



THE EAGLE EYE

Mercer County School District #404—December '11 / January '12 bulletin

Your Eye on the
Mercer County
Golden Eagles!

Mercer County School District Holiday Concerts



Apollo Winter Concert

The Apollo Holiday Concert and Bake Sale will be Thursday, **Dec. 8th at 7:00p.m.** Doors open at 6:30. Enjoy some Holiday Music and a visit from Santa!

NBE Winter Concert

New Boston Elementary to present "We Wish You a Merry Christmas!" We will be seeing toys come to life, Penguins in a parade, a Polar Puppy being led by an elf and turkeys doing a Boogie Woogie. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend on **December 9 at 7 P.M.** at the MC Jr. High in Joy.

MCIS Winter Concert

The MCIS Winter Concert (grades 5 & 6) will be Wednesday, **December 14th, at 6:30 pm.** Performing will be the 6th Grade Chorus, 6th Grade Band, and entire 5th Grade. The Concert will be in the MCIS Gymnasium. Come and enjoy the Intermediate School students singing, dancing, and playing the music of the season! Admission is free.

MCJH Holiday Concert

The Junior High Holiday Concert will be **December 4th at 2:00pm** in the JH gym. The Chorus, Band and Vocal Adrenaline will be performing. There will be a "Holiday Tea" in the cafeteria after the concert. Come on out for great music and Holiday fun!

MCHS Holiday Concert

The MCHS Holiday Concert (grades 9-12) will be Sunday, **December 11th, at 2:30 pm.** Performing will be The New Generation, Concert Choir, Concert Band, MCHS Jazz Band, and a variety of solos and ensembles. The Concert will begin in the HS Auditorium. After a small intermission, the MCHS Concert Band and Jazz Band will perform in the gym. All are invited to hear, see, and enjoy the sights and sounds of this wonderful time of year. The MCHS Music Department thanks you for your support! Admission is free.

