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Mehlville Messenger

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Teacher of the Year creates an inclusive environment for all students

Forder Elementary School English Learner (EL) teacher Amanda Wyatt has been named Mehlville School District's Teacher of the Year for the 2020-2021 school year.

Wyatt primarily works with students whose first language is something other than English. There are 17 different primary languages spoken by Forder Elementary School students.

"Something special about EL is that every day I learn something new from my teachers, parents and students, whether it's learning a new word in another language or something about their culture," Wyatt said.

Wyatt has worked at Forder Elementary since 2012. Prior to her current role, she was a kindergarten teacher and fourth-grade teacher. She has developed a reputation for creating an environment that celebrates the school's diverse, multicultural population.

"In addition to being an excellent EL teacher, Ms. Wyatt leads district professional development, develops interactive family events, including virtual events during the pandemic, and assists families with interpreters and community resources," said Assistant Superintendent Dr. Jeff Bresler. "She goes above and beyond to provide an inclusive learning environment for all students."

Wyatt has spearheaded several projects related to student inclusivity, including displaying flags of every country represented by Forder's students and Start with Hello, a monthly tradition where staff greet students with signs in their native language.

"She is so dedicated to all of our families and making sure they feel safe, welcome and comfortable," said Dr. Whitney Maus, Forder Elementary School principal. "She collaborates with staff to teach us about all of the different cultures we have at Forder, so we can be more understanding and welcoming, too."



Teacher of the Year Amanda Wyatt



Mehlville School District Teacher of the Year Amanda Wyatt talks with a second-grade student at Forder Elementary School.

Congratulations to our employees of the year

Teachers of the Year

Elaine Derrough, John Cary Early Childhood, Special Ed Teacher
Eileen Moehlenbrock, Beasley Elementary, Reading Interventionist
Jennifer Osborn, Bierbaum Elementary, 4th Grade Teacher
Tammy Blessing, Blades Elementary, SSD Speech and Language
Amanda Wyatt, Forder Elementary, English Learner Teacher
Marcie Williamson, Hagemann Elementary, 5th Grade Teacher
Stephanie Werner, MOSAIC Elementary, 5th Grade Teacher
Bridget Reitz, Oakville Elementary, 2nd Grade Teacher
Beth Butchko, Point Elementary, 5th Grade Teacher
Liz Garrison, Rogers Elementary, Kindergarten Teacher
Jill Huelsmann, Trautwein Elementary, Reading Interventionist
Allison Tappana, Wohlwend Elementary, 1st Grade Teacher
Emily Glastetter, Bernard Middle, Science Teacher
Erica Brown, Margaret Buerkle Middle, SSD Teacher
Kristina Kanallakan, Oakville Middle, Academy Teacher
Jill Burstein, Washington Middle, Social Studies Teacher
Anna Hornberg, Mehlville High, Social Studies Teacher
John Ries, Oakville High, Social Studies Teacher
Steve McEntee, SCOPE, Teacher

Classified Employees of the Year

Maria Buck, John Cary Early Childhood, Paraprofessional
Kelli Doran, Beasley Elementary, Cafeteria Manager
Emily Hardy, Bierbaum Elementary, Secretary
Sue Rohde, Blades Elementary, Recess Aide
Lori Zander, Forder Elementary, Cafeteria Manager
Alicia Carney, Hagemann Elementary, Cafeteria Manager
Jen Rooks, MOSAIC Elementary, Secretary
Donna Davis, Oakville Elementary, Head Custodian
Amy Mellinger, Point Elementary, Secretary
Dale Daugherty, Rogers Elementary, Head Custodian
Melissa Melchior, Trautwein Elementary, Head Custodian
Brenda Voellinger, Wohlwend Elementary, SFNS Technician
Susan Palazzolo, Bernard Middle, Cafeteria Manager
Aaron Winkelmann, Margaret Buerkle Middle, Head Custodian
Jamie Lammert, Oakville Middle, Head Custodian
Jeanne Hutcheson, Washington Middle, Paraprofessional
Sherri Cox, Mehlville High, Secretary
Larry Dittrich, Oakville High, Head Custodian
Sharon Owens, SCOPE, Secretary
Crystal Morard, Central Office, Human Resources Specialist
Scott Lancaster, Jefferson Barracks – Facilities, Carpenter
Kevin Hughes, Transportation, Bus Driver

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The Mehlville School District mission is to build a high performing school system rooted in the community's desire to build a culture of improvement for staff and students.

Mehlville School District believes that all of our graduates should be creative and critical thinkers, self-aware, persistent, communicators, and ethical and global. We call this our Portrait of a Graduate.



Mehlville School District is proud to be a National District of Character.



Mehlville School District

FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Kevin Schartner



Congratulations graduates, and thank you to our community

Congratulations to the Class of 2021! You are graduating on the tail end of the largest pandemic we have seen in 100 years. You are likely to be the most resilient group of upcoming leaders we have seen in a long time. While the COVID pandemic has shaped much of this past year, it is what you will bring to the world in the coming years that will define you. We wish you all the best as you start your next journey in life.

