



Superintendent's Message from Mr. Larrow

Dear Parents and Community Members,

On Tuesday, May 16th, residents of the Moriah Central School District will be asked to vote on a \$21.5 million dollar proposed budget for the 2023-24 school year. Like years past, the district has worked diligently to control spending by prioritizing items that best fit the needs of the students, staff and the district. With that said for the second year in a row the district is proposing a 0% increase on the tax levy for the 2023-2024 school year budget. Preparing the budget for a 0% increase was extremely challenging considering the escalated prices on fuel, electricity, and medical insurance, which make up a significant part of the 8.78% spending increase that is being proposed for the next school year.

Highlights of this budget include the continuation of a full time Resource Officer, the addition of a School Social Worker or Guidance Counselor, restoring a Math Specialist in the elementary and continuing all extra-curricular and athletic programs that we currently offer.

Also, there are two seats available on the Board of Education. The two candidates running for these two seats have provided their information and background in this newsletter.

To conclude, we would like to thank the staff and community members who shared ideas throughout this budget process. We would also like to extend a thank you to Dan Stec and Matthew Simpson for their continued efforts in securing an approved New York State Budget. With this in mind, we look for your continued support of the proposed budget for the 2023-2024 school year.



"The MCS Drama Club was back on stage last year and have another funny play to bring to you this spring! The production is called "Crumpled Classics" and was written by Craig Sodaro, the playwright who wrote "Jolly Roger and the Pirate Queen" and also "Camp Twilight" The shows will be at 2 p.m. on both Saturday, May 20th and Sunday, May 21st! Please come out and join us for some laughs!"



How is your tax dollar spent?

As illustrated below, 47% of all budget funds directly support curriculum, instruction, and student transportation. The balance of the budget funds support facility maintenance, building operations, and the administrative costs of the district, for a total operating budget of \$ 21,515,317.

| | 2022-2023 | 2023-2024 |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Total Budget | \$ 19,778,674 | \$21,515,317 |
| Dollar Increase | | \$1,736,643 |
| Percent Increase | | 8.78% |
| Central Services | 6% | \$1,271,202 |
| Buildings and Grounds | 4% | \$894,350 |
| Debt Service | 16% | \$3,338,297 |
| Instruction | 42% | \$9,112,914 |
| Benefits | 26% | \$5,568,295 |
| Transportation | 5% | \$1,032,042 |
| Athletics | 1% | \$298,217 |
| TOTAL | 100% | \$21,515,317 |

Where does the money come from?

There are two main sources of income for the Moriah Central School District: state aid and local property taxes. State aid provides about 78% or \$16,759,853 of the revenue while property taxes account for 19% or \$ 4,082,000. The other 3% will come from fund balance and other sources.

| Proposed Revenue Sources for Budget | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| % of Budget | | 2022-2023 | 2023-2024 | Change |
| % | State Aid | \$14,910,259 | \$16,759,853 | \$1,849,594 |
| % | Miscellaneous Revenues, Interest | \$268,594 | \$292,994 | \$24,400 |
| % | Budgeted Unreserved Fund Balance | \$517,821 | \$380,470 | (\$137,351) |
| % | Budgeted Reserved Fund Balance | \$0 | \$0 | - |
| % | Local Tax Levy | \$4,082,000 | \$4,082,000 | - |
| | Total Revenues/Sources | \$19,778,674 | \$21,515,317 | \$1,736,643 |



WHAT HAPPENS IF THE BUDGET IS DEFEATED?

If the proposed school budget is defeated by voters, state law gives school districts three options. The district may choose to go directly to a contingency budget, or it may present the same or a revised plan to the public for another vote. If a budget is defeated a second time, the district by law, must adopt a contingency budget.

For MCS, that would mean a decrease of \$ 1,098,380 in the proposed budget to \$ 20,877,054.

The tax levy would be held to the prior year amount. It would also require the school to eliminate the use of buildings and grounds by outside organizations.



