

Mehlville Messenger

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Personalized learning: Providing student choice and student voice

From kindergarten through senior year, students have an increasing say in how and what they learn. It's called personalized learning, and it's part of the district's strategy to increase student engagement and prepare students for life after graduation.

"Personalized learning helps students because it empowers them to be active participants in their education. And what student doesn't like having a say in their path?" explained Alicia Landers, Mehlville's director of curriculum technology. "By allowing students to have a voice and make choices, they become more engaged and excited about their learning. Students learn at a deeper level, remember the experience, and are better able to transfer the skills into their daily lives and throughout their future."

Elementary teachers embrace personalized learning in many ways, said Sarah Fahrner, director of elementary curriculum. "There are a variety of ways for our kids to learn our curriculum and meet grade-level standards, and our teachers

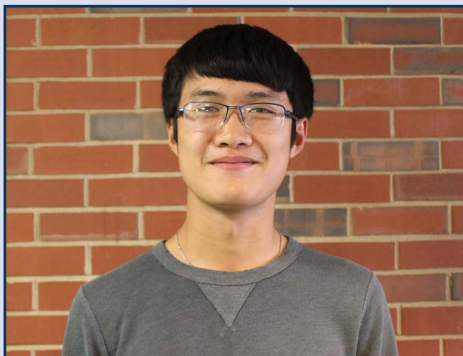
are really doing a great job of making learning meaningful and personalized to each child."

- Rather than presenting long lessons to the entire class, teachers rely on shorter lessons so they can provide opportunities for activity stations, custom instruction to small groups of students, and independent learning on Chromebooks.
- Students often engage in project-based learning, which allows them to gain knowledge and skills by investigating and responding to a question, problem or challenge — sometimes of their own choosing.
- Several teachers, including those at MOSAIC Elementary, provide students with learning menus on their Chromebooks. Menus contain activities students must complete and others they can choose to complete.
- In most classes, students can sit or stand where they feel most comfortable.

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Seniors pursue their interests while gaining career, college experiences

Many seniors cap their high school career with a personalized learning experience through MyPath, St. Louis Centers for Advanced Professional Studies (STLCAPS) or other program. Here is what that experience looks like for four seniors.



William Ho

Mehlville High School
MyPath in Nanotechnology and Physics

Having exhausted all of the physics course offerings at Mehlville High, Ho has been shadowing a St. Louis University physics professor. He's also observing the research done by students in the field of nanomaterials and condensed material.



Lee Kreutzman

Mehlville High School
STLCAPS in technology solutions and logistics, and internship at the MHS 1:1 technology help desk

In addition to building websites for clients through STLCAPS, Kreutzman also has an internship at school. Working alongside a district technician in the school's 1:1 office, Kreutzman troubleshoots and fixes problems with student Chromebooks.



Mia Lukic

Oakville High School
MyPath in Womens and Gender Studies and Nonprofit Leadership

On any given day, Lukic might be networking with professionals or volunteering for a nonprofit. "There is not a womens and gender studies class at Oakville. MyPath is a good opportunity for students who don't have a class that fits what they want to do," she said.



Lily Zahrai

Oakville High School
STLCAPS in medicine, health care and bioscience

"My ultimate goal is to be a cardiothoracic surgeon with a pediatric specialty," Zahrai said. Through CAPS, she's already having experiences typically reserved for medical students, like observing open heart surgeries and making presentations to physicians.

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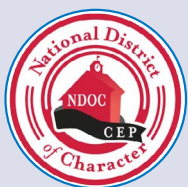
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Mehlville School District

FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

The stories behind school data dashboards

Samantha Stormer



Throughout the 2018-2019 school year, Mehlville principals are sharing their school's data dashboard presentations at Board of Education meetings. While the presentations are packed with numbers and charts, our principals are placing a heavy emphasis on the stories behind the data, and how the data shapes their strategies. These are powerful presentations that help me, fellow board members and the community understand the successes and challenges faced by each of our 19 schools. So far this year, we have heard from four schools.

Trautwein Elementary shared that one in five of their students are learning the English language, and one in five receive special education services. These students have achievement gaps as compared to their peers. As a result, Trautwein staff are using co-teaching as a strategy to better support these students. Also, to help make sure kindergartners have the best start possible, Trautwein used flexible placement. Students entering kindergarten did not know who their teacher would be on the first day this year. Instead, they were team-taught while teachers got to know



Kindergartners started school at Trautwein this year without a classroom assignment. This allowed teachers to get to know all the students in order to make smart classroom placements.

them and determined appropriate classroom placement. The program has resulted in a more peaceful year in kindergarten classrooms.

We've also heard that **Wohlwend Elementary** is working to improve their math achievement scores through continuous classroom improvement efforts. Principal Dave Meschke is co-teaching fifth-grade math in a classroom with a high number of students with special education needs. By analyzing their math data, Wohlwend has found strengths in problem-solving and addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Place value and geometric concepts are more of a struggle, and staff are using this information to guide instruction.

At **Beasley Elementary**, more than half of the student population receives free or reduced price meals. Staff know that when families struggle with basic needs, students have difficulty focusing in school. That's why Beasley now offers free universal breakfast to all students and several other assistance programs for families who might need help. The school is also building stronger partnerships with all of their families by offering the Home Works program, which allows teachers to make home visits.

