



## Celebrating Abilities Family Forum

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

- [English Flyer](#)
- [Spanish Flyer](#)

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## News and Updates - March 5, 2021

### [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!](#)

### [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.](#)

### [Weekend Meal Bundles](#)

MPS is now offering weekend meals for children at Stop, Grab, and Go locations each Friday. All children age 18 and under can take home breakfast, lunch, and supper for Friday, plus breakfast and lunch for Saturday and Sunday. For locations, times, and more information, visit the [MPS Nutrition web page](#).

### [MPS Reads](#)

Each month, MPS provides a list of recommended books for preschool through grade 12 that allows students to see themselves, explore other cultures, and discover more about the world in which they live.

Help ignite a passion for reading! [Access the March book list on the MPS Reads page.](#)

### [New Recreation Programs for Spring](#)

## **Spring Youth Sports Clinics**

Milwaukee Recreation is offering a series of instructional classes for students in outdoor soccer, softball, track, volleyball, and tennis! [Register now and find more information on the available clinics](#). Group sizes will be limited; masks/face coverings will be required for the safety of all participants, spectators, staff, and instructors.

## **Bryant Community Center**

Milwaukee Recreation has opened a new community center at Bryant School--join us this spring! [Find more information and register for dance, fitness, and art programs at Bryant](#).

Bryant Community Center is located at 8718 W. Thurston Ave., Milwaukee, WI, 53225.

## **Ophelia King Receives Friend of School Counseling Award**

Milwaukee Public Schools congratulates Ophelia King, Manager II School Counseling, in the Department of College and Career Readiness. King has been recognized with the 2021 Wisconsin School Counselor Association's Friend of School Counseling Award. Recipients of the award demonstrate profound impact on the school counseling profession and the lives of students. [Read more about Ophelia's recognition](#).

## **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.

## **Student Job Fair--March 10**

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!](#)

## **Save the Date: Wisconsin Challenge Academy**

Wisconsin Challenge Academy is a live-in program at Fort McCoy in western Wisconsin where students can get on track to graduate. In a structured environment, students focus on academics, physical fitness, leadership, life skills, citizenship, and more. Students return to their MPS school to

complete high school and graduate. Mark your calendar for information sessions on March 19 at 11:00 A.M. and March 24 at 6:45 P.M. More information will be posted in the coming weeks.

## Save the Date: Youth Apprentice Information Session

MPS youth apprentices receive on-the-job training while still in high school! High school sophomores and juniors, along with parents/guardians, can learn more about youth apprenticeships at a virtual information session on Wednesday, March 24, 2021, at 6:00 P.M. via Zoom. Mark your calendar and [register by March 22](#). A link will be provided after registration.

## Scholarships

Students interested in attending college to pursue business, accounting, or finance can apply for a \$1,000 scholarship from the Milwaukee Chapter of the National Association of Black Accountants. Deadline is April 15, 2021. Scholarships are available for graduating seniors or for current college students. For more information and application links, visit <https://community.nabainc.org/milwaukee/scholarships>.

## In case you missed it . . .

### 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.

### Summer Academy Registration Is Open

Get ready for Summer Academy! Visit [mpsmke.com/summeracademy](https://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.

### 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!](#)

### 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](#). Help is available to students through [MPS College and Career Centers](#).

## 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!

[Field Trip to Space](#): Learn how Boeing produces space vehicles for Johnson Space Center and blast off in a rocket.

[How Money is Printed](#): Watch the process of designing and printing money.

[Optical Illusions](#): Art meets science in these constructs that trick the brain.

[Visit the Rain Forest](#): Take a tour, meet animals, and learn how rain forests are essential to our planet.

## 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 their breakfast, lunch, and supper meals for Thursday and Friday, plus breakfast and lunch for Saturday and Sunday.

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](https://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**Special Board Meeting:** Thurs. March 18, 5:30 P.M.

**Special Board Meeting:** Tues. March 23, 5:30 P.M.

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

