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Batchelor Students Win Award
Students Visit Mega Body
Bi-centennial Tree at Fairview
Mr. Wooden’s Hoosier Room

FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY
AN ARTFUL LEARNING AND PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY
Celebrated their Grand Re-Opening

ENGAGE. EMPOWER. EDUCATE.
MCCSC CORE VALUES

Value 1: Engagement
All students can learn. We teach all students. No exceptions. All students deserve rigorous, diverse curricular and extracurricular programs, integrated with technology. Such programs balance students’ needs and interests, resulting in high levels of student engagement, achievement and completion.

Value 2: Empowerment
All students are diverse and unique. When students are empowered, self-esteem grows. All students’ experiences and perspectives are assets that reflect the strength of our schools and the values of our community. Such assets, when respected, nurtured and explored, promote their academic success and the success of their peers.

Value 3: Environment
All students thrive in a positive, creative and stimulating learning and working environment. All employees excel in a culture actively supported by professional development opportunities. Highly-trained, highly-valued teachers and staff are pivotal to the continuous improvement and success of our students. All students deserve, and we will provide, a healthy, safe and secure learning environment.

FRESH PICKED FROM THE TEMPLETON GARDEN

October 27th was Food Day at MCCSC
“Oh my gosh, it’s squash!”

www.mccsc.edu/squash
FORMER BATCHELOR STUDENTS RECEIVE LOWELL MILKEN AWARD

The Lowell Milken Center for Unsung Heroes has announced the winners of their International Discovery Award Competition. Mya Hagerty and Kate Clarke of Bloomington North (former Batchelor students) were part of Batchelor TV under the guidance of Mr. Jeffrey Rudkin when they created their award winning documentary. They received $1,000 for their third place finish.

Their project, the documentary “A Kristallnacht Survivor Courageously Standing Up to Discrimination,” tells the story of Unsung Hero Walter Sommers, a World War II veteran whose actions helped de-segregate lunch counters across Southern Indiana at the height of the Civil Rights Movement. Visit the MCCSC website to find the YouTube link to the documentary.

TURN THE LIGHTS OFF!

Monroe County Community School Corporation has been participating in the Monroe County Energy Challenge as a Workplace Partner. The Monroe County goal has been to reduce energy consumption by 10%. There is still time to help the program by saving in your home. Please visit www.mocoenergychallenge.org to learn how you can participate.

REMINDER ABOUT DELAYS AND CLOSINGS

Please have an emergency plan ready for your family.

GRADES K-6
11:00am - 3:45pm

GRADES 7-12
10:00am - 2:55pm

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Students from Tri-North Middle School and Grandview Elementary School had the opportunity to visit The Mega Body exhibit sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Bloomington. Local health vendors setup activities for students to learn about health and fitness related careers. Each class walked through the large inflated Mega Body where they learned of the human body’s internal organs and their functions. The students then participated in fitness activities promoting an active lifestyle.
Fairview Elementary is now an Artful Learning and Performing Arts Academy. The Artful Learning model has been in place at Fairview for six years and is designed to engage students at deeper levels linking the arts to daily classroom learning experiences. Last spring, a performing arts piece was added expanding Fairview’s Artful Learning model. By providing students the opportunity to experience the numerous creative arts components they become better engaged and empowered which carries over into their academic setting.

The performing arts piece has already proven to inspire children. Two talented students in the show choir component were awarded full scholarships to the Bloomington Expressive Arts Training (B.E.A.T.) group. B.E.A.T. is a local show choir group based in Bloomington. This award inspired another student in the class to write an essay on why he should also receive a scholarship to the group. His writing was so convincing that the B.E.A.T. also extended a scholarship to him.

On the evening of October 19th, Fairview Elementary welcomed a packed house of community members, staff, parents, and students to their Grand Re-opening celebrating the performing arts addition. Violinists performed in the hallways, 3-D and 2-D Art were displayed throughout the building, the show choir and African drummers performed, as well as tumbling and yoga demonstrations. Please visit Facebook to view the show choir’s performance.
Bloomington Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs recognizes MCCSC Students as Outstanding Hispanic/Latino Students

The Bloomington Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs have honored three students from MCCSC with the 2016 Outstanding Latino/Hispanic High School Student distinction. More than 20 MCCSC students received the educational medal “Learn to Earn”, a medal proudly awarded to Hispanic/Latino students for their community and academic achievements. All of the recipients were presented with their award at a standing room only event at City Hall. Mayor John Hamilton was in attendance and gave a speech on the importance of multi-cultural diversity within our community.

