



From the Desk of Andrew Sprang, Superintendent

Portrait of a Warrior- Coming to Life

As we have shared in previous newsletters, we have worked to create a "Portrait of a Warrior," which encompasses the competencies that we want all Mohawk students to learn and use on a daily basis: Communication, Critical Thinking, Financial Literacy, Perseverance, and Responsibility. Over the end of the summer and the first quarter of the school year I have gotten to see the Mohawk Leaders work on a special project of designing our new playground. Through this process this group of students has had to communicate with playground designers at various presentations, and each other, to listen and share about likes and dislikes in the options. This group has also had to think critically about selecting playground equipment that has the best options for inclusivity of all students, a high amount of students being able to utilize at one time, as well as having diverse elements for all students to have something that they enjoy. They all did a great job throughout the process and I am so excited to see their ideas become a reality starting in the spring. While we are still working to finalize the layout and all of the details, here is a rendering of what students can look forward to using as their playground for years to come. This will be a great addition to our existing playground and the best part of all of this is that the students had a voice in their playground. This was a valuable real-life learning experience and it has been great to work with these students on this project.



The construction on the playground will start in the spring and the work should be complete in time for us to start the upcoming school year.

Other District Projects

Currently the district is also working on 2 additional projects that were a part of our Master Plan for facilities. The first project is the softball field, and we are very close to having a final design for this project. In the next couple of weeks the project will go out to bid and then construction will start in the spring. By the 2027 season our Lady Warriors will have a new field to play on! The second project is the creation of an elementary STEAM lab. This will be a transformation of our current library space, storage area, and one classroom beside the library. This is early in the design phase, but still should be able to be completed and ready to go for next school year. We are working to bring a hands-on creative-thinking environment for our students, incorporating stations around robotics, 3-D printing, virtual field trips, Lego, and much more. We want to let our imaginations grow as we are striving to create a space for flexibility in activities where students can have a wide variety of experiences. Both of these projects will be more spring and summer work for the district, so as we get renderings we will share this information with you in future newsletters.

Recognition at the Ohio School Boards Association Fall Conference

The Mohawk Local School District was well-represented at the recent OSBA Fall Conference.

Sixth grade teacher, Mrs. Erika Orians, received the Ohio School Boards Association Northwest Region, Excellence Award for Outstanding Leadership.

Mrs. Orians was nominated by board member Dr. Lori Arnold. This award is reserved for those who demonstrate exceptional leadership for the betterment of the district.

Mrs. Orians has mentored many students to leadership through the Student Lighthouse Team, and now the Mohawk Leaders. With her guidance, many activities have been developed, including the group's recent participation in reviewing new playground designs. In her award acceptance speech, Mrs. Orians shared, "Leadership in education is never about one person—it is about collaboration, vision, and service. I am fortunate to work with an incredible team of administrators, staff, and board members in Mohawk Local Schools. Their dedication, innovation, and care for students make it possible for us to achieve great things together."



Also recognized at the conference was Mohawk Junior High and High School for their recent designation as a Purple Star School. Accepting this award was teacher Mrs. Brittany Shellhouse and Principal Robert Chevalier.



This award recognizes schools that show a major commitment to students and families of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Congratulations to all!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

NO SCHOOL SCHEDULED ON THESE DAYS:

NOVEMBER 27—DECEMBER 1—Thanksgiving Break

**DECEMBER 19—In session in the morning,
EARLY DISMISSAL at 1:00**

**DECEMBER 20—JANUARY 4—Christmas Break
School resumes January 5**

JANUARY 19—Martin Luther King Day

FEBRUARY 12 & 13—Conferences & Teacher In-service

FEBRUARY 16 – Presidents Day



Erika's Lighthouse Recognizes Mohawk Elementary and Junior High With an Honorable Mention in Educating Students



Mohawk is proud to announce that it has received an Honorable Mention in Educating Students from Erika's Lighthouse. This award is designed to recognize schools that are committed to educating students through skills-based programming in their classrooms. Throughout the 2024-2025 school year, Mrs. Snay and Mrs. McGinnis provided students in grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 with the Tier-1 mental health curriculum and Classroom Education from Erika's Lighthouse.

Mohawk has a strong partnership with Erika's Lighthouse, a non-profit organization that believes every student should have the knowledge and tools they need to care for their mental health. The organization provides high-quality, comprehensive depression education and suicide prevention curriculum to school districts across the country, at zero cost.

