

Mount Gilead Cross Country STATE RUNNER-UP

Congratulations to our Mount Gilead Boys Cross Country team as they brought home the OHSAA Division 3 State Runner-Up trophy! Read more about all of our Fall Sports inside.

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From the Desk of Dr. Zack Howard, Superintendent (zackhoward@mgschools.org)

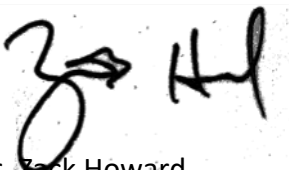
Dear Mount Gilead Schools Community,

As we transition from Fall to Winter, we'll be gearing up for Winter Sports and Activities very soon. As a Superintendent, I always appreciate the change in seasons because I know there will be additional opportunities for students to be involved in activities they love and along with these will come new memories made, new friendships, and new opportunities for leaders to emerge. Thank you Mount Gilead Schools Community for supporting our kids throughout the Fall Season and we hope you can join us at the upcoming Winter events to cheer our kids on! Congratulations to our Cross Country Teams (Kimberly Staley and the Boys Team in particular for qualifying for the State Meet) and showing the amazing scholar-athletes we have in Mount Gilead!

Our school year has started off well, and we appreciate the partnership between our school district and our stakeholders. I'm happy to share that the work that is being done on a day to day basis has led to an improved State Report Card where we earned 4 out of 5 Stars and plan to continue a positive trajectory moving forward. Perhaps the most important component we can harp on as a school district is continuing to build strong relationships between the staff, students, parents, and community members. One microcosm of this endeavor is seen every morning at Park Avenue Elementary where they've started a new tradition of holding a "Morning Pow Wow" each day. During this time, every student meets in the Gym with their individual class and expectations and celebrations are shared amongst every individual in the building. It's a wonderful, positive way to start each day with recognizing birthdays by the entire student body singing to them. Students also recite the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Park Avenue Elementary / PAX Pledge - "Indians are Responsible, Respectful, and Safe. We will be good PAX leaders today!"

One primary component of our Strategic Plan is Goal #1- "Increase positive interactions through mentorship for all students". Specifically, we're trying to increase "Parent Involvement", "Community Involvement" and have added a "School Resource Officer". Park Avenue Elementary has reached out to Parents/Guardians and have invited them to volunteer in the building through a variety of means. There are multiple ways to do this and if you're interested - whether this is at Park Avenue or one of our other buildings, we are always looking for additional ways to get parents/guardians involved. Recently, every 9th Grade Student attended a Job Fair that was held in partnership with the Morrow County Office of Economic Development. Many of our stakeholders attended this event to share their career experiences and we thank them all! Officer Turner, our SRO has continued to build positive relationships with our students and has recently provided safety education to our students as witnessed during "Safety Town" and "Red Ribbon Week".

It's an honor to serve this great school community as your superintendent!



Dr. Zack Howard
MGEVS Superintendent

MGEVS Calendar Updates

In working with Mt. Gilead Village Maintenance, there will need to be water line repairs along streets in the village that will impact our water supply. They will need to shut the water off and our campus will not have water on Tuesday, November 21st while repairs are made. So, this will be considered a calamity day (No School) and this will extend our Thanksgiving Break by one day.

Also, on September 19, 2023, the Mount Gilead Board of Education voted to REVISE the 2023-2024 School Calendar to include Monday, April 8, 2024 as a Teacher Work Day (no school for students).



Parent & Community Engagement Survey Participation Requested

Our District Strategic Plan emphasizes Community Connections, Parent Involvement in Education, and Improving 2-way Communication. We have made lots of strides towards meeting our goals in the last 18 months, but we want to hear from you. How are you involved with the schools? How are we communicating? How can we do better? Please take a minute to scan the QR code to the right to fill out a short survey so we can continue to improve.



SCAN ME

Mt. Gilead Middle School Earns Top-Honors, District “Exceeds Standards” in State Report Card

Mount Gilead Schools “Exceed State Standards,” says the Ohio Department of Education 2022-2023 Report Card released for districts across Ohio on Thursday. Mount Gilead Middle School, independently, scored 5 stars.

“I am proud to announce that our district earned a 4 star overall rating which means we are exceeding state standards for our students at Mt. Gilead,” remarked Emily Ross, MGEVS Director of Curriculum and Instruction. “This is the first year with overall star ratings on the report card and is evidence of just how much ground we have regained since COVID. While there are always areas for improvement, the High School and Middle School should be especially proud as they earned 4.5 & 5 stars respectively for their building ratings.”

After the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ohio Department of Education switched from a letter grade to a “star” based score. A three-star rating “meets state standards”, a five “significantly exceeds standards”, and a one “needs significant support to meet state standards.”

This means the Middle School is no longer a “Focus” school building requiring additional compliance measures for the state,” The district received 3 stars, or higher, meeting or exceeding state expectations in Achievement (Performance Index on State tests); Progress (Expected growth on state tests); Gap Closing (how our student subgroups are improving); Graduation rate (looks at 4-year and 5-year rates); and Early Literacy (focus on K-3 on/off track, 3rd grade Reading Guarantee, and Promotion to 4th Grade).

