MILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

BUCCANEER BULLETIN

MARCH 2025



MRS O'HARA'S KINDERGARTEN CLASS - SUPER STUDENTS!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

21	ROCK YOUR SOCKS - WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY
25	PARENTING FOR RESILIENCE INFO SESSION

APRIL

3	PARAPROFESSIONAL APPRECIATION DAY
	END OF MP3
4	STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
5	WE ARE MILFORD DAY!
8	ROSS 1ST GRADE CONCERT
9	MECC, RES, MES PTP MEETINGS
10	ROSS 2ND GRADE CONCERT
14	BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Spring BREAK

APRIL 21 - 25



WE BELIEVE...

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



MHS Students who made the honor roll during MP2 were treated with a special breakfast!

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



MHS staff support and encourage students in the days leading up to testing. DREAM BIG, SCORE BIG! (Pictured: Mrs. Vann and Mrs. Barczewski)

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



Building Principals presented school data during their monthly Captains Cabinet.

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



MHS International Club Members serve dinner during a celebration honoring Black History Month.

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



Mispillion Students and Family Blast Off into Reading during their Annual Spring Family Night.

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



The Culture Club at Banneker meets weekly after school and students get to learn and explore about other cultures and places.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS:









Banneker hosted its first-ever Hoop Shoot contest! Students and staff had a blast competing, with each classroom sending a representative. A champion was crowned for each grade level!

MHS **International Club** celebrated Black History Month with an evening of inspiration and community! Students and staff came together for a night that featured guest speakers Katrina Wilson, Milford City Councilwoman, and Milford High School's own **Dr. Clarke**, Supervisor of Secondary Specialized Programs and Cofounder of The Clarke Education Foundation. Guests also enjoyed a delicious dinner and a special student dance performance by **Ketura Mele**.
Thank you to International Club Advisor **Mrs. Alma Diaz** and **Mrs. Rocio Olivas!**



















MHS Students who earned **Honor Roll** for Marking Period 2 were treated with a special breakfast!

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS:



Congratulations to MHS students **Grace LoBiondo** and **Julia Goralski** for medaling in the Educators Rising State Conference! Grace scored gold in Job Interview and Julia silvered in Ed Rising Moment, a public speaking competition.
*Educators Rising is the student organization of our Teacher Academy Pathway led by **Mrs. Molly Chorman**.*

Morris PTP organized a school-wide food drive to benefit the Food Bank of Delaware. Pictured here is PTP President, **Jessica Capece**, with **Mrs. Rizzutti** and **Ms. Renken**'s kindergarten classes.

















MHS Drama Club performed its Spring Musical, Disney's *The Little Mermaid*. Bravo to the entire cast and crew to an outstanding production. **Mrs. Ellie Swain** directed the play while **Ms. Kate Lynch** was the producer.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS:





MHS Student-athletes join in on the fun during **Banneker's Breakfast Buddies** event.

Spread the Word - Inclusion
Lulu Ross students and **staff** celebrate inclusion and diversity during Respect Week.

















Duvanel Louis Jr. *(Banneker)*, **Ismael Santana Jones** *(Mispillion)*, **and Finn Osmundson** *(Ross)* proudly represented Milford School District at the Delaware Spelling Bee!
Duvanel finished in the top 52, Ismeal finished in the top 40, and Finn finished in the top 15. We are so proud of our finalists!

FAMILY FUN



































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Morris Early Childhood Center and **Mispillion Elementary School** hosted their Spring Family Nights.

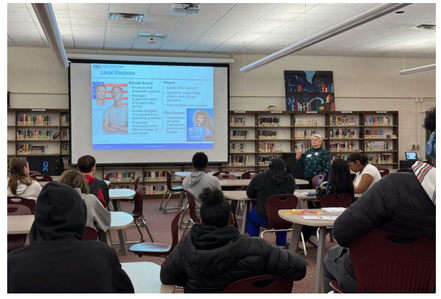
CIVICS ED WEEK:

From March 10–14, 2025, thousands of schools and organizations nationwide will celebrate Civic Learning Week, a nonpartisan event that brings together students, educators, policymakers, and leaders from the public and private sectors. This annual initiative highlights the importance of civic education and strengthens efforts to empower communities across the country. Click here to read more!











MHS Teacher, **Mrs. Shae Parks**, leads the way coordinating an array of engaging activities during Civics Ed Week

Fifth grade students at **Lulu Ross Elementary**, completed their Civil Rights Project.























Mrs. Moore and **Mrs. Beisaw**'s kindergartener students explored the essential roles within a community.

