), Deondre Cook (2016 Graduate), and Jenna Shipman (2016 Graduate).

Pictured right, top; left to right: Deondre Cook, Jenna Shipman, and Jonah Barnett.

Pictured right, bottom; left to right is the family of Richard "Dick" Campbell: Earl Boehm (son-in-law), Bev Campbell (wife), and Rick Campbell (son).







MG Alumni Spotlight

Kelsey Kennon is a 2020 graduate from Mt. Gilead High School. Her parents are Mark and Jennifer Kennon of Mt. Gilead. She is currently pursuing a double major in Primary Education (Pre K-5th) and Intervention Specialist (K-12) at the University of Findlay where she is also a member of the Woman's Track and Field team.

Kelsey wrote and illustrated her first children's book titled "My Name is Luna." In the story, Luna, who is just a baby, goes through a life changing event of having her tusks removed. Luna's mother made the difficult decision to have them removed so that Luna was able to play safely with her friends near their lagoon. "My Name is Luna" educates children on the very sad reality of poaching currently taking place around the world by Luna having her

tusks removed in order to stay safe. The book also includes coloring pages, word bank, creative writing, and more for younger children to enjoy and be part of Luna's story.

A book signing event will take place at the United Way Radiothon on Thursday, April 20th, from 2:30 pm to 4:30pm. The event will be held at Pizzaburg in Mt. Gilead. If you do not have a copy of Kelsey's book, there will be a limited supply available for purchase at the signing. However, if you already have one and would like it signed, bring it with you! All of the proceeds of the book sales will be donated to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Kelsey is currently working on her next book in the series which will be titled "Luna's First Day of School."



Park Avenue Elementary - Honor & Merit Rolls for 2nd Quarter

FIRST GRADE (All A's)

Luke Barnhouse, Kase Beltz, Hailey Combs, Grayson Dettra, Abigail Dragoo, Finn Everson, Ezekiel Hedrick, Isaac Hoffmaster, Carly Hornback, Liam Hudson, Vivianne Keefus, Kodi Keenan, Arkadia Luke, Brynn Mahaffey, Carter Marquis, Addie McCotter, Jace Meimer, Harper Rausch, Roni Ruffner, Jaxon Snyder, Eleanor Staats, Aiden Wick, Kaydence Williamson, Hazel Wofel

FIRST GRADE (All A's & B's)

Gabriella Bateman, Liam Bowersmith, Leah Bowens, Joseph Bucher, Luke Burson, Allison Callaway, Damon Chapman, Braxton Cothern, Legend Galloway, Isabella Hankins, Jackson Hazen, Karter Kinsella, Roberto Meija-Nonato, Tanner Neal, Benjamin Pidcock, Liam Pigman, Ruby Sayers, Spencer Sells, Brayden Sias, Vayda Squires, Evan Strubhar, Elora-Abigial Supplee

SECOND GRADE (All A's)

Lilah Aberts, Hunter Arndt, Oliver Butterfield, Ian Coldwell, Gunner Frost, Cyenna Hampton, Trey Hershner, Josie LaRoche, Draven Lowe, Janna Lowe, Trevor Neighbors, Zane Rayburn, Ryker Robinson, Avery Rowe, Elijah Sheets, Finleigh Young

SECOND GRADE (All A's & B's)

Hayden Arndt, Lainey Bessinger, Oland Byrum, Owen Carey, Theo Carrick, Hunter Creasap, Ava Dorsey, Jocelyn Henry, Harlow Martin, Aleah Miller, Gracie Minturn, Charles Mitchell, Kamryn Nettle, Alannah Roberts, Airyana Shaw, Lula Sheets, Ramsey Snedegar

THIRD GRADE (All A's)