Read the full story in District News at mgschools.org

NEW - Standards Based Grade Card for Park Ave Students

Starting this fall Mount Gilead Schools are rolling out more detailed Standards based grade cards for Park Avenue. While a grade percentage is still calculated in the traditional manner, we are using a new Letter grade scale to help shift our focus towards mastery of standards. We want families to know exactly what students are learning and where they have strengths or need support. This is not possible with traditional averages and Alpha grade scales. In the new letter scale E is for Exceeds the standard, and would be similar to an A. M is for Mastered the standard, and is similar to a B. P is Progressing to the standard, and would be similar to a C, and L is Limited Growth on the standard, and would be like a D.

As a student progresses through the year, not all standards will be assessed each quarter. Subjects like Math build on prior skills while other topics like Opinion Writing may only be taught in one quarter. By the end of the year each standard will have been taught and assessed on the report card. If you are looking at your students' grades in PowerSchool, when you click on the grade for a class you can see all the assignments and standards included in that grade.

Open the camera app on your phone and scan (don't take a picture) the image below. Then, follow the link that pops up to watch a video explanation of the new standards based report card.



Student & Attendance Info>>>

Park Avenue Elementary - 025791

2023-2024 Report Card

Park Avenue Elementary - 025791
335 Park Avenue
Mount Gilead, OH 43338



Phone: 419-946-5736
Principal: Mrs. Ally Schleichert
Superintendent: Dr. Zack Howard

Student ID								Student Name				Grade		Homeroom	
												5		Boltz, Andrew S	
Days Absent								Total Hours		Unexcused Hours		Excused Hours		Medical Excused	
Q1	Q2	S1	Q3	Q4	S2	Y1		Absent this Year		Absent this Year		Absent this Year		Hours this Year	
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Introducing our Standards Based Grade card. We are changing grade cards to give a more accurate picture of the learning progress for students based on state standards for each course. They still have traditional Alpha and Numeric grades that are the average of their standards grades. Not all standards are graded each quarter. Please see your teacher with any questions.

The Standards Key:

E = Exceeds the Standard and is an A or 95%
M = Meets the Standard and is a B or 85%
P = Progressing to the Standard and is a C or 75%
L = Limited Growth on Standard and is a D or 65%

<<<The Key to our new Grade Scale

Course Name	Teacher Name
Gr 5 Character Ed	Heffelfinger, Lauren
Gr 5 Music	Stepp, Abigail
Gr 5 Art	Conrad, Robin
Gr 5 Homeroom	Boltz, Andrew S
Gr 5 Math	Boltz, Andrew S
Gr 5 Personal Social Dev	Boltz, Andrew S
Gr 5 Physical Education	Butler, Tyler *
Gr 5 Reading	McChesney, Chelsey
Gr 5 Science	Boltz, Andrew S
Gr 5 Social Studies	McChesney, Chelsey
Lunch	Staff, Zzz

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Y1	Comment
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<<< Classes, Teachers & Comments

The Standards students have been learning this Grading Period (Quarter)

Reading	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Y1
Gr 5 Reading					
Reading Effort					
Reading Literary & Informational Text					
use text evidence to quote accurately, determine theme, summarize, infer, synthesize information and compare/contrast	E			E	
Reading Foundational Skills					
Determine or clarify meanings of unknown words and word relationships	E			E	
Writing					
Develop real or imagined experiences or events, with details and clear event sequences	E			E	
Math	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Y1
Gr 5 Math					
Math Effort					
Operations & Algebraic Thinking					
Numbers in Base Ten					
Numbers & Operations Fractions					
Measurement & Data					
Understand volume and relate volume to multiplication and to addition;	M			M	
Geometry					

Science	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Y1
Gr 5 Science					
Nature of Science: help students become scientifically responsible citizens	E				E
Earth Science					
Life Science					
Physical Science					
Social Studies	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Y1
Gr 5 Social Studies					
Effort & Understanding					
History	E				E
Geography & Spatial Thinking	E				E
Behavior	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Y1
Gr 5 Personal Social Dev					
Responsible					
Respectful					
Safe					
Art	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Y1
Gr 5 Art					
Behavior					
Content Knowledge					

As we wrap up the first quarter of school some helpful things to remember from your school cafeteria:

1. Has your income changed? Did you know that you can fill out a free and reduced application anytime of the year? Not only does the application possibly help you but it also helps the district with grants too. Also for this year only did you know that reduced students don't have to pay for school lunch!
2. Did you remember that last year the school board voted in a Charge policy? The charge policy lets your student charge up to \$75.00 in school meals. That is roughly 17 days that your student can charge a breakfast and lunch meal. But remember you will need to pay that amount back! We send home negative balance letters monthly, please don't ignore these letters, pay on your student's negative balance, as this debt carries from year to year with them. If your student charges more than \$75.00 your student will receive a USDA meal, that is not the menued option.
3. Remember our apps we have to help make school lunches easier. With PaySchools Central (<https://payschoolscentral.com/>) you can fill out a free and reduced application, put money on your students account, or even see what your student is buying each day. NutriSlice (<https://mtgilead.nutrislice.com/menu>) is where you can see what is on the lunch menu for each building.
4. Are you running late and your student is saying they are hungry? Did you know that each morning your student can come to school and get breakfast for only \$1.50 (paid student), or if your student is free or reduced breakfast is free this year. Even on school delay's we offer breakfast each day.
5. Each building has multiple options for students to choose from each day, for both breakfast and lunch. If your student doesn't like what is on the menu for that day, there are other options to choose from. At the Middle and high school we offer pizza every day at lunch. At the elementary we offer deli sandwiches and peanut butter and jelly. Those are only some of the options each day.



