

**SUMMER
2010
MERCER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #404**

MAY	31	Memorial Day Parade, 10:00 a.m., HS Band, starts at Northside "Old" Junior High School
JUNE	1&2nd	Freshmen, Sophomore, & Junior Finals – 1:55 p.m. dismissal
	3	Teachers Institute
	4	Report Cards issued
	5	Jazz Band performs at Rhubarb Fest, 10:00 a.m. – Noon, Central Park Band Shell
	7	Summer School through July 2 nd , 8:00-12:00 p.m., at Mercer County Junior High School
		Adventure Camp through June 18 th , 1:00-3:00 p.m., at Mercer County Junior High School
	14	College for Kids, June 14 th -25 th , (See article in bulletin)
		Incoming Freshman Academy, June 14 th -23 rd (See article in bulletin)
	16	Board of Education Meeting, 6:45 p.m. Budget Hearing, 7:00 p.m. regular meeting, at District Office, 1002 SW 6 th St.
	21	Art Camp through July 2 nd , 1:00-3:00 p.m., at Mercer County Junior High School
	30	Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., at District Office
JULY	14	Possible Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., at District Office
	28	Possible Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., at District Office
AUGUST	9&10	Registration 10 am. – 6 p.m.
	9-13 th	Marching Band Camp, TBA
	11	Practice Starts, HS Football
		Possible Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., District Office
	12	Practice Starts, HS Boys & Girls Golf
	16&17	Teacher's Institute
	17	JV/V Girls Golf, Farmington, There, 4:00 p.m.
	18	First day of School – Early Dismissals starting at 11:30 a.m.
		JV/V Girls Golf, Farmington, There, 2:00 p.m.
	19	JV/V Boys Golf, Farmington, There, 4:00 p.m.
	21	Meet The Team, HS Football, Here, 6:00 p.m.
	22	V Girls Golf, Rock Falls Invite, There, 1:00 p.m.
	23	Practice Starts, JH Volleyball
		Practice Starts, JH Football
	24	Beginning Band Students Meeting, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Intermediate School
		JV/V Girls Golf, Alwood, Here, 4:00 p.m.
		JV/V Girls Golf, Galva, Here, 4:00 p.m.
	25	JV/V Girls Golf, Galesburg, Here, 3:45 p.m.
		Possible Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., District Office
	26	Meet The Team, HS Girls Volleyball, Here, 6:00 p.m.
		V Boys Golf, Knoxville, Here, 4:00 p.m.
		JV/V Boys Golf, Williamsfield, Here, 4:00 p.m.
	27	V Boys FB, Annaswan/Wethersfeild, Here, 7:00 p.m.
	28	Freshman Football, Galesburg, There, 10:00 a.m.
	29	JV/V Football, West Hancock, There, 1:00 p.m.
		Freshman Football, Camp Point, There, 11:15 a.m.
		V Boys Golf, Monmouth Invite, There, 8:00 a.m.
	30	V/FS Girls Volleyball, Williamsfield, There, 6:00 p.m.
	31	V/FS Girls Golf, Knoxville, There, 4:00 p.m.
		V Boys Golf, Galesburg, There, 4:00 p.m.
SEPTEMBER	1	V Boys Golf, Cambridge, There, 4:00 p.m.
		F/JV/V Girls Volleyball, Monmouth/Roseville, Here, 5:00 p.m.
	2	JV/V Girls Golf, Alleman, Here, 4:00 p.m.
		V Cross Country, Rockridge, There, 4:30 p.m.
		V/FS Girls Volleyball, West Prairie, There, 6:00 p.m.
	3	JV/V Boys Golf, United, Here, 4:00 p.m.
		Teacher's Inservice, Early Dismissals starting at 1:00 p.m.
	4	Freshmen Girls Volleyball, United, There, 9:15 a.m.
		V Football, Ridgewood, There, 7:00 p.m.
	6	NO SCHOOL – LABOR DAY

MERCER COUNTY 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!

The high school library will be open on Tuesday mornings in June from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Stop by to check out some summer reading!

REGISTRATION DATES, FEES AND MEAL PRICES

Registration for the 2010/11 school year will be held August 9th and 10th (10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.), at all five schools, in the Mercer County School District. Parents/guardians will be asked to PAY FEES AT THAT TIME. Mercer County School District #404 has approved the registration fees and meal prices for the 2010/11 school year. The elementary school's registration fees at Apollo and New Boston will be: \$53 for registration, \$1.75 for paid lunches, \$1.00 for paid breakfast, and milk-break fee of \$24 per semester. The fees at the junior high school in Joy and the intermediate school in Aledo will be: \$54 for registration, \$1.75 for paid lunches, and \$1.00 for paid breakfast. The Mercer County High School registration fee will be \$77, plus any course fees applicable. The meal prices at the high school are: \$2.00 for paid lunches, \$2.00 for salad bar, and \$1.00 for paid breakfasts.

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, phone number: 309-582-2032.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

COLLEGE FOR KIDS: Will be held at Monmouth College, on June 14 through the 25th. Buses will be transporting students from the different buildings starting at:

PICK UP TIMES:

Keithsburg City Hall - 7:35 a.m.
New Boston Elementary - 7:55 a.m.
Joy Junior High School - 8:05 a.m.
Aledo Intermediate School - 8:15 a.m.

DROP OFF TIMES:

Aledo Intermediate School – 12:40 p.m.
Joy Junior High School – 12:50 p.m.
Keithsburg City Hall – 1:05 p.m.
New Boston Elementary – 1:15 p.m.

