



**MILWAUKEE
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Superintendent’s Report – April 2024

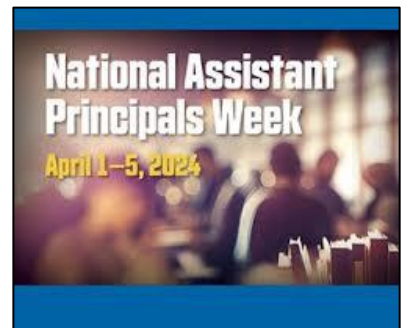
The Superintendent’s Report is designed to provide the Milwaukee Board of School Directors and the MPS community with an update on current activities under way to support the district goals of academic achievement; student, family, and community engagement; and effective and efficient operations as they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



National Assistant Principals Week

National Assistant Principals Week, observed April 1–5, 2024, offers the opportunity to highlight the indispensable efforts of assistant principals within MPS, acknowledging their vital role as integral members of the educational team across the district.

Assistant principals serve as key supporters in motivating students, guiding teachers, and cultivating a positive atmosphere within their respective schools. They undertake a diverse array of responsibilities districtwide that include fostering academic achievement, ensuring safety protocols, supporting families, supervising extracurricular activities, and promoting regular attendance.



The contributions of assistant principals are immeasurable, and we recognize and thank them for all of that they do for children.

Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Award Recipients



MPS shines as five students and 10 teachers were honored with scholarships and awards from the 2024 Herb Kohl Educational Foundation.

Among the recipients, two MPS students were granted the Excellence Scholarship, recognizing their outstanding academic performance, strong motivation, and extensive involvement in various activities and leadership roles. Additionally, three students received the Initiative Scholarship for showcasing remarkable initiative within the school environment, displaying promising potential for success both in college and beyond. The Excellence Scholars and Initiative Scholars were awarded \$10,000 to support their pursuit of higher education.

Furthermore, 10 teachers from across MPS were acknowledged with the Teacher Fellowship Award for their exceptional leadership, dedicated service in the classroom, and ability to inspire and motivate students to develop a passion for learning. Recipients of the Teacher Fellowship Awards were granted \$6,000 each in recognition of their unwavering dedication and hard work.

We applaud and congratulate all the [award recipients](#).

UNSIL (United Nations Schools of International Learning)

In 1945, representatives from 50 nations convened to craft and endorse the UN Charter establishing the United Nations, an international body aimed at averting future global conflicts.

Presently, our students engage in UNSIL, delving into global affairs, nations, diverse cultures, legal frameworks, and fundamental freedoms. On April 11, 2024, MPS hosted its annual UNSIL World Fair at the UWM Panther Arena, marking the event's eighth anniversary. Attended by students from grades 4–8 across 17 MPS schools, the fair showcased a multitude of research-based projects spotlighting the UN's mission and significance.

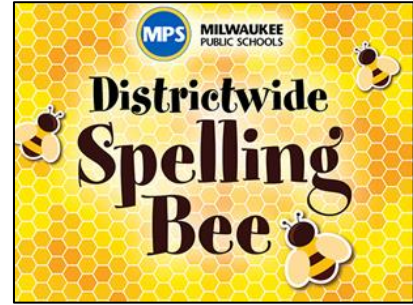
The 2024 participating schools were the following:

- Fairview
- Fernwood
- Garland
- Grant
- Lincoln Center of the Arts
- Lowell
- Manitoba
- Milwaukee Academy of Chinese Language
- Milwaukee French Immersion
- Milwaukee German Immersion
- Milwaukee School of Languages
- Ninety-Fifth Street
- Parkview
- Story
- Stuart
- Victory
- Zablocki

Attendees actively participated in discussions, explored various projects, and absorbed insights into international landscapes and customs beyond the borders of the United States.

Districtwide Spelling Bee

MPS students will engage in spellbinding battles on three consecutive Saturdays—April 13, 20, and 27—to determine the district’s top spellers. We invite classmates, families, staff, and community members to join us to witness the linguistic prowess of our students as they compete for the coveted “bee” trophy.



We extend our best wishes to all participants for a spirited competition.

- Saturday, April 13, 2024, Grades 3–5
9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
- Saturday, April 20, 2024, Grades 6–8
9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
- Saturday, April 27, 2024, Grade Band 9/10
9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

The MPS 2024 Districtwide Spelling Bee takes place at Vincent High School, 7501 N. Granville Road, Milwaukee.

MPS Career and Technical Education Spring STEM Partner Showcase

The MPS career and technical education office celebrated a milestone on April 17, 2024, as it hosted the sixteenth annual Spring STEM Partner Showcase with the valued support of Direct Supply. This collaborative event brought together students from 27 schools who showcased projects and exhibits that they had dedicated weeks and months to creating.

The showcase was more than just a display of student work: it exemplified the success of partnerships in education and the invaluable impact that they have on students. Direct Supply’s continuous support for MPS and its students has been remarkable. Not only has it served as an active STEM partner—it also has opened doors for students to explore fields such as engineering and IT, with some students even finding pathways to careers within the company.

Direct Supply’s generosity has extended beyond mere sponsorship. It has played host and shared its expertise and resources generously with the district. The event was a platform to highlight various STEM programs offered at MPS, ranging from the K–12 Project Lead The Way to the FIRST® High School Robotics Team and from IT education to K–12 computer science projects.

Some of the much-anticipated project included the following:

- Robot Shuffle
- 3D-Printed Dragsters
- 3D Hologram Box
- Python Gamers
- Energy, Energy, Energy!

Biennial Music Festival May 1–2



Join us for the historic 100th anniversary of the MPS Biennial Music Festival on May 1 and 2 at the UWM Panther Arena. Featuring an array of performances that include drumlines, orchestras, choirs, and more, the festival marks a century of music education excellence.

The tradition, which began in 1924, has evolved into a grand celebration with 3,500 students from 75 schools across Milwaukee participating. Each night, approximately 1,750 students will showcase their talents, continuing the legacy of this exciting event. Don't miss this milestone occasion honoring the rich history and vibrant future of music education in Milwaukee Public Schools!