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Graduation 2010

Our Beginning... Our Future...



The Mad River School District would like to congratulate all of our graduating seniors! We are proud of all of our graduates and wish them well on their journey.

Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Congratulations to this year's Class of 2010 Top two students:

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MAD RIVER LOCAL SCHOOLS MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of Mad River Local Schools, a district committed to excellence, is to provide quality educational programs to ensure the development of knowledgeable, productive, responsible citizens able to adapt to a changing society.



Chase Kolozsi, Valedictorian

For the past four years, Chase Kolozsi has been working hard to be at the top of his class. He has earned local and state awards as a member of the award-winning Varsity Bowling team. Chase was also a member of Varsity "S", Link Crew, President of VOICES, Vice-President of Leo-Club, King of Calculus Club, and involved in various community service projects. Chase plans to attend Boston University, on a full scholarship, where he will major in business management and minor in acting/theatre.



Rachel Feltner, Salutatorian

Rachel Feltner has demonstrated her commitment to good citizenship throughout her time spent in the Mad River School District. During her high school career, Rachel has participated in Color Guard and was a member of the Marching Band, Winter Guard, and Pioneer Drum and Bugle Corps. She was also involved in the National Conference for Community Justice, VOICES, Link Crew, Muse Machine, and Calculus Club. Rachel will attend Purdue University this fall where she will major in engineering.



A LETTER FROM MIKE EAGLOWSKI,
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Dear Parents and Community,

I would like to congratulate and wish good luck to the graduates of the Walter E. Stebbins High School Class of 2010. This was an excellent group of young men and women. They were a pleasure to work with. I am confident that they will be successful in college and in their future careers.

The 214 graduates of the Class of 2010 achieved many accomplishments. 18 students had perfect attendance during the 2009-2010 school year, and four had perfect attendance throughout their entire high school career. 137 seniors were on the Honor Roll during one or more quarters this year. 42 seniors maintained a 3.5 GPA throughout all four years of high school. 42 will receive Academic Award of Merit certificates. 36 graduates will receive an Honors Diploma.

In addition, many of our graduates will be receiving scholarships for college. 122 have earned full scholarships to Sinclair Community College by completing one of seven Career Tech College Prep programs. Our seniors have been awarded a total of over \$2.8 million in scholarships. Many will be attending Central State University, Sinclair, the University of Dayton, and Wright State University. Among other fine schools, we will have graduates attending Boston University, Purdue University, and the United States Air Force Academy.

We commend our graduates for their hard work. We also thank their parents for their commitment to education, and the staff of Mad River for providing the best possible education. Best Wishes Class of 2010.

We wish to thank all of our students, parents, and staff for a tremendous school. Considering the financial situation in Ohio and the implementation of many aspects of House Bill 1, public education in our state will be very challenging. At Mad River, we will continue to provide the best education possible.

Have a great summer,

Mike Eaglowski

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The Graduates

The faculty and staff of Stebbins High School are pleased to announce the following graduates of the Class of 2010:

*** Denotes Scholarship Received**

Kayla Adams
 Brittney Arnold
 *Matthew Artman
 Katherine Atkins
 *David Bailey
 *Sarah Beckley
 Stephanie Becks
 Aaron Belcher
 *Ryan Belcher
 Kaley Belg
 Tommy Belg
 *Clinton Bell
 *Sydney Birch
 Kiara Blue
 *Aaron Bock
 *Ashley Boles
 *Ashley Bosch
 Daren Bowling
 Ezekiel Bowling
 Tiffany Bowling
 Evan Brackney
 *Mark Brant
 *Timothy Bretelson
 *Derek Brewer
 *Jarod Brinegar
 *Madison Brown
 Patrick Brown
 *David Buckholdt
 Corie Burk
 Brittany Burnett
 *Danielle Buschhorn
 *Chase Carter
 *Jessica Cawvey
 *Tim Chiang
 *Robert Christoffers
 *Eli Clawson
 Christopher Corleto
 Cassidy Coyle
 *Zachary Crawford
 Charlotte Danneker
 Chad Davis
 Joshua Davis
 *Luvenia Davis
 Nyketa Deem
 *Grayson Dekker
 Candace Demster
 Matthew DeSalvo
 *Chelsea Dixon
 *Sarah Donaldson
 *Brittney Dotson
 *Jennifer Dowell
 Darryl Duffy
 Shiafa Dugger

