



Parent-Teacher Conferences

All MPS schools are hosting Parent-Teacher Conferences in March. This is your chance to learn about your child's progress, ask questions, and talk about solutions to individual needs. Don't miss this opportunity to talk with your child's teacher one-on-one and celebrate your child's progress! Teachers will be able to provide updates and recommendations tailored to each student's individual needs.

Parents and guardians should be alert for information from schools about scheduling conferences for each child. Conferences will take place virtually. Students do not have classes Friday, March 19, 2021, to help accommodate conferences.

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News and Updates - March 12, 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.](#)

Youth Apprentices 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 through our form](#) by March 22. A link will be provided after registration.

Spring Break Virtual Adventures

The Urban Ecology Center and Wisconsin Humane Society are hosting free virtual adventures for children in grades K5 - 6 during spring break. To learn more, visit the [Extended Learning Opportunities webpage](#).

Career Exploration

Real Estate Exchange Summer Program for high school juniors and seniors: Attend this virtual program July 12-23, 2021, to learn about careers in commercial real estate. Interested students should go to <https://www.naiop-wi.org/reex> to learn more and find out how to obtain a scholarship and apply for the program. Note that students must email info@naiop-wi.org to indicate interest and receive an application fee waiver prior to applying. Deadline is March 31, 2021.

High school girls are invited to a workshop, **Young Women in Commercial Real Estate**, to learn about real estate careers including banking, engineering, design, and management. [Learn more and register at Menomonee River Valley Partners](#). A group session will take place April 21, 2021, and a mentor session will take place March 17 or March 31, 2021.

Explore **speech-language pathology careers** on Wednesday, March 17, 2021, at 2:15 p.m. This workshop is free for students and is sponsored by Milwaukee Area Health Education Center, Northeast Wisconsin Area Health Education Center, and Inspire Sheboygan County. Register to participate at <https://inspiresheboygancounty.formstack.com/forms/studentshadow>.

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](#).

Wisconsin Challenge Academy Information Session

Wisconsin Challenge Academy is a live-in program at Fort McCoy in western Wisconsin where girls and boys 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. Information sessions will be held on two dates. Registration is required; a Zoom link will be sent after registration.

- Friday, March 19 at 11:00
A.M.: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/a27f0babd04c445daede78cab80522da>
- Wednesday, March 24 at 6:45
P.M.: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/a27f0babd04c445daede78cab80522da>

MPS Job Fair--Teachers Wanted!

MPS is hiring licensed teachers for Fall 2021! Do you want to make a difference for urban students and provide an exceptional education? Explore schools in our Central Region and learn about schools targeted for extra supports. Attend our virtual hiring events on Saturday, March 27 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. and Wednesday, March 31 from 4:30 to 6:30 P.M. Register and learn more at mpsmke.com/jobfair.

FoodShare for All MPS Families

All Milwaukee Public Schools children are eligible for benefits because the district offers free lunch to all students and has been virtual all school year. Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) funds are available to families of all Wisconsin children who have been learning from home and are eligible for free or reduced lunch. Parents of school-aged children who currently receive FoodShare benefits will have P-EBT benefits added to the existing QUEST card. Families who do not receive FoodShare benefits need to complete a FoodShare application at www.access.wi.gov.

Daylight Savings Time

Families are reminded that Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 14, 2021, at 2:00 A.M. Clocks should be set forward one hour to reflect the time change.

Daylight Savings Time was first proposed by Benjamin Franklin in 1784 to make better use of natural daylight. Daylight Savings Time was first tested in the United States in 1974 during the energy crisis and has undergone a number of changes since that time. The current schedule has been followed since 2007.

If you're every confused about how to set your clocks, just remember the helpful adage: Spring forward, fall back.

Health and Safety Tips for Returning to Classrooms

As the time approaches for students to return to in-person learning, children and families will have questions about safety. [The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offers helpful tips, videos, and flyers to help families prepare.](#) Families are encouraged to review materials and start talking with children about ways to safely return to classrooms.

Scholarships

MPS Foundation

The Milwaukee Public Schools Foundation coordinates a number of scholarships, some of which are available only to MPS students. The Ruth Bader Ginsberg scholarship provides \$2,000 per year for undergraduate study plus an option for \$10,000 per year for a young woman who attends law school. [Check out these amazing opportunities!](#) Many scholarships have deadlines of March 26, 2021--apply now!

National Association of Black Accountants

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>

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.](#)

In case you missed it . . .

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.

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!](#)

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.](#)

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.

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.](#)

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.



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!

[How Doughnuts Are Made](#): See the engineering needed to produce hundreds of treats.

[Math Meets Dance](#): Watch this classic tap dance routine full of tricks.

[Penniless Pilgrim Riddle](#): Use math to solve this puzzle of twists and turns.

[San Diego Zoo Animal Cameras](#): Watch 13 animals on camera in their zoo habitats.

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.

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 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.

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Safe and Healthy Together

Seguros y saludables juntos

- Wash hands frequently.**
Lávate las manos con frecuencia.
- Wear a mask.**
Usa un tapabocas.
- Keep social distance.**
Mantén la distancia social.
- Stay home if sick.**
Quédate en casa si estás enfermo.
- Take care of yourself.**
Cuidate.