The Monmouth College summer program bus fee is \$20 per student or \$15 per student for families sending more than one child. If you have any further questions, you may call one of the Mercer County Schools.

INCOMING FRESHMAN ACADEMY: Will be held at Monmouth College, on June 14th through July 23rd. Buses will be transporting students from the different buildings starting at:

PICK UP TIMES:

Keithsburg City Hall – 6:40 a.m.
Joy Junior High School – 7:05 a.m.
Aledo Intermediate School – 7:15 a.m.

DROP OFF TIMES:

Aledo Intermediate School – 12:40 p.m.
Joy Junior High School – 12:50 p.m.
Keithsburg City Hall – 1:05 p.m.

SPIRIT SHOP

The new Mercer County Golden Eagles Spirit Shop manager is Kim Lloyd. Please call Kim at 309-738-9423 if you would like to order something for the 2010/11 school year.

PHYSICAL & IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR 2010/11 SCHOOL YEAR

All students entering Pre-K (for the first time), Kindergarten, Sixth and Ninth grades must have a physical exam performed before they begin school in the fall. Updated immunizations are also required for Kindergarten and Ninth grade students. Dental examinations are required for all students entering Kindergarten, Second and Sixth grades. **REMEMBER:** Students who do not fulfill these requirements may be excluded from school until they are up-to-date.

Pre-school Requirements

Physical Exam
Lead Screening
Immunizations

Fifth Grade Requirement

Hepatitis B series (if not already completed)

Kindergarten Requirements

Physical Exam
Lead Screening
*Dental Exam
Immunizations
Vision Exam

Sixth Grade Requirements

Physical Exam
*Dental Exam

Second Grade Requirement

*Dental Exam

Ninth Grade Requirements

Physical Exam
Tdap Booster

*Dental Examination Requirement for Incoming Kindergarten, Second & Sixth Grades

The dental exam requirement is a result of a change in the Illinois School code. The deadline for compliance is May 15, 2010. We will be working with the Mercer County Health Department and the Tooth Mobile to help meet this requirement for those students needing an exam in the upcoming school year. A dental exam form will be sent home the last week of school for all students who will need an exam. If you visit your dentist over the summer, please have them fill out the form and return it at registration.

PROJECT STEP AHEAD AT JR. HIGH SCHOOL

It's not too late to get signed up and attend our summer 2010 programs. Transportation is provided for our out of town students. Don't miss out on any of the fun. Contact Mr. Doug Dennison and Mercer County Junior High School for information or questions. Programs are open to any current 6th – 8th grade students in our school district.

SUMMER SCHOOL – June 7 – July 2, 8:00 a.m. to Noon

ADVENTURE CAMP – June 7 – June 18, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

ART CAMP – June 21- July 2, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

BEGINNING BAND STUDENTS

There will be an informational meeting on August 24th for all parents of beginning band students to be held at Mercer County Intermediate School in Aledo from 4:00-6:00 p.m. You may attend at the time most convenient for you during the two-hour time frame. During this time, questions will be answered regarding the Mercer County District Band Program. For your convenience, a representative from Kidder Music Store in Peoria, IL, will be present to explain instrument rental and settle any financial matters at this time. Please feel free to use any music store that you prefer, but keep in mind that the Kidder Music Store will be the company servicing the Intermediate School's needs for the next school year. If you already have an instrument, please bring it to the meeting so it may be checked for good playing condition. We ask you to consider this important aspect of your child's education and attend this informative meeting.

TITLE 1 PROGRAM

The Title 1 program in the Mercer County School District is funded under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. Title 1 of this act provides financial assistance to local school districts to provide services which help at-risk children achieve the high standards expected of all children.

The main goal of the program is to provide a wide range of assistance so that students can achieve the high standards expected of all students. Characteristics of the Mercer County Title 1 programs are:

1. The instruction is supplemental to the regular instruction taking place in the classroom.
2. In class as well as after class assistance is provided.
3. Through diagnosis and teaching, we endeavor to discover and overcome the special and particular needs of each student.
4. The Title 1 program is correlated to the student's classroom program.
5. The Title 1 teachers keep in close touch with the classroom teachers to find out what the Title 1 student's immediate needs are.

All parents and community members are encouraged to offer suggestions for next year's elementary Title 1 Programs. If you have any questions or suggestions concerning the Title 1 program, please contact Principal Nancy Robinson at 309-587-8141.

PARENTS RIGHT TO KNOW; In accordance with the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB), the Mercer County School District is required to notify parents of each student attending a Title 1 school that they may request information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's teacher(s) and paraprofessional staff. NCLB allows parents to ask for the following information about their child's classroom teacher(s): (1) whether the teacher has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction; (2) whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status, through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived; (3) the bachelor's degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher and the field of discipline or the certification or degree; and, (4) whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and if so, their qualification. Please contact the principal's office in writing if you require this information.

ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION

Four of our school buildings in the district (Apollo, High School, Jr. High School, and New Boston) contain asbestos. Areas have been identified and are constantly maintained and re-inspected every six months by designated personnel in our district. Every three years a company is hired to conduct an inspection and report findings. This year the buildings were inspected by Graves Environmental, Moline, IL. The reports are kept in each of the buildings and at the district office for review. There were no additional findings and as long as asbestos-areas are maintained according to the rules, the asbestos remains non-friable.

LIFETIME IMPRESSIONS AND PAL TIME

Due to budget constraints and lack of grant funding, Lifetime Impressions and PAL time programs for the summer have been cancelled. The programs were listed in last month's bulletin so please disregard them. If any further information is needed, please contact Barb Milburn at 582-5288.