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Thank You to Our Teachers/Staff

Retiring social worker Dale Kaufman received applause from her current and former principals, Karen Jones, George Mavroulis (pictured) Todd Mann, Tim Keeler and Administrator Erin Kuehn-Schettler. Karen Jones, above, is also retiring. A total of 43 teachers, support staff and administrators are retiring at the end of this year. (See Employee Recognition inside.)

4K Program to begin this Fall

Parents Can Still Register 4-Year Olds for Fall Classes

The Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District will launch a district-wide four-year old kindergarten program this fall for any child who turns four on or before September 1st, free of charge.

MCPASD's four-year old kindergarten is a public school program that will be offered in thirteen community centers throughout the district and taught by highly-skilled staff certified by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction in Early Childhood and 4K-Kindergarten. Previously-piloted, developmentally appropriate curriculum such as Handwriting without Tears and Early Numeracy has been adopted for the program.

"This program is a win-win-win," said Nancy Wyngaard, MCPASD Director of Professional Development. "The kids, the community, and the district will all benefit from it."

Four-year old kindergarten programs are proven to contribute to a reduction in the decrease of crime rates and increase graduation rates for students. Wyngaard stated that current research shows that there is a \$.68 return to the community on every dollar spent on four-year old kindergarten programs.

In addition, four-year old kindergarten is expected to generate more than \$2.3 million for the district in years three through five of the program.

Four-year-old kindergarten classes will be held Monday through Friday except the 2nd Friday of each month and will follow the official Middleton-Cross Plains School District

teaching calendar. Morning and afternoon classes will run for 2 hours and 36 minutes each.

Transportation is provided. Children will be required to attend the center that is within their transportation boundary, but parents may elect to enroll their child in any center provided they are willing to transport the child.

Parents may register any child who will turn four on or before September 1, 2011 and who resides within district boundaries in the MCPASD four-year old kindergarten program. Registration is on a rolling basis, and can be completed by stopping in at the District Administration Center weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The locations for MCPASD's four-year old kindergarten are as follows:

- West Middleton Elementary School (no additional daycare offered at this location)
- Little Red Preschool
- Pooh Bear Child Care and Preschool
- La Petite Academy - Fourier Drive
- La Petite Academy - Gammon Road
- Clubhouse for Kids - Deming Way
- Academy for Little Learners
- Middleton Baby and Childcare
- Clubhouse for Kids - Bourbon Road, Cross Plains
- Middleton Preschool
- Kids Junction Preschool
- YMCA - St. Martin's (Building - 2427 Church St, Cross Plains)
- YMCA - St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church (Building - 6205 University Avenue)

2011-2012 Budget Overview

Like many school districts across the state and nation, the Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District is also facing a significant budget challenge for next school year, and into the foreseeable future.

Our school district has projected a budget shortfall of \$600,000 for the upcoming fiscal year. However, the district expects to be able to address the projected budget shortfall through attrition of some staff positions and retirements, and generating revenue through enrollment in the district's 21st Century eSchool (virtual education.) Additional savings may be realized through the State's proposed Budget Repair Bill, requiring employees to contribute more towards their health insurance premiums, and to pay one-half of the total contribution to the Wisconsin Retirement System. We also continue to work hard to hold our district costs down and have seen great success with these efforts. MCPASD ranks 417th out of 426 school districts in the state in administrative costs (per student and as a percentage of expenditures, according to the independent Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance) – which means only eight school districts in the state have administrative costs lower than ours. In addition, we continue to find new and unique ways to decrease energy use throughout all of our buildings. These sustainability initiatives have saved the district more than \$1.5 million in energy costs and resulted in an award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which named MCPASD one of its 2010 national Energy Star leaders.

On one hand, this is good news. Because of the savings that we've realized from measures such as those outlined above, our fiscal picture is not nearly as dire as some surrounding districts, many of which have or will be forced to enact significant cuts in teachers, staff, and school programs.

However, despite their current effectiveness, many of these efforts are short-term fixes that will not be available in future years. For example, it is unlikely that 21st Century eSchool enrollment will continue to grow at the rate it has in the inaugural years of the program. We do not anticipate that we will continue to see as many retirements as we did this year, or that we would be able to sustain the loss of those positions without affecting day-to-day activities, classroom programming, or class size. And we can not continue to ask our teachers and staff to contribute an ever-increasing amount toward health care and retirement costs without driving them from our district or from education entirely.

This year the district originally planned for a revenue limit increase of approximately \$200 per student, when in fact the state has proposed a decrease of 5.5% or \$588 per student. Also, the district's general state aid is projected to decrease by 10% or approximately \$900 thousand in 2011-12.

As if all of this was not enough, the state's budget picture remains uncertain. As a result, the district's budget is only preliminary, and our fiscal picture could morph throughout the summer.

