



THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Milford Public Schools

2023.2024

Summer 2023



**1.1 million sq. feet of
building space**

**179 acres of grounds
upkeep**

**491 classrooms were
cleaned, sanitized, and
ready for students on
August 30th**

**More than 1,000 gallons
of floor wax used**



Summer 2023

356 projects completed

- Pumpkin Delight Major Building Renovation
- Jonathan Law Track/Field Replacement
- Foran Football Field Entrance
- New playgrounds installed
- Parking lot projects
- Parking lot line painting
- Kitchen repairs and upgrades
- Sidewalk/Handicapped Ramp repairs
- Roller Window Shades
- HVAC repairs & maintenance
- Cleaned gutters
- Mowing, trimming school grounds
- Tree Work
- Boiler repairs
- Doors replaced where needed
- Roof repair and replacements
- And much more!

Summer 2023



Jonathan Law: New Track and Amenities



**Foran High:
New Entrance Gate**



**Renovated Entryways Continue:
Enhanced Security**

Summer 2023



Welcome Back: Convocation 2023



2023-24 School Year



53 Teachers attended our New Teacher Academy

2023-24 First Day



2023-24 School Year Begins

4,097
students
transported daily
to & from school

- 62 Buses/Vans
- 107 Bus Runs
- 972 Bus Stops



Keeping Kids Healthy



666,603

**Meals served in our
schools
(2023-24)**

- **New items tested**
- **Locally sourced products when possible**
- **Free breakfast for all students**



Safety & Security



- Staff began using the Alertus System this year
- Drill Messaging went out all year - multiple drills at each school



Communications/Outreach

Traditional Outreach Combined with Digital Messaging Continues

Dozens of press releases

Upcoming News & Events: Emailed weekly to **more than 9,300** family & staff members, then uploaded to website; covered hundreds of items last year – from important district news, to local events

MPS Podcast completed **25 episodes** last year covering a multitude of topics

'X' (Twitter) continues to build audience; currently has **1,835 followers**

Instagram continues to build audience; currently has **596 followers**

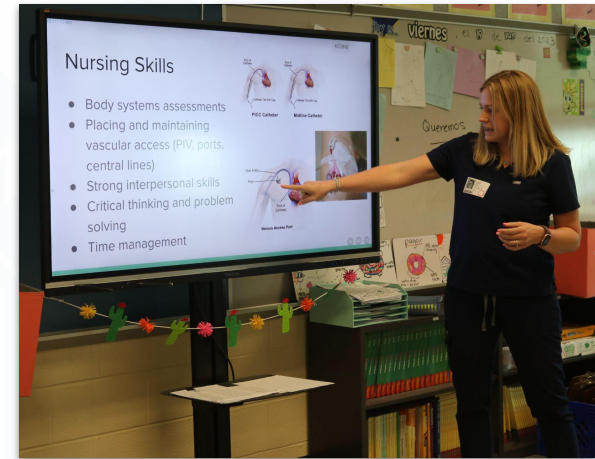


Instructional Technology

Devices and Laptop Refresh Cycle Continues



- **1400 Chromebooks Replaced for 2023-24**
- **100 desktop computers replaced older devices**
- **150 Viewsonic Boards installed in high school classrooms**



Viewsonic Boards now in every classroom

Talent Management & Development

Mission Statement

In our effort to recruit and retain the highest quality talent for our students, we believe that people must feel valued and respected so that they can be effective and influential.

We believe it is important to be responsive to staff needs and provide growth opportunities for district talent in order to fully attain the Vision of the Learner for all students.



Esports



Esports clubs started at Law and Foran



Teams starting in the Fall!



Engagement: Think Big, Dream Big



Hundreds of participants joined together to learn about careers of the future – and how MPS will prepare students for that new world.

Engagement: Parent University



PARENT UNIVERSITY

JANUARY 25, 2024

West Shore Middle School
6:00-8:30 PM
DINNER WILL BE SERVED!

Keynote:
Dr. Yann Poncin
Yale Professor

Breakout Sessions:
Belonging
Youth Mental Health
Teens and Tech
Supporting LGBTQ+ Youth

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)



ARE YOUR KIDS ON THEIR PHONE TOO MUCH?