Bernard Middle discovered that students with individualized education plans scored significantly lower than their peers on MAP tests. To help decrease this gap, Bernard is enhancing collaboration between general education teachers and Special School District teachers for math and English language arts. The number of co-taught classes is up from 17 to 22 this school year. The school is also using flexible student grouping to provide targeted instruction for those who need it.

We are looking forward to hearing stories from the rest of our schools at future board meetings.

Board members present at state conference



Board members Jean Pretto, Larry Felton, Kevin Schartner and Peggy Hassler presented at the Missouri School Boards Association Conference on governance, leadership and accountability. The Mehlville Board of Education received the 2018 Outstanding Board of Education award in Governance, Leadership and Accountability.

Board of Education candidate filing

Any person wishing to file for the Mehlville School District Board of Education may do so in the Mehlville School District Administration Building located at 3120 Lemay Ferry Road, St. Louis, MO 63125 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. beginning Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2018, through Monday, Jan. 14, 2019. The final day for filing will be Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2019, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. An election for two seats on the board will be held Tuesday, April 2, 2019. The seats carry a three-year term.

The office will be closed on Monday, Dec. 24, 2018, through Thursday, Jan. 3, 2019, for winter break. No filings will be accepted on dates when the office is closed or when school is closed for inclement weather. For more information visit mehlvilleschooldistrict.com or call 314-467-5000.



State of the District: Looking to a brighter future

During my annual State of the District address this fall, I shared the past, present and future of Mehlville School District.

We've come a long way since our first-known school, Point School, started holding classes in 1840. The 1800s and 1900s saw rapid growth in schools, student population and, most recently, in innovation in education. With all of these changes, I find it helpful to take stock of our present reality.

Where we are today

Unlike the growth we've seen in the past, now we're seeing enrollment decline. We have more diversity than ever — more than 50 languages are spoken by our students. We also have a larger percentage of students living in poverty.

Today, our students no longer sit in rows and listen to instruction all day like they did in the past. They have a variety of learning tools and technology at their fingertips. They sit where they feel comfortable and can even direct their own learning.

We have a strategic plan that guides our work. The first goal of our plan is student preparation, and within that goal, we focus on student engagement, continuous improvement and innovation. Our second goal is teacher support, and our third goal is being an effective and efficient system.

Our Portrait of a Graduate also guides our work. This portrait answers an important question: What are the skills and attributes we want our students to have attained by graduation? Our answer is this: We want them to be ethical and global citizens, creative and critical thinkers, self-aware, persistent, and good communicators.



Our budget has improved in recent years, but it's still thin. The state transportation formula is underfunded by \$190 million. The state legislature continues to change the formula for how it funds public schools, reducing funds paid to school districts. Our blended tax rate is the third lowest in the county, even after a tax increase.

Our salaries are behind our competitors. Many would like to see us expand some education programs, but we simply don't have the resources. We have 1.8 million square feet of facilities under roof, and in the current fiscal year, we are funding repairs at just \$1.50 per square foot. We have more needs than funds, and we are falling behind.

Our last significant investment in facilities was in 2000. The 2016 voter-approved tax transfer of 4 cents only funds roofs and HVAC and will sunset after 10 years. Meanwhile, most other school districts in the county have passed capital investments on a cyclical basis. Most have made three significant investments in facilities since 2001.

Board of Education sets blended tax rate at \$4.1480

The Mehlville Board of Education unanimously approved the 2018 blended tax rate of \$4.1480. The blended rate is an average rate of the residential, commercial, agricultural and personal property tax rates. The blended rate includes the \$0.04 temporary tax for Prop A, which ends in 2025.

The tax rates for 2018-2019 by category are as follows: Residential: \$4.0894; Commercial: \$4.0605; Agricultural: \$4.6206; Personal property: \$4.5374.

Our parents have told us that we need improved HVAC. Twelve buildings need HVAC replaced before 2021, but these buildings are not even on the schedule because we have higher priorities. Parents also tell us we need better parking, upgraded restroom facilities, and improved security and safety features.

What's in our future?

In spite of today's reality, I think we have a bright future. One reason is because we've planned our work to align with our strategic plan. For example, we currently have a schedule for updating and improving curriculum. We have a plan for staff development and a schedule for innovative learning. We also have a schedule for capital improvements and repairs. We are working to get caught up, and we're making short-term decisions to achieve our goals.

The second reason I'm optimistic about our future is because **we have a unique opportunity in 2020 to invest in facilities and operations without an increase in the tax rate.** In 2020, we will have paid off enough of our 2000 lease purchase to transfer about 47 cents to a new investment in facilities. We can start down the path of our fellow St. Louis County school districts that make cyclical investments in facilities. In order to place something on the 2020 ballot, there is important work that has to be done by a steering committee, our administration and the Board of Education over the next few months. However, Mehlville School District belongs to the community. And ultimately, the community will decide if 2020 is the time to make a major investment in its schools.

[Click here](#) to watch the entire State of the District address.



Gone are the days of students sitting in rows listening to teachers present. Today, instruction is personalized to students, and whole-class instruction is just one tool a teacher might employ.

Voters approved Prop A in April 2016, which increased the district's capital projects fund by 4 cents, with a subsequent reduction in the debt service fund of 4 cents. Prop A has a 10-year sunset, and funds are being used to complete roofing projects throughout the district. To date, Prop A funds have been used for roofing projects at Beasley, Forder, Oakville High, Point, Trautwein, Washington Middle and Wohlwend.

