

MAY 2010

MERCER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #404

- MAY
- 1 V HS Girls Softball, ROWVA, There, 11:00 a.m.
V/JV HS Boys Baseball, ROWVA, There, 11:00 a.m.
JV HS Boys Baseball, ROWVA, Here, 11:00 a.m.
 - 3 JV HS Girls Softball, ROWVA, There, 11:00 a.m.
V/JV HS Girls Softball, West Prairie, There, 4:30 p.m.
V HS Boys Baseball, Unity Christian, Here, 4:30 p.m.
JV HS Boys/Girls Track, Lincoln Trail, There, 3:00 p.m.
V HS Boys/Girls Track, Titan Relays, There, 4:00 p.m.
Map Testing @ Apollo (May 3rd-14th)
Early dismissal, 11:30 a.m., School Improvement
 - 4 V/JV HS Girls Softball, Annawan/Wethersfield, Here, 4:30 p.m.
V/JV HS Boys Baseball, Annawan/Wethersfield, Here, 4:30 p.m.
V HS Girls Track, BPCA, There, 4:15 p.m.
7TH & 8TH Grade Track, PLC Meet, @ Rockridge, 4:00 p.m.
Rube Goldberg, 7:00 p.m.
 - 5 JV HS Girls Softball, Monmouth-Roseville, Here, 4:30 p.m.
Top Twenty Dinner
AP Calculus Exam
DARE Graduation, Intermediate School gym, 7:00 p.m.
Title 1 Parent Meeting, Apollo LRC, 6:00 p.m.
 - 6 V/JV HS Girls Softball, Annawan/Wethersfield, There, 4:15 p.m.
V/JV HS Boys Baseball, Annawan/Wethersfield, There, 4:15 p.m.
Market Day pick up, 5:45-6:45
PreK Family Poster Night, Apollo, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
 - 7 V/JV HS Boys Baseball, Abingdon, Here, 4:30 p.m.
V HS Boys/Girls Track, Lincoln Trail, There, 3:00 p.m.
 - 7&8 THE National Bank Softball Classic, Varsity, Here, 4:00 p.m.
 - 10 V/JV HS Girls Softball, Orion, Here, 4:30 p.m.
V/JV HS Boys Baseball, West Prairie, Here, 4:30 p.m.
7th & 8th Grade Track, Orion Title IX, There, 4:00 p.m.
AAA Pest Control to spray buildings early prior to students' arrivals.
 - 11 Mercer County High School Spring Music Concert, HS auditorium/gym, 7:00 p.m.
7th & 8th Grade Track, Titan Relays, Monmouth, 4:30 p.m.
 - 12 Awards Night, 6:30 p.m., Mercer County High School Auditorium
The New Generation annual tour, all day
JV HS Girls Softball, Galva, Here, 4:30 p.m.
 - 13 V/JV HS Girls Softball, Abingdon, Here, 4:30 p.m.
FS HS Boys Baseball, UTHS, There, 4:30 p.m.
Generations audition dance session, at high school, 3:30 p.m.
Board of Education Meeting, at District Office, 7:00 p.m.
 - 14 V/JV HS Girls Softball, Galesburg, There, 4:30 p.m.
V/JV HS Boys Baseball, Riverdale, Here, 4:30 p.m.
V Girls Track, IHSA Sectional, TBA, 4:00 p.m.
Jazz Band Tour, all day
AP Chemistry Exam
 - 15 V/JV HS Boys Baseball, North Fulton, Here, 10:00 a.m.
7th & 8th Grade Track, IESA Sectional, Bushnell, TBA
 - 16 Baccalaureate, 6:30 p.m.
 - 17 V HS Girls Softball, IHSA Regional, Here, 7:00 p.m.
V HS Boys/Girls Track, Farmington Relays, There, 4:00 p.m.
6th Grade Chorus Mini musical "The Princess and the Pea", Intermediate School gym, 1:30 p.m.
HS Senior Finals (May 17, 18, & 19)
 - 18 PTO Meeting, Apollo, 6:30 p.m.
 - 19 Graduation Practice, 3:00 p.m.
 - 20 V/JV HS Boys Baseball, IHSA Regional, TBA
The New Generations auditions, high school auditorium, 3:30 p.m.
High School annual Night of Jazz, Central Park Band Shell, 7:30 p.m.

