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New Teacher Spotlight: Miss Wallin

By: MC_MC

What is it like teaching at the same school you graduated from?

"It feels great being back here in Mackinaw, almost like i never left." "The students here are great and the staff has been amazing."

What made you want to become a kindergarten teacher?

"I have always loved working with kids and during my senior year here in Mackinaw I was given the opportunity to volunteer in the preschool room. Since then I have always wanted to work with young kids."

Where else have you previously taught?

"I taught preschool in St. Ignace for the last 7 years."

What college did you attend?

"I attended Western Michigan University for my undergraduate studies and then Grand Valley State University for my graduate studies."

If you had to teach any other grade besides kindergarten, what would it be and why?

"I love science and if I had to teach anything other than preschool and kindergarten, I would love to teach science."

What year did you graduate from Mackinaw?

"I graduated in 2001."

What is the most challenging part of your job?

"Making sure I get off at my exit so that don't end up in St. Ignace."

"After 7 years of driving over the bridge every day it's almost natural."

New Faces!

By: H2Jo

In the 2016 school year, Mackinaw City has no new students this year. Although we don't any new faces, there is one returning student who left for a year and then decided to join us again! Joseph Riemer was last at MCPS when he was in 4th grade. He then went to a different school for a year and then rejoined us, coming back being in 6th grade. We are really excited to have him back and hope he has a wonderful school year!





Yearbook

By: K Gallagher

This year's yearbook class is led by Mrs. Bell. Along with Mrs. Bell, there are currently 11 students creating the book. She is also hoping to have an advertising staff that doesn't have to work on photo pages - just advertisements. The class is using the program called "Y is for Yearbook" by Herff Jones. The group meets during lunch once a week. Soon, they are hoping to work out a more convenient time for everyone. The group is still in discussion about the best theme for this year. The yearbook will be finished at the end of March.

JH Basketball Spotlight: Kal O'Brien

By: ♥Boy

1. How is the season going for your team so far?

Answer: The season is going great so far, we are currently undefeated at 4-0.

2. What is your favourite thing about playing basketball?

Answer: My favourite thing about playing basketball is blocking people's shots and getting fast breaks.

3. How is the team this year different from last year?

Answer: The team is different because this is the first year I have played on a basketball team without Nolan Lalonde.

4. What teams do you play through the season, and which team are you looking forward to playing the most?

Answer: We play all of the teams in our school's conference, and the team I am most looking forward to playing is Harbor Light.

5. What do you like most about Coach Wallin?

Answer: My favourite thing about Coach Wallin is that he uses simple plays that work, and he has us focus on defense.

6. What do you like most about your team?

Answer: I like my team because on or off the court we always have a good time and we all get along together.

7. Who's your favourite NBA player and why?

Answer: My favourite player is Andre Drummond because he plays for the Detroit Pistons, which is my favourite team, and he is just a very dominant and good basketball player.



Volleyball Update

By: Campfire S'mores



This year our volleyball team is a very young team, with one senior Savannah Grimmer, three juniors, one sophomore, three freshmen and one eighth grader. Although they are young, you would never know with the way they play. This year will be Coach Thomas's second year coaching at Mackinaw, and he is going for another NLC first place trophy. Currently the team is first in conference! Keep up the hard work, girls! The next home game will be Tuesday October 4th. There will be a JV game Vanderbilt vs. Maplewood at 5:00, so the Varsity game will be starting around 6:00. On Thursday, October 6th, they will be traveling to Alba. Hope to see you all at the game to cheer on the girls!



Birthdays

By: Livin' Life

- Johnny Russ – 10/05
- Alaina Martin – 10/02
- Henry Lake – 10/ 27
- Anna Julian 10/03
- Carla Blake 10/ 23
- Calysta Bell 10/31
- Lauren Backus 10/22

Fort Fright Night by: amartin



Date: October 7th & 8th

Time: 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. (both nights) Last admission is at 8:30 p.m.