FOOD SERVICE UPDATES

Thanksgiving Feast Available to all Students

MG Schools Food Service will celebrate our students with a special Thanksgiving holiday feast! Middle and High School will have roast turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes and vegetable on Wednesday, November 15th. Park Avenue students will enjoy the same on Thursday, November 16th. This special meal will be charged just like a regular meal.



SUBSTITUTES NEEDED

- teachers • secretaries • custodians
- cafeteria • bus drivers • maintenance
- paraprofessionals/aides

Interested in joining the MGEVS family?

Applications are available M-F at the Board of Education office. For more information, email Teri Gray at tgray@mgschools.org or by calling (419) 946-1646

Blood Drive

MG's National Honor Society will sponsor blood donation drives on:

**Tuesday, November 14 and
Tuesday, January 23
12:30-6:30**

Mount Gilead Church of Christ

Schedule your appointment today at
RedCrossBlood.org

Park Avenue PTO Busy with Fall Events

The Park Avenue PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) has kicked off the 2023-2024 school year with several events.

In September, Jim "Basketball" Jones visited the elementary kids and taught them about kindness, doing the right thing, and the importance of working hard. Several students even learned how to spin a basketball using parts of their bodies!

Our second annual Football Tailgate party was held before the varsity homecoming football game with football-themed games, face painting, and snacks.

The space-themed STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) night was held on October 19. Students were able to learn about the elements of our solar system, make balloon rockets, and take home a galaxy snow globe.

Planning for the Santa Shop is currently in process. On December 18 and 19, vendors from the community will set up in the Park Avenue gymnasium and students will be able to shop during the school day for Christmas gifts for family and friends. Upon returning from Christmas break, a family movie night at the Capitol Theater is being planned.

Interested in learning about future events and volunteering? We meet the 2nd Monday of every month at 6:30 pm in the Park Avenue Library. Stay up-to-date by following us on Facebook at Park Avenue PTO (Parent Teacher Organization). *Article and Photo Submitted by Lori Levering, Park Ave PTO President*



BUY THE BOOK THEY'LL CHERISH

High School Yearbooks always contain your student's memories of that school year: the people, the clothes, the events and more. By purchasing the 2024 Mizpah, you're buying something your student will cherish always. Please note that we have changed publishers, so follow the information below to order:

1. Go to: www.herffjones.com
2. Click on the top menu option: Yearbook → Buy a Yearbook
3. Enter the school order number: 25621 - or - search for the school name: Mount Gilead High School

Follow the directions after that to select your yearbook and options for personalization. It is highly recommended that seniors order a book with the ship to home option.



Mount Gilead Athletic Boosters



Best of luck to our winter season athletes!

GO INDIANS!

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



Parents Urged to Follow Traffic Rules

The speed limit along Park Avenue and Cherry Street is 20 m.p.h.

Also, no vehicle should stop on Park Avenue or Cherry Street to let people out of their vehicles. The front (bus lane) of the Middle and High School buildings are also not for drop-off and pick-up. Please use the designated drop-off/pick-up locations at each building.



Senior Portrait Requirement and Deadlines

Dear Members of the Class of 2024: The deadline to submit senior portraits for the 2024 Mount Gilead Yearbook is Friday, March 15, 2024.



Senior Portrait Requirements:

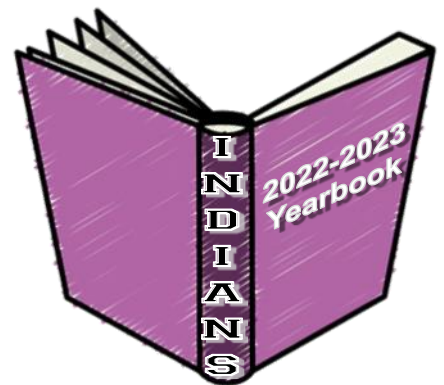
- Vertical portraits only.
- You must be featured from the waist up. **Full body length photos will not be accepted.** You will need to crop the picture before submitting.
- No props or sunglasses in the picture: you must be the focus of the photo.
- No watermarks or photography company logos.
- **Images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

Seniors can contact Mr. Lewis (tlewis@mgschools.org) if they would like to arrange a time for their senior picture to be taken by photography students. **Students who do not submit a senior photo or submit an unacceptable picture will have their LifeTouch portrait used instead.**

2023 Mizpah Yearbooks Available for Pick Up

Seniors who ordered at 2023 Mizpah but have not picked them up yet should make arrangements with Mrs. Gerber (jgrber@mgschools.org) to arrange pick-up.

A limited number of copies are still available at a cost of \$60 each.



