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MORGAN COUNTY R-I
HOME OF THE STOVER BULLDOGS

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

BY MATT UNGER,
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Welcome to the Second Semester:



I hope everyone is handling the winter months. The students and staff wrapped up the first semester prior to the holidays and the second semester is now well underway. One topic that I have not written about extensively is our long-term facility goals.

In the past 7 years, the district has significantly updated our facility. These projects go beyond the visible additions of the dome, library, or agriculture education. Here is the list:

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| New HVAC in Elementary | HVAC upgrade Middle School | H.S. Guidance Office |
| Elementary Office | Industrial Arts Room | Playground Improvements |
| Stage Floor and Sound System | H.S. Gym Floor and Railing | Awnings |
| Added Preschool Classrooms | High School Office | FACS room remodel |
| Secure Entrances | Interior Doors Elementary | Windows/Doors as needed |
| New Phone and Bell system | 3 new roofs | Classroom Renovations |
| Sidewalk | Life Skills Room | Kitchen/cafeteria |
| Drop Ceiling | Floor Tile/Carpet tile | LED Lighting |
| Broadcast Room | New Lockers | Elementary Gym Floor |

Recently the Board of Education selected HTK architects to assist us with upcoming projects. The first item on the list is to renovate our existing bathrooms. Our current restrooms need significant updates! Our goal is to accomplish this during the summer of 2022. Other projects planned for this summer are the H.S. Science room and updating many High School classrooms. Additionally, we are looking at replacing the pink tile in the junior high building.

Looking toward the future, because of the tremendous enrollment growth, we are needing to construct additional classrooms and expand our cafeteria-kitchen area. Other items on the list include a competition track/field, bus barn, and possibly solar panels. One item that the district is still very interested in is to work with the city of Stover to construct new Baseball and Softball fields. Hopefully, an agreement can be reached in the future.

As you can see we have made a lot of progress on improving the facilities. Each year we are able to cross many items off the list. I am extremely proud of the job our maintenance staff has done to complete many of these projects. MCR-1 works!

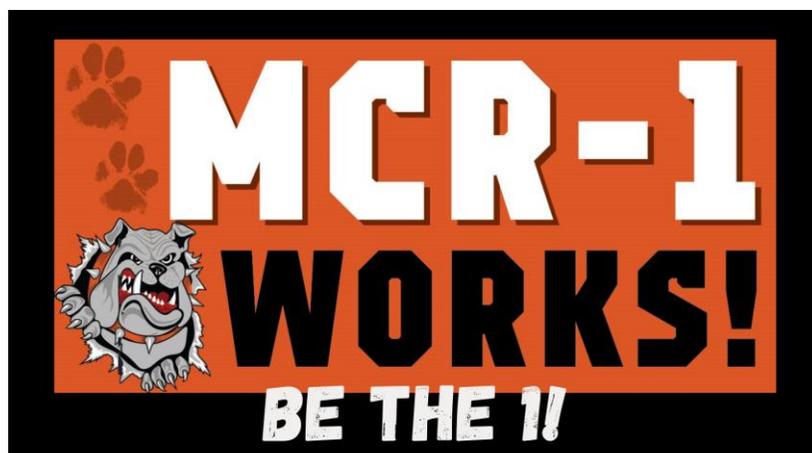
While we are on the topic of facilities and since the next publication will not arrive until late spring, I wanted to remind you that the school district does have a Community Tornado Safe Room that is available for use during tornado and dangerous high wind events. The Safe Room is located on the Morgan County R-I School District Stover School campus at 701 N. Oak St., Stover, MO 65078. The Tornado Safe Room is available to students and residents in the community that does not have adequate safe areas to shelter during severe weather.

Due to the estimated time necessary to reach the Safe Room after a warning has been given, it is absolutely necessary that residents living more than five minutes away from come to the Dome prior to the tornado sirens sounding. Once the tornado sirens have been activated, law enforcement and safe room managers will determine when the safe room doors will be locked.

In order to receive a text alert that the Safe room is open you will need to sign up through Morgan County Emergency Management (<http://www.morgan-county.org/offices/morgan-county-911/weather-alerts/>) or Morgan County R-1 School district will send out a text message (<https://www.mycallnow.com/Home/CreateAccount?type=0>) indicating the safe room is open. If you do not have a text message device you can receive a traditional phone call by calling or stopping by Morgan County R-1 School District.

While the primary purpose of the safe room is to protect humans, the safe room will allow service animals and small animals. Individuals using the safe room will be allowed to bring in small animals such as dogs and cats as long as they are carried/crated and not aggressive. Large Breed (non-service) dogs, reptiles, and traditional farm animals are not allowed!

