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Superintendent's Message

MSD Highlights

Metropolitan School District of Steuben County

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I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank everyone for an outstanding start to another school year at the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County. It is always exciting to see our school buildings once again full of students who are ready and eager to learn. We strive to build upon this excitement for learning by providing the best educational programming available to our students. Our top priority is to ensure that each and every student takes advantage of the numerous learning opportunities that are provided to them.

Our faculty and staff members are true professionals who work hard to meet the educational needs of our students. This is accomplished by holding true to our mission to provide all learners with challenging, engaging, and innovative educational experiences that inspire them to be tomorrow's leaders. Our programs support exploration, creativity, and individual development while offering instructional support for every student. M.S.D. of Steuben County also provides numerous opportunities for our students to participate in performing arts, academic competitions, student organizations, athletics, and many other activities.

Even the best educational programs accomplish very little if students are not prepared or willing to take advantage of them. The key to long-term success is to make students responsible for their own learning. The desire and motivation to be successful has to come from within each individual. High expectations for student learning and achievement must continue outside the classroom. It takes the support and involvement of the entire community for our students to reach their full potential.

It is truly an honor and a privilege to have your child attend our school district. I hope that you feel welcome in our schools and take advantage of opportunities to become involved in school activities. Parents are always encouraged to be part of the educational process at M.S.D. of Steuben County. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you ever have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Brent A. Wilson
Superintendent

Ryan Park Elementary

Welcome back! Ryan Park staff and students are ready for another fantastic school year! Our summer staff has been working hard to prepare the school for our students, and it looks great! The Ryan Park office has a "new" look, with fresh paint and new carpet! Thank you to everyone involved in the efforts! The Ryan Park team is excited for the learning experiences and opportunities that happen daily at our school. We will continue to highlight accomplishments through our celebrations, showcasing talent and learning through social media, and exploring our creative side through our Makerspace. Be sure to follow our journey on our school website and on our Twitter feed, @RyanParkRhinos.

Ryan Park Elementary is welcoming new faces this year. Welcome Morgan Lehman in 2nd grade, Kendall Kobelak in special education, Scott Newman as our music teacher, Stephanie Bonifay as our applied skills instructional assistant, Carol Karst-Wasson as our K-2 reading instructional assistant, and Anita McClure as an instructional assistant. We are very excited to have them on board, along with all returning staff. Our goal at Ryan Park is to help our students achieve to their fullest potential. We are confident that this year will continue the great reputation Ryan Park has had in the past in empowering learners, helping every child be successful.

Together, we will be building a stronger school community while we celebrate the joy of education. We look forward to leaving a positive footprint on the 2019-2020 school year!

Angola Middle School

We are off to a great start at AMS!

We want to thank everyone for coming out to Survivor Camp and our Open Houses. Survivor Camp had 99% in attendance. That's amazing, and it's the sign of a strong community. Thank you!

- We are getting the hang of our new homework app...check out the letter in your folder
- We have awesome new furniture in our media center
- Fall sports are taking off...still not too late to join some sports
- Our after school program BASE is up and running
- We have some new faces teaching in our building
Ellen Wilson, Mikalynn Lowry, Hugh Robertson, Jordan Blank, Wade Hantz, and Samantha Ihrie...They are already on their way to great legacies at AMS!

We want every student to find their niche. AMS offers lots of opportunities!



Hendry Park Elementary

Hendry Park Roadrunners are off to a great start for the 2019-20 school year! Welcome back all staff, students, families, and community members for another year of learning at Hendry Park Elementary School, and a special welcome to all of those new to our building this year. Hendry Park has an outstanding lineup of new staff members this year including new teachers Mr. Jared Johnson in 5th grade, Miss Kennedy Thomas in 1st grade, Mrs. Megan Crankshaw in Kindergarten, and joining us half way through last year as our K-2 ED teacher, Miss Steph Rothbauer. HP also welcomes our new PE teacher Mrs. Kristin Sheets, as well as Kindergarten PE and music teachers Paige Judson and Scott Newman. We round out the lineup with new IAs Allen Cummings and Carly Sanborn, and ED-IAs Hope Bidelman and Joni Hawkins.