Class of 2023 Members - Please take this survey

As part of our state reporting requirements each school district must follow up with its graduates 6 months later to see if they are Enrolled in college or an apprenticeship, Employed, or Enlisted in the military. The data collected is then included on our State Report Card and determines part of the score for College, Career, Workforce and Military Readiness. With the holidays approaching, it is the hope that students or parents can fill this short survey out. The survey will also be emailed to families as a reminder in December.



MG Students Help at Kiwanis One Day Project

On Saturday, October 21, participants from Kiwanis showed up at the Riggs Memorial Dog Park and Cherry Street Playground to help with Kiwanis One Day.

“We had a GREAT turnout and every SLP (Service Leadership Program) that Kiwanis of Morrow County sponsors was represented,” exclaimed Deb Levering.

We had 26 people helping throughout the morning: Kiwanis – 6; Aktion Club – 4; Key Club – 2; Builders Club – 1; K Kids – 10; other (non-members) – 3.

“It was an awesome experience and together we accomplished a LOT,” Levering added.

The crew worked to clean up the grounds of the dog park and playground to help it look much better. They collected approximately 10-12 big bags of yard waste.

Thank you to Wally from Aktion Club for taking the waste to the MG Waste Disposal site.

The group also collected a lot of items for the Morrow County Dog Shelter who reported they were thrilled to get the much-needed items for the shelter.

Thank you too to the parents and family members who brought the kids that could not drive. It was a great Kiwanis One Day! *Article and photo submitted by Kiwanis of Morrow County*



Submitted Photo

Students from K-Kids (5th Grade); Builders Club (Middle School) and Key Club (High School) participated in the Kiwanis One Day project.

Tis the Season..... Delay & Closure Procedures

In the event our schools need to close or delay because of inclement weather, power outages, water supply issues, etc., please look for messages from the following:

OneCall (text, email and/or Phone Call) ; online at www.MGSchools.org; Facebook; and Class DoJo.

Local Radio stations will also be notified.

To get connected with One Call (all buildings) or Class DoJo (PAE and MGMS only) contact the secretary at your child's school building:

Please note, if school is closed, the offices will be closed as well!

Park Avenue Elementary:
(419) 946-5736

Mount Gilead Middle School:
(419) 947-9517

Mount Gilead High School:
(419) 947-6065



If school is on a two-hour delay, a quick, grab-and-go breakfast will be available to all of our students. Regular rates apply.



MG FFA has Busy Fall

Our own 2023-2024 Officer team Sentinel Bryan Sayers was announced as the 2023 Morrow County Fair King on Tuesday August 29th. Bryan represented the chapter well throughout the week as fair king.

District Ag Soils was held on September 26th in Bellefontaine, Ohio where Mt. Gilead placed 8th out of 20 teams. The top four scorers were Shalynn Irwin, Cooper Nelson, Garret Baldwin, and Shelby Robinson. Irwin finished 18th out of 96 contestants

District Urban Soils was also held on September 26th in Bellefontaine Ohio. Mt Gilead placed 6 out of 16 teams. Top four scorers were Brogan Pfleiderer, Keegen Petry, Cole Fricke and Abram Newson. Pfleiderer was 18th out of 73 contestants.

On October 6th MG FFA 2023-2024 Officer Team President Mitchell Sayers was announced 2023 Homecoming King at Mount Gilead Schools.

County Forestry was held on Thursday October 12, on a beautiful morning at the Flying Squirrel Preserve in Chesterville. Mt Gilead placed 3rd as a team, our team's high scorer was Gabe Simpson, who placed 2nd out of 112 contestants. The top four scorers for Mt. Gilead were Gabe Simpson, Mitchell Sayers, Justin Wooddell and Kyle St.Clair.

In the County FFA Career Development Events: Job Interview, Mt. Gilead FFA had 11 members compete, top Freshman was Cooper Nelson who finished in 3rd place, our top Sophomore Shalynn Irwin who finished in 1st place, and our top junior was Kimberly Staley who also finished in 1st place in her division. Cooper, Shalynn, Kimberly and Emily Mattix advanced to the sub-district contest at River Valley High School on October 25, 2023. *Article and photos submitted by Mt. Gilead FFA Chapter Reporter Kyle St. Clair*





Pictures from these two pages have been taken from various Mount Gilead School social media posts.



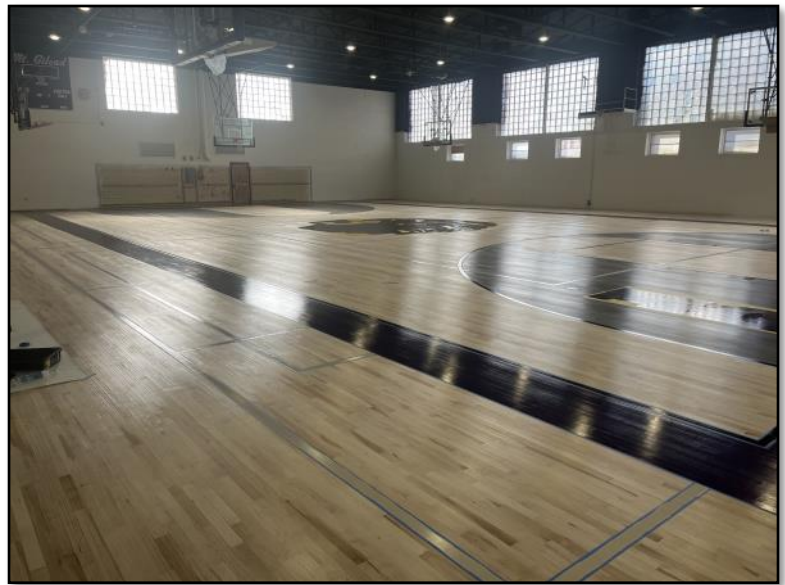
Cherry Street Gymnasium Getting a Facelift

