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MCCHS & MJHS FFA Chapters Have Continued Success

In March, nearly thirty FFA students from MCCHS and MJHS will be recognized by the Board of School Trustees for their State-level achievements.

Last fall, teams from both MJHS & MCCHS competed in the Area Forestry competition placing 1st and 2nd place in the high school and junior high divisions. The MJHS team blocked all other teams from advancing. Individually, MCCHS students also finished 1st, 3rd, 4th, 8th, and 9th place. Their efforts earned them state qualification rankings for the December competition.

Overall state placements: MJHS 9th/70 teams and MCCHS placed 6th and 17th/70 teams.



FFA Area Forestry Team and State Qualifiers



The beginning and advanced Welding teams placed 1st and 2nd and advanced to the State competition in January.



The Chapter Meeting contest tests the team's parliamentary procedure knowledge. The MCCHS team placed 2nd and advanced to Sections.

The incredible thing about all of these students is they split time between numerous other FFA competition teams, find time to practice their portions, participate in numerous community service projects, and attend class. They are dedicated and make it all work at a high level of success for their teams and one another.

New Class, New Language

On Friday, Nov. 1, the English as a New Language (ENL) class, along with members of the MCHS Latino Club, traveled to Indianapolis to participate in the 13th Annual Indiana Latino Institute Education Summit and College and Career Fair at Gainbridge Fieldhouse, home of the Indiana Pacers. Madison students represented Mexico, Honduras, Guatemala, Haiti, and Japan. The more than 3,000 Hoosier high school students in attendance represented nearly every Central American, South American, and Caribbean nation.

The summit began with brief speeches by Hoosier Latinos who, despite significant challenges, graduated from college and now hold influential positions in business (Allison Corporation), medicine (Eli Lilly), and sports (the Indiana Pacers). Ernie G., an inspirational comedian, also addressed the crowd, saying, “We just want to be seen, heard, and gotten.” The audience responded with enthusiastic nods, applause, and whistles.

Attendees ate a working lunch during presentations on the college application process and financial aid. An Ivy Tech representative encouraged students to ask, “Is that the best you can do?” when schools offer financial aid packages. The representative explained that while the worst response could be, “Yes, it is,” the best response could result in a larger financial aid package. Students also learned that numerous scholarships are available to Hoosier Latino students, provided they maintain good GPAs and are prepared to share their personal stories. The representative also highlighted companies like Amazon, UPS, McDonald’s, and Crew Carwash, which offer tuition assistance in exchange for work.

In the afternoon, students explored the main concourse of the Fieldhouse, meeting representatives from nearly every college and university in Indiana. Michelle Laguna-Rafael learned about two scholarship opportunities from Ball State University. Maya Sakaida discovered which Indiana institutions accept students who have learned English as a New Language. Yoselín Sanchez observed, “I learned how much people really want people like us—those who speak two languages—in their colleges and universities.” Anne Victor noted the significant contributions of Latino individuals, from students and administrators to education in Indiana. Savannah Resendiz-Mack was impressed by the variety of opportunities represented at the booths. Popular exhibitors included the Indianapolis Airport Authority, the Indianapolis Fire Department, Allison Corporation, the FBI, and the National Weather Service. Angela Garcia Meda and Cristhian Melgar Lorenzo particularly enjoyed collecting prizes and freebies from the booths. David Corral summed up the experience, saying, “I learned that people seem to want us [Latino students] to achieve; that is their goal and desire.”



Brisia Morales and Angela Garcia Meda speak with a representative from the Indianapolis Urban League.



All 17 MCHS students and Mrs. Whitaker paused for a photo upon arrival.



Ashley Mireles, Michelle Laguna-Rafael, and inspirational comedian Ernie G.



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CUB FEST SNACK DRIVE

As part of our ongoing TBRI student wellness program, schools are seeking donations of individually wrapped snacks that could be placed with counselors or teachers to be given to students when needed to regulate glucose levels associated with behavioral dysregulation.

Please drop off your donation with your school's counselors at Cub Fest on February 26th and get a ticket to be entered in a drawing for a gift card!