VOTER INFORMATION

QUALIFICATIONS

All voters must be United States citizens, age 18 or older on election day, and residents of the Moriah Central School District for 30 days immediately prior to election day.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

MCS will automatically mail an absentee ballot to voters whose registration record is on file with the County Board of Elections marked "permanently disabled." Absentee ballots will be issued, upon request, to residents who will be out of town or unable to vote in person because of illness. For an application, call the district clerk at 546-3301. Applications must be received by May 9th, if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter. Applications will be accepted up to May 16th for in-person pick up and delivery of ballots. **All absentee ballots must be received no later than 5 pm. on the day of the vote- May 16TH.**

Introducing the Candidates:

Learn about those running for your Board of Education



The following candidates have filed a petition seeking open Board of Education seats. These seats are (2) three year positions beginning July 1, 2023.

Anthony Harlow

Anthony Harlow lives in Moriah with his wife Jessica and two children Flynn and Quinn Harlow. He works at Collins Aerospace as a Second Shift Supervisor for Fuel Systems. This is also where he met his wife.

Anthony grew up in Orlando Florida and graduated High school from West Orange High in 1999 which shares the same Viking Mascot. He attended and graduated ITT Tech in 2008 with an Associates in Multimedia with the ambition to become an animator, or VR terrain mapper for the military.

His personal goals are to be a better Jack of all trades- "to know just enough to provide assistance with any task." He feels he is becoming a good role model for his children to be proud of. As hobbies go Anthony enjoys playing video games, drawing/ painting and his various collections. He also enjoys small / large tech repairs.

"My wife's family has lived here all their lives and know this town far better than I. I only hope that I can provide the same level of trust and achieve optimal expectance from my community being a board member that they have from being life long residents."

Anthony is seeking his second term on the Board of Education.



Mr. Whalen, Jayden Lafountain and Ms. Rich at a recent chess tournament

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Amy Gaddor

Amy lives in Mineville with her husband Mathew and children Zoe, Jasper and Iris. She has her master's degree in Forensic Psychology and currently works as the Director of Human Resources at Mountain Lake Services. She is also involved in our community 4H.

"As a parent and professional in this community I have a vested interest in the success of the school. I have worked in the field of developmental disability services for over 12 years and can speak to the unique needs of students with various abilities, an often underrepresented group in our community. I graduated from Moriah Central School in 2004, also allowing me to have the opportunity to experience the district first hand. Over the past term I have learned a lot about the community, the needs of the students, parents and faculty. It is important that parents and faculty unite to ensure our children are receiving the best educational experience possible. I feel my educational background, work experience, and personal experience leave me well suited to represent our community."

Amy is seeking her second term on the Board of Education.



Moriah students recently competed in the regional science fair

The Sherman Free Library has approached the District seeking to be funded via a tax levy in the amount of \$45,000 through the authority given to them under Section 259. The District is obligated under the law to conduct a vote to levy this tax. A vote will be held at the Sherman Free Library on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 from 1pm-8pm to vote on the following proposition:

'Shall the Board of Education of the Moriah Central School District, as pursuant to Education Law 259, be authorized to levy and collect an annual tax, year after year, separate and apart from the annual school district budget, in the amount of forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000.00) which shall be paid to the Sherman Free Library, for the support and maintenance of the library, with the appropriated amount to be the annual appropriation until thereafter modified by a future vote of the electors of the Moriah Central School District.'

If the proposition passes, an additional and separate library tax will be assessed and collected through the existing mechanism of school tax bills. It will be identified on the tax bills as a separate and distinct tax that will be collected and paid to the Sherman Free Library.



A Recovering American Soldier
 % Walter Reed Army Medical Center
 6900 Georgia Ave
 N W Washington DC
 20307-3001

A few MCS students have been working hard to master the art of cursive writing! They wrote Christmas cards to recovering American soldiers!

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 Happy Holidays! I hope you feel better soon! We are grateful for you service!
 Dear Soldier 12/15/22
 May all the joy and wonder of this holiday season remain with you always!
 Sincerely,
 Kaethon



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Dear Soldier 12/15/22
 Merry Christmas! I hope you feel better soon!
 Warmest wishes for a wonderful Christmas.
 Merry Christmas
 Sincerely,
 Melissa Steiner

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Dear
 Merry Christmas!
 I hope you feel better soon!