Construction has been ongoing for the Cherry Street Gym. Construction has included the following:

- The entire roof has been repaired and recoated for the Cherry Street Building
- The Gym's wood floor has been replaced and the striping is nearly complete
- The lighting has been replaced with LED fixtures
- New PA System installed
- Side Courts have been updated with glass backboards
- The ceiling and walls have been painted

The Gym will be available for basketball practice beginning in mid-November and competitions can continue in the Gym sometime after Winter Break. Pads will be replaced along the end lines. The wooden bleachers are being replaced with mechanical ones that allow full use of two side courts. The Gym windows will be replaced as well.

We're excited to have our students experience the "new" Gym but we're also very proud that we've preserved an important piece of history within the district that will allow new memories to be added in the Cherry St. Gymnasium!



Middle School PBIS Team Hosts Halloween Dance



The Middle School PBIS team held a Halloween Dance for students on Friday, October 27th from 3-5pm in the Auxiliary Gym. Students were treated to music, face painting, a corn hole tournament and concessions.



Collaboration Happening at the Elementary

Park Avenue teachers are working together in many different ways this year. Some classes are buddy reading with other grade levels and some are collaborating for STEAM projects. Mrs. Wickham's and Mrs. Rocks' second grade classes have been working with Mr. Boltz's fifth grade with pumpkin STEAM projects. The fifth grade students helped the second grade students with predictions and measuring activities as well as counting activities. The kids recorded their work and followed much of the scientific method as they collaborated on pumpkin activities. They even made paper models of the parts of a pumpkin and the pumpkin life cycle. This kind of interaction is good for all students involved as they are actively engaged and excited about learning. They even have more activities planned including pumpkin recipes. Thank you Sawyers Little Orchard for donating pumpkins.



Two MG FFA Members Earn American FFA Degrees

Congratulations to Mount Gilead FFA Chapter members Taylor Nelson and Rebecca Staley who received the highest degree the National FFA can bestow on its members - the American FFA Degree. They were presented their awards at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana earlier this Fall.



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 *The Communicator* Editor Kelly Hand at khand@mgschools.org or (419) 947-9517 x 2218

ART IN OUR SCHOOLS

4th Graders Learn from Veterans, Recreate Art

Fourth 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. Veteran's visited the 4th grade art classes and shared their stories while students created the visiting Veterans portraits.



Hoffmaster named PAE Featured Artist

Emilee Hoffmaster is a 5th grade student in Mrs. Martin's classroom. Emilee began drawing when she was in first grade. She loves sketching, hanging with friends and playing outside. Emilee has had artwork featured in Artapalooza, the Yam Show and was a recent winner of the



Winners of Halloween Coloring Contest Announced



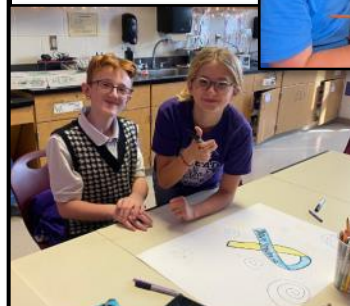
Winners of the Park Avenue Elementary School 2023 Halloween coloring contest - Back Row: Morgan Hirt, Emilee Hoffmaster. Front Row: Finley Welch, Ryder Mosier, Landin Speicher, & Grayson Dettra.



Art Club Spreads Cheer throughout the School

The Middle School Art Club, under the direction of Art Teacher Maria Miller, has been busy this fall. The Club has made posters for Down Syndrome Awareness Month and National Art Day; decorated pumpkins and provided face painting at the Halloween Dance.

The group also provided face painting at the Fall Harvest Happenings Festival at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.



Middle School Environmental Club Sees Increase in Membership

The Environmental Club kicked off this Fall with more members than ever before! Students have already been working to winterize the green space behind the middle school and our recycling teams are up and running for the year too. We are fortunate to have a recycling team for each grade level this year.

In October, club members carved pumpkins and donated them as decorations for our MGMS Halloween dance. The seeds from the pumpkins were saved as well: some of them are being dried for replanting in the Spring while others were roasted and distributed to club members as a treat for their efforts.

MGMS Environmental Club is under the direction of Jennifer Reed, 6th grade science teacher.



Drone Students Use Skills to Capture Art

Drone Students used the skills they've learned so far this semester to capture overhead pictures of the Mount Gilead Football Field with newly added multi-color artwork prior to Senior Night.



MTC's TRIO Program Returns for MG Students

TRIO Talent Search College and Career Advisors work with students grades 6-12. They create and promote career and educational opportunity awareness, both in group and one on one settings. TRIO also coordinates campus and worksite visits, registers students for the ACT and SAT, provides advising on FAFSA, college applications, resumes, interview techniques, scholarships, and more. This program is completely free.