ARE THEY HAVING TROUBLE WITH FRIENDS?

ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT THEIR STRESS LEVEL?

Engagement: Parent University



Families spent a fun evening at the Milford Public Library for the Parent University Event: Summer Reading!

Partnerships

Our partnerships with the community continue to strengthen our system



Partnerships: Jay Rowe

Jay Rowe's *Smooth Jazz for Scholars* benefit concert has raised more than \$90,000 for the Milford Public Schools Music Department

JAY ROWE PRESENTS THE 21ST ANNIVERSARY OF
SMOOTH JAZZ for *Scholars*
FRIDAY APRIL 19TH

BENEFIT CONCERT FOR THE CITY OF MILFORD, CT
PUBLIC SCHOOLS MUSIC DEPARTMENT

VETERANS MEMORIAL
AUDITORIUM AT
THE PARSONS COMPLEX
70 W River St. Milford, CT 06460

SPONSORED BY
THE MILFORD BANK
Always There
BARRETT OUTDOOR

\$50 EACH NIGHT OR \$85 BOTH NIGHTS | DOORS 7PM SHOWS 8PM
FOR TICKETS: Call (203)874-4150 or visit JayRoweMusic.com



Partnerships

Our Community Fair presented a unified approach to attendees – partnering services with resources.



The Milford Board of Education

Election Brings In New BOE for 2023-25



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Policy Reviews and Revisions: Large and Small

25 Policies Updated (7/1/23 - 6/30/24)

- Remote/Online Learning
- Student Data Protection
- Service Animals in the Classroom
- Exemption from AIDS Instruction
- Summer School
- Extracurricular Activities
- Field Trips
- Library Media Materials
- Artificial Intelligence
- Exit Interviews
- Academic Dishonesty
- FAFSA
- Use of Proprietary Software
- Use of Commercially Produced Video/Audio
- School Age Entrance
- Weapons & Dangerous Instruments
- Homeless
- Graduation Requirements
- Individualized Education Program
- Dropouts
- Homework
- Comparability of Services
- Indoor/Outdoor Air Quality/HVAC
- Transgender



Academics & Performance: HQI Season 4



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Professional Learning to Strengthen Our Work



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Intentional Play Receives A+ Support!

Intentional Play – it's how children learn; let's run a Garden Shop!

Garden Shop

<u>Do</u>	<u>Need</u>	<u>Who</u>
-plant food -vegetables -fruits -flowers -water plants -use soil -carnations -bouquets	-sunlight -water -soil -seeds -planters -watering can -flowers -containers for flower arrangement -tissue paper -bow	gardeners florist design flower arrange- ments



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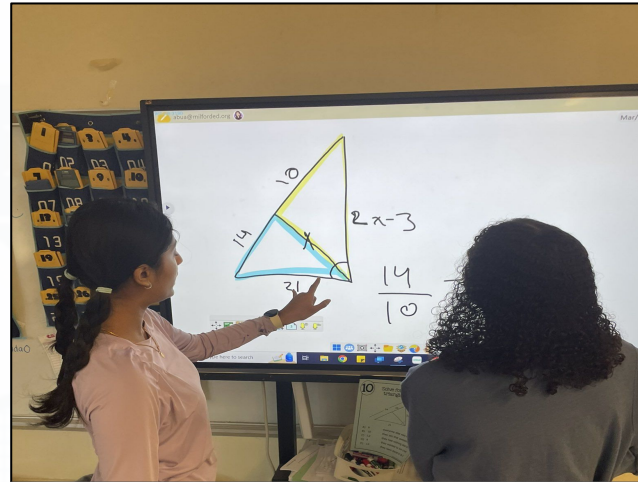
Curriculum Work Cycle Continued

STEM

- Gr PK-5: Math Assessment Work
- Gr PK-5: Development of Math Routines
- Gr 6-8: Math Implementation Guides
- Gr 9-12: Core Math Curriculum Maps
- Gr 9-12: Science Assessment Development
- Gr 9-12: Medical Mysteries Curriculum Map
- Gr 9-12: Culinary Arts Curriculum Maps

