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MCCSC CORE VALUES

Value 1: Engagement
All students can learn. We teach all students. No exceptions. All students deserve rigorous, diverse curricular and extracurricular programs, integrated with technology. Such programs balance students’ needs and interests, resulting in high levels of student engagement, achievement and completion.

Value 2: Empowerment
All students are diverse and unique. When students are empowered, self-esteem grows. All students’ experiences and perspectives are assets that reflect the strength of our schools and the values of our community. Such assets, when respected, nurtured and explored, promote their academic success and the success of their peers.

Value 3: Environment
All students thrive in a positive, creative and stimulating learning and working environment. All employees excel in a culture actively supported by professional development opportunities. Highly-trained, highly-valued teachers and staff are pivotal to the continuous improvement and success of our students. All students deserve, and we will provide, a healthy, safe and secure learning environment.

Congratulations to Bloomington High School South science teacher Dr. Kirstin Milks! She is a State Finalist for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching!

Dr. Milks has also been recognized by Stanford University with their Alumni Excellence in Education Award for 2017.

Congratulations to Grandview Elementary 3rd-grade teacher Katy Sparks! She has been selected to join Indiana’s first ever Indiana Department of Education STEM council. As part of this council, Sparks will participate in state and national research, implementation plans, and develop policy and funding recommendations.

Congrats to our 12 National Merit Semifinalists!!!

Bloomington High School North
Sara A. Bredemeyer
Thalia G. Halloran
Zoe Layton
Joye X. Tracey

Bloomington High School South
Elijah J. Earle
Byoul Han
Anne M. Larsen
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ENGAGE. EMPOWER. EDUCATE.
In looking back on the first six weeks of school, the one word that immediately comes to mind is, “WHEW!” It has honestly been a whirlwind to the start of school. But you know what? On August 9, our students, parents, faculty, and staff collectively came together to make the transition to a new administrative team and start of school absolutely seamless. When walking the hallways six weeks later, I see students and teachers actively engaged in teaching and learning, hear the performing arts department in full swing of rehearsing, see fall sporting events engaged in intense competition, and just feel an overall sense of school pride and that school is successfully underway.

Our collective goal as a new administrative team on day one was to develop relationships and build trust with all school community stakeholders, and we have been nothing other than impressed by the behavior and commitment to learning by our students. Moreover, the BHSN student government and Cougar Leaders have made it known that a mammoth goal this year is to increase student involvement and build enthusiasm to support school spirit and promote student-led initiatives. So far they’ve supported a blood Drive, hurricane relief efforts, Hoosiers Outrun Cancer, and coordinate (LOUD!) cheering blocks at football games to name ONLY a few. Come and check us out if you have never been to a Cougar sporting event!

Also, know that as the year continues to unfold, social media outlets will be established to provide families with instantaneous and critical information, celebrate student and faculty achievements, and promote important upcoming events. Rest assured, WE will make every effort to keep our community informed and involved.

So, as always, remember to Respect Yourself, Respect Others, Be Responsible for Your Own Actions, and Remember. It’s Great to be a Cougar!

We are off to a running start at Hoosier Hills Career Center beginning the 2017-2018 school year! I am extremely fortunate to be a part of Hoosier Hills again this year, only this time as director, and look forward to serving the students, parents, and community. Our classrooms are action packed and we are seeing our students creating, engaging and becoming empowered by the things that they are learning at HHCC. All of our teachers and students are actively taking part of lesson plans in classrooms and labs with a variety of topics around their specific areas.

Hoosier Hills Career Center offers many opportunities for our students to earn workplace certifications, competencies and dual credits throughout the school year. We look forward to helping our students reach these goals. Last year we began a Youth Employability Skills curriculum to offer professional skills training and have end results with employer panels and mock interviews for our students. The students are able to realize their potential and leave believing in themselves in a way they may have not previously experienced. This is the most amazing transition to witness!

We appreciate the trust that our students and their families put in us and enjoy watching the growth that our students achieve during the time they are with us. Again, I am so happy to be a part of Hoosier Hills Career Center!
Principal Angie Evans
Lakeview Elementary

We are off to an exciting start for the 2017-18 school year here at Lakeview Elementary. I am overjoyed with the warm welcome I have received from the Lakeview community. Thank you to the families, parents, students, and staff for making my transition to MCCSC and Lakeview Elementary such a smooth and heartwarming experience. The positive atmosphere that thrives at Lakeview Elementary is a result of the partnership between the supportive families and amazing staff. This partnership is extraordinary and will help us through any endeavor we embark upon this school year and in the years to come.

