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Students are excelling in Advanced Placement courses and exams

An increasing number of students at Mehlville High School and Oakville High School took Advanced Placement exams during the 2024-2025 school year. Additionally, more students earned scores of 3 or higher, demonstrating their college-level mastery of these rigorous courses. Colleges and universities may provide students with college credit for earning a 3 or higher on an AP exam.

Last year, a combined 157 Mehlville High School and Oakville High School students were enrolled in at least one AP course, an increase of 24 students from the 2023-2024 school year. Students attempted 229 AP exams.

The average score for Mehlville School District students was higher than the state average on the exams for 14 different AP courses. Students who took AP exams last year performed better on average than students in years past. Of the tests taken, almost 80 percent earned a score of 3 or higher in 2024-2025. That's an increase from 75 percent in 2023-2024 and 64 percent in 2022-2023.

"When students are able to score a 3, 4 or 5 on an Advanced Placement test, it shows that they have mastery of the subject material and provides college credits at most post-secondary institutions," said Dr. Brian Smith, Assistant Superintendent of Academics. "Taking AP classes also shows college admissions officers that a student is willing to challenge themselves academically and are well equipped for the academic rigor of college."

AP courses are one option for students to earn college credit in high school. Mehlville School District also offers a variety of dual credit courses and early college opportunities.



A student in the AP U.S. Government and Politics class at Oakville High School learns about the Bill of Rights.

Board of Education approves balanced budget for 2025-2026

The Mehlville Board of Education unanimously approved the budget for the 2025-2026 school year at its June 26 meeting.

"Our balanced budget shows a dedication to educating the students of our district while being fiscally responsible to our community," said Dr. Jeff Haug, Superintendent of Schools. "We are incredibly grateful to the constituents of our district for their support."

The district's budget consists of operating funds and non-operating funds. Operating funds are spent on the normal ongoing operations of a district, like salaries and benefits, utilities, gasoline and classroom materials. Non-operating funds represent mostly capital projects where money has been collected in previous years for spending in the current or future years.

The district is projecting an operating net gain of zero and a non-operating loss of $11.2 million due to capital project spending of funds that were received in prior years.

The district is estimating revenue of almost $173 million. Expenses amount to $184 million, and include the following highlights.

- A continued commitment to providing competitive compensation. Total budgeted salaries and benefits have increased by $5.3 million.
- Funding for critical infrastructure repairs, including more than $15 million to replace aging HVAC. This is part of a multi-year $37 million funding plan to replace HVAC without incurring debt, saving the district $12 million in interest expense from having to use a bond.
- The final roofing projects funded through Prop A in 2016, which will sunset next year. Voters will consider a continuation of Prop A on November 4. See page 6 for more information.
- The completion of the final projects funded through Prop S.

Learn more about the budget at bit.ly/msdr9fy2026budget.

FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT: Peggy Hassler

Welcome back from the Mehlville Board of Education



On behalf of the Mehlville Board of Education, I am honored to welcome our students, families and staff to a new school year. Our buildings have been filled with energy, learning and connection. It is inspiring to see our schools thriving thanks to the dedication of our staff and the steadfast support of our community.

This fall brings several important initiatives for the district:

Proposition A

On the November ballot, voters will consider Proposition A, a measure that would allow Mehlville to continue receiving funds from a levy scheduled to sunset and redirect a portion of the debt service levy toward facility needs. If approved, these funds would provide **reliable, ongoing support exclusively for roofs, HVAC systems, technology, buses and parking lots—without raising the current tax rate.**

The original Prop A, passed in 2016, came at a critical time. Many roofs were in poor condition, and years of shrinking budgets had forced unsustainable deferred maintenance. With the community's support, we were able to repair or replace roofs across the district and upgrade aging HVAC systems. These investments helped keep our buildings safe, dry and functional for students and staff.

