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June 2020

MSD Highlights

Metropolitan School District of Steuben County

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Message From the Superintendent

Dear MSDSC Families,

As we wrap up this school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the past few months. It was an interesting fourth quarter to say the least. The transition to virtual learning for the last 27 days of the school year happened quickly so we could protect our students and staff members. It was truly impressive to see how everyone pulled together to make the best out of a very unique situation.

Summer break is a great chance to pause for a moment and take care of those who are important to us. The past few months have been stressful in many ways and we know that we will be facing many new challenges this fall. At this point, we are still planning to start school with our first student day on Thursday, August 13th. We will be implementing new procedures to ensure the safety of all individuals who enter our schools. We also know that we will need to accommodate families who may choose to keep their students at home for a variety of reasons. The delivery of our curriculum at all levels will be challenging as we continue to utilize alternative methods in the most effective ways possible.

As the COVID-19 situation evolves, I can see our student attendance fluctuating on a daily basis. While there is no true substitute for in-person classroom instruction, we know that we will need to be ready for any scenario. I envision the continuation of the virtual learning format for the first few months of the school year. The classroom may consist of 15 students at school and 5 students at home one day and the total opposite the next day. I can assure you that parents will have the flexibility to determine when they believe it is safe to send their children back to school.

We will keep you posted as we learn more from the department of education in the next few weeks. Meal bundles for our students are still available throughout the summer at Hendry Park Elementary and Pleasant Lake Elementary. An announcement on summer school will be made as soon as we obtain approval to do so. Thank you again for your help this year. I am definitely looking forward to the 2020-2021 school year.

Sincerely,



Brent A. Wilson
Superintendent

Pleasant Lake Elementary

Even though our doors have been closed our flowers have bloomed that the fall garden club planted! Our staff has been working harder than ever! Preparing and handing out meals for students daily. Teachers have been preparing online engaging lessons for students, attending virtual technology sessions, meeting with classes and individuals in small groups and one on one using Google meet. We even celebrated a virtual spirit week. We have continued our relationships with families and students by reaching out with phone calls, texts, Google meets, and don't forget the number of handwritten letters sent to students in the mail!

The Pleasant Lake Booster Club has been an amazing support to teachers and families! They built our blessing box which is filled with non-perishable foods until June 7th and will transition to a book box on June 8th for the summer. It will offer a variety of books for all students. The Booster Club purchased every family a yearbook for the 2019-2020 school year. On Fridays, they are available to give students needed supplies to work from home such as paper, pens and pencils. Every student was sent a brand new book from Scholastics to enjoy over the summer. They even took the time to deliver a Teacher appreciation gift to every staff member while in quarantine. Hats off to an awesome Booster Club! We appreciate all they do for the staff and students.

Our year has traditionally ended with water day and this year will be different! Some teachers have delivered special treats to students. We will be celebrating our fifth grade class with a drive by parade for them to pick up an AMS t-shirt, a Pleasant Lake memory box provided by the Booster Club and a 6 pack of cupcakes donated by WalMart for every family in 5th grade.

We have definitely found ways to connect with our families and students during this pandemic showing that the classroom goes well beyond 4 walls. We are fortunate to have the technology to continue learning and we were able to quickly and seamlessly make the transition. Thanks for all of your support during this unprecedented time!

Hendry Park Elementary

Hendry Park Roadrunners have embraced the changes that shaped the end of the 2020 school year. In this last quarter, students and teachers have adjusted to virtual lessons, which allowed the continuation of learning in creative and engaging ways. Roadrunners celebrated student successes with virtual end-of-the-year awards ceremonies and the 5th graders will be sent off with a curbside graduation on June 11. We wish our 5th graders the best of luck at Angola Middle School! Hendry Park will also say farewell to Mr. Steve Crain, as he retires this year. Lastly, a big “Thank You!” goes out to all MSD Food Service staff for providing meals everyday for our students. They are our front-line heroes!

We look forward to seeing all of our Hendry Park families the week of June 1-5, from 11:00 am — 6:00 pm as they participate in our curbside pick-up / drop-off of school items.

