



2010-2011
WELCOME TO OUR
SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEQUON- THIENSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

DEAR PROSPECTIVE RESIDENT OF MEQUON OR THIENSVILLE,

Choosing the right school district is the most important decision a parent makes during the relocation process.

For a child, school is their community. In the Mequon-Thiensville School District, we believe the school community should be an environment that challenges, nurtures, encourages, and helps every child realize his or her potential. To us, each child is an individual with unique needs and capabilities. We believe our first-rate, comprehensive academic programs and high-quality, diverse co-curricular and extra-curricular opportunities give every child an opportunity to enjoy a well-rounded, balanced educational experience.



In the following pages, you will see a few highlights of our district's academic excellence and the broad range of opportunities students can pursue outside the classroom. You will also begin to gain a sense of what makes us unique among school districts in the area and why we are consistently considered a top school district in the State of Wisconsin. We also encourage you to view our website at www.mtsd.k12.wi.us, where you can find our annual performance report and other information about our district. Please come and visit our schools to see excellence in action!

The Mequon-Thiensville School District is a reflection of our communities and their expectations for achievement and success in many areas, including public education. It has been said that "kids get inspired here," not surprising given the support we receive from parents, the community and our long tradition of excellence.

We hope this introduction to our school district also offers insight into our communities of Mequon and Thiensville, a special place to work, live and raise a family. Welcome to our communities. We hope you will make us your home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Demond A. Means". The signature is written in a cursive style.

DEMOND A. MEANS, ED. D.
Superintendent of Schools

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Mequon-Thiensville School District, an active partnership of staff, school board, parents, and community, is to create an educational environment that will motivate our students to develop the skills and attitudes necessary to become life long learners and successfully meet future opportunities by:

- Providing a challenging curriculum that will meet the needs of all students,
- Offering a diverse selection of co-curricular opportunities that enhances the educational experience,
- Providing an environment where cultural and personal diversity is understood and accepted, and
- Protecting our community's long-term investment through prudent financial and facilities management.

Adopted by the Mequon-Thiensville Board of Education
November 14, 2005

MEQUON-THIENSVILLE: A SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

STUDENT PERFORMANCE

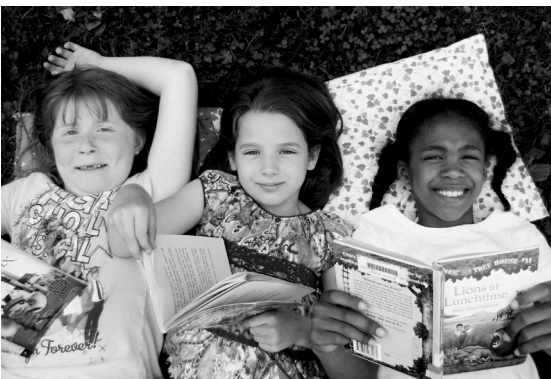
- The Class of 2010 average ACT score was 25.9, the highest in the State of Wisconsin. HHS is consistently among top schools in this ranking. Over 83% of students took the test.
- MTSD consistently ranks among the highest performing schools in the State of Wisconsin on the WKCE (Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam) tests.
- Homestead High School offers 14 Advanced Placement courses. More than 88% of students who take the AP exam score a 3 or higher, qualifying them for college credit.
- Over 90% of Homestead graduates attend 4-year colleges and universities or 2-year vocational/technical colleges. Colleges which accepted 2010 graduates span the U.S. and include the UW System schools, Yale, Dartmouth and Princeton, Kansas, Colorado, Minnesota, Northwestern, Georgetown, Notre Dame, Tennessee, the University of Alaska, Arizona State, Parsons School of Design, Rochester Institute of Technology, Concordia University Wisconsin, and Marquette University.
- Homestead High School had a district record 17 National Merit Finalists in 2009-10.

STAFF EXCELLENCE

- MTSD has a high-achieving, veteran teaching staff. Over 84% of the staff have master's degrees, and MTSD boasts the highest number of National Board-Certified teachers of any school in Ozaukee County or among North Shore districts.
- Steffen Middle School and Lake Shore Middle School were both recognized as Exemplary Middle Schools by the Association of Wisconsin School Administrators in 2010 as well as numerous times in previous years.
- The National Association of Special Education Teachers named Colleen Ivy of Donges Bay Elementary its Teacher of the Year in 2009.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

- MTSD takes a unique and innovative approach to addressing the needs of gifted and talented students through a program known as Project Pursuit. Our gifted and talented specialists provide professional development to all teachers to ensure that our renowned thinking skills curriculum is taught to all students in grades K-12. Pursuit workshops are open to any district student. We have curricular offerings such as double-accelerated math to meet the needs of gifted students, but our overall philosophy in MTSD is to treat all students as gifted and talented.
- MTSD has a tradition of athletic excellence. In its 51-year history, Homestead High School has won 37 state championships, including three consecutive Girl's Tennis titles (2008-2010) and three Division 1 football titles since 1999.
- MTSD encourages students to consider themselves global citizens by participating in one of the four World Language offerings available starting in middle school or in high school: Spanish, French, German and Latin. Many students travel abroad during a biennial extended Spring Break trip to hone language skills and learn more about global cultures.



