

Michigan Center Schools
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news & views

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District Vision Statement

Michigan Center School - The cutting edge leader in educational advancement empowers all students for life-long success in a changing world.

District Mission Statement

The mission of Michigan Center School District is to engage, challenge and motivate life-long learners toward excellence through innovation.

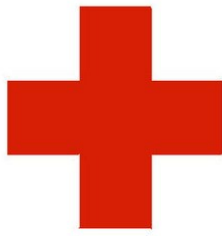
Michigan Center Schools **Keicher CREW**

In December, January and February, we recognized the character traits of integrity, grit and fairness. Each month teachers and staff pick a student who demonstrates that month's character trait and shows their Keicher Pride. We honored these new Keicher CREW kids with a celebration breakfast. We are so proud of our Keicher Kids!



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American Red Cross

NHS Red Cross Blood Drive
Monday May 6
8:00 am to 2:00 pm at the high school.
Open to the public.
Sign up on the Red Cross site

Together we can save a life!

Michigan Center Schools **Upcoming High School Events**

- Wednesday 4/10 SAT 7:40am-1:00pm (approximately)
**No Career Center for Juniors, Juniors may leave after testing ends*
***No Juniors may have drinks (water, coffee, energy drinks, pop, etc.) during testing or in the gym.*
Seniors Virtual School Day: No In Person School
- Thursday 4/11 ACT WorkKeys 7:40am-11:45am (approximately)
No Career Center for Juniors
- Friday 4/12 MSTEP Science & Social Studies (Juniors)

Juniors: Please report to the Ray Haynes Gymnasium no later than 7:40am on testing mornings. Please bring a calculator! You cannot bring phones, books, snacks, etc...into the gym during testing. Please dress in layers in comfortable clothing. Get lots of rest and eat breakfast!!!!

MCHS Prom April 27th - 6:30—10PM—Michigan Princess Riverboat Grand River Park, Lansing, MI 48917

Senior Exams: May 16 & May 17

- May 17th: Seniors Last Day
May 21st: Senior Graduation Rehearsal (Mandatory) 9:30am HS Gym
May 29th: Senior Class Night (Mandatory) 7pm
May 30th: Senior Baccalaureate (Optional) 7pm
May 31st: Graduation Commencement Ceremony 7pm



Michigan Center Schools
High School Art News

We are excited to participate in the annual county art show this year. The Jackson County Art Show will take place at Jackson Crossing from April 15th through April 28th. We will be located in the area down from TJMaxx before the Secretary of State.

Set up for the show will be Monday the 15th, with judging taking place during that first week of the show. Judges will award stickers according to their placing. Students will receive their ribbons at the end of the show. There will be an explanation of the judging process on each school's display.

Please be sure to mark your calendar and make time to visit our display. I promise you won't be disappointed. Our students have been hard at work and have created some amazing works of art.

Tracy VanSickle

Art Teacher 9 - 12



Aiden Sprecksel



Dylan Hall



Julia Reynolds

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High School Music News

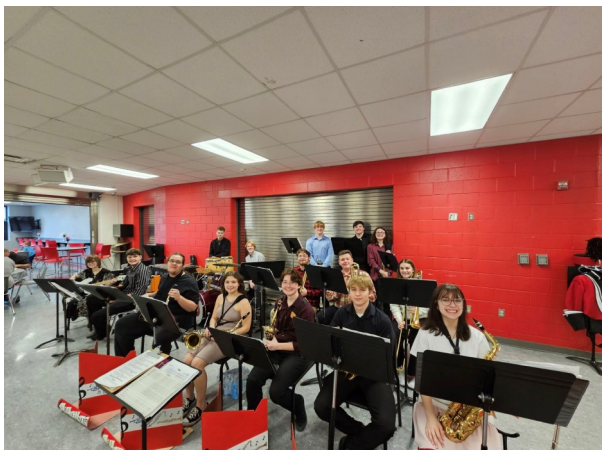


Jackson County Honors Band



State Solo & Ensemble Participants

- Addison—bassoon solo, Division I (Superior)
- Kali, Matthea, Izzy, and not pictured Lennox, Addison -Quintet, Division II (Excellent)
- Bradley Huffman (not Pictured) - Bass Clarinet, Division II (Excellent)



