

MILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

# BUCCANEER BULLETIN

FEBRUARY 2024

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# UPCOMING EVENTS



## FEBRUARY

28	PARENT FOR RESILIENCE INFORMATION SESSION
29	MISPILLION FAMILY NIGHT
	MHS DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS: ADDAMS FAMILY

## MARCH

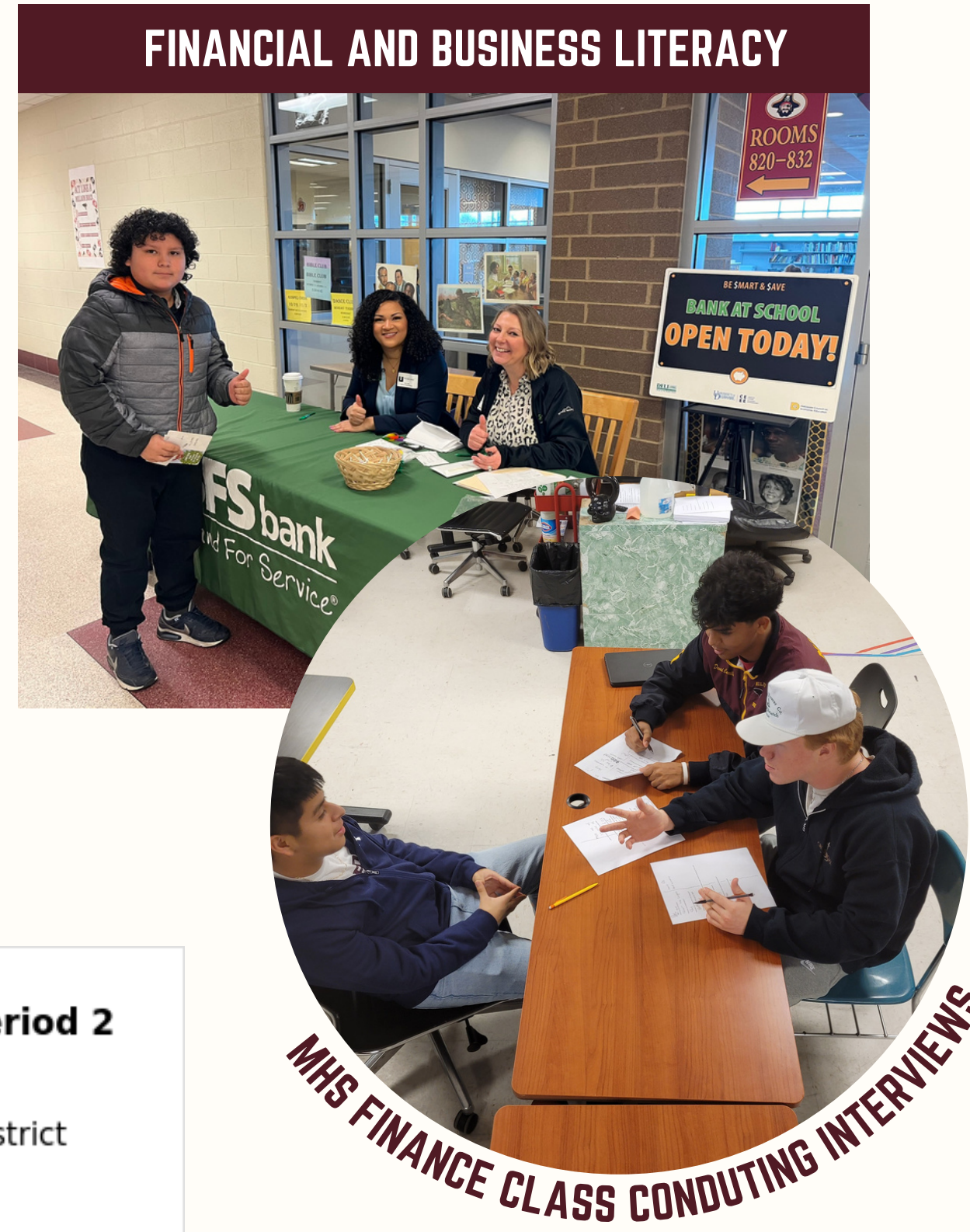
01	MHS DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS: ADDAMS FAMILY	14	BES SCIENCE FAIR
02	MHS DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS: ADDAMS FAMILY		MES PTP MEETING
04-08	PLEDGE RESPECT WEEK	15	STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - NO SCHOOL
	SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK WEEK		CTE ADVISORY COUNCIL
	NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK		GRADES 1-3 DISTRICT DANCE
06	BUILDING BRIDGES	18	BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
07	MORRIS READING NIGHT		



# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



**MISPILLION ELEMENTARY HONOR SOCIETY**



**FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS LITERACY**

**MHS FINANCE CLASS CONDUCTING INTERVIEWS**



**EDUCATORS RISING**

Congratulations to our Teacher Academy students on their performance during the Educators Rising State Conference!!

- **Grace LoBiondo** won gold in job interview
- **Grace Ruark** and **Paula Cortes Zambrano** authored and illustrated a children's book, earning a bronze medal in Children's Literature K-3



**Milford School District Marking Period 2  
Honor Roll - SY23-24**

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# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Our MHS students had an incredible time at the Margaret H Rollins School of Nursing for Beebe's Healthcare Exploration Day. Students were able to participate in simulations, try the ultrasound equipment, and compare lung function of healthy vs unhealthy lungs and much more. Students also learned about the admissions process for the Margaret H. Rollins School of Nursing and ask questions and get feedback from current Beebe nursing students)

## MHS ALLIED HEALTH



## MCA HOSA

MCA HOSA took a medal (or multiple) in EVERY category they competed in. We dominated!! Here are the winners from the group and individual competitions.

### Healthcare Education

Silver – **Lauren King** and **Andrea Mendez Mendoza**

### Healthcare Career Display

Gold – **Saanvi Patel** and **Gigi Vann**

Silver – **Beatriz Lorilla** and **Marylei Fernandez**

### Foundations of Medical Mathematics

Bronze – **Shiven Patel**

### Foundations of Medical Terminology

Gold – **Yaretzi Garcia Vivar**

Silver – **Nissi Malbert**

Bronze – **Oli Steele**

### Foundations of Nutrition

Bronze – **Mackenzie Butler**

Dr. G hosted her monthly Lunch and Learn at MCA this month with special guest Dr. Adam Brownstein. Dr. Brownstein discussed the medical field and answered questions.

## MCA LUNCH AND LEARN





# STAFF SPOTLIGHT



## 2024 KAREN KEEGAN AWARD NOMINEE



**ROSA DIPIAZZA**

MISPILLION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
MILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Rosa, a school psychologist, has worked alongside DSCA to advocate for positive changes in education to support students' mental health. Not only has she advocated for students, but she has worked to advocate for and express the importance of support staff and school counselors. Rosa is always willing to step in to support, provide consultation, and provide a shoulder to lean on, making her a true friend of the school counselor.

*National School Counseling Week 2024*

**Ms. Bontrager-Thomas's** Life Skills class are diligently working on a community service project to help them practice work skills, social skills, and daily living skills. Their goal is to make 100 Peanut Butter & Jelly sandwiches each week for Milford Advocacy for the Homeless, with the goal of making 2,800 PBJ's by the end of the school year

These plungers stepped into the freezer last weekend during the **Polar Bear Plunge**... talk about cold, cold, cold! They raised over \$2,400 for Special Olympics Delaware (SODE)! The event in total raised \$1.5 million for the athletes of Special Olympics Delaware!

MSD School Psychologist, **Rosa DiPiazza**, was named a top finalist in the 2024 Karen Keegan Friend of School Counseling Award Winner! Congratulations to Rosa and the other finalists!



# STAFF SPOTLIGHT

## MSD February Treasures

Academic Excellence:

**Gina Greeson  
Courtney Lee**

Building Our Future:

**Alex March  
Jennifer Llewellyn**

Empowering and  
Investing in Our People:

**Kristin Caiola  
April Cuadras**

Supporting the Whole  
Student:

**Megan Fry  
Imani Cummings**

**NOMINATE A MSD**

**TREASURE:**







The Milford School District proudly hosted our fourth annual “ML Olympics”. Multilingual Learner (ML) Olympics is an annual academic competition created by the staff of Milford School District to highlight ML students and their academic abilities, while building pride and confidence in their multilingualism. The first event of its kind in the state, the purpose is to celebrate and recognize the hard work and dedication of our ML’s who have each worked to master more than one language.