STAFF HIGHLIGHTS









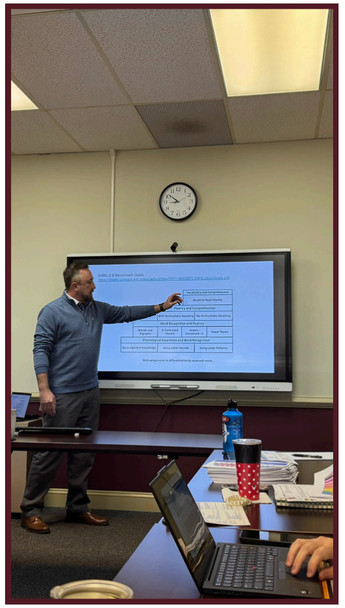




Milford High School Staff rally together to inspire and support students during testing season. DREAM BIG, SCORE BIG!

Milford School District **Building Principals** presented building data as part of our “Quarterly Data Dives”

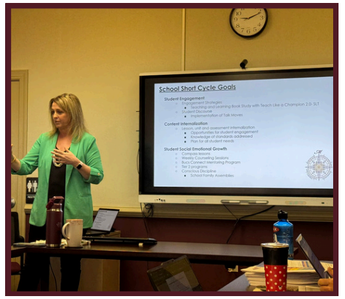












MILFORD TREASURES

Click the photos to learn more about our treasures!











MARCH 2025

NOMINATE A TREASURE HERE:

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Do you know an outstanding teacher who goes above and beyond for their students? Nominate them for Milford School District's Teacher of the Year! This is your chance to recognize an educator who makes a difference through dedication, innovation, and passion for teaching. Submit your nomination today and help us celebrate the incredible teachers who shape our students' futures.

NOMINATE NOW!



BUCCANEER SPORTS

Check out our Official Buccaneer Sports Socials!
Instagram: milfordbucsathletics
Twitter: @MHSBucsSports

WINTER POSTSEASON HONORS:

We thank all of our student-athletes and coaches for their dedication and hard work. You represented our school, district, and community in a first-class manner. GO BUCS!



2024 HAC Winter Postseason Honors
All-Conference Selections:
1st Team All-Conference- **Eli Farrington** (Boys Basketball)
1st Team All-Conference- **Greg Lockett** (Wrestling)
1st Team All-Conference- **Jahmar Austin** (Indoor Track & Field- Pole Vault)
1st Team All-Conference- **Marcell Kellam** (Unified Basketball)
Honorable Mention- **Tristen Showell** (Girls Basketball)
Honorable Mention- **Mike Mullen** (Boys Basketball)

Academic All-Conference:
Soren Evers- Indoor Track
Bryce Marlow- Indoor Track
Anthony Nash- Indoor Track
Kayla Ashton- Indoor Track
Levi Massotti- Indoor Track
Adrionna Fountain- Indoor Track
McKenzie Patten- Indoor Track
Levi Massotti- Swimming
Scarlet Fitzgerald- Swimming
Jacob Dickerson- Boys Basketball
Autumn Littleton- Wrestling

Additionally- a special shoutout to the following wrestlers on their performances at last weekend's DIAA Individual State Championships:
Brian Seward- 3rd Place
Greg Lockett- 4th Place
Jami White- 7th Place
Ryan Farissier- 7th Place

TICKETS:

Tickets can be purchased using this link: **GoFan**
(Please note that cash will not be accepted at the gate)

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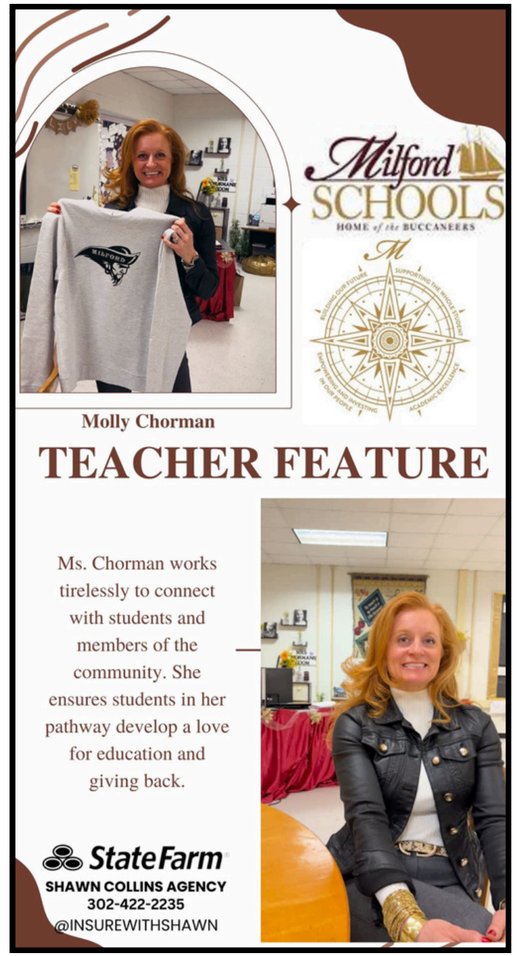
State Farm®