Evangeline Al-Mansur, Alliah Baisden, Raeme Burton, Brantley Carwell, Paxton Colegrove, Sydnei Cothern, Mason Eckard, Jackie Edwards, Marlee Farrell, Ryder Fleming, Lee Fletcher, Lily Gould, Connor Grimm, Bret Hesson, Jaxson Hicks, Addison Hitchman, Isabella Ingersoll, Rayna Irwin, Grant Keever, Carson Kidwell, Samuel Kimple, Veronic Koebel, Kendall Kuykendall, Jessica Lyons, Harper McClelland, Teagan McCulloch, Lucas Rausch, Averee Robinson, Quinton Smith, Madilyn Snyder, Peyton Snyder, Kendal Trout, Jase Whittington

THIRD GRADE (All A's & B's)

Chance Ammerman, Charles Gearhart, Charli Highman, Joshua Kirk, Kate Kirkpatrick, Nickolas Lewis-Reynolds, Mallori Louderback, Rosalynne McLain, Ryleigh Richardson, Isaiah Scales, Daniel Sexton, Cataleia St. Clair, Wesley Truax, Harley Webb

FOURTH GRADE (All A's)

Aleeah Brake, Madelynn Dailey, Marcus Fleming, Lane Fletcher, Avery Gaitten, Hudson Hand, Riley Hirt, Emilee Hoffmaster, Abby Lakey, Destiny Lister, Wesley Mahaffey, Carter Mark, Emma Marquis, Hudson Martin, Skyler Martinez, Karter Nettle, Layla Nobles, Allyssa Pierce, Landon Richards, Braxtien Strubhar

FOURTH GRADE (All A's & B's)

Savannah Alexander, Connor Antczak, Anna Baldwin, Mileigh Benedict, Ja'Mariaun Birchfield, JaLayne Brekhus, Braylen Carwell, Bennett Coniglio, Gabriella Cross, Grayson Detty, Lincoln Dillon, Colton Dobucki, Livy Everson, Daniel Forquer, Amy Galloway, Benjamin Griffith, Ethan Hanshaw, Brayden Jordan, Jase Kuhn, Addelyn Lama, Bristol Lawyer, Oakley Maynard, Logan McCarty, Isaac Simon, Jazzmine Simpson, Hayley Stinson, Nolan Tobin, Norah Walters, Merrick Ward, Lane Webb

FIFTH GRADE (All A's)

Griffyn Banez, Hayden Combs, Parker Grimm, Peyton Hayes, Jensen Hendricks, Jackson Keever, Joselyn Mejia-Nonato, Valerie Mounts, Evelyn Naysmith

FIFTH GRADE (All A's & B's)

Julian Aberts, Rosalyn Anderson, Fernando Arita, Carolyn Barr, Cameron Beaver, Emmi Beltz, Bentley Bierce, Aden Bowersmith, Eli Bowersox, Adylynn Brown, Kaiden Caldwell, Ava Carlson, Dawson Davis, Ricky Edwards, Ava Hudson, Logan Huntt, Jillian LaRoche, Addalynne Merz, Ada Miley, Trinity Parrish, Owen Pangborn, Alex Pauley, Leah Pruden, Sierra Reed, Maia Saylor, Owen Sellers, Brody Sergent, XaidenShaw, Brianna Strause, Adilynn Truax, Lorelai Turner, Ellie Williams, Dalton Wilt

Mount Gilead Middle School - Honor & Merit Rolls for 2nd Quarter

SIXTH GRADE HONOR ROLL (3.6 - 4.0)

Evyahanna Ahli, Renny Arndt, Addi Baisden Napper, Camri Bartlett, Charlie Brannon, Livie Brannon, McKenlee Bump, Lilly Carey, Camden Castricone, Anabelle Coniglio, Alannah Courtad, Alex Foster, Andrew Gannon, Maci Guy, Kaylen Hecht, Levi Johnson, Suzie King, Alexis Klemann, Nicholas Manley, Makayla McKenzie, Landon Mosher, Eliza Rogers, Makayla Williams, Brock Zerman

SIXTH GRADE MERIT ROLL (3.0 - 3.59)

