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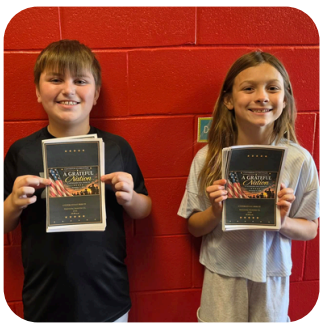
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November 15, 2026
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Honoring the Veterans

Schools throughout the MSD of Martinsville took time to honor and recognize the veterans on Veterans Day. These meaningful events provided an opportunity to show gratitude and appreciation for the brave men and women who served the country. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who organized, supported, and participated in these special celebrations.

















Martinsville Open Enrollment

2026-2027 Enrollment All new students, preschool, kindergarten, and transfer students are welcome to enroll. Families can visit the Central Education Center or school with any questions.

Please visit our website at: msdofmartinsville.org/enrollment or call 765-342-6641 with any questions.

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Winter Weather Preparations

To ensure you receive important notifications regarding weather delays, cancellations, and school closures, please take a moment to review and update your contact information in Skyward Family Access.

If you need assistance, please contact the Central Education Center at 765-342-6641.

Thank you for helping us keep everyone informed and safe this winter.

Connecting with Superintendent Bowlen



As we move through November, it is hard not to reflect on the many things that make the MSD of Martinsville such a special place. Each day, throughout our schools, students are learning, growing, discovering new interests, and finding opportunities to challenge themselves. Behind every success is a team of dedicated teachers, staff, families, and community members who continue to make a difference in the lives of our students. Having the opportunity to see these accomplishments firsthand and watch our students grow is one of the most rewarding parts of serving this District.

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, I am reminded of how much we have to be thankful for. I am especially grateful for our outstanding staff, who give so much of themselves to support our students; our families, who trust us with their children's education; and our community, whose continued support helps make our schools stronger. Most of all, I am thankful for our students, who give us a reason to come to work each day and inspire us to keep improving.

The relationships built, the accomplishments celebrated, and the memories made throughout our schools are what make this work so meaningful.

I encourage everyone to take time during the upcoming holiday to slow down, enjoy time with family and friends, and appreciate the people who make a difference in your life. Sometimes, the most meaningful moments are the simplest ones, and it is important that we take the time to recognize and appreciate them.

Thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and partnership. The MSD of Martinsville has so much to be proud of, and I am grateful to be part of a community that continues to believe in its schools and its students. As we look ahead, our commitment remains the same: providing every student with a top-notch education and preparing them for a successful future. The work we do together today will continue to make a difference for generations of Artesians to come.







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Spell Bowl Success



Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the Spell Bowl, hosted at Centerton Elementary School. Their hard work, dedication, and countless hours of practice were evident throughout the competition. A special congratulations to Green Township Elementary School and Bell Intermediate Academy for placing 1st in their division! Congratulations to the Martinsville High School team for placing 11th out of 130 teams at the State competition held at Purdue University.















Upcoming Events

November 25-27 - Thanksgiving Break

December 21-31 - Winter Break

Madrigal Concert 2026
Thursday, December 3, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.

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Important Info from the Morgan County Health Department

According to the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH), more than 200 measles cases have been confirmed across Indiana this year. While most cases have occurred in other parts of the state, health officials emphasize that measles can spread quickly, particularly among unvaccinated individuals.

Measles is one of the most contagious infectious diseases. It spreads through the air when an infected person breathes, coughs or sneezes. The virus can remain in the air for up to two hours after the infected person has left the area. Unlike COVID, where exposure was limited to direct interaction, exposure to measles will include everyone within a school as well as on a bus, etc., where an infected person has been.

Symptoms typically appear 7 to 14 days after exposure and include high fever, cough, runny nose and red, watery eyes. A rash generally develops several days later, beginning on the face and spreading downward. Measles can cause serious complications, including pneumonia and brain inflammation, particularly in young children and people with weakened immune systems.

If a measles case is identified at a school, school administrators will work with the Morgan County Health Department (MCHD) to determine who may have been exposed and follow MCHD guidance for quarantine. Anyone without evidence of immunity will be required to quarantine, remaining home from school for 21 days after their last exposure, even if they have no symptoms.