We believe the district's partnerships with families and community are integral to the success of our students and community at large and we've teamed up with some friends to help highlight our Milford School District Treasures!

Thank you to **Shawn Collins State Farm** and **AGL Media Group** for their collaboration in highlighting our staff treasures and sports!







KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

*Children must be 5 years of age by August 31, 2025, to be eligible**



Kindergarten registration is open now. Families should complete registration online. Registration must be completed before families can schedule their student's screening. Translators available upon request. For questions and screening scheduling email: **registration@msd.k12.de.us** or call Brielle at **302-422-1600**.



SCREENING DATES

Saturday, March 22nd: 9:00am - 12:00pm

Friday, April 4th: 8:30am - 3:00pm

Thursday, May 22nd: 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Thursday, June 5th: 4:00pm - 6:00pm

WHAT TO BRING:

Parent/Guardian Driver's License/ID

Child's Birth Certificate

Proof of Immunizations/Shot Records

Proof of Residence: Utility Bill (gas, electric, water, etc.), Mortgage Statement, Housing Lease

Application ID number

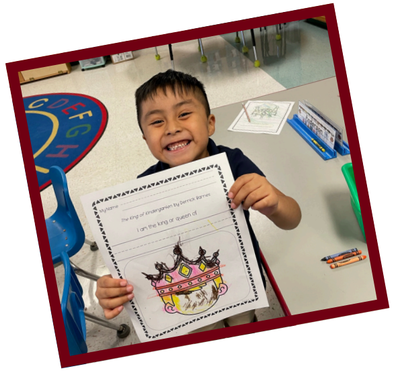


REGISTER NOW

SCHOOL LOCATOR







WE ARE HIRING!

JOIN OUR TEAM

- COMPETITIVE PAY
- GREAT WORK ENVIRONMENT
- HEALTH BENEFITS
- FULL TIME & PART TIME

APPLY ONLINE NOW!

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BUILDING OUR FUTURE
SUPPORTING THE WHOLE STUDENT
EMPOWERING AND INVESTING IN OUR PEOPLE
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

ML OLYMPICS



























The Milford School District proudly hosted its fifth annual Multilingual Learner (ML) Olympics, a one-of-a-kind academic competition celebrating the talents, dedication, and multilingual abilities of our students.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH









MHS CTE Student Ambassadors present during our Annual CTE Advisory Council Meeting.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs allow Delaware students the chance to earn early college credits, industry-recognized credentials and work experience while still in high school. To earn a living wage in today's economy, all students must pursue education beyond high school. This education can include a two-year or four-year college degree, certification program, apprenticeship, formal job training or military service. The type of education students choose depends on each student's unique interests and skills.

SCHOOL OF AGRISCIENCE

Milford Central Academy
Olivia Aten

Milford High School:
Joshua Bethard
Trina Stump
Abby Edwards
Emily Samick

High School Pathways:
- Animal Science and Management
- Plant Systems
- Agricultural Structures & Engineering
- Food Science

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, MANAGEMENT & HOSPITALITY

Milford Central Academy:
Claudia Harris

Milford High School:
Morgan Edgar
Leah Dodds

High School Pathways :
- Hospitality and Tourism Management
- Academy of Finance

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION & CAREER STUDIES

Milford Central Academy:
Monica Becton-Jones

Milford High School:
Molly Chorman
Derek Savage

High School Pathways:
- K-12 Teacher Academy
- Jobs for Delaware Graduates

SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Milford Central Academy:
Amanda Watson

Milford High School:
Leslie McMillan
Lauren Vann
Alma Diaz

High School Pathways:
- Allied Health
- Public and Community Health
- Patient Care

SCHOOL OF ART & DESIGN

Milford Central Academy:
Dwain Moore

Milford High School:
Karine Richards

High School Pathways:
- Digital Communication Technology

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, & MATH

Milford Central Academy:
Dwain Moore

Milford High School:
Nathan L'Armand
Alberto Carvajal

High School Pathways:
- Computer Science
- Engineering

SAFETY SPOTLIGHT









February 15th is National **School Resource Officer** (SRO) Appreciation Day! Our School Resource Officers serve as an important bridge between youth, law enforcement, and the communities they serve. **We are grateful to our SRO's and Constable/Safety Team**!