Regular office hours are held during the school day. They are available for both scheduled appointments and drop ins. For more information, please contact the TRIO Team:

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Chatman chatmanc@mtc.edu, and Kelly

Garrett garrettk@mtc.edu, visit our website at

<https://sites.google.com/view/triotalentsearchatmariontech>, or scan the QR code to apply now!



TRIO Talent Search

Student Success Story



Hailey Fuller

"TRIO has helped me in so many ways, one way being to motivate me to fill out college applications and do what is needed for my future. If you aren't already in trio I would seriously recommend joining, the staff is amazing and so incredibly helpful!"



MG Celebrates Homecoming with Week-Long Events

**Congratulations to all of our
High School Fall Sports
Athletes who received
All-KMAC honors!**

Football:

1st Team: Shane Carpenter
1st Team: Cam Vickers
2nd Team: Logan High
2nd Team: Hayden Krinn
2nd Team: Gabe Simpson
Honorable Mention: Mitchell Sayers
All Academic: Gabe Simpson

Golf:

Honorable Mention: Briggs Leffler

Volleyball:

Honorable Mention: Olivia Long
All Academic: Emma McDonald

Boys XC:

KMAC Champions
Runner of the Year: Will Baker
1st Team: Parker Bartlett
1st Team: Owen Hershner
1st Team: Tommy Emberg
2nd Team: Nolan Hershner
2nd Team: Nathan Smith
All Academic: Parker Bartlett

Girls XC:

1st Team: Kimberly Staley
2nd Team: Ava Baker
2nd Team: Danielle Pohlkotte

Coach of the Year: Jake Hayes

Leading up to the football game against Northmor, students and staff celebrated Homecoming 2023 with a special "No Score for Northmor" week of activities.

During the week, students held "Spirit Week" consisting of PJ Day, Twin Day, Beach Day, Spirit Day and Barbie (Pink) Day.

Wednesday was the parade, starting at the Morrow County Fairgrounds and ending at the high school. Following the parade, MG Junior and Senior girls battled it out on the football field for the annual Powderpuff football game with the Seniors taking home the "W" for the year.

On the field, the Indians fight hard, but ended with Northmor defeating them 31 to 3.

Students were still able to celebrate their Indian pride with a Homecoming Dance held on Saturday, October 7th. Congratulations to Mitchell Sayers and Lupita Martinez who were crowned 2023 Homecoming King and Queen.

Homecoming
'23



Fall Athletics Recap

Cross Country

This Fall we once again got to witness History as our High School Boys Cross Country team captured its 3rd straight League Title, 8th straight District Title, 6th straight Regional Title, and captured a State-Runner Up Trophy!!! The Boys were led by 1st Team All-Conference performers Will Baker, Parker Bartlett, Owen Hershner, and Tommy Emberg.

On the High School Girls side we got to watch the Girls finish 3rd in the league with Kimberly Staley earning 1st team KMAC honors and qualifying for the State Meet as well.

The Middle School Cross Country team also had a lot of success this fall as the Boys team finished 2nd in the league with Andrew Gannon winning the KMAC and Henry Bartlett, Brycen Gabriel, and Grayson Smith finishing in the Top 10. Our Girls Cross Country team was led by Gwen Hershner as she placed 1st in the KMAC league meet.

Football

Our Varsity Football team concluded their season with a resounding win versus rival Cardington 25-6 to end their season with a 3-7 record. While the boys record may have been 3-7, the team was just a few plays away from winning a few more games.

Our young JV Football team finished with a 6-4 record overall and provided a lot of excitement and hope for our future.

The Middle School Football team encountered many challenges this season on the scoreboard, but the coaches and athletes found ways to have little victories to celebrate through the course of the season.

A few of the highlights from our season include: Unstoppables camp in July- the Football team hosted a camp for students with special needs, the athletic department honored our service men and women on our Military appreciation night, and the team also logged many community service hours throughout the season.

Volleyball

The High School Volleyball team(s) had a year of a lot of growth and development. We were able to field teams at all three levels: Freshman, JV, and Varsity.

At the Middle School level the 7th grade Volleyball team finished with a 11-10 overall record and our 8th grade Volleyball team finished 9-12 overall. Both MS teams lost in the semi-finals of the KMAC Tournament, so the future is looking encouraging for the Volleyball program.

Golf

Our Golf team was low on numbers, but despite the small team the golfers dedication and skills were on display this fall. One of our golfers, Freshman, Briggs Leffler, earned KMAC Honorable Mention for his performances this season.

**Athletic Passes On-Sale
NOW at the MGHs Office
M-F, 8 AM to 2 PM**

Student Pass Options

\$50	Winter Sports Only
\$75	All Sports

Adult Pass Options

\$80	Winter Sports Only
\$125	All Sports

Family Sports Pass Options

(2 adults and K-12 Children living in the same household)

\$220	Winter Sports Only
\$325	All Sports

Senior (Grandparent) Passes

For anyone 60 or older. Annual Purchase.

