



**MILWAUKEE
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Superintendent’s Report –March 2021

The Superintendent’s Report is designed to provide the Milwaukee Board of School Directors and the MPS community with an update on current activities underway to support the district goals of academic achievement; student, family and community engagement; and effective and efficient operations as they are aligned to the district’s strategic objectives and the Five Priorities for Success.



Special Education Family Forum Supports Families!

Special education was the focus of MPS’ 5th annual Celebrating Abilities Family Forum. This event allowed families to learn more about special education services, programs, and opportunities.

Celebrating Abilities took place the week of March 8–12, 2021 in a virtual format, with workshops each evening.



Congratulations Arlen Lopez Gutierrez, Brewers Grand Slam Teacher of the Month!

Each month, the Brewers and US Cellular celebrate outstanding teachers through the Grand Slam Teach of the Month program. Congratulations to Arlen Lopez Gutierrez, as she was named the March 2021 Brewers Grand Slam Teacher of the Month! Ms. Lopez Gutierrez is a K3 teacher at Allen Field Elementary School.



Congratulations Arlen, you make us MPS Proud!

MPS Celebrated School Social Workers During School Social Workers Week



School social workers are critical members of the school team in every MPS school. During School Social Workers Week, which took place March 7–13, MPS saluted our social workers who are a key part of many students' lives.

Students and families often have numerous needs that may include mental health, social emotional learning, financial challenges, and unmet physical and emotional needs. School social workers help identify concerns and make connections to resources for the safety, health, comfort, and well-being of students and families. Meeting these needs is shown to increase

children's academic achievement and help them thrive. We appreciate our school social workers!

School Breakfast Week Celebrates Good Nutrition for Learning

During National School Breakfast Week, MPS celebrates its very own Department of Nutrition services. In a typical school year, MPS food service heroes are responsible for planning, preparing, and distributing breakfast and lunch to students every day. Due to virtual learning this school year, the nutrition team has regrouped and reorganized to offer children's meals for families to pick up—including dinner. The team provides meals every school day at [50 Stop, Grab, and Go sites](#).



MPS Offers Weekend Meal Bundles for Children

To continue to provide healthy meals for Milwaukee children, MPS will offer weekend meal bundles at all Stop, Grab, and Go locations beginning March 5, 2021. Each Friday, all Milwaukee children age 18 and under can receive Friday's breakfast, lunch, and supper plus an additional two breakfasts and lunches for Saturday and Sunday. All meals include an 8-ounce carton of milk. Meals must be refrigerated until ready to be heated and eaten at home.

For more information, including a list of Stop, Grab, and Go sites and hours, visit the [MPS Nutrition web page](#). Families with special dietary requests can submit a form found on this page two days in advance of a pick-up date.



Congratulations Kohl Educational Foundation Winners!

The selection committee for the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Student Scholarship, Teacher Fellowship and Principal Leadership program announced recipients of the 317 Herb Kohl Foundation awards for Wisconsin students, teachers and principals. Awards in the amount of \$6,000 are being made to 101 teachers, 16 principals, and their schools, and \$10,000 scholarships will be given to 200 graduating high school students.

Excellence Scholarship recipients have demonstrated excellence in the academic arena and high motivation to achieve, have displayed a broad range of activity and leadership outside the academic setting, and have shown strong promise for succeeding in college and beyond. Fellowship recipients are educators who have been chosen for their superior ability to inspire a love of learning in their students, their ability to motivate others, and their leadership and service within and outside the classroom. Leadership Award recipients are school principals who are being recognized for setting high standards for instruction, achievement and character, and creating a climate to best serve students, families, staff and community. Read more [here](#). Congratulations to our MPS staff and students who were awarded! You make us **MPS Proud!**

2021 Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Student Excellence Scholars

Catherine Fink, Milwaukee School of Languages
Maya Groser, King International High School
Isabella Heller de Messer, King International High School
Hannah Hippe, King International High School
Meng Moua, King International High School
Iman Snobar, Reagan High School

2021 Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Student Initiative Scholars

Daevion Alexander, Obama School Career & Technical Education
Darnell Burrell, Vincent High School
Tiyonna Duckworth, North Division High School
Anya Ramos, Audubon High School
Quashawn Saygo, Banner Preparatory School

Taniyra Spinks, Pulaski High School
Narielle Tyler, MacDowell Montessori School

2021 Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Teacher Fellows

Megan Geddes, Highland Community School
Julie Hapeman, Milwaukee Public Schools District Office
Andrew Lazzari, Audubon High School
Joan Masek, Milwaukee Hamilton High School
Stephanie Meyer, Milwaukee Hamilton High School
Joseph O'Shea, Shalom High School
Danielle Robinson, Brown Street Academy
Alicia Steiner, Highland Community School
Zachary Tillman, Reagan High School
Matt Wood, Reagan High School
Michelle Young, Golda Meir School



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Students Continue August Wilson's Legacy at Milwaukee Rep

Nearly sixteen years after the passing of August Wilson, the famed American playwright who established roots in Pittsburgh, St. Paul, and Seattle, young people in Milwaukee are carrying on his legacy with the performance of his monologues.



Milwaukee is one of 15 cities nationwide to host a regional August Wilson Monologue Competition. Through the Milwaukee Repertory Theater, high school students perform monologues from Wilson's "Century Cycle," a collection of 10 plays chronicling the life of Black people in the 20th century.

This is Milwaukee's first year as an official regional site for the competition after participating in a "shadow year" in 2019-20. The program is free and open to all students who enjoy the art of storytelling.

Milwaukee Recreation, through its [Partnership for the Arts & Humanities](#), provides funding for the August Wilson

Monologue Competition, and has opened doors for the program, allowing more students to experience Wilson's work and express themselves on a new stage. Seven students from three MPS schools will compete in regionals this month, including Jonathan Edwards (Rufus King High School), Terynn Erby-Walker (Golda Meir School), Dejanaye Jones (Milwaukee High School of the Arts), Anyiah Loblely (Golda Meir School), Yexuanj Rivera Melendez (Milwaukee High School of the Arts), Lilyanna Romer (Milwaukee High School of the Arts), and Fardowso Shidad (Rufus King High School).