Students who have received the recommended vaccinations generally do not need to quarantine following exposure, but families should monitor for symptoms and follow health department instructions. If your child develops symptoms, keep them home and call your healthcare provider before visiting an office or emergency department, so medical staff may take precautions against further exposure.

For someone who has been exposed and is not vaccinated or is under vaccinated, receiving the MMR vaccine within 72 hours may provide protection. If they receive the MMR vaccine within 72 hours of exposure, they may return to school the following day, but must watch for symptoms.
Those who may have lost immunization records or are not sure of immunity can be tested to see if they are immune, or the CDC notes that getting another dose of the MMR vaccine is safe. Contact your physician or the MCHD at 765-342-6621 for additional information.

Families are strongly encouraged to check their children's immunization records, contact their healthcare provider about missing vaccinations and watch for possible symptoms. For additional information, visit the Indiana Department of Health at in.gov/health or the CDC at cdc.gov/measles.

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2026-27 DISTRICT CALENDAR

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August 2026

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No School

Teacher Day–No Students

AUGUST	3, 4, 5	Teacher Work Days
	6	First Day of School
SEPTEMBER	7	Labor Day *(No School)*
OCTOBER	2	1st Nine Weeks Ends *(41 days)*
	8	½ Day Instruction Parent-Teacher Conferences, Grade PK-4
	12-16	Fall Break *(No School)*
	19	School Resumes
NOVEMBER	25-27	Thanksgiving Break *(No School)*
DECEMBER	18	2nd Nine Weeks End/First Semester Ends *(47 days)*
	21-31	Winter Break *(No School)*
JANUARY	1	Winter Break *(No School)*
	4	School Resumes
	18	MLK Jr. Day *(No School)*
FEBRUARY	15	Presidents' Day *(No School)*
MARCH	12	3rd Nine Weeks Ends *(48 days)*
	22-26	Spring Break (No School)
APRIL		
MAY	20	Last Day for Students 4th Nine Weeks/2nd Semester Ends *(44 days)*
	21	Teacher Work Day
	21	Graduation

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NOVEMBER	24-26	Thanksgiving Break *(No School)*
DECEMBER	17	2nd Nine Weeks End/First Semester Ends *(42 days)*
	20-31	Winter Break *(No School)*
JANUARY	3	School Resumes
	17	MLK Jr. Day *(No School)*
FEBRUARY	21	Presidents' Day *(No School)*
MARCH	10	3rd Nine Weeks Ends *(48 days)*
	20-24	Spring Break (No School)
APRIL		
MAY	25	Last Day for Students 4th Nine Weeks/2nd Semester Ends *(49 days)*
	26	Teacher Work Day
	26	Graduation

January 2028

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▽ ½ Day Instruction

W.E.L.L. Wednesday Schedule 2026-27

John R. Wooden Middle School

8:25-2:25

Bell Intermediate Academy

8:35-2:35

Martinsville High School

8:40-2:40

Elementary Schools

9:40-3:40

MEASLES

IT ISN'T JUST A LITTLE RASH



Measles can be dangerous, especially for babies and young children.

Measles symptoms typically include:

- **High fever** (may spike to more than 104°F)
- **Cough**
- **Runny nose**
- **Red and/or watery eyes**
- **Rash** (breaks out 3-5 days after symptoms begin)

Measles can be serious.

Measles can cause severe health complications, including pneumonia, swelling of the brain (encephalitis) and death.

1 out of 5 people who get measles will be hospitalized.

1 out of every 20 children with measles will get pneumonia, the most common cause of death from measles in young children.

1 out of every 1,000 people with measles will develop brain swelling, which may lead to brain damage.

1 to 3 out of 1,000 people with measles will die.

Long-term complications

A very rare, but deadly disease called subacute sclerosing panencephalitis can develop 7 to 10 years after a person has recovered from measles.

CDC

www.cdc.gov/measles



You have the power to protect your child.

Provide your children with safe and long-lasting protection against measles by making sure they get the measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine. Talk to your healthcare provider.

STOPit SOLUTIONS™

About STOPit



Empowering you with safety technologies for healthier learning environment.

STOPit providesyou with: An anonymous, comfortableway for you to share information so that you can provide or get help as quickly an efficiently as possible.

Use the STOPit mobile app to anonymously report incidents to your school. Reporting is completely anonymous. You can include text, images or video. It only takes a few minutes

What can you report?