\$25	All Sports
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**Full payment is required
at time of purchase**

(checks payable to Mt. Gilead Schools)

**Pass entitles holder to
entrance at any regular
season home sporting event.
Passes must be presented at
each event or regular price
will be charged.**

**Passes are
NON-TRANSFERABLE
and do not apply to
post-season events.**

WINTER ATHLETICS SCHEDULES

High School Boys Basketball			
Friday	12/1/2023	6:00 PM	Loudonville
Tuesday	12/5/2023	6:00 PM	Lucas
Friday	12/8/2023	6:00 PM	Grandview Heights
Tuesday	12/12/2023	6:00 PM	@ Highland
Friday	12/15/2023	6:00 PM	Danville
Tuesday	12/19/2023	6:00 PM	Northmor
Friday	12/22/2023	6:00 PM	@ Centerburg
Friday	12/29/2023	6:00 PM	@ Utica
Wednesday	1/10/2024	6:00 PM	Fredericktown
Saturday	1/13/2024	6:00 PM	East Knox
Wednesday	1/17/2024	6:00 PM	@ Cardington
Saturday	1/20/2024	6:00 PM	@ Danville
Wednesday	1/24/2024	6:00 PM	@ Northmor
Saturday	1/27/2024	6:00 PM	Centerburg
Wednesday	1/31/2024	6:00 PM	Ridgemont
Saturday	2/3/2024	6:00 PM	@ Fredericktown
Wednesday	2/7/2024	6:00 PM	@ East Knox
Saturday	2/10/2024	6:00 PM	Cardington❖
Wednesday	2/14/2024	6:00 PM	Elgin
Saturday	2/17/2024	6:00 PM	Colonel Crawford*
Wednesday	2/21/2024	6:00 PM	Grove City Christian
Friday	2/23/2024	6:00 PM	@ Galion

High School Girls Basketball			
Wednesday	11/22/2023	6:00 PM	@ Galion
Wednesday	11/29/2023	6:00 PM	Utica
Saturday	12/2/2023	1:00 PM	@ Loudonville
Wednesday	12/6/2023	6:00 PM	@ Danville
Saturday	12/9/2023	6:00 PM	Northmor
Wednesday	12/13/2023	6:00 PM	Centerburg
Saturday	12/16/2023	Noon	@ Colonel Crawford
Wednesday	12/20/2023	6:00 PM	@ Fredericktown
Wednesday	12/27/2023	6:00 PM	TBD
Thursday	12/28/2023	6:00 PM	@ Pleasant
Wednesday	1/3/2024	6:00 PM	@ East Knox
Saturday	1/6/2024	6:00 PM	Cardington
Tuesday	1/9/2024	6:00 PM	Danville
Friday	1/12/2024	6:00 PM	@ Northmor
Tuesday	1/16/2024	6:00 PM	@ Centerburg
Tuesday	1/23/2024	6:00 PM	Fredericktown
Friday	1/26/2024	6:00 PM	East Knox
Tuesday	1/30/2024	6:00 PM	@ Cardington
Saturday	2/3/2024	1:00 PM	Bucyrus*
Tuesday	2/6/2024	6:00 PM	Highland
Friday	2/9/2024	6:00 PM	@ Northside Christian
Tuesday	2/13/2024	6:00 PM	Tree of Life

Middle School Boys Basketball			
Monday	12/4/2023	5:00 PM	Northmor
Thursday	12/7/2023	5:00 PM	Danville
Thursday	12/14/2023	5:00 PM	@ Centerburg
Saturday	12/16/2023	10:00 AM	Colonel Crawford
Monday	12/18/2023	5:00 PM	East Knox
Thursday	12/21/2023	5:00 PM	Fredericktown
Thursday	1/4/2024	5:00 PM	@ Cardington
Monday	1/8/2024	5:00 PM	@ Northmor
Thursday	1/11/2024	5:00 PM	@ Danville
Tuesday	1/16/2024	5:00 PM	@ Wynford
Thursday	1/18/2024	5:00 PM	Centerburg
Saturday	1/20/2024	10:00 AM	@ Grant
Monday	1/22/2024	5:00 PM	@ East Knox
Thursday	1/25/2024	5:00 PM	@ Fredericktown
Monday	1/29/2024	5:30 PM	Cardington
Thursday	2/1/2024	5:00 PM	Ridgedale

Middle School Girls Basketball			
Monday	12/4/2023	5:00 PM	@ Northmor
Thursday	12/7/2023	5:00 PM	@ Danville
Thursday	12/14/2023	5:00 PM	Centerburg
Saturday	12/16/2023	10:00 AM	@ Colonel Crawford
Monday	12/18/2023	5:00 PM	@ East Knox
Thursday	12/21/2023	5:00 PM	@ Fredericktown
Thursday	1/4/2024	5:30 PM	Cardington
Monday	1/8/2024	5:00 PM	Northmor
Thursday	1/11/2024	5:00 PM	Danville
Tuesday	1/16/2024	5:00 PM	Wynford
Thursday	1/18/2024	5:00 PM	@ Centerburg
Saturday	1/20/2024	10:00 AM	Grant
Monday	1/22/2024	5:00 PM	East Knox
Thursday	1/25/2024	5:00 PM	Fredericktown
Monday	1/29/2024	5:00 PM	@ Cardington
Thursday	2/1/2024	5:00 PM	@ Ridgedale

Due to renovations at the Cherry Street gymnasium, home basketball games for Middle and High School will be played at the Mount Gilead High School gymnasium until further notice.

