



Flushing Community Schools

Central's 4th grade students explored local ecology during their field trip to Mott Recreation Area!

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Preparing Learners Today for Opportunities Tomorrow.



HOMEcoming 2026

Thank you to all who made this year's homecoming a success! From Spirit Week, to the parade, and the football game, all the hard work did not go unnoticed! Your efforts brought the community together and created unforgettable memories!

RAIDER PRIDE



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Flushing Raider Families

I hope the first two months of the 2026-2027 school year have been good for you and your family. It has been a very busy and positive start for our students and staff members, as you can see throughout the rest of this Raider Nation News insert. Our students are having fun, staying engaged in meaningful learning, and making the most of the opportunities that they have everyday. From our 295 kindergarteners that are just getting started on their educational journey, to our 306 seniors that are living in the moment and making the most of their last year of high school, there is a positive energy in our buildings and wonderful things happening everyday for our students.

I hope your children were able to participate in our homecoming festivities. There were special spirit days in all of our buildings, powderpuff & powderbuff games, pep assemblies, cross country teams running the game ball in from Linden, and much more around the district. It was a great week filled with wonderful events and memories. This year, I had the privilege to help referee the powderpuff game, which was a lot of fun! Congratulations to the Senior girls on their dominant victory. The Flushing Raider community lined the parade route, filled with Raider pride and spirit, before heading into the homecoming game on Friday night, which was another great Raider victory! Homecoming week is just one of the events that make school memorable for all the right reasons, and we hope that you and the family were able to enjoy it.

I wanted to take this opportunity to provide a bond project update. You will notice

progress at our high school site, with turf being installed on our varsity softball and varsity baseball fields, as well as construction being well underway on the press box and dugout.



Matt Shanafelt

Both our varsity softball and baseball fields should be ready this spring. The remainder of the outdoor complex remains on pace to open with the start of our 2027-2028 school year; we are now less than a year away from total completion. Our generators and walk-

in cooler projects, as well as our cafeteria and gymnasium air conditioning projects should wrap up by late October, so we should have nice cool cafeterias and gyms in the spring. Work is ongoing at our Warehouse/Transportation building and we anticipate being able to move our buses back into that space by late October. The auditorium lighting is our next priority with work beginning this winter. Finally, the Genesee County Drain Commission sewer project that has closed the FHS entrance since the start of the school year continues to progress with an updated late October completion date. We greatly appreciate your patience, grace, and understanding as we continue to work to make our students' school experience the best it can possibly be.

A lot of exciting things are happening in Raider Nation, and I am thankful for the ongoing positive relationship that we have with our students, families, and community. It is people like you that make it special. Thank you for being such great partners as we seek to do great things for our students every day. It is a great time to be a Flushing Raider!

GO RAIDERS!

BOARD ACTION UPDATE

The following are highlights of the Flushing Board of Education meetings held on August 11, 2026 and September 15, 2026:

- Recognized FHS Athletic Trainer Michaela Luchow for her dedicated service to FCS and our student-athletes.
- Recognized the FHS PPSC Student Leadership Team for everything they do for FHS students and staff.
- Approved Overnight/Out-of-State Field Trip Request for FHS Choir students to attend clinics and performances in Chicago, Illinois on November 13-16, 2026.
- Approved the updated FCS Student/Athlete Handbook.
- Approved the 2026-2027 FHS Course of Studies and FCS Online Course/Providers.
- Approved the 2026-2027 Student Growth Measures.
- Approved the scheduling of a board workshop on Tuesday, October 27, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at the administration building.
- Approved the hiring of the following certified staff members for the 2026-2027 school year:
 - Maysa Beauchamp – Marketing/Business Teacher at Flushing High School
 - Amanda Iser – Special Education Teacher at Central Elementary School
 - Julia Surratt – Special Education Teacher at Springview Elementary School
- Approved the tentative agreements between Flushing Community Schools and the following employee groups, effective July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027:
 - Secretaries - FOP/MEA
 - Custodians, Food Service, Maintenance, Transportation – MEA
 - Paraprofessionals - MEA
- Approved the following updated Parent/Student Handbooks:
 - Flushing High School
 - Flushing Middle School
 - Flushing Elementary Schools
- Heard reports from student board representatives Burba and Coleman on recent activities at FHS.
- Hears a report on the start to the 2026-2027 school year.
- Heard reports on the state of the schools.



HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



SPREADING JOY

Members of the YOE Club spent time spreading a little extra joy throughout the high school this week!

FHS CLUB INFORMATION

High School students had the opportunity to share information about each club during lunch. This was a great way to showcase what each club is about, how to join, and the positive impact they have on the school and community.



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS



SUPERHERO SPIRIT

Middle School staff showed off their Superhero Spirit during homecoming week!

SHOWING GRATITUDE FOR BUS DRIVERS

Flushing middle school student leadership team hosted a bus driver appreciation day! Students wrote thank you cards to our transportation director and bus drivers. Drivers were presented with the cards as well as a fall treat.



RAIDER ROBOTICS RULE!

FMS Raider Robotics Team invited 7th and 8th grade students to explore robotics and see what it takes to join the team! Students designed and sketched their own robots, created custom LEGO builds, drove robots through a course, developed game strategies, and worked together to complete challenges. It was great to see their creativity and teamwork in action!



ELEMENTARY NEWS

CENTRAL ELEMENTARY



4TH GRADE FIELD TRIP – MOTT RECREATION AREA

Central's 4th grade students had a fantastic day in the sun exploring Mott Recreation Area at Flint State Park! Students explored local ecology by identifying Michigan invasive species during a nature hike, going fishing, and taking pond water samples.

A big thank you to Genesee County Parks for making this field trip possible through their generous grant funding!



CENTRAL BOOK CAFE

Mrs. Rowland's Book Cafe was a hit! Sixth grade students in their ELA class traveled down to experience fine book dining! They could choose from 5 courses featuring a variety of books and topics. Thank you to Mrs. Rowland, Mrs. Kearney, and Maître d' Matt for a great afternoon!

What a fun way to learn and read!



ELMS ELEMENTARY

OFF TO A GREAT START

Elms is off to a great start this year! The beginning of the school year was exciting with new friends, new classrooms, and for some, a new school! To make the school year successful, students and staff revisited expectations and rewards through PPSC (Promoting Positive School Climate) rotations.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Elms PTA hosted a "Back To School" night for students and families. Despite the rain, the night was filled with laughter and fun! There were bounce houses, snow cones, and the MEL bus for all to enjoy.



STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Student council elections were held in mid-September. Fifth and sixth grade students created posters and gave speeches in the hopes of being elected President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer. Third- sixth grade classes voted for class representatives, and Elms Student Council was created.



KANGAROO KIDS

The Elms Kangaroo Kids have kicked off their season!

Be on the lookout this winter for Elms Kangaroo Kids performing around the state!

ELEMENTARY NEWS

SPRINGVIEW ELEMENTARY



RAIDER REWARDS ASSEMBLY

Springview kicked off the school year with the first Raider Rewards Assembly!

Springview staff and students came together for our first Raider Rewards Assembly of the school year! During the assembly, we reviewed our three core values:

- Be Safe
- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible

Staff introduced the many positive incentives students can earn throughout the building by demonstrating these values each day. Students have opportunities to earn Positive Office Referrals, individual and class Raider Tickets, Shark of the Month recognition,

and incentives for perfect attendance!

We are excited to celebrate our students for making positive choices, showing kindness, and helping make Springview a safe, respectful, and responsible place to learn.

And there was an extra special reason to celebrate! The first Raider Rewards Assembly also happened to fall on Finnie's birthday! It would be a great day to celebrate our beloved therapy dog with Springview students and staff.

What a wonderful way to kick off a year of Raider Reason and celebrate all the great things happening at Springview!

FIRST SHARK SHUFFLE WAS A HUGE HIT

Springview had its first Shark Shuffle of the year in September—and as always, it was a huge success! Students danced the night away, enjoyed snacks, and had a blast spending time with friends.

The turnout was fantastic, and we're already looking forward to the next one!

A big thank you to the amazing PTO for organizing multiple Shark Shuffles throughout the year. Your support helps create fun and memorable experiences for our students!



GROWING TOGETHER AT SPRINGVIEW!

As we get the school year underway, Springview staff has been hard at work learning, collaborating, and growing together! In addition to participating in meaningful professional development to prepare for a successful new year, staff has also kicked off Professional Learning Communities (PLCs).