I LOVE THE BUS MONTH

Every day we are proud to transport 7,000 students daily to and from school. With 62 buses, we complete 200+ routes daily covering over 5,000 miles! Our mission is to provide safe transportation to Milford's students and support the educational functions and school activities of the Milford School District. Our drivers go through hours of training every year to keep our kids safe.









SAVE THE DATES!

Milford School District | Milford Public Library present:

2024-2025 YEAR ROUND SPANISH READING

Kindergarten - 5th Grade reading sessions for immersion and multilingual students! Grades 6th to 8th are welcome to explore the library and immerse in reading at their own discretion!



The Milford School District and the Milford Public Library are teaming up to support our Spanish Dual Language Immersion and multilingual students. This program helps strengthen first and second language skills with fun activities in reading, listening, and speaking. Students can join their teachers and friends once a month at the Milford Public Library. Please see the schedule below.

2024–2025 Schedule
5:30 – 6:30 PM

Meet at the Milford Public Library Children's Library (downstairs)

September 25
October 30
November 20
December 18
January 29
February 26
March 26
April 30
May 28



Questions? Contact:
iabad@msd.k12.de.us
sgilbert@msd.k12.de.us
alopezsantiago@msd.k12.de.us

Register now to secure your child's spot

WE ARE MILFORD DAY

BELIEVE IN OUR COMMUNITY, BELIEVE IN OUR FUTURE.

APRIL 5 2025

The Milford High School Drama Club's
Production of
Disney's

THE LITTLE MERMAID

Music by Alan Menken
Lyrics by Howard Ashman & Glenn Slater
Book by Doug Wright

Based on the Hans Christian Anderson story and the Disney film produced by Howard Ashman & John Musker and written & directed by John Musker & Ron Clements.

Originally produced by
Disney Theatrical Productions



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

Tickets
$5 children 18 and under/senior citizens
$10 all others
cash at the door

$10 online @ GoFan

6PM Thursday, Feb. 27
7PM Friday, Feb. 28
1PM Saturday, March 1
7PM Saturday, March 1

Orchestrations by Danny Troob
Incidental Music & Vocal Arrangements by Michael Kosarin
Dance Arrangements by David Chase

DISNEY'S THE LITTLE MERMAID
Is presented through special arrangement with Music Theater International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com.

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$60 PER GUEST OR
$100 COUPLE

Includes:

- Formal Promenade
- Full-Service Dinner
- Dancing
- Photography
- Prizes

FAMILY OUTREACH













Snow what fun! Families of Mispillion students had the opportunity to join in on the classroom fun with a holiday craft.

Building Bridges - in December guest speakers presented immigration information and resources as well as their holiday party!







STAFF SPOTLIGHT













GOVERNOR-ELECT VISITS MCA

We had the opportunity to host Governor-elect Matt Meyer. We toured classrooms across grades 6-8, engaging with students in a variety of subjects, including **Mrs. Conaway**'s 6th-grade math class, **Mr. McNulty**'s 7th-grade social studies class, **Dr. McKee** and **Ms. Gorrin**'s 8th-grade ELA class, and 8th-grade science with **Mr. Metz**. Throughout the visit, he actively participated in classroom discussions, offering support and explanations to students as they explored topics such as the Pythagorean theorem, the ins and outs of jury duty, the importance of reading, and the science of sound waves.

HERTRICH'S CASH FOR CLASS WINNERS

The Hertrich Family of Automobile Dealerships has selected SIX MSD teachers Cash for Class!

- **Diana Dill** - $1,000 for "Just Right Flexible Seating"
- **Tenesha Duffy** - $1,000 for "School Store"
- **Chistina McConnell** $1,000 for "We Need Seats"
- **Stephany Vecchiolli** $1,000 for "Non-Fiction Books for Early Readers"
- **Daniel Huffman** $1,000 for "Wanted: Sofa Tables"
- **Louise Holleger-Thomas** $1,000 for "Peanut Butter & Jelly Community Service Project"























THANKSGIVING LUNCH



On November 21 we hosted our Annual Thanksgiving Lunch cooked up by our incredible Child Nutrition team! A special shout-out to our community partners (Carlisle and Ellendale Fire Co, Board Members, teachers, and Administrators) for helping serve and move the lunch lines along!