Despite these challenges, we are working to strike a balance between providing the best possible education for our students while being prudent stewards of taxpayer dollars, and in the year to come, we will continue to do just that. Thus far, we have been able to retain all of our exemplary instructional programs, which are geared toward helping our students compete in a global economy that requires rigorous educational standards and thorough preparation. MCPASD will also continue its strong tradition of academic excellence that is complimented by co-curricular programming to support all of our students.

MCPASD 21st Century eSchool Accepting Students 2011-12

Although open enrollment has ended, the Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District's 21st Century eSchool is still accepting students who are district residents. District residents, no matter where they are currently enrolled, are eligible to enroll in the tuition-free online school at any time.

The 21st Century eSchool, an online school for K-12 students, opened its virtual doors for the 2010-2011 school year to approximately 35 full-time students and 49 regular Middleton High School students who took one or two courses electronically. Students use a combination of online and offline coursework – including a wide array of textbooks, CDs, videos and hands-on materials in order to customize their education to their individual interests and needs. Classes include such subjects as advanced placement art history, advanced game design, and marine biology.

"The 21st Century eSchool is an innovative, cutting-edge approach to education for students who want or need an alternative to traditional schooling," said Director of

Teaching and Learning Sherri Cyra.

The MCPASD 21st Century eSchool is unique in that enrolled students can take up to two classes in the district's "brick and mortar" buildings. Many supplement the online component of the program with art, music, and physical education classes, and are eligible to participate in co-curricular and athletic activities (per WIAA and conference rules).

In addition, students can participate in extracurricular clubs and sports, which Cyra says "allows students and families to be involved in the school community and interact with their peers in the traditional school, providing some real options for schooling."

The District is partnering with K12 Learning for K-8/high school levels and Wisconsin eSchool Network for curriculum for grades 9-12. Curriculum providers vary by grade level. All are accredited and meet the requirement of Wisconsin's Department of Public Instruction.

MCPASD Students Raise Money to Help Those in Need

Many schools in our District reached out to help those in need.

Glacier Creek Middle School

Last spring, Builders Club and the Glacier Creek community raised more than \$4,000 that was given to H2O for Life, Save the Children--Haiti, Middleton Outreach Ministry and the Student Assistance Fund at GCMS.

This year, Student Council and Builders Club joined forces in a similar fund raising effort, raising approximately \$2,700 for AFE, a school in Honduras. The first fund raising effort culminated on Thursday, March 17. Glacier Creek sold the privilege of wearing hats on Thursday. Each student had to have a sticker on his or her shirt to be allowed to wear the hat.

In addition, Glacier Creek Middle School also held a "Duct Taping our Administrators" event, a Change Drive with incentives that included sliming, pie-ing and hair-cutting of teachers, and a 3 X 3 Slam Dunk Basketball tournament.

Kromrey Middle School

Inspired to simply help those less fortunate than themselves, the 7th grade "Destination Imagination" team of Kromrey Middle School chose to participate in a community service challenge project. Specifically, they decided to focus on reducing the devastation caused by the current cholera epidemic in Haiti. To garner additional support, they inspired their fellow middle and elementary schools to join them in their efforts.

KMS students educated their school on the clean water crisis in Haiti and developed a cash collection campaign. Using a simple envelope design, they created a collection process that made it easy to reach many students. That collection envelope was then reused and returned to the donating student with a thank you note and a small surprise gift. Recognizing their efforts, local businesses stepped in and provided coupons for free treats to share with those that

donated. Through hard work and support from their families and friends, the students doubled their initial goal of donations. These students were able to raise \$4,200 to help the Haiti Clinic as well as a local orphanage. Their donation allowed International Action to build a concrete base, 2,000-gallon water tank, and a chlorinator to be fitted on top of the tank to purify the water. Haiti Clinic will also be among the first recipients of clean water from the newly purchased International Action water truck.

Elm Lawn

Students, staff and families of Elm Lawn Elementary sends hope through two campaigns, Cranes for Japan and Help Heal Japan to benefit children of Japan.

From April 18-22, 2011 6,866 paper cranes were folded before, during and after school. OshKosh BGosh™ initiated their promise to send one article of children's clothing to Japan for every paper crane folded and received by April 25, 2011. The entire back of a truck was filled with the paper flock bound for the OshKosh BGosh™ store in Johnson Creek, on April 25, 2011.

From April 25-29, 2011, students also held a UNICEF coin drive for the children of Japan. Recycled, decorated boxes served as banks in every classroom as the children deposited pennies, nickels and more for the one-week effort. The school sent UNICEF a check in the amount of \$844. In a matter of two weeks, Elm Lawn Elementary sent much needed hope to the children of Japan.

Park Elementary

Students at Park Elementary participated in a host of philanthropic efforts this year. The 5th Grade Service Learning Project was a continuation of the school's vegetable garden, with items grown donated to Middleton Outreach Ministry (MOM). Students also helped build structures for the farm animals at the Heartland Farm Sanctuary.

