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IMPORTANT DATES

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July 4	District offices closed, Independence Day
Aug. 15	Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Mehlville High School Library
Aug. 19	First Day of School
Sept. 2	No School, Labor Day
Sept. 18	Early release for students
Sept. 26	Board of Education Tax Rate Hearing and Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Mehlville High School Library
Oct. 16	Early release for students
Oct. 18	End of first quarter
Oct. 24	Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Mehlville High School Library
Oct. 28-30	Parent/teacher conferences
Oct. 31	Early release for students
Nov. 1	No school, district closed
Nov. 4	No school for students
Nov. 5	No school for students, Election Day
Nov. 21	Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Mehlville High School Library
Nov. 27-29	No School - Thanksgiving break

New student enrollment

Enrollment is open for kindergarten students and new students in grades 1-12 who will be attending a Mehlville School District school for the 2024-2025 school year. Get started at bit.ly/msdr9enroll.



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Mehlville Messenger



Walking down memory lane

In mid-May, seniors returned to their elementary or middle schools to see how far they've come in the past 13 years. We celebrate the Class of 2024 on page 6.

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JULY 2024

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Mehlville High School alum is District Teacher of the Year

Tom Harper, an English language arts teacher at Mehlville High School, was named the Mehlville School District Teacher of the Year.

In addition to his work in the classroom, Harper also serves as English department co-chair and coaches boys soccer and girls basketball. An alum of Mehlville High School himself, Harper works to make every student feel like they belong.

"Mr. Harper is someone who really cares about Mehlville High School," said Dr. Jason Landherr, Mehlville High School principal. "He does a great job of building relationships with all of our students. In the morning when students are arriving, he talks to nearly every student as they walk by him in the halls."

Harper creates a welcoming environment in his classroom where students feel safe and comfortable and are open to constructive criticism and feedback on their work.

"He makes sure to get to know all of us," said Anna Wolf, a Mehlville High School junior. "In addition to teaching us, he always makes time to talk to us about what is going on in our lives."

After graduating from college, Harper was hired to return to his alma mater, and he has spent his entire 25-year teaching career as a Panther.

"Mehlville High School has always felt like home to me, even as a student," said Harper. "It was a no-brainer for me to come back to a place where I was comfortable, that had treated me well, and that was like family to me."

"I cannot think of a more deserving candidate who embodies not only the attributes of the Mehlville School District but truly gives of their time and energy for students," said Dr. Jeff Haug, Superintendent of Schools. "Mr. Harper is an amazing teacher who, through his interactions with students, reminds us of why we all chose education as a profession."

Harper will represent Mehlville School District in the state teacher of the year selection process.



Harper leads his English language arts class in a lesson about "Romeo and Juliet."

Congratulations to our 2023-2024 employees of the year

Teachers of the Year

Kari Hof, Mehlville Early Childhood
Julie Werton, Beasley Elementary
Chrissy Fallert, Bierbaum Elementary
Jill Kleffner, Blades Elementary
Donny Griffin, Forder Elementary
Jessie Schellman, Hagemann Elementary
Jessica Ketzner, MOSAIC Elementary
Krystle Skinner, Oakville Elementary
Chris Gerwitz, Point Elementary
Stephanie Montgomery, Rogers Elementary
Karah Galmiche, Trautwein Elementary
Kristy Voithofer, Wohlwend Elementary
Cassie Trueman, Bernard Middle
Renee Ganley, Margaret Buerkle Middle
Lacey Cupp, Oakville Middle
Abby Riess, Washington Middle
Pati Van Kirk, At Home
Tom Harper, Mehlville High
Kyle Bryant, Oakville High
Karen Denson, SCOPE

Classified Employees of the Year

Melanie Cole, Mehlville Early Childhood
Mike Edwards, Beasley Elementary
Kathryn Gardenhire, Bierbaum Elementary
Marc Raines, Blades Elementary
Vicki Pollman, Forder Elementary
Chris Hawes, Hagemann Elementary
Kendra Nichols, MOSAIC Elementary
Andi Postawko, Oakville Elementary
Calli Busso, Point Elementary
Stacey Bader, Rogers Elementary
Steve Mathis, Trautwein Elementary
Sara Watson, Wohlwend Elementary
Tom Luedde, Bernard Middle
Aaron Poe, Margaret Buerkle Middle
Katie Uthoff, Oakville Middle
Jill Haertling, Washington Middle
Ellie Aboussie-Ashley, Mehlville High
John Klevorn, Oakville High
Lindsey Bayless Boyet, SCOPE
Kim Bess, Business Office
Amanda Hebden, Curriculum
Adam Austermann, Facilities
Holly Elterman, Technology
Jean Williams, Transportation

Optimism and enthusiasm mark the conclusion of one school year and the start of the next

Peggy Hassler



As we close out another remarkable school year and gear up for the next, on behalf of the Board of Education, I want to take a moment to reflect on our collective achievements and express gratitude.