STUDENT DISTINCTIONS

Outstanding Student Leaders

Mehlville High School senior **Kaitlyn Kirkley** and Oakville High School senior **Mia Lukic** were named Outstanding Student Leaders by St. Louis County Department of Human Services. The Outstanding Student Leadership Program provides training and recognition to youth in St. Louis County, assisting youth with the development of the skills they need to be effective leaders and citizens. One senior from each county high school is nominated annually by his or her principal for participation in a leadership conference and recognition ceremony.



Kaitlyn Kirkley



Mia Lukic

Do The Right Thing award

Xavier Brockes, a seventh-grader at Buerkle Middle School, received a Do The Right Thing award for saving his little sister from drowning this summer. The Do The Right Thing award is a collaborative effort by several police departments and businesses to recognize good things children are doing in the community.



Xavier Brockes

Ultimate Tourist winner

A sixth-grade student at Buerkle Middle School won the Explore St. Louis Ultimate Tourist Contest. **Dominic Spain** received a monetary prize, and his winning essay and video are published on ExploreStLouis.com for a year.



Dominic Spain

National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists

Mehlville High School senior **Harrison Hong** and Oakville High School senior **Morgan Allen** were named 2019 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists. Semifinalists represent less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors and include students who scored the highest on the 2017 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test in each state. **Megan Shroff** from Mehlville High, and **Meredith Bayer** and **Caitlin Blanchard** from Oakville High received Letters of Commendation.



Harrison Hong



Morgan Allen

All Academic, All-State recognition

Kiya Conners, a senior at Oakville High School, received a Track Academic All-State recognition in 2018 from Missouri Track and Cross Country Coaches Association. The award recognizes student athletes who participate in a state series meet and also score 25 or higher on the ACT, 1150 or higher on the SAT or have a cumulative GPA of 3.6. Conners also received an All-State award for placing 7th in the 100 meter hurdles last season.



Kiya Conners

Federal Reserve Bank student board of directors

Emma Mueller, Oakville High senior, was selected to the 2018-2019 Student Board of Directors at the Federal Reserve Bank along with 17 other St. Louis high school seniors. Seniors from across the greater St. Louis area are selected based on a rigorous application process, which includes an essay and letters of recommendation. On the board, students gain a thorough understanding of the Federal Reserve's role in the U.S. economy and experience its unique partnerships with banks, businesses and the community.



Emma Mueller

State Tennis awards

Three students from Mehlville School District advanced to the state tournament for girls tennis. **Alyson Piskulic**, senior at Mehlville High School, placed third in the state singles championship. **Bella Hong**, Oakville High School freshman, and **Callie Balin**, Oakville High School junior, also played in the doubles state tournament.



Alyson Piskulic

AASA Scholarship

Addie Martin, Mehlville High junior, and **Demi Elrod**, Oakville High junior, the 2017-2018 student advisers to the Mehlville Board of Education, each received \$500 scholarships in recognition for their service. Chris Gaines, superintendent, presented the scholarships, which were funded by AASA, the School Superintendents Association.



(L-R) Addie Martin, Dr. Chris Gaines, Demi Elrod

Eagle Scouts

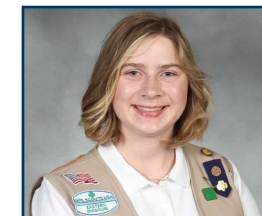
Four Oakville High School students, junior **Colin Akers**, and seniors **Matthew Chenot**, **Andrew Darmody** and **Shaun Ludwig**, attained the rank of Eagle Scout from Boy Scouts of America.



(L-R) Shaun Ludwig, Andrew Darmody, Colin Akers, and Matthew Chenot

Girl Scout Gold Award

Brooke Frost, senior at Oakville High School recently earned the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest achievement in Girl Scouting. By earning the award, Frost exemplifies a leader who has transformed an idea for change into an actionable plan with a sustainable impact. She received her award by creating learning activities that strengthen children's cognitive skills.



Brooke Frost

Kiwanis Terrific Kids Awards

The South County Kiwanis presented several students with Terrific Kids awards. At Beasley Elementary, **Mariam Aburas**, **Tyler Hayes**, **Xavier Harris** and **Dominic Castaldi** received awards. At Bierbaum Elementary, **Alex Griesheimer**, **Izad Saeed**, **Adina Hukic** and **Riley Schwartze** received awards.



Back row (L-R): Pauline Roth and Roy Wunsch with South County Kiwanis, and Beasley Principal Andrea Deane. Front row (L-R): Mariam Aburas, Tyler Hayes, Xavier Harris, Dominic Castaldi.

Back row (L-R): Pauline Roth, Bierbaum Principal Nathan Burch, Assistant Principal Paul Morris, Linda Bowen. Front row (L-R): Alex Griesheimer, Izad Saeed, Adina Hukic and Riley Schwartze.



STAFF DISTINCTIONS

Lauren Cumming named Missouri Assistant Principal of the Year

Lauren Cumming, assistant principal at Bernard Middle School has been named the Missouri Assistant Principal of the Year by the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals (MoASSP).

The award recognizes an outstanding assistant principal who demonstrates a positive impact on education and advocacy for students, ensures the school climate is positive and reflects high staff and student morale. The Missouri Assistant Principal of the Year also must demonstrate creativity and imagination in bringing about positive change and be willing to take risks to improve student learning, according to award criteria.