- Bullying
- Cyberbullying
- Harassment
- Violence, threats, or weapons possession
- Alcohol or drug related issues
- Discrimination

How STOPit Works?

1. Submit a tip via mobile app, website or 24/7 phone hotline
2. Incident Response Center monitors and reviews your submission
3. School Administrators receive and act on tip submission


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MSD MARTINSVILLE SCHOOL POLICE

NEW LAW UPDATE

FIREARMS AND IMITATION FIREARM ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

- Indiana Code 35-47-9-2), knowingly or intentionally possessing a firearm on school property, on a school bus, or at a school function is a Level 6 felony. This ban applies to public and private K-12 schools, preschools, and school-leased properties.
- A Class B misdemeanor for a person to knowingly or intentionally possess an **imitation firearm**: (1) in or on school property; or (2) on a school bus.
- Imitation Firearm: Defined as an object or device that is substantially similar in color and appearance to a real firearm, such that a reasonable person would think it is real.
- Prohibited Areas: Applies directly to school property, school functions, and school buses.
- Criminal Penalties: Possession on these grounds is classified as a Class B misdemeanor, which carries a potential jail sentence of up to 180 days and a fine up to $1,000.00, even if the item cannot discharge real ammunition.

POSSESSION OF TOBACCO BY A MINOR

- Under Indiana law (Indiana Code 35-46-1-10.5), anyone under 21 years old who buys, accepts for personal use, or physically possesses a tobacco product, including e-cigarettes and vapes, commits a Class C infraction. This restriction also applies to using fake ID's to purchase tobacco.

Tobacco and Vape Devices

- Indiana Code 35-46-1-10 Amended effective July 1, 2026 (SEA 144)
- Selling, distributing, or **providing tobacco products** or vapor devices (e-liquids and vapes) to a person under 21 years of age is a Class B infraction
- Indiana Code 35-46-1-10.5 Amended effective July 1, 2026 (SEA 144)
- A person under 21 years of age that purchaes, possesses, or accepts a tobacco product or vapor device, commits a Class C infraction.

Questions? Contact Doug Rather, Deputy Chief
doug.rather@msdmartinsville.org

Zonar - Bus Notification App

Zonar is the system used to track school buses and provide families with real-time updates. Through the Zonar system, families can receive notifications about their student's bus status, including:

- Proximity Alerts: Receive notifications when the bus is nearing your designated bus stop, helping you be ready to pick up your child on time.
- Arrival and Departure Notifications: Get alerts when your child's bus arrives at or departs from the school, ensuring you know when your child has safely arrived or is heading home.

How to Access Zonar

1. Download the free Zonar MyView app.
2. Enter the school access code: 5925.
3. Enter the Skyward student identification number.
4. Select the bus number you want to track.
5. Create alert zones to receive notifications when the bus enters those areas.
6. Enable push notifications in the app settings to receive updates about the bus route.



School Abbreviations

Martinsville High School - MHS
Wooden Middle School - JRW
Bell Intermediate Academy - BIA
Brooklyn STEM - BSA
Centerton ELementary - CES
Green Twp Elementary - GTE
Paragon Elementary - PES
Poston Road Elementary - PRE
Smith Fine Arts Academy - SFA
South Elementary - SES

MSD of Martinsville Cell Phone & Personal Device Policy

IN ACCORDANCE WITH INDIANA STATE LAW (SEA 78) | EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

POLICY INFORMATION

RESTRICTED ACCESS	**NO ACCESS: FULL SCHOOL DAY (BELL-TO-BELL)** All personal communication devices MUST be powered off and inaccessible for the entire school day.
STORAGE	All students will be expected to store cell phones in a locker for the entire school day.



PROHIBITED DEVICE LIST

The ban includes cell phones, smartwatches, headphones, earbuds, tablets, personal laptops, smart glasses, and gaming devices.

EXCEPTIONS

Access will still be granted for students with documented medical needs, requirements in an IEP, or 504 Plan.



APPROVED CELL PHONE USE

Students will be able to use cell phones on school buses, after school activities.



SCHOOL DAY COMMUNICATION

SCHOOL OFFICES	Families can contact the school front office.
STUDENTSQUARE	The District will explore StudentSquare, a ParentSquare feature for students in grades 9-12.