Renewing Prop A would allow the district to **continue the progress already made, maintain steady upkeep of essential facilities, and address problems before they become more expensive — ensuring schools remain safe and ready for learning for years to come.**

Fiscal Year 2026 Budget and Tax Rate

The Board recently approved the FY26 budget and annual tax rate. We remain committed to financial stability while continuing to invest in educational programs, staff support, and long-term operational needs. Mehlville continues to operate with one of the lowest tax rates in St. Louis County — 17th of 22 districts — and carries the lowest outstanding debt per student. These figures reflect the Board's dedication to using taxpayer dollars wisely while supporting strong instruction and well-maintained schools.

Strategic Plan and Facilities Steering Committee

Our Strategic Plan continues to guide our work, focusing on student achievement, staff recruitment and retention, and community engagement. We value the input of families, staff and community partners as we draft the next strategic plan and thank you for your participation in the process.

As we move through this school year, the Board of Education remains dedicated to academic excellence, transparency and responsible stewardship. On behalf of the entire Board, I extend our gratitude for your trust and support and wish everyone a successful and rewarding school year.

Mehlville School District

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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.

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Candidate filing for Board of Educaiton opens December 9, 2025

Any person wishing to file for the Mehlville School District Board of Education may do so at the St. Louis County Board of Elections, 725 Northwest Plaza Drive, St. Ann, MO 63074. Filing will be held Tuesday, December 9, 2025, through Tuesday, December 30, 2025, during regular office hours 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Board of Elections will be closed on December 25, 2025. Please check the county website for any additional dates they may be closed.

An election for three seats on the board will be held Tuesday, April 7, 2026. All seats carry three-year terms.

For more information, visit bit.ly/msdr9boecandidatefiling, or call 314-467-5000.

Under the provisions of Missouri Statute Section 115.124, if the number of candidates who file is equal to the number of positions to be filled by the election (three), no election will be held. However, if the number of candidates filing exceeds the number of positions at any time during the filing window, the annual school board election will be held on April 7, 2026. Candidates will be listed on the ballot based on a lottery drawing conducted by the St. Louis County Board of Elections.

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT: Dr. Jeff Haug

Celebrations from the first few months of school



The Mehlville School District had an amazing start to the school year, and I cannot thank our staff, students and families enough. Whether it has been the Strategic Plan Steering Committee, the Facilities Steering Committee, our fall sports teams, or our amazing bands, choirs, and theater students, this has been a busy and exciting fall!

Full-day early childhood education

One thing we are most excited about this school year is our full-day pilot program for early childhood education at Bierbaum Elementary School. This pilot program not only gives us an opportunity to gauge interest from the community around early childhood services, but it has provided evidence that we could scale this opportunity across the district.

Strategic Plan Steering Committee

The district is currently working on its new strategic plan. The strategic plan will guide the educational and financial direction of the district for the next five years. The district has already hosted five meetings seeking feedback and discussing what is important for education from the lens of the community. We received community feedback regarding the themes of Academics on September 3; Student Support on September 17; Employee Quality and Staffing on September 24; Finance, Facilities and Operations on October 8; and Community Involvement on October 22. We are excited about what we have learned in these meetings and are working to incorporate community feedback into the strategic plan. If you have been able to make any of our meetings, thank you so much for your input and support! This will help shape our district for years to come. You can see the latest on our progress at bit.ly/strategicplan26msdr9.

Facilities Steering Committee

In addition to the strategic plan, we have also hosted two Facilities Steering Committee meetings to help gather input from our community regarding facilities and grounds. The committee is in the process of creating a student-centered plan for facilities projects the district should complete in the future.

As you can see, not only have we been busy with our students' success on a daily basis in the classroom, but we have been incredibly busy planning for their future. We have an amazing community, amazing students, and amazing families, and I thank you for your dedication, belief and confidence in the Mehlville School District.



Community members discussed their vision for academics during a Strategic Plan Steering Committee meeting.

Mehlville Board of Education approves 2025 tax rate

At its annual Tax Rate Hearing on September 25, 2025, the Mehlville Board of Education approved the 2025 tax rates.