This past April, our community showed their support for our school district by funding essential security and infrastructure through Prop S. This bond measure passed with over 80% of the vote. Work has already begun on the Prop S projects. Thank you to our community for supporting our schools in this important way.

No recent school year has had as many transitions as this past one. There were many examples of our students,

teachers and staff stepping up to take on the new challenges, yet we know we have our work cut out for us in this next year to make sure our students achieve the academic levels they should be at. Our administration presented plans to take on this challenge at our last Board meeting and is working to get these plans in place. This next year will be challenging, and I am confident the amazing people who make up the Mehlville School District will be up to the task.

On behalf of our Board, I would like to thank our administrators, teachers, support staff, parents and students who adjusted many times over this past school year. I hope you all are able to have a great summer spent with family and friends.

Mehlville School District purchases two properties

Mehlville School District has acquired two properties near Mehlville High School and Oakville High School.

The district purchased 2.2 acres, including a home and detached garage, at 5501 Milburn Road. The property backs up to Oakville High School.

“The community has asked repeatedly for an auditorium at Oakville High School,” said Dr. Chris Gaines, superintendent. “This property provides land necessary for this type of facility in the future.”

The district has also entered into a purchase agreement for property at 2900 Lemay Ferry Road. The property is north of Mehlville High School and includes a 49,660-square-foot two-story office building. The property is on 4.03 developed acres and includes an additional 1.58-acre undeveloped grass lot.

The district plans to use the space for our alternative high school programs (SCOPE) and administrative offices.



2900 Lemay Ferry Road

“Our top priority will be shifting SCOPE, our technology department and our print shop to the new building,” said Dr. Gaines. These programs and offices are currently located in the Witzel Building. “Since the late 1990s, architects and district committees have recommended we stop investing in large maintenance projects at Witzel.”

In 2019, a large crack was discovered in the south wall of the Witzel Building. The district consulted with a structural engineer who recommended shifting offices away from this wall. As a result, classrooms and technology offices were shifted to more northerly locations in the building. Ground floor offices in Witzel routinely flood following heavy rain.

Although Witzel was deemed an area of concern by the district's Facilities Steering Committee, neither property is being purchased with Prop S funds. “These properties were not available when we finalized our Prop S project list,” Dr. Gaines said.



5501 Milburn Road



How we'll support students after the pandemic

Great progress is being made toward ending the COVID-19 pandemic. As restrictions loosen and the pandemic hopefully winds down, one thing remains certain. Our students continue to need academic and social-emotional support.

I'm grateful the federal government has recognized this important fact and is financially supporting programs for students. As part of the federal government's COVID relief funds, school districts will receive reimbursements for certain expenses, like learning recovery, through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund.

We've already benefited from ESSER funding. The first round of funding, called ESSER I, provided Mehlville School District with \$704,573 to supplement a state funding shortfall. Mehlville used the funds in the 2019-2020 school year to purchase curricular support materials.

ESSER II will provide the district with \$4,091,357. We can spend these funds on COVID-19 response efforts, including addressing school needs, training on reducing the spread of the virus, cleaning supplies, food services, technology, mental health services and learning recovery.

The district plans to use \$1 million to offset losses in our food service budget. We'll use about \$2.9 million on learning recovery efforts. The remaining funds will be used on technology to support virtual learning.

We estimate we will receive about \$9 million from a third round of ESSER funding. We plan to spend \$1.1 million of these funds on HVAC replacements and repairs. The remaining dollars will fund learning recovery efforts.

What will learning recovery be like in Mehlville schools?

A group of dedicated teachers and administrators have been meeting to determine what learning recovery supports we'll put in place for students with the estimated \$13 million we will receive throughout the next three school years. The plan we created together focuses on academic and social-emotional learning interventions, increased student activities, and academic support

after school. These programs are designed to help us continue to meet each student where they are in their learning and build a greater connection to school and feeling of belonging among our students.

Over the next three school years at the **elementary-school level**, funds will be used for:

- Two new interventionist teachers per elementary school
- A three-year contract for i-Ready for English Language Arts, a program teachers use to provide students with personalized instruction
- Reading materials and classroom libraries
- Data analysis resources for teachers to help them assess student learning and personalize instruction
- Expanded after-school activities and transportation
- A kindergarten camp to run prior to the start of the school year

Over the next three school years at the **middle-school level**, funds will be used for:

- Two new interventionist teachers per middle school
- Data analysis resources for teachers to help them assess student learning and personalize instruction
- Expanded after-school activities and transportation

Over the next three school years at the **high-school level**, funds will be used for:

- Two new interventionist teachers per high school
- Additional social-emotional well-being support from CHADS Coalition
- IXL math and English Language Arts, which is a program teachers use to provide students with personalized instruction
- After-school activities, including a ninth hour block for students who need credit recovery, and transportation

I want to thank our educators and support staff for persevering through a difficult year. The 2020-2021 school year has been one of challenges, frustrations and heartbreaks. Through it all, our staff have remained committed to connecting with students in new and important ways, and to ensuring students feel supported in their education.