- 21 V Girls Track, IHSA State Finals, TBA, 8:00 a.m.
V Boys Track, IHSA Sectional, TBA, 4:00 p.m.
- 23 Mercer County High School graduation ceremony, 1:30 p.m. in gym (Band performs)
- 26 V/JV HS Boys Baseball, IHSA Sectional, TBA
Board of Education Meeting, District Office, 7:00 p.m.
- 27 PreK Graduation, Apollo gym, 6:30 p.m.
- 31 V/JV HS Boys Baseball, IHSA Super Sectional, TBA
Memorial Day Parade, 10:00 a.m., high school band marches
- June 1 HS (9th, 10th, 11th grade) Finals (June 1st & June 2nd) HS will dismiss at 1:55 on both days.
Apollo Field Day
- 2 Apollo 4th Grade Awards Assembly, 8:30 a.m.
- 3 Teacher's Institute – No Student Attendance
- 4 Last day of school, Dismiss at 9:00 a.m.
- 5 Jazz band to play at Rhubarb Fest

MEAL REFUNDS

Attention parents! If you desire a meal refund at the end of the school year, please contact the school secretaries so arrangements can be made prior to June 4th. Otherwise, the students' account balances will roll over for next school year. The last day meals will be served is June 2nd. Thank you for your cooperation and timely request.

APOLLO PRE-K PLACEMENT

Apollo Pre-K educational placement for 3 and 4 year olds will conclude in May. Placement into this program is for 3 and 4 year old students entering the at-risk program at Apollo. The goal of the program is to help children be prepared and ready to enter school. If you believe you have a student who may be eligible for these services or if you have any questions, please contact Asya Fisher at Apollo (582-5350).

MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY BAND

Attention all former and current band students: Mr. Ruggles is going to put together the 9th Annual Community Band this summer made up of musicians in Mercer County. All ages from graduating 8th graders on up to adults can participate. Rehearsals will start again on May 25th on Tuesday evenings at the Mercer County Intermediate School starting at 6:30 p.m. People who haven't played their instrument in years should not be scared! This is your opportunity to play again for fun!

This is a great community activity for Aledo, but we need musicians to make it work. If you are interested, please contact Rusty Ruggles at work 582-2223 ext. 30, or at home 582-8305, or e-mail: ruggles30@yahoo.com.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

All ages are invited to take part in the reading program that will be held June 18th through July 8th at Mercer Carnegie Library. Participants will read five books out of eight categories at their reading level during the program to be eligible for reading prizes.

To be eligible for reading program prizes, participants must register at the Library by Friday, June 4th.

Events:	June 17 th	10:00 a.m. Fire Safety Program
	June 24 th	2:00 p.m. Family Museum, "Spin it" Science Program
	June 29 th	10:30 a.m. Furry Friends Petting Zoo
	July 8 th	10:00 a.m. Smart Bus "Disappearing Mystery", Conversation Program

Events are free, open to the public and no registration is required to attend.

For more information, please contact Mercer Carnegie public Library.

200 N. College Ave., Aledo, IL 61231 309-582-2032

MERCER COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL SPRING CONCERT

The Mercer County High School music department will present its spring concert on Tuesday, May 11th, at 7:00 p.m., starting in the high school auditorium. A wide array of music will be presented by The New Generation Show Choir, Concert Choir, Concert Band, Jazz Band, as well as many featured solos and ensembles. Also, seniors will be recognized and awards will be presented. Please attend this extremely entertaining and fabulously fun evening of music! Admission is free!

THE PRINCESS AND THE PEA

The 6th grade chorus will be presenting “The Princess and the Pea” on Wednesday, May 19th, 1:30 p.m., in the Intermediate school gym. This updated version of the traditional tale is filled with great characters, dialogue, singing, and dancing. Admission is free and open to the public. We hope you can join us!

ANNUAL NIGHT OF JAZZ AT HIGH SCHOOL

The Mercer County High School Music department will be putting on its annual Night of Jazz on Thursday, May 20th, 7:30 p.m., in the Central Park Band shell. The New Generation Show Choir and the Jazz Band will be performing. Donations in the form of “passing of the hat” will take place during the concert to help support these two fine groups. A variety of jazz styles and solos and ensembles will be presented for your listening enjoyment. Hope to see you there!

