Milford School District

Monthly Report

December 2025



UPCOMING DATES

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Week of December 14 - 20

15: Board of Education Meeting
16: MHS Choral Concert
16: MMS Chorus/Band Concert
16: Mispillion Winter Chorus
19: Santa's Workshop

WINTER BREAK

December 21 - January 2: Winter Break *(District will be open December 22 & 23)*
January 5: No School for students - Staff Professional Development Day



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Week of January 5 - 10

5: No School for students - Staff Professional Development Day
6: Welcome Back, Students!
6: Morris PTP Meeting
7: Building Bridges

Week of January 12 - 17

Mispillion School Store Fundraiser
13: Multicultural Night
13: Banneker PTP Meeting
14: MMS PTP Meeting
15: Ross PTP & Mispillion PTP Meetings

Week of January 19 - 24

19: District Closed - MLK Jr. Day
22: DLI Family Night
24: ML Olympics

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

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Mispillion Spelling Bee Winners
1st Place - **Jacob Martinez Perez**
2nd Place - **Kylie Dickson**



Lulu Ross Spelling Bee Winners:
1st Place - **Ethan Valdesere**
2nd Place - **Kaydence Mann**



Students at MCA participated in the Patriot's Pen essay contest run by the Veteran's of Foreign Wars (VFW). The essay prompt asked students to consider "How are you showing patriotism for our country?"
Meredith Dickerson - 1st Place
Brooklyn Robbins - 2nd Place
Summer Smith - 3rd Place

SPECIAL OLYMPICS - BOCCE BALL

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SEASON OF GIVING

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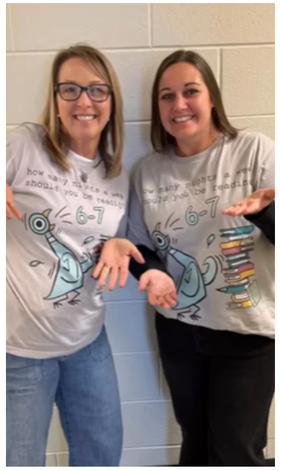


- Sixth graders at **Milford Middle School** eagerly took part in the first MMS Turkey Trot, a neighborhood canned-good collection
- **MHS Interact Club** made “Snowman Soup” to be included in their “Stockings for Soldiers” this holiday season!
- **Mispillion students** collected nearly 300 cans for our local food pantry!
- **MHS HOSA** (Future Health Professionals) student organization volunteered with Mountaire’s annual “Thanksgiving for the Thousands” event feeding 150,000+ families!
- **Ross** collected 507 food items during their Thanksgiving Food Drive.
- **MHS FFA** members read recipes, measured, budgeted, and created dry mixes to pack Thanksgiving meals for families in our community. Each bundle included cornbread, hot cocoa, mashed potatoes, gravy mix, recipe cards, refill instructions, and a handwritten holiday card.

HIGHLIGHTS

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67 Days Smarter

Milford High School Interact Club and the **Milford High School Field Hockey Team** was recognized with a small thank-you for their amazing help during this year's Riverwalk Freedom Festival.







Congratulations to MHS All-State Concert Choir:
Elliot Peel: Soprano 1
Eli Rauch: Soprano 2
Merary Haro-Purata: Alto 1
Kirby Kirby: Tenor 1
Giovanni Burgos: Tenor 1
Juliene Combs: FIRST CHAIR - Soprano 1
Avery Richard: FIRST CHAIR, Tenor 2

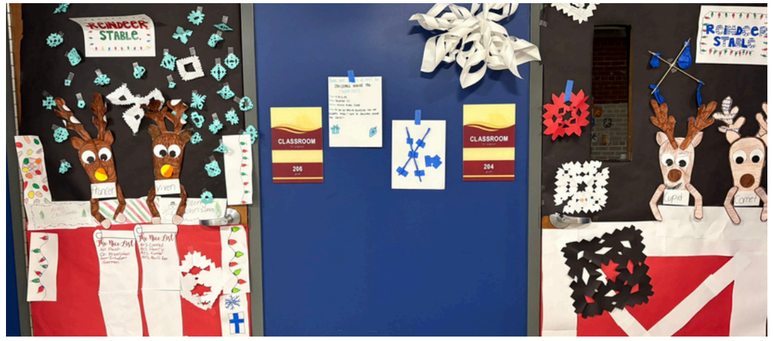
DECK THE HALLS

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Festive Halls Around the District