Jill Huelsmann, reading interventionist, works with Trautwein Elementary students. Mehlville School District plans to hire 32 interventionists with federal learning recovery funding.

Tori Behlke, Patrick McKelvey sworn in to Mehlville Board of Education

At the April 15 Board of Education Reorganization Meeting, incumbent Tori Behlke was sworn-in for a second three-year term on the Mehlville Board of Education. Newcomer Patrick McKelvey was sworn-in for his first term on the board. McKelvey replaces Lisa Messmer who did not seek a second term.



L-R: Tori Behlke and Patrick McKelvey take the Oath of Directors.

Oakville High girls water polo makes history with second place finish

Missouri State High School Activities Association hosted its first-ever all-girls water polo season, and the team at Oakville High School had their sights on winning the first state championship. They made it all the way to the championship game before finishing as the runner-up. Historically, girls have only been able to compete with boys as part of coed teams.

“Usually girls are the ones assisting the boys, and we don’t get much action in the water,” said Alexis Penning, Oakville High junior. “It’s nice to finally be recognized for what we can do playing water polo. When we won our first game, I felt like we made history, which we did.”

The girls believe playing with the boys for the past two years has been beneficial in helping improve their game, but they’re excited to showcase those skills and help the sport grow.

“I believe the popularity of girls water polo is going to explode,” said Coach Brett Walters, an OHS alum. “If you look at what happened with girls wrestling, once they gave them a state championship, it just took off.”

Having a girls-only league is also going to open up more scholarship opportunities for students.

“There are more opportunities for college play for women than there are for men,” said Coach Walters. “For every men’s college team, there are three women’s teams.”

Oakville High School has enough interest in the sport to have both varsity and junior varsity girls water polo teams. Only a handful of schools in the St. Louis-area currently have girls water polo teams.



Oakville High School water polo team members work on a drill in practice.

Ethical & Global: Students make a difference for homeless Veterans

Students in Bernard Middle School’s Patriot Academy are making a difference in the battle to eliminate Veteran homelessness by serving as ambassadors for Veterans Community Project (VCP).

“I started the tiny homes project a few years ago as a way for students to look at geometry and area in the real world,” said Amber Mathews, Patriot Academy teacher. “VCP had their dedication ceremony for their land in St. Louis just before we began the project, so I thought this was the perfect time to show students an organization that is meaningful and impactful in our community.”

VCP is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to eliminate Veteran homelessness by constructing tiny house villages and providing on-site services to ready Veterans for permanent housing.

Students met with VCP virtually and then began researching how to design the tiny homes, including furniture, paint colors and the ideal layout. Students first developed ideas individually, then began working in groups to take the best ideas from each person to design and construct their tiny homes.

“In the past, students have had these big, grand ideas for the tiny home project, but now they had a client and a person in mind,” said Mathews. “The collaboration between students was insane.”

After the students designed the homes, they presented the elements of their tiny home, their decision-making process and how their home worked with the budget they were given to Bernard Middle School staff. They also met with Adam McBride, the Executive Director of the St. Louis chapter of VCP about the progress they had made.

“Regardless of what comes from the letters or the project, only positive things come from the work they’ve done,” McBride said. “To know that the students are as engaged as they are and that it means so much to them, that’s the juice that keeps me going every day.”

“With the pitch meetings, they’re going outside the walls of the Academy and working on their public speaking, which allowed me to join in and give them pointers,” said Jefferson Stephens, Bernard Middle School Academy Teacher.

While Mathews was leading students in learning geometry for the project, Stephens was helping students develop persuasive writing skills. Students identified a company in the community that they believed could assist VCP in helping Veterans and drafted persuasive letters to solicit donations.

While students have learned geometry, persuasive writing and public speaking during the project, their teachers hope they take away the knowledge that they can make a difference.

“It makes me so happy to see our students developing into people that care about others,” Mathews said. “It’s been so empowering for them to see that even though they may be 11 or 12, they can make a difference and do something in their community.”

The VCP project aligns with all five areas of Mehlville School District’s Portrait of a Graduate which aims to develop students who are creative and critical thinkers, self aware, persistent, communicators and ethical and global citizens.



After researching independently, Academy students collaborated as a group to combine the best elements from their individual homes into their final product.

Thank you voters!

Prop S passes with an overwhelming majority

Prop S passed during the April 6, 2021, election by 80.1 percent.

Thank you, voters! Your support for Prop S will make our facilities safer and more accessible for current students and generations of students that follow. Without raising taxes, Prop S allows us to sell bonds to borrow \$35 million for facility projects across the district. These projects include security entrances at each of our schools, and critical infrastructure work to improve accessibility and maintain our roofs and HVAC systems.



