



June 2017

MSD Highlights

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Pleasant Lake Elementary

Second semester at Pleasant Lake zoomed by! The Patriots were deeply engaged in their learning and having fun. Some of that learning took place *outside* the classroom! Our kindergarten and 1st grade students visited the Fort Wayne Zoo, while our 2nd graders took a trip to watch a theatrical performance - *James and the Giant Peach*, by Roald Dahl. Our 3rd graders visited the Fort



Wayne History Center, and the 4th graders were busy engineering designs for the annual Egg Drop (made possible by the Pleasant Lake and Ashley Fire Departments). Fifth graders celebrated the end of the year by visiting the Indiana Statehouse and State Museum in Indianapolis. We also enjoyed a visit to the Pleasant Lake Boy Scouts Camp for an all school hike, picnic, and team building activities!

Mrs. Bannec energetically lead a group of about 30 students in our new Acting Club. At the end of the year, they performed four short plays for the student body and parents. We are excited to see what the future brings for this new club. Pleasant Lake Patriots have serious talent!

Time was spent this second semester focusing on RESPECT. Ms. Atha, along with the help of our 5th graders, challenged the students each week during the month of May to show respect in different ways. Several students were "caught" by our 5th graders and recognized over the morning announcements. Students and staff had a lot of fun concentrating on this important life skill!

We are still in the planning and preparing stages for our Makerspace. We have new furniture for the space and a generous donation was made by the Pleasant Lake Lions Club to help stock and supply future projects. A few Pleasant Lake teachers attended a series of four Region 8 workshops about the Makerspace movement, and our goal is to have students learning and making early next fall!



In preparation for the 2017-2018 school year, summer school is planned and we have our new kindergarten class registered and prepared to meet their teacher - Mrs. Allison Miller. Mrs. Sharon Erwin will continue teaching first grade and Mrs. Shelly LaPlace second. Mrs. Paulette Bannec will teach third grade, while Mrs. Holly Walters and Mr. Zach Smith will teach fourth. Mrs. Harpenau will continue teaching fifth grade. Pleasant Lake will sadly say goodbye to Mrs. Sue Shollenberger (Title I), she is heading to Carlin Park.

Finally, a BIG THANK YOU to *all* of the Pleasant Lake Staff, volunteers, substitutes, and the Booster Club for making this past year possible. Your daily efforts are noticed and appreciated. Especially by our students! We hope everyone has a wonderful summer break with rest and relaxation. See you in August!

Summer Free Meals Program!

The MSD of Steuben County Food Service will be offering free lunches at Carlin Park Elementary during the summer break.

Meals will be available to any child ages 1-18 from June 12 through July 28, 2017.

Meals are available from 11:00 to Noon daily, Monday through Friday.

Sites for the Summer Food Service Program are available throughout the state of Indiana.

Additional sites may be located at:

[Http://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/nutrition/whole-state-june-17.pdf](http://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/nutrition/whole-state-june-17.pdf)

2017-2018 Textbook Fees

All textbook and supply fees are due the first day of school August 16, 2017. Please see your building secretary to pay your students' textbook and supply fees or if you have questions or concerns about your fees.

2017-2018 District Calendar

Visit our district calendar on our website

www.msdsteuben.k12.in.us <Information>, <Events Calendar>

You can view: Weekly, Monthly, or Agenda

Ryan Park Elementary

Field trips and Rocky's Math Blast celebrations have been highlights as the year has drawn to a close at Ryan Park. Many grade levels have had wonderful learning experiences throughout the area, such as our 1st grade visiting the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo, our 2nd grade visiting Pokagon State Park, our 3rd grade spending a day at Sauder's Village, and our 4th grade visiting the Fort Wayne History Center. Camp Rhino was also a huge success! Our functional skills students and staff spent two warm days at the group campsite at Pokagon State Park. Finally, we have finished the year with fabulous celebrations for academic successes and accomplishments in Rocky's Math Blast. Our students have grown so much this school year!