Opal E. Sherman Auditorium Schedule

4:30 p.m.: Doors Open
5:00-5:10 p.m.: Anderson K
5:15-5:25 p.m.: Anderson 1
5:30-5:40 p.m.: L.M. K
5:45-5:55 p.m.: L.M. 1
6:00-6:10 p.m.: Deputy K-1
6:15-6:25 p.m.: R.R. K-1
6:30-7:00 p.m.: MCHS

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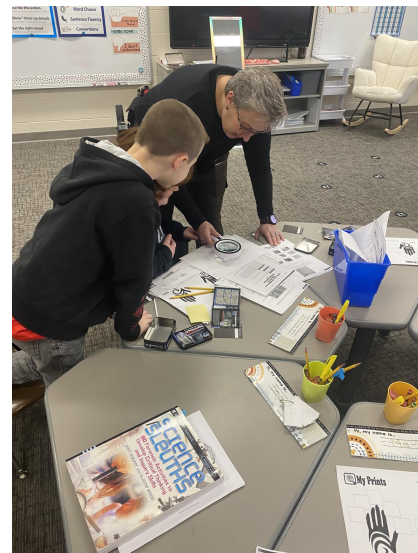
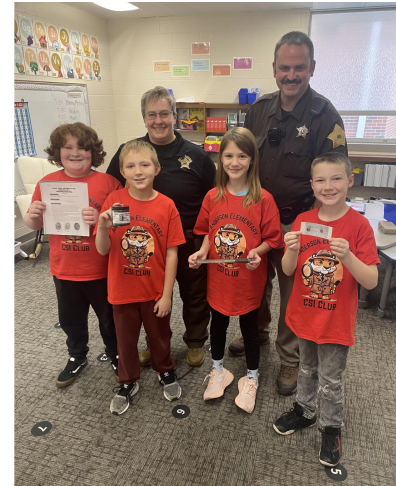


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Anderson Elementary Crime Solvers

The obvious benefits of School Resource Officers are safety related. The amazing BONUS benefits are the many cool things they do with students that build life-long connections, establish trust, and help students discover things they may not realize they had an interest in.

Recently, MCS Safety & Security Director, Jacob McVey, was doing building observations and happened upon the CSI Club after school at Anderson Elementary. SROs Monica Lohrig (Anderson) and John Schoenstein (Deputy) were leading a real-life Game of Clue-esque investigation where students were hands-on learning about fingerprints, following leads, and using critical thinking skills to solve a mystery.



**SRO Appreciation
Day was
February 15, 2025**



While all of our SROs are wildly adored and were shown love on their special day...SRO Schoenstein arrived to school on Friday where EVERYONE had the same infamous mustache as he does!

Using tools of the trade, students were able to learn how their fingerprints leave impressions, how to lift them, how to search for similarities that may lead to a match, and more about law enforcement activities and the overall career path. "While our SROs are a safety-focused resource, a large part of the work they do each day is create experiences and relationships with our students," shared McVey. "Their presence goes well beyond creating a safe physical learning space, they are mentors and trusted friends."

Science on FIRE!

February is science competition month for MCS and several of our teams ROCKED!

The Elementary Science Bowl is a student program of the Indiana Association of School Principals. In partnership with Purdue University, IASP has developed an online Science Bowl competition for elementary school students in grades 4, 5 and 6. Instead of traveling to a host site to compete, teams will take an online test at their school or another internet-ready site of their choosing. Indiana 2010 Science Standards for grades 5, 6 and 7 have been targeted as the base to build questions for this activity. The 90-minute contest will use questions created by outside consultants from Indiana Science Standards.