Mehlville sells \$35 million in bonds to fund Prop S projects

To pay for these projects, Mehlville School District sold \$35 million in municipal bonds on June 3, 2021, as approved by voters. We received \$37.7 million on the sale of \$35 million in bonds. Due to extremely low market interest rates, investors were willing to pay a bond premium for the advantage of receiving interest rates on their bond investment that are above the current market rates. Mehlville School District will only pay back \$35 million. This \$2.7 million in bond premium does not have to be paid back.

Prop S work begins this summer

We are excited to start working on the projects funded by Prop S! The first priority is finalizing plans with our architect. Once plans are complete, we will begin publishing requests for bids. We plan to combine several projects spanning multiple schools in a series of bid packages. Our goal is to have all Prop S projects completed in 2024.

During our 2021 summer maintenance window, two Prop S projects are scheduled to begin:

- Forder Elementary School HVAC replacement
- Oakville High School baseball and softball field safety upgrade (pending bid approval)

Free food distribution continues through summer

Mehlville School District is partnering with Operation Food Search to provide free meals to families. Meals will be available every Wednesday beginning June 9 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at MOSAIC Elementary School (3701 Will Avenue). Children 18 and under will receive a 7-day supply of breakfast and lunch meals. Free produce boxes and non-perishable staples will also be available for families. These items will be available each Wednesday while supplies last.

Operation Food Search Drive-Thru Grab & Go Meal Distribution

Location:
MOSAIC Elementary
3701 Will Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63125

Date/Time:
Every Wednesday
Starting June 9
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

This program is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Projects at the following schools are currently in the architectural design phase:

- Bernard Middle School (security entrance)
- Bierbaum Elementary School (security entrance; additional classrooms; ADA-accessible library and storm shelter; ADA-accessibility to two classrooms; restroom renovations)
- Blades Elementary School (security entrance)
- Oakville Elementary School (security entrance)
- Oakville High School (security entrance, ADA access to gymnasium, stadium restrooms and restroom renovations throughout the school)
- Point Elementary School (security entrance)
- Rogers Elementary School (security entrance)
- Transportation (new transportation garage and office space)

We will keep you posted on our progress through the Mehlville School District website, mehlvilleschooldistrict.com/finances/prop_s, and during Board of Education meetings.



Congratulations to the Class of 2021!



Mehlville School District Senior Class Profile

Mehlville High School and Oakville High School Graduates: 722

Scholarships Earned: \$19,983,590 (over 4 years)

- A+ Certified Students: 131

Students who are joining the military: 8

College-bound student athletes: 26

Students receiving the Seal of Biliteracy: 10

Summa Cum Laude (GPA of 4.0+): 92

Magna Cum Laude (GPA of 3.75-3.99): 76

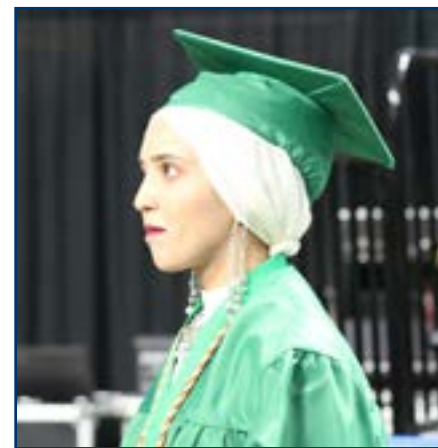
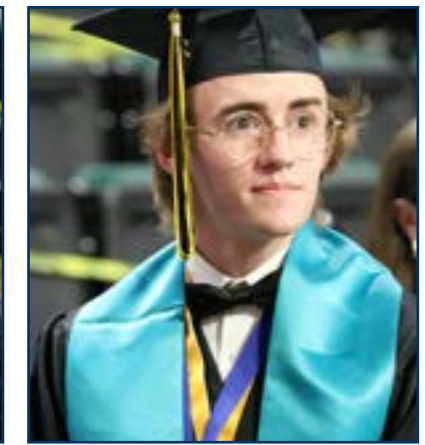
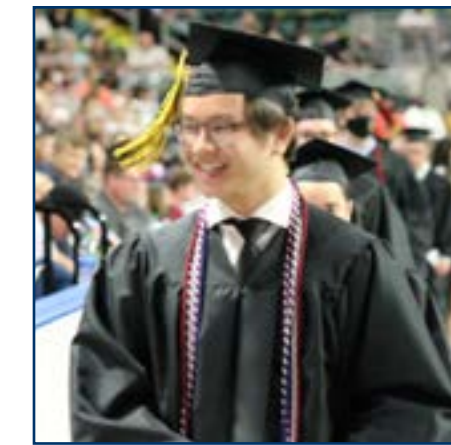
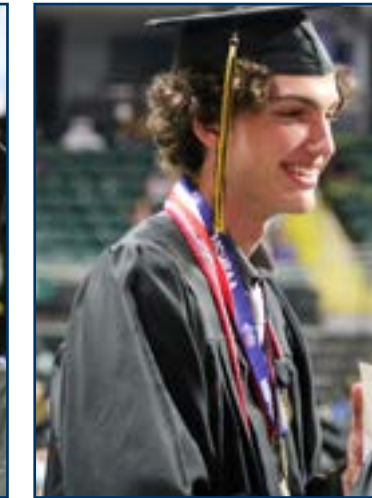
Cum Laude (GPA of 3.5-3.74): 76

