



December 10, 2021

Carver Academy Honors Joyce A. Hall for Nearly 60 Years of Service

After teaching for 36 years and volunteering for another 24, George Washington Carver Academy has renamed its library in honor of Joyce A. Hall. To inspire future generations, Carver staff chose to dedicate the space to their beloved educator. [Read more about this honor recognizing a lifetime of service to students.](#)

MPS Hosts Vaccine Clinics at 12 Schools

COVID-19 Vaccine Approved for Children Ages 5 to 11

Children as young as 5 can now receive the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine! Vaccines are safe and effective in preventing COVID-19. A pediatrician or health care provider is the best source for answers to questions about the vaccine.

MPS is hosting COVID-19 vaccine clinics to help families access the vaccine. Appointments are not needed.

Clinics for the week of December 13 are as follows:

- December 13, 9:30 A.M.-12 P.M.: Bethune Academy, 1535 N. 35th St.
- December 14, 9:30 A.M.-12 P.M.: LaFollette, 3239 N. 9th St.
- December 14, 1-4 P.M.: Franklin School, 2308 W. Nash Ave.

[See the complete schedule by downloading a flyer.](#)

A signed consent form is needed for children to receive the vaccine.

[Download the vaccine consent form in English.](#)

[Download the vaccine consent form in Spanish.](#)

To view a list of all school vaccine clinics across the city, visit the [Milwaukee Health Department COVID-19 webpage.](#)

For more information about vaccines, visit the [Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#) and the [Children's Wisconsin website.](#)

News and Updates

Reminder: Student Holiday Break is Dec. 23 to Jan. 3

MPS students will enjoy time off for the holidays from Thursday, December 23 through Monday, January 3. Schools will be closed during this time. School staff will enjoy their break from December 24 through January 3. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 4. Meals will not be served during the break.

All MPS locations, including Central Services, will be closed on the following dates:

- Friday, December 24
- Monday, December 27
- Thursday, December 30
- Friday, December 31

Have a safe and relaxing winter break!

Khris Middleton and UnitedHealthcare Donate Coats to Maple Tree

Milwaukee Bucks All-Star Khris Middleton and UnitedHealthcare delivered hundreds of coats to Maple Tree School to ensure students are safe and warm this winter as they walk to school and wait at bus stops. Excited students got to meet Khris and pick out coats, caps, and mittens. Thank you, Khris Middleton and UnitedHealthcare!

Dr. Janet Butler Receives Inspiring Teacher Award

Dr. Janet Butler, School Support Teacher at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. School, has received the Inspiring Teacher award from WTMJ's Positively Milwaukee. Dr. Butler was nominated by long-time friend and community volunteer Tyrone Dumas. [Watch the Positively Milwaukee Awards Ceremony with Carole Meekins, Dr. Butler, and others on TMJ4.](#)

Sign up for Winter Adventures during Holiday Break

MPS partners including Wehr Nature Center, Wisconsin Humane Society, Wisconsin Conservatory of Music, and Urban Ecology Center will offer one-day adventures for fun and learning during the winter holiday break. Visit the [Extended Learning Adventures](#) page to read descriptions and register. Programs are free and fill quickly!

Textbook Advisory Committee

MPS is preparing to select new social studies textbooks. Parents and family members are needed to review textbooks and make recommendations beginning in January 2022. Books will be available for review and meetings will be scheduled to discuss feedback. To receive more information, fill out a form at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSehli-sxCA5sFLYYjDc7fEH4RFmbHMgeD0JckTDcwWa5_In5w/viewform

Health Care Career Exploration

Students interested in health care careers can take part in online events offered by the Wisconsin Area Health Education Center.

Dec. 9, 2021 @ 11:00 A.M. Genetic Counseling--a student perspective

Dec. 14, 2021 @ 9:30 A.M. Therapy in a Rural Location

Learn more at <https://www.milahec.org/health-careers>

Register at <https://inspirewi.org/event-registration/>

MPS Reads

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MPS Needs Substitute Teachers

Help children succeed! MPS is hiring substitute teachers at a rate of \$200 per day. Candidates must have a bachelor's degree. A teaching license OR successfully passing the [Stedi.org](https://www.stedi.org) training is also required. Other training pathways are possible. Visit the [MPS Substitute Teaching web page](#) for more information and to apply.