December 2011

1-Dec	Market Day Pick up	(Apollo Fundraiser)	5:45-6:45PM
	HS Wrestling(Varsity)	vs. Sherrard/ Knoxville	6:00 PM
2-Dec	SIP 1PM DISMISSAL		
3-Dec	HS Wrestling(V/FS)	North-South Quad	10:00 AM
	Santa's Workshop at Apollo		9am-12pm
	Chiropractic Arts Center	Christmas Party At Apollo	1-3pm
4-Dec	JH Holiday Concert	Junior High Gym	2:00 PM
5-Dec	JH Boys Basketball	@ Sherrard JH	5:30pm
Dec 5-9	High School Scholastic Book Fair		
6-Dec	HS Boys Basketball (V/FS)	vs. Stark County	6:00pm
	HS Wrestling(V/FS)	vs. Macomb	5:30 PM
7-Dec	JH Boys Basketball	vs. Orion	5:30 PM
	HS Girls Basketball(V/FS)	@ Wethersfield	6:00 PM
8-Dec	Apollo Winter Concert & Bake Sale 3rd & 4th grades perform		
9-Dec	NBE Christmas Concert	at the MC Junior High Gym- Joy	7:00 PM
	Apollo PTO Family Movie Night	Christmas Cartoon Triple Feature	6:00PM
10-Dec	HS Wrestling(Varsity)	Riverdale Tournament	9:00 AM
	JH Boys Basketball	vs. Wethersfield	10:00 AM
	JH Winter Dance		7-9PM
11-Dec	MCHS Holiday Concert - Chorus and Band	MCHS Auditorium and Gymnasium	2:30 PM
	Football Banquet	MCHS Gym	6:00 PM
12-Dec	JH Boys Basketball	vs. Knoxville	5:30 PM
	HS Boys Basketball(F/S)	@ Wethersfield	6:00 PM
	HS Girls Basketball(V/FS)	vs. Monmouth Roseville	6:00 PM
13-Dec	HS Boys Basketball(Varsity)	ROWVA-Ridgewood Tournament	TBA
	HS Wrestling(Varsity)	vs. Davenport North / Riverdale	6:00 PM
14-Dec	HS Boys Basketball(Varsity)	ROWVA-Ridgewood Tournament	TBA
	JH Boys Basketball	@ Rockridge	6:00 PM
	Board of Education Meeting		7:00 PM
	Market Day Pick up	(Apollo Fundraiser)	
	MCIS Winter Concert	(ALL 5th Grade, 6th Gr. Chorus & Band)	6:30 PM
		Intermediate School Gym	
15-Dec	HS Boys Basketball(Varsity)	ROWVA-Ridgewood Tournament	TBA
	HS Wrestling(Varsity)	@ Erie/ Fulton Tri	6:00 PM
	HS Girls Basketball(V/FS)	vs. Galva	6:00 PM
16-Dec	SIP 1PM DISMISSAL		
	HS Boys Basketball(Varsity)	ROWVA-Ridgewood Tournament	TBA
	Jr. Class Blood Drive	MCHS Gym	1:00-6:00 pm
17-Dec	HS Boys Basketball(Varsity)	ROWVA-Ridgewood Tournament	TBA
	HS Wrestling(Varsity)	Stillman Valley Tournament	9:30 AM
	HS Girls Basketball(V/FS)	@ Sherrard	6:00 PM
19-Dec	HS Girls Basketball(V/FS)	@ ROWVA	6:00 PM
20-Dec	NBE Winter Class Parties		
	HS Boys Basketball(V/FS)	@ Sherrard	6:00 PM
	Semester Exams, MCHS		
21-Dec	Holiday Dismissal 2pm		
	Semester Exams, MCHS		
Dec 22-Jan 4	NO SCHOOL Christmas Break		
	HS Boys Basketball(Freshmen)	@ Macomb	6:00 PM
26-Dec	HS Boys Basketball(V/FS)	Warkins	TBA
	HS Girls Basketball(Varsity)	Warkins	TBA
27-Dec	HS Boys Basketball(V/FS)	Warkins	TBA
	HS Girls Basketball(Varsity)	Warkins	TBA
28-Dec	HS Wrestling(Varsity)	St. Thomas More	TBA
	HS Boys Basketball(V/FS)	Warkins	TBA
	HS Girls Basketball(Varsity)	Warkins	TBA
29-Dec	HS Wrestling(Varsity)	St. Thomas More	TBA
	HS Boys Basketball(V/FS)	Warkins	TBA
	HS Girls Basketball(Varsity)	Warkins	TBA
30-Dec	HS Wrestling(F/S)	@ Rockridge	9:00 AM