First and foremost, congratulations to our Class of 2024 graduating seniors! Your hard work, dedication and resilience have brought you to this momentous milestone, and we could not be prouder of each and every one of you. As you embark on the next chapter of your lives, know that you carry with you the knowledge, skills and memories forged within the halls of our schools. Remember to always stay true to yourselves, chase your dreams with passion and never forget the values instilled in you by your Mehlville family.

To our returning students, families and staff, we eagerly anticipate your return and look forward to the upcoming school year with optimism and enthusiasm. Be assured that our commitment to fostering a safe, inclusive and enriching learning environment remains unwavering. Whether you are a student progressing to a new grade level, a parent supporting your child's educational journey, or a valued member of our dedicated staff, you play an integral role in our Mehlville family, and for that, we extend our sincerest gratitude. Together, let's embrace the opportunities for growth, innovation, and collaboration that lie ahead, ensuring every student is equipped to thrive academically, socially and emotionally.

The unwavering support of our community is the cornerstone of our success, and we extend heartfelt thanks to the entire Mehlville community for standing steadfastly by our schools, our students and our staff. Together, we will continue to inspire and empower our students, leaving an indelible, positive mark that transcends the confines of our school buildings.

We wish you a fantastic summer and a new school year filled with growth, achievement and endless possibilities.

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Patrick McKelvey, Secretary
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Jean Pretto, Director
Jeff Wolman, Director
Grace Wright, Director

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Assistant Superintendent, Elementary

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Assistant Superintendent, Student Services

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Assistant Superintendent,
Teaching and Learning

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Mehlville School District

The Mehlville School District mission is to build a high performing school system rooted in the community's desire to build a culture of improvement for staff and students.

Mehlville School District believes that all of our graduates should be creative and critical thinkers, self-aware, persistent, communicators, and ethical and global. We call this our Portrait of a Graduate.

Mehlville School District is proud to be a National District of Character.

Mehlville School District is a member of Digital Promise League of Innovative Schools, a national coalition of forward-thinking schools across the country who are providing students with unique learning opportunities.

Mehlville School District is nationally recognized as a Lighthouse School System for serving as models of positive change in education.

McKelvey, Behlke, Hassler, Pretto re-elected to Board of Education

During the April 2 Board of Education election, Patrick McKelvey and Tori Behlke were re-elected to three-year terms, and Peggy Hassler and Jean Pretto were re-elected to two-year terms.

All four are incumbents and were sworn in on Thursday, April 11.



Above, from left: Behlke and McKelvey
Below, from left: Hassler and Pretto



McKelvey serves as Board Secretary. He was first elected to the Mehlville Board of Education in April 2021. This will be his second term. McKelvey is a professor at Illinois College and is a graduate of Oakville High School.

Behlke serves as Board Vice President. She was first elected in April 2018. This will be her third term. Behlke is a preschool teacher at Faith Early Childhood Center. She is a parent of a current student in the district and three Oakville High graduates.

Hassler serves as Board President. She was first elected in April 2017. This will be her third term. Hassler is operations manager/paralegal at Keefe and Griffiths, P.C. Attorneys at Law. She has three adult children who attended and graduated from Mehlville schools.

Pretto was first elected in 2014 and has served in various leadership positions on the board, including vice president and secretary. Pretto is a retired educator, and her children and grandchildren have attended Mehlville schools.

Reflecting on a great first year in Mehlville School District

Dr. Jeff Haug



This was a great school year that passed in the blink of an eye. As I think back to all of the amazing things our students have done, it is hard to pick one school day, event, concert or game that stands out as more impactful than the others. That is why this district is amazing! We have so many unbelievable students and staff. Through their work, effort and abilities, they make Mehlville School District a special place to be.

It seems we were just celebrating the Class of 2024 at the senior sunrise back in August. It feels like just yesterday we were hosting popsicles with kindergartners and welcome back events. Those events led into the year with hope and anticipation. All the events of fall, whether concerts, plays, musicals or games, set the tone for this year. Fall quickly raced into winter, and winter brought another amazing showcase of our students' talent. This was the season of choir and band concerts, basketball games, wrestling matches, and swim meets. Winter moved right into a rainy spring and a warm end to the school year. The end of the school year was filled with honors and awards, banquets and assemblies, promotion ceremonies and, of course, graduations!