At Mohawk, we utilize Erika's Lighthouse Classroom Education to:

- Reduce stigma: We teach students that it's okay to talk about their feelings and that seeking help is a sign of strength.
- Build skills: We provide age-appropriate resources and programs that help students develop coping mechanisms, manage stress and anxiety, and build resilience.
- Create an inclusive school community: We foster a culture where students feel safe to reach out for help, both for themselves and for their peers.

We are deeply grateful for the partnership of our teachers, staff, and you, our families. Together, we have been making a profound difference in the lives of our students. Here's how you can support our efforts at home:

- Talk openly about mental health: Have age-appropriate conversations with your child.
- Recognize signs of struggle: Watch for changes in behavior, mood, or social interactions.
- Seek help if needed: Know that school counselors and mental health resources are available.

The requirements for the Honorable Mention in Educating Students are to successfully implement Erika's Lighthouse Classroom Education at Level I, II, and/or III. Schools are recognized across a series of programs that demonstrate their commitment to mental health education. Mohawk is committed to providing a safe and supportive learning environment for all students. The school's recognition by Erika's Lighthouse is a testament to its commitment to student mental health.





From the Desk of Mr. Robert Chevalier, JH/HS Principal

From the Principal's Desk

As we move through the first months of the school year, I am proud to share that our 7–12 students have made a tremendous start. The energy in the halls, classrooms, and events outside of the regular school day have been inspiring. Our sports teams have shown great effort, teamwork, and sportsmanship. They represent our school and community with pride. Their success reflects the dedication of our student-athletes, coaches, and families who support them.

Inside the classroom, our focus remains on helping every student stretch themselves and show meaningful growth. Whether through academic challenges, state testing goals, or participation in extracurricular activities, we want students to recognize that growth comes from stepping outside their comfort zones. Teachers and staff are working closely with students to set goals, track progress, and celebrate successes both big and small.

Beyond academics, our clubs, arts programs, and leadership activities are thriving. Students are discovering new interests, building confidence, and learning the value of collaboration and persistence. It's exciting to see so many young people getting involved and taking pride in their school community.

Thank you to our families and community members for your continued support. Together, we are building a positive, growth-minded culture that encourages every student to reach their full potential. Here's to a strong and successful school year ahead!



Child Find Notice

In accordance with Rule 3301-51-03 of the Ohio Administrative Code, Mohawk Local Schools is committed to ensuring that all children with disabilities residing in the district, including children who are homeless, wards of the state, or attending private schools, and who are in need of special education and related services, are identified, located, and evaluated.

If you are aware of a child who may have a disability and is not currently receiving services, please contact Hannah Herring, Director of Student Services at 419-927-2595 or hannah.herring@mohawklocal.org. Referrals for evaluation can be made by parents, guardians, or other individuals familiar with the child.

Mohawk Local Schools is dedicated to providing a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) to all eligible children with disabilities and ensuring they receive the support needed to succeed academically and socially.

From the Desk of Mrs. Brooke Bowlin, Elementary Principal



Sixth Grade students left for Camp Willson, in Bellefontaine, OH, on Wednesday, October 9th. There they spent 2 nights and 3 days, enjoying the outdoors. They went canoeing, climbed a rock wall, built shelters, went on a giant swing, and more! Students were able to problem solve and teambuild with their peers and teachers. The weather was amazing and the food was pretty good too.

Enjoy these pictures from camp.

And a special thanks to the music department for the use of the trailer.





News From the Art Department



Wyandot County Fair!

For the first time in several years, high school Art students chose to put artworks in the Wyandot County Fair. Congratulations to the following ladies, Blake Miller, Aubree Gibson and Samira Nasri on having their artwork on display and representing the talent here at Mohawk!



Mohawk Community Library

We are excited to again be asked to display artwork at the library here in Sycamore. Throughout the year, elementary, junior high and high school artwork can be found on display for community members to view and enjoy. This is a wonderful collaboration and we appreciate this opportunity to share what our students learn and create. We have some very special and talented students in our programs.

Julie Ekleberry
Abby Gottfried



Kindergarten Pumpkin Painting

Mohawk's Kindergarten classes had a great time this fall expressing their creativity by painting pumpkins in Mrs. Ekleberry's art class. The pumpkins were sourced locally from Wyatt's Pumpkins, which is operated by Mohawk sophomore Wyatt King, and generously donated by his grandparents, Gary and Lori Kalb.



The kindergarten students thank the Kalbs for their generous gift. This activity made art class especially entertaining! The students were thrilled to be able to paint their pumpkins and take them home!