DID YOU KNOW?

- **MTSD has the only orchestra program among districts in Ozaukee County.** *The program starts in 4th grade and culminates with the HHS Symphony Orchestra. Orchestra Director John Emmanuelson was named Wisconsin Outstanding Music Educator in 2010.*
- **MTSD is one of only 5 school districts in the State of Wisconsin that offer all 23 Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) varsity sports.**
- **HHS has the largest Latin program in the State of Wisconsin, and offers the only Latin curriculum among public schools in Ozaukee County and in the North Shore area.** *Latin is NOT dead in MTSD! Students from this growing program compete in the state and national Junior Classical League conventions annually and can participate in a trip to Italy offered every other year.*
- **MTSD offers a double-accelerated program for students gifted in the area of mathematics.** *Starting in Grade 6, students move at a faster pace through the mathematics curriculum with the opportunity to take multi-variable calculus during senior year.*
- **Students at Lake Shore Middle School have produced podcasts to accompany exhibits at the Milwaukee Public Museum.** *Their work earned a first place designation at the Wisconsin Educational Media and Technology Assn, and was on display at the Library of Congress.*
- **The Mequon-Thiensville Recreation Department is one of only 17 of 618 departments statewide to be overseen by the local school district.** *More than 8900 citizens participated in over 300 programs last year, with the majority of participants being youth aged 5-18.*

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (CON'T)



- Fine Arts have long been a focus of MTSD. Orchestra and band programs start in elementary school; music and art are taught by specialists starting in kindergarten. Students in HHS' Drama Department have won the state One-Act Play competition for the last 10 years in a row and also produce two plays and a musical for the community each year.

Dozens of students compete annually through the Wisconsin State Music Association and perform locally, regionally and beyond: The HHS Tartan Choir performed in Germany and Austria in 2010; the HHS Marching Band and HHS Symphony Orchestra typically travel every other year. The Band was in London and Hawaii on recent trips, and is planning to perform in San Diego and Los Angeles in the 2011-2012 school year; the Orchestra visited the Czech Republic and Italy on its last trips and is headed to Helsinki and St. Petersburg in 2012.

- MTSD is preparing students for the 21st Century through Project Lead The Way, a nationally recognized engineering curriculum. Focusing on science, technology, engineering and math, PLTW is part of the middle school curriculum and students can continue through high school taking courses about engineering principles, design, architecture and civil engineering, some of which allow students to earn college credit.
- Students can make world-wide connections through other means as well: MTSD offers world-wide connections through AFS and Rotary Exchange programs. Since 1961, HHS has sent 231 AFS students abroad and hosted 147 students

from 46 countries. In addition, Lake Shore and Steffen have forged a relationship with a school in Tomasito, Japan.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

- The Mequon-Thiensville Education Foundation annually hosts community-wide fundraising events such as the Tartan Ball and the MTEF Annual 5K Walk and Run. In its 13 years of existence, the Foundation has given over \$1.9 million in grants to the district to support technology, professional development, teacher recognition, and 'difference making' programs that make MTSD a blue ribbon school district. Hundreds of parents assist each year in supporting the efforts of the Foundation.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

- Homestead High School students annually hold a blood drive, toy drive and food drive to benefit the surrounding community.
- In an effort to connect high school students with the senior community in Mequon-Thiensville, several student groups each year to offer a pasta dinner or luncheon for seniors in conjunction with a major orchestra concert or musical presentation.
- Middle school students learn the value of community service through events like Lake Shore's fundraising efforts for Honor Flights for WWII veterans and Steffen's annual Community Service Day.
- The HHS Booster Club, through involvement of parents, community businesses and organizations, provides funding of over \$100,000 per year to support student athletes by supporting capital and other expenditures that benefit all students participating in athletics.

OUTSTANDING ALUMNI

Inspiration is evident in the career paths chosen by many Homestead graduates. Alumni who have distinguished themselves in their fields often had their first related experiences in high school. Among them are:

DAVID TIEMEYER

HHS CLASS OF 1969

Founder of Tiemeyer Cycles, builder of custom bicycle frames for Olympic and world champion cyclists, Estes Park, CO

GREGG STEINHAFEL

HHS CLASS OF 1973

Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President, Target Corp., Minneapolis, MN

JESSICA PROCOPIO

HHS CLASS OF 2007

Winner of two awards in the Journeyman's category at the International Costumers' Guild competition in 2010

JOHN RIDLEY

HHS CLASS OF 1982

Film director, producer, writer and television host

MEG BORTIN

HHS CLASS OF 1967

Internationally recognized journalist, formerly editor of The International Herald Tribune Style Magazine

NEIL WILLENSON

HHS CLASS OF 1988

Founder of Camp Heartland, an internationally recognized non-profit organization that supports and enriches the lives of children impacted by HIV/AIDS.

WILLIAM JOHNSON

HHS CLASS OF 1965

President and CEO, Johnson Level and Tool, Mequon, WI

WILLY PORTER

HHS CLASS OF 1983

Award-winning singer, songwriter, storyteller, entertainer, and extraordinary guitarist

WINIFRED WHITE NEISSER

HHS CLASS OF 1970

Senior Vice President, SONY Pictures Television