Heath Barnum, Leeum Castle, Brooklynn Crawford, Tayhaiven Chapman, Dallas Dillon, Garrett Hendrickson, Mason Kirkpatrick, Dalton Lewis, Brayden Johnson, Tre Jones Jenkins, Arionna Kauderer, Victor Koebel, Lily Martin, Johnathan McCarty, Gavin Watts, Maelii Whipple, Gracelyn Williams

SEVENTH GRADE HONOR ROLL (3.6 - 4.0)

Darby Allen, Keaton Ayers, Henry Bartlett, Neko

Biederman, Lily Billups, Ava Charles, Memphis Clapper, Rigley Coniglio, Chris Conley, Nevaeh Crow, Gabriela Cuevas, Reyna Esparza, Mia Fleming, Brycen Gabriel, Zane Grandstaff, Ashley Green Lippencott, Alora Hammer, Marshall Hand, Jamisen Hardwick, Gwen Hershner, Allyson Howell, Evan Irons, Aiden Keller, Brenna Leonhard, Hannah Lett, Avery Martin, Avery McClelland, Tyler Miller, Amelia Newson, Jocelynn Thornton, Scarlett Oaklief, Emma Osborne, Jayden Simon, Grayson Smith, Blake Staats, Nicole Staley, Alix Wehr, Elijah Wolfe, Phin Wilde, Megan Webb, Kylee Whipple, Abby Woody

SEVENTH GRADE MERIT ROLL (3.0 - 3.59)

Bailey Bault, Max Bulkowski, MaKayla Carlisle, Logan Cobb, Hudsen Goodrich, Gavin Highman, Andrew Holden, JT Holbrook, Mason Hupfer, Dakota Kipp, Caden Lewis, Erin McQuistion, Vincent Miller, Talon Naysmith, Quillan Rocks

EIGHTH GRADE HONOR ROLL (3.6 - 4.0)

Alex Beard, Melody Bowersox, Elias Bulkowski, Roc Castricone, Nikhil Coder, Shadlynn Conley, Kyla Eubanks, Kloe Griffin, Tyler Harr, Autumn Howell, Brooke Jagger, Avery Johnson, Allison Jones, Grant LaRoche, Wyatt Long, Sophie Mosher, Cooper Nelson, Kylie Rigdon, Shelby Robinson, Brent Robson, Addison Rogers, Boe Sayers, Rowan Shaw, Evan Shoffner, Chance Staats, Liam Stainaker, Kaden St. Clair, Riley Thomas, Ethan Turner, Kenlee Trainer, Kasen Wallace

EIGHTH GRADE MERIT ROLL (3.0 - 3.59)

Larissa Coleman, Cynthia Compton, Crystal Damron, Taelan Davis, Kailyn Dillon, Abigail Griffith, Kamryn Harris, Chason Hart, Landen Hayes, Mariah Heacock, Mason Hester, Reagan Hoy, Zenner Hull, Zackary Martino, Nate Meier, Madelyn Mogle, Mackenzie Mosier, Quintin Pierce, Haldon Rudolph, Briggs Sergent, Braxton Smith, Raygen VanHorn, Daxton Wilson

Mount Gilead High School - Honor & Merit Rolls for 1st Semester

FRESHMEN (3.0 - 3.4) Academic Merit Roll

Asher Anderson, Crisma Esparza, Griffin McClelland, Keegan Petry, Jaylen Sams, Lane Shrader, Jonathan Wallis, Wyatt Yong

SOPHOMORES (3.0 - 3.4) Academic Merit Roll

Robert Ammerman, Megan Beck, Alexia Gibson, Hayden Pangborn, Haley Pfeifer, Carson Trainer

JUNIORS (3.0 - 3.4) Academic Merit Roll

Hailey Fuller, Collin Gabriel, Hayden Krinn, Levi Lawhon, Kierra Main, Grace Mosher, Gabriel Simpson, Landon Spoon