*Courtney Eisen
 *Kirsten England
 Brittany Estep
 *Alex Feeman
 *Rachel Feltner
 *Julianne Felton
 *Ashley Ferguson
 *Andrew Ferree
 *Ashley Flanagan
 Michael Floyd
 *Adam Fox
 Quinnten Fuller
 Sloane Fuller
 *Lateshia Gales
 *Margaret Gautreaux
 *Bradley Gleason
 Shannon Gray
 *Taylor Gray
 Courtney Griesheimer
 Nicholas Grothouse
 *Amber Guthrie
 *Richard Hammond
 *Paige Hampton
 *Danae Hankerson
 *Emily Hanny
 *Nathan Hardy
 Nathan Hartley
 Holly Hasty
 *Courtney Hatton
 *Autumn Havens
 Todd Hawley
 *Emily Helton
 Alicia Henry
 *Tin Hien
 *Brandon Hines
 Damon Hinesman
 *Jessica Hobbs
 Andrew Holbrook
 *Samuel Hudak
 *Misty Hudson
 *Sierra Hudson
 *Ashley Hughes-Short
 Ricky Hunter
 Kayla Hutchins
 *Khoa Huynh
 Lila Hyatt
 Joshua Jackson
 Charlie Johnson
 *Autumn Johnson
 *Kristine Johnson
 Corbin Jones
 Jaime Jones
 *Emily Keaton

Timothy Keaton-Dix
 *Caitlin Keenan
 Chelsea Keeton
 *Zachary Kennedy
 *Jacob Kern
 *Joseph Kindell
 *Amanda Kirby
 *Desmond Kirkendoll
 *Robert Kitts
 *Charles Kolozsi
 *Katie Krznarich
 *Tiara Leak
 *Traevon Leak
 *Elayna Lewis
 *Shane Lewis
 Aaron Lockhart
 *Andrew Long
 *Taneisha Longeway
 Amanda Love
 Erik Love
 *Shelby Lyons
 *Aaron Mabblerly
 *Haley Madison
 *Calandra Manning
 *Laura Massa
 *Tomi McKenzie
 Cody McMillian
 *Jessica McMillian
 *Kyle Mildebrandt
 *Johnathon Miller
 Chelsi Miracle
 *Brittany Mixon
 *Kathryn Munroe
 Kelsey Murphy
 Christopher Murray
 *Christopher Nunes
 *Allison Oakes
 *Alyssa O'Connor
 *Quintin Oliver
 *Elizabeth Orton
 *Kayla Osborn
 *Raquel Parker
 *Kyle Pearson
 Viet-Tan Phan
 Aaron Platt
 *Daniel Powell
 *Alacia Rednour
 Marisa Rice
 *Shelby Richardson
 Angel Ridout
 Joseph Rine
 Alicia Ringler
 *Jenna Roberts