Other efforts include:

- American Children's Hospital donation of more than \$900 to ACES (All Children Exercise Simultaneously)
- Food/Can donation to the Mazomanie Food Pantry
- Coats for Kids
- Toys 4 Tots/Giving Day
- Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House



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fund raisers, selling baked goods during their Sauk Trail Science Night, and helping the Sauk Trail PTA with a Family Movie Night. The total, designated for a community in Japan, was presented to the Red Cross in June at Sauk Trail.

MHS Adopts Block Schedule

After more than a year's worth of research and discussion, Middleton High School has adopted a block schedule starting with the 2011-2012 school year.

A team of MHS staff members recommended three alternate schedules for consideration. The full MHS staff voted on the options, and chose an A-B schedule to implement, where students will have the same courses every other day, instead of every day.

The alternative schedule is part of school improvement efforts to close the achievement gap, personalize the school, and increase collaborative efforts at MHS.

MHS Principal Denise Hermann states that the block schedule will have a few key benefits. First, it will increase teacher collaboration by improving and aligning curriculum, instruction, and assessment. The new schedule will also allow for longer class periods, which provide options for extended activities, labs, projects, and guided practice.

Finally, a block schedule is proven to decrease the 'stress' or chaos that many students feel as a result of a typical eight-period day by decreasing the number of transitions students make each day, the number of courses reducing the amount of homework each night, and the number of tests a student has to take in any given day.

In addition, the new block schedule will allow teachers greater and more frequent opportunities for collaboration – something that is often lacking in a typical eight-hour schedule. It will offer approximately the same amount of instructional minutes, number of periods taught by teachers, and classes for students as a traditional schedule. The change to a new schedule will be cost neutral.

Detailed information regarding the day-to-day specifics of the new block schedule at MHS is available on the school's website under "Spotlight Items."

School Safety Improvements on Tap for Summer

Six MCPASD buildings will receive a safety and security update this summer, upgrading entrances to ensure that any and all visitor access to the buildings is through each school's office. Currently, in many of the schools, visitors are not directly funneled into the main office, even though they are supposed to stop there first.

During the summer months, the following updates will be made:

Elm Lawn Elementary

- New aluminum entrance doors to replace existing hollow metal doors
- New door from the main entrance vestibule into the main office
- New cabinetry to replace a storage room
- New window into the main office for better visibility of people approaching the school
- New interior vestibule door

Glacier Creek Middle School

- New aluminum entrance doors to replace existing hollow metal doors
- New door from the main entrance vestibule into the main office
- Existing interior hollow metal glass wall to be relocated to allow for new door into lobby
- New window into the main office for better visibility of people approaching the school

Northside Elementary

- Main entrance vestibule addition under the existing canopy
- New aluminum entrance system and door from vestibule into new office area (current art room)
- Existing art classroom to become new main office area. Space to include principal office, health room, work/storage space and reception desk
- Existing main office to become classroom space
- Classroom that was added in 2008 will be turned into the new art classroom

Park Elementary

- Existing office space will be extended to create a usable interior space under the existing canopy
- The new main vestibule becomes smaller but a new door allows for direct access to the larger main office/reception area
- New principal's office

- New aluminum entrance doors and windows in new addition
- New interior vestibule doors

Sauk Trail Elementary

- Interior vestibule doors will be removed and the door frame will be patched and painted
- New wall and interior vestibule doors will be placed down the hall to allow for access to the main office from the vestibule
- New casework and reception counter
- New door out of the main office area

Sunset Ridge Elementary

- New aluminum entrance doors to replace existing hollow metal doors
- Existing interior vestibule doors will be removed. A new wall and interior vestibule doors will be created further down the hall
- New door into the main office will be created
- New door from the main office into the school will be created

West Middleton Elementary received safety/security updates similar to those listed above as part of an earlier project that added classroom space and a multi-purpose room.

These projects are in addition to the emergency communications upgrade which is also being completed by the start of the 2011-12 school year. The project's \$1 million cost is being funded through a zero percent interest Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) authorized as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

The school safety improvements were identified from a comprehensive, independent assessment of the MCPASD schools' safety and security needs which was conducted in 2007. Safety and security improvements totaling \$3.5 million were proposed as a part of one of the questions in the 2009 Referendum.

"The referendum failed, but the safety and security concerns in our schools didn't go away," said Tom Wohlleber, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services. "So we went back to the drawing board and looked for a cost-effective means of addressing some of the highest-priority items. Funding made possible through the QSCB program will make it possible to provide a safer environment for our students, staff, and visitors to our schools beginning next school year."