SENIORS (3.0 - 3.4) Academic Merit Roll

Sicily Carrick, Olivia Kissling, Garrick Lemon, Abram Shonk, Alexis Staats, Ryley Young

FRESHMEN (3.5 - 3.99) Award of Academic Distinction

Lindsey Ayers, Gage Baker, Carson Barnum, Porter Beck, Evan Bowersmith, Hayleigh Brown, Peyton Clark, Angel Gillespie, William Hale, Rayna Heacock, Faith Little, Cody Meimer, Abram Newson, Ruby RubioCastaneda, Eli Shrader, Elijah Smith, Baylee Snyder, Hayden Somerlot, Jaxon Tinch, Lillian Ward, Seth Young

SOPHOMORES (3.5 – 3.99) Award of Academic Distinction

Claudia HernandoMontes, Sean Holcomb, Miguel MartinezCastaneda, Carson Mowery, Christian Overly, Jacey Snelling, Kimberly Staley

JUNIORS (3.5 – 3.99) Award of Academic Distinction

Devin Bodi, Mikenzee Clapper, Joshua Davis, Emily Mattix, Emma McDonald

SENIORS (3.5 – 3.99) Award of Academic Distinction

Cristian Aguirre, Payton Ammerman, Samuel Baer, Victoria Brewer, Nicholas Garvey, Owen High, Maddison Hursey, Abigial Kincaid, Steven Street, Ean Supplee, Sean Walters

FRESHMEN (4.0+) Superintendent's Academic Honor Roll

Alyssa Anton, Brooklynn Davis, Alexis Fox, Cole
Fricke, Alijah Hardy, Nolan Hershner, Owen
Hershner, Cassady Irwin, Shalynn Irwin, Christian
Kneipp, Abigail Leonhard, Kendall Neal, Alana
Patterson, Brogan Pfleiderer, Danielle Pohlkotte,
Shyla Pruden, Madelyn Robbins, Erick Robson,
Gauge Shipman, Camryn Travis

Adriana Lyons, Candace Millisor, Grace Mo
Judah Reid, Sydnie Salisbury, Kamen Shaw,
Grace Shipman, Karley Wallace, Kassandra
Webb, Benjamin Whitt

SOPHOMORES (4.0+) Superintendent's Academic Honor Roll

Ava Baker, William Baker, Joseph Baldwin, Adeline Bartlett, Riley Cardwell, Alexis Howell, Natalie Jagger, Jillian Jones, Logan Klemann, Chase O'Brien, Abigail Ramsey, Jakob Smith, Ryan Swalley, Natalie Waugh, Kaith White, Savannah Wilt

JUNIORS (4.0+) Superintendent's Academic Honor Roll

Parker Bartlett, Shelba Fisher, Daniel Jones, Maria MartinezCastaneda, Aubrey Thomas

SENIORS (4.0+) Superintendent's Academic Honor Roll

Leviathan Barnett, Matthew Bland, Madilyn Elson, Aaron Gannon, Garrett George, Madison Hack, Aspen Hatfield, Cole Hershner, Haydan Ingle, Kyndra Irwin, Carter Kennon, Elizabeth Leonhard, Lydia Leonhard, Ashleah Levings, Adriana Lyons, Candace Millisor, Grace Mowery, Judah Reid, Sydnie Salisbury, Kamen Shaw, Grace Shipman, Karley Wallace, Kassandra Webb, Benjamin Whitt

Tri-Rivers Students- Honor & Merit Rolls for 2nd Quarter

All A's Honor Roll

Reston Benson, Robert Copeland, Logan Dillon, Madison Hack, Quade Harris, Keana Littell

A/B Honor Roll

Alexis Baldwin, Wyatt Irwin, Jacob Seitz, Graham Sherbourne, Nathan Smith, Natalee Tobin



Bland Tops 1,000 Points during MGHS Basketball Career



Congratulations to Senior Matthew Bland (#3) who officially made it to the 1000 points club for Mount Gilead High School during the January 27, 2023 regular season match-up at home against East Knox!