The blended tax rate is set at $3.7016 and is a weighted average of the following four tax levy rates for 2025:

- Residential – $3.4611
- Commercial – $3.8736
- Agricultural – $4.2531
- Personal Property – $4.8161

Mehlville School District is estimated to receive $103.6 million in local tax revenue based on the approved tax rates. This is $2 million more than originally budgeted in June. These funds will be applied to capital allocations and won't impact the operating budget, which is break-even for the 2025-2026 school year.

Assessed value of property located within Mehlville School District increased 12.1 percent overall. However, according to Missouri law, tax revenues may not increase more than the consumer price index, which was 2.9 percent. As a result, the blended tax rate for 2025 dropped to $3.7016, compared to $4.0070 in 2024.

Tax rates are computed each year based on the state auditor tax schedules and assessed values as provided by St. Louis County Revenue. The county assesses real estate values every two years. This year (2025) is a reassessment year.

Mehlville School District is maintaining its reputation as a fiscally conservative district. As of the fall of 2024, Mehlville School District had the 17th lowest tax rate of 22 St. Louis County school districts. The district ranks last in the county in outstanding debt expense per student.

Summer construction focused on HVAC, roofs and Bierbaum library

Mehlville School District students will be more comfortable in their classrooms this school year regardless of the temperature outside thanks to summer construction to replace HVAC and roofs.

HVAC upgrades

Five schools (Blades Elementary School, Trautwein Elementary School, Oakville Middle School, Washington Middle School and Oakville High School) received complete HVAC upgrades last summer. Additionally, John Cary Early Childhood Center received a new boiler, and Rogers Elementary School received a new chiller.

This work is part of a plan approved by the Mehlville Board of Education in 2024 to upgrade outdated HVAC equipment at schools across the district. At the time of approval, many of the district's HVAC systems were 20 to 30 years old. The typical lifecycle of an HVAC system is 15 to 20 years.

- **Looking back:** Five locations underwent HVAC upgrades during Summer 2024: Oakville Elementary School, Point Elementary School, Wohlwend Elementary School, Bernard Middle School and the district pool.
- **Looking ahead:** Three more schools (Beasley Elementary School, Bierbaum Elementary School and Mehlville High School) are scheduled for HVAC upgrades in 2026.

By the end of 2026, all HVAC equipment in the Mehlville School District will be at or under 10 years old.



Workers remove a classroom air conditioning unit at Blades Elementary School.



A new fifth-grade classroom at Bierbaum Elementary School.

Roof replacement

Wohlwend Elementary School and Washington Middle School received roof replacements. The work was paid for using funds generated by Prop A, which has funded 35 roofing projects and 8 HVAC projects at schools across the Mehlville School District since the 2016-2017 school year. Unless renewed by voters, Prop A will sunset following the 2025-2026 school year.

Prop S projects

The district is nearing the end of its list of projects being funded through Prop S. On the first day of school, students took advantage of the completion of one of the largest projects, the addition of six classrooms and a library at Bierbaum Elementary School.

Bierbaum is the district's fastest-growing school. This construction allows the district to avoid the costly work of redistricting that would impact families across the district.

Work is also ongoing on the new elevator at MOSAIC Elementary School. An elevator makes the school more accessible for students, staff and visitors.

Prioritizing school facility improvements

The Facilities Steering Committee has been meeting to review completed projects, take tours of schools and identify future facility improvements that will best support the academic achievement of our students. The committee's recommendations will be presented to the Mehlville Board of Education.

You're invited to join the committee at its final two meetings. All meetings begin at 6:15 p.m.:

Tuesday, November 11 | Mehlville High School (3200 Lemay Ferry Road)
Tuesday, December 9 | Oakville High School (5557 Milburn Road)

Alumni Hall of Fame inductees in the class of 2025

Five graduates of Mehlville and Oakville high schools were selected for induction into the Mehlville School District Alumni Hall of Fame.

These graduates have made a lasting impact in the community or in the nation. Inductees serve as role models for current and future generations of students who aspire to be productive citizens and demonstrate traits that align to the Mehlville School District Portrait of a Graduate Traits: creative and critical thinker; self-aware; persistent; communicator; and ethical and global.