“Lauren is a servant leader who commits herself to constant professional development, and she



(L-R) Clark Mershon, executive director of Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals (MoASSP); Lauren Cumming, assistant principal at Bernard Middle; Ed Gettemeier, president of MoASSP; and Doug Mirts, program director at MoASSP.

encourages her staff to do the same,” said Jeff Bresler, assistant superintendent – supervision of schools. “She is a lead learner who studies alongside her teachers so that she can serve as a resource and guide to do what is best for each individual student. Lauren’s passion for education and learning extends to many as she presents STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics) initiatives throughout the district and at conferences across the state. We are very proud of her and excited for her to receive this award.”

This is Cumming’s third year as assistant principal at Bernard. Prior to that she taught foreign language at Oakville Middle School.

[Click here](#) to learn more about Lauren Cumming.

Outstanding Service of a School Nurse

Pam Frederich, school nurse at Oakville High School, received the Outstanding Service of a School Nurse award from the St. Louis Suburban School Nurses’ Association. Frederich, who has served as a school nurse for Mehlville School District for more than 20 years, was specifically recognized for her work with diabetic students. Frederich founded the Diabetic Corner, a support group for students with diabetes.

It’s not just her work with diabetic students that makes Frederich a wonderful nurse, said Jan Kellerman, principal at Oakville High School.

“Pam is an integral part of my team. I couldn’t survive without her here,” Kellerman said. “She’s good with the kids and the staff. In an emergency she is an absolute level head, and she’s super knowledgeable about the health conditions our students face.”



Pam Frederich

Grant recipients

Cathy Schultz, computer technology teacher at Buerkle Middle School, received a \$500 grant from the Missouri Retired Teachers Association (MRTA). The money will be used to purchase Raspberry Pis, single-board computers that promote the teaching of basic computer science and programming.



(L-R): Nancy Craig, MRTA; Buerkle Principal Jim Kern; Sandy Applegate, MRTA; Pat Lane, MRTA; and Buerkle teacher Cathy Schultz

Heather Langlois, first-grade teacher at Beasley Elementary School, received a \$500 grant from Scholastic Book Clubs Giveaway to purchase books for her classroom. She’s using the funds for books that reflect the diversity of her students and that get students excited about science, technology, engineering and math topics.



Heather Langlois and students show off their new books.

High-Flying Teacher

Christopher Ahrens, eighth-grade social studies teacher at Bernard Middle School, received a High Flying Teacher award from the Y98 Courtney and Company Morning Show. Courtney Landrum, Tim Convy and Kevin Berghoff with Y98 surprised Ahrens with the award in September. Ahrens’ nomination comes from Kim Hasty, whose son, Ryan, was in his class last year.

“When you have a child with a disability, you long for someone to see beyond the ‘label,’ to see the real person,” Hasty wrote in her nomination. “Mr. Ahrens did that and more, seeing not only the person, but the potential in our son, Ryan. Ryan felt successful, confident, competent and valued in Mr. Ahrens class. He pulled Ryan out from the shadow of others and let him shine. He inspired Ryan. ‘He believed in me,’ Ryan said with tears. Each of us has one teacher we will always remember for how they impacted our lives and Mr. Ahrens was that teacher for Ryan.”

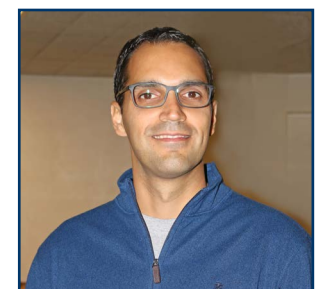


(L-R) Kim Hasty, Chris Ahrens, Courtney Landrum (front), Kevin Berghoff, Tim Convy

Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award

Renato Durante, music teacher at Wohlwend Elementary, received the Emerson Excellence in Teaching award. The award recognizes educators who are examples of excellence in their field.

“We are so very fortunate to have Renato among our school community,” said Julie Durham, Wohlwend assistant principal. “He is a passionate, dedicated educator who goes above and beyond for our students every single day. Renato has a true growth mindset and strives to bring new, innovative ideas to his classroom that excite and motivate students to be their very best. Outside the classroom, our students have had the pleasure of being part of countless musical performances that Renato has created. Each one continues to raise the bar in creativity and uniqueness. Our students are so lucky to have such a wonderful educator each year of their elementary school experience!” [Click here](#) to learn more about Renato Durante.



Renato Durante

Beasley strengthens family-school partnerships via Home Works



Bielle, Shane and Brandon Grimes participate in the Beasley Family Dinner in September.

About 70 families attended the Beasley Elementary Home Works family dinner in September. This kick-off event introduced families to the Home Works program, which strengthens relationships between families and teachers. Teachers make 30-minute “house calls” to participating families with the goal of developing partnerships to improve students’ academic achievement, and to enhance the support parents provide at home.

Ryan Owens, father of a Beasley student, spoke at the Mehlville Board of Education meeting in October about the program. Owens was hesitant at first to join Home Works, he said. “Quickly, we realized that this is actually bridging the relationship between education and family. The program has done such amazing things for my son,” Owens said.

Technology milestone: A laptop for every student

In November, Oakville Elementary received a delivery of Chromebooks that marked an important milestone for Mehlville School District. With these new devices, the district officially had one laptop for every student enrolled in kindergarten through grade 12.

“I believe that the opportunity for all students to have access to technology levels the playing field and creates equitable opportunities,” said Brian Smith, assistant superintendent for curriculum and professional development. “To me, there are two foundational pieces that all students should have in order to be successful: the support of literacy instruction, and the support of technology instruction. Technology instruction includes students from kindergarten through high school having access and the opportunity to learn more about technology. We’re incredibly proud to be putting computers in the hands of every student.”