* Indicates Senior Night

❖ Indicates Hall of Fame Recognition Night

High School Bowling			
12/8/2023	4:00 PM	@ Centerburg	
12/12/2023	4:00 PM	Northmor	
12/13/2023	4:00 PM	@ Fredericktown	
12/19/2023	4:00 PM	East Knox	
1/8/2024	4:00 PM	@ Northmor	
1/9/2024	4:00 PM	Centerburg	
1/19/2024	4:00 PM	Fredericktown	
1/26/2024	4:00 PM	@ Cardington	
2/2/2024	4:00 PM	Cardington*	
2/7/2024	4:00 PM	@ East Knox	
2/9/2024	5:00 PM	Boys KMAC	
2/10/2024	9:00 AM	Girls KMAC	

Home bowling matchups are held at Morrow Lanes in Cardington.

High School Swimming			
Saturday 12/2/2023	9:00 AM	@ Mount Vernon Invite	
Saturday 12/9/2023	9:00 AM	@ Col Crawford	
Wednesday 12/13/2023	6:00 PM	Kenton/Pleasant/Beechcroft	
Saturday 12/16/2023	11:00 AM	@ RV/Elgin/Mansfield/Pleasant/Harding/Upper Sandusky	
Monday 12/18/2023	5:30 PM	@ CC/Madison	
Wednesday 12/20/2023	5:30 PM	@ Pleasant/Wellington/Galion/BV	
Thursday 1/4/2024	5:00 PM	@ Wynford/Upper Sandusky/River Valley/Elgin	
Saturday 1/13/2024	1:00 PM	Centennial/Galion/Harding/Bexley/Beechcroft	
Saturday 1/20/2024	10:00 AM	@ BV/Centennial	
Wednesday 1/24/2024	6:00 PM	Wynford, Willard, River Valley, Elgin, Beechcroft, Crestline*	
Saturday 1/27/2024	9:00 AM	NCOSL Meet	
Wednesday 1/31/2024	4:00 PM	@ Galion	

Home swim meets are held at the Marion County YMCA.

High School Wrestling			
Saturday 12/2/2023	9:00 AM	@ Bexley (Scrim)	
TBD	TBD	TBD	@ North Union
Saturday 12/16/2023			@ Kilted Classic
Friday 12/22/2023	10:00 AM	@ Watterson Invite	
Friday 12/29/2023	11:00 AM	@ Harding Classic	
Saturday 1/13/2024	10:00 AM	@ Fredericktown Invite	
Tuesday 1/16/2024	TBD	@ Lexington	
Friday 1/19/2024	6:00 PM	vs BV, Elgin, Cardington	
Friday 1/26/2024		@ Sally George	
Saturday 2/3/2024	9:30 AM	@ Canal Winchester Invite	
Thursday 2/8/2024	6:00 PM	vs Col Academy, Fredericktown, Madison-Plains*	
2/17/2024		KMAC Tournament	

Middle School Wrestling			
Saturday 12/2/2023	9:00 AM	@ Bexley (Scrim)	
TBD	TBD	TBD	@ North Union
Saturday 12/9/2023	10:00 AM	@ Amanda Clearcreek	
Saturday 12/23/2023	9:00 AM	@ River Valley Invite	
Saturday 1/6/2024		@ Clyde Invite	
Saturday 1/13/2024	10:00 AM	@ Highland MS Invite	
Tuesday 1/16/2024	TBD	@ Lexington	
Friday 1/19/2024	6:00 PM	vs BV, Elgin, Cardington	
Saturday 1/20/2024		@ West Holmes Invite	
Saturday 1/27/2024	TBD	@ Seneca East Invite	
Saturday 2/3/2024	TBD	KMAC Tournament	

Both Middle and High School home wrestling meets will be held at the Mount Gilead High School Gymnasium.



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Important Upcoming Dates

November

14 1-Hour Early Release for P/T Conferences

21-24 Thanksgiving Break

30 FFA Alumni Meeting

December

1 Mt. Gilead Village Christmas Parade

11 Park Ave PTO Meeting (6:30 PM)

14 Park Ave Winter Music Programs (1st & 3rd Grades)

19-20 Park Ave Holiday Shop

19 Board of Education Meeting (7 PM)

21 2-Hour Early Release

22- Jan 2 Winter Break - All Buildings Closed

January

8 Park Ave PTO Meeting (6:30 PM)

12 2-Hour Early Release

15 No School - MLK Jr. Day

16 Board of Education Meeting (7 PM)

18 End of 2nd 9-weeks/1st Semester Classes

18 Park Ave PTO Movie Night

19 No School - Teacher Work Day

February

12 Park Ave PTO Meeting (6:30 PM)

14-21 Park Avenue Spring Book Fair

15 1-Hour Early Release for P/T Conferences

19 No School - Presidents' Day

20 1-Hour Early Release for P/T Conferences

20 Board of Education Meeting

Please note: the calendar for December/Winter Break was incorrectly reported in the printed version of the communicator. The correct information is above.