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A Message from your Superintendent

The COVID-19 pandemic drastically altered the way the Medina CSD delivered education to our students. After closing down in March, we were given clearance to reopen in the fall. During the summer of 2020, the Medina Central School District worked diligently with many different stakeholders to develop a safe reopening plan for schools this fall. Our School Reopening Plan defined clear guidance for the reopening of our three schools and aligns with the regulations developed in collaboration with NYSDOH and the NYS Education Department. We focused our efforts to return all students to in-person instruction, as well as implementing a plan for remote/distance learning as well as a hybrid model that combines in-person instruction and remote learning.



Mr. Mark Kruzynski
Superintendent

The development of this plan was guided by and grounded in the following guiding principles:

1. Safeguarding the health and safety of students and staff
2. Providing the opportunity for all students to access education in the fall
3. Monitoring schools, students, and staff. When necessary, modifying schedules to appropriately contain COVID-19 spread
4. Emphasizing equity, access, and support to the students and communities that are emerging from this historic disruption
5. Fostering strong two-way communication with partners, such as families, educators, and staff
6. Factoring into decision making the challenges to the physical safety, social emotional well-being, and the mental health needs of our students caused by school closure
7. Considering and supporting diversity in our schools and school districts as we provide education is essential.

I am very proud of our plan, and how well we reopened school this year. This successful reopening was only possible because of the ideas and input of many different stakeholders throughout the Medina Central School District. We would like to thank the following groups for their participation in the ongoing conversations about our reopening plan: teachers, parents, students, school board members, our school nurse, members of the local health care community, and the Medina PTSA. Their diversity of ideas, knowledge, opinions and perspective has been extremely valuable in contributing to this plan.

Mark B. Kruzynski
Superintendent

Vision Statement

Exemplify excellence in education.

Mission Statement

Educate to inspire all to reach beyond the expected and positively impact their communities.



Oak Orchard Spirit

The elementary students showed off their creativity during the District's Spirit Week. Everyone had a great time!





Goodbye Kye! You Will be Missed!



Medina Elementary students got a chance to say goodbye to retiring Medina Police Department K-9 Kye. Kye has been with the Medina PD since 2012 where he worked with his partner/handler Lieutenant Todd Draper.

Kye and Lieutenant Draper have been very familiar faces to the Medina School District and the students will miss interacting with him. To celebrate his much deserved retirement, the students stood in the bus loop and bade him a fond farewell.

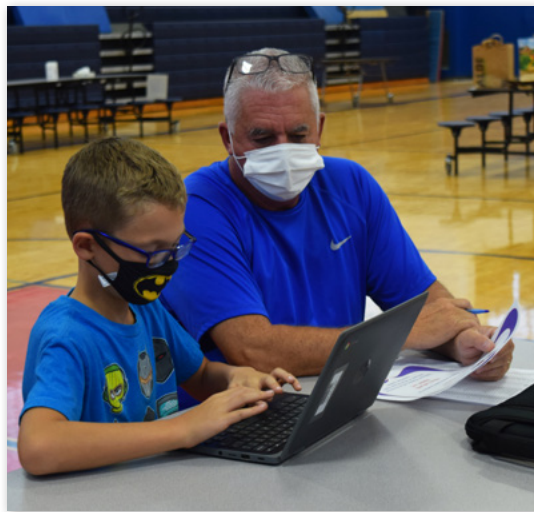
Kye's retirement plans include continuing to live with Lieutenant Draper and taking lots of naps!



Clifford Wise Starts School Year with Chrome Book Distribution and Open House

Principal Chris Hughes and Vice Principal Jennifer Stearns welcomed students and parents to the Clifford Wise Intermediate/Middle School to pick up their Chromebooks and tour the school on September 9th and 10th.

Students picked up their computers in the gym and dropped off school supplies and Mr. Hughes gave small groups of new students and their families a tour around the building.



Gary Scholes (Teacher Aide) with Nolan Stanton helping him with his Chromebook.



Sandina Johnston and children Dylan, Alyssa and Brayden.



Principal Chris Hughes walks students and their parents around the school.



MTA Clean Up Crew Does An Outstanding Job!



Teacher Association (MTA) members, at Medina Central School District, spent a fall day cleaning up Maple Ridge Road. The team has been doing this for 20 years and adopted the stretch of highway which they clean in the spring and fall every year.

Twenty-three participants took part this year and stayed socially distanced as they cleaned up the roadside. Todd Bensley, a high school Social Studies teacher, says it is a great opportunity for them to give back to the community. "It's a way to support the MTA's efforts in the community and give myself and my colleagues a chance to see each other outside of the school day and connect with teachers in other buildings at our district. We even found a \$20 bill!"

Record Setters

Medina/Lyndonville soccer players have been enjoying some record setting weekends.