The Mehlville technology department has deployed and supported more than 10,000 Chromebooks over the past 2.5 years.



Isad Menkovic, a third-grade student at Oakville Elementary School, completes a math lesson on a Chromebook. Mehlville School District now supports one Chromebook for every elementary, middle and high school student.

Point celebrates Fine Arts Day, receives Eagle-themed art



Artist Ryan Meyer talks to students about the eagle he carved for Point’s outdoor classroom.

Point Elementary School celebrated their first fine arts day in October. “Point Elementary students love celebrating the arts all year long,” said Shannon Pike, principal at Point. “This year our art teacher and music teacher, Mrs. Eatherton and Ms. Wetzel, arranged for several local artists to visit Point Elementary School, showcasing their talents and highlighting how art skills can develop into fun and engaging careers.”

Two working artists, Ryan Meyer from the Wood Den; and Jamie Wyatt, a Point parent; discussed their work with students, and each gave Point an original work of art.

Employment Opportunity: Transportation Mechanic

Mehlville School District is hiring a full-time mechanic to work in our transportation department. For more information about this position and all open positions, please visit mehvilleschooldistrict.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx



Elementary students raise almost \$3,000 for hurricane relief



(L-R): Jeremy Booker, principal of Blades Elementary, and several Blades students present a check to Larincia Hambrick and Gina Joly from the American Red Cross. Blades was one of several elementary schools to raise money for hurricane relief.

Mehlville School District elementary students made donations to the American Red Cross to wear their hats to school on Friday, Sept. 28. Their efforts paid off, and students presented a check for \$2,926.80 to the Red Cross for their relief efforts.

“Empathy and a desire to help the broader community are two of the traits we hope all Mehlville students develop prior to graduation,” said Jeff Bresler, assistant superintendent – supervision of schools for Mehlville School District. “It’s wonderful to see our young students excited about their ability to make a difference in the lives of others. They are well on their way to being ethical and global citizens.”

Students cast their ballots

Students throughout Mehlville elementary schools “cast” their ballots in October and November. These early voters learned about the civic act of voting during the Kids Voting election. Students in kindergarten through third grade filled out a special ballot about their favorite things and issues facing young kids. Fourth- and fifth-graders completed a ballot that contained some general election issues.

Kids Voting is a nonpartisan voter education program. Students learn about the democratic process, learn how to register to vote and cast ballots in a Kids Voting election. Mehlville’s middle and high schools also participate in Kids Voting.



Zachary Rohr, fifth-grade student at Forder Elementary School works at the Kids Voting polling station at the school, helping younger students complete their special ballot and handing out stickers.

First responders dine free



Students serve members of the St. Louis County Police Department during their annual Patriot Barbecue.

There is such thing as a free lunch! At least there is at Bernard Middle School, where the student council hosts a Patriot Barbecue on Sept. 11 for area first responders. Bernard was one of several Mehlville schools to honor police, firefighters, paramedics, members of the military and other first responders on Patriot Day.

Student choice, student voice (continued from page 1)

- Maker spaces and the MySci science curriculum encourage students to create and experiment in ways that are meaningful to their learning.

In middle school, there are additional opportunities for personalized learning. This year, all four middle schools adopted an eight-period schedule, allowing students to enroll in two electives as opposed to one. Many students chose to take Project Lead the Way (PLTW) courses, which cover subjects like robotics, computer science, architecture and medicine.

PLTW is also at the high schools, as are a variety of elective options to allow students to pursue what they’re passionate about.

- Students can create their own class around a project or topic of interest via MyPath. Students have created MyPath programs in journalism, education, neuroscience, finance and computer science to name a few.
- Mehlville School District participates in St. Louis Centers for Advanced Professional Studies, a program that allows juniors and seniors to test-drive future careers in global business and entrepreneurship; technology solutions and logistics; engineering and advanced manufacturing; or medicine, health care and bioscience. Students spend part of their school day at workplaces where they complete projects and shadow professionals.
- High school students can also take virtual courses or spend part of their day at South County Technical School, where they can take career and technical education classes.

“Throughout the district, we recognize and embrace that teaching in the 21st century requires a student-centered approach,” said Amanda Zink, director of secondary curriculum. “We have fantastic teachers here in Mehlville who are ready to meet our kids’ unique needs.”

Kindergarten registration for 2019-2020 starts in January

The Mehlville School District will register kindergarten students for the 2019-2020 school year from Jan. 28-Feb. 1, 2019, with the exception of MOSAIC students (see below). The registration will occur at the individual schools. Children born before Aug. 1, 2014, may register for kindergarten (no exceptions).

Parents and/or legal guardians will need to call the school their child will be attending to register. If you're not sure what your home elementary school is, you can look it up using this online map tool, mangomap.com/mehlville-school-district/maps/60991/. Appointment times will be available during regular school hours and also on the evening of Thursday, Jan. 31, from 4 to 7 p.m.

