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.

Class of 2018
Top 10

Kaylee Commet
Valedictorian

Richard Frederick
Salutatorian

#3 Patrick Hite
#4 Shyla Bradbury
#5 Kathryn Van de Water
#6 Austin Hatt
#7 Emily Prater
#8 Devin Derr
#9 Morgan Surber
#10 Sidney Bailey
First and foremost I’d like to offer a sincere THANK YOU to the entire Michigan Center community for a fantastic 2017-2018 school-year. The year has been wildly successful, and that’s due in large part to the support we receive from parents and community. It helps to have outstanding students, too!

There are no words to express how nice it has been to use the upgraded facilities that were provided for us as a result of the bond. At Arnold Elementary the new gymnasium is in use every day all day. The parking and traffic flow at Arnold has improved and continues to improve as everyone embraces the changes. At Keicher the traffic flow has also been much better as a result of the parking loops, and the new kitchen has been tremendous. At the Jr/Sr High we’ve heard a lot of comments about some of the aesthetic features and how much it contributes to our school culture. The new and secure front office has been praised by visitors and those with knowledge of school safety. The student commons and kitchen/cafeteria additions have been a huge hit with staff and students.

On Tuesday, August 7, 2018 voters will be asked to renew the Non-Homestead Millage for our district’s operating budget by voting yes on the ballot proposal. Essentially, the ballot proposal asks district voters to renew the current millage rate that was last renewed in February of 2014.

**What does the Non-Homestead Renewal Mean?**

For residential homestead property owners and qualified agricultural owners, this renewal of the Non-Homestead mills will *cost you nothing* more than the time and energy you expend to go to the polls. Non-Homestead property is defined as commercial, industrial, and second homes. The Non-Homestead Tax is *extremely vital* for the Michigan Center School District, equating to just over one million dollars of revenue for next year. If the Non-Homestead millage on non-residential property is not renewed it will create a loss in revenue for the school district of just over one million dollars for the 2018/2019 school year. The Non-Homestead tax revenue is used in Michigan Center’s General Budget for many items such as: school safety, technology, athletics, instructional resources, maintenance, and many other necessary items and services.

We would like to offer our best wishes to the graduating class of 2018. We look forward to watching our graduates flourish. We take great pride in the culture we’ve created at Michigan Center, and our doors are open for students that want to experience “The Cardinal Way”. If you know of any parents or students that are curious about Michigan Center Schools please encourage them to visit us in Central Office. We will have a conversation, provide tours, and answer any questions they may have.

On behalf of the Board of Education and the Michigan Center staff please have a safe, fun, relaxing summer. We will be very excited to see everyone again on August 22!

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**Important Dates to Remember**

2018-2019 School Year

- Aug 22—First Day of School (1/2 Day)
- Aug 31—No School Labor Day Weekend
- Sept 4—No School Labor Day Weekend
- Oct 15—Professional Development/No School Students
- Nov 21, 22, 23—No School Thanksgiving
- Dec 21—Half Day for Students
- Dec 24—Jan 4 No School Winter Break
- Jan 21—Professional Development/No School Students
- Feb 15-18—No School Students
- Mar 11—Professional Development/No School Students
- Mar 29-Apr 5 Spring Break
- May 27—No School Memorial Day Weekend
- June 7—Half Day for Students/Last Day of School

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**Sports Physical Reminder:**

Students planning on playing a fall sport must have a physical dated after April 15th, 2018 on file with trainer, Rebecca Halstead, before they can practice, or participate.

See you in the Fall!
Thank You to the Sysol Family!

Arnold owes a huge thank you to Jamie, Amy, Olivia and Conner Sysol for the countless hours spent in the greenhouse and taking care of the flower beds at Arnold. The Sysol’s work countless hours and 3 weekends to run the Arnold Plant Sale. Proceeds go for supplies and a new scholarship for a MC Senior. This new scholarship will be available spring of 2019.

Thanks for making Arnold a beautiful place to be!

Arnold’s Volunteers Rock!

Thank you to all of the people who volunteer at Arnold. You are an important part of our school, and we appreciate your time and efforts. Whether you worked in a classroom, where an Energizing Education mentor, or a Popcorn worker, know that you made a difference in our school!

Thanks again, for giving up your time!

Arnold Spring Sing

We love spring at Arnold Elementary!

Thanks to Mrs. Micheel-Mays, all Arnold students got to take a trip to sing and share artwork with residence. This is always a great time for both our students and the residents. It is an awesome sight to watch our little cardinals interact with the residents.

Thanks Mrs. Micheel-Mays for giving our students this opportunity!

Writers Make Amazing Connections…..

Mrs. Zeller gave her 2nd graders an amazing opportunity to build relationships and become authors through her “Telling Their Story” project. Students were partnered with a resident from John Gantons Manor. The class made several trips to the Manor where they introduced themselves and interviewed their buddies to gain information to write their stories. The final visit included sharing a meal and presenting the Buddies their book. It was an awesome project – thanks Mrs. Zeller for giving your students an experience they will not forget.

"Congratulations on your retirement Mrs. McCloughan!

