

Milford School District

# Monthly Report

April 2026

The background of the entire page is a photograph of a large pirate ship, the 'G.S. Victory', which is a replica of a 17th-century vessel. It is docked in front of a modern school building with a dark brown metal roof and white trim. The ship's masts and rigging are prominent against a clear blue sky. In the foreground, there is a stone wall and some greenery. The text 'Milford SCHOOL DISTRICT' is overlaid on the image. 'Milford' is in a large, dark red, cursive font. 'SCHOOL DISTRICT' is in a smaller, gold, serif font. Below this, 'HOME of the BUCCANEERS' is written in a dark red, serif font.

# Milford

## SCHOOL DISTRICT

HOME *of the* BUCCANEERS

# UPCOMING DATES



## Week of April 20 - 26

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- 22: In-person Registration Event (at Ross)
- 25: Bug and Bud Festival

## Week of April 27 - May 3

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- 27: Open Mic Night, The Listening Booth
- 27: TEAM/Enrichment Event (*Ross, Mispillion, MMS*)
- 29: In-person Registration Event (at MHS)
- 29: Banneker McTeacher Night
- 1: School Lunch Hero Day
- 2: Ross PTP Carnival

## Week of May 4 - 10

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- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Ross Book Fair
- 5: In-person Registration Event (at Banneker)
- 6: Building Bridges
- 6: School Nurse Appreciation Day
- 7: Morris Immersion Night
- 8: MCA 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Formal



## Week of May 11 - 17

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- 11: Mispillion Evening of the Arts
- 12: DLI Family Night (at Ross)
- 12: Banneker PTP Meeting
- 13: In-person Registration Event (at MCA)
- 13: MMS PTP Meeting
- 14: MHS NHS Cording Ceremony
- 14: End of Year TEAM/Enrichment Showcase (at Ross)
- 16: MHS Prom



# STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations to the **Milford High School Concert Choir** for placing 1st and the **Milford High School Concert Band** for placing 3rd at the Festival of Music in Chicago, IL. Thank you to directors Julie Keefer and Noah Sutton for your hard work and dedication to these incredible musicians!



**MHS FFA** held their annual banquet, recognizing member accomplishments throughout the year and showing appreciation to chapter supporters. The evening also celebrated a year of service by our chapter officer team and included the election of new chapter officers for the upcoming year.

# STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS



**MCA's HOSA (Future Health Professionals)** raised over \$150 for their student organization. **Mr. Rivera** received the most votes and earned him a pie in the face by HOSA's club president!



MCA FFA students attended the Delaware FFA State Convention. **Lainey Chorman** took 1st in Creed Speaking for middle school and high school combined! She moves on to the Big E and National Convention. Our **Junior Milk Quality team** placed 6th out of 14 teams. **Lilly Enck** finished 9th individually out of all students.



**MHS Interact Club** filled over 3,000 eggs for My Sister's Keeper for a great Easter Eggstravaganza! They continue to lead with heart, creativity, and a willingness to serve wherever they're needed!

# STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS



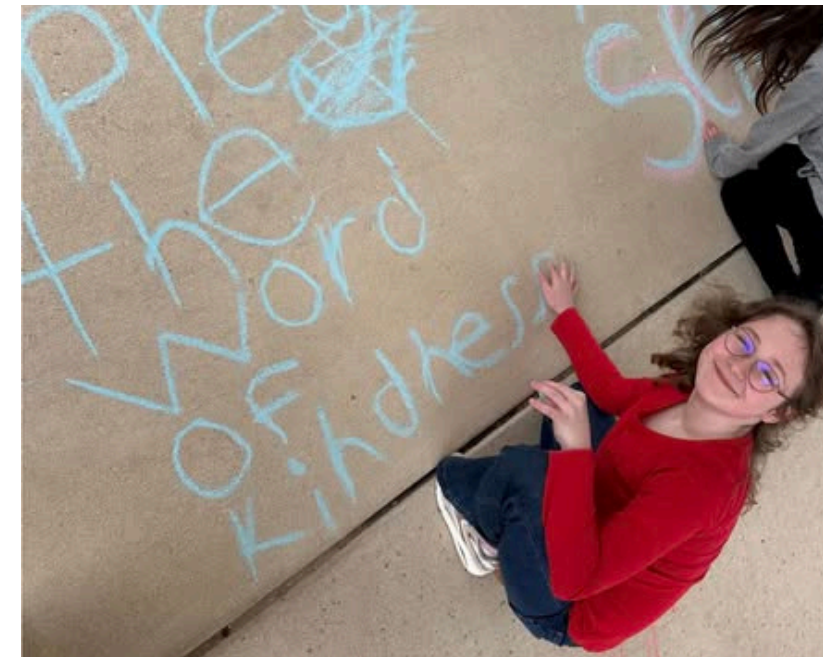
Local Author, **Tahiya Cooper**, visited **Banneker, Morris, Ross, and Mispillion**. Our students had an incredible opportunity to hear firsthand about her journey as a writer, the inspiration behind her stories, and the creativity that goes into bringing characters to life. Tahiya captivated our Buccaneers with her engaging storytelling and encouraged them to embrace their own voices and love of reading.

**Morris PTP** successfully hosted its first annual “Fun Run” fundraiser which raised funds to help support valuable programs, resources, and experiences for students. **MHS JDG student volunteers** helped support the event!

# STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS



Over 30 students inducted into the **Milford Middle School Elementary National Honor Society!**



Ross students, led by **Grace Gibbs** and **Mrs. Burk**, created a canvas of kindness all around Toss last week!

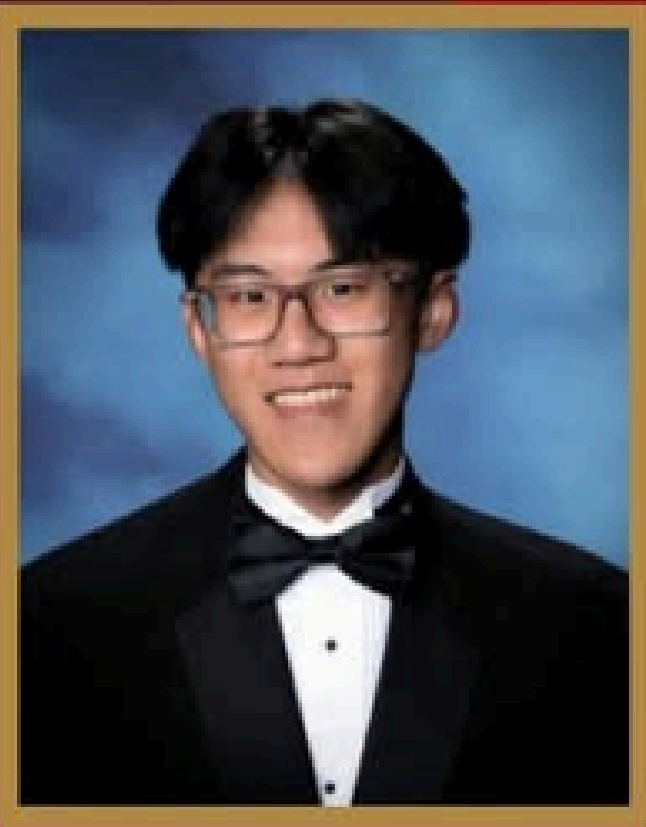
# STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS



## SECRETARY OF EDUCATION SCHOLARS 2026



*Madison Stahl*



*Kenny Ung*



Each year, the Delaware Department of Education honors a select group of seniors as **Secretary of Education Scholars** in recognition of their strong work ethic, dedication, and accomplishments in and beyond the classroom. Chosen by their principals, these students are celebrated for academic excellence, leadership, and meaningful service to others.

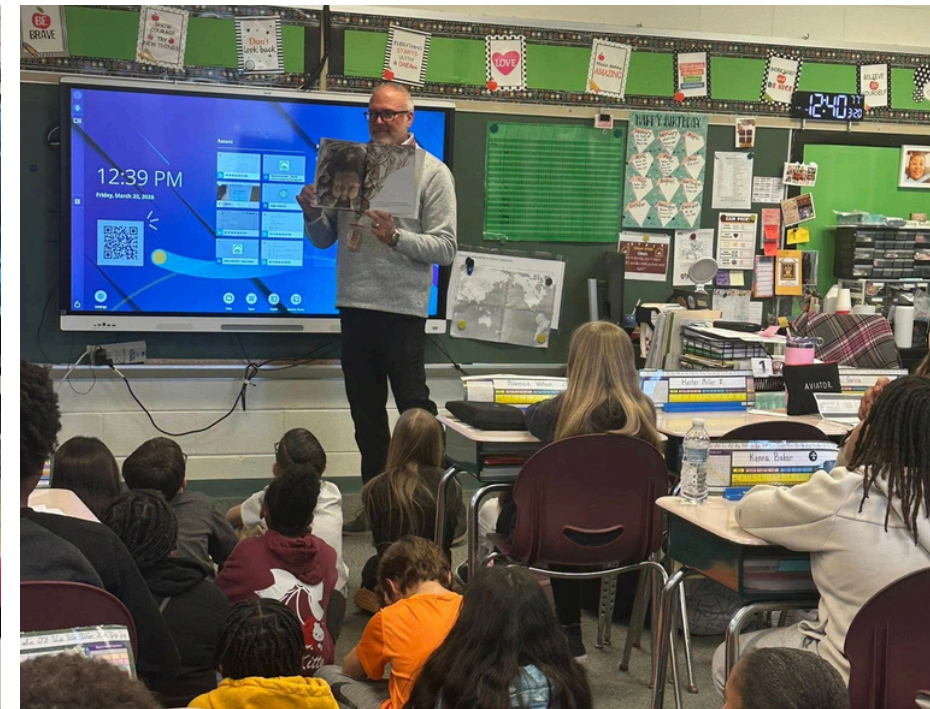
Milford School District is proud to recognize our 2026 Secretary of Education Scholars **Madison Stahl** and **Kenny Ung**.