To date, Mehlville School District has inducted 40 graduates into the Hall of Fame. This group represents the best of our best and includes physicians, attorneys, athletes, educators and coaches, entertainers, artists, advocates, public servants and so many others. They frequently volunteer their time, mentor students and visit classrooms.



Brad Kroenig

Model, Ford Models

Oakville High School 1998

One of the top male models of all time, Brad Kroenig has worked for numerous major fashion labels and brands, including Chanel, Adidas, Prada and Fendi. He has appeared in more than 400 magazines and several catalogs, and has walked the runway at New York, Paris and Milan fashion weeks.



Richard Kaestner

President and Founder, Absolute Water Technologies

Oakville High School 1991

As president and founder of Absolute Water Technologies, Richard Kaestner has improved patient safety nationwide by ensuring the water used by healthcare providers is ultra pure. His company's water filtration systems are used for dialysis treatments and the sterile processing of surgical instruments.



Jane Gulath Perrica

Teacher (retired), Mehlville High School

Mehlville High School 1985

A highly respected math and leadership teacher at Mehlville High School, Jane Gulath Perrica is known for her unwavering belief in the potential of her students. As student council advisor, she inspired students, driving record participation in student council and earning statewide acclaim.



Dr. Allison King

Pediatric hematology and oncology physician, Washington University

Mehlville High School 1988

Dr. Allison King, a pediatric hematology and oncology physician, has improved screening and early detection of issues associated with sickle cell disease. Her research has advanced emergency room treatment for children with the disease. Dr. King also teaches future medical professionals at Washington University.



Robert Warren

Secret Service Agent (retired)

Mehlville High School 1970

Robert Warren has protected U.S. presidents, foreign dignitaries, including Pope John Paul II, and other government officials in his 25-year career with the United States Secret Service. Warren also developed safety and security protocols for chemical plants as Chief Security Officer for Steris Corporation.

Nominations are open!

Nominations are being accepted for the next class of the Mehlville School District Alumni Hall of Fame. To be considered, nominees must have graduated more than 10 years in the past from either Mehlville High School or Oakville High School. Application materials and instructions are available on the district website at bit.ly/msdr9hof. Please submit nominations to messenger@msdr9.org.

PROP A

Mehlville School District

Vote November 4

Ensuring safe, maintained schools without raising the current tax rate

The Mehlville School District Board of Education voted unanimously to place a levy on the November 4, 2025, ballot that would not increase the current tax rate. Called Proposition A, the levy would help fund the upkeep of school roofs, buses, parking lots, technology and safety systems, and HVAC – preserving and protecting district facilities for generations of students.

Proposition A would generate an estimated $1.4 million annually for recurring maintenance needs. The proposal, which would not increase the current tax rate, requires voter approval in the November 4, 2025, election. Prop A would provide long-term stability for essential infrastructure like roofing, school buses, technology equipment, parking lot maintenance, HVAC and building safety – all of which directly impact our students' daily learning experience.

What would Prop A be used for?

Many of the district's capital needs are ongoing and predictable. Each year, the district expects to spend $850,000 on roofing, $700,000 on school buses, $325,000 on parking lot maintenance, and $450,000 on technology equipment and infrastructure.

Mehlville School District spends about $2.3 million annually on these predictable and necessary maintenance needs. The proposed $1.4 million covers about 61 percent of the listed recurring needs and would provide a consistent, stable and long-term funding stream for maintenance.

When is the election?

Proposition A will be on the ballot in Mehlville School District on Tuesday, November 4, 2025. Passage requires a simple majority. Resources for voters can be found here:

stlouiscountymo.gov/st-louis-county-government/board-of-elections











Maintenance Need	Lifecycle	Annual Expense
Over 1 million square feet of roofing covering our 19 schools and other facilities	Roofs should be replaced every 18-20 years.	$850,000
102 school buses serving more than 6,800 students	Buses should be replaced every 16 years.	$700,000
2.3 million square feet of asphalt surfaces, including parking lots and play areas	Lots need to be sealed and striped every two years.	$325,000
Technology infrastructure including firewalls, wireless controllers, network switches, servers and data storage	Demand for connectivity grows every day, and tech infrastructure needs to be replaced to keep up with modern usage.	$450,000

How would Prop A work?