Some awesome happenings at HP, to begin each day students will choose a station where they can play cards and board games, put together puzzles, be creative with art, read in the library, practice Tae Kwan Do, play basketball, participate in drumming and movement, or sing Karaoke. This all takes place from 7:40 am when the doors open until the academic day begins, along with the opportunity to eat a nutritious breakfast prepared by our extraordinary Food Services Department. After school, HP students can participate in clubs including Dance Club, Baking Club, STEAM Club, Cheer Club, Cup Stacking Club and more coming throughout the year. There are a lot of opportunities and experiences to look forward to at HP!

Other happenings starting the year at HP include flexible seating in classrooms, as well as Chromebooks in every student's hands for a balanced approach to learning in the 21st Century. These district-owned devices will be going home with students every night and over breaks on or before September 3rd. The Chromebooks are tools, not toys, and the use of the devices is a privilege and is meant for educational purposes only. Families are financially responsible for the devices should anything happen to them, so please note that Student Device Protection Plans can still be purchased online for \$33 until September 5th!

Keep up with Hendry Park Roadrunners on our Hendry Park Elementary School and Hendry Park Elementary PTO Facebook pages, Twitter, and our school webpage. Also, families should sign up for HP Remind by texting the message @hp016 to the number 81010, and be on the lookout for monthly newsletters by email or coming home with students.

Hendry Park Elementary looks forward to smooth Road-Running as we help make our district a frontrunner in quality education this school year!

Carlin Park Elementary

Carlin Park Elementary welcomed back their Cardinals at a very successful Back to School Night to launch the 2019-2020 school year! We have many changes to celebrate this year with some new classroom locations and new teachers to grade levels. Our teachers and staff have worked very hard to prepare for what we intend to make our best year yet. A very warm thank you goes out to those who made this launch possible.



It is always exciting to watch our students reconnect with friends from previous years as well as making new friends. One of our important missions this year is to continue our focus on the Six Pillars of Character. These characters include; Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship. We will strive daily to instill these essential characteristics as we continue to foster academically achieving, and socially prepared students. We recognize that it takes a village to raise a child and we are grateful for the opportunity to provide a rigorous education in an atmosphere that is friendly and fun for our Cardinals to grow.

Pleasant Lake Elementary

Pleasant Lake Patriots welcome all of our MSD community back to school for the 2019-2020 school year. The beginning of this year has been busy and productive! We welcome a couple of new staff members to our team: Mr. Scott Newman (Music) and Mrs. Kande Stroud (Instructional Assistant). We are excited to have our same K-5 teachers return to Pleasant Lake along with most of our support staff!



We made some room changes throughout the building and are looking forward to using these different spaces. Our Boiler was replaced over the summer. Many students are ready to get back into the Makerspace to create and build. We will reopen for Makerspace Mornings in September. We will have some awesome Extra-Curricular opportunities this fall! Watch for more information about our STEAM Club, Checkers Club and Cup Stacking Club.



Pleasant Lake Patriots are excited for this new school year and hope everyone has a wonderful school year!

Angola High School

Angola High School has some new faces to start the school year.

Jennifer Steyer is a new math teacher at AHS. She will be teaching Algebra II and Finite Math this school year. Prior to coming to AHS she taught at Hamilton. Jennifer earned her bachelor's degree in science from Trine University and added mathematics licensure also. While she knows many of our student-athletes through her work at Tri-State Gymnastics, she is looking forward to getting to know all of her students and coworkers on a more personal level.

Mercedes Clemens has returned to AHS to teach Spanish. Last year Mercedes was working with students at Trine University. Mercedes worked at both AHS and AMS a few years ago as an English Language Learners Instructional Assistant. Her strongest asset was building positive relationships with students and parents. She received her bachelor's degree from Texas Women's College in Denton, TX. Mercedes has two children who have graduated from AHS. She is excited about working with all the wonderful faculty and staff at AHS and throughout MSD again!

Kathy Depue is another former AHS staff member that is returning to AHS. Kathy retired from teaching last school year. Mrs. Depue was the Steuben County Special Education Co-Op teacher for students with severe disabilities at AHS until the program was moved to Hamilton Jr./Sr. School last year. Kathy attended and graduated from Fremont Community Schools. She is a graduate of Tri-State (Trine) University. Kathy still has a desire to work with students and is excited to return to AHS. She will be an instructional assistant in the Emotional Disabilities classroom. She looks forward to being in the various classrooms and using her experience to support both the students and staff.