High School Scholarship Recipients

- MEA Scholarships - Lauren Matheny and Katherine Delaney
- MEA Ralph Christensen Memorial Scholarship - Caitlin Johnson
- West Towne Rotary Robert Jones Memorial Scholarship - Rachel Stine
- Holo Art Scholarship - Natalie Hinahara
- Joe Kuehn Memorial Scholarship - Logan Matheny
- Erin Elisabeth Rice Memorial College Scholarship - Katherine Carr
- Middleton Ionic Lodge 180 Free and Accepted Masons Scholarships - Samantha Harrington and Caleb Zimmick
- State Bank of Cross Plains Scholarship - Rachel Rongstad
- Nancy Backus Memorial Art Scholarship - Catherine Rutledge
- Spencer Lynch Memorial Scholarship - Carissa Wigington
- Monsanto/Agracetus Campus Scholarship - Mikayla Thompson
- Cuna Mutual Group's "Growing in the Right Direction" Scholarship - Tessa Nutt
- Cross Plains Optimist Club - Cara Armani
- Kiwanis Club of Middleton Scholarship - Isabel Johnson
- WI-UM District Foundation Scholarship - Jake McKinnon
- The Burke Smile Scholarship - Kristofer Rhude
- M & I Bank James Smith Scholarship - Nathan Tonsager
- Cross Plains American Legion Flag Scholarship - Courtney Kopplin and Abhishek Kantamneni
- Scott Ingham Memorial Golf Scholarship - Alexander Bauch and Sydney Peters
- Sertoma Club of Middleton Scholarship - Claire DeWind, Jonathan Lusk and Michelle Lemon
- Sam Clay Memorial Scholarship - Colin Higgins
- Middleton-Cross Plains Area Schools Retired Educators Scholarships - Rachel Schuh,
- Jordan Kahle, Emily Feiner and Brian Arnold
- UW Credit Union Scholarships - Frances Theisen
- Howard A. Morey / EAA Chapter 1389 Aviation Scholarship - Eric Paeschke
- Middleton Optimist Club Scholarship - Suzanne Jamieson
- Middleton Lions Club Scholarships - Lauren Schachte and Emma Schiestl
- Nick Butzek "Race to the Finish Lifeline" Scholarship - Samantha Moreland
- K-Tal Johnson Memorial Scholarship - Alex Joers
- Michael and Linda Hellenbrand Scholarship - Bretton Oesterle
- Middleton Fire Department Scholarship - James Ward
- Cardinal School and Community Service Scholarships - Caroline Giacomini, Ian Markson and Glenna Andrews
- Adonis Seiser McLain Memorial Scholarship - Danielle Desantes
- Cardinal Booster Club Scholarships - Lucas Fass and Kerry Gardner
- UW Health Middleton/Cross Plains Scholarship - Molly Wiebe
- Mike Eller Memorial Scholarship - Justin Ragatz
- Fritz Kaumpf "Just Ducky" Foundation Scholarship - Thomas Konkol and Haley Schreier
- Middleton Public Library / Friends of Middleton Library Scholarship - Courtney Prest
- Standard Imaging Scholarship - John Tyler Dowden
- Senior Class Scholarship- Allison Semrad, Evan Feller, Monica Wang and Katelyn Gee
- Cleary Building Corporation Scholarship - Ashwin Ramaswami
- Friends of Middleton Performing Arts Center Scholarship - Matthew Hunt
- Friends of Middleton Performing Arts Center - Roger and Suzanne Gmur- Katy Dallman
- Nel Ferstl Scholarship - Kelly Tauschek
- Gilsie Techum Memorial Scholarship - Sam Naden
- UW Provisions Scholarship - Madeline Pyle
- Clarke Tanner Memorial Music Scholarship - Brooke Soltis
- Student Council Scholarships - Lindsay Dolan and Katherine Durig
- MASH Scholarship - Angel Rayford
- Drew "Goldberg" Utterback Memorial Scholarship - Lori Giles
- ASBO Eagle Award Scholarship - James Verstegen

MCPASD Named Energy Star Leader

In April, the Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District (MCPASD) was recognized by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as an ENERGY STAR leader for superior energy efficiency in each of its ten schools for 2010. The district received EPA's "Top Performer" and "20 Percent" awards.

MCPASD improved its energy performance by 20 percent over a 2007-2008 baseline. In 2009 alone, the district cut down greenhouse gas emissions by more than 1,200 metric tons – the equivalent of planting more than 275 acres of trees. Since beginning the energy program in 2004, the district has avoided utility costs of \$1.5 million.

The district's success is largely due to a commitment by the Board of Education and administration to make energy efficiency and sustainability a major priority. Since 2004, the district has monitored energy usage in all of the district's sites and guided staff in finding unique ways to increase energy efficiency and reduce costs. Because of the district's success, stakeholders have bought into its mission to inspire, challenge and empower students and staff by incorporating energy efficiency and conservation in and outside of the classroom.