Thank you for the amazing impact you have had on so many lives throughout our district, but especially at Arnold!"
Thank you Energizing Education Supporters!

Thank you to United Way and our sponsors Royal Adhesives & Sealants now an F.B. Fuller Company, Industrial Steel Treating Co., Dawn Foods Foundation, Alro Steel, The Knight Foundation, Jackson County Intermediate School District, American Office Solutions (AOS), The BenjaMen Group, Comcast Internet Essentials, The Kiwanis Club, Tri County Water, The Phil and Pat Willis Foundation, The Herman Miller Foundation, and all our community mentors who have invested in Michigan Center Schools and our community through Energizing Education.

Mentors:

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Naomi Comment
Travis Gaddy
Martha Glover
Donna Jeffrey
Phil Magill
Judy Main
Carolyn Moon
Roberta Sexton
Jamie Steel
Lucia Thomson
Jewel Turner
Scott Ulibarri
Chad VanRiper
Theresa Way
Renee Welsh

If you are interested in being a mentor please contact Lois Dunning at (517) 990-6072 or Email ldunning@uwjackson.org

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High School Art Update

The end of the year has arrived and we hope that you had the opportunity to enjoy the artwork at Jackson Crossing this spring. We had a wonderful turnout and displayed a wide range of artwork created by our high school students. Their hard work and determination definitely paid off this year and they were rewarded greatly for their efforts.

The Jackson County Art Show was held this year at the Crossings April 23rd – May 7th. We received 28 first place ribbons, 62 second place ribbons and 35 third place ribbons. Our top winner was senior Arianna Harmon with a total of 8 ribbons, including 4 first place showings.

I would like to congratulate all the winners and all who participated in this year’s art shows. I am very proud of all their time and effort this year and can’t wait to see what they have in store for next year!

Tracy VanSickle
Art Teacher
I had the privilege of heading up the Keicher Art Club, an amazingly talented group of 5th & 6th graders who met after school on Mondays from 3:30-5:00 to hone their painting and drawing skills. Beginning the last week of January and going until the last week of April, we sculpted clay monsters, focused on Zentangles, recreated Dr. Seuss pictures, made you look twice at optical illusion drawings and let our inner Picasso shine! Thanks to a grant Michigan Center received from John George, this was free to students and gave them the opportunity to work with materials like acrylic paint, chalk pastels, clay, and papier-mache. This allows students to experience creating masterpieces beyond just using crayons, markers and colored pencils. A huge “Thank You!” to Lisa Jordan who so graciously gave her time to help me make art club run smoothly.
Henry Ford and Tigers...Oh My!

On Wednesday, May 16th, Keicher 5th graders had the opportunity to spend the day in Detroit, MI exploring the Henry Ford Museum in the morning and then “catching” a Detroit Tigers game in the afternoon. They began the day at the Henry Ford Museum where students had the opportunity to explore the hands-on exhibits, the bus that Rosa Parks sat on, presidential limousines, various homes throughout the decades, and much more!

Next, we traveled to Comerica Park to watch the Detroit Tigers, unfortunately, lose to the Cleveland Indians. The students spent the days prior to the game learning the history of baseball, how the game of baseball is played and even researched players on the Tiger roster. It was the 1st time ever watching a professional baseball game for many students. It was a great day of history, baseball, and FUN!
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**Preschool & Child Care News**

Our preschool program offers classes for 3 and 4 year olds. We have tuition (3 and 4 year old) and GSRP (4 year old, state-funded, and free to those that meet state qualifications) programs. Children are taught in a fun and developmentally appropriate way. Our curriculum is based on the High Scope approach and is aligned with Arnold Elementary. Enrollment for our 2018-19 classes has begun and some classes have already filled up! If you would like to see if you qualify for the free, 4-year-old GSRP preschool program, you can fill out the Interest Form at greatstartjackson.org. Call 764-3380 for more information.

Our child care program serves children 3 – 12 years of age. We have programs that run year round - all day as well as before & after school. Our summer program is currently full. Enrollment for our 2018-19 school year child care will begin by end of July. Call 764-3380 for more information on any of our child care programs.

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**Jr/Sr High Music News**

The Bands and Choir had a fantastic spring and end of year! The Jazz Band and Choir put on a swingin’ show at St. Aidan’s Episcopal Church for the annual “Spaghetti and Swing” in March. Money raised benefited the music students and the program.

In April, the High School Symphonic Band headed to Manchester High School for MSBOA State Band Festival, receiving a Division II “Excellent” rating overall, and a Division I “Superior” rating in sight reading!

This spring, the band celebrates their seniors - we love you and are so proud of you! Thank you for all you’ve done in your time as a Michigan Center Musician.

Sidney Bailey
Spencer Clemons
Kaylee Commet
Brooke Cornell
Devin Derr
Kayla Flannery
Richie Frederick
Austin Hatt
Morgan Hernandez
Patrick Hite
Heaven Kienutske
Jessica Pepper
Josh Ray
Jacob Reamer
Dylan Schlegelmilch
Morgan Surber

We continue this summer with Junior High Band Camp on June 11-15 from 9am-12pm, and the Carp Carnival on Saturday, June 23! Thanks for a wonderful year!