Deb Roach was an instructional assistant in the class for students with severe disabilities at AMS last year. She comes to AHS as one of our new Emotional Disabilities Instructional Assistants. Deb was also an instructional assistant during AHS summer school for a couple of summers. She will continue to work after school at AMS at their BASE camp. She is a graduate of Fremont High School. Deb is looking forward to a successful year working with new staff and students and "making a difference in young people's lives."

Angela Coltrin comes to AHS from Carlin Park Elementary School. She graduated from Westfield Washington High School in Westfield, Indiana and later graduated from BYU-Hawaii in Laie, Hawaii. When Angela was at Carlin Park, she was a Title I Instructional Assistant. For the coming school year, she will be an English Language Learner Instructional Assistant for both AHS and AMS. Angela looks forward to getting to know the students and the staff.

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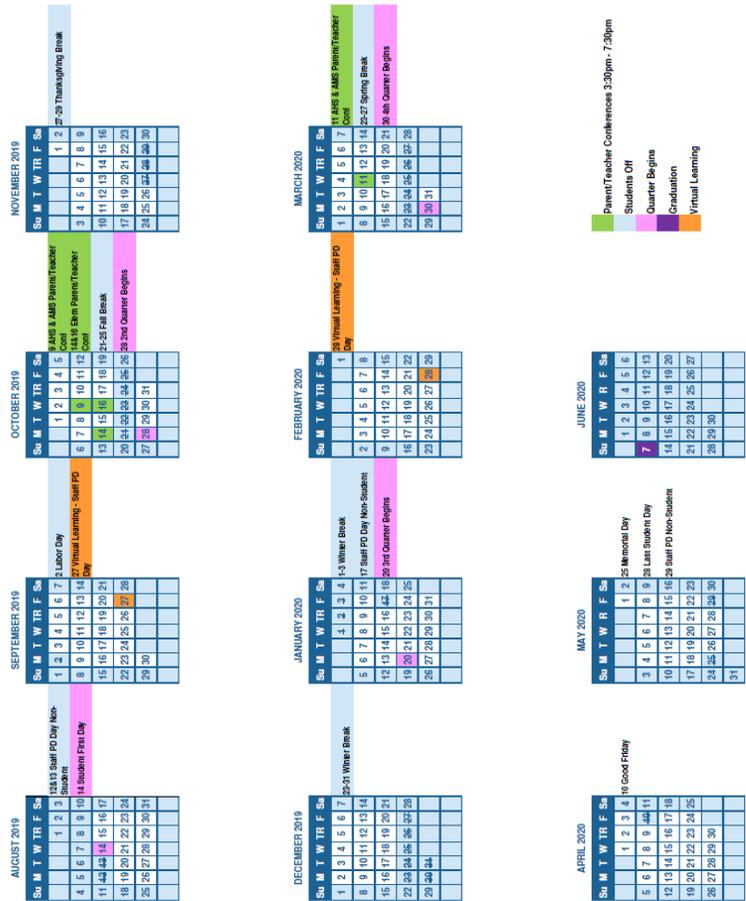
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**Metropolitan School District of Steuben County
2019-2020 Parent Calendar**

(Additional make-up dates may be added after May 28th)



2019-2020 MSD Calendars

MSD current calendars are on the MSD website www.msdstauben.k12.in.us; “Essentials”, “MSD Steuben Events” and can be viewed by the district or building, “Month”, “Week”, “Day” or “List”. The district calendar will be updated each delay and cancelation as they occur. The district Yearly School Calendar is also available on our website, this calendar will not be updated.

Virtual Days will be utilized for canceled days whenever possible. If a **3 Hour Delay** is called for days of inclement weather, students will begin school 3 hours later than scheduled and 1 hour will be added to the end of that day. If the extended day runs into scheduled after school events, arrangements will be made to hold the activity at a later time or date.

2019-2020 School Breakfast & Lunch Prices

Breakfast and Lunch are offered daily in each building.

Student Breakfast K—12 \$1.60
Reduced Student Breakfast \$0.00
Adult Breakfast \$2.10

Elementary Lunch \$2.35
Middle School Lunch \$2.50 & \$2.95
High School Lunch \$2.75, \$3.05 & \$3.25
Student Reduced Lunch \$.40* (per USDA Federal Guidelines)
Adult Lunch \$3.75

2019-2020 Textbook Fees

All textbook and supply fees were due the first day of school, August 14, 2019, and are now considered past due. Please see your building secretary to pay your students’ fees or if you have questions concerning your textbook and supply fees.