Mohawk Athletic Boosters

Thank you to the community for another successful Reverse Raffle!
The event was held on Saturday, September 20 at the New Riegel Legion, was full of fun games and festivities, AND generated over \$18,000 to be used for future projects of the Athletic Boosters.

Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to our sponsors!

If you are interested in helping with the event in 2026, please contact an officer or email athletic.boosters@mohawklocal.org.

Follow our Facebook page for more information:
Mohawk Athletic Boosters



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Mohawk Warriors Winter Sports Schedule 2025-2026

HS Boys Basketball

Fri. Dec. 5	6:00	Seneca East
Sat. Dec. 6	5:00	vs. Cory Rawson
Thurs. Dec. 11	6:00	Colonel Crawford
Sat. Dec. 13	5:00	vs. Carey
Fri. Dec. 19	6:00	Bucyrus
Sat. Dec. 20	5:00	Lucas
Tues. Dec. 23	6:00	vs. Calvert
Sat. Dec. 27	5:00	vs. Buckeye Central
Sat. Jan. 3	5:00	Upper Sandusky
Fri. Jan. 9	6:00	vs. Wynford
Sat. Jan. 10	5:00	Gibsonburg
Sat. Jan. 17	5:00	vs. Seneca East
Tues. Jan. 20	6:00	Ridgemont
Fri. Jan. 23	6:00	vs. Colonel Crawford
Tues. Jan. 27	6:00	vs. Hardin Northern
Thurs. Jan. 29	6:00	Carey
Sat. Jan. 31	5:00	vs. Bucyrus
Tues. Feb. 3	6:00	New Riegel
Fri. Feb. 6	6:00	Buckeye Central
Sat. Feb. 7	5:00	vs. Hopewell Loudon
Tues. Feb. 10	6:00	Wynford
Fri. Feb. 13	6:00	vs. Upper Sandusky

JH Girls Basketball

Mon. Nov. 24	5:00	vs. Wynford
Mon. Dec. 1	5:00	vs. Seneca East
Thurs. Dec. 4	5:00	vs. Col. Crawford
Mon. Dec. 8	5:00	Carey
Thurs. Dec. 11	5:00	vs. Bucyrus
Mon. Dec. 15	5:00	Buckeye Central
Thurs. Dec. 18	5:00	vs. Upper Sandusky
Mon. Jan. 5	5:00	Wynford
Thurs. Jan. 8	5:00	Seneca East
Sat. Jan. 10	9:30	Hopewell Loudon
Mon. Jan. 12	5:00	Colonel Crawford
Thurs. Jan. 15	5:00	vs. Carey
Sat. Jan. 17	10:00	Riverdale
Thurs. Jan. 22	5:00	Bucyrus
Mon. Jan. 26	5:00	vs. Buckeye Central
Thurs. Jan. 29	5:00	Upper Sandusky

HS Wrestling (A and B)

Sat. Dec. 13	10:00	Bucyrus (B Team)
Fri. Dec. 19	4:00	Mohawk
Mon. Dec. 29	9:30	Defiance
Tues. Dec. 29	9:30	Defiance
Fri. Jan. 2	3:00	Mansfield HS
Sat. Jan. 3	9:00	Mansfield HS
Thurs. Jan. 8	6:00	Edison
Fri. Jan. 16	10:00	Oregon Clay
Sat. Jan. 17	9:00	Oregon Clay
Tues. Jan 20	5:00	Mohawk
Fri. Jan. 23	4:30	Van Buren
Sat. Jan. 24	8:30	Van Buren
Fri. Jan. 30	2:30	St. Mary's
Sat. Jan. 31	9:00	St. Mary's
Sat. Feb. 7	9:30	Ada
Sat. Feb. 14	9:30	Margaretta