*Tyler Roberts
 *Irene Robinson
 *Laura Rose
 Dennis Rupert
 *Allison Sandlin
 Antonio Scott
 Bryan Scott
 Thomas Shannon
 *Randall Sharp
 Jessica Shaw
 *Michael Silvers
 Jeremy Skeens
 Ashley Smith
 Kattie Smith
 Joshua Smith-Bullard
 *Matthew Sopczak
 *Caleb Spurlock
 *Jacob Spurlock
 *Cara Stehle
 *Emma Stewart
 *Makayla Stewart
 *Tyler Stout
 *Cory Stratton
 Bradley Talley
 Aaron Taylor
 Jacoby Taylor
 *Tiffany Taylor
 *Dustin Templeton
 Katherine Templeton
 *Ashley Thomas
 *Donte' Thomas
 *Kirsten Thompson
 *Allen Thuma
 Jacob Tigner
 *Kyle Tolliver
 *Jesse Trammell
 Michael Trappe
 *Kayla Trego
 Christina Troutt
 Christine Vallance
 Aaron VanHoose
 *Cory Walters
 *Christine Wanczyk
 *Nicole Ward
 *Zaccary Warren
 *Jeri Watts
 *Jordan Wilcox
 Ryan Williams
 Rachael Wilson
 *Bryan-Thomas Woelfle
 *Travis Womack
 Taylor Wuellner
 *Kea Zertuche

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Class of 2010 Accomplishments

Academic honors and other accolades highlight another year of high achievement:

Attendance

In the area of attendance, 18 students had perfect attendance for 2009-2010 and four have had perfect attendance for four consecutive years.

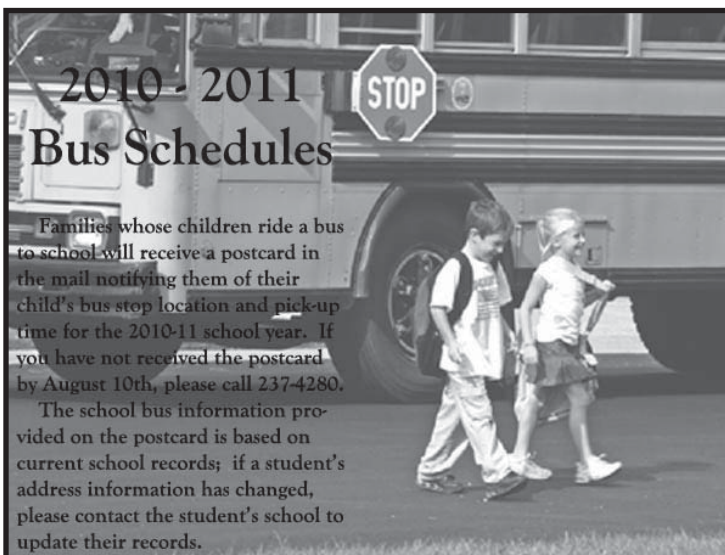
Academically

137 of our seniors have earned honor roll status during one or more of the quarters this school year.

- 42 of our seniors have maintained a 3.50 GPA throughout their high school career
- 36 of our seniors are receiving an honors diploma as recognized by State of Ohio standards
- 42 of our seniors are receiving Academic Award of Merit certificates
- 122 seniors have earned full scholarships totaling (\$366K) to Sinclair Community College by way of completing one of our seven, two-year, College Tech Prep Programs.
- 131 seniors will receive some form of scholarship recognition totaling \$2.8M.

Members of the Class of 2010 were accepted to the following colleges and universities:

Bluffton University
 Boston University
 Bowling Green State University
 Bradford School
 Brigham Young University
 Central State University
 Hadley School for the Blind
 Harrison College
 Hobart Institute of Welding Technology
 Indiana University
 Johnson & Wales University
 Kaplan College
 Kettering College of Medical Arts
 Miami University
 Michigan State University
 Muskingum University
 Northern Kentucky University
 Ohio Northern University
 Ohio University
 Purdue University
 Rhodes State Community College
 School of Advertising Art
 Sinclair Community College
 The Citadel
 The Ohio State University
 Tiffin University
 Union College
 United States Air Force Academy
 Universal Technical Institute
 University at Buffalo
 University of Cincinnati
 University of Dayton
 The University of Findlay
 University of Florida
 University of Las Vegas
 University of Texas
 University of Toledo
 Wake Technical Community College
 Wilmington College
 Wittenberg University
 Wright State University



**2010-2011
 Bus Schedules**

Families whose children ride a bus to school will receive a postcard in the mail notifying them of their child's bus stop location and pick-up time for the 2010-11 school year. If you have not received the postcard by August 10th, please call 237-4280.