I cannot wait to do it all over again with new classes of students.

I want to take a second and congratulate our graduates and our retirees. You have been such a vital piece of our district for so long, and you will be missed as we start the 2024-2025 school year. Even though you won't be with us, just remember you always have a home here.

I hate to see our students and staff go home for the summer. But I hope they enjoy, relax, and let the stress of the school year fade for a few months. The next school year is rapidly approaching! Whether our new and returning students are building on a great year or looking forward to a fresh start, next year offers possibilities and the support our students need to be successful.

Thank you for making me feel so welcome in our amazing school district and community.

Mehlville School District saves funds, earns incentives through Ameren Missouri BizSavers

Ameren Missouri BizSavers recognized Mehlville School District for making energy-efficient upgrades that are saving the district money.

BizSavers provides cash incentives for energy efficiency upgrades like LED lighting, high-efficiency HVAC and refrigeration systems, commercial-grade cooking equipment and motor controls/variable frequency drives.

To date, Mehlville School District has earned $864,630 through its participation in BizSavers. Ameren estimates the district has an annual energy cost savings of $495,098 from upgrades to lighting, HVAC and commercial kitchen equipment. Energy-efficient upgrades are also reducing the district's carbon footprint.

The district is expected to earn an additional $479,000 in incentives for HVAC upgrades to be completed in 2024.

Congratulations to our retirees!

Michelle Hancock, Fourth grade teacher, Beasley Elementary
Shannon McCreight, Third grade teacher, Beasley Elementary
Michelle Kovacich, School Food and Nutrition Services manager, Blades Elementary
Cindy Bright, Counselor, Forder Elementary
Cynthia Biggs, Reading teacher, Point Elementary
Tamara Kirchhofer, Music vocal teacher, Trautwein Elementary
Joseph Coco, Custodian, Bernard Middle
Tiffany Wedel-Aboussie, Language arts teacher, Buerkle Middle
Thomas Leibach, Custodian, Oakville Middle
Derek Norton, Language arts teacher, Oakville Middle
Scott Jackson, Math teacher, Mehlville High
Maureen Landwehr, Social studies teacher, Mehlville High
Margaret Meier, Math teacher, Mehlville High
Elizabeth Neighbors, Counselor, Mehlville High
Kenneth Setzer, Custodian, Mehlville High
Amy Clark, Business teacher, Oakville High
Thomas Lutz, Art teacher, Oakville High
Sally Ellrich, Secretary, Central Office
Melea Genthon, Secretary, Central Office
Scott Lancaster, Carpenter, Facilities
Darrell Sewell, Boilerperson, Facilities
Dwayne Quesenberry, Kitchen maintenance technician, School Food and Nutrition Services
Denise Anderson, School bus monitor, Transportation
Kenneth Bossaller, School bus driver, Transportation
Kathy Grau, School bus driver, Transportation
Joseph Klarsch, School bus driver, Transportation
Michael Klund, School bus driver, Transportation
Laura Mueller, School bus monitor, Transportation
John Thuet, School bus driver, Transportation



Photos from around our schools

Art, science, writing and so much more! Get a glimpse at the learning happening in our schools by following Mehlville School District on Facebook, facebook.com/MehlvilleSchoolDistrict, and Instagram, @mehlvillesd.



Students lead art lessons after mastering skills

Students in Brian Adams' art class at Oakville Elementary School have been leading art lessons after mastering skills. For example, Jett, a third-grade student, taught kindergarten classes how to draw dinosaurs.

"The students leading the lessons are demonstrating that they've mastered art skills and are helping to develop their leadership skills," said Adams. "The younger students are being introduced to skills that I'll be teaching later on. For example, a lot of the kindergarteners are learning drawing techniques right now that we'll focus on in first and second grades."



Pen pal project sparks enthusiastic young writers

Students in Julia St. Louis's first-grade class at Rogers Elementary School got some extra encouragement on their writing from retired teachers and staff! The students exchanged letters with retired educators throughout the spring, and on May 21, the pen pals got to meet in person. The experience helped students grow in their writing and build cross-generational connections.



