



Stay Safe Online

With children spending several hours each day online, keeping them safe is more important than ever. Nationwide, law enforcement is seeing a spike in complaints about Internet scams and predators. Talk with your family about ways to stay safe -- never share personal information or passwords, and be careful of strangers. [Download a helpful flyer!](#)

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News and Updates - February 26, 2021

[Kindergarten Enrollment Is Open until March 21, 2021](#)

Will your child turn 3, 4, or 5 years old by September 1, 2021? It's time to enroll for Head Start and kindergarten! Learn about MPS schools and how to enroll. [Read more about enrollment.](#)

[Celebrating Abilities Family Forum](#)

The annual MPS forum to support families with special needs students will be virtual this year. Join in hour-long workshops each night March 8-12 to hear about important resources and supports. [Download a flyer with information and registration links.](#)

[Textbook Review](#)

Family and community members are invited to review and offer feedback on textbooks under consideration for next school year. Books will be available to browse in person at North Division and South Division high schools February 24 to March 12. Registration is required to limit the number of participants in each time slot. [Access the registration form](#) and note the columns for the correct school; click on a tab at the bottom of the document to select a date.

North Division High School

1011 W. Center Street

Please enter the building through the labeled main entrance on Center Street. Ring the bell and you will be directed to room 338.

South Division High School

1515 W. Lapham Boulevard

Please enter the building through the labeled main entrance on Lapham Boulevard. Ring the bell and you will be directed to room 248.

Register Now -- Student Job Fair

The annual MPS Student Job Fair will be virtual this year. Students age 16 and older can visit with employers, learn about careers, and find out how to apply for summer or part-time employment. Drop in from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 10, 2021. Sign up for the [MPS Student Job Fair!](#)

Free Fresh Produce for Children Continues in March

MPS will continue to offer bags of fresh fruits and vegetables to children in March through the federal Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program. Each bag will contain nutrition facts and recipes so families can cook together and enjoy new healthy food options. Learn more on the [Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program web page](#).

Families can pick up a produce bag March 4, 11, 18, and 25 at [Stop, Grab, and Go locations](#) during regular meal distribution hours of 11:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

Read the MPS Alumni Newsletter!

MPS Alumni are doing amazing things! Be inspired by our graduates and their successes. Read about alumni businesses and frontline workers. Are you an alumnus? Visit the [Alumni Hub](#), register, and get connected. [Check out the newsletter and be amazed!](#)

In case you missed it . . .

Lois Womack Receives Teaching Award

Congratulations to Lois Womack of Marvin Pratt Elementary School! Womack is one of five Wisconsin educators named by State Superintendent Carolyn Stanford Taylor for the 2020 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. The award is considered the highest honor bestowed by the U.S. government for math and science teachers. [Read the story of this prestigious award.](#)

8th Graders: Apply Now for PEOPLE!

The PEOPLE program provides support throughout high school so students are on a pathway to a University of Wisconsin college. Participation includes scholarship opportunities. Applications are due March 5, 2021. [Learn more about the PEOPLE program!](#)

Summer Academy Registration Is Open

Get ready for Summer Academy! Visit mpsmke.com/summeracademy for all the details.

Grades K5-8 can take part in a six-week camp with weekly themes in art, music, math, science, and literacy. Session runs June 22 to July 29 from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Middle and high school students can catch up on credits or get ahead. Two sessions are available: June 7-July 2 and July 6-29 from 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Need Money for College? Fill out the FAFSA!

The first step in finding money for college is to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This application is free and will reveal what loans and grants may be available to students. [Read more about FAFSA](#) and special workshops on Feb. 17 and 23 to help you fill out your application. Help is available to students through [MPS College and Career Centers](#) or [download a flyer for more information](#).

Explore and Learn: Virtual Field Trips

Each week, we feature four new virtual field trips to add variety to learning. Enjoy activities and tours of factories, parks, and zoos around the world!

[Jean-Michel Basquiat](#): Hear the story of this acclaimed Black artist.

[Black Scientists and Inventors](#): Watch this video about Black achievements in science.

[Ravensburger Games](#): See the engineering and creativity needed to produce board games and puzzles.

[Want to Be an Archeologist?](#) Hear about the career of digging up the past.

No Meal Distribution March 19

Extra Meals March 18

MPS does not distribute meals to students on scheduled days off. Breakfast, lunch, and supper will not be distributed on Friday, March 19, 2021.

Children can receive extra meals on Thursday, March 18, ahead of the break. All children age 18 and under can receive an extra breakfast, lunch, and supper meal.

Watch for more news about Weekend Meal Bundles starting March 5!

For more information, visit our [Stop, Grab, and Go](#) web page.

We're here to help!

For questions about your child or your school, please email your child's teacher or principal.

MPS Central Services Phone Line: (414) 475-8393

MPS Hotline: (414) 475-8900

Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

For specific questions regarding a child with disabilities, call the **Department of Specialized Services at (414) 438-3648**.

Families who need support for **English language learners** can call **(414) 777-7806**.

Enrollment

If you need immediate enrollment, contact a school directly, visit our [Immediate Enrollment](#) page, or call (414) 267-5100. For Fall Enrollment, visit mpsmke.com/enroll.

Chromebook Support

If your student's Chromebook is not working properly, do not try to repair it yourself. Email the MPS Technology Support Center at tsc@milwaukee.k12.wi.us immediately or call (414) 438-3400 . Please include a phone number, school name, student name and ID number, and description of the problem in the email so we can contact you.

Infinite Campus Parent Portal Technical Support

Live Parent Portal (Infinite Campus) support is available from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday.

To recover a username/password: Parents/guardians should email parentportal@milwaukee.k12.wi.us. Include the parent/guardian name, child's name, birth date, and a contact number. If you do not receive a phone call or email within 24 hours, please call (414) 475-8159 for further assistance.

For assistance setting up a new Parent Portal account: Parents/guardians may call (414) 475-8159 or email parentportal@milwaukee.k12.wi.us.

Helpful Links for Students and Families

Roadmap to Readiness Website: These new pages will support students and parents as we transition to the new school year virtually this fall.

MPS website: Everything you need to know about the district.

MPS Stop, Grab, & Go: Information about meal distribution sites.

OverDrive/SORA: Help your child log in and access online library books for summer reading.

Enrichment Activities: Dance, yoga, crafts, and more to keep children engaged.

Family Resources: Get support with helping your child learn at home.

Local COVID-19 Testing Sites and Information

If you feel you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, please contact your healthcare provider or access information about testing sites in the Milwaukee area.

- [City of Milwaukee Health Department](#)
- [Wisconsin Department of Health Services COVID-19 Community Testing Sites](#)

Community Assistance: Find supports for food access, mental health, financial assistance, and more.

IMPACT 2-1-1: A network of local resources to assist families.

Milwaukee Board of School Directors

Upcoming Meetings: March

If you'd like to follow the meetings of the Milwaukee Board of School Directors, visit the [Electronic School Board page](#) to find the meeting schedule, agendas, and links to watch or listen to live meetings. Instructions for public testimony are also offered on this page.

Committee on Parent and Community Engagement: Tues. Mar. 9, 5:30 P.M.

Committee on Student Achievement and School Innovation: Thurs. Mar. 11, 5:30 P.M.

Committee on Accountability, Finance, and Personnel: Tues. March 16, 5:30 P.M.

Regular Monthly Board Meeting: Thurs. March 25, 6:30 P.M.