The school bus information provided on the postcard is based on current school records; if a student's address information has changed, please contact the student's school to update their records.

District Celebrates Success of Alternative School Plans to increase student enrollment for 2010-2011 school year

This past May, students involved in the District's first Educational Advancement Program (MREAP) gathered to celebrate their successes and talk about this unique program that has helped make them better students, better learners, and for many, high school graduates!

The students, surrounded by their teachers, administrators, and district leaders spoke about how they owed their academic turnaround to their participation in the new pilot program. Tears and laughter filled the room as they spoke about a road paved with failing grades and no hope for graduating with their classmates.

"The program supports independence," said Aaron Belcher a graduate of the Alternative Program. "It really gave me a sense of awareness that I never had, and as soon as the program started, I felt like graduation was actually possible. Now, because of luck, hard work, and this program, I am going to college in the winter for astronomy, something I never had desired to do before MREAP."

The Mad River Local Schools OIP team established a goal of providing alternative education opportunities for students in order to improve the district's graduation rate. The small alternative setting provides for close, caring relationships between students and staff, and also allows staff to be vigilant in maintaining high expectations for each student. The virtual and face-to-face



Mad River Educational Alternative Graduates are pictured here with their teachers from the program.

education is designed to involve key aspects of the students needs.

The District is pleased to report that eight of the 10 at-risk seniors enrolled in the program graduated on May 28th. The thirteen previously at risk MREAP students earned a grand total of 80.25 credits during the second semester of the 2009 – 2010 school year. If these students attended Stebbins, they would have only been able to earn a total of 52 credits, provided they passed each course.

On the heels of the program's success, the school district will be doubling the number of students enrolled in the program for the 2010-2011 school year to include academically high-performing students who wish to earn more credits faster in order to graduate early.

Retirees Honored By School District

The Mad River Board of Education extends their gratitude to nine employees who have contributed two hundred and forty-nine years of service to the Mad River School District. We hope that our retirees have achieved their dreams by spending their professional lives in education and by working for all or most of their careers in Mad River. Each of our honorees has made a great commitment



2010 Mad River Retirees seated (l-r): Janie Long, Babs Wesbecher, Natalie Haybron; standing (l-r): Dee Hastler (2009 retiree), Jack Morris, Dan Myers, Bo Clouser.

here and, through education, a great commitment to the future. Retirees: Bo Clouser, 30 years; Billie Gordon, 10 years; Natalie Haybron, 38 years; Sandee Lageman, 37 years; Janie Long 25 years; Jack Morris, 15 years; Roz Morrison, 16 years; Dan Myers, 39 years; Babs Wesbecher, 39 years.

We wish all of our retirees the best in their future endeavors.

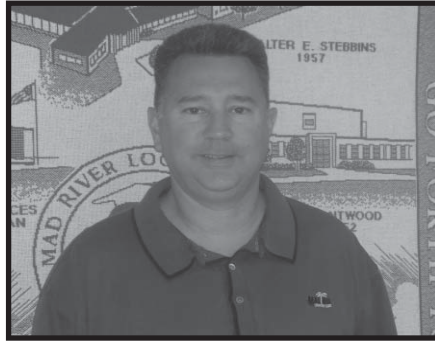
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What's Happening in Our Schools



District Welcomes New Treasurer

The Mad River Board of Education is pleased to announce that Gerald “Jerry” Ellender has accepted the position of Treasurer/CFO for the District. Mr. Ellender was formally hired during the regular Board of Education meeting on May 13, 2010. He began his employment with the District on June 7th.