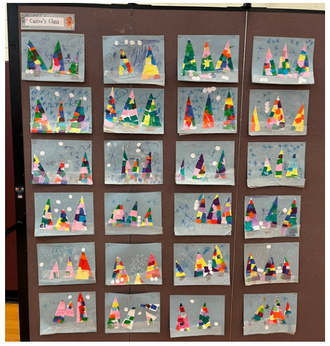




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Music and Art from Around the District





















TREASURES

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Sherrie Bontrager-Thomas

MCA

Ms. Sherrie Bontrager-Thomas is a Milford School District Treasure because she goes above and beyond every day to include, encourage, guide and support the students of MCA. "Ms. B." uses every moment as a teachable moment. She teaches students that mistakes happen and that we can learn from them by discussing how to make it right. She is fair and impartial and listens to all sides of a story. She helps students to make connections to the real world and prepares them to be independent thinkers. Ms. B. shows creativity, empathy, and positivity all while making learning fun. We are thankful to have such an amazing supporter of students in our building.



Andrew Kravitz

Ross

It is an honor to work alongside Mr. Andrew "AJ" Kravitz, who is a true Milford School District Treasure. Though new to the field of education, Mr. Kravitz has quickly proven himself to be an invaluable member of our school family. He steps in and steps up without hesitation, recognizing the power of strong relationships with both students and staff. His natural ability to connect with children allows him to shine brightly, students are drawn to his authenticity, kindness, and the life lessons he so willingly shares. With a helping heart, Mr. Kravitz is always eager to help wherever needed, approach feedback with openness, and reflect thoughtfully on his practice. He is a true role model for our entire student body, leading with humility, heart, and integrity. Our school is better because of him.



Amy Weiler

District

Ms. Amy Weiler consistently goes above and beyond to support the Library/Media Technical Paraprofessionals across our district! She is encouraging, approachable, and always willing to lend a hand and fosters collaboration. She is new to her role but serves as a great support system and is very knowledgeable. Her leadership makes staff feel valued and supported every step of the way. We are so grateful for her guidance and positivity. Ms. Weiler, thank you for all you do as we encourage students of Milford to develop a love of reading!



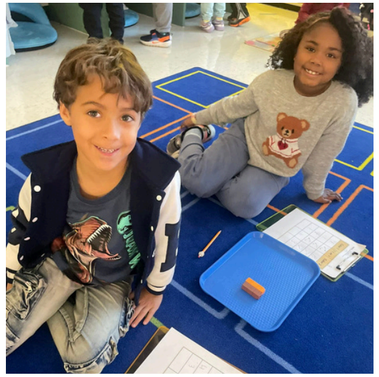
Bobby Croce

MMS

Mr. Robert "Bobby" Croce is doing meaningful work at Milford Middle School! After transitioning from elementary to middle school, he's embraced a new set of challenges with compassion and skill. He eagerly helps students understand that it's okay to feel their feelings while teaching them healthy ways to manage those big emotions. As the lead counselor for our elementary schools, he also facilitated the School Counselor Advisory Council, helping staff and families better understand the vital role of school counselors and their goals for the year. Mr. Croce continues to bring valuable community resources to support our students. We are so grateful to have him on the Buccaneer team not only supporting Milford Middle School, but our Milford community!

REMEMBERING OUR WHY

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Banneker

Banneker families enjoy breakfast during “Fall Breakfast Buddies”



Morris

Yee-haw! Morris Students kicked up their heels at the hoedown.