Students build dams to simulate the creation of ecosystems

Students in Carrie Griffith's science class at Washington Middle School have been learning about ecosystems. Her students developed their own dams. They choose from materials that would imitate a dam created by beavers (sticks and twigs) or by humans (aluminum foil and clay). After their dam was complete, students added water and observed the water's impact on their dam.

"Ecosystems can change a lot because of one spot," said Timothy, a sixth-grade student. "If a dam isn't built correctly, it can change the whole ecosystem."



In our backyard: How students use Cliff Cave in learning

Fourth-grade students at MOSAIC Elementary School learned about karst, a type of landscape where dissolving bedrock has created sinkholes, caves, springs and other features. They visited Cliff Cave with Dan Lamping, a Mehlville High School social studies teacher, experienced caver and president of the Missouri Speleological Survey, to conduct up-close observations. Lamping has also taken AP Human Geography students into the cave.

"I've gotten to learn more about how caves work, about cave life and the cave ecosystem" said Owen, an MHS student.

Comfier Classrooms: District to replace aging HVAC systems

When St. Louis experienced a heat wave in August 2023, the district's facilities team predicted that some aging HVAC equipment may fail or simply not keep areas of buildings comfortable. That's because many of the district's HVAC systems are 20 to 30 years old. A typical lifecycle for HVAC systems is 15-20 years.

Schools with the oldest equipment, like Bernard Middle, Oakville Elementary and Wohlwend Elementary, all experienced HVAC outages during the heat wave. Some classrooms had to move to other areas in the buildings.

At Bernard Middle School, for example, multiple roof-top units went down, and teachers in the eighth-grade wing moved to other areas of the building to escape the heat. Oakville Elementary saw the failure of a rooftop unit that cooled the library, and Wohlwend's rooftop unit that cooled the gym malfunctioned.

"What we saw in August was the result of years of delayed maintenance and replacements," said Dr. Jeff Haug, Superintendent of Schools. "I'm incredibly appreciative of our facilities team. They worked around the clock to keep our buildings as cool as possible. Based on the plans the Mehlville Board of Education has put into place, I'm optimistic that we will avoid future HVAC mechanical failures like we saw in August."

In early 2024, the Mehlville Board of Education unanimously approved almost $8 million in HVAC replacements for this summer.

Bernard Middle School, which saw the most equipment outages in August, will receive $1.8 million in HVAC replacements, including 10 new roof-top units, all new variable air volume boxes with reheat coils (which provide temperature control in each classroom), five new water heaters, two new boilers, exhaust fans, and new controls and wiring. Bernard Middle School's HVAC equipment was installed in 2003.

Oakville Elementary School will receive $1.2 million in HVAC replacements, including one rooftop unit that cools the library and several classrooms. The school will receive new variable air volume boxes, two new boilers, and new controls and wiring. The equipment being replaced is original to the building, which opened in 2004.

Point Elementary School will receive $1.7 million in HVAC replacements, including five rooftop units, two air-handling units with one new rooftop unit. Almost all classrooms will receive new variable air volume boxes. Two boilers are being replaced along with a domestic water boiler. The school will receive new controls and wiring, new electric cabinet heaters and new exhaust fans. Point Elementary School's HVAC equipment is between 20 and 30 years old.

Wohlwend Elementary School will receive $2 million in HVAC replacements, including two rooftop units. The school is also getting a new chiller and pumps. The school will receive new electric cabinet heaters, new unit ventilators, new exhaust fans, new controls and wiring, a new air handler in the gym, and a replaced kitchen make-up air system.

The district pool, located on the campus of Mehlville High School, will receive $1 million in HVAC-related repairs. The pool building will get a new dehumidifier, two new boilers (one to heat the pool water and one to heat the facility), a domestic water boiler (for showers and sinks in the locker rooms), new locker room heaters and a split system air conditioner for the pool office and electrical room. Loose and broken concrete in the mechanical room will also be replaced. The district's pool is used by Mehlville High and Oakville High swim, dive and water polo teams, physical education classes from both high schools, and about 500 Community Education learn-to-swim and aquatics program participants each year.

Most of this work will be completed in the summer of 2024.

More than $15 million in HVAC replacements are planned for the summer of 2025 at the following locations: Blades Elementary School, John Cary Early Childhood Center, Oakville High School, Oakville Middle School, Rogers Elementary School, Trautwein Elementary School and Washington Middle School.

About $9 million in HVAC replacements are planned for the summer of 2026 at the following locations: Beasley Elementary School, Bierbaum Elementary School and Mehlville High School.