I hope everyone has a great second semester.



College and Career Ready

By Mrs. Carrie Hewett
Academic and Career Director

<https://sites.google.com/mcr1.us/academicandcareerdepartment>



College and Career Readiness is the main focus of my job as Academic and Career Director. What does this mean? It is my job to ensure every student at MCR-1 graduates ready for the next step in their lives; whether that is college, technical school, or the workforce. This not only includes academics, but soft skills such as communication, critical thinking, teamwork, and work ethic just to name a few.

During this semester, students will begin exploring careers by taking career interest surveys through Missouri Connections. Missouri Connections is a **dynamic and comprehensive online education and career development program** that provides accurate and detailed information about self-awareness, specific careers, educational options and job readiness skills. Results will be given to parents at

Parent Teacher Conferences and used to lead students at our Career Fair held on March 17th.

Throughout the year juniors and seniors are given the opportunity to tour multiple college and tech schools. We also have numerous college reps visit the school to meet with students about their institutions. This month, faculty from the Eldon Career Center will visit with sophomores and juniors to explain the programs they have to offer our students. We have 28 students that attend ECC daily to receive training in Automotive Technology, Construction, Computer Science and Health Occupations.

One of our Cradle to Career Program goals is for all seniors to complete a mock interview before they graduate. These students will create resumes and practice job interview skills in preparation for their interviews in March. Each year local businessmen and women assist with the mock interviews and give valuable feedback to our students. Juniors participate in a Job Shadowing day where they spend a day in a career they're interested in. This was postponed due to Covid last year but we have high hopes of having it this spring. In February we will take students interested in teaching to a Teach It Forward Conference at UCM. Students will participate in a mini-professional conference to learn more about what it takes to be a teacher. We hope to find more events like this for other career interests.

School to Home Liaison

Trish Lobaugh

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My name is Trish Lobaugh and I am in the role of the School to Home Liaison. A primary function of my role is to bridge the gap between school and home and school and community resources. I am often in communications with the Children's Division, local churches, food pantries, Katy trail, Burrell Behavioral Health, and other local resources in the community.

I am also the coordinator for the Buddy Pack program and ensure that all requirements of the program are met to ensure our students continue to receive that resource. The school liaison is also the homeless and foster care coordinator for the district. This means I collect data and direct that information to the central office so it can be submitted to the state.

Aside from being the liaison, I have a background in mental health services and offer social- emotional support to staff and students in the middle/high school- and work alongside Mrs. Hewett to ensure that the students' needs are met. I also write and implement 504s for students in grades K-12.



Student Teachers Angela Viebrock and Amanda Anderson are here this semester. Angela is working with Trish Payne in third grade and Amanda is with Emily Metscher in JH Science. Welcome to MCR1!

Sunday Unger, School Counselor



The role of a School Counselor is to guide, advise, recommend, consult, and assist with the nearly limitless variety of concerns that students, parents, teachers, administrators, and the school community may have.

As the School Counselor at MCR-1, I get the privilege of working daily with our elementary students in a variety of ways. I visit classrooms twice a month to implement the Missouri Comprehensive Model Guidance program, I also meet with small groups of students and individually with

students.

Throughout the school day, I am available to assist students, teachers, administrators, and parents with anything that they may need help with. I take great pride in being able to help our students learn how to problem solve, manage big emotions, resolve conflict, and navigate the world; along with many other things.

Please always know I am here to help you and your children in any way I can! I encourage you to call or email me with any questions or concerns.

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P.S. Elementary Career Day is April 22! WE are searching for a variety of careers to showcase. If you are interested in participating, please let me know.

Preschool and Kindergarten Round-Up Time

We are on the downhill slide and it is now time to get ready for the preschool and kindergarten roundup! We are ready to welcome a new group of preschool and kindergarten students for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year.

We feel very fortunate to be able to provide three preschool opportunities for our families at Morgan County R-1. We have an early childhood special education and two preschools that are funded by the school district.

The preschool curriculum is based upon Project Construct, which is, learning through play. It is amazing to see the students grow and develop with this curriculum throughout the year. The students can experience many different learning centers such as art, writing, reading, math, blocks, dramatic play, science, etc. Through these learning centers, students learn how to solve problems, work with their peers, and develop relationships.

We can service 3 and 4-year-olds for our preschools. Students have to be 3 by July 31, 2022. We will take all 4-year-olds first and then if we still have open slots, we will then fill those slots with 3-year-old students. Kindergarten students will need to be 5 by July 31, 2022.