January 2012

3-Jan	HS Girls Basketball(V/FS)	vs. Orion	5:00 PM
4-Jan	HS Girls Basketball(V/FS)	vs. West Central	6:00 PM
5-Jan	Classes resume		
	JH Boys Basketball	vs. Monmouth Roseville	5:30 PM
	HS Scho Bowl Meet	vs. Wethersfield & West Prairie	3:45pm
6-Jan	HS Boys Basketball(V/FS)	vs. West Prairie	6:00 PM
7-Jan	HS Boys Basketball(Freshmen)	@ Monmouth Roseville	TBA
	HS Boys Basketball(F/S)	vs. Bushnell-Prairie City	TBA
	HS Wrestling(Varsity)	@ AFC-Kewanee-Durand	9:00 AM
	JH Wrestling	@ Geneseo Tournament	9:00 AM
	HS Boys Basketball(Varsity)	@ Rockrdge	6:00 PM
	HS Scho Bowl Meet (Varsity)	@ Macomb	8:30am
9-Jan	JH Boys Basketball	vs. Sherrard	5:30 PM
	JH Wrestling	@ Churchill Junior High	5:30 PM
10-Jan	HS Boys Basketball(V/FS)	@ Galva	6:00 PM
11-Jan	HS Boys Basketball(F/S)	vs. Bushnell-Prairie City	TBA
	JH Boys Basketball	@ Orion Middle School	5:00 PM
	HS Girls Basketball(Freshmen)	vs. Princeville	6:00 PM
	Board of Education Meeting		7:00 PM
12-Jan	JH Boys Basketball	PLC Tournament	TBA
	FFA (Parliamentary Procedure)	Abingdon	4:00 PM
	JH Wrestling	vs. Edison and Knoxville	5:30 PM
	HS Scho Bowl Meet	vs. Princeville & West Prairie	3:45pm
13-Jan	HS Wrestling(F/S)	@ Erie F/s Tournament	4:00 PM
	HS Boys Basketball(V/FS)	vs. Wethersfield	6:00 PM
14-Jan	JH Boys Basketball	PLC Tournament	TBA
	HS Boys Basketball(F/S)	vs. Bushnell-Prairie City	TBA
	JH Wrestling	@ West Carroll	9:00 AM
	HS Wrestling(Varsity)	@ Morrison/ Rockridge Tri	10:00 AM
	HS Girls Basketball(Varsity)	Lincoln Trail - Location TBA	7:00 PM
	HS Scho Bowl Meet (JV)	@ Peoria Heights	9:30pm
15-Jan	HS Augustana Band Festival		TBA
16-Jan	No School Martin Luther King Day		
	HS Augustana Band Festival		TBA
	HS Girls Basketball(Varsity)	Lincoln Trail - Location TBA	7:00 PM
17-Jan	HS Wrestling(Varsity)	@ Orion	6:00 PM
	HS Boys Basketball(V/FS)	vs. ROWVA	6:00 PM
18-Jan	JH Boys Basketball	PLC Tournament	TBA
	HS Girls Basketball(Varsity)	Lincoln Trail - Location TBA	7:00 PM
19-Jan	JH Wrestling	@ Knoxville JH	5:30 PM
	HS Boys Basketball(V/FS)	@ West Central	6:00 PM
	HS Girls Basketball(Varsity)	Lincoln Trail - Location TBA	6:00 PM
	HS Girls Basketball(Varsity)	Lincoln Trail - Location TBA	7:30 PM
	JH Girls Basketball	@ Stark County	5:30pm
	HS Scho Bowl Meet	@ ROWVA (w/West Central)	4:15pm
20-Jan	SIP 1PM DISMISSAL		
	HS Wrestling(Varsity)	@ Orion Tournament	6:00 PM
21-Jan	JH Boys Basketball - 7th grade	7th grade - IESA Regionals	TBA
	JH Wrestling	@ Timber Ridge Middle School	9:00 AM
	HS Girls Basketball(Varsity)	Lincoln Trail - Location TBA	4:00 PM
	HS Girls Basketball(Varsity)	Lincoln Trail - Location TBA	5:30 PM
	HS Girls Basketball(Varsity)	Lincoln Trail - Location TBA	7:00 PM
	HS Scho Bowl Meet (Varsity)	@ Peoria Heights	9:30pm
23-Jan	HS Girls Basketball(V/FS)	@ Annawan	6:00 PM
	JH Girls Basketball	@ AlWood	6:00PM
	JH Scho Bowl	@ AlWood	4:00pm
24-Jan	JH Boys Basketball - 7th grade	7th grade - IESA Regionals	TBA
	JH Wrestling	vs. Rockridge	5:30 PM
	HS Wrestling(V/FS)	@ Geneseo	6:00 PM
25-Jan	HS IMEA All State	All State - Peoria	TBA
	JH Boys Basketball	7th grade - IESA Regionals	TBA
	JH Boys Basketball	8th grade - vs. United	4:30 PM
	HS Girls Basketball(V/FS)	vs. Rockridge	6:00 PM
	JH Girls Basketball	vs. United	5:30PM
26-Jan	HS IMEA All State	- Peoria	TBA
	FFA(Quiz Bowl)	Rockridge	4:00 PM
	JH Wrestling	vs. Monmouth Roseville	5:30 PM
	HS Wrestling(Varsity)	vs. Monmouth Roseville	6:00 PM
	HS Scho Bowl Meet	@Wethersfield (w/Stark Co.)	4:30pm
27-Jan	HS IMEA All State	All State - Peoria	TBA
	HS Boys Basketball(V/FS)	@ Princeville	6:00 PM
28-Jan	HS IMEA All State	All State - Peoria	TBA
	JH Boys Basketball	8th grade - IESA Regionals	TBA
	HS Boys Basketball(Varsity)	Lincoln Trail	TBA
	JH Wrestling	@ Rockridge Takedown	9:30 AM
30-Jan	JH Boys Basketball	8th grade - IESA Regionals	TBA
	HS Boys Basketball(Freshmen)	@ Macomb	6:00 PM
	HS Girls Basketball(V/FS)	vs. United	6:00 PM
	JH Girls Basketball	vs. ROWVA	5:30PM
31-Jan	JH Boys Basketball	8th grade - IESA Regionals	TBA
	JH Wrestling	@ Sherrard	5:30 PM
	JH Scho Bowl	@ Rockridge Quadrangle	4:00pm