The 1,000 point mark is an extremely rare experience for high school basketball players. The objective is for a player to score 1,000 points, throughout their four years in high school.







Baseball

3/17/2023	@ Colonel Craw	ford (Scrim)
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3/18/2023 North Union (Scrim)

3/21/2023 Lucas (Scrim)

3/22/2023 @ Johnstown (Scrim)

3/25/2023 @ Madison Plains (DH)

3/27/2023 @ Utica

3/29/2023 @ Danville

3/31/2023 Danville

4/1/2023 Mansfield Christian

4/3/2023 @ Northmor

4/5/2023 Northmor

4/7/2023 @ Lucas

4/10/2023 Centerburg

4/12/2023 @ Centerburg

4/14/2023 Wynford

4/15/2023 Triad (DH)

4/19/2023 @ Fredericktown

4/20/2023 Loudonville

4/21/2023 Fredericktown

4/24/2023 @ East Knox

4/26/2023 East Knox

4/28/2023 Cardington

4/29/2023 @ Granville Christian

5/1/2023 @ Cardington

5/5/2023 @ Galion

5/8/2023 Harding

5/9/2023 @ Mansfield Christian

5/11/2023 Plymouth

5/15/2023 Crestline

HS Track

3/25/2023 @ Col. Crawford Early Bird Invite

3/31/2023 @ Colonel Crawford Invite

4/4/2023 @ Northmor Quad

4/7/2023 @ Hillard Darby

4/8/2023 @ Hillard Davidson

4/11/2023 @ Highland Quad

4/14/2023 @Granville

4/18/2023 @ Fredericktown Quad

4/21/2023 Marysville

4/25/2023 Pleasant/Galion

4/28/2023 @ Mapleton Night Invitational

5/2/2023 Clear Fork/Lucas/Gilead Christian

5/6/2023 Mount Gilead Invite

5/9/2023 KMAC @ Northmor

5/16/2023 District Meet Granville

5/17/2023 District Meet

5/20/2023 District Meet

5/24/2023 Regional Meet- Heath

5/26/2023 Regional Meet

6/2/2023 State Meet

6/2/2023 State Meet

Softball

3/18/2023 Clear Fork (Scrim)

3/21/2023 Bucyrus (Scrim)

3/22/2023 @ Ridgemont (Scrim)

3/27/2023 @ Utica

3/29/2023 @ Danville

3/31/2023 Danville

4/1/2023 Mansfield Christian (DH)

4/3/2023 @ Northmor

4/5/2023 Northmor

4/6/2023 Harding

4/7/2023 @ Lucas

4/8/2023 @ Delaware Christian (DH)

4/10/2023 Centerburg

4/12/2023 @ Centerburg

4/14/2023 Wynford

4/15/2023 Triad (DH)

4/17/2023 @ Pleasant

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5/8/2023 @ Crestline





MS Track

4/1/2023 @ Mike Armstrong

4/5/2023 Fredericktown/East Knox

4/8/2023 @ Triad Invite

4/12/2023 Highland/Gilead Christian

4/14/2023 @ Clearfork Invite

4/19/2023 @ Northmor Quad

4/21/2023 @ Redbird Invitational

4/27/2023 @ Fredericktown Relays

4/29/2023 Mount Gilead Invite

5/5/2023 KMAC @ Cardington

Please Note: Dates and times listed above are subject to change.

Please visit mgschools.org for up-to-date information.

