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"He or she who brings stories/news"

Serving Students Now & In the Future *Facility Referendum April 5*

For the past year and a half, the Menominee Indian School District School Board has studied facility needs in the district. Current facilities don't adequately meet changing and evolving educational requirements, growing enrollment and technology needs. The Board has been working with financial and construction consultants to develop a master facility plan while evaluating options and cost estimates. District leadership also met with the Menominee Tribal Legislature to discuss a land swap that will be needed to make the master facility plan a reality. MTL has agreed to work with the District to make that happen.

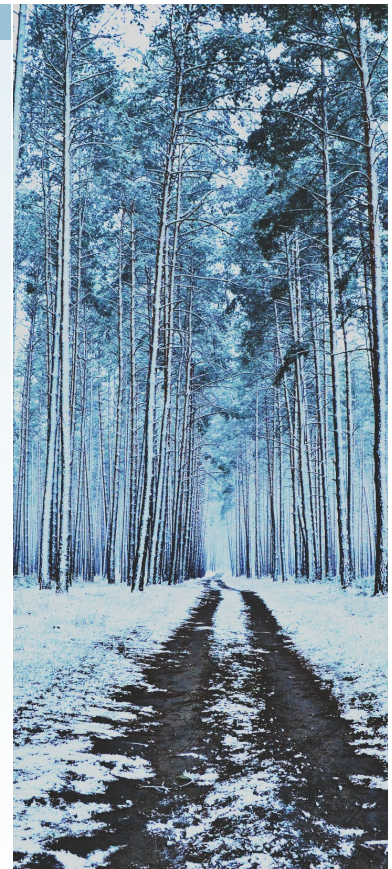
So after careful consideration, and with the support of MTL, the Board has now approved moving forward with a voter referendum. The referendum, to be held April 5, asks voters to approve up to \$35 million in general obligation bonds to pay for the construction of a new high school, converting the existing high school into a middle school, improvements to the elementary school and equipment related to these projects.

In the coming months, community members will have multiple opportunities to learn more about the specifics of the facility plan, and the referendum, as the District will be holding virtual meetings and providing background information.

Please take time to learn more about this important project which will address current as well as future needs of the District. Finally, don't forget to vote on April 5.

School Board Election on April 5

In addition to the school referendum, there will be a school board election on April 5 to fill two seats, one at-large representative and one seat representing Neopit. Watch for more information in future newsletters.



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MISD VISION
Enriching the lives
of our children
through education



Are You Ready for i-Ready?



MIMS teachers are now using i-Ready to help students succeed in reading and math.

What is i-Ready? It is an online program that helps teachers determine your student's needs in those areas and then personalize their learning plans, monitoring progress throughout the school year.

i-Ready is not a separate curriculum, rather it is a supplement to math and reading instruction. It should be especially helpful when we have periods of time with virtual learning. If students are in school, they can also complete i-Ready lessons during their study hall/intervention class periods.

Have questions about i-Ready? Please talk with your student's teacher.

Restoration Day Walk

Despite chilly temperatures, there was a good turnout for the annual Restoration Day march. Students from all schools took part in the march which included an MTPD escort, Veterans, drummers and singers as well as opening and closing ceremonies, with an offering of tobacco at the Wolf River.

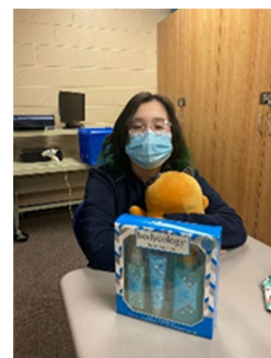


Can We See You?

If your child uses MISD bus transportation, please remember that a parent or guardian must be visible in the house when students are dropped off at the end of the day! We cannot leave students off the bus unless we know someone is home. Thank you for helping make sure your child is safe! Waewaenen!

The Gift of Joy

Receiving an unexpected gift is always a reason to smile and be thankful! That's what happened when the Give Joy project recently provided gifts to MIMS students. Pastor Matt Golie, Keshena Assembly of God Congregation members, donors, and volunteers worked together to provide a special day of giving to students. As you can see by these smiling eyes, the gifts made everyone happy!



Attention Young Artists!



If your student loves art, and is American Indian or Alaskan Native, check out the Wisconsin Indian Education Association Youth Art Contest. Open to Wisconsin students in grades 6-12, this year's theme is "Seeds of Sovereignty."

Art will be judged by selected community members and based on originality, creativity, culturally connected and reflective of the theme. The winning selection will receive \$150 and the runner-up will receive \$50. Art work must be submitted no later than Friday, Feb. 18, 2022.

For additional details, go to: www.wiea.net or contact:

- Audra Williams, Our Ways Coordinator at Indian Community School at (414) 525-6144
- Dr. Mark Powless, Our Ways Director at Indian Community School at (414) 525-6193

Make MISD schools your schools of CHOICE!

Open Enrollment is underway. We encourage your family to choose MISD schools. Why? Because MISD promotes language and culture, student success, health and wellness and provides a great variety of academic, extra-curricular and athletic opportunities. Apply to have your child attend an MISD school. Forms available online, or at the District Office until May 2nd.

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!

Become a Substitute Teacher

Do you want to make a difference in students' lives? Have you ever thought about teaching? It's a great, flexible way to become involved in the educational field. CESA 8 periodically offers Substitute Teacher Training.

By taking the class you'll learn the substitute teaching basics including:

- Policies/Procedures
- Age-appropriate teaching strategies
- Discipline, conflict resolution and classroom management techniques
- Health and safety issues, including handling medical emergencies
- Techniques for starting a class
- The culture of schools and the teaching profession
- Working with lesson plans
- Working with children with disabilities, including confidentiality issues

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. To learn more, go to: www.CESA8.org



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