

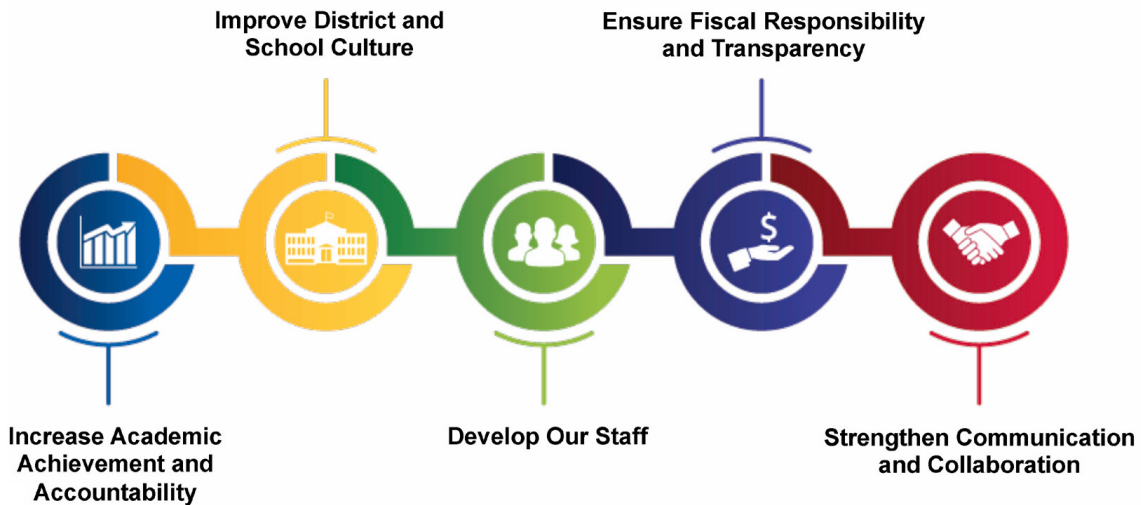


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Superintendent’s Report –April 2021

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.



MPS Students Among Contest Winners at the César E. Chávez Birthday Celebration

Milwaukee Public Schools announced the many students who received honors at the [César E. Chávez Birthday Celebration](#). The [third-annual celebration was held virtually](#) and hosted by the Marcus Performing Arts Center. MPS had 22 students from the district place in the art, spoken word, and writing competitions. The celebration can be viewed [here](#).

Art Contest Winners

Elementary

- First Place: Cesar Santacruz-Bailan - Lincoln Avenue School
- Second Place: Tyler Vuong - Lincoln Avenue School
- Third Place: Natalia Valdivia - Forest Home Avenue School
- Honorable Mention: Cataleya Andrade - Forest Home Avenue School



Middle School

- First Place: Hamelin Daryannah - Manitoba School
- Second Place: Ximena Marin Castañeda - Academia De Lenguaje Y Bellas Artes (ALBA)
- Third Place: Galy Rojas - ALBA
- Honorable Mention: Maximilien Beltran - ALBA

Spoken Word Contest Winners

Elementary

- First Place: Bryan Zarate - Lincoln Avenue School
- Second Place: Brandon Zarate - Lincoln Avenue School
- Third Place: Pablo Soto - Forest Home Avenue School

High School

- Brandon A. Gorton - Reagan High School

Writing Contest Winners

Kindergarten - 2nd Grade

- First Place: Cristobal Sanchez - ALBA
- Second Place: Yahir Jonapa Aruizu - ALBA
- Third Place: Ashley Vargas Martinez - ALBA
- Honorable Mention: Arisbeth Arredondo - ALBA

3rd - 5th Grade

- First Place: Yellian Cancel - Lowell International Elementary School
- Honorable Mention: Andres Patino - Manitoba School

6th - 8th Grade

- Second Place: Julianna Sanchez - Manitoba School
- Third Place: Jaydien Curry - Manitoba School
- Honorable Mention: Adamariz Garcia Ruiz - Manitoba School

9th - 12th Grade

- First Place: Brandon A. Gorton - Reagan High School

César E. Chávez was an activist who fought for equal rights for farmworkers across the United States beginning in the 1960s until his death in 1993. He, with Dolores Huerta, founded the United Farm Workers (UFW) Union where he fought for civil rights for Latinos and farmworkers.

