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Mio-AuSable Elementary

Thunderbolt News



Mio-AuSable Elementary School invites our community to join us in reaffirming the values that define what it means to be a Mio Thunderbolt.

Respect, grit, and dedication are the hallmarks we strive to instill in every student.

Our students and staff have been working diligently to demonstrate respect for themselves, for others, and for our school community. We remain committed to fostering a strong focus on education and the learning process, encouraging every student to grow academically, socially, and emotionally.

We invite all community members to partner with us by modeling the character and behaviors we hope to inspire in our young people. Together, we can continue to build a culture that supports and uplifts every Thunderbolt.

Mio-AuSable Elementary students recently showcased just how proud they are of their school! Each class created their own T-shirt design, then selected one to submit on behalf of their room. The submissions were then reviewed by the School Board, who chose the final shirt that would represent our elementary school. This way, every student and class had a meaningful part in the project.

Samantha Reed, from Mrs. Mason's 4th grade class, created the design that was selected!

To celebrate this collaborative school-wide effort, the elementary purchased T-shirts for all elementary students and staff. What a fun way to show our Thunderbolt pride!





POPCORN FRIDAY

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who come in on the first Friday of every month to pop and deliver popcorn to our elementary students. Your time, energy, and kindness bring so many smiles to our school, and we appreciate you more than you know!

Congratulations to Our Spark Award Winners!

We are proud to recognize our Spark Award winners for the months of October and November.

- October's character trait was Responsibility, and our students worked hard to show what it means to be dependable, prepared, and trustworthy.
- November's character trait was Gratitude, and our students demonstrated kindness, appreciation, and thankfulness in their daily actions.



Congratulations to all students who earned these awards! Your positive character and leadership shine throughout our school. Keep up the great work!



Annual Pumpkin Carving Night a Spooktacular Success!



We recently held our annual Pumpkin Carving Night for students and their families, and it was a wonderful evening of creativity, fun, and togetherness. This event is funded through our **Title I Literacy Grant**, which helps support family engagement and literacy-rich experiences.

Each child received a pumpkin along with tools for their parents to help them carve. Families enjoyed quality time together while laughing at the Halloween jokes and poems displayed along the walls. Best of all, everyone got to leave the mess behind for us to clean up—allowing families to simply enjoy the moment.

Thank you to all who joined us for this much-loved tradition. We look forward to carving out more memories next year!



Fire Safety Week at Mio-AuSable Elementary



This year's Fire Safety Week was a huge success! We were fortunate to have three firefighters from the Tri-Town Fire Department join us to teach our students about fire safety. They shared important safety tips, answered every question, and even gave students a close-up look at the fire trucks.

The firefighters also reminded families that free smoke alarms can be installed in your home by calling the department at (989) 826-6026.

Each student went home with a bag of goodies and, most importantly, a better understanding of what firefighters look and sound like in full gear—helping ensure they won't be afraid in an emergency.



A heartfelt thank you to Chief Kevin Marino, Assistant Chief Mike Ross, and Captain Brian Sukarukoff for taking time out of your busy schedules to educate our young minds. We appreciate your service and dedication to our community!



FRIDAY FUN WITH THE PRINCIPAL!

Every Friday, our principal, Mr. Jackson, brings a little extra joy to the school day. One grade level—rotating

each week—gets to enjoy a dance party with the principal! During these fun-filled moments, Mr. Jackson teaches students classic dances from the past, such as *the Twist* and *the Swim*, giving students a chance to move, laugh, and make memories.

In addition to dance parties, Mr. Jackson also rotates through the grade levels for Lunch with the Principal. A few students from each grade are selected to enjoy a special lunch with him in celebration of positive behavior and great choices.

These Friday activities provide students with a few minutes of fun and excitement while reinforcing positive behavior in a meaningful way. What a great way to end the week!



Upcoming events



December 22- January 2 - Winter Break

January 5 - Return to School

January 9 - Popcorn Friday

January 15 - 12:00 p.m. Dismissal

January 16 - 12:00 p.m. Dismissal

January 19 - Second Semester Begins

January 21 - Coffee and Connect