Lakeview Elementary is home to the “Learning Lions” who are C.O.R.E. strong. This positive behavior initiative focuses on, Community, Order, Respect, and Excellence. Each week students are able to earn C.O.R.E. tickets for demonstrating these values. At the end of the week, we celebrate with a C.O.R.E. tunnel where students from each class are chosen to run through the tunnel. First, we celebrate with a picture and then we play music as these students move through the tunnel to be congratulated by their peers and teachers. This year we hope to expand the type of celebrations we have by using our C.O.R.E. council, made up of students in the upper grades, as a team to share ideas with and hear their feedback. We also hope to empower these council members as leaders of the C.O.R.E. values by trying some peer mediation techniques.

There have been many changes here at Lakeview Elementary, both in staff and in the building. We have newly renovated bathrooms, hallways, and office space. We have a brand-new kindergarten classroom, new storage shelves and sound systems in all classrooms, a new gym floor and goals, and new paint on the upper portion of the exterior of the building. Our new staff members this year are, Malynda Fields, our new instructional coach, Jennifer Chambers in 4th grade, Hannah Redden in 2nd grade, and Jackie Casebeer and Kayla Woerdeman in Special Education.

I am so proud to be a Lakeview Lion and proud to be MCCSC!

Principal Susan Petty
Clear Creek Elementary

We are very excited for the 2017-2018 school year at Clear Creek and I am truly honored to serve as the new principal! During my six years as the assistant principal, I have come to view Clear Creek as my home and the staff and students as a close-knit family. Everyone is gearing up for a fun year of learning and making elementary school memories. We are especially eager to start the first year of implementing our Dual Language Spanish Immersion program. This program will begin in first-grade. The cohort of first grade students is already learning basic Spanish vocabulary and concepts and the official Immersion curriculum will begin in January at the start of the second semester. This program will allow us to grow our students into global citizens and work toward a level of bilingualism. In subsequent years this program will be offered to more students and we are enthusiastic about the benefits this program will bring and the opportunities it will afford our students in their future academic and professional endeavors.

This year we welcomed several new staff members and a new assistant principal to Clear Creek. The backgrounds and experiences these educators will bring to our school family supports our mission to honor the greatness in our students. Our school motto is “The Clear Creek are leading the way!” We will continue to promote leadership skills in every child and our staff is looking forward to revitalizing our work with The Leader in Me, a nationally recognized program. In addition to academics and the arts, I am proud to say we put a great deal of emphasis on the whole child and teach character traits, leadership qualities, and relationship skills each day.

Clear Creek is such a special place. There is nowhere else I’d rather be and I can’t wait to see what the new school year brings for our Clear Creek comets!
Templeton Elementary

We’ve hit the ground running at Templeton Elementary! Every day we continue to see great things from our students and staff. We have some wonderful initiatives in place that will help grow our students as citizens and learners. Our journey towards becoming an International Baccalaureate School has already benefitted both students and staff at Templeton.

We continue to embrace our essential agreements of being safe, being responsible, and being respectful. Templeton Elementary took two days at the start of the school year to teach all of the students the important School Wide Essential Agreements for the various locations around the school. This initiative combined Templeton’s International Baccalaureate Initiative and Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports program to help all students understand the school wide expectations and procedures along with matching the IB Learner profile characteristic to each location agreement. Teachers took part in teaching a different lesson at each station around the school as students moved throughout the building.

I am impressed with all of the resources we have available and in place for our students. Our PTO continues to provide wonderful support for our school initiatives and our students and staff.

I am grateful to have this opportunity to serve this wonderful school, its students, staff, and families.

Principal Becky Mungle
Templeton Elementary

Bloomington Graduation School

I am blessed to have the opportunity to serve as Principal at Bloomington Graduation School. The B.G.S. community and all of those at Monroe County Community School Corporation have made me feel very welcome. Although I am hours away from being considered one of the locals, everyone has made my family and I feel right at home here. Thank you to all of the faculty, staff, students, and families that have made my transition such a positive one. I look forward to the months and years to come here as our school community works on graduating more and more students!

The Dragons are already off to a busy 2017-2018 school year. In addition to having students enrolled in our traditional classes, we have several students participating in various classes in PLATO – a standards-based online learning program. We also have a number of students that are participating in programs at Hoosier Hills Career Center. Our unique school day includes both a Silent Sustained Reading Period and a Tutorial Period where students can get the support they need to be successful in the classroom. In an attempt to provide learning experiences outside of the classroom, curricular field trips have already begun (Marengo Cave) and are being planned for the remainder of the year. Lastly, P.L.C.’s (Professional Learning Communities) are underway as the faculty work towards improving the learning taking place at B.G.S. and getting our students one day closer to graduation!

Principal Craig Belt
Bloomington Graduation School
MEET SUSAN SCALES. The MCCSC driver of bus 48. In her fifth year as a bus driver for MCCSC, Susan drives a secondary route with Jackson Creek Middle School and an elementary route for Templeton Elementary. As Malachi (pictured left) was getting on the bus, Susan said, “Look at this smiling face I get to see every day!”

