Mount Pleasant Area School District

Viking News

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Check out the latest Viking News!

November 18 -- 9th Grade CWCTC Tour
November 20 -- First Winter Sports Practice
November 25-30 -- Thanksgiving Break
December 4 -- Q2 Progress Reports Available
December 4 -- Ramsay Holiday Dances
December 4-6 -- Student Theater Presents, The Nutcracker



Veterans Day Program at Ramsay



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Aspiring Educator Spotlight



JORDAN MITCHELL

MT PLEASANT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
JUNIOR

WHAT WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO TEACH?
I would like to teach fourth grade.

WHAT STRENGTH WILL YOU BRING TO THE CLASSROOM?
I am helpful and willing to support my students.

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY ABOUT WORKING WITH CHILDREN?
I enjoy watching them learn.

WHAT SHOULD YOUR FUTURE STUDENTS KNOW ABOUT YOU?
I will be there whenever they need help and I am willing to support my students.

My Why:

I want to become a teacher because I enjoy helping kids learn.

This past week, our elementary schools were filled with pride and gratitude as students welcomed local veterans for special assemblies, musical tributes, and classroom visits. Thank you to all who have served for inspiring our youngest learners.









Ramsay winners in the
Roadman - White American Legion Donegal, PA Essay Contest - "Celebrating America's 250th Birthday and the Veterans who Fought for Our Freedom"

1st Place Alexis Wedge winning $100
2nd Place Ralph Marotta winning $75
3rd Place Emmaleigh Kalemba winning $50







Look for this PennDOT Snowplow this winter...



The National Art Honor Society students put a great amount of time, effort, and creativity into this year's design. They represented themselves and our district very well! As soon as online voting becomes available, I will be sure to send the link your way.



Yesterday, Mrs. Laskey, Mrs. Leonard, Mr. Myers, and Mrs. Hill took a group of students on a field trip to General Carbide in Greensburg.

During their visit, students had the opportunity to tour four different buildings and learn about the manufacturing industry. They saw how tungsten carbide is used to make specialized tools and parts for various industries. They also learned about the different manufacturing processes, machinery, quality control, and the importance of safety in the workplace.

Students participated in a hands-on activity that allowed them to experience some of the skills used in manufacturing. They also learned about different career opportunities, including machining, engineering, production, and quality assurance.

At the end of the day, students competed against students from other school districts in a Kahoot review game based on what they learned during the tour. Three of our Mount Pleasant students took first place! They did an excellent job and each won a gift card for their achievement.

It was a great opportunity for our students to explore career options, experience a real-world manufacturing environment, and learn more about opportunities available to them after graduation.



We are thankful to General Carbide for welcoming us and providing such a great learning experience for our students!







Yesterday we had a lunch and learn with Daniell Eicher (MP Class of 2000) a Diagnostic Medical Sonographer. She came and spoke with students about the career how best to prepare for it academically and what to expect on the job. Students had the opportunity to ask questions and learn from her 15+ years in the field.
Thank you Guidance Office for organizing these Lunch and Learns.







Great learning, collaboration, and new ideas in action! Our secondary staff engaged in UDL training on Nov 9th to explore ways to make learning more accessible and meaningful for every student. A big thank you to Mindy & Bob, from PaTTAN & WIU7, for leading an inspiring PD session!





Our Make & Take Workshops at Norvelt, Ramsay, and Donegal were a total success!

⭐ *Thank you to everyone who came out and made these hands-on sessions so much fun!*





Join us December 4–6, 2026, for a magical theatrical experience celebrating the talent, creativity, and dedication of our MPA student performers.

PUBLIC TICKET SALES BEGIN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026!
Tickets will be available online at: https://mpastudenttheatre.ludus.com

Prefer to purchase tickets in person? Public ticket sales will also be held in the Mt. Pleasant Area High School (MPAHS) Rotunda on the following dates:

Saturday, November 14, 2026 | 10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Monday, November 23, 2026 | 5:00–8:00 PM

Make MPA Student Theatre's THE NUTCRACKER part of your holiday season! Bring your family and friends and celebrate the magic of live theatre while supporting the incredible talents of our student performers.

We can't wait to share this holiday magic with you!

Celebrating our commitment to a healthier community!
Mt. Pleasant Area Jr-Sr HS was honored to receive the Drug-Free Lifestyle Grant from the Westmoreland Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc., in recognition of our ongoing efforts to support alcohol, tobacco, and drug education.
This $3,000 grant will assist our Health and Physical Education (HPE) department in purchasing additional supplies and prevention resources focused on impaired driving, marijuana use, and safe decision-making.



DMJ TRANSPORTATION

Now Hiring
SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS & VAN DRIVERS



Do Your Part!

Help keep our students learning, growing, and thriving by getting them to school safely and on time!

- **Flexible Hours** that work with your family's schedule
- ***Drive Your Kids to School*** and be home when they are
- **No Nights**
- **No Weekends**
- **No Holidays**
- ***Summers Off!***

Paid CDL Training
No Experience Necessary!

Average Weekly Earnings of $400 or More!

APPLY TODAY!

724-547-5442

dmjtransportation.net

MT. PLEASANT AREA SENIOR HIGH STUDENT COUNCIL

Proudly Presents Our Annual

2026 Viking Holiday TOY DISTRIBUTION

Bringing Holiday Cheer to Our Community!

Wednesday, December 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
Mt. Pleasant Area Senior High School Cafeteria

Children will enjoy snacks, drinks, and a variety of fun activities!

Registration Information

Open to families who are struggling this holiday season.

Please register to be added!

- ✔ Children ages 6 months through 11 years
- ✔ Must be residents of Mt. Pleasant.
- ✔ Child must be present at the event.

Call: 724-547-4100, Ext. 1000

November 16 – December 8

We Need Your Support!

Any contribution, gift, or donation would be greatly appreciated. We provide only new toys and welcome donations of:

- New, unwrapped toys
- Wrapping paper and tape
- Monetary contributions
- Snacks and beverages
- Other items that may help make the evening special for the children

Past Partnerships

Last year, we were fortunate to partner with:

- Rock N' Rods Roundup & Mount Pleasant EMS – who placed donation boxes throughout the community
- DMJ Transportation and its "Stuff a Bus" program – providing additional new toys for our children

These partnerships were a tremendous success!

Monetary Donations

Monetary donations may be sent to:

Mt. Pleasant Area High School
C/O Senior High Student Council

or given to any Senior High Student Council member.

Together, we can make the holidays brighter for the children in our community!



SCAN THE QR CODE TO VOLUNTEER

SELECT YOUR PREFFERRED ACTIVITY AND TIME SLOT

Cookies with Santa!



DEC. 11TH

NORVELT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

COOKIES, HOT CHOCOLATE, CRAFT, & SANTA!

SPONSORED BY MOUNT PLEASANT PTO

ADULT SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN IS REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES