# MISD News & Notes

### **Good Food Grows Here**

A new education garden will be started at KPS, thanks to a partnership with The F.R.E.S.H. Project.

F.R.E.S.H. stands for Food, Resources, Education, Sustainability and Health. The nonprofit organization is a coalition of native nations, county government, community organizations, farmers, the religious community and committed individuals working in Shawano County



and native communities.

Its goal is to fight food insecurity, so the garden is a great way to teach students about planting, growing and harvesting fresh food.

#### May 2021



MISD VISION Enriching the lives of our children through education

#### **Finish Strong!**

We know it's been a tough year and it's tempting to let your student take off of school when the weather gets warm. But now is not the time to take a day off.

Why not? It's important for them to finish strong and wrap up the year completing required lessons, which lays the groundwork for next fall. An added bonus: being in school gives them time to see their classmates before the summer break.

# **Facilities Updates**

Over the course of the past year, the MISD administration and school board have been thoughtfully studying and evaluating facility needs throughout the district.

As those studies and evaluations continue, a decision has been made to move ahead with building a new bus garage and adding space to KPS.

KPS is out of space, so there is a need for additional class-rooms and ways to incorporate outdoor learning concepts the Board identified in its strategic planning process.

A new bus garage is needed to store all district vehicles (yellow buses, white buses and other vehicles) in order to keep them inside and working during the winter months.

Both projects can be done using current funds available. This will take care of some immediate needs while allowing the board to continue its overall evaluation of facility needs and options for the entire district.

Among the potential, future projects being researched is a new net-zero high school. A net-zero school is a green school that produces as much, or more, energy than it uses.

It's important to note that no decisions or recommendations have been made regarding additional facilities or other changes to existing facilities. That can only take place after a thorough study of options, school board review, community input and board approval.

Watch for more information in the coming months.



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# **School Board Updates**



Dennis Kenote has been appointed to the MISD School Board to fill the vacancy created when at-large member Nicole Fish resigned in mid-March. The board made the appointment after interviewing three people who expressed interest in the position.

He will serve for one year, which is the time remaining from Fish's three year term.

The April election for school board saw the re-election of both Nanette Corn, representing the Neopit Area, and Karen Washinawatok, representing the South Branch Area. Both will serve three year terms.

Thank you to all school board members for the time, effort, interest and dedication you provide to the school district!

## **Unique Cultural Experience**



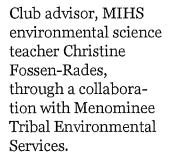
The MIHS S.U.N. Club (Sustainability Under 1 Nation) recently participated in a unique learning experience; assisting with data collection and the re-collaring of a hibernating female bear with three yearlings in her den.

The students worked with Menominee Nation wildlife biologist Don Reiter, and an area veterinarian, to collect health



data including weight, length and temperature. After data gathering, the students removed the bear's old radio collar and replaced it with a new one which will allow Environmental Services to track her location and other information over her lifetime.

This was an incredible opportunity coordinated by S.U.N



Thank you to those who helped make this an incredibly memorable cultural and learning activity for our students!





### Menominee Indian-Gresham Golf

NOTE: (G) is Gresham bus departure time. (M) is Menominee bus departure time



<u>Date</u>	School/Course	<u>Time</u>	Bus
Mon., April 19	First Day of Practice		
Thurs., April 22	WeyFremont/Weymont	10:00 a.m.	7:30 a.m. (G)
Fri., April 23	HOME/Pine Hills GC	3:30 p.m.	2:15 p.m. (M)
Mon., April 26	Iola-Scan./Whistling Straits GC	1:00 p.m.	9:45 a.m. (G)
Fri., April 30	Marion/Glen Cairn GC	3:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m. (M)
Mon., May 3	Pacelli/St. Point CC	10:00 a.m.	7:45 a.m. (M)
Tues., May 4	HOME/Thornberry Creek GC	9:00 a.m.	7:30 a.m. (G)
Fri., May 7	Iola-Scan./Glacier Wood GC	3:00 p.m.	1:15 p.m. (G)
Mon., May 10	Port Edwards/Bullseye GC	10:00 a.m.	7:15 a.m. (M)
Thurs., May 13	Marion/Glen Cairn GC	10:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m. (G)
Mon., May 17	Bonduel/Golden Sands GC	12:00 p.m.	10:15 a.m. (M)
Tues., May 18	Shiocton/Shamrock Heights GC	9:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m. (G))
Fri., May 21	Pacelli/St. Point CC	3:00 p.m.	12:30 p.m. (M)
Tues., May 25	WeyFremont/Foxfire GC	10:00 a.m.	7:30 a.m. (G)
Thurs., May 27	HOME/Pine Hills GC	9:00 a.m.	7:30 a.m. (G)
Tues./Wed. June 1	& 2: Regionals	8:00 a.m.	6:30 a.m.

Clintonville/Riverside GC

Tues./Wed. June 8 & 9: Sectionals at Wautoma/Waushara CC TBD

Fri./Sat., June 18 &19: State. Location and time TBD

#### **Waukau Re-Elected to NAFIS Board**

MISD School Superintendent Wendell Waukau has been reelected to the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) Board of Directors.

Waukau represents Region III, which includes Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Indiana and Ohio.

Waukau and other board members from across the country advocate for school districts that receive Impact Aid and helps form the association's policy work.

In a release from NAFIS, Waukau stated, "We have a very small tax base in our District. Impact Aid dollars, although underfunded, help make up for that and give our district flexibly in meeting the educational needs of our students."





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# May 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3 School Board mtg. @5 p.m.	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 School Board mtg. @5 p.m.	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 MIHS Graduation	27	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day. No School. All bldgs. Closed.					