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Graduation & Promotion Ceremonies



Graduation and promotion ceremonies are always wonderful events to be celebrated!

MIHS Graduation takes place at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25 at the Woodland Bowl (in case of rain, the ceremony will move to the Menominee Resort Banquet facility).

MIMS will hold its 8th grade graduation ceremonies at the school on Thursday, May 26. Students with last names beginning with the letters A-L will participate in a 10 a.m. ceremony and those with last names beginning with the letters M-Z will be at 1 p.m.

KPS ceremonies will take place on Tuesday, May 31 with the Kindergarten promotion ceremony at 9:30 a.m., 4K at 10:30 a.m. and 5th grade at 1:30 p.m.

Congratulations to all of our students participating in these important milestone events. Your hard work paid off. We are proud of you!

Thank You Scholarship Supporters

While the pandemic didn't allow MISD to host a Scholarship Gala this year, we are so fortunate that many of our past supporters stepped forward to make a donation to our fund! A BIG THANK YOU goes out to the following individuals and businesses for their contributions:

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The FRESH Project Visits KPS

The Fresh Project recently visited Mrs. Pedersen's room at Keshena Primary School. The FRESH Project purchases locally grown produce and meats from rural farmers and sets up mobile markets in nine locations of Shawano and Menominee counties. In addition, the organization does outreach and education with local schools; and that's what brought the project to KPS.

The FRESH Project's Dave and Barb Mendoza worked with students throughout the month of May to help them learn about gardening and plants. Among the many activities they participated in, students took seeds and put them into soil pods to get them ready for the school garden.

This effort will continue during Summer School when the Garden Club will plant and harvest from the garden as they continue learning about fruits, vegetables, soil and other subjects connected to gardening.

Watch for facilities updates on social media, the MISD website and future newsletters.

Facilities Update

With voters approving the school referendum, planning is now underway for a new high school.

The school board has approved Miron as the contractor, and they will begin their community engagement process in the next few months as they develop design plans for the school. Ground-breaking is expected to take place in the spring of 2023, with the school opening in the fall of 2024.

Trip of a Lifetime



Eleven students from Ms. Willard's social studies class recently had an experience of a lifetime: traveling to Washington D.C. to learn about civics, government, and history.

Students visited monuments, participated in presentations and went to Capitol Hill where they met with U.S. Senators Tammy Baldwin and Ron Johnson as well as Congressman Mike Gallagher. They also met students from across

the country, including other Native American students.

The trip was made possible by the Close Up Foundation. Thank you to everyone who helped fundraise or made donations, with a special shoutout to our Veterans, MITW and Alumni.



Interesting + Engaging + Educational = Summer School

Summertime learning doesn't have to be a chore. MISD is focused on making summer school interesting, engaging and educational for everyone. Summer school, for MIHS & MIMS, starts on Monday June 6, and will run Monday through Thursday mornings (8 a.m. – Noon), until July 7. All classes will be in-person, with breakfast and lunch provided.

For the **High School**, classes will be hands on and, for each class a student completes, they will earn a ½ credit. MIHS students can sign up for one elective, one core class and one P.E. class. At **MIMS**, students will be able to choose from a wide variety of classes and learning activities such as cooking, gardening, cultural arts and games, robotics and more.

KPS summer school runs 8 a.m. to Noon, Mondays through Thursdays, June 13-July 21, with breakfast and lunch provided. Classes will focus on math and literacy, incorporated into unique and fun activities.

"Summer gives us the opportunity to do things a little differently than during the regular school year," explained Superintendent Wendell Waukau. "All of the classes and activities incorporate important skills. It's an educational boost all the way around."

Bus transportation will be provided to students living within the district boundaries. For students living in Shawano, transportation will be arranged through Menominee Tribal transit system.

Beautiful & Traditional Ribbon Skirts

What a special day for the girls in Mrs. DeFere's class! They were recently gifted with ribbon skirts thanks to the talents of Jwin Zillier. As you can see from the photo, the girls loved them and wore them all day long. Thank you Jwin for sharing your talents and for helping our young students learn about the tradition and history of ribbon skirts!



Thank You Chuck Raasch

Congratulations to Chuck Raasch, who is retiring after 32 years with MISD. He spent his entire educational career serving our students.



Mr. Raasch started as a special education teacher and, through the years, he's held a variety of roles including coach, athletic director, assistant principal and principal. Most recently, he's served as MIHS principal and the district's AD.

When asked about his favorite memories, he said two things stand out. "Watching students grow through education; seeing them grow up has been truly special," he stated.

"And I would add that the promotion and graduation ceremonies are special."

While Mr. Raasch is retiring, he's going to be busy with golfing, fishing, gardening and spending more time with his grandchildren.

Congratulations Mr. Raasch and thank you – we will miss you!

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