



# Scoop from the Supt

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## Students

- On Friday, April 14th, at State Solo and Ensemble, the Milan High School Chamber Choir earned Excellent ratings for three performance events:
  - Chamber Choir Tenor/Bass Ensemble
  - Chamber Choir Soprano/Alto Ensemble
  - Rachel Taylor, SoloistExcellent is the top rating possible at Solo and Ensemble. Congratulations to our talented singers and wonderful Choir Director, Shayla Powell.
- The Elementary Art Show and Paddock Grand Event held on Thursday, April 20th was a huge success. Congratulations to all of our young artists. The glow in the dark artwork and other art projects were very impressive.
- The Symons PTO Science Night hosted on Thursday, April 20th was wonderful. Students and parents alike enjoyed numerous science related stations. Many of the stations were hand-on and allowed the students to have fun while learning science!

## General

- Parents and guardians who have not already completed the K12 School Quality Survey will receive one final email reminder from K12Insight this Friday morning. The survey closes at midnight on Friday, April 28th. Milan Area Schools has partnered with K12 Insight, a company that conducts independent school district surveys. K12 Insight has expert teams that build, promote, administer, and analyze school district surveys and get amazing results. Parents and guardians should have received an email from east@k12insight.com. The sender's name would have appeared as "Milan Area Schools via K12 Insight". Please do not discard this email as spam. This survey is being conducted by a partner of Milan Area Schools and is fully sanctioned by the district. If you are a parent/guardian of a Milan Area Schools student and you did not receive an email regarding the survey, please email east@k12insight.com to request that a survey be sent to your email address. Please take the time to participate in this important survey. Your input will help guide the continuous improvement process in the district. Compliments, concerns, and recommendations are all welcome and your responses are anonymous!
- Milan High School was put on lockdown on Wednesday, April 19th, due to a threatening message written on a bathroom wall. I want everyone to understand that I share your frustration with these incidents. The district takes these matters very seriously. We vigorously investigate them and issue discipline accordingly. Students involved in past incidents have received discipline up to and including expulsion from the district (as well as criminal charges). We have shared these potential consequences with students and have asked parents to speak to their students about the consequences for making threats against the

school. We debrief after every incident, both internally in the district and with the Milan Police Department. We are doing our part in taking steps to squelch these incidents, but in the end, we cannot completely control the actions of our students. We need students to control their actions and we need families to help their students understand the seriousness of making threats against a school. This is a societal problem, and it will take society working together to help end the problem.