With a strong focus on student achievement, collaboration, and continuous improvement, PLCs provide staff with an opportunity to work together, examine student data, identify areas of need, and develop strategies to increase student learning and success.

We are proud of the dedication staff brings to their work each day and their commitment to doing whatever it takes to help students grow and thrive.

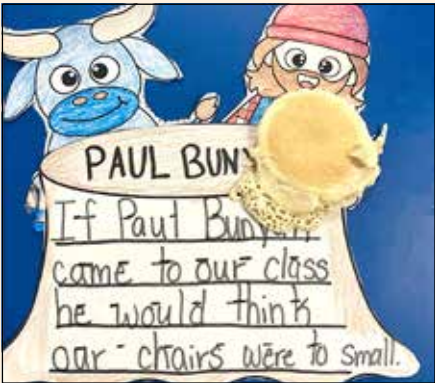


ELEMENTARY NEWS

SEYMOUR ELEMENTARY

LEARNING ABOUT PAUL BUNYAN

Seymour 2nd grade students learned about tall tales starting with Paul Bunyan. They celebrated with Paul Bunyan’s favorite meal of pancakes then wrote about what Paul Bunyan would think if he came to Seymour.



BUILDING CLASSROOM COMMUNITIES

Third grade students participated in a “Me Museum”. Students brought in items to help their new classmates learn more about them and find out what they had in common. Each class did a gallery walk to see all the items their classmates brought. What a fun way to build classroom communities and start the school year strong!



IMPORTANT DATES

October 30th:
Half Day K-12th

November 3rd
NO SCHOOL

November 13th
Half Day K-12th

November 25th-27th
NO SCHOOL



DISTRICT CONTACTS
– SAVE FOR FUTURE USE –



Superintendent.....	Matt Shanafelt	591-1180
Deputy Superintendent	Jason Melynchek	591-1184
Exec. Dir. Curriculum	Michelle Barrett	591-1187
Director of Finance	Jackie Read.....	591-1193
Exec. Dir. of Special Services	Alex Keesling	591-2321
High School	Kevin Foltz	591-3770
Middle School	Elizabeth Endicott.....	591-2800
Central Elementary.....	Rob Steinhaus	591-1901
Early Childhood Center	Heidi Donaldson	591-2326
Elms Elementary	John Hagens Jr	591-7350
Seymour Elementary	Steve Groulx	591-5150
Springview Elementary.....	Stacey Mesarosh	591-8550

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

KINDERGARTEN

The ECC is hustling and bustling with fun fall activities. Apples, Apples, and more Apples is the theme in many of the Kindergarten and Developmental Kindergarten classrooms these past weeks. Students enjoyed painting with apples, making applesauce, reading apple stories, graphing apple crafts, and so much more. Mrs. Hoover's Class did a great job stuffing the scarecrow as a community building event for the Harvest Festival. Mixed in with all the fall excitement was homecoming celebrations, complete with a pep rally, spirit days, and parade journey!



The Early Childhood Center wishes you a wonderful fall season, enjoying family time, fresh cider, crisp autumn air, and the beautiful colors of nature's leaves.

**"IT'S A GOOD DAY,
TO HAVE A GOOD DAY!"**

PRESCHOOL NEWS

A GREAT BEGINNING FOR YOUR JOURNEY WITH THE RAIDER EDUCATION FAMILY

Preschool students are enjoying many activities to get them started on their first school adventure. Like Kindergarten and Developmental Kindergarten students in the Preschool classes explored apples to celebrate the fall season. The Preschool team works hard to provide a fun and exciting learning environment for our youngest Raiders. They provide opportunities for students to grow their letter and number knowledge, develop fine motor skills by using Play-Doh, enhance their imagination while playing dress up, and build friendships by engaging with peers on the playground. Preschool is a great way to begin your journey with the Raider Education Family! If you are interested in joining one of the Preschool classrooms, please visit the Flushing Schools website at www.flushingschools.org to register.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW EMPLOYEES!

The following staff
have joined our
RAIDER FAMILY
since last fall.