Carlin Park Elementary

**Determination, Compassion and
Sincere Devotion is a Recipe for Success!**

When you combine a wonderful team of students, parents and stakeholders with a devoted and compassionate team of educators, you end up with something that resembles stunning results! With very little notice, students, parents and teachers faced an unprecedented task of continuing school in the middle of a pandemic. There is no question this task has not been easy for anyone. Carlin Park Cardinals are so grateful for all the creativity, ingenuity and cooperation that has been implemented during this difficult time.

We are so excited to share that our students took advantage of technology creating a heartfelt video to thank our friends and heroes, Angola’s first responders, who have been excellent role models for our young students. Our teachers and staff members are also very thankful for all our first responders and those who have risen above and beyond during this challenging time. We can’t wait for the time that our friends/heroes can come visit us once again and share lunch together.

There have been many success stories over this last quarter. We have had numerous students who have taken the opportunity to focus on conservation projects, art of culinary projects and a number of blogging projects as well. There is so much to learn as we move through life, and our young Cardinals are always up for the challenge.

Congratulations to our graduating 5th grade students! Our virtual graduation ceremony was a great success and a wonderful walk down memory lane. As our graduation program states, “remember that no matter how far you grow or how high you go, your Cardinal family is very proud of you!” Remain safe and enjoy your summer!

Ryan Park Elementary

First, Ryan Park Elementary would like to congratulate **Mrs. Phyllis Hall and Mr. Steve Crain** on their retirement! **Mrs. Hall** has been with Ryan Park since it opened, serving and supporting our students through the food service department. She has been such a caring person for our students, and we greatly appreciate all she has done for Ryan Park! In her retirement, she hopes to do some Disney travels, reading, and of course, sewing! **Mr. Crain** has been in education for 36 years, with 6 years in the regular classroom, 11 years in administration, and the rest of his career teaching elementary art. Going with the flow of moving from building to building each year, he supports our students in all ways, promoting the creative side of it all. In his retirement, he plans to work on house and yard projects and travel. We greatly appreciate all he has done at Ryan Park and throughout our district, inspiring our students in their interests and endeavors.

While we didn’t finish the year like we had planned, we are so proud of all our students, staff, and families for continuing their learning and growth during this difficult time. Educating our future generations takes a village, and our village is amazing! Thank you!

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!

Summer Free Meals Program!

The M.S.D. of Steuben County Food Service is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals are available Monday through Friday 11:30—12:30, at no charge, for any child age 1-18. Lunches are available, curbside pickup, at Hendry Park Elementary and Pleasant Lake Elementary.

There are no adult meals available. To find other Summer Food Service programs text “food” to 877-877 or www.doe.in.gov/ summermeals

Please be aware that student lunch accounts carry forward to the new school year. If your student has money in their account, or a debit, that will carry forward to August 2020.

Angola High School

Angola High School has had another successful school year! We obviously did not end our school year the way we wanted to, but we ended the year strong. Although we are not physically together, we continue to stay strong in our commitment, enthusiasm, effort, and dedication to our students and their learning. The administration is extremely proud of our students, parents, and everyone in the community for all of their support this school year, especially at the end of the year. Angola is a community that cares deeply for each other and our students. We also want to thank the AHS teachers for rising to the challenges that they faced. Their commitment to our students was unprecedented this school year.

We want to congratulate Ms. Alice Cole, Mr. Jerry McDermid, and Mrs. Linda Reidenbach who are retiring from the MSD of Steuben County at the end of this school year.

Ms. Cole worked at Angola High School for eight years and previously worked at Carlin Park for ten years. She was the school's ISS and clinic instructional assistant. She attended Thurston High School in Detroit and Tri-State University in Angola. Ms. Cole just loved, loved, loved seeing all her Carlin Park students come through high school, and meeting some wonderful new students. She stated that "It was gratifying to be a confidant to students who needed to talk and to mend many injuries. The entire staff is fantastic! I especially appreciated all the help from Scott Poor when I was new, Mark Ridenour's sense of humor, and Nancy Irwin's uncanny ability to handle any situation and her kindness to me." Ms. Cole's advice to students at the high school is to "Keep up the good work! Your teachers really care about you. Don't hesitate to go to them for help. Join a club or sport; you will enjoy it. Be open to new friendships." We thank Ms. Cole for her years of service to MSD of Steuben County.

