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A New Home for the New High School

After careful consideration and extensive analysis, MISD has decided to build the new Menominee Indian High School on the same site as the existing high school, which will then become the middle school.

Why the change from the original idea of building the new school on property behind the Sav-a-Lot? The continuing analysis shows there are many advantages to locating the new school on the existing MISD property, including but not limited to:

- Sharing the site will create a cohesive campus for the District, having students from 5th – 12th grade in the same location.
- From a safety aspect, students will not have to cross a state highway to access amenities like athletic fields and gymnasium space.
- From a resource perspective, staff, equipment, and special amenities can easily be shared between the new high school and what will become the new middle school.
- From an environmental perspective, transportation and busing is consolidated to one site, so the District can tie into the existing site utilities.

The District is excited about the advantages to this solution and are planning on breaking ground in the summer 2023.

As the design progresses, the project team is actively pursuing grants and other incentives to subsidize additional project amenities, specifically sustainability. The project has been enrolled in the Focus on Energy (FOE) Energy Design Assistance program to collaboratively explore and quantify alternative energy-related systems, equipment and building envelope materials with the goal of selecting strategies that are cost effective and yield the highest lifecycle value to the District.

The cash incentives obtained through this program will be used to offset the initial capital costs associated with the energy-efficiency strategies, Furthermore, the project team continues to search for other grant and incentive opportunities that are applicable to the project. One example is the Cellcom grant, which is featured on page 2 of the newsletter.



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KPS Family Night

You're invited to the KPS Family Night hosted by the 1st Grade Team.

It takes place on **Wed., Dec. 14**, with dinner from 5:30-6 p.m. and activities from 6-7 p.m.

Join us for this free, fun holiday-themed evening.

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Enriching the lives of our children through education



Cellcom's Green Gift

MIHS was recently presented with a "Green Gift" of \$2,250 from Cellcom to support sustainability efforts at the new high school. It's anticipated that the groundbreaking for the new school will take place in summer 2023 and be operational for the start of the 2024-25 school year. The money will allow staff members to earn their Green Classroom-Professional certifications.



MIHS is one of 32 schools and organizations that received a grant from Cellcom this year. The grants come from Cellcom's cell phone recycling program to fund green nonprofit initiatives. "Cellcom is focused on reducing our negative impact on the environment and investing in projects in our communities that do the same," said Mick O'Malley, director of sustainability at Cellcom.

MISD superintendent Wendell Waukau thanked Cellcom for its gift. "Thank you to Cellcom for being a strong community partner and an advocate for sustainability. Environmental education will be incorporated into every class for every student in our new school. Having our teachers certified is an important first step in making that happen."

Holiday Attendance

It can be tempting to let your student take a few extra days off here and there during the holidays, but it can cause real problems for them later on.

Every day missed is a day of learning to be made up or students can quickly fall behind. And with a long holiday break, they may not be able to catch up in time for the start of school in the new year.

Attendance matters!

KPS Field Trip: Learning About Raptors

Raptors are fascinating animals! KPS 3rd graders recently visited the Navarino Nature Center to learn more about these birds of prey, their habitats, lifespans and eating habits.



KPS Book Blast

We're heading into a reading extravaganza at KPS! Thank you to everyone who helped us raise more than \$14,700 for book purchases. Fun rewards for students including Book Blast Treasure Chests and even an iPad were given away during the past few weeks.

Kendrick Reiter was the top contributor in the school. He earned a \$200 shopping spree for his efforts! Congratulations also goes out to the following students for being the top contributors in their grade level:

- 4k: Killian Kaquatosh
- K: Ember Windorski
- 1st: Winter Pocan
- 2nd: Aiden Pamoncutt
- 4th: Mila Mosqueda
- 5th: Violet Pyawasit

Enjoy your fun rewards! We will celebrate soon with all the books heading our way. Batten down the hatches and get ready for the big delivery! We have a lot of reading to do!

EXPLORING OUR CULTURE

MIMS students recently participated in a series of cultural field trips. As you can tell from these photos of the 6th and 7th grade trip, they enjoyed the great outdoors and learned a lot about taking care of Kokomaesekomekonaw (Mother Nature). Thank you to all, including parents and guardians, who assisted with the trips!



Keeping Students Safe

Keeping our students safe is a priority. Earlier this year at MIHS, bag searches were instituted to ensure only appropriate items are being brought into the school. That approach is now being expanded to include metal detectors as you enter the school.

This is another step in ensuring the safety of our students, teachers, staff and school building. If an inappropriate or harmful item is detected, we are asking the student to be honest about it and hand it over. In the event that an item is not surrendered, we will reach out to families for further assistance.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact Kate Mikle or James Oshkeshequoam at (715) 799-3846.

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