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Walking School Bus
IU Health partnership brings new opportunities

SOUNDS OF SOUTH
Behind the Scenes on the student production of Disney's Beauty and the Beast

North Cougar Band
From Bloomington to Hollywood, North's Marching Band in full swing

Lights Out
Teachers create student challenge for energy conservation

PATHS TO QUALITY
MCCSC preschools pursue State program quality ratings

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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.

Cover Photo: Bloomington High School South Sounds of South August 26, 2015 preview performance for Disney’s Beauty and the Beast.

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Choosing the Path to Quality

Paths to Quality, Indiana’s Child Care Quality Rating and Improvement System has been available to providers outside the public school system for many years. Beginning with the 15'-16' school year, all public school pre-K programs are allowed to apply for this quality rating. After receiving the FSSA Early Education Matching Grant this summer, Arlington Heights preschool applied and recently learned it received a preliminary Level 3 rating, the initial goal for all MCCSC preschools. Currently, the MCCSC Ready Set Grow, Hoosier Hills, and Title I preschools have active applications for Paths to Quality after preparing for this quality rating system over the course of last year. MCCSC’s Developmental Preschools are currently building their systems to apply as well. For more on Paths to Quality, visit www.childcareindiana.org.
Children's Farm Festival

Hundreds of area children fought the rain and visited the local Peden Family Farm of September 29 for the annual Children's Farm Festival. Students learned about the farm operation, met animals, and participated in activities throughout the day.

University Elementary Girl Scouts Receive Service Award

The Junior Girl Scout Troop from University Elementary School received the Bloomington Parks and Recreation September BRAVO Award on Tuesday, September 22, 2015, for their work on the Bloomington Every Kid in a Park initiative this past summer. Members of Girl Scout Troop 03134 who pursued their Bronze Award were selected to receive the September BRAVO Award. Each month the Parks and Recreation Department selects a volunteer or volunteer group who signifies community stewardship and makes a positive programmatic impact.

Outstanding Latino/Hispanic Students

Three students from Bloomington High School South were selected 2015 Outstanding Latino/Hispanic High School Student by the City of Bloomington Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs. Students, Juan Pablo Perez Soto, Jose Yamil Adorno Cancel and Ana Olavarrieta, (pictured left with teacher Ms. Duncan) were nominated to represent Bloomington in the State awards. Student Alexmar Nin-Velez from North won the State award last year. The students were recognized at the kick off for the National Hispanic Heritage Month in Bloomington on September 15 in a ceremony at the Mathers Museum.

ENGAGE App

More than 2,200 users have downloaded the new MCCSC Engage mobile app. Keep up to date on everything MCCSC. Download today for iOS and Android devices at www.mccsc.edu/engage
Walking SCHOOL BUS

Coordinated School Health Launches Wellness Program

Last year, Lisa Petscher, Manager of Coordinated School Health, joined the MCCSC through an incredible partnership between multiple Bloomington healthcare entities. Petscher immediately began innovative programming throughout the MCCSC. One of the newest programs is the addition of a “Walking School Bus” at Childs Elementary. The program promotes healthy physical activity on Wednesday mornings while at the same time providing comprehensive programming in partnership with School Age Care. As the program has grown in popularity, Petscher hopes to expand to other schools within the MCCSC. For more information, contact Lisa Petscher at LPetscher@iuhealth.org.

Ghost Boy Author, Martin Pistorius, Speaks at MCCSC

Martin Pistorius, author of Ghost Boy, visited the MCCSC on October 1 to speak with students about his personal experience overcoming a disease that left him in a conscious coma for more than a decade. Pistorius spoke with students at Bloomington North, South, and the Academy of Science and Entrepreneurship before an evening presentation to MCCSC parents at the CoLab. Pistorius’ heartfelt story has been detailed on numerous talk shows around the world telling a story of prevailing in the face of extreme adversity. Pistorius, seen to the left, met with students following each high school presentation.
Bloomington residents wishing to experience musical theater firsthand need not look very far this fall. On October 17, the Bloomington High School South Sounds of South production of Disney’s *Beauty and the Beast* opens to the public. The three-week production run will mark the culmination of countless hours or hard-work from students and more than fifty parent volunteers under the direction of Mrs. Gwen Witten Upchurch. This past July, Upchurch kicked off the preparation with an intensive two week theater camp for the performers and crew. Since July, student performers have been diligently rehearsing meeting for three hours, two nights each week. The production includes a total of sixty-four performers, many of whom will play multiple characters in the production, seven crew members, and ten musical orchestra members. The steps toward the polished performance theater lovers will experience this October began long before the camp started in July.