"Basically, we focused on changing staff behavior in all areas," said Neal Bickler, MCPASD Energy Manager. Gains were made by a focus on changing staff behavior in a variety of areas, such as asking custodians to turn lights off whenever possible, so that rather than light an entire wing up, they clean in lit rooms only. Maintenance teams also adjusted their schedules to reduce run times of both lighting and HVAC equipment.

Other efforts to reduce the district's energy usage included:

- Investigations by Middleton High School Environmental Studies classes into such basic concepts as reducing run times for lights and

computers; and student presentations to the Board of Education on the practical benefits of renewable energy and sustainability in the future design of new facilities;

- Testing and monitoring studies by students at Middleton Alternative Senior High School, resulting in a number of real-life operational changes and student

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presentations to the Board of Education on the practical benefits of renewable energy and sustainability in the future design of new facilities;

- A partnership between MCPASD and Wisconsin-based Johnson Controls, Inc., to implement numerous facility improvements to improve efficiency, such as energy efficient lighting, occupancy sensors, upgraded digital building controls, water conservation, and HVAC equipment optimization and replacement; and the installation of solar hot water at several MCPASD schools; and
- Formation of a district Sustainability Committee that developed a comprehensive School Energy Management Policy and Education Plan.

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MCPASD Energy Manager Neal Bickler, School Board President Ellen Lindgren and Associate Superintendent for Business Services Tom Wohlleber display the Energy Star Leader awards.

New Administration Announced

Monica Schommer

Monica Schommer has been appointed as the new principal of Park Elementary School. Schommer is currently the Coordinator of the Dane County New Teacher Project and has also served in the Marshall Area Schools and Deerfield Public Schools for 19 years. She comes to MCPASD with an outstanding reputation and deep experience as a leader at the elementary level, having taught 4K, Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grades. She has also mentored teachers K-12 and has exceptional background in Reading-Language Arts, among other areas. The collaborative interview and selection process between Park Elementary Staff and the District Administrative Center was an important part of hiring a positive new leader for Park Elementary School.



Jerry Nicholson

Jerry Nicholson has been hired as the new Director of Teaching and Learning-Student Services, beginning July 1. Nicholson, who is currently the Director of Pupil Services in Wisconsin Dells, will be assuming the position currently held by Erin Kuehn-Schettler, who has accepted a position in Verona Public Schools. In addition to his current role at Wisconsin Dells, Nicholson has served as a middle school EBD teacher, a high school assistant principal (six years), and Director of Pupil Services (four years). "His deep background in Pupil Services and at a building level will be a great asset for our District," stated Superintendent Don Johnson.



District Honors Employees



Kromrey music teacher Ann Albert and art teacher Vicki Willson were among those honored at the breakfast. Both are retiring.

Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District held its annual Employee Recognition breakfast to pay tribute to its employees who are retiring, or in his/her 20th, 25th, 30th or 35th year.

Principals had the honor of recognizing their staff members who are retiring. A total of 43 staff are retiring.

• Retiring: Elm Lawn

Susanne Policano, Sue Poulette, Mary York, and Susan Wellman

• Retiring: Northside

Colene Acker, Ken Burghy, Kristi Holdorf, and Carol Magnuson

• Retiring: Park

Ginny Barlow, Karen Jones, Donna Cutler-Landsman, and Barbara Swerin

• Retiring: Sauk Trail

Joan Richner, Nancy Wilcox, and Steve Helstad

• Retiring: Sunset Ridge

Kathleen Isham and Deb Kepner

• Retiring: West Middleton

Ron Brunner, Myrna Heilman, Cheryle Klody, and Rose Nietupski

• Retiring: Glacier Creek

Dale Kaufman, Karen Lucey, and Gary Itten

• Retiring: Kromrey

Ann Albert, JoAnn Johnson, Gabriele Olson, and Vicki Wilson

• Retiring: Middleton High School

Stephen Beglinger, Wendy Hinz, Joel Mensch, Mary Rowlette, Debra Weitzel, Kathy Graedel, Donald Zinke, Ed Dallwig, Sue Ebenreiter, and Mary Schmidt

• Retiring: District Administrative Center

Lynn Reining, Rosemarie Wold, Jack Pendergast and Janet Besadny

• Retiring: District Operations Center

Ron Schwab

Service Awards

35 Years

Steve Helstad

30 Years

Sue Ebenreiter, Allen Elliot, Kevin Fisher, Suzanne Malliet, Paul Olson, Tim Schlicht, Mary Schmidt, Barb Swerin, and Susan Wellman

25 Years

Colene Acker, Margit Gundlach, Susan Hammer, Myrna Heilman, and Brad Schneider

20 Years

Todd Anderson, Pamela Bertz, Janet Besadny, Julie Bohmsach, Amy Callies, Chris Dahlk, Ed Dallwig, Theresa Dalton, Elaine Hoffer, Sonja Hungness, Katherine Jordan, Doreen Klotz, Angela Norman, Thomas Schmitt, Susan Scudder, and Lynne Wymore

Staff Shine in Core Recognition awards

We asked parents, students, and staff to submit testimonials about a teacher or staff member who has made a difference, stood out, or gone above and beyond in a particular instance - those who are the very heart, the "core," of our schools.