# MISPILLION MULTICULTURAL NIGHT

Mispillion Elementary's first-ever multicultural night was an absolute blast! Families immersed themselves in the sights, sounds, and flavors of diverse cultures through food samples, crafts, demonstrations, and much more. Thank you to all the families, community partners, and staff members that made this all happen. A special thank you to Mrs. Willis for organizing the event.







# BLACK HISTORY MONTH



## MHS ARTS DEPARTMENT

The arts department collaborated to craft a poignant video in honor of Black History Month, featuring Ms. Richard's class capturing a range of choir and band performances. Stay tuned for the video's release!

Milford and Polytech AP History students attended Milford Museums MLKJr. program (also open to the public)

## MHS HISTORY STUDENTS



## MRS. HENRY 5TH GRADE CLASS

Mrs. Jamie Henry's 5th grade class has been learning about Black History all month long!







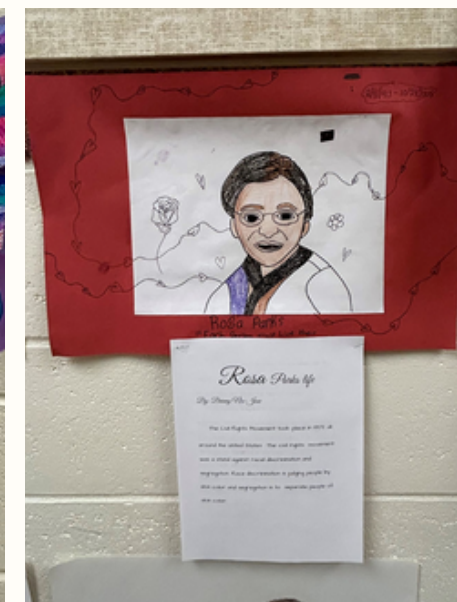
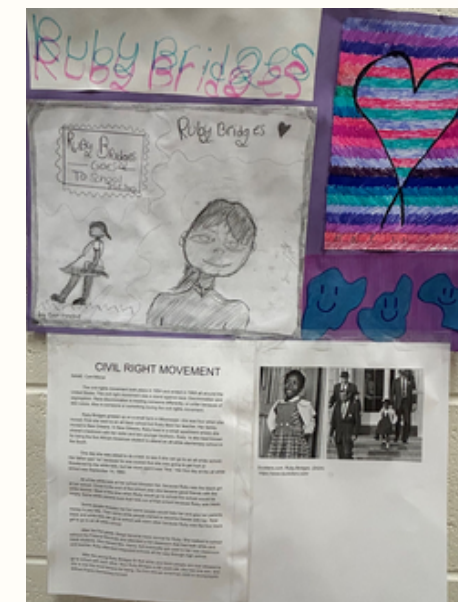
# BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Black History Month serves as a reminder of the importance of acknowledging and honoring the diverse voices and experiences that have shaped our collective history and continue to influence our present and future. Milford School District has been recognizing and celebrating achievements, contributions, and experiences throughout the month of February.