National Merit Finalists: 5

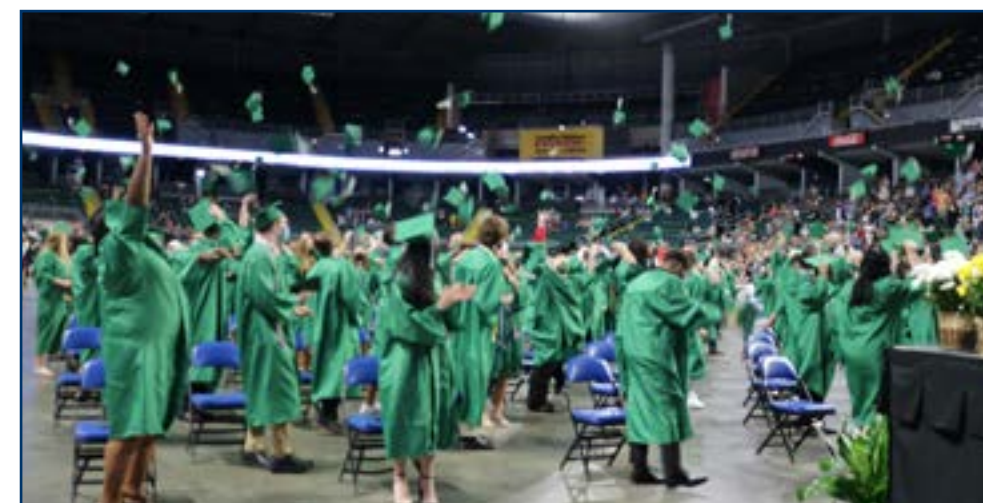
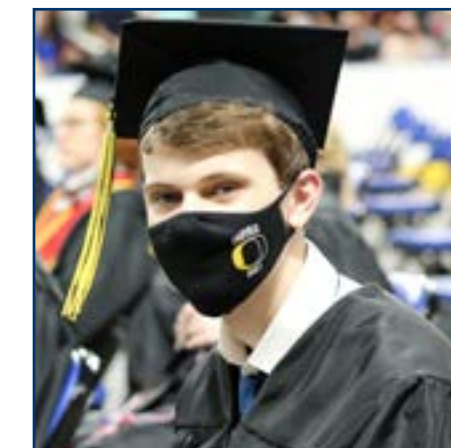
Students who participated in:

- South Technical High School: 82
- MyPath/Independent Studies: 10
- St. Louis Centers for Advanced Professional Studies (STLCAPS): 25
- Advanced Placement courses: 222
- Project Lead The Way courses (these courses focus on applied learning in a hands-on environment): 78

Information as of June 3, 2021



Mehlville High School, pictured at left, celebrated graduation on Monday, June 7. Oakville High School, pictured at right, celebrated graduation on Tuesday, June 8. Both graduations were held at Family Arena.



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New principal, assistant principal

Meagan Ochoa named principal of Oakville Elementary School

Meagan Ochoa will be principal at Oakville Elementary School beginning with the 2021-2022 school year.



“Ms. Ochoa is resourceful, creative, solution-oriented, caring and honest,” said Dr. Jeff Bresler, Assistant Superintendent - Supervision of Schools. “She elevates those around her with her positive outlook and always keeps her focus on what is best for students. She’s passionate about building strong family and community relationships that benefit the school community.”

Ochoa comes to OES having served as assistant principal at Bierbaum Elementary School for the past two years. Ochoa taught English Language at Wohlwend Elementary School for 14 years. Additionally, she has served as elementary principal for Mehlville's elementary Summer Session program. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Education from Houston Baptist University and a Master of Arts in Educational Administration from Southeast Missouri State University. Ochoa is currently pursuing a doctorate in educational leadership from Maryville University.

“I am honored to be named the next principal of Oakville Elementary School,” Ochoa said. “I look forward to learning and growing together in an exceptional learning environment. Together, we will prepare the next generation to make a positive impact on our community and world. I can’t wait to begin this journey with the amazing students, staff and families of Oakville Elementary.”

Katie Lakebrink named new assistant principal of Mehlville High School

Katie Lakebrink will join the leadership team at Mehlville High School as an assistant principal, starting on July 1, 2021.



Lakebrink is currently a seventh-grade English Language Arts and social studies teacher in the Eagle Academy at Washington Middle School. She also previously spent five years as a social studies teacher at Oakville Middle School and three years as a third-grade teacher at MOSAIC Elementary School.