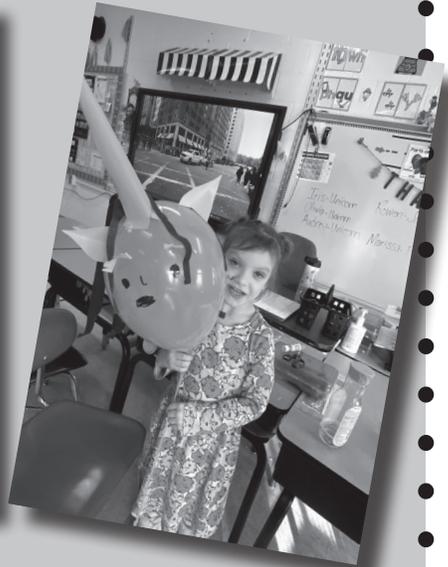


Cursive CLUB

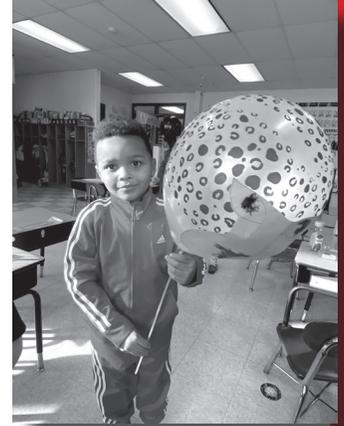
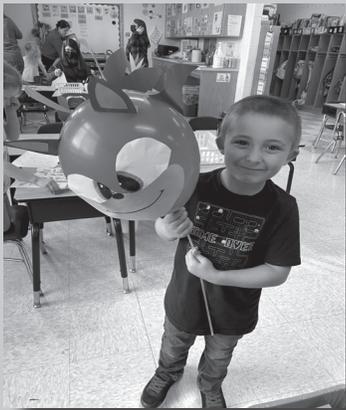
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 * Warm wishes for a wonderful Christmas.
 From Hannah
 Sincerely,
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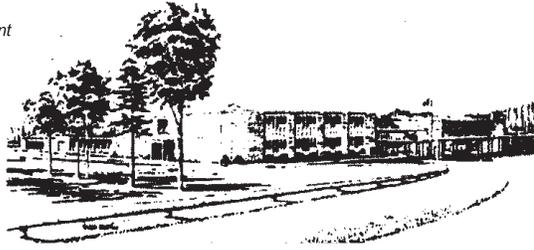


Friendsgiving and Thanksgiving Balloon Parade



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Moriah Central School District

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RE-INSPECTION NOTIFICATION LETTER

TO: Parents/Guardians and Staff

FROM: William J. Larrow, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Re-Inspection Notification

DATE: November 7, 2022

In compliance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), we performed asbestos re-inspections of each of our school buildings for asbestos containing building materials. The inspection findings are in the asbestos management plan and are on file in the school administrative office.

The EPA requires us to perform re-inspections of the asbestos materials every three years. Six-month inspections are performed during the school year.

All asbestos material in the school remains in good condition and we will continue to manage them in place as recommended by EPA guidelines.

You are welcome to view these materials anytime during normal school hours (Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 3:30pm). The Asbestos LEA Designee is available to answer any questions you might have about asbestos in our buildings; the phone number is 518-546-3301 x3357.

ATTENDANCE IS A KEY FACTOR IN ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Grade 7 Halloween Story

Broken by Betrayal
By: Malachai Cota

Mud streaks the shiny, metal walls. A raggedy little girl lays unconsciously in the middle of the nearly empty room with a small trickle of blood carving its way down her dirty face from a deep wound on her soft, smooth forehead. Breathing heavily and shooting upright, the girl wakes up and looks around the unfamiliar room. Despite her fear of tight spaces, the girl takes in her surroundings and tries to find something to give her a clue as to where she is and how to escape. Quickly and quietly, the girl moves around to get into a position to survey the room better.

Frayed but strong, the binds hold her feet and hands together, but they don't allow much movement and the girl tries to loosen them. A soft breeze flows lightly through the cold room. The girl keeps working the binds on her wrists and soon they fall off and she is able to untie the ones around her ankles.

The girl starts running silently around the room looking for anything to help her get out, until she hears a familiar voice. Polly, her best friend since kindergarten, slips out of the shadows. Startled and shocked, the girl whips around, her face only a hairs breath away from her once forever friend.

"What are you doing?" Polly asks in a sinister voice.

"Why are you doing this?" the girl asks, "I didn't do anything to you." Polly laughs manically. "Last I checked, you did do something to me. All you had to do was keep a simple secret, but you couldn't do that, could you?"