## BENJAMIN BANNEKER



## LULU ROSS



## MILFORD CENTRAL ACADEMY



# JOY IS...



100 DAYS OF LEARNING AND GROWING



MCA PRODUCTION OF THE WIZARD OF OZ

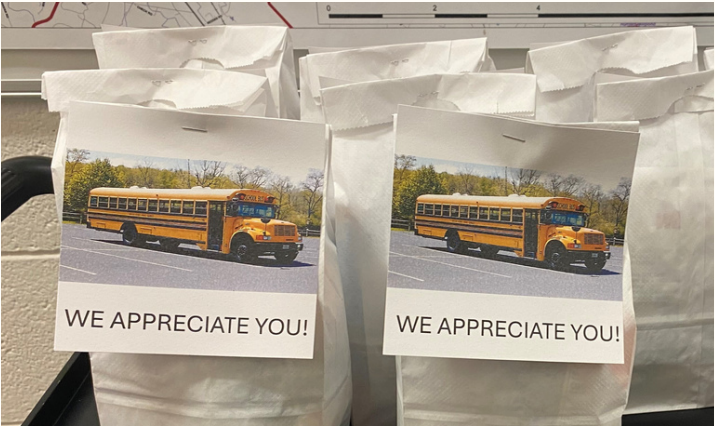


MS. VICKI HUDSON

MSD Teacher of the Year, Ms. Hudson celebrating the Lunar New Year with Sec. Holodick



We love the Bus!



BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION (AND AIDES, CONTRACTORS, VAN DRIVERS!)







# COMMUNITY PARTNERS & KINDNESS MONTH



## MRS. MCPIKE AND MRS. WILSON'S ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT STUDENTS

Mrs. McPike and Mrs. Wilson's Academic Enrichment students volunteering at the Food Bank. These students volunteer every Friday! It's a great opportunity for our students to learn and practice vocational, communication, and functional academic skills out in the community setting while also giving back to the community they live in.

Our friends at Hunter Emory State Farm participated in Random Acts of Kindness - including serving up lunch from Jersey Mikes to the staff at Morris Early Childhood Center!

## HUNTER EMORY STATE FARM



We would like to recognize Paige's Kindness Project for their continued support of not only our students, but entire district community, spreading kindness every day - not just in February!



## PAIGES KINDNESS PROJECT





# BUCCANEER SPORTS



Congratulations to freshman **Autumn Littleton** who earned the title of Delaware State Champion at Sunday's Girls' Wrestling Individual State Championships! Autumn won her 114 pound weight class in impressive fashion – recording a pin in all of her matches.



Check out our Official Buccaneer Sports Socials!

Instagram: [milfordbucsathletics](#)

Twitter: [@MHSBucsSports](#)

Facebook: *coming soon!*





# UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS:

**SAVE  
THE DATE**



**The Addams Family**  
SCHOOL EDITION

Thursday, February 29 at 6 PM  
Friday, March 1 at 7 PM  
Saturday, March 2 at 1 PM and 7 PM  
2024

Milford High School Auditorium  
Gerald W. Thompson Center for the Performing Arts

Tickets  
\$5 Students (18 years or younger)  
\$8 Senior Citizens (60 or older)  
\$10 all others



**KENT COUNTY  
POST SECONDARY  
RESOURCES FAIR**  
FORMERLY TRANSITION FAIR

**WE OFFER:**

- ✓ Guest Speakers 4:00 - 4:30 pm
- ✓ Resource Vendors 4:30 - 6:00 pm
- ✓ FREE Raffle Prizes to registered attendees

Join the Kent County school districts, state agencies, and local resource providers for an evening of information for students, ages 13-22 with IEPs or 504 plans, and their families. The focus is to provide information that will assist students in their transition into adulthood.

**Tuesday, March 19, 2024  
4-6 PM  
POSTLETHWAIT MIDDLE SCHOOL  
2841 S. State St. Camden DE 19934**

Scan code or [Register Here](#)

MHS STUDENT GOVERNMENT'S  
SECOND ANNUAL

**EASTER  
• EGG HUNT •**

WHY HIDE ALL THOSE EGGS WHEN  
YOU CAN HIRE US TO DO IT FOR YOU?

20 EGGS - \$20  
50 EGGS - \$45  
100 EGGS - \$85

PLACE YOUR ORDER BY  
**MARCH 23, 2024**

Email [sparks@msd.k12.de.us](mailto:sparks@msd.k12.de.us) to Place an Order  
We can deliver to anywhere within the Milford School District!