Without raising the current tax rate, Prop A would:

- Make permanent a temporary capital levy, originally approved by voters in 2016. That levy generates about $822,000 each year and sunsets after fiscal year 2026. Most of this funding has been used to replace aging roofs.
- Redirect 2.4 cents from the 12-cent Proposition S debt service levy to the operating fund. As the district pays down its existing bond obligations, an estimated 2.4 cents of the levy is no longer required to make minimum debt service payments. This tax transfer would add an estimated $605,000 in annual revenue for necessary maintenance.
- Require that funds generated by Prop A be used to replace buses and maintain essential infrastructure, including roofing, parking lots, technology and security, and HVAC. This ensures ongoing maintenance even in times of economic hardship.
- Provide an estimated $1.4 million per year for maintenance.

What happens if Prop A doesn't pass?

If Prop A does not pass, then the temporary capital levy passed in 2016 would expire. The residential tax rate would drop by an estimated 3 cents* per $100 of assessed value in 2026. If Prop A fails, those who own residential property could anticipate their taxes dropping by an estimated:

- $14.25 per year for a home appraised by St. Louis County for $250,000.
- $19.95 per year for a home appraised by St. Louis County for $350,000.
- $25.65 per year for a home appraised by St. Louis County for $450,000.
- $31.35 per year for a home appraised by St. Louis County for $550,000.

*These are estimates based on an estimated drop of 3 cents per $100 of assessed value for residential properties.

Estimates above are based on the taxing formula of:

(Appraised Value of Home x 0.19) / 10,000 x 3.

If Prop A does not receive voter approval, Mehlville School District will continue to prioritize funding the most pressing facility needs.

Prop A is on the ballot on November 4

More information: bit.ly/msdr9propa

AROUND *our* Schools

Follow us on Facebook to see what our students are learning!
facebook.com/mehlvilleschooldistrict


1.

Precision and safety

Sixth-grade science students at Bernard Middle School conducted a rainbow lab to practice making precise measurements and following lab safety protocol. Using precise measurements, they created the colors of the rainbow in beakers.

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Getting in rhythm

Fifth-grade students at Forder Elementary School learned to perform rhythm patterns using stringed instruments. Forder students begin learning how to play the violin in third grade and viola, cello and double bass in fourth grade.

2.

A full day of learning

Mehlville School District is piloting a full-day early childhood program this year at Bierbaum Elementary School. It's the first program of its kind in the Mehlville School District. This student at Bierbaum identified and organized fruits and vegetables.

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3.

Solving the unknown

Fourth-grade students at Rogers Elementary School solved word problems by creating an equation containing an unknown variable and determining if they needed to add, subtract, multiply or divide to find the solution.

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Honoring heroes

Blades Elementary School honored first responders and members of the military at a special ceremony to mark the anniversary of 9/11. Each first responder and military member in attendance received a card created by students to thank them for their service.

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Making a hypothesis

Eighth-grade social studies students at Buerkle Middle School investigated what happened to the Lost Colony of Roanoke. They used primary and secondary sources, as well as different media, to formulate a claim that they supported with evidence and reason.

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7.

Winning the shape race

Second-grade students at MOSAIC Elementary School collaborated with a partner to solve the shape race. They used a circle, square and triangle to determine how many outcomes there are in a race between three participants.

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8.

Tricky words

First-grade students at Wohlwend Elementary School practiced spelling irregular words like "said" and "the." Students also learned to use capitalization, good handwriting, punctuation and correct spelling.

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Enrolling a student in Mehlville School District

Mehlville School District teachers provide high-quality, free education for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. The district also provides tuition-based half-day and full-day early childhood education.