"By the end of 2026, all of our HVAC equipment will be at or under 10 years old," Dr. Haug said. "By making smart investments in our critical infrastructure with our current tax revenue, we are able to delay asking voters to borrow funds through a general obligation bond. This saves the district over $12 million in interest expense and ensures comfortable learning environments for the community's 10,000 students."



Workers replace a rooftop unit at Oakville Elementary School in 2021.

Mehlville High School

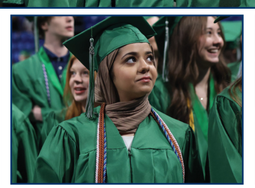
Congratulations to the Class of 2024

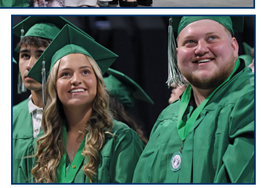
Oakville High School











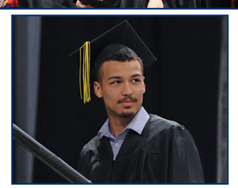
Celebrating our graduates

Mehlville High School and Oakville High School held their 2024 graduation ceremonies on Sunday, June 2, at Chaifetz Arena. Congratulations to the nearly 800 Mehlville School District students who received their diploma!

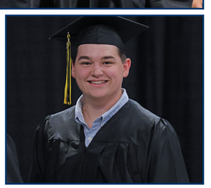
- Number of students receiving the Seal of Biliteracy: 39
- Number of Summa Cum Laude students: 94
- Number of Magna Cum Laude students: 67
- Number of Cum Laude students: 61
- Number of students who were enrolled in:
  - South Tech: 76
  - Early College Academy: 9
  - Make it Count: 14
  - MyPath/Independent studies: 13
  - St. Louis Centers for Advanced Professional Studies (STL CAPS): 34
  - Access Point: 7
- Number of Advanced Placement courses taken: 505
- Number of dual enrollment courses taken: 398



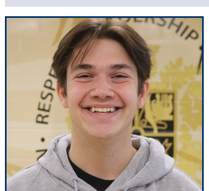








Senior Spotlights



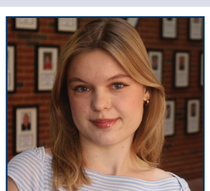
David White, Oakville High School, is attending Southeast Missouri State University to study music education and theory with plans to become a band director.

"I walked into high school wanting to be a chemistry major, but being in band and choir opened the idea and the door of composition and being a band director. I wouldn't have known any of that if I hadn't chosen to do music here."



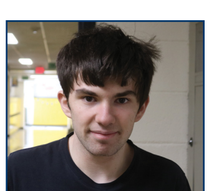
Stefanie Wong, Mehlville High School, plans to study at Saint Louis University or Maryville University to become a physical therapist.

"I enrolled in the STL CAPS program. That really helped me reassure myself about going into physical therapy because I've gotten to do internships to see more in-depth what physical therapists do every day."



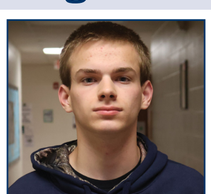
Melina Dizdarevic, Mehlville High School, will study chemistry at Saint Louis University with plans to become a dentist. She graduated with both a high school diploma and an associate degree from St. Louis Community College through our Early College Academy.

"The Early College Academy is a great opportunity for students who want to get their credits and get prepared for college before other students."



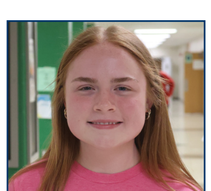
Sam Lewis, Oakville High School, is working at the St. Louis VA Medical Center - Jefferson Barracks through Special School District of St. Louis County's Vocational Skills Program.

"I worked at St. Vincent's and Goodwill. I'm working at Schnucks right now. I stock shelves. It's going to help me participate very well."



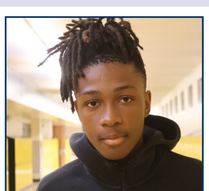
Evan Rhodes, Mehlville High School, plans to pursue a career as a paramedic after taking the firefighting and EMT courses at South Tech High School.

"I never really liked regular school, so I went to South Tech to try to do something I care about and want to learn. Now I'm prepared for the future."



Lucy Fister, Mehlville High School, is attending the University of Kansas to study chemistry on the premed track with plans to become a surgeon.

"My experience at Mehlville prepared me because it gave me a lot of insight on different problems that might arise with holding leadership positions: How to work with a team of people, how to handle disagreements, how to have responsibility and how to be adaptable when problems arise."