National Public Health Week



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Public health needs public support, now more than ever. Public health creates connections and listens to community leaders who help build a strong society that prioritizes health for everyone. A big thank you to public health workers in the Milwaukee community for helping keep us safe!

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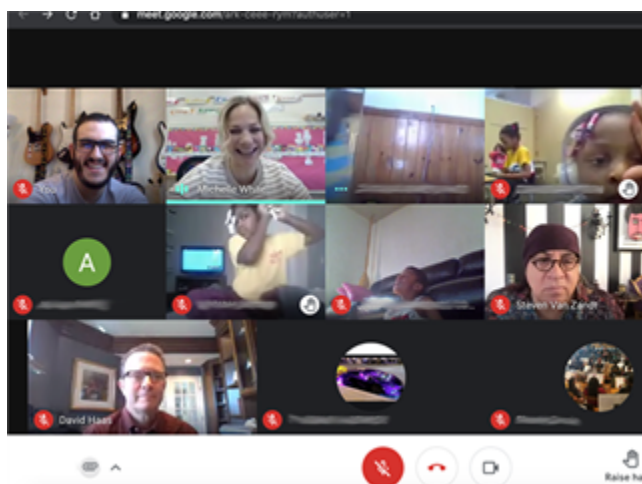
MPS is First District in the Midwest to Impact Students Through TeachRock

This spring, students at MPS Brown Street Academy spent part of their school day chatting with musician Steve Van Zandt, best known as a member of Bruce Springsteen's E Street Band. Van Zandt shared details about the TeachRock program and answered questions from students.

The event was part of a TeachRock pilot program at Brown Street Academy and Kluge Elementary this year. The district will add TeachRock in more schools next year and eventually reach all MPS schools. Participation in the program allows MPS to access more than 200 lesson plans in the TeachRock curriculum. These lessons integrate arts throughout social studies, language arts, science, math, general music, and more. From The Beatles to Beyoncé, from early elementary to AP History, in the classroom or safely distanced—TeachRock offers engaging and meaningful material at no cost to teachers, students, and families.

The relationship began with a series of questions posed by district administrators to the Rock n' Roll Forever Foundation, which created and sponsors TeachRock. After learning more about Milwaukee Public Schools, the organization took the step of adopting MPS into the program, which previously included schools in southern California, New Jersey, New Mexico, and New York City.

Classroom activities use popular music to create engaging experiences for students and keep arts alive in schools. A lesson in English language arts, for example, includes an analysis of Bob Dylan's song lyrics as poetry. A lesson focused on the Flint Michigan water crisis, which explores social studies and science concepts including the causes of the problem, incorporates the music of local artists Vic Mensa and Mari Copeny, who became advocates for solutions to the crisis.



In fall 2021, MPS plans to incorporate TeachRock into the Civics course at a number of district high schools. Civics is a requirement for graduation and is taken by all students.

MPS staff are looking forward to sharing new TeachRock experiences in their classrooms!

Special Education Leadership Institute for Families

Families, students, and staff are invited to join us virtually for 90 minutes on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings for six weeks through May 26, 2021. The Special Education Leadership Institute for Families (SELIF) will offer virtual training and classes in English on Tuesdays and in

Spanish on Wednesdays. The training will help parents, guardians, and family members gain the insight and skills needed to ensure their child succeeds in school. Topics include Individualized Education Programs (IEP), rights and responsibilities, and student conduct. Attend all sessions or select individual sessions that are appropriate to your unique needs.

Camps For Kids Program Sends Children to Summer Camp



This year, Milwaukee's [Camps For Kids](#) program will award over 100 MPS students with a "full campership" to attend a one-week residential summer camp in Wisconsin. This is made possible through a partnership with the Camps for *Kids* program.