IMPORTANT:

Please bring the following documents at the time of registration:

1. Child's birth certificate issued by the state in which your child was born.
2. Medically documented immunization records
3. Proof of parent/guardian's residency. Must have **ONE** item from **EACH** list.
All documents provided **must be current**:

List A

- Mortgage statement
- Real estate tax bill
- Residential lease – Signed by both parties (enrolling student name required on lease if minors are allowed on lease agreement)
- Rental agreement – Signed by both parties (enrolling student name required on lease if minors are allowed on rental agreement)
- Rent receipts (if printed name of apartment/condominium complex is on the receipt, otherwise not valid)
- Landlord verification (*written on letterhead*)
- Homeowner's policy

List B

- Unpaid utility bill
- Verification of service from a utility provider
- Personal property tax invoice
- Welfare, Social Security, or other legal or court documents
- Municipal occupancy permit
- Pay stub or bank statement (*with current name and address*)

Please call your home school to schedule an appointment:

School	Hours	Phone
Beasley Elementary	8:00 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.	467-5400
Bierbaum Elementary	8:45 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.	467-5500
Blades Elementary	8:00 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.	467-7300
Forder Elementary	8:45 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.	467-5600
Hagemann Elementary	8:45 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.	467-5700
Oakville Elementary	8:45 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.	467-5800
Point Elementary	8:45 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.	467-5900
Rogers Elementary	8:45 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.	467-6300
Trautwein Elementary	8:45 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.	467-6400
Wohlwend Elementary	8:45 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.	467-6500

Note: If parent/guardian is living with a Mehlville resident, a notarized Building Affidavit of Proof of Residency must be filled out by the parent/guardian AND the Mehlville resident. The affidavit is located at the school and must be notarized by the school secretary. Proof of residency is required for the Mehlville resident.

4. Custody papers (court appointed documents, divorce decree, DFS placement papers, foster care) which states custody rights.
5. IEP and evaluation, if the student currently is receiving Special Education Services.

In addition, parents and/or legal guardians will be asked to provide the name, address and phone numbers of the child's doctor, along with the phone numbers of parent's and/or legal guardian's employers, and two emergency contact names and phone numbers. **Until all of the above material is received, your child cannot be enrolled in the Mehlville School District.**

Registration packets can be picked up at all Mehlville School District elementary schools at the beginning of December, and some forms can also be downloaded from our website beginning in November at mehlvilleschooldistrict.com.

All kindergarten students entering Mehlville School District must provide a record of physical examination to their attendance school prior to Aug. 1, 2019.

To better serve the families of the Mehlville School District, it is important that all parents and/or legal guardians register their child during this time period. By doing so, the district can properly plan for student assignment and transportation needs.

MOSAIC Elementary accepting kindergarten applications for the 2019-2020 school year

MOSAIC Elementary provides a personalized learning experience where instruction and authentic learning opportunities are based on academic and social needs. Teachers use a variety of tools, including one-to-one technology to explore the curriculum and foster a love of learning.

MOSAIC Elementary (3701 Will Ave.) will hold a Parent Information Night on Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019, from 6-7 p.m. for all parents who are interested in their child attending

kindergarten at MOSAIC Elementary for the 2019-2020 school year.

The kindergarten application for MOSAIC Elementary will be available online at mosaic.mehlvilleschooldistrict.com beginning Jan. 11, 2019. **Only online applications will be accepted.** The online application closes on Jan. 25. Following a lottery, parents will be notified of acceptance by March 1.

For more information call 314-467-7900 or visit mosaic.mehlvilleschooldistrict.com beginning Dec. 4.



MOSAIC Elementary kindergartner Summer Ly enjoys her first year.

Parent education, support available through Parents as Teachers

Being a parent is hard work, and Mehlville School District is ready to help you educate your child and prepare him or her for school. Mehlville Parents as Teachers (PAT) serves families throughout pregnancy until their child enters kindergarten.

PAT parent educators meet with families during personalized home visits to provide evidence-based child development and parenting information, developmental screenings for your child and community resource information for your family. Parent educators are district employees with a background in education, social work or child development.

Family participation in the program is voluntary and services are provided free of charge. To enroll in Parents as Teachers, visit mehlvilleschooldistrict.com/parents/parents_as_teachers or call 314-467-5304.

Your baby was born to learn and you are your child's first and most important teacher! Let PAT help you in your journey.

"Everybody is here in the best interest of the kids. It's nice to know that I'm not the only one going through this. Everybody probably has sleep issues with their kids, or they are having stress, or learning how to use the potty. It's nice to be able to bounce things off another person." ~ Corey Cliffe



Book giveaway for young kids, courtesy of literacy grant

The St. Louis County Library has awarded Parents as Teachers 500 books and 25 literacy bags through the Spotlight on Literacy Grant. Parent educators will be giving a book to every family in the program and bringing the literacy bags on upcoming home visits. The Mehlville Parents as Teachers program is committed to promoting early literacy within our community, and this partnership supports their mission.



Parents as Teachers staff display new literacy materials.

Upcoming PAT Events

The following events will be held at John Cary Early Childhood Center, 3155 Koch Road, St. Louis, MO 63125. Preregistration is required. Call Linda at 314-467-5304 or email delarberl@msdr9.org.

Mommy and Me | Friday, Nov. 16, 2018 | 10-11 a.m.

Meet M.O.M.S. Club members and learn about their organization during this fun playdate for moms and children ages birth through kindergarten. Children can participate in gross motor playtime in the multi-purpose room while you play along and meet new friends.

Out of This World | Friday, Nov. 30, 2018 | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

3-2-1 ... Join us as we blast off on an outer space adventure exploring a galaxy of stars. This night for your child ages 2-5 and dad, uncle, grandpa or other special male guest will be out of this world!

Charge Yoga | Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018 | Adults and children ages 12 mos. to kindergarten

6-6:45 p.m. for children 12-36 mos.