D.J. Pernal, Oakville High School, enlisted in the U.S. Army. He plans to work on tanks and hopes to one day serve as the captain of his own tank.

"Going through the good and the bad has allowed me to grow as a person and learn more than I could ever imagine."



Sahnam Mohabbat, Oakville High School, is attending Webster University to study management with an emphasis on international business.

"My favorite thing about Oakville is the people. There is a community feeling here. There are so many different groups of people from different backgrounds here, but they're all friends with each other.

Back to school: Important information for the 2024-2025 school year

Our teachers and staff can't wait to welcome students to the 2024-2025 school year! The first day of school is Monday, August 19.

New student enrollment

It's important that new students are enrolled as soon as possible, so staff can complete course assignments and procure Chromebooks and other supplies before the start of school. Instructions for new students can be found on the enrollment section of our website at bit.ly/msdr9enroll. Call 314-467-5030 for help with enrollment.

Family Information Update

The Family Information Update must be completed by all returning families. Completing this ensures school staff have the most up-to-date contact information and other important information about your student. This year the Family Information Update will be completed in our new Student Information System, Infinite Campus. Visit bit.ly/familyinfoupdatemsdr9, to get started. The Family Information Update opens in mid July.

To prepare for the 2024-2025 school year, the district strongly recommends that parents and guardians download the Campus Parent app to access student schedules (when released in mid-August), grade updates and attendance records. Parents can even complete the Family Information Update in the app.

Calendars

View and print the 2024-2025 school calendar to see important dates for this school year, including holidays, half days and more. A larger version is available at bit.ly/msdr9calendar24-25.

School communication

School principals will share important information with parents through ParentSquare later this summer. This will include back-to-school events, schedules, bus routes and school meal information. Parents should download the ParentSquare app to make sure they don't miss important communication!

Follow us on social media

Community members are encouraged to follow Mehlville School District on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube! We'll share important updates, job opportunities and photos of the learning happening in our schools. You can also follow your child's school on social media!

- Facebook: facebook.com/MehlvilleSchoolDistrict
- Instagram: @MehlvilleSD
- LinkedIn: linkedin.com/school/mehlville-school-district
- YouTube: youtube.com/@MehlvilleSchools

Work while your kids are in school!

Mehlville School District has a variety of employment opportunities, including part-time and substitute positions. See employment opportunities at bit.ly/employmentmsdr9.

2024-2025 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Mehlville School District

Student days: 174
Teacher days: 182

First and Last Day of School
Early Release Day/PD
Professional Development
No School - District Closed
No School - Teacher Workday
Inclement Weather Make Up Day

July '24

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4 District Closed - Independence Day

August '24

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TBD New Teacher Orientation
13-15 District Professional Development
16 Teacher Workday
19 First Day of School

September '24

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

2 No School - Labor Day
18 Early Release, Early Childhood AM Attend

October '24

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16 Early Release, Early Childhood AM Attend
18 End of First Quarter
28 MS Conferences 4 hrs
29 HS Conferences 4 hrs
30 ES Conferences 4 hrs
31 Early Release, Early Childhood AM Attend
Conferences 3 hrs 20 mins

November '24

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

1 No School - District Closed
4 No School - Professional Development
5 No School - Teacher Workday - Election Day
27-29 No School - Thanksgiving Break

December '24

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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11 Early Release, Early Childhood AM Attend
20 End of Second Quarter/First Semester
23-31 No School - Winter Break

January '25

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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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1-2 No School - Winter Break
3 No School - Teacher Workday
15 Early Release, Early Childhood PM Attend
20 No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February '25

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17 No School - Presidents Day
26 Early Release, Early Childhood PM Attend

March '25

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7 End of Third Quarter
10-14 Spring Conferences
17-21 No School - Spring Break
31 No School - District Closed

April '25

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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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8 Early Release, Early Childhood PM Attend
Election Day
21 No School - District Closed

May '25

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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23 Last Day of School
Early Release, 1/2 Teacher Workday
End of Fourth Quarter/Second Semester
26 No School - Memorial Day
27-30 Inclement weather make up days

June '25

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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2-3 Inclement weather makeup days
19 No School - Juneteenth

The district may use up to five virtual learning days for inclement weather or other emergency. Should we use all five days, additional inclement weather days will be made up beginning May 27.

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More than half of Prop S projects are complete

Prop S, a $35 million bond issue, was approved by voters in 2021 to improve security and complete critical infrastructure repairs throughout the district. As of June 2024, more than half of the security entrances have been completed. The remaining entrances are either under construction or scheduled for construction in 2024.