We will conduct screenings in March, but starting February 1 you may call the elementary office at 573-377-2217 ext. 227 and register your child for screening. The screening will be for age-appropriate children that are not currently enrolled and attending school. If your child is attending preschool currently, they do not have to be screened for kindergarten.

If your child was screened last year but did not get into preschool due to the lack of spots available, you will need to call the school and have your child rescreened. We would appreciate you to share this information with any parents that have children ready for preschool and or kindergarten this coming school year. We can't wait to welcome the new Bulldogs to MCR-1.

WINTER SPORTS UPDATE

By Tony Pace, Athletic Director



JH Boys and Girls

The JH Boys and Girls have had a good season thus far. The girls have been playing well and will be pushing for a top 4 seed in the Kaysinger tournament. The boys have lost a few close ones, but will still be in the top half of the Kaysinger rankings when it is all said and done. Although neither team was able to finish the Sacred Heart tournament, both teams have high hopes for this year's conference tourney. This year's Kaysinger JH tournament will begin at Stover on 2/12 and will conclude on 2/19.



Varsity Boys

The varsity boys have had a successful season so far. They currently have 11 wins and will continue conference play this week. The team has really showed improvement from the beginning of the season. While losing a few close games throughout the season, the boys have also won several close ones. The boys were able to bring home the consolation trophy from the Stover Tournament, but fell short of that in the Eugene Tournament. Last week, the boys lost 2 close games to Smithton and Tipton, but will have a second chance this week. The seniors have been good leaders this year and will be missed as the team looks to the future.



Varsity Girls

The Girls basketball team is having another great season. They are currently tied for 1st place in the conference and will play for the regular season championship this Friday against Tipton. The girls have done a great job in each of the tournaments they have played in. The girls brought home a 2nd place trophy from the Eugene Tournament after losing a close game to St. Elizabeth. They then lost a very tough game in the Stover Tournament Championship, but brought home another 2nd place trophy. Last week, they played in another championship game, but came up short in the Kaysinger Tournament and lost to Tipton. The girls have done a great job in keeping the success rolling and will continue this through the rest of the season and through districts.



Cheerleaders

The high school cheerleaders have added spirit to all the home games. They have worked hard over the season and we appreciate their Bulldog Spirit.

Board Appreciation Month



During the month of January, communities across the state have been honoring their local boards of education during School Board Recognition Month. According to the Missouri School Board Association, the goal is to build awareness and understanding of the important function an elected board of education plays in communities and schools.

As elected representatives of the citizens of Morgan County R-1 School District, the seven-member Board of Education serves as the governing body for the community's public school system. The school board sets district policies, selects the superintendent of schools, adopts the annual budget, and determines the tax rate.

Board members serve three-year overlapping terms with two or three members elected each year. Board members, who receive no salary, are committed and concerned citizens who devote countless hours working on behalf of children and the educational interests of the Lindbergh community.

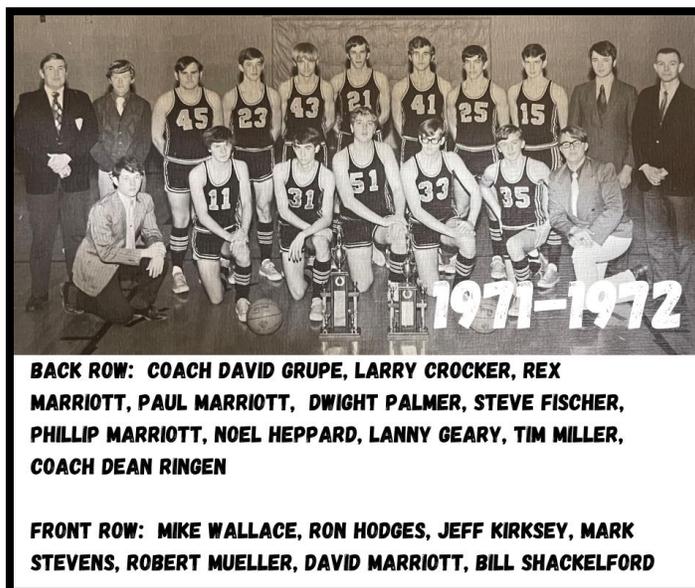
The Morgan County R-1 School District is fortunate to have seven dedicated men that serve our district as school board members. The seven-member board meets monthly on the third Wednesday in the school library at seven o'clock. The meetings are open to the public. The members of the board are, Joel Clark (President), Cory Garr (Vice President), Derick Marshall, Brad Belt, Billy Black, Cody Worthley, and Kyle Eckhoff.