6:45-7:30 p.m. for children 3-5 years old

Charge Yoga provides a safe, fun environment for children to explore and express their imagination and emotions. Programs may incorporate music, storytelling, drawing and other natural types of child's play, in addition to various movements and breathing exercises.

Notes from the Mehlville-Oakville Alumni Association

Upcoming Reunions

The Oakville High All Class Reunion is Saturday, Dec. 1, at 8 p.m. at the JC Supper Club (9053 Riverview Drive, 63137). For tickets, use Cash App to pay \$25 to \$SHARRONMARTIN before Nov. 17. No tickets will be sold at the door.

The Mehlville High School Class of 1969 50-year reunion will be Sept. 21, 2019. Contact Jan Beckmeier Chrismer, chrismer@rlblaw.com, for info.

Other Events

Ladies Bunco is the second Wednesday of every month at the Mehlville-Oakville Alumni Association (MOAA), 2625 Telegraph Road. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and bunco starts at 7 p.m. The cost is \$5 and includes games, light drinks and snacks, and attendance prizes.

MOAA and Upcycle Treasure Box has an indoor yard sale on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., at 2625 Telegraph Road.

11th Annual Trivia Night is Feb. 1, 2019, at Andre's Banquet Center on Telegraph Road. Cost is \$30 per person or \$250 for table of 10. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; trivia starts 7:30 p.m. Price includes food, drinks, 50/50 and raffle.

Email mhsosalumniconnection@yahoo.com to participate in the Christmas Cookie Exchange with your specialty cookie and preferred exchange date of either Nov. 18, Dec. 2 or 9.

MOAA meetings are 6:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month at MOAA. Two class reps from each class should attend two meetings a year.



Community Enrichment - Winter/Spring Classes

Mehlville Community Enrichment is offering several classes for children and adults to enjoy this winter and spring! The complete list of classes (including class location, day and time) can be found online at mehlvilleschooldistrict.com. Please note, Community Enrichment is now using RevTrak for all online registrations.

CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

Abra-Kid-Abra: (Grades 1-5) Students will develop presentation skills and confidence in front of a group and build creativity and thinking skills, all while having fun with magic. \$75

Art Time (Grades 1-6) Students will create a variety of paintings and drawings with an experienced art teacher. Classes are held at Oakville High School. Please refer to the website for a supply list. \$30

Bricks 4 Kidz (Grades K-5) New projects! Build machines, skyscrapers, vehicles and other structures out of motorized LEGO bricks. Models of varying degrees of difficulty are offered to accommodate the age range of the class. \$95

Cheer (Grades K-7) The class will focus on the fundamentals of cheerleading such as motion, technique, jumps, dance, stunting and basic tumbling. A pom-pom routine will be taught which will be performed on the final day of class. \$60

Chess (Grades K-12) Interactive lessons that are followed by casual and competitive chess games. \$125

Jewelry Creations (Grades K-8) Learn the basics of jewelry making while working with beads, charms, metal stamping, Shrinky Dinks and more! Materials will be provided. \$90

Little Dental School (Grades K-5) This class uses the power of role-play, hands-on demonstrations, crafts, and games to simulate a mini-dental school experience. Little Dental School will teach the principles of a healthy mouth and oral hygiene by encouraging the students to assume the role of a dentist. Each child receives a diploma, disposable lab coat, toothbrush cover, tooth cookie-cutter and more. \$95

Little Sports Medicine School (Grades 3-5) With your white coat and reflex hammer, learn how real doctors do an assessment for sports injuries. Learn about common problems from playing sports such as sprains, strains, and athlete's foot and how to diagnosis and treat them. Learn what it is like to be an orthopedic surgeon and perform Tommy John Surgery. Make a model of the hand and see how the tendons and ligaments work and what can go wrong. \$95

Little Wilderness School (Grades K-5) Children will learn some of the dangers in the wild and how to safely handle a medical situation. Students will learn about snake bites, hypothermia, how to tie a tourniquet, splint a broken leg, filter dirty water, 20 uses of a bandana, and how to treat bug bites. \$95

Mad Science (Grades K-5) Students will learn about electricity and make thunder and lightning indoors with electro-static. They will explore the wonders of color and light and see how one small device can turn a classroom into a world of color. \$98

Spanish for Kids (Grades K-5) Children will learn practical vocabulary, correct pronunciation and the basic sentence structure necessary to understand and use the Spanish language. No prior Spanish experience required. \$30

Tennis (Grades 3-12) This recreational program gives students an opportunity to learn the game and have fun in the process. \$60

CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Women's Self Defense (Ages 16 & up) A two-class session covering elements for effective defensive actions, including the importance of the starting conditions and physical tactics such as striking. Learn simple and effective strategies developed from research and professional experience. \$40

Zumba (Ages 18 & up) Burn calories and activate core muscle groups by incorporating Latin rhythms that can be modified for all physical types. No dance experience needed. \$40

DRIVER'S EDUCATION (Ages 15 & up)

There will be four sessions of driver's education offered during winter and spring of 2019. Classes will run Monday through Thursday from 3:30 p.m. until 6 p.m. Students may be required to drive before class, on Fridays or on weekends.

Session 1: Jan. 28 to Feb. 14

Session 3: March 25 to April 15

Session 2: Feb. 19 to March 11

Session 4: April 22 to May 9

Fee: \$200 for district residents; \$225 for non-residents

SWIMMING POOL INFORMATION

Kayak - Intro To Whitewater Kayaking (Ages 15 & up) This is the perfect way to get started in whitewater kayaking! You will begin building fundamental skills indoors, in a warm pool. Skills include strokes, braces, and the roll, plus blending strokes for river maneuvers. Discussion will cover safety, gear, river running, and more. \$90 plus \$25 equipment rental fee (if needed).