Mrs. Reidenbach started teaching at Angola High School in the fall of 1982 after graduating from Purdue University. She is finishing her 38th year in education. While at AHS, Mrs. Reidenbach did more than teach Physical Education and Health. During her first year at AHS, Mrs. Reidenbach coached girls track. In her second year, she coached girls track and basketball. In her 3rd year, she coached girls basketball which she continued for another seven years. In addition to athletics, Mrs. Reidenbach was the student council sponsor for two years, FIST sponsor for four years, and the department chair for 30 years. Some of her fondest memories about AHS include "Many...hanging out with colleagues at work and off-work hours, especially Dave Olson, as we bonded/supported each other at work but also as we coached." The two have such a close family like relationship that students still ask the two if they are brother and sister. Mrs. Reidenbach enjoyed close relationships with peers and the social aspects of school like "MSD Christmas parties and fun times/jokes played during the Principal Harry Kelley time period at the 'Old' AHS building, the joy of meeting the community while coaching their daughters in sports (met a lot of amazing families), the big move to the 'New' AHS during spring break (Oh, how exciting coming back to a new environment!) and the experience of team teaching Physical Education and the friendship developed with Dennis Gentry." Her advice to students at AHS: "1st...Need to "Love" Yourself; 2nd...Have a Helping Hand ready to offer others; 3rd...Stay Focused--You've got a lot to offer, so don't hold back!!!" Thank you Mrs. Reidenbach for your support of our students and community over the years.

Mr. McDermid arrived straight out of Western Michigan University to teach the next 37 years at AMS (12 years) and AHS (25 years). During those years, Mr. McDermid taught U.S. History, Dual Credit U.S. History, and the occasional World Civ. class at AHS, and he taught US History, Physical Education, and Health at AMS. He was also very active in extracurricular activities. Mr. McDermid coached 7th grade football, 8th grade football, Freshman football, 7th grade boys basketball, 8th grade boys basketball, Freshman boys basketball, JV girls basketball, JV baseball, JV softball, head varsity softball, head varsity baseball, and was the National Honors Society advisor. Mr. McDermid is proud of being a part of three sectional championship teams: 2003 girls basketball, 2003 softball (Head Coach), 2013 baseball (Head Coach). This is something that no other coach at AHS has done. Mr. McDermid says some of his fondest memories are the sectional championships and "being named KPC Coach of the Year for softball (2003) and baseball (2013,2014) and Coach of the year for our district by the Indiana Baseball Coaches Association (2013)." Mr. McDermid advises others, "Whenever a student in my classroom ever expressed appreciation it was never about the content. No student ever said, 'boy I loved how you covered the New Deal.' It was about the relationships we were able to build throughout the school year. I just hope my students and players look back at our time together fondly and smile." Thank you Mr. McDermid for building meaningful relationships with students, colleagues, and the community.

Here a few reminders for this summer break. Summer school will begin on Monday, July 6th. The last day of summer school is Thursday, July 30th. Summer school is from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This summer we will be offering PE, Government, Algebra, Biology, and English. We will also be offering credit recovery classes through our Edgenuity online course program. The Graduation Commencement will be Thursday, July 9th, at 7:00 p.m. in the main gymnasium at Angola High School. For those students that will need a work permit, please note the AHS office will be closed during June. Students will need to make an appointment to come into the office. The office will also be closed starting Monday, June 29th through Friday, July 3rd. The office will reopen Monday, July 6th at 7:00 a.m. Please plan ahead if you need a work permit. AHS Registration Day will be Tuesday, August 4th, in the main gym from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. I look forward to seeing you all in August. Have a very happy, safe and fun summer.

Angola Middle School

We made it!

Congratulations to Michelle Talkington and Cindy Kennell on their retirement.

They are excellent educators who are leaving behind great legacies.

Congratulations to Jim Savage for receiving the prestigious Lilly Grant.

Either this summer or next he will travel the nation to learn the skill, history, and art of BBQ.