Humanities

- Gr K-2: Literacy Implementation Guides
- Gr 9-12: English I, II, II Implementation Guides
- Gr 6-8: Social Studies Implementation Guides
- Gr 9-12: Core Social Studies Implementation
- Gr 9-12: Model UN Curriculum Map
- Gr 6-12: World Language Program Review



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Curriculum Work Cycle Continues

Visual/Performing Arts

Gr K-5: Music Curriculum Maps

Gr K-5: Art Curriculum Maps

Gr K-5: Library Media Curriculum Maps

Wellness & School Counseling

Gr 2-3: Health Implementation Guides

Gr K-5: Enrichment Pilot Development

Gr 9-12: MBDE Program Development

Gr 9-12: Student Success Plans



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Expanded choices in reading and writing



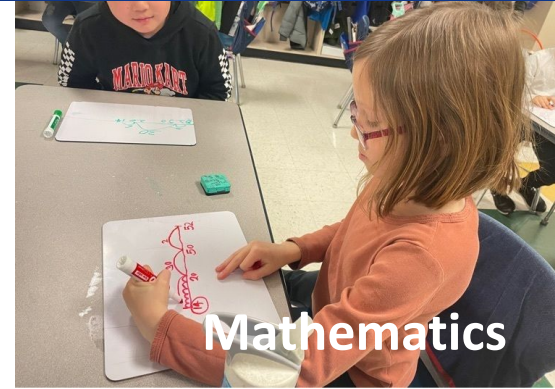
Academics & Performance: Progress



Playgrounds



CNA Coursework



Mathematics



STEM-based Learning



Expanded Classroom Libraries



Robots



Music

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140 Students Named AP Scholars, Fall 2023



67

AP Scholars

score of '3' or better on 3 AP Exams

29

AP Scholars with Honor

avg. score of 3.25 on all exams taken plus score of 3 or better on at least 4 exams

44

AP Scholars with Distinction

avg. score of 3.5 on all exams taken plus score of 3 or better on at least 5 exams

6 National Merit Commended Scholars Named



Left to right: (JLAW) Giuliana Agria, Rhyza Reyes, Moulika Sivalenka; (JAF) Jahnavi Bulusu, Karthikeya Lakoji, Olivia Salai.

Academics & Performance: *Electrify Your Choir*

Elite Instruction Brought to 500 MPS Students



Thank you Laura Kaye & Nathan Blake!

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**Milford Named One
of the
Best Communities
for Music Education –
4th Year in a Row**



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PK-12 Annual MPS Art Show



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La Maestra Loca – Expert World Language Instructor



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Model UN: A culminating event held at Parsons



Bringing STEM Experiences to the Classroom

News 12 Weather Meteorologist Visits Calf Pen Meadow



Student Energy Showcase

Assured Elementary STEM Learning Experiences



Celebrations

Teacher/Para/Parent of the Year 2024



Left to Right:

Rachel Pangu

Teacher of the Year

Patti Fox

Para of the Year

Amy & Rob

Brenner

Parents of the Year

Celebrations

James Wynne Middle School Track Meet Returns: June 3, 2024



Harborside Wins ... AGAIN! Congratulations, Penguins!

Celebrations

Middle School Stepping Up Ceremonies, June 6, 2024

East Shore Middle School



Harborside Middle School



West Shore Middle School

Celebrations

The Academy: Graduation 2024



Celebrations

Joseph A. Foran High School: Graduation 2024



Celebrations

Jonathan Law High School: Graduation 2024



Lighter Moments

▼ Hip Hip Hooray – for our Fire Poster Contest Winners!



▲ A visit with Jim Richetelli on his new bench

Lighter Moments



◀ The Great Boat Race Winners


▲ The 'Fleet' 47

On Tap for ... Summer 2024

HQI: Season 5
PDS Construction Final Stretch
Summer School 2024
Building & Grounds Projects
Facility Conditions Study
Curriculum Work
And much more!

2024.2025

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The background features a large, semi-transparent watermark of the Milford Public Schools logo. The logo is circular with a green border and contains the text 'MILFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS' around the perimeter and '1639' at the bottom. In the center of the logo is a shield with a figure holding a bow and arrow, with the text 'VRB MILFORD IN REPVB CONN' above and 'VRB MILFORD IN REPVB CONN' below.

**Looking forward to
seeing our students on
Wednesday
August 28, 2024**

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