Enrolling a new student in the 2025-2026 school year

Current school year enrollment is always open for resident students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Parents or guardians should contact the school where their child will attend to enroll a student in the current school year. Learn more at bit.ly/msdr9enroll.

Enrolling a new student for the 2026-2027 school year

Kindergarten enrollment – and enrollment for all other grades – for next school year will open on January 14, 2026, and will be completed online. More information, including registration links will be posted on the enrollment section of our website, bit.ly/msdr9enroll, by January 14.

To enroll in kindergarten, students must turn 5 before August 1, 2026.

MOSAIC Elementary School information night and lottery

MOSAIC Elementary School provides personalized learning to empower students for life beyond the classroom. Instruction and authentic learning opportunities are based on each student's academic and social needs. Teachers use tools and strategies, like learning menus, technology, and blended learning opportunities, to explore the curriculum. Students are encouraged to learn the curriculum at their own pace and within the context of their unique interests.

MOSAIC Elementary will hold an information night for prospective families on Thursday, January 15, at 6 p.m. The information night will be held at MOSAIC Elementary School, 3701 Will Ave.

To enroll in MOSAIC, parents must apply for the lottery. The lottery opens February 2 and closes at 4 p.m. on February 27. The lottery application will be available at mosaic.mehlvilleschooldistrict.com.

The Mehlville School District pool has reopened!

Following extensive repairs to the concrete foundation and the installation of a new HVAC system, the Mehlville School District pool has reopened. In addition to providing a home base for Mehlville and Oakville high school swimming and water polo teams, the pool is also used for swimming lessons, adult water exercise, whitewater kayaking classes and recreational swim times. Learn more about community aquatics programs at bit.ly/msdr9pool.



Mehlville Early Childhood Programs

Mehlville School District's Early Childhood Program provides a variety of services to families with children from birth to age 5.

Parents as Teachers offers free parent support and access to special events families love. A certified parent educator visits with parents and children to play together while sharing age-appropriate child development and parenting information. For more information, call 314-467-5304 or visit bit.ly/msdr9parentsasteachers.

Early childhood education is offered to children ages 3-5 at locations throughout Mehlville School District. Registration for returning tuition-based students opens in February, and registration for new tuition-based families opens in March. Learn more at mec.mehlvilleschooldistrict.com.

Additionally, Mehlville Early Childhood provides special education, and therapies and evaluations for children with disabilities who reside within Mehlville School District. To access special education services and therapies, families can be referred by Missouri First Steps or be referred following a developmental screening. Parents can also request a diagnostic evaluation by calling 314-467-5300.

When snow is in the forecast

If a winter weather event causes road conditions to be unsafe, the district may use a traditional snow day or a virtual learning day. Mehlville School District can use virtual instruction for up to five inclement weather days. These virtual learning days do not need to be made up at the end of the school year.



On both virtual learning days and traditional snow days, all after-school and evening activities and events are canceled unless otherwise communicated. This includes Y Club, community education programs and facility rentals.

Parents will be notified of changes to our normal operations via text, phone call and email through ParentSquare. Additionally, high school students will receive an email or app notification via ParentSquare. This information will also be announced on the district's Facebook and Instagram accounts, via our district website, and through local television stations.

Distinctions

National Twirling Champions

The Oakville High School **Tiger Twirlers** won first place in the High School Halftime category at Twirling Nationals to secure the first national championship in school history. Team members include: **Ava Winchester, Macie O'Shaughnessy, Natalia Lucca, Chloe Ruth, Annslee Norris, Maddie Polzin, Aubrey Ulrich** and **Abbey Schmidt**.



The Mehlville High School **Majorettes** won first place in the High School Dance Twirl category at Twirling Nationals. They also placed fourth in the High School Halftime category. Team members include: **Amila Filipovic, Lilly Burch, Aurora Hawkins** and **Nora Howard**.



Scholarly seniors

Aidan Furgeson, a Mehlville High School student, and **Alex Ottenlips**, an Oakville High School student, were named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists. They were two of just 16,000 students from across the country to receive this honor that allows them to advance to the next round of the competition.