Representatives from the various PTAs read and voted on all of the testimonials and chose the following staff to recognize:

- **Holly Reardon**, GCMS English
- **Rachel Friedland**, 2nd grade Elm Lawn
- **Katey Hakizimana**, Special Education, West Middleton
- **Julie Smith**, Health Assistant, Elm Lawn
- **Eric Engel**, 7th grade Science, KMS
- **Cheryl Hoff**, Social Worker, MHS

Other nominees include:

- **Karen Jones**, Principal, Park
- **Caroline Estrabrook**, 2nd grade, Park
- **Brad Rogeberg**, Phy Ed., Drivers Ed., MHS
- **Brenda Ziegler**, Secretary, KMS
- **Randy Kalscheuer**, 3rd grade, Elm Lawn
- **Patti Groth**, Paraeducator GCMS
- **Chelsea Salzwedel**, Guidance, MHS
- **Nikki Kalscheuer**, Kindergarten, Sauk Trail
- **Sharon Brown**, 1st grade, Northside
- **Tom Mielke**, Choir Director, MHS
- **Sue Wellman** 5th grade, Elm Lawn
- **Suzane Malliet**, Kindergarten, Northside

- **Anne Solie** – 4th grade, Elm Lawn
- **Monica Martin**, Secretary, Park
- **Colene Acker**, Kindergarten, Northside
- **Adrienne Emerson** and **Jill Kammer** Special Education, MHS
- **Valerie Weiss**, 4th grade, Park and **Nicole Kartman**, Math/Literacy Support, Park
- **Shane Raye**, 5th grade Band, District
- **Bill Luebke**, 6th grade Math, Kromrey
- **Nancy Riesch**, Band, Kromrey
- **Donna Kracht**, Kindergarten, Elm Lawn
- **Jean Holman**, 7th Grade English, Kromrey
- **Jeff Kenas**, Math, MHS
- **Mark Padrnos**, English, MHS
- **Wendy Ellis**, ESL, Kromrey
- **Laura Jicha**, Kindergarten, West Middleton
- **Mary Watts**, Special Education, Kromrey



2011-12 School Calendar Dates

Thursday, Sept. 1	First Day of School/First Quarter/Trimester begins
Monday, Sept. 5	Labor Day - No School
Thursday, Oct. 27	No School
Friday, Oct. 28	No School
Friday, Nov. 4	End of First Quarter
Monday, Nov. 7	Second Quarter begins
Friday, Nov. 11	No School - Parent Teacher Conferences
Wednesday, Nov. 30	End of First Trimester
Thursday, Dec. 1	Second Trimester begins
Thursday, Nov. 24	No School - Thanksgiving
Friday, Nov. 25	No School - Day after Thanksgiving
Wednesday, Dec. 21	Last day of school before Winter Break

Winter Break Thursday, Dec. 22 - Sunday, Jan. 1

Monday, Jan. 2	Students return to school
Monday, Jan. 16	No School - Teacher Inservice (MLK Day)
Friday, Jan. 20	Second Quarter/First Semester Ends
Monday, Jan. 23	No School - Teacher Work day
Tuesday, Jan. 24	Third Quarter begins
Tuesday, Mar. 6	End of Second Trimester
Wednesday, Mar. 7	Third Trimester begins
Friday, Mar. 23	Last day of School before Spring Break/Third Quarter ends

Spring Break – Saturday, March 24 – Sunday, April 1

Monday, April 2	Students return from Spring Break/Fourth Quarter begins
Friday, April 6	No School
Monday, May 28	No School - Memorial Day
Thursday, June 7	Last Day of School/Fourth Quarter/Third Trimester ends

Mark Your Calendar!

Student Information Dates

Students New to the District

The following information is for students already registered in the district. If you need to register a student new to the district, please contact the Registrar's office at 829-9031 or visit our website at www.mpcasd.k12.wi.us.

Students/Parents may arrive anytime during the grade level times listed below:

Thursday, Aug. 11

Middleton High School

- Grade 9: (Prepaid only): 8:30-11:30 a.m.
- Grade 10: (Prepaid only): 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 12

Middleton High School

- Grade 11 (Prepaid only): 8:30-11:30 a.m.
- Grade 12: (Prepaid only): 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 15

Kromrey

- Grade 7: 8:00-10:00 a.m.
- Grade 6: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- Grade 8: 1:00p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Elm Lawn: 2:00-6:00 p.m.

Northside: 2:00- 7:00 p.m.

Sauk Trail : 2:00-6:00 p.m.