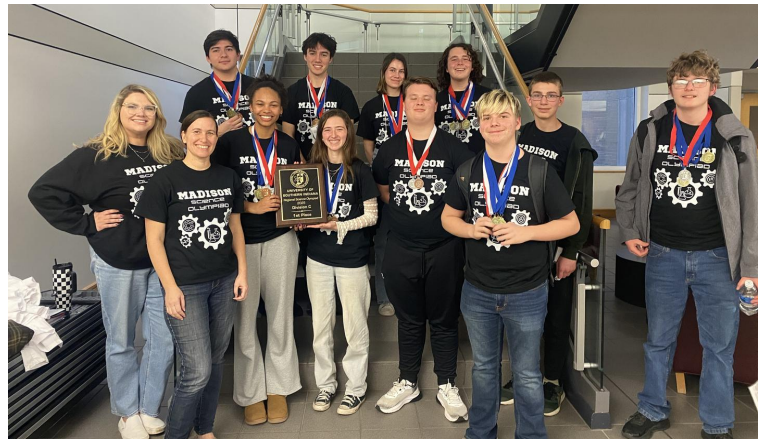
Madison Consolidated Schools had three elementary teams finish in the top-ten in the State!

CONGRATULATIONS

Anderson Elementary - 6th Place

Lydia Elementary - 7th Place

Deputy Elementary - 8th Place



The MCHS Science Olympiad team placed 1st place in the regional competition at University of Southern Indiana earlier this month.

Team members include: David Corral, Jayda Lee, Bethany Kempton, Avery Clayton, Hamilton Cheney, Lincoln Sheets, Kolton Lock, Sam Slade, Silas Eton, Joseph Shope, and coaches Ms. Kempton and Ms. Greene.



In case you missed it on the MCHS Facebook page, your **Madison Cubs Unified Team** raised over \$8,000 for **Special Olympics Indiana**! Our students and staff did an amazing job fundraising and plunging in frigid 35 degree waters to show their support! **For the second year in a row, Madison won the Most Money Raised by a Team award**, beating out Silver Creek, Salem, and Charlestown High School! Thank You to those of you who donated and helped our students with their mission. We have incredible students and staff!





At this month's board meeting, Rykers' Ridge Elementary Principal Mr. Kenton Mahoney provided an update on the Briner Buddy Bench community service project.

The service project was in memory of three classmates, Iyla, Leland, and Adelia, who tragically died in a house fire in December 2023. Students led a campaign to collect plastic caps through May 2024 which were later 'traded' to Green Tree Plastics, LLC for a park bench made from recycled plastic.

The bench they chose required 200 lbs. of plastic caps and \$295.

Fast forward to today, they have **BENCHES!** Through the incredible support of this heart-felt project - **Rykers' Ridge collected 980 lbs. of plastic caps!** They were able to get three benches and two raised garden beds, cash donations covered the additional amount required, and they have a credit of 180 lbs. toward another, future project. "We are so grateful for the support and love shown to our Rykers' family and we are honored to be able to remember our friends in this special way," shared Mahoney.

The benches will be located inside and outside of the building so students have access to them throughout the year. The raised garden beds are still unassembled and together, the students, staff, and Mr. Mahoney are brainstorming what they can plant come spring and warmer weather.

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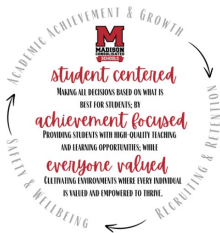
Focus on Instruction



Academic Growth & Achievement

Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
Update 2024-2025

Learning Focus



1. Implementation of Instructional Framework PK-12
2. Use of data points to drive instruction and programming
3. Expanding student opportunities

- Want to dive a little deeper into the sweeping changes we are making in the classroom?
- Would you like to understand more about our PLC time?
- Are you curious about how our teachers are collaborating to address specific student needs?

As part of the continued implementation of our Strategic Plan, Mrs. Janet McCreary - Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, and Mr. Shaun Pennington - Grants and Compliance Specialist, outlined the work teachers and administrators are doing to improve instruction throughout the district.

You can watch the presentation (or any of our full meetings from our YouTube stream by visiting [MCSCStream](https://www.mcscstream.com).

For this particular segment, click on LIVE and then select the [February 12, 2025 board meeting](#). This portion of the meeting begins at the 41:00 mark.

Before this portion, there was an excellent presentation from the staff of Rykers' Ridge Elementary on the great things taking place at school! We encourage you to tune in each month and stay connected!

MJHS & MGHS Students

If you have students at MJHS or MGHS, make sure they have activated their StudentSquare account!

It works just like ParentSquare but just for students.