2023-2024 School Calendar

August 2023

22: Teacher In-service

District Convocation (Staff)

23: Teacher Work Days

24: Community Open House

5-6 PM: Vendors & Food Trucks 6-8 PM: School Open house

25: Teacher Work Day

September 2023

4: NO SCHOOL - Labor Day

5: NO SCHOOL - Teacher Work Day

6: First day of School

October 2023

20: 2-Hour Early Release: Teacher In-Service

November 2023

3: End of 1st Quarter

9: 1-Hour Early Release: Parent/Teacher Conferences 14: 1-Hour Early Release: Parent/Teacher Conferences 22-24: NO SCHOOL: Conference Comp and Thanksgiving

December 2023

21: 2-Hour Early Release: Teacher In-Service

22-31: NO SCHOOL: Winter Break

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January 2023

1-2: NO SCHOOL: Winter Break

3: School Resumes

12: **2-Hour Early Release**: Teacher In-Service **15: NO SCHOOL: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

18: End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester 19: NO SCHOOL: Teacher Work Day

February 2024

15: **1-Hour Early Release**: Parent/Teacher Conferences

19: NO SCHOOL: Presidents' Day

20: 1-Hour Early Release: Parent/Teacher Conferences

March 2024

22: 1-Hour Early Release: Parent/Teacher Conferences

22: End of 3rd Quarter

25-29: NO SCHOOL: Spring Break

April 2024

1: NO SCHOOL: Conference Comp

19: 2-Hour Early Release: Teacher In-Service

May 2024

24: **2-Hour Early Release**: Teacher In-Service

27: NO SCHOOL: Memorial Day

31: 1-Hour Early Release: Last Day for Students

31: End of 4th Quarter/2nd Semester

June 2024

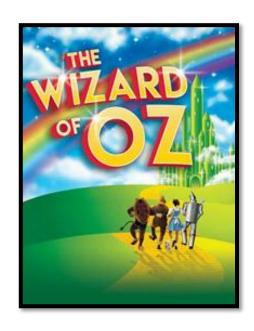
1: Class of 2024 Graduation

3: Teacher Work Day

Mount Gilead High School Theatre invites all to join them in Oz!

The cast and crew of our show is composed of over thirty MGHS students, with seniors Maddison Hursey, Samuel Baer, Garrett George, and sophomore Kate Kelty, in the leading roles. We also have nine Fifth grade students from Park Ave Elementary School portraying different Munchkins, Flying Monkeys, AND a little dog too!

Follow the yellow brick road in this delightful stage adaptation of L. Frank Baum's beloved tale, featuring the iconic musical score from the MGM film. The timeless tale, in which young Dorothy Gale travels from Kansas over the rainbow to the magical Land of Oz, continues to thrill audiences worldwide.



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Important Upcoming Events

MARCH -

- 3/4 OMEA District Contest
- 13- PAE PTO Meeting @ 6:30
- 18 -PAE Mother/Son Dodgeball
- 23 Artapalooza 2023
 - @ Mid-Ohio ESC
- 24 End of 3rd Quarter
- 24 MG Swing & Sing Concert 7:00 PM, MS Auditorium

APRIL -

3-10 - NO SCHOOL Spring Break & Conference Comp

- 17 PAE PTO Meeting @ 6:30
- 20 PAE PTO Literacy Night
- 22 MGHS Prom
- 27 PAE Spring Concerts Kindergarten @ 6:30 2nd Grade @ 7:30

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- 8 PAE PTO Meeting @ 6:30
- 11- Kindergarten Screening NO KINDERGARTEN
- 12 Kindergarten Screening NO KINDERGARTEN
- 15 Spring Band Concert3:30 PM, HS Auditorium
- 18 MGMS Science Fair
- 20 PAE PTO Launch into Summer Rockets
- 21 Music Program Spring Concerts Middle School High School @ 3:30 PM
- 29 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day

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- 1 LAST DAY, EARLY RELEASE for students
- 1 End of 4th Quarter/2nd Semester
- 3 Class of 2023 Graduation

Upcoming Alumni Events:

The Class of MGHS 1977 will have an informal get-together at The End Zone on March 2nd at 6 PM

The Class of 1973 will hold its 50 year reunion on August 12, 2023 at Handlebar Ranch. Class members may reach out to mghsclass1973@gmail.com to be put on the mailing list