



February 2024

Schools are a function of the community and should be seen as a public service

Often, in Idaho, the schools are the largest employer in a given area. In Middleton we serve 4,400 students and employ 471 people and that doesn't include substitutes and other volunteers. And even though we live near much larger school districts (West Ada, Vallivue, Nampa) the district can sometimes come across as more of a corporation than as a public service.

I would like to say to each of you: We don't forget that we are a part of you. As we grow, we gain a large number of different perspectives on how communities, organizations, and schools should be run. That can be a challenge. But I know, as your school community, we are up to the task. We grow, learn, and adapt as a part of our Middleton community.

We are coming up on a number of decisions that must be made as a community, both in and out of the school system. On the school side, none is bigger than the decision to build an elementary school. As a district, over the next several months we are going to be looking to share information with you and ask for your feedback as we look at types of school design, potential school sites, and our future facility plans.

We encourage you to take advantage of opportunities to give feedback on surveys, at board meetings, in design forums, and just in our day to day interactions. We look forward to serving you!

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



What are the next steps in deciding new elementary school construction process?

Here's how you can get involved



- Keep up on developments, find links and review documents on a new web page, including information on why the Board of Trustees decided to hire a Construction Manager instead of taking the more traditional route of Design-Bid-Build approach. Visit this link: bit.ly/2024ConstructionBond or scan in this QR code.
- Trustees will choose the Architect and Construction Manager at the February 12 meeting, District Office, or watch on YouTube, searching for MSD Board Meeting
- The yet-to-be named Design Team will meet with district and construction manager to set initial plans
- Deploy patron survey to get feedback regarding construction and bonding; information from survey will be shared with Design team
- Design Team will host an in-person forum to take input on elementary design
- Design Team will finalize the recommendation and present to school board
- School Board, Design Team, Construction Manager, will develop a cost estimate
- School Board will make a decision regarding election date and total dollar request for patron vote

 Capacity: 396 Enrollment: 544	 Capacity: 616 Enrollment: 726	 Capacity: 594 Enrollment: 465
See the complete enrollment picture at www.msd134.org/enrollment		

Note: Purple Sage Elementary School's enrollment is intentionally under capacity with deliberate low-class sizes to house MSD's special education programs.

We to celebrate student and staff success

- **Several** MHS students competed at the all-state music competition last week.
- Mrs. Anne Gigray Kinley at MMS received an Idaho Lottery grant for **\$6,200** to complete her "Classroom Wishlist" of new equipment for her food and finance classroom where she teaches up to **400** students a year.
- MMS **8th** grader Caden Johnson goes to state for his "medicine motivator" at Invention Convention!
- The Middleton Girls Basketball team went into District this past weekend with a **10-1** conference record. They are burning up the court!
- More than **450** parents attended the new Parent Engagement Night at MHS - far more than ever attended parent-teacher conferences and they left feeling more connected to their child's education. Same success stories at MMS and Middleton Academy.
- **63%** of Middleton High School seniors applied for the Launch Scholarship, which is above the state average of 43%. Great job students!
- Ruby Beverlin, FFA's creed speaker, heads to state in April.

There is so much more to celebrate. Follow Middleton Schools on Facebook and Middleton student teams and organizations on Instagram.

Important Dates

Feb. 10: MHS Quarter Craze Night, 6 pm, tickets at middletonathletes.com

Feb. 12: Board of Trustees meeting, 6 pm

Feb. 19: School Holiday

Feb. 29: Elementary Parent Teacher Conference - 10 am-4 pm. No school K-5

March 11: Board of Trustees meeting, 6 pm

March 18-21: Spring Break

April 10: SAT Day - No School for 10th and 12th grades

May 16: Senior Students' Last Day of School

May 22: MHS/MA Graduation

May 22 & 23: Finals, 1 pm Dismissal for 9th - 12th graders only

Middleton Schools website:

www.ms134.org/

Visit the District calendar for other dates, including athletic events at:
<https://www.ms134.org/Page/5284>

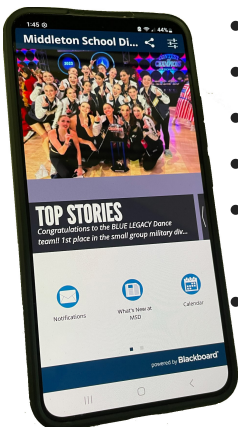
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Download our Middleton School District App:

ms134.parentlink.net/smartlink/

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Security officers at elementary schools was a local decision

Middleton school district, starting at the end of October, contracted with Applied Security Concepts to provide armed security guards at our elementary schools. This came after several months of deliberations by the board to determine the type and extent of security guards that we felt best protected students.

Thus far, the district has received positive comments regarding how these security officers have been performing in our schools. Local law-enforcement was involved in the selection process and we continue to establish and develop the coordination between the security officers and our school resource officers stationed at the middle school and high school.

If you have questions regarding the security officers at our elementary schools or about school security, in general, I would encourage you to reach out and share your concerns or questions with me. I am happy to discuss the process and take any suggestions you might have. - Superintendent Gee

Meet our Viking Mascot!

Middleton High School is working on the final fonts and branding touches before rolling out more mascot logo artwork so it can be used on the SWAG we all love to use and get.



But here's what our new Viking looks like.

Middleton parent Eric Rudolph provided the original concept and he worked with our branding company for the final look.

Watch for more info regarding a formal celebration for our new Viking image and branding.

Please take our short Middleton Schools survey!



Your voice matters! Help shape our school community's future

Dear Middleton Parents and Community Members,

We invite you to participate in our Needs Assessment Survey!

Your insight help guide decisions that impact our schools and students. Let's work together to create positive changes. It is a short survey. The deadline is February 28.

Use the above QR code or punch in this address:

<https://bit.ly/MSDSurvey2024>

WE WANT/NEED YOUR REALLY GREAT PHOTOS FOR OUR NEW WEB SITE

We will launch a "new look" for Middleton Schools web pages this spring. We want to highlight fantastic school and community photos, including any drone images that you have taken in the past 18 months.

Sporting events - happy students - school activities - band - choir - FFA - parades - our terrific fans - our beautiful community - special events

Please send your high resolution HORIZONTAL photos to msd-information@msd134.org



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