Middleton High School

- Registration for those who have not prepaid or picked up their schedules. 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 16

Glacier Creek

Grade 6: 8:00-10:00 a.m.
 Grade 7: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
 Grade 8: 1:00-3:00 p.m.
 Any grade level 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Park: 2:00-6:00 p.m.
Sunset Ridge: 2:00-6:00 p.m.
West Middleton: 2:00-7:00 p.m.

New this Year:

• **All schools will hold Student Information Days in August.**

• **A new feature this year will be the ability to pay your fees online! Parents will be able to go to a computer lab and pay their fees on the spot if they choose. In addition, parents will be able to update their own contact information (phone numbers, emergency contacts, email, etc.)**

• **First Day Schedules: All elementary schools will have orientation sessions the first day of school. The first day of school at Glacier Creek will be sixth grade only. MHS Freshmen only attend in the a.m., all students in the afternoon.**

District Launches

Education Foundation

MCPASD is in the initial stages of launching an education foundation, with the goal of developing additional financial resources to support the educational mission of the Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District.

With the formation of its foundation, MCPASD will join more than 5,000 other public schools and school districts nationwide – including several local districts – that have formed education foundations, which work both to augment programs and activities currently provided by the district, and to keep local communities informed on the strengths, challenges, and needs of its schools.

Through avenues such as major donor campaigns, strategic business partnerships, planned giving, and leveraging available grant funding, education foundations commonly raise funds that make their way into the schools as teacher innovation or classroom mini-grants, enrichment and cultural programs, and scholarships. Funds also often go to bridging technology divides in schools and supporting the needs of low-income students.

A foundation Steering Committee, which will determine those types of initial funding

priorities for MCPASD, has been established and will meet for the first time later this month. The committee is composed of ten community leaders, representatives from MCPASD PTA and booster groups, MCPASD Superintendent Don Johnson, and MCPASD Board of Education members Ellen Lindgren, Jim Greer, and Leeanne Hallquist. The committee will also determine a permanent foundation board structure and recruit permanent board members in addition to launching a founding donor campaign later this year.

MCPASD has established an affiliation with the Madison Community Foundation, which will provide the necessary administrative and investment expertise for building a successful, permanent foundation.

Significant or unusual gifts, such as planned giving, and stocks, restricted or unrestricted funds, and endowment and pass through funds are all philanthropic options under the MCPASD Education Foundation. In this way, the MCPASD Education Foundation will differ significantly from fundraising efforts undertaken by booster and parent groups, which commonly target specific projects within specific schools as opposed to a broad range of programs supporting students and teachers throughout the district.

Student Achievements

MHS Envirothon to Compete in Canada

The MHS Envirothon team placed 1st in state competition in wildlife, forestry, and water resources with a second in soils and oral presentation. Their combined score earned them first place and the honor of representing Wisconsin in the Canon Envirothon in New Brunswick, Canada.

This natural resources competition involves test taking in the areas of forestry, wildlife, water resources, and soil. The teams also studied fresh and salt water estuaries to present a management plan for the St. Louis River estuary on Lake Superior.

They will compete with teams from each state and province in Canada. Coaches and students include: **Jim Miazga, Colin Higgins, Ryan Jansen, Brandon Hunzicker, Alex Bauch,** and Coaches **Debra Weitzel** and **Derek Wagler.**

All-State Scholars and Academic Excellence Awards

Middleton High School seniors **Rachel Schuh** and **Kristopher Rhude** were recently named 2011 All-State Scholars. The two seniors are among 615 graduating seniors nominated for the All-State Scholars program.

Seniors **Rachel Schuh, Kristofer Rhude, Jake McKinnon,** and **Rachel Rongstad** were also recipients of the Academic Excellence Scholarships. The scholarships are awarded to WI high school seniors who have the highest grade point average in each public and private high school throughout the state.

National Merit Awards

MHS Seniors **Jonathan R. Luskin** and **Jake R. McKinnon** are among the 2,500 students, who have received \$2,500 National Merit Scholarships this year. They were among 13 students who were named National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists. Students include: **Danielle DeSantes, Annalisa Doebley, James Dowell, Abhishek Kantamneni, Jonathan Luskin, Jake McKinnon, Kristofer Rhude, Catie Rutledge, Rachel Schuh, Mikayla Thompson, Elizabeth Wadium, Jennifer Williams** and **Cody Wrasman.**

MHS Student Earns 2nd Place in Congressional Art Contest

Congratulations to **Natalie Hinahara** for receiving second place in The Artistic Discovery Contest sponsored by the members of the U.S. House of Representatives.

The Congressional Art Competition began in 1982 to provide an opportunity for members of Congress to recognize the artistic talents of their young constituents.

On Saturday, May 7th, Natalie received her award from Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin. Natalie's painting will be on display for the next year in Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin's Washington D.C. office.