[Read more...](#)

# STAFF HIGHLIGHTS



**Mispillion Staff** celebrated their students during Student Appreciation Week where students enjoyed fun rewards as a small thank-you for all their hard work and positive attitudes.



**MSD Administrators** and **Board Members** joined in on the fun during Kindness Month by reading and connecting with students at Ross.



# TREASURES



*Lauren Burk*  
Ross

*Mrs. Burk is a true asset to the Milford School District, and her dedication to both her students and her professional growth sets her apart in the most meaningful way.*

*She consistently demonstrates a genuine commitment to supporting her students at the highest level. She is always seeking opportunities to learn, grow, and improve her practice so she can better meet the diverse needs of the children she serves. Whether it's asking thoughtful questions, collaborating with colleagues, or implementing new strategies, Mrs. Burk shows an unwavering dedication to doing what is best for her students.*

[Read more....](#)



*Ashley Grant*  
MCA

*Mrs. Grant is an MSD Treasure because she consistently puts students first and approaches every challenge with professionalism, creativity, and a willingness to step in and help wherever needed. Even as new initiatives and expectations continue, she embraces the work and focuses on what matters most: supporting her students and their academic success. She structures small group instruction to ensure every student feels supported and successful, but at the heart of it all is her commitment to meeting the needs of all learners. She also brings a calm, steady presence to MCA each day, creating an environment where students and colleagues feel supported. Our district is fortunate to have her.*



*Kayleigh Gibbs*  
Morris

*Ms. Gibbs consistently goes above and beyond to meet the unique needs of every student in her care. She recognizes that supporting students means more than just academics. It means nurturing their emotional, behavioral, social, and developmental growth as well.*

*She works with students who have varying levels of individual need, and she approaches each child with patience, compassion, and intentionality. She takes the time to truly understand her students, including their triggers, strengths, interests, and goals, and uses that knowledge to create individualized supports that help them feel safe, capable, and valued.*

[Read more...](#)



*Deyssi Alvarado*  
Banneker

*Ms. Alvarado supports the whole child by being a steady, caring presence at the heart of the school. She greets students with warmth, comforts them when they're upset, celebrates their wins, and makes sure every child feels safe, seen, and valued. She has made her office into a place of reassurance and belonging for all students and families. All the countless small acts of kindness and care she gives each day that help children feel secure have not gone unnoticed. We are so happy Ms. Alvarado joined our district.*

# REMEMBERING OUR WHY



## *Banneker*

Banneker students celebrated Autism Awareness by rocking their blue!



## *Morris*

Morris Students, families, and staff enjoyed spending time together and connecting during *Muffins at Morris*.



## *Mispillion*

Mispillion Elementary recognize students who embody what it means to be a true Buccaneer!



## *Ross*

Ross students and staff "Rocked their Socks" honoring World Down Syndrome Day.



## *MMS*

MMS inducted their first group of students into the National Elementary Honor Society.



## *MCA*

MCA students who made honor roll for the first semester with no major discipline infractions were rewarded with their first ever Honor Hour!



## *MHS*

Milford Academic Enrichment Class continue to give back to the community donating their time at the Food Bank while also learning valuable vocational skills!



## *District*

MSD Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Erin Raniszewski, celebrates with students.