What is your favorite thing about being an MCCSC bus driver?

“Building the relationships with the kids. I would say especially with the little ones, but my older kids are great too! I like to commend my kids and bring up the positive when they’re doing well. I told the school upon arrival to Templeton one day that my entire bus had a great morning. I found out later that Templeton acknowledged Bus 48 in the morning announcements. That really meant a lot to those kids. They already understand my rules. What they quickly understand is that I care. I love my job. If I didn’t, I wouldn’t be here.”

Susan explained that one of the unique perks of being a bus driver in past years was driving her grandchildren to and from school. “I got to see them every day. While my route wasn’t with their school this year, I will always be able to look back at those years that we shared our bus adventures. And I know they are still in great hands with another great MCCSC bus driver now.”

Susan went on to offer her thoughts on the start of the school year...

“At the beginning of every school year, there are always adjustments being made to routes. This year was no different. I am proud to be part of this team of drivers that shows up to see those smiling faces each day. We are all here because we genuinely want to impact the lives of these students.”

We asked Templeton 2nd-Grader Helencia White (pictures bottom left) what is your favorite thing about riding the bus? “The bus driver! She’s nice!”, Helencia explained said as she ran to give Scales a hug.

Scales responded, “That is why we do this. I don’t see why anyone would not want to be a bus driver!”

The first classroom many of our children experience is the bus. As a bus driver, you have the opportunity to see smiling faces and make a difference in the lives of our students each day.
SOLAR ECLIPSE

The eclipse will occur on Monday, August 21, 2017. The Monroe County Community School Corporation recognizes the importance of the solar eclipse experience. It is the highest priority of the district to ensure the safety of our students and staff. Every precaution has been taken to provide valuable learning experiences for our students before, during, and after this historical event.

What is a Solar Eclipse?
"A Total eclipse of the sun occurs when the moon gets between the sun and the Earth and covers up the sun." — National Science Teachers Association, 2017

Participation
Elementary students (Grades PK-6) will view the eclipse through Live Stream. They will be able to safely view images before, during, and after the eclipse at one of the following sites:
- Montana State University: http://eclipse.stream.live/
- Exploratorium: https://www.exploratorium.edu/eclipse

Secondary students (Grades 7-12) will be able to view the eclipse via Live Stream. Participating science teachers will supervise live viewing pending written parental permission. Students who receive parental permission will be provided explicit instructions on safely viewing the eclipse with special glasses. To date, five manufacturers have certified that their eclipse glasses and handheld solar viewers meet the ISO 12312-2 international standard for such products: American Paper Optics, Baader Planetarium (AstroSolar Silver/Gold film only), Rainbow Symphony, Thousand Oaks Optical, and TSE 17.

Education
Teachers have been given resources including lesson plans and instructional strategies to teach students of all ages about the eclipse. The approved lessons are aligned to the Indiana Academic Learning Standards. The identified strategies are based on the National Science Teachers Association and the NASA Eclipse website. These resources can be found at https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov and https://learningcenter.nsta.org

Safety Information
Looking directly at the eclipse can create serious eye damage or blindness. Please have a conversation with your child regarding the dangers of looking directly at the eclipse as we dismiss students at the end of the day.

Viewing Timeframe
Bloomington will experience the eclipse between 12:57 p.m. - 3:49 p.m. with optimal viewing at 2:25 p.m. According to https://www.timeanddate.com/eclipse/in/usa/bloomington-in and also times on Interactive map...

School Dismissal
All Elementary schools will dismiss at the conclusion of the eclipse. All Secondary schools will dismiss at the normal time of 2:55 p.m.

Normal School Activities
All schools will participate in normal school activities in the morning. However, no outdoor activities (e.g., recess, outdoor athletic practices/competitions, etc.) will occur between the hours of 12:57 p.m. - 3:49 p.m. due to the solar eclipse time period.

All staff should be advised of the safety risks and precautions that must be taken during the solar eclipse.

Curriculum Resources on Back
Visit www.MCCSC.edu/SOLAR to find out more information or contact your child’s school if you have additional questions after viewing the website.
MCCSC students and staff had the wonderful opportunity to take part in learning about the solar eclipse on Monday, August 21, 2017. The importance of the solar eclipse experience was recognized and it was the highest priority of the corporation to ensure the safety of our students and staff while viewing. Every precaution was taken to provide valuable learning experiences for our students before, during, and after this historical event.

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Each school participated in the event in some way. At Highland Park Elementary and Marlin Elementary students were taught a solar eclipse lesson and then walked through a Know, Want to Learn, and Learned chart (opposite page). Some students at Lakeview Elementary created their own eclipse using a flashlight and planet models (opposite page). The Marlin Elementary students pictured in the top right created a paper model and had fun with Moon Pies and Eclipse gum.