Mays Abuaita Paraprofessional Springview Elementary
Catrina Acklin Science- Teacher Middle School
Madison Alpin Child Nutrition Springview Elementary
Kimberly Barbour Child Nutrition Central Elementary
Maysa Beauchamp Business- Teacher High School
Jamie Beck Child Nutrition High School
Alexis Boggs Bus Driver Transportation
McKenzie Brashaw General Cleaner Middle School
Ericka Brooks Main Office Secretary Middle School
Kyle Brown Latchkey Early Childhood Center
Brittany Campbell 2nd Grade- Teacher Seymour Elementary
Deborah Carlson Playground/Lunchroom Middle School
Kaylynn Chaney Latchkey Early Childhood Center
Valerie Choate General Cleaner Middle School
Delores Clark Child Nutrition High School
Nicole Coles Child Nutrition Early Childhood Center
Angie Coon Paraprofessional High School
Hannah Daily Latchkey Early Childhood Center
Edward Dolehanty English- Teacher High School
Patrice Doyle Child Nutrition Central Elementary
BreAnna Draper Paraprofessional Seymour Elementary
Wyatt Duford General Cleaner High School
Jennifer Edwards Social Worker High School
Janis Edwards Child Nutrition Springview Elementary
Stacy Emmendorfer Paraprofessional Elms Elementary
Jordan Forbes 1st Grade-Teacher Central Elementary
Carrie Foust Child Nutrition Middle School
Alina Freed Child Nutrition Central Elementary
Emma Giacumbo Child Nutrition Springview Elementary
Julie Gross Reading Interventionist Seymour Elementary
Chelsie Harmer Latchkey Early Childhood Center
Annie Hartley 3rd Grade-Teacher Central Elementary
Madison Hartley Speech & Lang. Pathologist District
Jennifer Herholz Latchkey Early Childhood Center
Jordan Howe Child Nutrition Seymour Elementary
Jennifer Hyrman Computer Lab Manager Elms Elementary
Amanda Iser Special Education Central Elementary
Sarah Kalakay Paraprofessional Early Childhood Center
Merna Kheir Paraprofessional Central Elementary
Jessica Kitchen Paraprofessional Elms Elementary
Rachel Kreger 4th Grade-Teacher Springview Elementary
Emily LaBombard Latchkey Early Childhood Center
Angela Langmesser Child Nutrition Early Childhood Center
Chelsea Livingston Child Nutrition Central Elementary
Joelle Mahoney Paraprofessional Springview Elementary
Sarah Marks Paraprofessional Early Childhood Center
Megan Martin 3rd Grade-Teacher Seymour Elementary

Kirsten McGraw Bus Driver Transportation
Melissa McIntire Child Nutrition Elms Elementary
Cadeyn Merrell PE-Teacher Elms Elementary
Todd Mignerey Science- Teacher High School
Kristi Movsesyan Latchkey Early Childhood Center
Rachelle Newman Paraprofessional Elms Elementary
Lindsay Nochta Paraprofessional Springview Elementary
Lisa Overby Child Nutrition Elms Elementary
Karyn Peck Paraprofessional Early Childhood Center
Courtney Pike Paraprofessional Central Elementary
Robin Redmond Child Nutrition Early Childhood Center
Nycole Rich Child Nutrition Early Childhood Center
Kevin Root Math-Teacher High School
Julie Sandee Latchkey Early Childhood Center
Michelle Shinabarger Child Nutrition Early Childhood Center
Brittany Smith Paraprofessional Elms Elementary
Jacob Steinberger Band- Teacher Middle School
Amanda Stevens Child Nutrition Springview Elementary
Julia Surratt Special Education Springview Elementary
Diane Tindall Latchkey Early Childhood Center
Billie Walker Child Nutrition High School
Shannan Walton Latchkey Early Childhood Center
Sarah White Latchkey Early Childhood Center

Years of Service 10 YEARS

Carolyn Dougherty
Rebecca Fisher
Stephanie Hoover
Aimee Hopper
Trevor Kline
Samantha Koch
Sergio Korth
Sydney Kowalczyk
Alyssa Lockwood
Amy Loughheed
Alyssa McCarthy

Marian McFadden
Brandi McMunigal
Kim Odette-Kirk
Lauren Quigley
Julie Sheldon
Mary Talhalm
Corry Talsma
Meghan Trantham
Denise Visser
Kenny Walworth
Jeff White

20 YEARS

Brent Bowsher
Stephen Burdis
Julie Church
Amanda Lang
Debra Tift

30 YEARS

Stacey Adams
Lisa Harden
Courtney Hummel
Sue McLean

35 YEARS

Larry Ham