“We are very excited for Katie to join our team at Mehlville High School,” said Dr. Jason Landherr, Mehlville High School principal. “Her diverse classroom experience built on personalized learning at MOSAIC Elementary School and the Washington Middle School Academy will be an asset to Mehlville High School. She is a confident leader who will be a strong advocate for students and staff at Mehlville High School.”

Lakebrink has a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and a Masters of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Missouri, as well as an Educational Specialist Degree in Administration from Lindenwood University. She is currently pursuing a doctorate in educational leadership from Lindenwood University.

In Memoriam: Gladine Liner

Former Mehlville School District employee Gladine Liner died on May 3, 2021. Liner started working in Mehlville in the early 1950s. She served as a teacher, counselor and was the director of the early childhood program. Liner was a pioneer in preschool screening. She co-facilitated the district’s “Let’s Get Ready for Kindergarten” program, a precursor to Parents as Teachers.



Coming soon: New parent communication

Mehlville School District is launching a new communication platform called ParentSquare beginning with the 2021 Summer Session.



ParentSquare

ParentSquare is a simple and collaborative school-home communication platform designed to reach and engage every parent via the communication type and frequency they prefer. Parents can choose to receive information via email, text or app notification. They can also choose to receive all messages in a daily digest or immediately. ParentSquare allows for two-way translated communication and allows parents to keep track of news and updates from their children’s schools and the district in one place.

“We hope to improve involvement and communication by giving parents more control over how, when and in what language they receive communication from us,” said Jessica Pupillo, Director of Communications. “ParentSquare expands our current parent communication options by allowing two-way communication and by compiling all emails, texts and posts in one place.”

Summer Session parents began seeing communication via ParentSquare in late May. All parents will begin seeing communication via ParentSquare in July.

Still need to register for school for 2021-2022?

- **For incoming kindergarten through 8th-grade students, call your elementary or middle school after Aug. 3 to register.**
- **For incoming high school students, call your high school any time this summer to register.**
- **Not sure which school your child should attend? Call 314-467-5000 for help.**



Know an exceptional alumni?

Nominations are open for the Mehlville School District Alumni Hall of Fame

The purpose of the Mehlville School District Alumni Hall of Fame is to identify and celebrate graduates of Mehlville High School and Oakville High School who have made a lasting impact in the community and nation. The inductees serve as role models for current and future generations of students who aspire to be productive citizens that demonstrate traits that align with the district's Portrait of a Graduate: creative and critical thinker, ethical and global, self-aware, persistent and communicator.

The nomination must include:

- Completed application
- A letter from the nominator explaining the nominee's professional, cultural, military or athletic accomplishments, and community impact
- Names and contact information of 3-5 references who can speak to the nominee's accomplishments, character and community impact
- Supporting documentation (nominee's resume, news clippings, military records, letters of recommendation, etc.)

To be considered, nominees must have graduated more than 10 years ago. Applications must be received by Aug. 1, 2021. Visit the Alumni Hall of Fame website for more information: bit.ly/msdr9alumnihof.

We're looking forward to celebrating the 2020 inductees and the 2021 inductees in October 2021.

Class of 2020



Top from left: Abdul-Kaba Abdullah, Mehlville High School 1997; Lt. Cmdr. James Brendel Jr., Oakville High School 1997; Desmond Kirchofer, Ed.D., Mehlville High School 1989; Bridget Riley, Oakville High School 1989; Jason Wang, Pharm.D., Mehlville High School 2005; Kristy Weber, M.D., Mehlville High School 1983.

Registration remains open for July Summer Session



Enrollment is still open for Mehlville's July Summer Session programs. Summer Session registration and meals are free, and shuttle transportation is available. Elementary and middle school students can attend one week in July or several weeks.

Elementary School Summer Session

Summer Session is 8:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., and available locations include Bierbaum Elementary and Wohlwend Elementary.

- July 12-16: Out of this World: Space Exploration and More
- July 19-23: Adventuring out West
- July 26-30: The Summer Olympics

Middle School Summer Session

Summer Session is 7:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. at Bernard Middle.

- July 12-16, Fantasy Week
- July 19-23, Nature Week
- July 26-30, Olympics Week

Middle School Summer Session students can also pick two enrichment classes, and two alternate classes when registering: Engineering Design, Robotics Coding, Culinary Arts, Graphic Arts, Drama or General Music.

High School Summer Session

Students can earn up to two credits July 12-23 and July 26-Aug. 6 if they attend both morning and afternoon classes. The morning class is 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. and the afternoon class is 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Summer Session is held at Oakville High School. Students can recover credits in English, math, science and history, and they can earn credits in several electives.

Learn more and register at bit.ly/msdr9summersession.

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PRESCHOOL & ELEMENTARY
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SUMMER 2021

- LEARN TO SWIM - DAY CLASSES
- LEARN TO SWIM - EVENING CLASSES
- INTRO TO DIVING

ALL PROGRAMS COST \$80/SESSION
ALL SESSIONS INCLUDE 10 CLASSES
PRESCHOOL: 3-5 YEARS OF AGE
ELEMENTARY: 6+ YEARS OF AGE
INTRO TO DIVING: 8+ YEARS OF AGE

More information including session dates, times and class size can be found online.