Batchelor Middle School took a different approach and had their viewing party on the football field (bottom left). Tri-North Middle School also had viewing parties throughout the eclipse (bottom right).

Bloomingto High School South students viewed the eclipse in groups front of the school. As each group exited the school and made their way to the viewing area, the gasps of amazement and excitement could be heard as they looked up.

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Visit www.MCCSC.edu/SolarEclipse to view the LIVE video from South students experiencing the eclipse, a student video created by the Bloomington High School South SRT Show, and many other photos from the day.
The first day of school was on August 9th this year and Arlington Heights Elementary bus riders were able to experience the support of their community as they exited the bus upon the arrival to school.

In support of the Black Star Project's national initiative, the City of Bloomington's Commission on the Status on Black Males organized the Million Father March, joining millions of fathers, and father figures in cities across the nation by demonstrating their commitment to the educational lives of children on the first day of school, and throughout the school year, by welcoming them back.

The men that participated and/or were involving in the planning of the event were Mayor John Hamilton, Rafi Hassan, Cornelius Wright, James Mitchell, Larry Brown, Geoff Bradley, Christopher Bonner, Marvin Jones, Jr., Brian Richardson, Jr., Rory James, Brice Roberts, Michael Shermis, L. Julius Hanks, and Micah Heath. Thank you all!

MCCSC broadcast the event Live on Facebook and reached over 35,000 people. Parents, staff, and community members responded positively, making the Live viewing the most popular social media post in MCCSC’s history. You can see some of the comments below.

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This is an exciting day. Those faces are bright. It’s a great day for the community to all come and welcome the students back. - Mayor John Hamilton

This is incredible! Just to give our next generation the uplifting that they need. It’s truly remarkable to be in front of such great men! - Chris Bonner

I have a 2-year-old nephew so this is exciting to me as I wait for him to start school. I just love giving back and seeing the joy on the students faces as somebody greets them and let’s know that they matter and they are important. - Marvin Jones, Jr.

Spreading the importance of positivity, starting the day off with a smile. - Brian Richardson, Jr.

Our children need to know that the men in their community, not just their fathers, are interested in their education. I think it’s great that everyone took the time to come out to meet and greet our kids. - Cornelius Wright
CELEBRATING 60 YEARS WITH BRADFORD WOODS

In the fall of 1957, elementary students from the Monroe County Community School Corporation attended the first school programs at Bradford Woods. These five-day programs were designed to educate students about the natural environment and local history while learning how to live well with their peers. In addition, the nights spent at Bradford Woods were, for many of the children, the first nights spent away from home. As the years passed, the scope and reach of Bradford Woods programming extended to reach elementary schools from across central Indiana.

Today, Bradford Woods serves nearly 850 MCCSC 5th-graders per year. While much has changed since 1957 (students no longer stay in canvas tents, and the typical stay is three days instead of five), the core goals of the program remain the same as in 1957:

- Engage students in immersive learning that deepens their understanding of the environmental, historical, and cultural relationships that connect us to our surroundings.
- Promote respect and stewardship of natural and cultural resources through increased connections and awareness of the environment.
- Provide students with a transformative experience that teaches greater respect for self and others.

On Saturday, September 30th, the Bradford Woods property will be hosting an open house for visitors. Visitors can hike the trails, tour one of the cabins, and take part in activities, including a cargo net tower, games at the sports pavilion, fishing, and arts and crafts for kids. They will also have a history presentation on 60 years of environmental education programming set up at the dining hall.

TEACHERS WAREHOUSE EXPANDING TO SUPPORT HIGH SCHOOL

Starting in January of 2018, the Teachers Warehouse will begin offering free supplies to eligible high school teachers. They first opened their doors in 2004 as a project for the Bloomington Rotary club offering their services to MCCSC Title 1 elementary teachers. They counted 75 shopping visits its first year. Fast forward to last year and it served a total of 639 teachers in grades K-8 over a five-county area.

First time shoppers are encouraged to allow an hour or two to explore all the offerings: Book Room, Class Room, Furniture Room, Paper Room, Math/Science/Social Studies Room, and the Project Room. Each shopper can obtain two shopping baskets of free supplies each quarter. The Teachers Warehouse is located at 524 N. Fairview St. and regular hours are Monday through Thursday from 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM and Saturday from 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM.

For more information please visit www.TeachersWarehouse.net or call 812-929-7522.
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MCCSC School Board Schedule
Calendar of Regular Meetings
September-November 2017
Tuesday, September 26, 2017
Tuesday, October 24, 2017
Tuesday, November 14 ,2017
Meetings are each month at 6:00pm.

Important Dates
October 9th-10th - Fall Break - No School
October 16th - 8th Annual MCCSC Latino Family Night
November 7th - Election/In-Service Day - No School
November 20th-24th - Thanksgiving Break - No School