Kayak - Learn to Roll (Ages 15 & up) This class focuses on learning how to roll a whitewater kayak. In this class, you will receive poolside instruction and then work one-on-one with instructors in the pool, progressively learning and strengthening components of the roll until you can do it on your own. \$40

Kayak - Open Pool Practice (Ages 15 & up) Bring your whitewater kayak and practice strokes, rolling, play moves, etc. in a warm pool. This does not include formal instruction, but Missouri Whitewater Association instructors will be on hand to coach. \$40

Saturday Morning Learn to Swim/Advanced Swim. There will be two 7-week sessions offered. Classes run for 50 minutes every Saturday. Learn to Swim lessons are held at 8, 9, 10, 11 a.m. and 12 and 1 p.m. Advanced Swim is held at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. \$40 per session

Coached Lap Swim (all ages with tryout) A coach/monitor will be present at each session with a prepared workout on the board. The workouts can be adjusted up or down depending on age and ability. \$125

Swimnastics (Ages 18 & up) Swimnastics is water aerobics that are held in the shallow end of the swimming pool. This program provides a great workout without putting stress on the joints. Classes run Mondays and/or Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. \$40 for one day/week; \$50 for two days/week

Recreational Swim hours are:

~ Monday through Friday 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. (lap swim only)

~ Sunday through Friday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

~ Tuesday and Friday 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

~ Saturday 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Fee: \$3 for students and 60plus members, \$4 for adults, \$6 per family. Year long memberships are available - please see the pool supervisor or call 314-467-5280. Please note any pool time changes on the Community Enrichment webpage.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES:

Register online at mehlvilleschooldistrict.revtrak.net then select the *Community Enrichment* button.

For more information, contact Community Enrichment at 314-467-5280 or email lusterk@msdr9.org.

Please note, as of Nov. 5, 2018, Community Enrichment is using RevTrak for all online registrations.



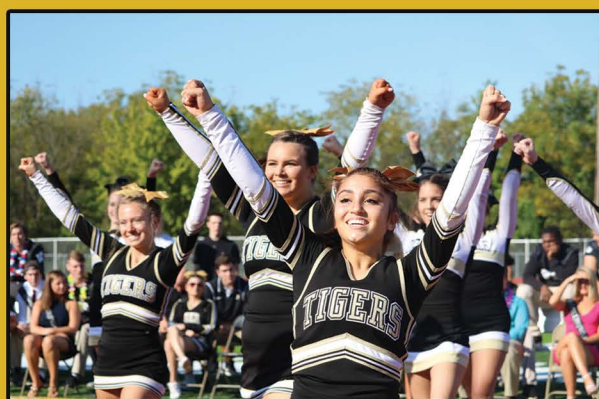
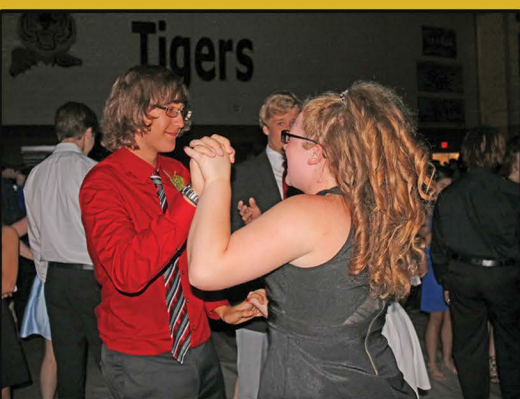
Community Enrichment

Homecoming Celebrations 2018

Mehlville High



Oakville High



Missouri Assistant Principal of the Year Lauren Cumming



Darron Dodd and Namitta Phrasalak, Bernard eighth-graders, congratulate Lauren Cumming for being named Missouri Assistant Principal of the Year.

IMPORTANT DATES

Find district event information at mehlvilleschooldistrict.com.

Nov. 19	Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Mehlville High Library
Nov. 21-23	No school - Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 28	Half day for students
Dec. 1-2	Oakville Band Parents Association Craft Fair, OHS
Dec. 4	Board Listening Session, 6:30 p.m., Buerkle Middle
Dec. 20	Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Mehlville High Library
Dec. 21	Finals for grades 6-12/Half day for students/teacher work day
Dec. 24-Jan. 3	No school - Winter Break
Jan. 4	No school - Teacher professional development/work day
Jan. 7	Students return from Winter Break
Jan. 17	Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Mehlville High Library
Jan. 21	No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan. 30	Half day for students
Feb. 1	Mehlvilleville-Oakville Alumni Association Trivia Night, 7:30 p.m., Andre's
Feb. 7	Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Mehlville High Library
Feb. 15	No school - Teacher work day
Feb. 18	No school - President's Day
Feb. 21	Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Mehlville High Library
Feb. 27	Half day for students
Mar. 5	Board Listening Session, 6:30 p.m., Oakville Middle
Mar. 11-14	Parent teacher conferences
Mar. 14	Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Mehlville High Library
Mar. 18-22	Spring Break

For a list of events held at the **Nottelmann Auditorium** visit [mehlvilleschooldistrict.com/Community/Auditorium Events](http://mehlvilleschooldistrict.com/Community/Auditorium%20Events).

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