City of Bloomington Outstanding Latino/Hispanic High School Student
(They were also selected 2016 Indiana Latino/Hispanic High School Student by the Indiana Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese)

- Marcela Miranda (South)
- Sarah Graves (North)
- Lucia Davila (South)

Elementary (now in Middle School)
- Jimena Toro Arroyo (Binford)
- Juliza Ivette Cuautle (Summit)
- Alison Ortiz-Cortes (Summit)

Middle School (now in High School)
- Oscar de Santiago Garcia (Grandview)
- Jorge Cuautle (Summit)
- Diana Reyes (Grandview)
- Logan Flores (Marlin)

- Shirin Ansari (South)
- Tori Drummy (Jackson Creek)
- Gabriela Coolidge (Childs Elementary)

Medal of Appreciation MAS+ Awarded to Faculty
(stands for Motivation, Support and Service)

- Shirin Ansari (South)
- Tori Drummy (Jackson Creek)
- Gabriela Coolidge (Childs Elementary)
The City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation department presented Fairview Elementary with a poplar tree, Indiana’s state tree, for Indiana’s bi-centennial. Fairview Elementary 4th graders were given a history lesson by City of Bloomington Urban Forester, Lee Huss, on the poplar tree and its importance to our state. Students, teachers, Principal Colglazier, and Assistant Principal Gobert joined officials from the City of Bloomington in planting the poplar tree. There is a commemorative marker by the tree to acknowledge the planting in 2016, the year of Indiana’s bi-centennial.

“It was said at one time a squirrel could start at one state line and get to the other state line without touching the ground through the treetops.” - Lee Huss, City of Bloomington Urban Forester
The Indiana Department of Education has recognized Bloomington High School South, Grandview Elementary, and Highland Park Elementary as schools of Promising Practice. These schools are 3 of 200 educational programs to be recognized by the Department in honor of Indiana’s bicentennial celebration.

Identified programs, are student-centered and focus on positively impacting students through innovative programming and activities that provide a high-quality learning environment and experience. These Promising Practices will be shared with educators across the state of Indiana as an example of best practices that are having a positive impact on Hoosier students.

Visit www.mccsc.edu/200years to learn more about each MCCSC school recognized as a school of Promising Practice.

Resilience: Indiana’s Untold Story

After learning about metaphors and similes in Mrs. Kinkead’s University Elementary 4th grade class, Demaris Eberle wrote a poem that was featured in the play Resilience: Indiana’s Untold Story. The show, written by Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchell and Dr. Gladys DeVane, is a collection of stories about black history in the state of Indiana and was directed by Danielle Bruce. Demaris’ poem, Black Lives Matter, was performed by five performers.

After the performance, there was a question and answer session with the writers, director, and performers discussing the importance of black history in conjunction with Indiana’s bi-centennial.

Lat Joor Awa Gaye, a Bloomington High School South student, portrayed George Shively, an Indiana native that played his professional baseball career in the Negro Leagues between 1910 and 1924. Shively is buried in Bloomington, Indiana and was memorialized in a community ceremony in April. Lat Joor also wrote a poem, The Strength of the Oppressed, that was included in the performance.

BLACK LIVES MATTER
By Demaris Eberle

We want to...
Run like Wilma,
Go high like Michelle,
Dream like Jacqueline,
Be courageous like Rosa,
Learn like Ruby,
Live free like Harriet,
Be the greatest like Muhammad,
Flip like Simone,
Send astronauts into space like Katherine,
Sprint like Usain,
Change the country like Barack,
Inspire like Martin

... because BLACK LIVES MATTER!
So it is our turn
To accept the responsibility,
To be thankful for the people who inspired us,
To advance each other,
To learn, to go high, and to live free.
One cannot question Mr. Wooden’s love of Indiana... As students walk around his classroom, they are surrounded by Indiana’s past. Old popcorn bags, cans, maps, flags, mailboxes, art and signs.

“The quick reason I love surrounding students with Indiana artifacts I’ve collected over the years is that fourth grade is Indiana history year and I want our classroom to be an engaging, immersive reflection of that. There’s a long view, though, too. Like the old song says, “how I long for my Indiana home,” I want students to think back to being a fourth grader in Indiana and remember they had a home here in our classroom. I want to create an environment that feels like a living, breathing Indiana hometown, and the things I collect come from places like that.”

- Mr. Wooden
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MCCSC School Board Schedule
Calendar of Regular Meetings
October-December 2016
Tuesday, October 25, 2016
Tuesday, November 15, 2016
Tuesday, December 20, 2016
Meeting dates are scheduled for the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm with the exception of November and December.

Important Dates
Election Day-No School for Students
Tuesday, November 8
Thanksgiving Break-No School
Monday, November 21-Friday, November 25
Winter Break-No School
Monday, December 26-Friday, January 6