Our Makerspace enjoyed its full year in operation, with exciting projects and challenges as it has grown to be an integral part of our school. Our student Learning Lab Leaders have been an important part of its success, helping daily to keep it organized and inspire young creators. We are looking forward to continuing the success of our Learning Lab Leaders next year, with our Makerspace becoming a part of every classroom in our school.

We wish Mrs. Aldred and Mrs. Klink-Fee good luck in their next endeavor in our school district! We also wish Mr. Curtis good luck on his next adventure as principal of Pleasant Lake Elementary! They have been an integral part of Ryan Park's staff, making an impact on all of our students. They will be missed!

Finally, we wish our 5th grade class the very best as they move on to Angola Middle School in the fall. Their successes will continue to grow and we congratulate them for the pride they have brought to Ryan Park. Finally, we wish all our families a safe and relaxing summer break! See you in August!

Angola High School



Retiring from Angola High School this year is Ruth Wappes. Ruth has taught for 37 ½ years, 32 of them at Angola High School. She has held the position of Special Education Department chair at AHS for the past 16 years. Ruth earned her undergraduate degree from Saint Francis College then earned her Masters from IPFW. Her first plan for retirement is to spend time with her husband, Dave, and her children and grandchildren. She also wants to spend time gardening and traveling. Ruth's words of wisdom to other teachers: "It is important to be passionate about your career. I have been lucky to work in an area in which I have felt passionate and also felt that what I was doing was really making a difference." Thank you for your years of service to MSD and we wish you well, Ruth!

Carlin Park Elementary

During a second grade literacy group lesson, Miss Knight's students studied the word philanthropy. It's a big word that led to a number of big ideas. The second graders requested a meeting with the building principal, pitched their ideas, and received permission to initiate a school-wide service project the final week of May. The Boxes of Love drive began; students donated a variety of supplies that will be sent to members of the military through Operation Gratitude. The project tied in nicely with Memorial Day, a day for remembering those who gave their lives serving in the military. It also allowed us to put into practice the Character Traits that we've emphasized all year.

Specific donations were requested and collected each day of the week. They included:

Monday – Nonperishable Food and Snack Items

Tuesday – Household Items

Wednesday – Personal Hygiene Items

Thursday – Linens and Clothing Items

Friday – Entertainment Items

The generous students, families, and staff of Carlin Park embraced this opportunity to express our appreciation and respect for all those in the military. It's our hope that these items will help meet their needs and lift their spirits as they serve and protect around the world.



Carlin Park wishes everyone a great summer. Rest, relax, and read, read, read! The 2017-2018 school year looks to be an exciting one. We look forward to welcoming and working with our new Principal, Mrs. Molly Floyd, in the 2017-2018 school year.

Have a great Summer!
See you August 16, 2017!!

Angola Middle School

Sixth Grade is always a whirlwind of a year! Students experience so many new things ~ from lockers, new friends and changing classes. Their curriculum includes, but isn't limited to the following: Ecosystems, Space, Greece, Rome, Data that Matters, Coordinate Planes, 3-D Printing in Math, Persuasive, Informative, and How To Writing, Touching Spirit Bear Totems, Matilda and Cages, Projects, and Special Speakers. Field trips have included TinCaps, Ridenour Acres and JA BizTown. We welcome Mrs. Klink-Fee and Mrs. Aldred to sixth grade next year.

Our **seventh grade** students learned to identify countries from the continents of Asia and Africa. We also “virtually visited” The Ancient Pyramids of Egypt, The Yurts of the Mongolian plains, and the slums of New Delhi. In Math ALEKS became an important everyday tool that students worked on independently throughout the school year. Reading classes learned to read and write poetry, Folk Literature, analogies, read the story A Christmas Carol, and the novel The Giver, point of view/ author’s purpose, and many, many vocabulary words! In Language Arts, students learned about Grammar, did speeches for entertainment and information. They also debated many topics, wrote friendly letters, story endings, and kept journals. The students also learned how to inform and how to persuade in their writings. Science classes learned about plate tectonics, cells, Newton’s Law, minerals, erosion, atoms, protons, neutrons, and electrons and how to use a microscope. The Zoo and Science Central came to visit us on several different occasions. We traveled to Trine’s Recreational Area for Duck Day in the fall where we learned about swamplands, migration, hunting dogs, trapping and our ecosystem. We spent an afternoon at Circle Hill Cemetery where we learned about the history of those who are buried there and how they had an impact on our community. We visited the historic Tibbits’ Opera House, planted trees in Angola and walked Pokagon State Park to see Glacial Topography features. We spent a day at college when we traveled to Trine University.