State Spelling Bee

Congratulations to **Sarah Woody,** an eighth grader at Glacier Creek, for placing 9th at the State Spelling Bee which was held at Edgewood College on Saturday, March 26th.

Future Problem Solving State Bowl

Two teams of four 8th grade students from Kromrey have qualified for the State Future Problem Solving Bowl to be held this weekend at the Green Lake Convention Center. These students are **Jennifer Phillips, Amanda Powers, Heidi Knoche, Amanda Ramirez, Ivraj Seerha, Tanner Tanyeri, Patrick Hall, Ellen Opitz** and **Ali Weber.** Good luck at State!

MHS Students in Honors Choir

Two MHS choir students, **Liza Couser** and **Anusha Ramaswami** were selected to participate in the Wisconsin School Music Association All-State Honors Choir. The two students will participate in a 3 ½ day summer camp in June at UW-Green Bay and will perform in Madison during late October at the Overture Center as part of the Wisconsin State Music Conference. Middleton High School tops the list this year bringing the state's largest contingent of honors musicians to participate in the choir, band, and orchestra.

MCPASD Teams Take Charge at Mega Math Meet

MCPASD teams fared well in this Spring's Mega Math Meets. Districts from all over south/central Wisconsin sent qualifying teams to that event. Congratulations to two teams of seventh/eighth graders who placed first and second in the meet and to the group of fifth/sixth graders who placed first.

1st place team: **Jack Vincent, Akash Pattnaik, Jonas Klare, Justin Gurtner, Eric Chen, Joly Scudder, Roger Waleffe** and **Maggie Mangas.**

2nd place team: **Sarah Wexler, Kyle White, Sam Inman, Aleksandar Bursac, Michelle Xie, Tanner Tanyeri, Ian Hokanson,** and **Heidi Dong.** Ind. 1st place: **Maggie Mangas** Ind. 2nd place tie: **Erin Chen** and **Michelle Xie**

5/6 meet 1st Place Team: **Tucker Dalrymple, Athena Olszewski, Sam Mikelsons, John Stenklyft, Isaac Galang, Evan Joyce, Allen Chang,** and **Isaac Weintraub.** Ind. Honorable Mention: **Isaac Weintraub**

Students qualifying for the Mega Math meet also included: **Alex Warholc, Colin Liegel, Derek Waleffe, Jack Tankersley, Kirby Heck, Elise Warda, Logan Kottler,** and **Dan Hershberger.**

District Fourth Graders Winners in Haiku Contest

Five students were winners in the Greater Dane County Talented and Gifted fourth grade Haiku contest. Winning students will have their poems published and will attend an award ceremony at Eagle School in April. West Middleton: **Kyra Keenan** and **Laura Stewart** Northside: **Mia Kim** Park: **Theresa Postle.**

Destination Imagination Global Competition

Kromrey Destination Imagination group KMS-AID earned an Excellent rating and placed 11th out of 52 teams at the DI Globals in Knoxville TN. The team includes Kromrey seventh graders **Allison Thompson, Akash Pattnaik, Kyle White, Alex Kushner** and **Stephanie Jarosz.** Parents **Audra Thompson** and **Bikash Pattnaik** managed the team. To qualify for Global Competition, the team competed and won at State Competition on April 16.

Yahara River Writers Contest Winners

On Monday, May 2, 27 district students were honored at the Yahara River Writers Top 10 Workshop. These fifth through eighth grade students created award winning poems, editorials, cartoons or short stories. Congratulations to the following student winners:

Fifth grade Winners: Sauk Trail: **Diana Rocio Meneses** West Middleton: **Sydney DeMartino, Olivia Aumann** Elm Lawn: **Charlotte Sue.**

Sixth grade winners: Glacier Creek: **Evan Joyce, Sara LaHaie, Fiona Lynch, Declan Mulkerin, Emily Satterlund, Alexa Thompson,** Kromrey: **Lena Lonetree-Miller, Morgan Narowetz,** and **Karolina Zawadzki.**

Seventh grade winners: Kromrey: **Oliver Epstein, Sheyenne Tung, Destiny Washburn Anna Ashley, Allison Thompsom, Tammy Zhong, Sarah Wexler,** and **Emily Zeimentz.** Glacier Creek: **Lucy Chiaro**

Eighth grade winners: **Amelia Crow, Jornay Deaton, Leah Herder, Dana Rodriguez** and **Nikki Satterlund.**

MHS Student Council Accepts Red Cross Volunteer Award

Members of the Middleton High School Student Council received the 2010 Volunteer of the Year (Youth/Young Adult) award from the American Red Cross. The MHS Student Council annually hosts a fall, spring and summer blood drive at the high school.

Student Council members involved in the blood drive include organizer **Alex Joers, Christie Cheng, Sarah Collins, Reece Harty, Rebecca Jin, Amy Tichnor, Monica Wang, Molly Wiebe** and their advisor **Marcy Smith.**