Prices: Adult- \$8

Child-(5-12)- \$5

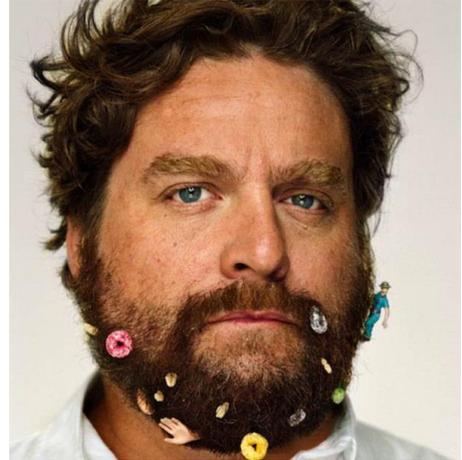
Children 4 & under- FREE

Location: Fort Michilimackinac

Perfect Male by EVOO

According to: Kayla and Haley

Best Hair: Jarred
Cutest Nose: Zac Efron
Best Smile: Logan
Funniest: Josh/Michael
Nicest Personality: Robert
Best Clothing Style: Kash
Smartest: Logan
Most Athletic: Michael
Overall: Zach Galifianakis



The Perfect Female By: Little Big Mac

Survey Done By: M-Easy and J-Breezy and Savannah

Hair: Alaina
Smile: Savannah
Eyes: Haley
Nose: Kelsi
Laugh: Sam
Personality: Haley
Voice: Kayla
Athletic Ability: Katelynn
Sense of Humor: Sarah
Clothing Style: Sarah
Overall: Ariana Grande



Cross Country Spotlight: Jarred Hartman

By: M-Easy



1. **What is your favourite thing about this sport?** Getting new personal best times
2. **What is your favourite Mr. Mills quote?** "Hoooooollldd it! Hold it! Hold it!"
3. **What is your favourite race of the year and why?** Our home course because it is flat and really fast.
7. **What is you season goal (time)?** 19:59
5. **What is one lesson you have learnt to never do before a race?** Never eat too many Bagels
5. **Why did you join cross country?** To get in shape for basketball.
7. **Describe the feeling after crossing the finish in two words?** Thank God!
3. **What do you do to get ready for the race?** I stretch with the team. That's pretty much all, to be honest.

Kindergarten Spotlight: Jonathan Litfin

By: Sell It Like It Is



1. **What's your favorite part of the school day?**

Snack and playing outside.

2. **Are you enjoying school?**

Yep.

3. **Do you have any pets?**

We just have one crab but we're getting a guinea pig to make friends with the crab.

4. **Do you have any brothers/sisters?**

Yeah. my brother Andrew is two.

5. **What do you like to do for fun?**

Watch my dad play his game and play outside.



Upcoming Events – October By: Sweet & Savvy

Mon. 3 - JH basketball @Alba (3:00 departure)

Tues. 4 - volleyball vs. Vanderbilt (Varsity) - 5pm start time - vs. Maplewood (JV & V) - 6pm start time

Wed. 5 - CC conf. Jamboree @ Mackinaw (5pm) and JH basketball @ Vanderbilt (3:30 departure)

Thurs. 6 - volleyball @ Alba (4:00 departure)

Sat. 8 - Volleyball @ Harbor Springs JV invitational

Mon. 10 - JH basketball vs. Wolverine

Tues. 11 - volleyball vs. Alanson

Wed. 12 - CC conf. Jamboree @Wolverine (5pm)

Thurs. 13 - volleyball vs. Ellsworth

Fri. 14 - JH basketball @ Harbor Light

Mon. 17 - CC EUPC Meet - Engadine (4:30) and JH basketball vs. Ellsworth

Tues. 18 - volleyball @ Maplewood (4:15 departure)

Wed. 19 - CC conf. Jamboree @ Elsworth (@5 and 2:30 departure) and JH basketball @ Boyne Falls (3:15 departure)

Thurs. 20 - volleyball @ Harbor Light (4:15 departure)

Sat. 22 - volleyball @ Boyne City invitational and CC Class D State Championship - Mt. Pleasant

Tues. 25 - volleyball vs. NMCA (JV & V) - 4:30 start time - vs. Boyne Falls(Varsity @ 7pm) and CC Cheboygan invitational (@2 and 12:20 departure)

Thurs. 27 - volleyball vs. Detour (PARENTS NIGHT)

Fri./Sat. 28-29 - CC regionals

Volleyball Spotlight: Savannah (By: Juicy J)

How do you feel the season is going? I feel as if we had a rough start, but we're getting the hang of things now!

What's your favorite part of practice? My favorite part of practice is definitely playing Bingo Bango Bongo.