These seven individuals continue to give of their time and are committed to making MCR1 the best it can be. We appreciate your service and thank you for all that you do to continue to improve MCR1. Thank you for making MCR-1 Work!

BULLDOG LEGACY: BASKETBALL RECOGNITION

A new tradition at MCR-1 is the Bulldog Legacy: Basketball Recognition where we recognize the teams that have captured the Conference and or District Titles. This is a new tradition we have started and will continue to recognize and congratulate the teams that have shown made the Bulldogs what they are today and make MCR1 work.

THE 1971-1972 BULLDOGS



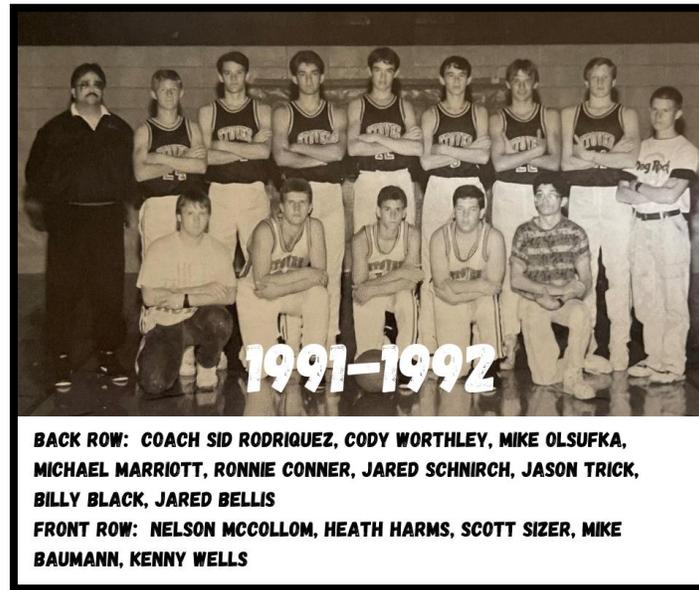
The 1971-72 basketball team had a record of 20-8 and were Kaysinger Conference Champions with a perfect record of 8-0. This team was the first Stover basketball team to win the Stover Tournament. They took third in the Conference Tournament and were in the semifinalist in the Regional Tournament.

THE 1981-82 LADY BULLDOGS



The 1981-82 Lady Bulldogs continued their winning streak from volleyball to basketball. These ladies were Conference Co-Champs and District Champs. With a record of 7-1 with their only loss to Cole Camp in the Conference, they shared the Conference Title with them. Their overall record was 19-3 and winning the District Championship and being in the State Quarterfinals.

THE 1991-92 BULLDOGS



The 1991-92 Basketball team started the season taking third in the Eugene Tournament along with the Sportsmanship Award. They then won the Stover Tournament, the Conference Title, and the Conference Tournament. The 23-4 season was capped off with a second-place finish in the District Tournament.



Homecoming 2022

Homecoming 2022 took place on Friday, February 21. The theme this year was "HOCO on the Big Screen."

Homecoming on the Big Screen featured a spirit week that will featured a movie each day and dressing up that related to the movie. On Monday, we were out of school for Martin Luther King Jr's. birthday observation. On Tuesday, the featured movie was Tombstone and students dressed western or as a cowboy. Wednesday was The Breakfast Club and students wore their pajamas to school. Thursday, students dressed either as bikers or surfers for the movie, Teen Beach Movie. On Friday, students will wore their orange and black for the movie, High School Musical.

The Bulldogs faced the Sacred Heart Gremlins at 5:00 with the JV boys starting the night off. The Lady Bulldogs took the court next and the alumni were recognized at the half-time of this game. The varsity Bulldogs followed. The coronation of the Homecoming King and Queen and Prince and Princess took place after the varsity boys' game. The queen was Katelynn Jackson and the King was Nate Jackson. The Princess was Bella Bauer and the prince was Cody Worthley.

We also recognized the 1971-72 and 1991-92 basketball teams for winning the conference champions. The 1981-82 Lady Bulldog's basketball teams were recognized for being the conference champs and district champs. A reception took place in the library at 4:30 for anyone wanting to visit with these athletes. The basketball recognition took place between the girls' and boys' games.



Test Scores Announced

By Matt Unger, Superintendent of Schools

The theme for the 2020-21 school year is MCR-1 Works! The Missouri Department of Education recently released District Achievement test results for the 2019-20 school year. Of course, we assumed that with the COVID shut down of March 2020 coupled with the COVID disruptions that occurred last year that test scores would go down. I am happy to let you know that overall R-1 did very well!

