



Superintendent's Comments

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For the July 23, 2019 Board of Education Meeting (#12)

- **Summer Learning Academy:** There are 632 students enrolled in the Summer Learning Academy this year. For our seniors on track to graduate at the end of SLA, there will be a graduation ceremony on August 14 at 9:00 a.m. at MHS.
- **Knabusch Math and Science Center – Survivor Kids Camp:** This summer, from June 24 through August 2, 230 students are taking part in Survivor Kids Day Camp. This camp engages students in learning outdoor survival skills such as shelter building, fishing, boating, archery, campfire cooking, plant and animal identification, and much more! Great photos are posted to the Knabusch Math and Science Center Facebook page.
- **Jump Start:** The 2019/2020 Young Five and Kindergarten Jump Start will take place on August 19th-22nd from 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. During these sessions, our staff welcomes students with a variety of activities that will help them to launch new friendships and form a community of learners. Teachers also utilize this time to make connections with students to get to know them as individuals both academically and socially.
- **Beauty and the Beast:** Last weekend, a production of Beauty and the Beast was performed at the River Raisin Centre for the Arts. I want to acknowledge that there were several MPS alumni among the cast members of this great performance.
- **Monroe County Fair:** The Monroe County Fair starts this Sunday, July 28th. I would like to invite everyone to stop by the MPS Fair booth in the Monroe Bank and Trust Merchants Building to say hello and speak to a wide variety of MPS staff family who will be volunteering, answering guest questions and handing out MPS swag.

- **Little Red Schoolhouse:** Don't forget to visit the Little Red Schoolhouse while you are at the fair to see amazing artwork by students in Monroe Public Schools, and other districts throughout the county.
- **International Baccalaureate Authorization for Raisinville:** We received the official authorization letter from the International Baccalaureate Organization (IB), declaring Raisinville Elementary School is now an authorized IB World School for the PYP. The school will be added as an authorized school for the PYP on the IB public website, including the name and contact information for the PYP Coordinator.
- **Important Dates for Start of School Year – September 4, 2019**
 - The **Middle School Open House** will be held on Wednesday, August 28 from 5:00-6:30 p.m
 - The **Elementary School Open Houses** will be held on Wednesday, August 28 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at each elementary school building.
 - **Monroe High School** students will participate in school **Check-in Days** the week of August 19. Please visit the MHS August calendar for details.
 - Finally, **basic school supply lists** are posted to our website for families wanting to take advantage of the start of the school year supply sales in area stores.
- **Summer Learning for Families:** Dan Newby and Lucy Nunez are providing summer learning for MPS families this year. Sessions are still available on Raising Responsible Children, Managing Social Media, and Worries and Fears. Sessions are free to MPS families and just \$30 per participant for non-MPS families. Visit the MPS website for registration details.