ATTENTION PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN, SECOND, & SIXTH GRADES

All students entering kindergarten, 2nd, and 6th grades are required by the State of Illinois to have a dental exam. The exam must be completed by a dentist prior to May 15, 2010 of this school year. The dental examination form must be completed by the dentist and returned to the school before May 15, 2010. School nurse Becky Hyett has sent a letter and the proper dental form home with students who need the dental exam. Please take this form with you to the dentist’s office so that it can be completed and the student can return it to the school nurse at Apollo. If you have any questions, please call school nurse Becky Hyett at 582-5350 (extension 4). Thank you for your cooperation.

MERCER COUNT HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

The high school library has a wish list of books for the collection requested by staff and students. View the list by going to www.amazon.com and under the “view wish lists” option, type in “Mercer County High School” or you can also get a list by contacting Brooke Fleurette at 582-2223 or brfleurette@mercerschools.org. Each donated book is labeled with a bookplate to indicate the person or event the book is donated in honor of. This is perfect for birthdays, graduations, reunions, or just because. Support the students of MCHS with the gift of books!

23RD ANNUAL RUBE GOLDBERG COMPETITION

The 23rd annual Rube Goldberg competition for Mercer County High School will be Tuesday, May 4th beginning at 7:00 p.m. Each year Physics 1 students are challenged with building a complex machine to perform a simple task. This year the machines are to place 5 grocery items in a bag by using a minimum of 25 steps with at least 7 different forms of energy. For more details, contact Stacey Boruff at Mercer County High School, 582-2223.

YOUTH BOOK CLUB AT MERCER CARNEGIE LIBRARY

On Wednesday, May 26th, 3:30-4:30 p.m. at Mercer Carnegie Library, all youth are invited to attend the youth book club to discuss/explore *Frindle* by Andrew Clements. There are no obligations. There is no purchase necessary to join and you may join at any time. A member does not have to attend each month. Please attend when there is a book you would like to read and discuss. Be sure to check each month’s book selection because the next one may be the book you love! If you need assistance obtaining a copy of *Frindle*, please contact a Mercer Carnegie librarian or Leanne for assistance. Also, if you are unable to attend but would like to be a part of the club, please contact Leanne at 582-1100 or lpncd@frontier.com.

PUBLIC AWARENESS BULLETIN

Mercer County C.U.S.D. #404 provides and maintains appropriate special education programs at no cost for all exceptional children who are residents within as specified in Article 14 of the School Code of Illinois and Public Law 94-142. These programs are carried out independently or in cooperation with other districts within the Black Hawk Area Special Education District for those exceptional children the ages of three through twenty-one. Homebound tutoring services are provided when necessary and private facilities are utilized when situations warrant such programs.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS PROVIDED

1. Speech and Language Therapy.
2. Special classes and resource services for the educable mentally handicapped, educationally handicapped, Behaviorally disordered, and learning disabilities.
3. Special classes for preschool age children.
4. Homebound tutoring services for those requiring special placement at home or in a hospital because of temporary health impairment.
5. Program placement of the severely handicapped in public or private facilities which best meet the needs of the individual.
6. Psychological testing and placement services.
7. School social work services.

Programs are also provided by the Black Hawk Area Education Center and Quad-City cooperating schools within The Black Hawk Area Special Education District to service the needs of the hearing impaired, visually impaired, socially or emotionally handicapped with behavior disorders, physically handicapped, trainable and educable mentally handicapped, multiple handicapped, and speech and language impaired.

OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED

The Mercer County School District in cooperation with the Black Hawk Area Special Education District each year, provides a preschool screening program to identify exceptional children.

Hearing, vision, speech and language screenings are held at regular intervals during the child's school career.

Annual screenings are provided by teachers and other professional personnel for referral of those children who exhibit problems which interfere with their educational progress and/or adjustment to the educational setting.

Each student to qualify for special education placement must be referred for a case study review and evaluation. Referrals for case study review may be made by school personnel, parents, community service agencies, persons having primary care and custody of the child, other professional persons having knowledge of the child's problems, the child, or the Illinois Office of Education.

Parents may contact the student's teacher, school principal, or special education coordinator to initiate a referral for a case study review or Referral steps may include:

1. Request for services
2. Parental permission
3. Preliminary evaluation
4. Case study review
5. Health history and personal interview
6. Developmental study
7. Psychological evaluation and/or other pertinent evaluations
8. Multidisciplinary staffing
9. Vision and hearing screening

Parents within the Mercer County School District have the right to review the rules, regulations, and the child's placement in special education programs. The right to request a due process hearing if differences cannot be resolved with the framework of the local district procedures and practices is inherent in special education. Further explanation of the rules and regulations of special education may be obtained from school administrators.