HS Girls Basketball

Fri. Nov. 21	6:00	Arcadia
Tues. Nov. 25	6:00	New Riegel
Tues. Dec. 2	6:00	Seneca East
Sat. Dec. 6	12:00	Colonel Crawford
Mon. Dec. 8	6:00	Ridgemont
Fri. Dec. 12	6:00	vs. Carey
Thurs. Dec. 18	6:00	Riverdale
Sat. Dec. 20	12:00	Bucyrus
Sat. Dec. 27	12:00	vs. Buckeye Central
Tues. Dec. 30	5:00	vs. Hopewell Loudon
Sat. Jan. 3	12:00	Upper Sandusky
Tues. Jan. 6	6:00	vs. Wynford
Sat. Jan. 10	12:00	vs. Seneca East
Tues. Jan. 13	6:00	vs. Colonel Crawford
Fri. Jan. 16	6:00	Carey
Thurs. Jan. 22	6:00	vs. Mansfield Christian
Sat. Jan. 24	12:00	vs. Bucyrus
Fri. Jan. 30	6:00	Buckeye Central
Sat. Jan. 31	12:00	vs. McComb
Tues. Feb. 3	6:00	Calvert
Thurs. Feb. 5	6:00	Wynford
Sat. Feb. 7	12:00	vs. Upper Sandusky

JH Boys Basketball

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Thurs. Jan. 29	5:00	vs. Upper Sandusky

JH Wrestling

Sat. Dec. 6	9:00	McCormick JH
Sat. Dec. 13	9:00	McPherson MS
Sat. Dec. 20	9:00	Little Warrior Tourn.
Tues. Dec. 23	10:00	Highland
Sat. Jan. 3	10:00	Fostoria HS
Sat. Jan. 17	9:00	New London HS
Sat. Jan. 24	9:00	Columbus Grove



Home Games in RED

HARRY'S HAPPENINGS



Welcome back to school!!



Woof 🐾 It's me, your friendly school facility dog, with the latest tail-wagging news from school! It's always "ruff" being away from all of my school friends for the summer! Mrs. McGinnis and I just "woof" back to school time! Here are some back-to-school pictures!



I've been so busy visiting classrooms, offering a comforting paw and plenty of tail wags to help everyone settle in and feel ready to learn. I got to snuggle up with the littlest learners during story time for a special read-aloud of the book "I Like Me." *It's all about loving who you are, just like me loving belly rubs! The preschoolers learned how being themselves is the best thing to be.*



In kindergarten, we learned about the things we can do called our abilities. Did you know that some of our friends walk, talk and play differently from us? Mrs. Crow's students showed us how they use special devices to talk for them!



First, second, third and fourth graders learned about what our "mental health" is and what things they can do all by themselves that are good for their mental health. Here is Mrs. Boggs' class "dancing it out!"



In September, we participated in **Start With Hello Week!** The Mohawk Leaders organized daily activities all about kindness and inclusion. Here I am on "Kindness Ties Us All Together" day in my fancy bow tie! Everyone says I'm one handsome pup!

During this week, 5th and 6th graders learned about social isolation and the impacts it can have on someone's mental health. I've been helping them remember to say "hello" and find simple ways to include classmates to make someone feel seen and worthy.



I also got to dress up for homecoming week! Check out my "pawjamas" and my "howl-waiian shirt!"

October has been a BUSY month! First off was 6th grade camp, my favorite part of the year! It was PAWSOME going on nature walks, building bottle rockets and shelters, and oh the sniffs!!! I was so tired I was asleep before my tail hit the pillow!



4th and 5th

October was also Bullying Prevention Month and ELA state testing for third graders. I helped students learn about what bullying is (and what it isn't!), who is involved and affected by it and how we can be "upstanders." Everyone deserves a safe and happy school!

Third graders did a pawsitively amazing job preparing for and taking their ELA state test! I'm so proud of their hard work and focus. They remembered all of their test-taking strategies and to take deep breaths and believe in themselves!

Next up is Trunk or Treat and PBIS hayrides and cider!



A HUGE Thank You From the Mohawk Junior High Student Council!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Trunk or Treat the biggest and best one yet! Despite the cold and wind, we had an amazing turnout and tons of fun.

TRUNK OR TREAT

A special thank you goes to the Mohawk PTO for helping make this year's event bigger and better than ever. We also want to thank Smokin' Sows, Shirley's Coffee, and Kona Ice for serving up delicious treats, and the Brose Family Farm for providing the beautiful horse-drawn carriage rides, they were all awesome additions and a huge hit! We also loved seeing all the extra critters and pets that joined in the fun this year!

Congratulations to our Trunk Winners:
 1st – *Pirate Ship*
 2nd – *Deer Hunters*
 3rd – *Crime Scene*



And to our Costume Contest Winners:
 1st – *Happy Gilmore*
 2nd – *Clown Ice Cream Man*
 3rd – *The Lorax*



Thank you to everyone who decorated, volunteered, participated, or came out to enjoy the evening. Your support and creativity make this event such a special community tradition!

Thanks again,
 Heidi and Josh Fortney