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SUMMER 2021
BERNARD MIDDLE SCHOOL OUTDOOR TENNIS COURTS
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4 WEEK SESSIONS | \$60 PER SESSION
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For more information on Community Enrichment visit: bit.ly/msdr9communityenrichment

STAFF DISTINCTIONS

Beasley SSD Award

Special School District of St. Louis County presented the **staff at Beasley Elementary School** with the Rooting for Each Other Team Award for implementing strategies to meet the social and emotional needs of all students.



L-R: Beasley Elementary School staff members Breeya Perry, Eileen Moehlenbrock, Andrea Deane, Emily Scott, Jenna Hutson and Michele Polzin

Advisor of the year

Kristin Busch, biology teacher at Mehlville High School, was named the Missouri HOSA (Future Health Professionals) 2021 Chapter Advisor of the Year.



L-R: Dr. Jason Landherr, MHS principal; Kristin Busch; MHS junior and Missouri HOSA President-Elect Alex Norrenberns; Greg Ruzicka, MHS assistant principal

Loeb prize winner

Devon Lahr, math teacher at Mehlville High School, earned second place in the Loeb Prize for Excellence in Teaching Science and Mathematics at the Saint Louis Science Center.



Devon Lahr



Hunter Robinson

New professional of the year

Hunter Robinson, Multimedia Communications Specialist for Mehlville School District, received the New Professional of the Year award from the Missouri School Public Relations Association for exhibiting a creative, dedicated and professional approach to school communications.

Three administrators earn doctorates

Dr. John DeWalle, Mehlville School District Director of College and Career Readiness, **Dr. Jason Landherr**, Mehlville High School principal, and **Dr. Andy Ross**, Mehlville High School assistant principal, earned their doctorates from Saint Louis University.



Dr. John DeWalle, Dr. Jason Landherr, Dr. Andy Ross

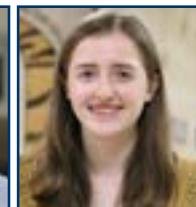
STUDENT DISTINCTIONS

Perfect ACT scores

Oakville High School seniors **Andy Curran** and **Katie Seithel** earned a perfect score of 36 on the ACT. Only 0.2% of students accomplish this difficult feat.



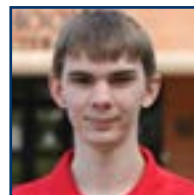
Andy Curran



Katie Seithel

Missouri 100 scholars

Matthew Hansen and **Angelina O'Brien**, seniors at Mehlville High School, and **Katie Seithel**, senior at Oakville High School, were named Missouri 100 scholars, given to the top graduating seniors



Matthew Hansen



Angelina O'Brien



Katie Seithel

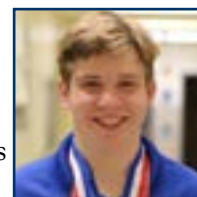


Holly Shotton

across the state. **Holly Shotton**, senior at Oakville High School, received an Honorable Mention distinction.

Technology Awards

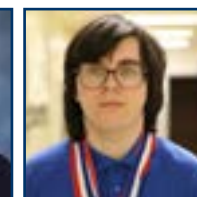
Oakville High School seniors **Conor Guentz** and **Josh Joyce**; junior **Alex Schumacher**; and sophomores **Jason Buss**, **Luke Roth**, **Jake Lewis** and **Tim Lipina**, earned first place in the Technology Student Association's statewide competition.



Conor Guentz



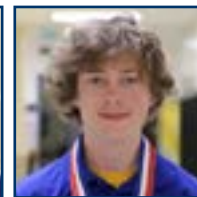
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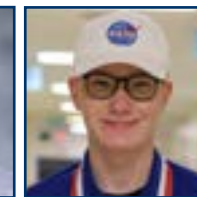
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Tim Lipina

All Suburban Choir

Oakville High School seniors **Gabriel Boll**, **Taylor Jundt**, **Ethan Kauffman**, **Samantha Kiethline**, **Miko King** and **Ben Lanier**; juniors **Michaela Gindler**, **Jacob Leath**, **Nathan Lillard**, **Jasmine Quach**, **Gavin Sandvoss** and **Kira Woldanski**; sophomores **Mackenzie Earney** and **Madelyn Winter**; and freshman **Ava Chancellor**; were named to the All Suburban Choir.



Gabriel Boll



Taylor Jundt



Ethan Kauffman



Samantha Kiethline



Miko King



Ben Lanier



Michaela Gindler



Jacob Leath



Nathan Lillard



Jasmine Quach



Gavin Sandvoss



Kira Woldanski



Mackenzie Earney



Madelyn Winter



Ava Chancellor

STUDENT DISTINCTIONS

Kiwanis Outstanding Students

Zach Moore, eighth-grade student at Bernard Middle School, and **Jordyn Boyer**, eighth-grade student at Oakville Middle School, were named Outstanding Students by South County Kiwanis.