Congratulations to Victor Rodrigues on winning the AMS Spelling Bee!

Congratulations to Ava Budak on winning the AMS Science Fair!

Enjoy Your Summer...Choose to make it great!

We cannot wait to see you for the 2020-21 school year.

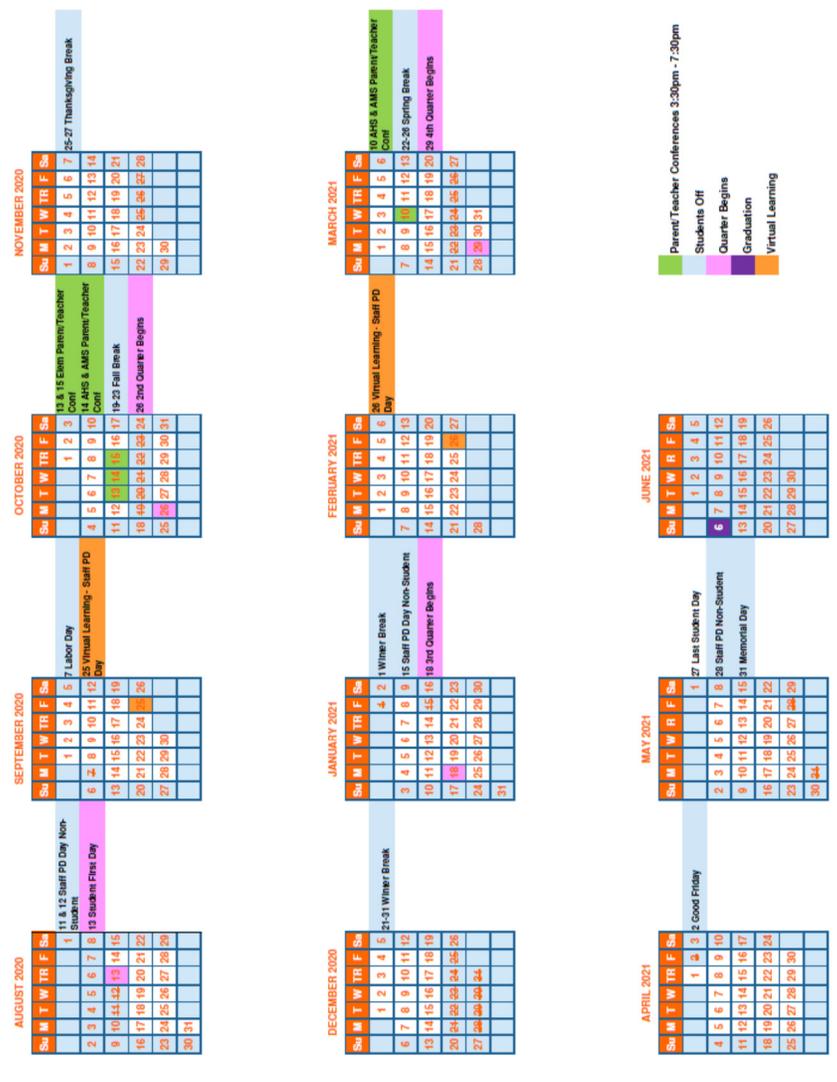
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**Metropolitan School District of Steuben County
2020-2021 Parent Calendar**
(Additional make-up dates may be added after May 27th)



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2020-2021 Textbook Fees

All textbook and supply fees are due the first day of school August 13, 2020. Please contact your building secretary to pay your students' textbook and supply fees or if you have questions or concerns about your fees.

2020-2021 Substitutes In All Positions

If you are interested in substituting the next school year, please visit our web page after July 4th for updated information.
<https://sites.google.com/a/msdsc.us/substitute-instructions/>

Congratulations 2020 Retiring MSD Staff!

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| Alice Cole — AHS Instructional Assistant | Cyndi Nusbaum — District Curriculum Director |
| Steve Crain — Elementary Teacher | Rick Qualkenbush — AMS Head Custodian |
| Deb Griffin — Administrative Assistant | Linda Reidenbach — AHS Teacher |
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