



Mt. Blue Middle School Board Update



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Fall Review

1. Enrollment / Academics

- a. Currently we have 479 students enrolled at MBMS as of 1/3/22.
- b. All our teaching positions are currently filled.
- c. Teachers and students have transitioned well to using technology while in quarantine.
- d. Google classroom is once again our model of learning when students are out.
- e. Staff participated in an ugly sweater competition prior to the holiday break to keep spirits high.



2. Facility updates

- a. Our new portable classroom is up and running with 2 classrooms (Math & SPED) utilizing the space.
- b. Additional scheduled projects are delayed. They include an outdoor learning space and updated camera entry systems which will help with space and safety concerns.



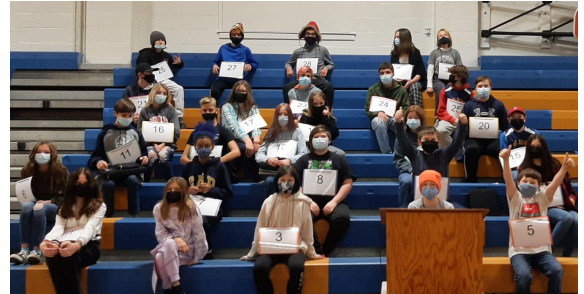


3. Programming and Instruction Updates

a. MBMS has implemented a “Kindness Campaign” in order to give added focus to students and staff on being kind during this time of unrest. This aligns with our social emotional learning (SEL) model and has helped to maintain our positive school climate.

b. A door decorating contest that focused on our kindness quotes took place before vacation which allowed kids to use their artistic abilities.

c. MBMS Spelling Bee occurred Dec. 21st with 30 students participating. Spellers were so good it took two days to get the winner.



d. Wendy Simpson, our new librarian, has done a wonderful job keeping students and staff engaged in the library and social media.



4. Athletics

- a. The Fall Season was very successful in terms of participation, competition, and academics.
 - i. Very few interruptions occurred to the schedule due to our COVID protocols.

The Winter Season:

Basketball began mid-November and will run through January.

- i. We have 48 students participating.
- ii. We have been fortunate to not need to reschedule yet due to weather/COVID.
- iii. Our coaches and athletes are doing a great job managing all the COVID related requirements to stay safe and able to participate.

Wrestling will start up at the end of January with guidelines to follow what is currently occurring at the high school level, unless adjustments are needed due to conditions.