Goalie Zach Fike (Left), broke the Medina school career record for shutouts with 14 on October 25th in the match versus Roy-Hart. Adam Hoot had the record with 13. Forward Nate Dillenbeck broke the Lyndonville school record for career goals with 47 on Saturday vs. CCA. Tim Riemer held the record with 46.

Congrats guys! Well played!





Chalk It Up To a Hopeful School Year

Clifford Wise Intermediate School students were enjoying the beautiful fall temperatures up till recently.

During Physical Education they had been tapping into their creative sides and making some beautiful chalk drawings.



Namaste!

Clifford Wise students are learning how to manage stress with yoga. Not only does yoga enhance children's flexibility, strength, coordination and body awareness, it releases muscle tension.





Medina FFA Starts Their Annual Citrus Sale

Medina High School's FFA chapter is rolling out their annual Citrus Sale virtually this year. FFA advisor and teacher Todd Eick, says due to COVID protocols the sale is being held a little differently this year. "This year we have a very limited online only selection," explains Mr. Eick. "We didn't want to completely get rid of it and the company we always use gave us this option, so we took advantage of it. Now instead of coming to the school to pick up your order, it will be shipped directly to our customers' house."



Kiana Cleveland and Lily Carpenter.

Mr. Eick says it has opened up options to serve family, friends and supporters across the country. We have people buying from as far away as Alabama and far east of us as Schenectady. "We also have a lot of support from our local area with more than half our sales," says Mr. Eick. "We are so grateful to everyone who is helping us raise money for our FFA. It means a lot to us."

For all of those who have ordered before and enjoyed the alpaca goodies, Mr. Eick and his students have been hard at work making them. "We are going to hold a live Facebook raffle for a one of a kind gift basket for everyone who has bought from our sale," says Mr. Eick. "We want to thank everyone for their support."

To help out with the FFA's fundraiser Citrus Sale you can go to: <http://floridafruitstore.com/Medina-FFA> or scan the QR code on the Medina Chapter of the FFA Facebook page. The fundraiser will run until November 30th.



FFA Advisor and teacher Todd Eick and Zach Fike (Medina FFA President).

Social Studies Teachers Tie Politics Into Halloween Attire

The Medina High School Social Studies Department decided to tap into the political landscape for inspiration for their Halloween costumes. They also were inspired by the classic arcade game of Pac Man. Teachers Doug Boje was Biden Pac Man and Margaret Martin was Trump Pac Man and Todd Bensley, Jennifer Ossont playing ghosts who are states that were up for grabs in the election!



(LtoR) Doug Boje, Todd Bensley, Jennifer Ossont, PJ Bell and Margaret Martin.





Oak Orchard Staff and Students Come Up with Some Spooktacular Costumes!

Students and staff at Oak Orchard Elementary decided that nothing was going to dampen their Halloween spirit. There were lots of awesome costumes and fun to be had!



Who's Got Spirit?

Clifford Wise Middle School students had a great time participating in the District's Spirit Week. Here are some photos from Ties and Tutu Day and Crazy Hair Day!





Virtual Learning Provides Inspiration for Halloween Costumes

Medina High School teachers had a great time dressing up for Halloween. Many of the students thought they were representing a Twister game, but teacher Kim Zakes says they are representing the Eschool attendance program. "We are representing all the different colored dots for our attendance groups like Virtual, Hybrid A, Hybrid B, etc.!"



Halloween Hijinks at High School

Halloween is certainly looking a little different this year, but our High School students and staff still had some fun and showed off some very interesting and creative costumes.





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Medina School Students of the Month for October

The Medina Teachers Association, the Medina CSD and the Medina Area Partnership are proud to announce the October selections for Students of the Month.

This award is a joint effort between the organizations to recognize students who go above and beyond to help teachers and fellow students succeed and enjoy school. October's business sponsor was Creekside Floral.

Congratulations to the winners:

- Oak Orchard: First-grader Alexis Sherman, who was nominated by Allison Woodburn.
- Wise Middle School: Sixth-grader Tessa Costich, who was nominated by Leah Gates.
- High School: Ninth grader Aiden Cherry, who was nominated by Stacey Ali.



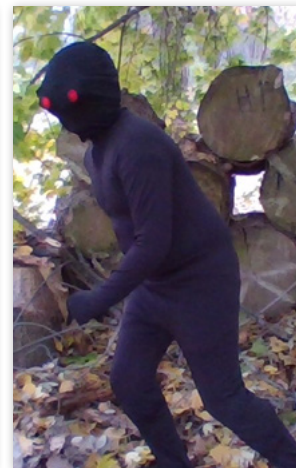
(LtoR) Michael Cavanagh (MHS Principal), Aiden Cherry, Alexis Sherman, Tessa Costich, Mary Lewis of Creekside Floral and Joe Byrne (MTA President).

Things that Go Bump in the Corridors at Clifford Wise

Students and staff at Clifford Wise Intermediate brought their A game as far as coming up with some fun and creepy costumes.



CW Office Staff and counselors.



Harrison Farley.



Kaitly Howe.