The 2016-2017 school year has been another successful one for **8th grade**. Science classes have utilized many new technology tools to incorporate new projects into the curriculum. In addition, they have used Science Central to bring science to life and enrich several core subjects. Many students also had the opportunity to an after school enrichment program of shark dissection. Math classes have started using ALEKS for student review and remediation. They have found it to be extremely helpful. In addition, they also started using an all online curriculum this year. Language Arts students completed many novels, presentations and long term projects addressing skills they will need in high school and beyond. This year in U.S. History, events from early exploration through the Civil War were covered while using a lot of technology resources. Resources included Google Maps, Explee, Screencastify, Soundtrap, Emaze and Thinglink.

The **UA team** had a busy year providing students with a variety of exploratory, product-based, and performance activities. Here are just a few of the highlights from the year in Unified Arts! **Art** - Students have been challenged in the areas of drawing, designing, painting, pottery, sculpture, and printmaking while working with symmetry, asymmetry, and radial design. They study color theory, Greek, African, and European cultures, and compare traditional with contemporary. Famous artists are building blocks to our own ideas both in 2D and 3D. **Family and Consumer Science (FACS)** - Students in FACS 6 have the opportunity to construct a bag using the sewing machine and hand stitching. 7th grade students are in the kitchen learning about cooking and testing their skills on a few different dishes, while the 8th grade students learn life skills, nutrition, laundry, stain removal, and child development.

Technology - In 6th grade, the emphasis is on the Science/Technology relationship, systems and innovation. The 7th grade focus is on Manufacturing Technology, while the 8th grade focus is on Construction Systems. **Physical Education** - Students in physical education participated in a variety of activities in hopes of improving fitness levels and a love for physical activity and completed the PACER test to see improvement in their fitness. **Health** - Students learned about goal setting, tobacco, alcohol, illegal and prescription drugs, the parts of health, caring for the body, growth and development, communicable diseases, conflict resolution, nutrition, and noncommunicable diseases. A variety of hands on activities, projects, group work, and independent work. **Band** - Angola Middle School was one of only 33 schools in Indiana to receive the All-Music Band Award from ISSMA. Angola Middle School has received this prestigious award for three years in a row. 7th grade and 8th grade concert band received a gold rating at ISSMA Organizational Contest. AMS Band students received a record number of gold ratings at ISSMA Solo and Ensemble Contest. The AMS Jazz Band received a gold rating at ISSMA Jazz Contest this year. **Choir** - 6th, 7th, and 8th grade choirs participated in ISSMA Solo & Ensemble Festival receiving golds & silvers. (Gold- 51, Silver- 23, Bronze- 9, Participation- 2) 8th Grade Choir participated in the ISSMA Vocal Jazz Festival receiving a gold rating. 8th Grade Choir participated in the ISSMA Choral Organizational Festival receiving a silver rating. 7th Grade Choir participated in the ISSMA Choral Organizational Festival receiving a gold rating.

AMS teachers have worked hard this year to create classroom assessments that prepare kids for the real world. For better or worse we live in a testing culture. Pick a career and you probably have to take a test to get your license to practice. We want our students absolutely prepared for this. Every teacher is working to ensure their classroom tests are not simply measuring if their students read the material, but that they gained the skill set that was taught during the unit. Teachers have aligned test questions with Depth of Knowledge, Indiana State Reading Standards, and Content Standards. Teachers are using test data to make decisions with their curriculum and communicate individual student’s strengths and weaknesses more accurately. AMS teachers are committed to working with every student to prepare them for success.