Jerry Ellender

Jerry previously served as the Treasurer/CFO for Carlisle Local Schools for three years. He has 25 years experience as a Certified Public Accountant. In addition, Jerry has worked with a variety of businesses, individuals, non-profit organizations and government associations. Before working as a Treasurer, Ellender was the Sole Practitioner at Ellender Financial Services, Inc. and a Partner at Keener & Ellender, CPAs.

“We are pleased to welcome

Jerry to the Mad River School District,” said Board President Marilyn Steiner. “Jerry has demonstrated extensive financial knowledge within the field of business and education. We are confident he is the right person to help continue our District’s mission of being prudent and effective with our tax payer’s monies.”

Jerry has been married for 24 years and has three children. He resides in Carlisle.

Freshman Orientation

The Link Crew Transition program will conduct its annual orientation program for incoming freshman on Thursday, August 12th.

Freshman orientation is considered as the first day of school for ninth graders; attendance will be taken and will count toward their permanent attendance record. Because of the early start date, freshman WILL NOT attend school August 20th.

Bus transportation will be provided to those who are eligible. Qualified bus riding freshman should refer to their bus stop postcard (mailed to homes on August 6th) for locations and times. If you have any questions, please call the transportation department at 237-4280.

School District, City Usher New Era of Cooperation

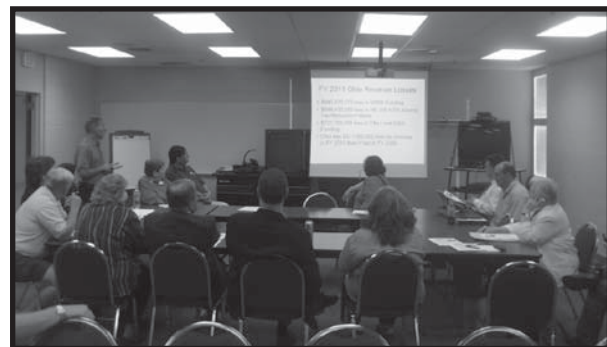
In an effort to improve communication between the school district and the City of Riverside, the two organizations held a joint public meeting on June 10th.

Topics centered on projects now underway, funding, facilities, communication, and achievement for Mad River students.

Mad River Superintendent Mike Eaglowski made a presentation on state and national issues facing the District and Ohio Schools, followed by a presentation by City Manager Bryan Chodkowski on city finances and projects.

Over the past year, the school district and Riverside have been

working closely to identify opportunities to improve educational, recreational and enrichment opportunities for students. Some of these projects include the District’s School Resource Officer, and Safe Routes to School. “I am pleased with how our first meeting went,” said Board President Marilyn Steiner. “We are working hard to establish a strong working relationship with the city. I think it’s important for our students, parents and residents to see that we



share ideas and look at our common challenges and common strengths.”

Both sides agree that the meeting was positive and hope that this will be the first of many joint sessions in the year ahead.



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Searching for Outstanding Alumni

The Mad River School District is seeking nominations for outstanding alumni. The Walter E. Stebbins Outstanding Alumnus Award has been established for the purpose of honoring an outstanding alumnus who has made contributions to career and community.



A period of ten (10) years must have lapsed between graduation and nomination. (2000 or earlier graduates are eligible for the 2010 award.) Nomination forms can be downloaded on the district's web site at: www.madriverdriverschools.org. Completed forms should be postmarked no later than August 1, 2010.

Important Dates

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| Aug. 12 | Ninth Grade Orientation |
| Aug. 17 | (Pending Waiver Day Approval)
First Day for Students
Grades 1-12 in Session |
| Aug. 19 | All Kindergarten in Session |
| Aug. 20 | Grade 9 - No School |
| Oct. 4-8 | OAT Testing |
| Oct. 15 | No School |
| Oct. 19 | Early Release K-12 |
| Nov. 3 | Professional Dev. Day
No School |
| Nov. 5 | No School K-8
9-12 In Session |