"What are you talking about?" she wonders. Then it dawns on her. The girl remembers the secret, told only a year ago, and she laughs. "All of this because of a stupid mistake? Come on."

"I trusted you! And since you had to run your big mouth this is the only way. No one else can know," Polly says.

The girl sees Polly's eyes getting glossy and she thinks she can reason with her. Walking across the room towards Polly, the girl holds out her hand and tries to think of something to say. Her eyes brimming with tears, Polly accepts the girl's hand. "I'm sorry," Polly whispers.

That's the last thing the girl heard before something heavy hit her in the side of the head, and she crumpled to the ground. No one knows for sure what was used to crush the girl's skull. Some people think it was a shovel, others, a metal pipe, and still others, a heavy cleaver. But it still remains a mystery to this day.



From the Desk of... Carrie Langey, Elementary Principal

It has been a busy year and we are so happy to be welcoming Spring! Our new behavior program, Viking Values, is up and running. We have had two elementary celebrations and students are earning WOW cards for being safe, respectful, and responsible! Updates about our Viking Values will be posted regularly on Parent Square.

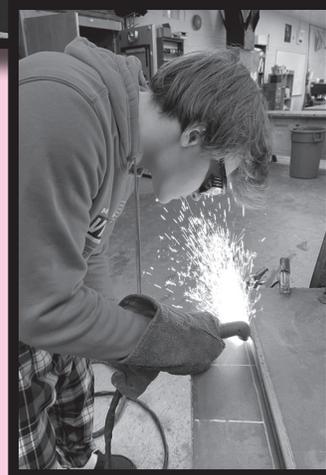
We are looking forward to our Spring Concert/Evening of the Arts that will be held in June. We will also be celebrating PreK Graduation on June 20th and a Moving Up Ceremony for our current 6th grade students (date to be announced soon)!

Updated emergency contact forms were sent out recently. If you were not able to fill one out, please contact the elementary office and we will update your information for you!

There is still time to register your child for PreKindergarten. If your child turns 4 years old before December 1, 2023, they are eligible to attend our full day program. Please call the elementary office at extension 1118 to sign up your child.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. You may message me on Parent Square, email me at clangey@moriahk12.org, or call me at extension 1120.

Happy Spring!



*Always busy
in our tech
rooms!*





Adirondack 21st Century Program

SOARING BEYOND EXPECTATIONS

The owner of Decker's Flats floral shop and Greenhouse provided these students with a tour and information about greenhouses during an empathy interview. The students are taking part in the annual Biomimicry Youth Challenge. This national challenge encourages students to explore the United Nations 18 sustainable design solutions and seek a

solution from nature. Biomimicry looks at how animals, plants and natural processes can help to design solutions to human problems. Our group is in the early design stages seeking ways to reduce food insecurities. Thank you to Decker's Flat Greenhouse for helping us understand the challenges with greenhouses, and providing fresh food during the winter months.

We would also like to thank Sadie Kaltenbach, Cafeteria Manager at Moriah Central School for her time, knowledge and support to help us learn more about the ways our school assists those with food insecurities.



Pictured here: In order from left to right: The owner of Decker's Flats Floral Shop and Greenhouse, Jaden Mero, Olivia Mero and Zoey St. Gelais

Miss Nilsson caught these two cuties (Kendall and Kendra McLaughlin) cleaning up litter on their walk home from school. All on their own.... So sweet and commendable!



From the Desk of... Alison Burch, Secondary Principal



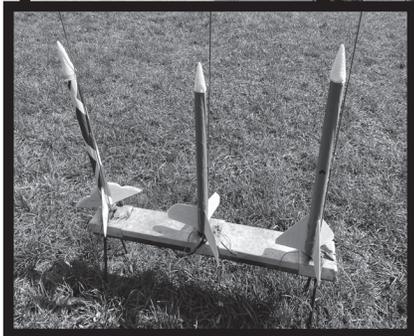
It's Spring! We are in the home stretch of the school year and need to keep working hard for the final 10 weeks. June 1st will be a regent's day, only students taking the US History Regents will attend school and take their exam in the morning. MCS has a lot going on to finish the year! May 13th Junior Prom, the 16th is the budget vote, district art show and 7-12 academic awards; Drama Production is May 19–21; June 5th is the science 8 assessment, and regents exams begin on June 14th. Teachers will begin regents review sessions after school, dates and times will be shared with you on ParentSquare and posted on Facebook. Please encourage your children to attend.