**Costume Design**

Before a note was sung, a stage direction choreographed, or a line learned, production work began making the world of *Beauty and the Beast* come to life. The early dedication of a number of key behind the scenes players raised has created a world unlike any other in South’s Carmichael Hall. From props to sound engineering, the off-stage production will make the onstage performance possible. Of particular note, the production contains more than 100 costumes with some characters wearing multiple different garments throughout the performance. The August/September issue of *Bloom* magazine featured an interview with local weaver and Sounds of South
parent, Martina Celerin, (seen above during a costume shop tour in August). Celerin embraced the challenge of creating elaborate costumes for this epic performance. In describing the process of transforming and recycling old fabrics and items into the costumes and props for the show, Celerin smiles and simply says, “It’s obvious to me.” Her creativity and dedication to the project will help make this student performance unforgettable.

**Performance**

See the vision come to life on stage as Bloomington South students open the show for three Saturday performances beginning October 17. Shows continue on October 24 and October 31. $15-$20 advance tickets are recommended and are available at www.musicalartstix.com.
Understanding the Lunch Line: A Parent’s Guide

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<th>Each day, your child is offered a lunch containing the following:</th>
<th>While the most nutritious lunch contains all of these options, we understand that sometimes our students do not like some of the items we serve. To make our student customers happy, we like to give them the option to decline items they do not want to eat.</th>
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<td><strong>Meat or Meat Alternate, Grain, Fruit, Vegetable</strong> and of course, <strong>Milk!</strong></td>
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<td>Out of the 5 food groups your student is offered, he must choose at least 3 food groups for his meal. One of the food groups must be a fruit or vegetable. Some of the menu choices may count as two food groups such as pizza, nachos, cheeseburger, or chef salad!</td>
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<td><strong>Here’s an example menu:</strong></td>
<td><strong>So, your child could choose:</strong></td>
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<td>Cheeseburger on a Bun</td>
<td>Cheeseburger on a Bun and Fries Carrots, Peaches and Milk</td>
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<td>1/2 cup Carrots</td>
<td>Cheeseburger on Bun, Peaches and Milk</td>
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<td>1/2 cup French Fries</td>
<td>Of course they can take other combinations or all 5 food groups!</td>
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<td>1/2 cup Peaches</td>
<td>The choice is up to them!</td>
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<td>8oz of Milk</td>
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<td>If your child comes home and says she didn’t get enough to eat at lunch, ask if she is taking all of her fruit and vegetable choices!</td>
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<td><strong>Don’t forget about breakfast!</strong> Join us each morning, breakfast is a great way to kick off your child’s day!</td>
<td>Breakfast choices are a little different. Students must take at least 3 of the offered items at breakfast, one must be a fruit or vegetable.</td>
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Dyslexia
MCCSC kicked off National Dyslexia Awareness Month on October 1 with an educator training from Dr. Sally Shaywitz from the Yale Center for Dyslexia and Creativity.

Calendar
The MCCSC Calendar Committee hosted two public forums in September on the creation of a new three year calendar. The committee plans to make a recommendation in late October.

Latin Night
The MCCSC is hosting its 6th Annual Latino Family Night on November 9, 2015 from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at Bloomington High School North. For more information, visit www.mccsc.edu/ELL.

Prevention
October is Bullying Prevention Awareness Month. MCCSC schools are participating in various activities surrounding bullying awareness. More information available at www.stopybullying.gov

Training
MCCSC teachers participated in a three day Sheltered English Instruction Training in late September designed to aid classroom and content area teachers in development of skills to help English learners in school.