Happy retirement to Mrs. Rice, Principal; Mrs. Hanna, sixth grade teacher; Mrs. Knox, sixth grade teacher; and Mrs. Schlup, Art teacher.

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2017-2018 MSD Staff Changes

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Mike Christ (Retired) Assistant Superintendent

ANGOLA HIGH SCHOOL

Matt Birkenbeul (Resigned) English Teacher
Clara Boyles (Resigned) Spanish Teacher
Stephanie Burdick (Resigned) English Teacher
Cynthia Engel (Reassigned) Learning Disabilities Teacher
Mikaela Gerba (New) English Teacher
Ashley Hughes (Resigned) Science Teacher
Shannon King (Resigned) Health Occupations Education Teacher
Kristin Maksimchuk (New) Math Teacher
Joy Ross (New) English Teacher
Jennifer Sears (New) Health Occupations Education Teacher
Ruth Wappes (Retired) Learning Disabilities Teacher

ANGOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Amy Aldred (Reassigned) Reading / Language Arts Teacher
Ryan Bounds (Reassigned) Principal
Jill Hanna (Retired) Reading / Language Arts Teacher
Jennifer Klink-Fee (Reassigned) Reading Teacher
Bev Knox (Retired) Reading Teacher
Steve Lantz (Reassigned) Assistant Principal/Athletic Director
Ann Rice (Retired) Principal
Amy Sams (Reassigned) Social Studies Teacher
Pat Schlup (Retired) Art Teacher

CARLIN PARK ELEMENTARY

Molly Floyd (Reassigned) Principal
Sabrina Fritz (Retired) Principal
Sue Shollenberger (Reassigned) Title I Teacher

HENDRY PARK ELEMENTARY

Sarah Presley (Reassigned) 1st Grade Teacher

PLEASANT LAKE ELEMENTARY

John Curtis (Reassigned) Principal
Zachary Smith (Reassigned) 4th Grade Teacher

RYAN PARK ELEMENTARY

Ann Antos (Reassigned) 4th Grade Teacher
Michele Davis (Reassigned) 5th Grade Teacher
Mallory Hartman (Reassigned) Kindergarten Teacher
Kristin Sheets (Reassigned) 5th Grade Teacher
Jennifer Wilson (Reassigned) 3rd Grade Teacher

Hendry Park Elementary

Hendry Park Roadrunners are nearing the finish of the 2016-17 school year! The second semester of school has been as busy and productive as the first. In this last semester, HP Roadrunners have applied literacy skills with events including the creation of bare books and 4th grade magazines, Dr. Seuss week, the TinCaps Reading Program, and our own Pirate Literacy Night still to come.



Students are still earning math medals by mastering math facts as a part of a comprehensive math program. Good behavior and good citizenship continue to be celebrated, and learning digital citizenship has become an everyday practice at Hendry Park. HP PTO sponsored events and activities for staff and students this semester including a boys +1 dance, an amazing pirate themed book fair, and a school carnival. The PTO also provided a terrific lunch in honor of Teacher Appreciation Day.

Hendry Park encourages students to experience education by engaging in activities both in and out of the classroom. Students are participating in groups such as Morning Math Club, Homework Help, Sign Language Club, and Garden Club. Several classes traveled to community venues on field trips this semester which helped to broaden students' scope of understanding and range of experiences. Community groups and members have visited Hendry Park to join in activities with our students. A special "Thank You" to Angola Fire Department for helping with the 4th grade Egg Drop!



A shout out also goes to Trine in appreciation of the many events the University hosted and organized for our school.



This semester kindergartners and first graders performed music programs for family members and friends, and the fourth and fifth grade program is yet to come. Roadrunners are also still looking forward to Race for Riley, the Star Bank Digitalium, Field Day, and kindergarten and 5th grade graduation celebrations in the last few days of school. With that, Hendry Park staff and students would like to wish the best of luck to the fifth graders and all other students and staff who will be leaving our school. Find us on

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