

# PĪTĀCEMOW

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

## New MIHS Planning Update

Another month of design for the new MIHS is underway! The District is continuing to work with its design and construction consultants to finalize schematic design, which includes determining the footprint of the building.

### ***Finding the right furniture***

As the building details come together, students are eager to add feedback to the design process. To engage the students, the District has partnered with KI, an innovative furniture company out of Green Bay, to sample furniture for their new classrooms. This year, students at the current MIHS will be testing different types of furniture and their feedback will be used when making decisions as to how to furnish the new high school building.

### ***Renewable Energy Options***

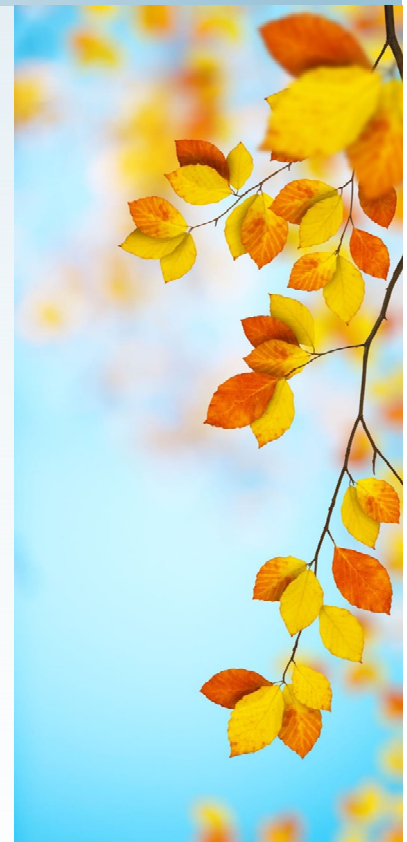
In September, the Board of Education received its first budget update on the proposed design. Budgeting the project from the start of design allows the team to manage the project scope within the budget. After the presentation, the board confirmed that they will continue to explore the use of solar panels and a geothermal system. These two types of renewable energy convert natural elements to generate electricity that can be used to operate the building. The investment in renewable energy will reduce the District's impact on the environment, improves the indoor air quality for students and staff and creates future operational cost efficiencies.

### ***Updated Renderings***

The district continues to work through the design process and refinements. We should soon have preliminary exterior renderings that will be available to share in the next newsletter.

## Updated Contact Information

If you're a parent or guardian of an MISD student, please make sure you have updated your contact information online or with your child's school. It's the best way to ensure we know how to get in touch with you on a wide variety of school and student matters.



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Enriching the lives of  
our children through  
education



## Harvesting Wild Rice



Menominee Language and Culture Teacher, Mrs. Waupoose, recently took MIMS 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to collect wild rice. It was a good opportunity to learn about the Menominee Nation history and tradition of wild ricing, while taking part in the activity to gain a better understanding of the work it requires.



## School Mascots: A Learning & Educating Opportunity

This year, for Back to School Night, community members and Native staff members shared their experiences about the negative impacts of school mascots that use Native themes and imagery. This was especially valuable for a group of MIMS students who are learning all they can about the topic as they organize and make plans to display a collection of artifacts donated by the family of the late Richie Plas.



It is hoped the collection (pictured below) will educate others, spurring conversation and reflection, leading to the end of using Native imagery and themes for school mascots.

## Music & Math



Did you know that math and music are complementary? It's true! In fact, if you think about it, both use patterns. Studies even show that children who play instruments are more likely to do well in math.

Recently, Mrs. Cook's MIMS music classes have been learning how music is math (and vice versa) by exploring sound and instruments. What an interesting way to learn about music!

## New Teachers & Staff

A big MISD welcome goes out to the following new teachers and staff:

- Elaine Buerman-Raatz - KPS Teacher Gr. 3
- Leeann Bartz - MIMS Art Teachers
- Michelle Amor-Cook - MIMS Music Teacher
- Douglas Giannetto - MIMS Cross Cat SPED Teacher
- Pershing Frechette - Bus Transportation Manager
- Bruce Windorski - Bus Driver
- Paul Towler - Bus Driver
- Rebecca Komanekin - Bus Driver

*Welcome*

# What Floats Your Penny Boat?

KPS STEM class students have been learning about cooperation and teamwork while engineering a model boat.

Students designed and constructed small aluminum foil boats to see which boat could hold the most pennies when it was placed in water. It may sound easy, but students quickly learned it was challenging!

Students were able to use only one piece of aluminum foil and they had just three opportunities to modify their designs. Using math, science and teamwork, students quickly learned what did, and didn't, work. It was a fun lesson in engineering!



## Back to School 2022



Hard to believe it was less than a month ago that the 2022-23 school year began. Each MISD school marked the occasion with special activities designed to welcome students back to the classroom. Thanks to the teachers, staff and administrators who put in extra time and effort to make the first day a special



## Excelling with 4x4

Once again this year, MIHS juniors and seniors are taking part in Northeast Wisconsin Technical College's 4x4 program, located at NWTC Shawano.

Students enrolled in the program are allowed to attend college classes each morning, earning college credits, paid for by MISD, while continuing their high school studies.

Congrats to the current class of 4x4 students, and to the new juniors (photo below) who just completed their orientation!



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16	17 School Bd. Mtg. @ 5	18	19	20	21	22
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30	31 Happy Halloween!					