Apollo PTO Christmas Cartoon Triple Feature



The Apollo PTO will present a Christmas cartoon triple feature on Dec. 9th. A Charlie Brown Christmas,

How the Grinch Stole Christmas and Frosty the Snowman will be featured. A new unwrapped toy, children's book, or free will donation per family will be accepted for admission. All proceeds will go to the Aledo Jaycees Christmas charities. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Concessions will be available. Doors will open at 5:30 PM and the Cartoons will begin at 6:00 PM.

Golden Eagle Spirit Shop



Holiday Schedule

December 2 (Friday) - HOLLY DAYS – The Spirit Shop will be set up at the Aledo Fire Station. There will be lots of great deals and a chance to see our new arrivals. Stop by and check out our new fleece & coat designs. Most items are available for cash and carry. All orders placed during Holly Days will arrive before Christmas.

December 14 (Wednesday) - CHRISTMAS SALE @ MC INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL from 5pm until 8pm. All items will be cash and carry.

The Spirit Shop will be closing after the sale on December 14 and will not reopen until school resumes in January. Thank you all for your continued support of our organization and our athletic programs.

The Mercer County Athletic Boosters would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday season.

Spirit Shop Contact Info: Kim Lloyd [309738-9423](tel:309738-9423)
Find us on facebook: MCGE SPIRIT SHOP



News from the Eagle's Nest



Toddler Time

Families with children ages birth to 3 are invited to attend our play group. Pre-school age siblings are also welcome. Toddler Time is the first Thursday each month from 9-10 AM at New Boston and the third Wednesday each month at Apollo from 10-11 AM.

Please join us for a morning of fun for

you and your little ones! Activities will include parent sharing, play, reading, music and art. Upcoming dates are below.

Apollo Elementary
Wednesday, December 21
Wednesday, January 18
10:00-11:00 AM

New Boston Elementary
Thursday, December 1
Thursday, January 5
9:00-10:00 AM

Feel free to attend one or both as your schedule allows. RSVP's are appreciated. Contact Nancy Mowen at (309) 587-8141.

Have Perfect Attendance at New Boston Elementary?????

Get a chance to win a new bicycle!!!

This is how it works:

December – If you are not late for school, do not leave early, or are not absent you get to put your name in for a chance to win a bicycle.

January – – If you are not late for school, do not leave early, or are not absent you get to put your name in for a chance to win a bicycle.

The same for *February, March and April*. So, there are 5 chances to get your name in the drawing.

On May 1st we will draw a boy and a girl to win the bicycles.

Compliments of Horace Mann Insurance Company

Food Pantry Collection at New Boston Elementary

New Boston Brownie Troop #8884 and the New Boston Elementary School are collecting donations for the Mercer County Food Pantry. December 16 will be the final collecting day at the school and be delivered to the Food Pantry that evening. They will accept canned goods, pastas, cereals, baking mixes, boxed meals and toiletries. Thank you for your help.



Happy Holidays!!