Jazz Band—Spaghetti and Swing Gala Dinner & Performance

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Elementary Music News

Fifth grade students enjoyed a visit with Dan MacMillan of the Strum Rock School on March 15. Mr. MacMillan spoke with students about careers in music, including how to be an entrepreneur and small business owner. He connected with students by sharing the story of his own musical journey and by singing and playing several songs on his guitar. Although he played a familiar instrument, Mr. MacMillan exposed students to music from previous generations and less common genres. Finally, Mr. MacMillan broadened his presentation with advice for students seeking to tackle life's challenges whether they be musical, physical, personal, or academic with examples of how to "eat an elephant one bite at a time." Many thanks to Mr. MacMillan for inspiring our Cardinal musicians!



Beginning Band

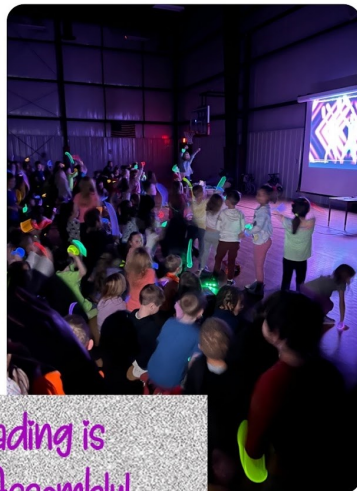
Seventh grade band students visited the University of Michigan on March 12. The 45 member ensemble was invited to sing, chant, improvise, and play its instruments for faculty and students from the School of Music. The band demonstrated a typical class session including warm-ups, improvisation over the 12-bar blues, and current repertoire Cardinal Boogie, Heroes & Glory, and Return of the Gladiators. In addition to performing, students participated in small group rehearsals led by University of Michigan music education students; spoke with college students about their musical experiences; and toured Revelli Hall, home to the Michigan Marching Band. Another highlight of the trip was visiting the Michigan Stadium where students explored the locker room, learned the history of the facility while viewing the field from the indoor suites, and expended much energy running and playing on the field itself. Students concluded their visit to campus with lunch at the food court in the Michigan Union where they dined with college students. Thank you to the musicians for their excellent etiquette throughout the day, and to the many adults who chaperoned the trip. Your tremendous support of the Michigan Center Music Department is always appreciated!



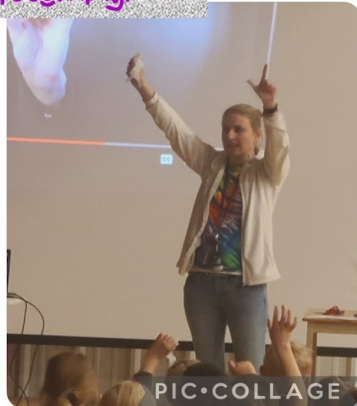
Michigan Center Schools
Arnold News

March is Reading Month Fun: Reading is Magical!

We had so much fun with our Magic theme! Students enjoyed a Magic Show; they decorated their doors; they dressed up, mixed grade levels for buddy reading, hallway reads, and ended the celebration with an assembly where we learned a magic trick and had a glow dance party—glow sticks are magical!



Our Reading is
Magical Assembly!



Books and Breakfast Celebrated our Readers and Writers!

Families shared breakfast with their student; they received a free book for home and their writing and art-work was on display to enjoy!

Junior High School students and 2nd grade Pen Pals

Students met throughout the school year to not only have fun, but to participate in literacy activities. They wrote to each other, built relationships, and read together. The power of an authentic audience for young writers is so powerful.



STEM LAB and ROBOTS!
Mrs. Vincent's kindergarten class explored Sphero Indi Robots. They practiced Coding by sequencing colored tiles to control the robot car. Engineers in the making!