What's your pregame ritual? I usually take a bit of time to myself to gather my thoughts and prepare myself to play the best I can.

What position do you play? Well, I play every position, but am one of our outside hitters.

Is volleyball your favorite sport? Why or why not? Volleyball and softball are probably tied for my first favorite sport. I do prefer inside sports, so I guess volleyball is my top choice.

How do you feel before a game? Jacked! I feel pumped up and ready to play my hardest.

What are your individual goals this year? I have some goals concerning my vertical. I have been working on increasing it so that I can become a more powerful hitter.

What are your thoughts about the conference this year compared to previous? Knowing the potential of my team this year, we can definitely come out on top, no doubt.

Do you see volleyball purely as fun or competitively? Both. I am very competitive, but I have to constantly remind myself that no matter the outcome of the game/season, it was never a waste of time. Volleyball is so much fun no matter who wins.

Why did you choose volleyball over cross country? I have asthma. Bad knees. And not a lot of motivation for long distance running. I honestly can barely handle running a lap around the gym. Plus, I have always loved volleyball too much to give it up my last fall sports season.





Junior High Basketball By:T-mar

This year boys and girls junior high basketball season had started off well in early September. The girls team consists of Marlie Postula, Anna Julian, Julia Sullivan, Lily Wallace, Madison Smith, Carla Blake, Maya Robertson, Raeann Hingston, and Keera Currie. We also welcomed Mrs. Postula as the new girls basketball coach. On the boys team they are: Kal O'Brien, Evan Cronk, Jaren Valot, Cooper Whipkey and Noah Valot. The boys coach is Mr. Wallin! The next game will be on Monday, October 3 at Alba. Come out and support our junior high basketball players - the next home game will be on Monday, October 10!

Technology Update By: Mouse

The Galaxy Note 7 phones are exploding. Due to a problem with the battery cell issue. There were 35 cases of the phone exploding and 2.5 million were produced. Batteries in tens of millions fail and this is far from common. It is caused by the phone overheating, can be caused by the temperature or even just the battery itself, by overcharging it. When the battery reaches 100 Degrees Celsius (212 degrees Fahrenheit) the materials start to break down and causing a chemical chain reaction.

Sibling Rivalry By: Rich Homie Q

	ANNA	JOSH
MESSIEST	Josh	Anna
BETTER BALLER	Josh	Josh
MORE FUNNY	Josh	Josh
MORE ORGANIZED	Anna	Anna
SMELLIEST	Josh	Anna
NICEST	Anna	Josh

Pro/College Sports

By: Johnny Russ

Tigers baseball

10 wins at home this month

9 losses at home this month

80 wins overall

70 loses overall

Home wins 42

Home loses 32

Away wins 38

Away losses 38

Second in American League

Biggest rivalry is the Cleveland Indians

Next three teams they play are Kansas City, Cleveland, and Atlanta



Coach Spotlight By James DeMasi



1.) Why did you want to become a coach?

I wanted to become a coach because I really love sports.

2.) Did you ever dream of being a coach?

No, coaching is not one of my lifelong dreams. However, sharing a life of athletics with my children is, so coaching my daughter falls into that category, I suppose.

3.) Would you rather coach Mackinaw City or some other school?

MCPs is a wonderful place to coach. I don't believe there would be a reason to coach anywhere else.

4.) Did you guys train hard to defeat the opponent?

The girls have worked very hard. They are a dedicated bunch.

5.) What does sportsmanship mean to you?

Sportsmanship is to demonstrate teamwork, respect the opponents and

6.) How many days do the girls usually train and how many days do the girls usually play on the court?

We have 2-4 practices per week and 2 games per week, so the girls are training on the court 4 days per week.

7.) When the girls lose do you always have great sportsmanship?

We have not gotten very far into the season, so we haven't lost yet. If my girls ever lose, however I know they will be gracious young athletes.

8.) What's your favorite sport to coach? (Ex. I like to coach volleyball!)

I enjoy coaching basketball the most.

9.) Did you play any sports in high school/ college?

I did not play sports in college, but in high school I played basketball and volleyball and ran track.

10.) Do you have any advice to give to student athletes?

Yes, my advice would be that you should appreciate your talents and work hard to improve them. You won't ever will look back and regret not working hard, but you will look back and regret not working hard enough.

Remember you are one piece of a whole team. Always work to be better than your best. HAVE FUN!