Teachers
The MCCSC and the MCEA agreed to a new teacher collective bargaining agreement in late September. The agreement meets new State statute and acknowledges the hard work of our incredible teachers.
The Bloomington North Cougar Band season is in full swing as they embark on a packed competition schedule. Seen in the pictures here, band members prepare to take the field at the Lawrence Central competition on September 19, 2015. The band is under the direction of Thomas Wilson and Janis Stockhouse (seen in the picture below). This coming November, the band members will be traveling to California for five days to march in the Hollywood Christmas Parade taking place on the evening of Sunday, November 29 and will be televised. Band members will also visit Disneyland, MGM Studios, Santa Monica Pier, the Queen Mary, the Pacific Ocean, the Hollywood Walk of Stars, the Chinese Theatre, and other sights. The Cougar Band’s 2015 show, entitled “Paganini Variations,” is based on the famous Paganini Caprice for violin. Fall performances include:

Plainfield HS Invitational October 10

ISSMA Regionals in Evansville October 17

Whiteland HS Invitational October 24

ISSMA Semi-State October 31

ISSMA State Finals or Mid-States Finals November 7

Hollywood Parade November 29
GOING GREEN

US REPRESENTATIVE JOHN LEWIS
Congressman and Civil Rights Leader, John Lewis, Visits Bloomington for Book Signing and Speech

US Representative John Lewis (GA-5), seen below with Dr. Justin Hunter, principal of Fairview Elementary, visited Bloomington in September to deliver a speech to a sold out crowd at the IU Auditorium. Rep. Lewis is the co-author of a two-part graphic novel entitled MARCH which chronicles his experience during the civil rights era in the South including his experience marching with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. MCCSC high school students began this year with a book study on MARCH-Book One. The graphic novels feature art from Bloomington native Nate Powell. The entire presentation from the IU Auditorium is available through Community Access Television Services at www.catstv.net.

LIGHTS OUT
TEACHERS LEAD INNOVATIVE ENERGY SAVING CAMPAIGN

The City of Bloomington, as well as 49 other cities, have entered a two year energy saving contest. At the end of the two years the city that saves the most energy wins five million dollars. The MCCSC has partnered with the City and other local entities to take part in the challenge. The Monroe County Energy Challenge Education Committee is promoting a “Lights Out” challenge in all the MCCSC schools in efforts to improve energy saving habits and work towards the five million dollar prize. MCCSC students and staff are being challenged to turn lights out or partially out when they are not needed. Using natural light from windows is encouraged when possible. Students on the left are displaying artwork at Marlin Elementary from this year’s campaign. The depictions in the student art pieces represent what they can save by turning out a light.

Congressman John Lewis (GA-5) with Dr. Justin Hunter, Principal Fairview Elementary School at the Indiana University Auditorium September 21, 2015.

MARCH
BOOK ONE
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David Pillar, Jackson Creek Middle
Craig Fisher, Tri-North Middle School
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Chris Finley, Childs Elementary
Dr. Deb Prenkert, Clear Creek Elementary
Dr. Justin Hunter, Fairview Elementary
Lisa Roberts, Grandview Elementary
Margaret Dainton, Highland Park Elementary
John Hudson, Lakeview Elementary
Tim Dowling, Marlin Elementary
Mark Conrad, Rogers Elementary
Nick McGinnis, Summit Elementary
Donald Carver, Templeton Elementary
Lily Albright, Unionville Elementary
Dr. Gretchen Morgan, University Elementary

IMPORTANT DATES

Election Day-No School
Tuesday, November 3

Thanksgiving Break-No School
Monday, November 23-Friday, November 27

Winter Break-No School
Monday, December 21-Friday, January 1

MCCSC SCHOOL BOARD SCHEDULE

Calendar of Regular Meetings
October-December 2015

Tuesday, October 27, 2015
Tuesday, November 17, 2015
Tuesday, December 15, 2015

Meeting dates are scheduled for the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm with the exception of November and December.

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