Zach Moore Jordyn Boyer

STRETCH problem-solvers

Bernard sixth-grade STRETCH students **Alexa Peterson**, **Akir Sakinovic**, **Oliver Radwanski** and **Mary Wilson** placed first in the Global Issues Future Problem Solving Program, earning a spot in the competition at the international level.



L-R: Alexa Peterson, Mary Wilson, Akir Sakinovic and Oliver Radwanski

Golden student councils

The **Buerkle Middle School Student Council** and the **Mehlville High School Student Council** received the Missouri Association of Student Councils Gold Honor Council Award, given to student councils who have comprehensive programs related to school service, spirit, community service, student and teacher recognition, and leadership training activities.



L-R: Buerkle Middle School Student Council officers eighth-graders **Abby Algren**, **Morgan Ulrich**, **Olivia Flieg**, **Anna Wolf**, **Alex Kittinger** and **Melanie Mardanschahie**



L-R: Mehlville High School Student Council officers **Rachel Trosky**, sophomore; **Carter Banas**, senior; **Josephine Sebunyenzi**, senior; **Gabrielle Kittinger**, junior; and **Emily Tran**, senior

Chamber of Commerce award

Dominic Ramos, eighth-grade student at Buerkle Middle School, was named Outstanding Middle School Student of the Year by the Southwest Area Chamber of Commerce.



Dominic Ramos Lauren Bell, right

Chamber student of the month

Lauren Bell, senior at Mehlville High School, was named the Southwest Area Chamber of Commerce Student of the Month for March 2021.

Gold medal singer

Josh Neighbors, senior at Mehlville High School earned the Gold Medal for State Solo and Ensemble (choir).



Josh Neighbors Kyle Brand

Aquatic Animal essay contest

Kyle Brand, sixth-grade student at Oakville Middle School, won the grand prize for sixth through eighth grade in the 2021 Aquatic Animal Essay Contest sponsored by the St. Louis Aquarium.

Yearbook honors

Mehlville High School's yearbook, Reflector, was recognized in the Jostens Look Book 2021, celebrating the best in yearbook design and inclusivity.



L-R: Mehlville High School social studies/yearbook teacher **Cora Stout** and senior **Robert Rothmeyer**, yearbook editor

Journalism awards

The **Oakville High School broadcast staff** received the Best of Show award at the Spring National High School Journalism Convention for **Eyes on the Tigers: Channel 97 News**. **Meg Heveroh**, senior at Oakville High School also received an Excellent rating in videography.



L-R: Oakville High School broadcast staff **Avery Neal**, senior; **Cassandra Ludwig**, senior; **Layla Halilbasic**, sophomore; **Meg Heveroh**, senior; **Eva Beidle**, junior; **Jojo LaBrier**, senior; and **Lejla Pozegic**, sophomore

Rosemary Zander award

Jordan Kreitler, eighth-grade student at Oakville Middle School, received the Rosemary Zander Award from Special School District of St. Louis County.



Jordan Kreitler Katie Jacobs

Elks Lodge writing award

Katie Jacobs, sixth-grade student at Oakville Middle School, earned first place in the local level of the Elks Lodge Americanism Essay Contest and second place in the Central East Missouri Division.

FCCLA wins Top Gold

Oakville High School students **Eve Talarski**, senior, and **Aman Lueker**, sophomore, received the Top Gold in Chapter Service Project at the FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) state STAR events. They are competing at the national level this summer.



Aman Lueker and Eve Talarski

Basketball awards

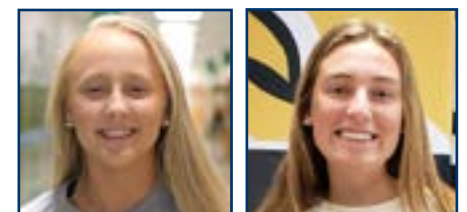
Drew Elza, senior at Oakville High School, was named the District Player of the Year, All District and First Team All-Conference for boys basketball. **Trent Kohm**, senior at Oakville High School, received the Conference Sportsmanship Award for boys basketball.



Drew Elza Trent Kohm

Post-Dispatch Scholar athletes

Jenna Benson, senior at Mehlville High School, and **Katie Leeker**, senior at Oakville High School, were named Scholar Athletes by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. This honor is given to students who excel in athletics and in the classroom.



Jenna Benson Katie Leeker

Attn: Postal Patron

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Summer Learning

Registration remains open
 for July Summer Session
 programs. See page 9.

Summer Session students at Trautwein Elementary School were hard at work on their first day.

IMPORTANT DATES

Find district event information at mehlvillevilleschooldistrict.com.

June 7 - Aug. 6	Mehlvilleville Summer Session
June 24	Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Mehlvilleville High School
July 5	District Offices Closed, Independence Day Observed
Aug. 19	Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Mehlvilleville High School
Aug. 25	First Day of School
Sept. 6	No School, Labor Day

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