Construction continues on Bierbaum Elementary School, where a new library, classrooms and storm shelter are being built at the back of the building. Bierbaum has a growing student population, and adding classroom space delays the need for redistricting.



Demolition started in May on the Oakville Middle School entrance. The new entrance will have a security vestibule.

Prop S Progress

PROP S
Safe Schools, Safe Kids
Mehlville School District

Here is a quick look at the status of our major Prop S projects. You can view a complete list of projects and anticipated completion dates at bit.ly/mehlvilleprops.

John Cary Early Childhood Center
- Security entrance: COMPLETE

Beasley Elementary
- Security entrance: In progress

Bierbaum Elementary
- Security entrance, ADA accessibility, restroom renovations and expanded front parking lot: COMPLETE
- Additional classrooms, expanded library and storm shelter: In progress

Blades Elementary
- Security entrance: COMPLETE

Forder Elementary
- Security entrance: In progress
- HVAC replacement: COMPLETE

Hagemann Elementary
- Security entrance and ADA access to playground: COMPLETE

MOSAIC Elementary
- Security entrance: In progress
- Elevators: Work to begin in summer 2025

Oakville Elementary
- Security entrance and expanded parking lot: COMPLETE

Point Elementary
- Security entrance and ADA accessibility for back exit: In progress

Rogers Elementary
- Security entrance and parking lot/playground safety improvements: COMPLETE

Trautwein Elementary
- Security entrance: Work to begin in fall 2024

Wohlwend Elementary
- Security entrance, ADA parking: In progress

Bernard Middle
- Security entrance: COMPLETE

Buerkle Middle
- Security entrance and track accessibility: Work to begin in summer 2024

Oakville Middle
- Security entrance: In progress

Washington Middle
- Security entrance: Work to begin in summer 2024

Mehlville High
- Security entrance: COMPLETE
- Baseball/softball field renovations: COMPLETE

Oakville High
- Security entrance, gym accessibility, restroom renovations: COMPLETE
- Baseball/softball field safety improvements: COMPLETE

An excellent nurse

Rebekah Roberson, nurse at Trautwein Elementary School, was nominated for *St. Louis Magazine's* Excellence in Nursing Awards. These awards honor the remarkable efforts of nurses across the St. Louis region.



Rebekah Roberson

Heroes of school lunch

The **Bierbaum Elementary School cafeteria staff** were honored by the St. Louis District Dairy Council for being School Lunch Heroes. They were recognized for always striving to make their students smile. Crew members include **Carolyn Gabriel, Huma Dullovi, Gina Luig, Tom Cook** and **Kathy Stowers.**



Samantha Thiessen, Carolyn Gabriel, Tom Cook, Gina Luig, Jessica Kassel from St. Louis District Dairy Council.

Starfish Award

Katie Dowd, special education teacher at Oakville High School, received the Starfish Award from the Special Education Foundation. This award honors those in the Special School District of St. Louis County community who go above and beyond to make a difference.



Katie Dowd

Lifetime Achievement Award

Jeff Kuchno, retired Oakville High School journalism teacher, received a 2024 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Journalism Education Association. Kuchno served as OHS's broadcast, newspaper and journalism advisor for 15 years.



Jeff Kuchno

Outstanding Instructional Leader

Dr. Lauren Cumming, the principal at Bernard Middle School, received the Outstanding Instructional Leadership award from Missouri Learning Forward. She received the award for creating a collaborative work environment that promotes cohesion and cooperation among staff and an unwavering belief in the expertise of her teachers.



Dr. Lauren Cumming

Coach of the Year

DeVonte Shivers, the girls wrestling coach at Oakville High School, was named Conference Coach of the Year.



DeVonte Shivers

Outstanding Music Educator

Tony Brown, band director at Mehlville High School, is the 2024 recipient of the Missouri Music Educators Association's Dr. Wynne Harrell Outstanding Music Educator Award. The MMEA presents this award to one music educator each year who exemplifies the profession's highest standards of teaching, learning and professionalism.



Chris Sacco, MMEA President and Tony Brown

Longtime advisor

Julie Dorsam, a social studies teacher at Bernard Middle School, was recognized at the Missouri Association of Student Councils State Convention for serving as a student council advisor for the past 20 years.



Julie Dorsam

Board of Education receives awards

The Mehlville Board of Education received the 2024 Governance Team Award from the Missouri School Boards' Association. The board received the award for their outstanding commitment to professional development in student achievement, school law and finance, board operations and issues in education.