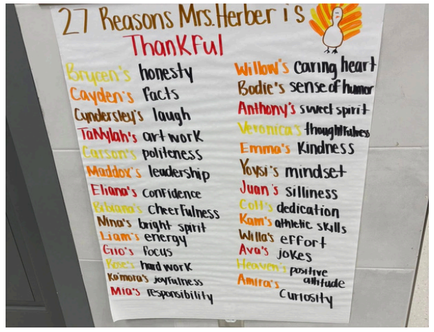
Mispillion

Mispillion students collected nearly 300 cans for our local food pantry!



Ross

After reading Magic Treehouse Fact Tracker: Twisters and Other Terrible Storms, Ross students walked outside to catch snowflakes!



MMS

MMS teacher, Mrs. Herber, shares her gratitude for her students.



MCA

Students in Mr. Grant’s 8th grade science class explore how vibrations in different instruments cause sound waves to be formed.



MHS

Congratulations to MHS Marking Period 1 Honor Roll students who were honored and awarded with a special breakfast.



District

MSD ESPOY, Melissa Schmidt, was recognized during DDOE ESPOY Banquet.

WE BELIEVE:

The foundation of excellence is rooted in an academically rigorous curriculum, supportive instruction, and high expectations for each learner.

In ensuring that each student has equitable access to the appropriate resources and supports to thrive.

The mindset that improvement is always possible and mistakes are learning opportunities.

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

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

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

ATHLETICS

CHEER. SUPPORT. BELIEVE.

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Fall Sports All Conference Recognitions:





Back to back champs! MCA field hockey team remains undefeated!

TICKETS

ATHLETICS WEBSITE

(Weekly newsletters, calendars, and other important information)

BUC BULLETIN BOARD

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TOGETHER, WE ARE STRONGER.
TOGETHER, WE ARE MILFORD.

Milford School District is built on the strength of our students, families, staff, and community. In recent days we have seen and heard comments that do not reflect the respect and care that make our community strong.

We remain committed to creating a culture where students, families, and staff feel safe, supported, and respected. We cannot achieve that if our community interactions are marked by hostility or personal attacks, online and in-person. Disagreement is natural, but how we engage with each other sets an example for our students. Our strength as a district has always come from working together. Let's model respect, understanding, and unity - not just in our schools, but across our district-community.

BucPride
#wearemilford

Buccaneer Educational Foundation
an IRS 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation

BEF is a partnership of educators, parents, business, and civic leaders dedicated to engaging the community through giving, inspiring academic excellence, funding new learning opportunities, & preparing the children of Milford School District for success.

benefitting the students and staff of the Milford School District

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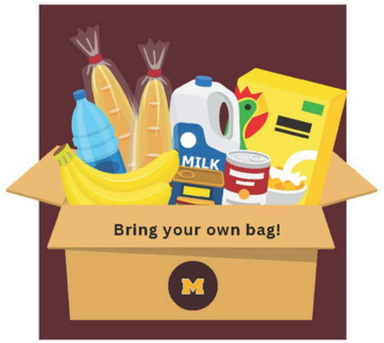
GRANT REQUESTS

DONATE NOW

FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

FOR ALL MSD STUDENTS SY25-26

MSD FOOD PANTRY



Do you live or have a student in the Milford School District?

Then you are eligible to access our free food pantry.

QUESTIONS?
Contact your school's SFI:
MHS: Latoya Bonville
MCA: Nick Albert
MMS: Shanika White
Ross/Mispillion: Jessenia Carranza
Banneker/Morris: Duvanel Louis

IMPORTANT:

- **Everyone will need to complete a Federal Food Commodities Program Form. (One time for 2025) Need the names and ages of everyone in the household.**
- **Bring Proof of Residence / Home Address (Driver's License, Phone or Electric Bill)**
- **Park your car in a designated parking spot.**
- **Please bring your own bag.**

DETAILS:

WHERE:
Benjamin Banneker Elementary School
449 North Street

WHEN:
By appointment with SFI during the week
First and Third Saturday of the month from 8-12p

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The district page will continue to share district-wide news, closings, and announcements, while your school page will focus on school-specific wins and celebrations. Let's celebrate our students, staff, and community together!

Banneker

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Morris

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Lulu Ross

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Mispillion

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