## *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.

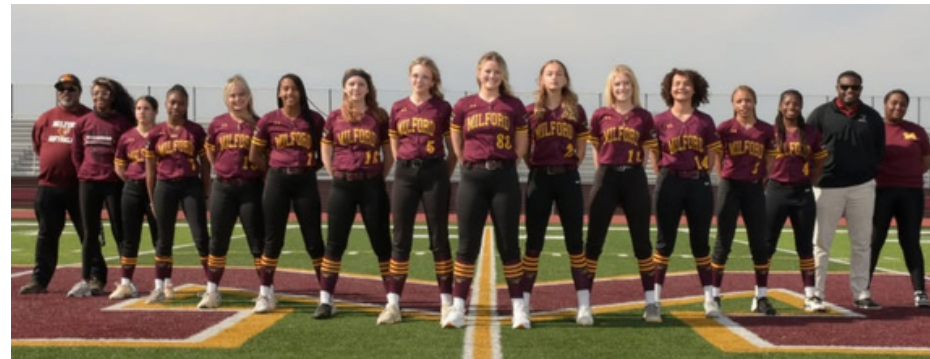
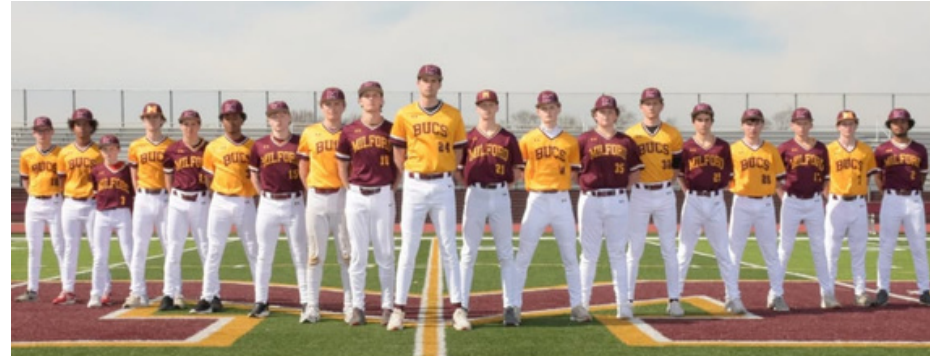
Honoring each individual's identity, opinions, and dignity leads to a sense of belonging for each member of the school community.

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.



## SPORTS HEALTH FORMS UPDATE

- Paper forms will no longer be accepted between April 1st and May 4th
- Effective after May 4th, all physicals and required forms must be submitted through **Rank One**
- Registrations and submissions will not be accepted until after the start date.
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### KEY UPDATES

- DIAA has created a new PPE (physical) form, which will be the only form accepted for the 2026–2027 school year
- All eligibility forms (concussion, sudden cardiac arrest, heat policy, etc.) will be completed electronically through Rank One
- Paper submissions will no longer be accepted moving forward

TICKETS



ATHLETICS  
WEBSITE



(Weekly newsletters,  
calendars, and other  
important information)

# KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

## ***Registration OPEN!***

Families may register online or attend one of our in-person registration events listed below. Translators will be available at all in-person events.

### **In-Person Registration Events:**

**FEBRUARY 2 | 4:30-6:30 PM**

Morris Early Childhood Center

**FEBRUARY 10 | 4:30-6:30 PM**

Banneker Elementary School

**FEBRUARY 24 | 5:30-7:30 PM**

Morris Early Childhood Center

**MARCH 11 | 4:30-6:30 PM**

Milford Middle School

**MARCH 26 | 5:30-7:30 PM**

Mispillion Elementary School

**APRIL 18 | 10-2 (WE ARE MILFORD DAY)**

Mispillion Elementary School

**APRIL 22 | 4:30-6:30 PM**

Lulu Ross Elementary School

**APRIL 29 | 4:30-6:30 PM**

MHS

**MAY 5 | 4:30-6:30 PM**

Banneker Elementary School

**MAY 13 | 4:30-6:30 PM**

Milford Central Academy

**Questions? Call 302-422-1600 or Email [registration@msd.k12.de.us](mailto:registration@msd.k12.de.us)**



Register Online



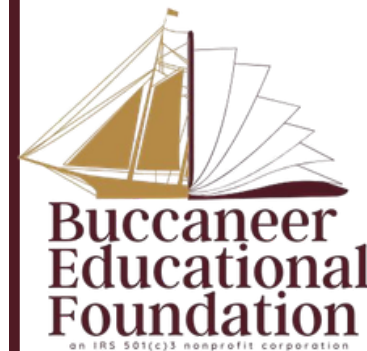
# BUC BULLETIN BOARD

## 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.



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



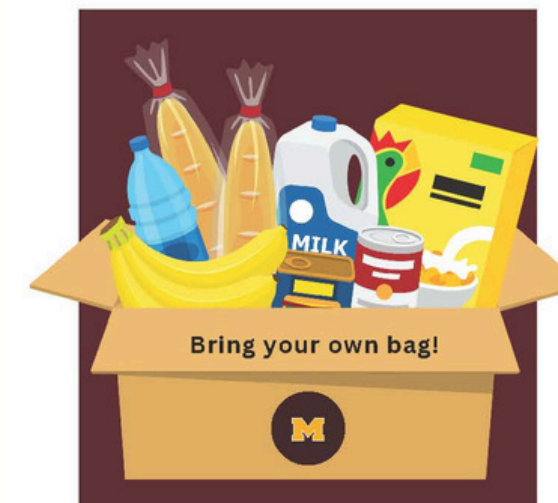
DONATE NOW

## 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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# STAY CONNECTED

*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*

449 North Street  
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## *Morris*

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