Oakville High School students **Norah Brandt, Scott Janson** and **Carter Oetting** were named National Merit Scholarship Commended Students. There are only 34,000 students across the country who receive this honor each year.



Norah Brandt | Scott Janson | Carter Oetting

Garage Star

Joe Huster, the Lead Mechanic Supervisor for the Mehlville School District Transportation Department, was named a Garage Star by School Transportation News. Selections were made based on community involvement, leadership qualities, ability to train and mentor others, and overall value to their transportation program.



Joe Huster

View more distinctions:

We are now sharing all student and staff distinctions on our website at bit.ly/msdr9distinctions.

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IMPORTANT DATES

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Nov. 3	District closed
Nov. 4	No school - Professional Development
Nov. 20	Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Mehlville High School Library
Nov. 26-28	District closed - Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 18	Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Mehlville High School Library
Dec. 19	End of second quarter/first semester
Dec. 22-Jan. 2	District closed - Winter Break
Jan. 5	No school for students - Teacher Workday
Jan. 15	Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Mehlville High School Library
Jan. 19	District closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Feb. 13	No school - Professional Development
Feb. 16	District closed - Presidents Day

PROP A

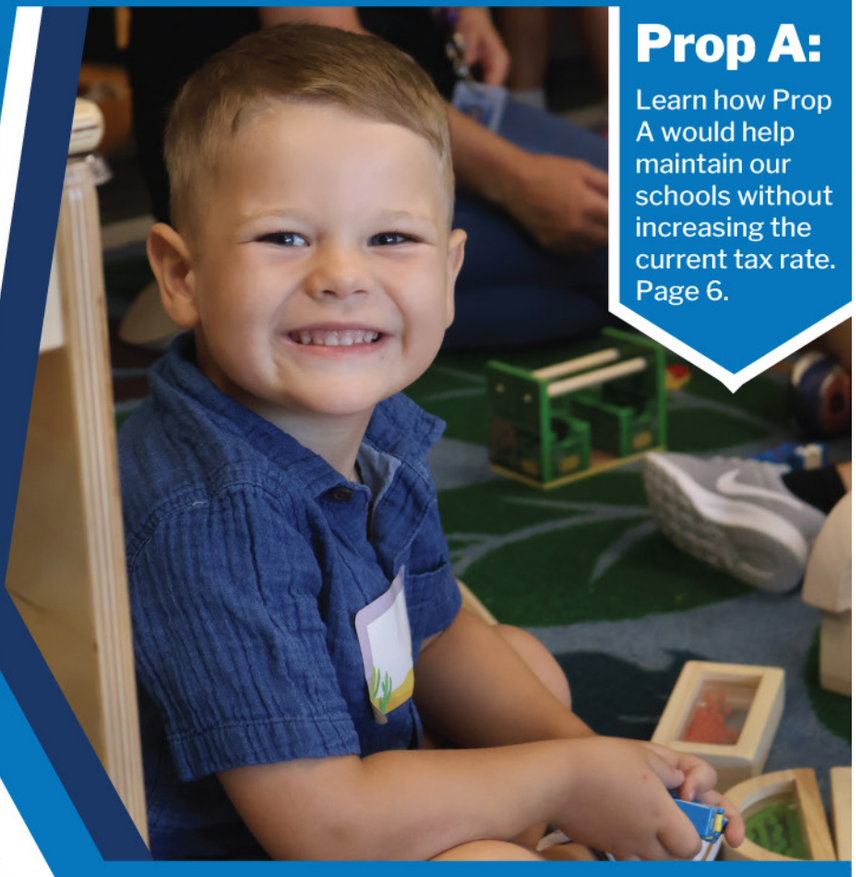
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Prop A:

Learn how Prop A would help maintain our schools without increasing the current tax rate. Page 6.

A Mehlville Milestone

Our youngest learners are making history as they begin the first year of full-day early childhood education in Mehlville School District. See more photos around our schools on Page 8.

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