Payment can be made via **cash or check** (made out to MHS SGA)  
and must be made by **March 30th**




**We need YOUR HELP!**

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Milford Community Clean-Up  
Saturday, April 13, 2024 | 8:00 am – 10:30 am  
Bicentennial Park, Downtown Milford | 206-218 NE Front St, Milford DE

Morning refreshments donated by the Milford Church of God!	All supplies provided!	Community service hours and/or volunteer letter provided!	<b>FREE</b> t-shirt for the first 200 registered!
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Register at: <https://signup.com/go/FLUapvf>



**2024  
MILFORD HOCKEY  
SPRING CLINIC**

**\$60**

APRIL - 4/6 4/13 4/27 MAY - 5/4

**SCAN ME**

MHS LOWER TURF  
AMCPIKE@MSD.K12.DE.US  
REGISTRATION LINK BELOW - CLOSES 3/22!



K & 1ST GRADE 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	2ND - 4TH GRADES 1:45 PM - 3:15 PM	5TH - 8TH GRADES 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM
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# WE BELIEVE...

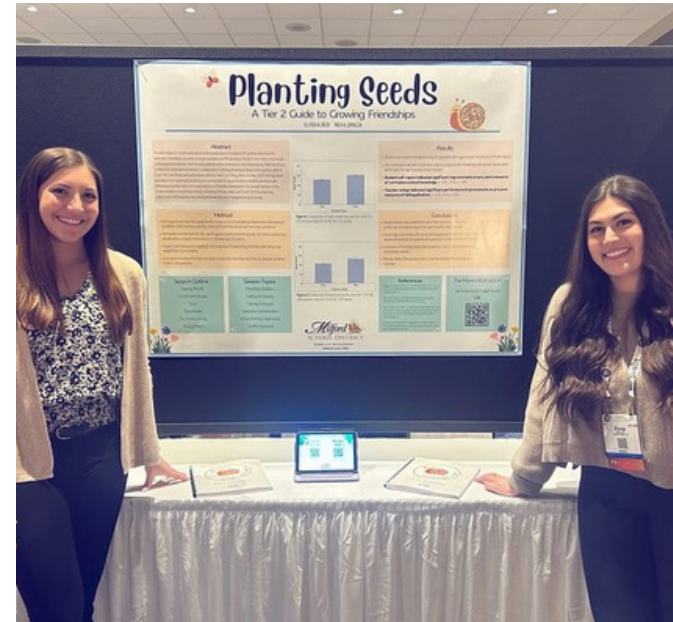


We believe the foundation of excellence is rooted in an academically rigorous curriculum, supportive instruction, and high expectations for each learner



Dr. Davis reading out loud with one of her students one-on-one during ELA.

We believe in ensuring that each student has equitable access to the appropriate resources and supports to thrive.



Ms. DiPiazza and Ms. Deeb presenting *Promoting Social and Emotional Development* at NASP Conference in New Orleans.

We believe in the mindset that improvement is always possible and mistakes are learning opportunities.



Curriculum and Reading Specialists attend Instructional Coaching Meeting

We believe honoring each individual's identity, opinions, and dignity leads to a sense of belonging for each member of the school community.



MSD Teacher of the Year, Ms. Vicki Hudson's, art classes celebrated the Lunar New Year earlier this month. Student's learned Vietnamese phrases and practiced Asian art techniques.

We believe the district's partnerships with families and community are integral to the success of our students and community at large.



Mrs. Harris has teamed MCA up with our local WSFS, the University of Delaware's Center for Economic Education & Entrepreneurship and the State Bank Commissioner to allow students to start making deposits to their own bank accounts!

We believe the arts, extra-curricular, and co-curricular activities are integral components of a well-rounded education, fostering much personal growth.



Bravo to the MCA Theatre Department for their outstanding performances of *The Wizard of Oz*!



# TEACHER OF THE YEAR & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

Teachers and Behavioral Health Professionals may be nominated by students, parents, teaching peers, principals, superintendents or anyone from the community who has an interest in honoring the outstanding work these employees do for our students. Help us recognize their hard work!



Teacher of the Year  
Nomination Form

***Nominations close 3/8!***



Behavioral Health Professional  
of the Year Nomination Form

***Nominations close 3/1!***





# WE ARE HIRING!

## OPEN POSITIONS

Special Education  
Social Studies  
Substitute Teacher(s)  
Child Nutrition  
...and more!



- Competitive Pay
- Great work environment
- Health benefits
- Full Time and Part Time Opportunities

APPLY ONLINE NOW