The Morgan County R-1 Board of Education set very high achievement goals. Over the past seven years, we have made steady progress toward meeting these goals. In complete honesty, seven years ago we were last in the conference. However, things have changed because Morgan County R-1 WORKS! I am pleased to announce we finished 4th (out of 10) in the Kaysinger Conference. In addition, our achievement test scores were better than just about all of our neighboring schools.

Our continued improvement is a direct reflection of the hard work and dedication made by the staff, teachers, and students. Rest assured, while we take much pride in our current success, we will continue to strive to be the #1 in MCR-1. Great things are happening and will continue as long as we are mission-focused!



March Activities

- 2—Academic Meet at Lincoln at 4:00
- 2—Volleyball Open Gym for grades 6-11 from 6:00-7:30
- 3—NHS/FBLA/FCCLA Initiation at 6:00 in the High School Gym
- 4—FFA CDE at Stoutland
- 5—Smith Cotton Math Contest
- 5—Project Prom Dinner/Trivia Night/ Silent Auction at the Community Center
- 7-11—Yearbook Spirit Week
- 7—HS Music Contest at Cole Camp
- 8—ACT given to the Juniors
- 8—FFA CDE at Marshall
- 9—Volleyball Open Gym for grades 6-11 from 6:00-7:30
- 10—FFA Area 8 and State Selection at 4:00
- 10—JH/HS Spring Concert in the HS Gym at 6:00
- 11—End of the 3rd Quarter
- 12—FFA CDE at Adrian
- 14-17—No B.E.A.T.
- 14—PK-2 Spring Concert at 6:00 in the HS Gym
- 15—3-6 Spring Concert at 6:00 in the HS Gym
- 16—Spring Sports Pictures
- 16—FFA LDE at Tipton at 4:00
- 17—Early Dismissal at 12:36
- 17—Parent Teacher Conferences from 1:00-7:30
- 17—Career Fair for grades 7-12 from 4:00-6:30
- 17—Preschool and Kindergarten Screening from 1:00-7:00
- 17—Conference Academic Meet at 4:00
- 18—No School
- 18—Soccer at Fair Grove at 5:00
- 18—Baseball with Eugene at 5:00
- 21-25—NWEA End of the Year Testing for Grades 3-11
- 21—Jostens delivers announcements at 12:45
- 21—Baseball with Lincoln at 5:00
- 21—Softball with Macks Creek at 5:00
- 21—Soccer at Lone Jack at 5:00
- 21—FFA Meeting at 6:00
- 22—FFA begins selling Seasoning
- 22—Reading Celebration from 5:30-7:00
- 22—Baseball with Fayette at 5:00
- 22—Softball with Weaubleau at 5:00
- 22—JH/HS Track Open Meet at Versailles at 4:00
- 23—Stover Showcase at 11:00
- 23—FBLA Middle Level Contest at Jefferson City
- 23—Volleyball Open Gym for grades 6-11 from 6:00-7:30
- 23—Soccer with Moberly at 5:00

- 24-26—Clinton Soccer Tournament
- 24—Softball and Baseball with Climax Springs at 5:00
- 24—Softball at Sacred Heart at 5:00
- 25—Bulldog Cards
- 25—Elementary Awards Day for Third Quarter
- 25—Soccer with Belle at 5:00
- 25—Softball at Conway at 5:00
- 25—Baseball with Versailles at 5:00
- 25—JH Track at Russellville MS Relay at 4:00
- 27—CTA Hog Roast
- 28—FFA Farm Day in the Elementary
- 28—Early Dismissal at 12:36 for Professional Development
- 28—HS Track at Maroon and Gold in Eldon at 4:00
- 28—Soccer at Dixon at 5:00
- 28—Baseball at Jamestown at 5:00
- 29—FFA District CDE at UCM at 8:00
- 29—Golf at the Versailles Quad with Versailles, Iberia, Russellville, and Stover at 4:00
- 29—JH Track at Warsaw at 4:00
- 29—Soccer with Smithton at 5:00
- 29—Softball at Dixon at 5:00
- 29—Baseball with Macks Creek at 5:00
- 30—Volleyball Open Gym for grades 6-11 from 6:00-7:30
- 31—FFA District LDE at Crest Ridge at 4:00
- 31—Softball with Lincoln at 5:00
- 31—Soccer with Osage at 5:00

All dates and times are subject to change

VIP DATES

**Graduation will be Sunday, May 8, at
3:00 p.m.**

Prom will be Saturday, April 9.

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