The Teachers and Staff at NBE want to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a wonderful Holiday Season.

Thank you for your support throughout this year. Looking forward to next year and the opportunities it may bring.



The Eagle Eye

Band Calendar December/ January



Music Booster Fruit Sales

Thank you to everyone who supported the Music Booster Fruit Sales! Delivery will be on December 10th and 11th. Student sellers will be picking up the fruit at the Ag building and delivering to the individuals who purchased fruit. No one needs to pick up their own. Proceeds benefit the music departments in all 5 buildings with supplemental funds needed throughout the year. Thanks again for your support!

High School Book Fair

Scholastic Book Fair: December 5-9 at Mercer County High School in the library This year's selection of items contains books and gifts perfect for middle schoolers- adults, so stop by to purchase presents and support a good cause! The sale will be open during the school day for students.

For parents and others who wish to shop, it will be open Monday, December 5 from 3-5 p.m. and Tuesday, December 6 from 3 p.m. until the end of the home basketball game. If you are too busy to visit the fair in person or want to order books for younger students, you can still support the library by shopping online! Students can also create wish lists online. All online orders will be delivered to your child's school for pick up.

Shop online from 12/1-12/12 by going to www.scholastic.com/schoolbookfairs and choosing "Mercer County High School." If you have any questions, please contact Brooke Fleurette at 582-2223. Thanks for supporting the Mercer County High School library!

BAND DATES FOR DECEMBER

November 30	Fruit Sale Orders Due
December 6	Pep Band performs – Boys Vs. Stark County
December 10	Fruit Sale Pickup @ MCHS Ag Building 8 a.m. – 2 pm
December 11	Fruit Sale Pickup @ MCHS Ag Building 1 p.m. – 4 pm
December 11	MCHS Holiday Concert @ MCHS Auditorium, 2:30 pm
December 12	Pep Band Girls Vs. Monmouth/Roseville
December 14	Mercer County Intermediate School Holiday Concert – 6:30
December 15	Pep Band Girls Vs. Galva

BAND DATES FOR JANUARY

January 6	Pep Band performs – Boys Vs. West Prairie
January 11	Pep Band performs – Girls Vs. Princeville
January 13	Pep Band performs – Boys Vs. Wethersfield
January 15-16	Augustana Band Festival – Selected Students
January 17	Pep Band performs – Boys Vs. ROWVA
January 25	Pep Band performs – Girls Vs. Rockridge
January 25-28	IMEA All State Festival @ Peoria
January 30	Pep Band performs – Girls Vs. United

MURPHY'S LAW



John Murphy, School Resource Officer, Aledo Police Department

Happy Holidays!

As we travel more during this holiday season I want to turn attention to arriving at our destination safely. The police department has received numerous complaints about reckless driving/speeding both before and immediately after the school day. School speed limit zones are enforced for good reason. There is high traffic in these areas before and after the school day, including increased pedestrian traffic. Please take the extra time to arrive safely, especially considering the winter weather conditions.

8th Grade Field Trip and EXPLORE Testing

The 8th graders will be taking a career field trip "Construction Trades." It will be held on December 6th at the Plumber's and Pipefitter's Union in Rock Island. They will need to bring enough money to eat at McDonald's. This is an opportunity to see what persons in the Construction Trades do. There will be many hands-on activities.

The students have been working on preparing for the EXPLORE testing. They have filled out all of their demographic information and

taken an interest inventory(which is a career tool). The testing will be held on Friday , December 16, 8:20-10:45.

This test will provide a baseline of assessment of academic progress. Taking the EXPLORE provides other benefits for students including: Identifying where they need extra help or additional coursework, suggestions for improving their skills, a look at how their scores compare to the ACT College Readiness Benchmark Scores and

the opportunity to begin exploring career areas that match their interest. Visit www.explorestudent.org for more information.

The results will be explained to the students in mid January when their testing results are scored by ACT and returned to the school. The students will be bringing a set of those results home to their parent or guardian. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Jones, guidance counselor at the Junior High.