The award recognizes the board's commitment to regional and statewide leadership and to legislative advocacy for public schools and the students they serve.

Four board members achieve Distinguished Certification

Four Board of Education members achieved Distinguished Board Member Certification from the Missouri School Boards' Association – President Peggy Hassler, Secretary Patrick McKelvey, Director Jean Pretto and Director Jeff Wolman. Distinguished Certification is the highest level of certification provided by MSBA.

To earn this, board members must achieve both Advanced and Master certification, earn 62 training credits, complete annual training, read a book related to school board service, observe board meetings of two other school districts, attend at least two MSBA regional or statewide events, and demonstrate leadership, advocacy and presentation skills in a variety of activities related to school board service.



Patrick McKelvey, Jeff Wolman, Jean Pretto, Peggy Hassler, Tori Behlke, Scott Huegerich, Grace Wright

DISTINCTIONS

SKILLED students


Anela Abdijanovic


Nathan Seyer

Anela Abdijanovic, a Mehlville High School senior, and **Nathan Seyer,** an Oakville High School junior, received the S.M. Wilson & Co. SKILLED Award with their Global Business and Entrepreneurship classmates at St. Louis Center for Advanced Professional Studies. Through the Pirate Prosthetics project, their team engaged fifth-grade students at Bierbaum Elementary School to create a robotic cardboard hand.

National Merit Finalist


Jing Zhou

Jing Zhou, a senior at Oakville High School, was named a National Merit Scholarship Finalist. This honor was received based on Zhou's academic record, PSAT scores, an essay, demonstrated leadership, and contributions to her school and community activities.

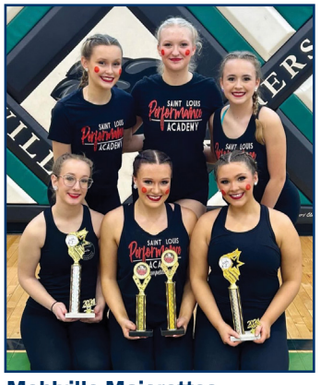
Creating original music


Noah Cates

Noah Cates, an eighth-grade student at Oakville Middle School, earned third place in Mizzou's Creating Original Music Project. His song was performed at a music festival at Mizzou in April.

Top twirlers

The twirling teams at Mehlville High School and Oakville High School each won a category at the Missouri state twirling championships. The **Mehlville Majorettes** won first place in the Dance Twirl category with their routine "SIX." The **Oakville Tiger Twirlers** won first place in the Halftime category with their routine "Spy."


Mehlville Majorettes


Oakville Tiger Twirlers

VIEW MORE DISTINCTIONS:
We're now sharing all student and staff distinctions on our website at bit.ly/msdr9distinctions. Student grade levels are as of the 2023-2024 school year.

Missouri Scholars 100


Chris Pesselato


Grahm Tapp

Four Mehlville School District students were recognized as Missouri Scholars 100 Honorable Mention: **Chris Pesselato** and **Grahm Tapp,** seniors at Mehlville High School, and **Joe Romano** and **Sami Simokaitis,** seniors at Oakville High School. Students receiving Missouri Scholars 100 honors exhibit exceptional scholarship, citizenship and reliability.



Sami Simokaitis and Joe Romano

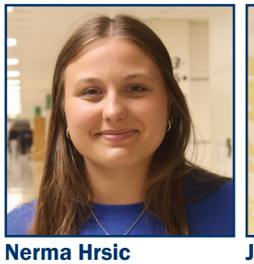
Maestro Awardee

Ava Chancellor, a senior at Oakville High School received a Maestro Award for her soprano solo on "O Salutaris Hostia" during a choir competition in New York City.


Ava Chancellor

Scholar Athletes

Nerma Hrsic, a senior at Mehlville High School, and **Joe Romano,** a senior at Oakville High School, were named Scholar Athletes by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. This honor is given to a student-athlete from each school in our area who excels in competition and in the classroom by lettering in at least one varsity sport and being in the top 25 percent of their graduating class.


Nerma Hrsic


Joe Romano

OHS Theatre

The **Oakville High School Theatre** program received the Carol B. Loeb Technical Enhancement Award at the St. Louis High School Musical Theatre Awards. The program was selected from 44 schools and will receive a $5,000 grant to enhance technical elements of their productions and performance space. The program's performance of "Seussical: The Musical" was also nominated for two awards: Outstanding Musical and Outstanding Costume Design and Execution.