How Camps for Kids Works

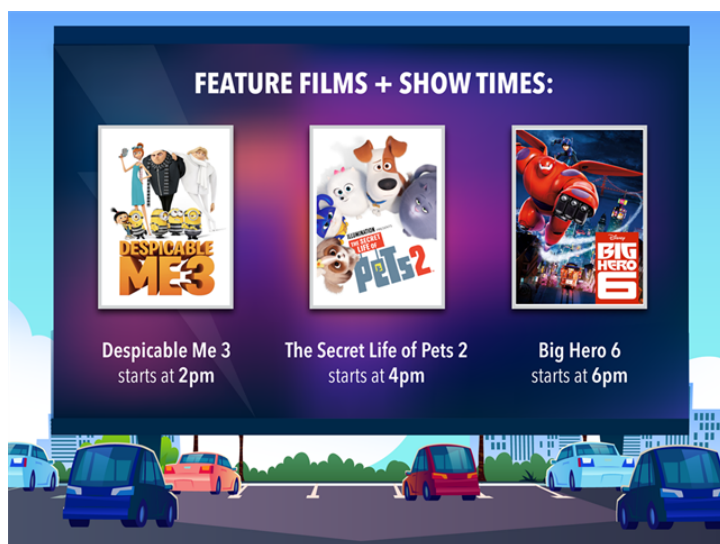
Camps for Kids was developed to send children to camp for the first time. Children are referred to Camps for Kids from over 25 agencies. Often times following the camp experience, the child and his or her family connect with a new agency for services that last longer than just the week at camp. For additional information about Camps for Kids, please visit their [website](#).

First-Ever Family Drive-In Movie Day

This spring, Milwaukee Recreation will host the first-ever [Family Drive-In Movie Day](#). Families are invited to join us for a day of physically distanced fun at this classic drive-in movie experience. Three family-friendly movies will be played throughout the day at the MPS Central Services Building.

Event Information

- Date: Saturday, May 15, 2021 (rain date: May 22)
- Where: MPS Central Services building ([5225 W. Vliet St.](#))
- Movie Schedule:
 - Despicable Me 3 (2 p.m.)
 - The Secret Life of Pets 2 (4 p.m.)
 - Big Hero 6 (6 p.m.)
- Cost: \$20 per vehicle per movie
- [Register here!](#)



Please arrive no earlier than 20 minutes prior to the start of your movie. Physical distancing measures will be in place and masks will be required while outside of your vehicle.

This will be one of the only drive-in movie experiences in the city of Milwaukee. Families can sign up to see one movie or all three. Popcorn and water will be provided, but families are encouraged to bring additional snacks to eat during the films.

Summer Arts Internship Positions Available for High School Students



Are you a high school student looking for a summer job? Do you enjoy the arts or want to know more about working in the arts? The Arts Internship Application is now open! There are 44 positions available with 12 different arts organizations for high school students who meet the eligibility requirements. Positions pay a minimum of \$9.50 per hour.

The [Arts Internship Program](#) is a paid internship program that provides high school students with practical job experience in arts-related positions ranging from 40-400 hours over the summer. Interns explore the arts in an in-depth and applicable way while also gaining job skills.

Positions are available with the following organizations: Art Start, Artists Working in Education, ArtWorks for Milwaukee, Bembe Drum and Dance, Casa Romero Renewal Center, Lead2Change, Lynden. Inc., Milwaukee Repertory Theater, UW-Milwaukee/ArtsECO, Walnut Way Conservation Corps, Wild Space Dance Company, and Woodland Pattern Book Center.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for the program, you must:

- Be at least 16 years of age at the start of work unless the hiring organization indicates that the position or positions are open to students who are 15 years of age or older
- Be a high school equivalent student (or an out-going senior)
- Be a resident of the city of Milwaukee OR currently enrolled in a MPS high school
- Be available to work the internship schedule as determined by the organization and able to attend the mandatory trainings/events:
 - Training: Wednesday, June 16 | 2-4 p.m.
 - Final celebration: Thursday, Aug. 12 | 4-5 p.m.

How to Apply

Read the [internship descriptions](#) and identify which opportunities are of interest to you. Next, complete and submit the following materials via our [online application](#). You will be asked to upload your letter of interest and list of references later in the application and have a parent/guardian sign your application.

- Arts Internship Student Application (the online application)
- A letter of interest stating why you are interested in the specific internship (If you are applying for a second year, please specify what skills or projects you would like to expand on from last year.)
- A list of 1-3 professional references, including name, relation to you, phone number, and email address (references can include teachers, mentors, coaches, etc.; not family members or friends)
- Any other information requested by the organization

If you prefer to submit a paper application packet or have questions about the program, eligibility requirements or the application process, please contact April Heding at April@mkerec.net.