



MENOMINEE INDIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

MISD VISION:
Enriching the lives of our children through education

A.M. Announcement Fun

Check out the fun way KPS and MIMS do morning announcements. Go to YouTube and subscribe to: **KPS Howls and MattsonMath**

Three Days Matter

Chronic absenteeism in school early on creates bad habits, and academic problems later in life. By 9th grade, missing 20% of school (a little more than 3 days per school month) is a better indicator of dropping out than test scores. Make sure your student is in school each and every day.

(Information courtesy of: Attendance Matters!)

Parent & Community Impact Aid Forum *Your feedback is needed!*

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, **February 28, 2018**. That's the date for MISD's Parent and Community Impact Aid Forum.

What's it all about? It's your opportunity to gather with your friends, family and neighbors and provide feedback to the School District. As a district that relies on Federal Impact Aid to help provide a strong education for our students, we want to make sure we engage parents and the community in open discussion about the District.

The event will be held at Menominee Indian High School and starts with a free meal at 5:00 p.m. It will be followed by an open forum, moderated by Superintendent Wendell Waukau, with opening comments by MISD School Board President David Jonesy Miller. Results of a survey conducted last year will be shared and then you will have an opportunity to ask questions or make comments and suggestions. After the open forum, drawings will be held for a giveaway of gift cards to local businesses. Hope to see you there!

New Degree Offered by CMN



Above:
College of Menominee Nation Logo

The College of Menominee Nation will be offering an Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) degree program in fall 2018.

The AODA degree program is an associate level program that will allow prospective students to study areas in counseling, treatment planning and group facilitation to help prevent addiction or assist in recovery of addiction for individuals or groups.

The College of Menominee Nation also offers other associate level, bachelor, and technical degrees. For more information, go to: www.menominee.edu or call [715-799-5600](tel:715-799-5600).

Social & Emotional Learning Expertise: MISD presents to DPI Equity Council



KPS principal Laura Duggan, and Trauma Coach Ryan Coffey, recently presented MISD's approach to social and emotional learning (SEL) to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction's Equity Council.

"We are seen as a leader in this area and we were asked to present because of our expertise and experience in trauma informed care in an educational setting," explains MISD

Superintendent Wendell Waukau. Why focus on SEL? Historical trauma that has occurred through the years to the Menominee people has had a lasting, inter-generational impact; an impact that can affect even the youngest students. By addressing the stress, pain, fear and anger that can be deeply embedded in a child, it helps them move past trauma and become healthier in many ways. While the Menominee story is unique, there are many other people who have also experienced emotional trauma in different ways. Educators are now working to learn and understand not just what emotional trauma is and its impacts, but to develop ways to adapt the educational system to help those impacted. That's where SEL comes in.

"Some of the things we're doing in our schools include a morning mood check in, where students can discretely share how they are feeling that day; opening the door for conversation between teacher and student," explains Duggan. "We have also incorporated things like morning mindfulness checks, established safe rooms in every classroom and have a reflection room in our school. Plus, we have Trauma Coaches like Mr. Coffey, who help students as well as teachers and staff."

Menominee culture is also incorporated into SEL. The 7 Grandfather Teachings are taught in every classroom, every week. Daily talking circles are held, smudging is done and there are Restoration Day activities and a Celebration Pow Wow. To ensure good communication and understanding between the school, parents and students, 10 parent workshop sessions are also held during the school year.

"We have had great success with this approach," said Duggan. "It's reflected in the number of students we're helping, the awareness of issues, improved behavior and learning. It was a pleasure for Mr. Coffey and me to share what we're doing with a statewide audience."

Their presentation was so well received, that it was also mentioned by Wisconsin Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tony Evers, at a State Superintendent's Conference a few weeks later. "That says a lot," added Waukau. "We're proud to be seen as leaders in this area and we are focused on continuing to learn and expand our approach to SEL throughout our District."

Get Behind the Wheel

Graphic below: Car icon

Almost every student dreams of turning 16 and getting their driver's license. Did you know that the State of Wisconsin requires:

- Proof that you have completed an approved driver's education course which includes classroom and behind-the-wheel training
- Requires you have an instruction permit for at least six months and that you have been violation free for the 6 months prior to applying for your regular license

You can get that approved driver's education course right here at MIHS! Joe Zack is taking applications for his Driver's Ed course.

It will begin as soon as 25 students sign up and pay their \$50 deposit.

So, if you're thinking of getting your license, don't miss this opportunity to take the course you need to make that dream come true.



Is your student a senior at MIHS?

It's always a good thing to check in with your student's teachers. And, if you're the parent of a senior at MIHS, February is an especially good time to check in. Graduation isn't all that far away, and it's good to know where your student stands in regards to meeting graduation requirements.

If things are off track for your student, there may still be time to make sure they catch up on what they need to do. Better to know now, than hear disappointing news in May or June. So make it a point to check in and find out how your student is doing.

Coming Soon: Online School Registration

Starting with the 2018-2019 school year, MISD will be moving to online student registration. What does that mean? It means registration will be quicker and easier than in the past; plus you'll be able to register right from home! Details will be released in the coming months.



Upcoming Fun Dates to Note



Groundhog Day

Friday, February 2: Groundhog Day



Monday, February 19; President's Day



Valentine's Day

Wednesday, February 14:
Valentine's Day



Friday, March 2: National Education Association's Read Across America (Dr. Suess's birthday)

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February 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 Groundhog Day	3
4	5 School Bd. Mtg. @ 5 p.m.	6	7 Student early release*	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17
18	19 President's Day; no school. School Bd. Mtg. @ 5 p.m.	20	21 Student early release*	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	*KPS-MIMS early release times is 2:15 p.m.	*MIHS early release time is 2:30 p.m.	

Shown above: February 2018 MISD Calendar