We welcomed three new additions to the MCS staff: Mr. Orr, Geometry; Mr. Smith & Mr Williams for PE. They have all made an immediate impact on our students and community. This year we have been using ParentSquare as our form of communication between school and home.

We were awarded the 21st Century Grant which has allowed us to offer a number of great activities for our students! These include the cooking club, book club, frisbee golf, after school fitness center, social club, cursive club and winter and spring craft activities to name a few! We are looking forward to continuing this programming throughout the summer and next school year.



Freshman Sawyer VanBuren took 110th place and Keira Callahan took 66th at the NY State Cross Country State Championships.



Tech Class Projects





Happy Retirement

Thank you for your service at Moriah Central School
You will be missed!!



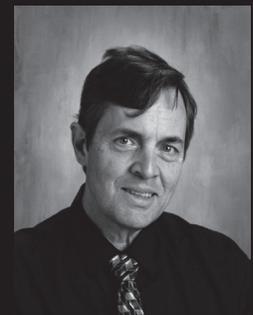
BRIAN CROSS
Physical Ed.; 27 years



CHRIS MAZZOTTE
Physical Ed.; 23 years



MELISSA RIELLY
Special Ed.; 32 years



EMMETT HOOPS
Elem Ed.; 26 years

School District Budget Notice

| Overall Budget Proposal | Budget Adopted for the 2022-23 School Year | Budget Proposed for the 2023-24 School Year | Contingency Budget for the 2023-24 School Year * |
|---|--|---|--|
| Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions | \$ 19,778,674 | \$ 21,515,317 | \$ 20,877,054 |
| Increase/Decrease for the 2023-24 School Year | | \$ 1,736,643 | \$ 1,098,380 |
| Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget | | 8.78 % | 5.56% |
| Change in the Consumer Price Index | | 8.0% | |
| A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount | \$ 4,082,000 | \$ 4,082,000 | |
| B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable | \$ | \$ | |
| C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable ** | \$ | \$ | |
| D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy | \$ | \$ | |
| E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D) | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| F. Total Permissible Exclusions | \$ 325,362 | \$ 937,395 | |
| G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions | \$ 3,994,995 | \$ 3,936,694 | |
| H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D) | \$ 3,756,638 | \$ 3,144,605 | |
| I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) ** | \$ 238,357 | \$ 792,089 | |
| Administrative Component | \$ 1,938,608 | \$ 2,243,694 | \$ 2,047,000 |
| Program Component | \$ 13,487,605 | \$ 14,431,974 | \$ 14,350,100 |
| Capital Component | \$ 4,352,461 | \$ 4,839,649 | \$ 4,479,954 |
| <p>* Should the proposed 2023-2024 budget be defeated, a contingency budget must be prepared pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law. There would be an overall decrease of \$638,263 from the proposed budget.</p> | | | |

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|---|---|
| | Under the Budget Proposed for the 2023-24 School Year |
| Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹ | \$ 492.00 |

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2023-24 by the qualified voters of the Moriah Central School District, Essex County, New York, will be held at Moriah Central School in said district on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 between the hours of 1:00pm and 8:00pm, prevailing time in the Moriah Central School, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot.

1. The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

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Coming Events

- **School Budget Vote:**
*May 16th: 1:00-8:00 PM
JRHS-HS Art Show*
- **Drama Club Production:** *May 20-21*
- **Memorial Day Break:** *May 29*
- **JR/SR HS Regents Day-June 1st**
(Elementary in session)
- **Regents Days:** *June 14th-22nd*
- **Elementary Early Release Days:**
June 16 at 1:00; June 20-22 at 11:30
- **No School: Juneteenth-** *June 19th*
- **Board of Education Meeting**
June 20th at 6 pm
- **Last Day of School**
June 23 - 9:00 am dismissal
- **Graduation** *June 23rd at 6:30*



ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2023-2024 by the qualified voters of the Moriah Central School District, Port Henry, New York will be held at the Moriah Central School in the lobby by the Auditorium, Port Henry, New York, on Tuesday, May 16th, 2023, between the hours of 1:00 PM and 8:00 PM, at which time the polls will be opened for voting.

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