

# PĪTĀCEMOW

*"He or she who brings stories/news"*

## Construction Update

Construction crews continue to make progress on the new high school site. Outside of the building, **geothermal wells** are being drilled. Once complete, 130 wells will be used to heat and cool the school building. These wells are drilled down 550ft.! A loop system of buried pipes, circulates glycol through the ground, using the constant ground temperature of the earth as an exchange medium instead of the outside air temperature. During cold months heat is absorbed from the ground and transferred into the building. During the warmer months, heat is absorbed from the building and ejected into the ground. Unlike traditional heating and cooling systems, geothermal systems don't burn fossil fuels or rely on external weather conditions.

**Sustainable features** continue inside the building. The school was intentionally designed to integrate nature in our learning spaces by connecting the people in the buildings with the beauty of the surrounding landscape. Large, strategically placed windows and glass walls are key features of the design, intended to blur the lines between the indoors and outdoors and reduce the need for artificial lighting during daylight hours. This not only saves energy but also enhances the overall well-being of everyone in our building. Natural stone, connects the structure to the Earth to create a sense of grounding and permanence.

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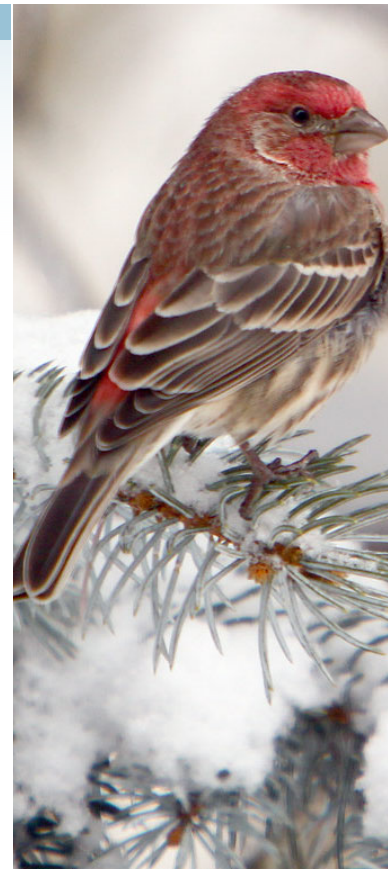
The team is drilling holes, over 500ft down for our geothermal system.



The fitness room will include a lot of natural daylight and natural stone.



The empty spaces are for windows that will bring natural light into the classrooms.



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**MISD VISION**  
Enriching the lives  
of our children  
through education



## Construction Update *(cont.)*

The **entrance canopy** of the building is supported by a structure designed to emulate trees, creating a distinctive focal point for the main entrance and reinforcing our connection to nature. Guests will pass through the main doors, entering the office area before gaining access to the remainder of the building. Soon our construction crews will build a temporary enclosure around this, enabling them to install the storefront glass.

It's remarkable to witness the progress of our construction crews on this building. **Tile installation** is already underway in the locker rooms at one end, while the **roofing** structure is nearing completion at the other end. Our dedicated crews have worked through snow, wind, and rain to stay ahead of schedule, with the goal of completing the construction for the start of the 2024/2025 school year!



Main entrance work is underway.

### Become a Substitute Teacher

Make a difference in our community! Being a substitute teacher is a rewarding job and you'll feel great knowing you're having a positive impact on students.

If you have an associate degree or higher from an accredited college or university, and you successfully complete an approved substitute training program, you may be issued a three-year, short-term substitute teaching license.

Learn more:  
[www.CESA8.org](http://www.CESA8.org)

### College Fair Day

On December 15, MIHS hosted a College Fair Day in collaboration with the Tribal Education Department and community engagement educational work group. The event brought representatives from local colleges and universities to MIHS so students could learn more about the schools and the programs they offer. It was a great opportunity for students to ask questions and talk to representatives from schools they may be interested in. It also provided students with the chance to learn more about the experiences that post-secondary education can offer.



Thanks to the organizers and participants!

### 20 Years of Board Service



MISD School Board President, David "Jonesy" Miller was recently honored for his 20 years of service to our students and community during the 2024 Wisconsin State Education Convention. Great job Jonesy! We are proud of your leadership and commitment to our children's education. Thank you!

## Wynos Signs to Play Softball in Minnesota

MIHS senior, Danika Wynos, signed her letter of intent to play softball for Dakota County Technical College in Rosemount, Minnesota starting in the fall of 2024. Wynos played third base for the Eagles and was an instrumental leader both on and off the field. Unwavering support from friends, family and the school community, along with congratulatory remarks from MIHS athletic director, James Oshkeshequoam and Wynos' former coach, Brian Johnson, were made at the signing ceremony. Wynos plans to pursue a degree in psychology and return to the Menominee community as a counselor. Congrats Danika, and good luck!



## Character Playbook Community Impact Grant

MIMS was one of eleven middle schools awarded a Character Playbook Community Impact Grant from the Green Bay Packers and Brown County United Way. Student groups across the state were invited to develop a service project to help their school, neighborhood or surrounding communities.

Selected schools will receive grant awards up to \$500 through funds from the NFL Volunteerism Grant or Brown County United Way. MIMS will be hosting a school and community wide luncheon to honor veterans. The student group will complete the event with decorations and put together gratitude videos and curated thank-you baskets for each attending veteran.



## Important Upcoming Dates



### School Board Election: April 2, 2024

Two MISD School board seats will be decided for the Neopit and South Branch Areas. Both are a three-year terms. Please remember to vote, it's a right as well as a responsibility. Thank you!

### Junior Class Flower Sale: February 14, 2024

The Junior class is selling flowers at 8:00 AM at the high school. They are also looking for donations of vases that can be dropped off at the high school. Pre-orders will be taken the week of February 5-9.



### Open Enrollment Applications: February 5, 2024

The regular open enrollment application period for the 2024-25 school year begins on February 5, 2024, and ends at 4:00 PM on April 30, 2024. Apply online: [dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment/applications](https://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment/applications)



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4	5 <b>Bd. Mtg.</b> <b>@ 5 PM</b>	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 <b>2 Hour Delay</b>	15	16	17
18	19 <b>No School</b>	20 <b>Bd. Mtg.</b> <b>@ 5 PM</b>	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		