



March 2023

Running a school is all about building trust - trust in the school district and the district's leaders. I understand that. I also understand that trust is earned. It's one of the reasons we launched this public newsletter that goes out to all mailing addresses in the Middleton School District. We want to reach more than just our parents. Taxpayers need to know what's going on in our schools as well. Members of our newly organized long-term facilities planning committee have emphasized the need to build trust during our December and January meetings.

Portables Update: We have ordered four more portable units (8 classrooms) for fall, and, based on preliminary numbers for next year, the Board of Trustees just approved the purchase of a fifth unit. Of those, two portables will be placed at Heights (we have 3), two more at Mill Creek (we have 4) and one at the Middle School. Curriculum staff will move to the portable units at the Middle School to make more room in the main buildings for students. That will bring the total number of classrooms/offices in portable units in our district to 24.

Finally, thank you to the folks who have taken time to reach out to me, giving me feedback and most importantly, asking questions. I think that goes a very long way to improve communication and mutual understanding in our growing community.

Superintendent Marc Gee welcomes questions and comments at mgee@msd134.org or call the School District Office at 208.585.3027.



MHS announces new offerings for 2023-24; MMS students can start early career training

We are working hard to provide a better foundation for career technical education (CTE) by forging partnerships with businesses for internships and linking arms with programs such as College of Western Idaho where students have the opportunity, and access, to offerings when we don't have space and staff resources. At the High School, several programs have been implemented. Others are new.

We unveiled them in February. Find more information on the MHS webpage:

www.msd134.org/Domain/13. College of Western Idaho also offers a wide berth of programs to build career skills that students can take during high school. Find out more here: cwi.edu/program-exploration. Middleton Middle School students get a taste of CTE programs because they can elect to take computer science courses, culinary/finance, marketing/sewing classes, robotics, and computer repair. Students can complete Adobe Creative coursework and take/pass a certification test. That's resume material that proves a middle school student learned the basics and understands the program. Learn more at www.msd134.org/Domain/15.



We need your help to create new Viking Mascot

We will still be the Vikings. And we'll still use the big letter M with Vikings running through the center. Legally, however, our Viking head can't be the same as Minnesota Vikings. So, we need your creativity to come up with our own image. We plan to make it fun, and we can't wait to see your Viking!

- REQUIREMENTS -

- Mascot logo must be a Viking.
- Only original artwork will be accepted.
- Traditional or digital drawings are welcomed!
- April 1st Submissions will be due.
- April 15th Committee will meet & narrow down to the top 5.
- April 15th through May 5th: Community voting for favorite design.
- Between May 5th and May 24: Final rendition of our logo created.
- During the final week of school, we will look to put together some release videos to the community revealing the new Mascot head!



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Important Dates

April 1: Deadline for Mascot Logo entries, see other side.

April 10: Board of Trustees meeting, 6 pm

April 11: Kindergarten Registration, elementary schools, 1-8 pm

May 4: Middleton Country Madness Adam Calvert concert, 1:45 @ MHS, buy tickets at

middletonathletes.com

May 8: Board of Trustees meeting, 6 pm

May 18: Senior Students' Last Day of School

May 24: Graduation, 6:30 pm, MHS Stadium

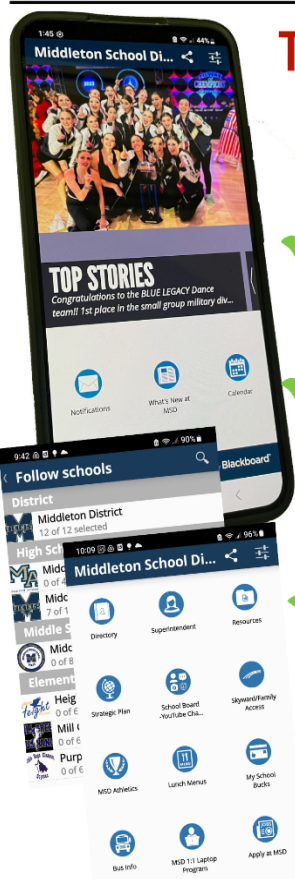
May 24 & 25: 1 pm Dismissal

In mid-April: Watch Middleton Schools Facebook Page and www.msdl34.org for the 2023-2024 school year calendar.

www.msdl34.org/Page/5284

For More Information

Middleton Schools webpage: www.msdl34.org/



The District App is ready!

✓ For Parents & Community

✓ Easy Access: Pay for student lunches, fees announcements

✓ For Apple & Google devices; Scan the QR code



<https://msdl34.parentlink.net/smartlink/>

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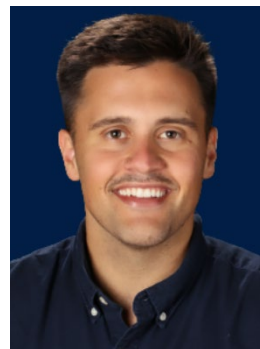
Graduation rate for MHS & MA among top in Idaho's schools

The district's four-year graduation rate continues to show improvement in three different categories: the combined District rate, Middleton High School and Middleton Academy.

"I commend our teachers, staff, and administrators for their diligent work to help our students achieve this important step towards their future endeavors," Superintendent Marc Gee said. "Graduation really is a combined effort between all staff from Preschool through the students' senior year." [READ MORE at www.msdl34.org/domain/1878](http://www.msdl34.org/domain/1878).

Johnny Hullinger named next MHS Principal

Former Middleton High School teacher and Dean of Students Johnny Hullinger will return to Middleton High School as the next principal, replacing Brian Rothe who retires in June. Hullinger is currently an assistant principal at Eagle High School. He worked at MHS between 2016 and 2020. He lives in Middleton with his wife Becca and four children; three of them are enrolled in Middleton schools.



"I am incredibly grateful and excited for the opportunity to return to Middleton High School," Hullinger said. "I love this community and I look forward to building on the great work that has been done here." [READ MORE at www.msdl34.org/domain/1878](http://www.msdl34.org/domain/1878).

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Academic Year 2023-2024

ALREADY HAVE A CHILD IN MIDDLETON SCHOOLS?
PRE-REGISTER ONLINE VIA SKYWARD FAMILY ACCESS

1-8 PM ON TUESDAY, APRIL 11TH
SCREENINGS & MEET AND GREET HELD

Our Elementary Schools:

- Middleton Heights Elementary: 208-585-3021
- Mill Creek Elementary: 208-585-3065
- Purple Sage Elementary: 208-455-1148

New to the Middleton School District?
Start here: www.msdl34.org/enrollment

Is your child ready for kindergarten? It's time to pre-register!

If you don't already have children in Middleton, please start at our new online registration site: www.msdl34.org/enrollment.

If you have children in school, log into Skyward Family Access to start. Screenings and Meet and Greet appointments for you and your child will be scheduled for April 11th.

*Students must be 5 years of age by September 1, 2023, to attend Kindergarten in the Fall. Documents needed for enrollment include (1) certified copy of birth certificate (2) immunization record (3) proof of residency {current utility bill, lease/purchase agreement with your name and the physical address of the residence}.

Questions? Please call your elementary school or District Office at 208-585-3027.