MPS Weekly Spotlight

MPS Receives WHPE Advocacy Award

Wisconsin Health and Physical Education, Inc. (WHPE), which is the state's professional association for health and physical educators, has announced that Milwaukee Public Schools is the recipient of the 2021 Advocacy Award. Each year, WHPE presents a number of awards for teachers of the year, outstanding service, career achievement, and more.

The Advocacy Award is given in recognition of significant contributions made to the advancement of the profession through the fields of health, physical education, or related fields. [Read more about this honor!](#)

Tips for Staying Safe & Healthy

Latest Updates About COVID-19

Is the COVID-19 vaccine safe? How did it become available so quickly? Should my family get vaccinated? Find answers to these questions from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on the [Benefits of Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine](#) page. Also learn about [COVID-19 Vaccines for Children and Teens](#) and the importance of vaccines in stopping the spread of COVID.

COVID-19 Vaccine Locations

COVID-19 vaccine is available FREE for all Wisconsin residents age 12 and older. Health insurance is NOT needed. Call the hotline at (414) 286-6800 for questions, to schedule an appointment or home visit, or to speak with a nurse.

Important Note: Vaccine locations will be closed November 25-28 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Milwaukee Health Dept. Mobile Clinics

Northwest Health Center, 7630 W. Mill Rd.

Southside Health Center, 1639 S. 23rd St.

Mondays & Fridays: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 12 - 6 p.m.

Saturdays: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

NEW!! Menomonee Valley Site, 2401 W. St. Paul Ave.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 12 - 6 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Vaccines are also available throughout the city at many pharmacies including CVS and Walgreens. Visit the [Milwaukee Health Department COVID-19 Vaccine page](#) (available in English, Spanish, and Hmong) for more information about COVID-19 vaccine locations.

COVID-19: Supports for Families

COVID-19 continues to change our world in unexpected ways. [Community Advocates](#) has a directory of topics including energy assistance, children's programming, housing, and more for families who need support or have been impacted by COVID-19.

Have you been exposed to COVID-19 (or tested positive) and wonder how to tell your contacts? [This helpful flyer from the City of Milwaukee Health Department](#) offers guidelines for sharing information with friends, family, and co-workers.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) has prepared several flyers to clarify isolation and quarantine procedures. Most publications listed below are available in multiple languages.

[How long should I quarantine?](#)

[COVID-19 and School: Information for Parents and Guardians](#)

[COVID-19: Isolation and Quarantine](#)

[COVID-19: Quarantine Release Times - I live with someone diagnosed with COVID](#)

Access these guides to stay up to date and help keep your family safe.

Safe Practices Help Avoid Illness

As cold and flu season approaches and COVID-19 remains, following healthy practices to avoid becoming sick.

- Wear a face mask in public, even if you are vaccinated.
- Maintain 3 feet of physical distance.
- Wash hands frequently, especially when returning home.

- Get the flu shot and COVID-19 vaccine if you are eligible.

Stay Home When Sick

Check your child every morning for signs of illness. Keep them home if symptoms are present, and contact a health care provider to ask about testing.

ONE of the following symptoms

- Cough
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell

TWO or more symptoms

- Fever of 100.4° F or above
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Muscle or body aches
- New onset of headache
- Congestion or runny nose
- Fatigue
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting

[Download helpful guidelines for sick children.](#)

In case you missed it . . .

MPS Hosts Day of Code

Ahead of Computer Science Education Week (Dec. 6-10), students from three MPS schools hosted a virtual Day of Code to showcase skills and share their excitement for computer science. On November 30, 2021, students from Washington High School, Golda Meir School, and Milwaukee Academy of Chinese Language showed off their coding skills and brought the process to life through a virtual Day of Code. The sessions were recorded and are now available to the public! Watch our talented students in action.

K-5 Session: <https://mpsmke.com/dayofcodek5>

Grades 6-8 Session: <https://mpsmke.com/dayofcode68>

High School Session: <https://mpsmke.com/dayofcodehs>

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Saturday Music Lessons

MPS will offer a variety of lessons for students who want to learn piano, ukulele, woodwinds, brass, and more! Classes will run Jan. 29 to April 30, 2022, and are taught at Hamilton High School and Milwaukee Marshall High School. [Download a flyer to learn more.](#) Registration opens Dec. 10, 2021.

Student Meals Available for Pick-up

Families with children enrolled in an MPS virtual program can pick up meals on school days. Each child will receive breakfast and lunch, while supplies last. Pre-orders are NOT required.

School days from 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

- **Andrew Douglas Middle School** - 3620 N. 18th St., Milwaukee, 53206
- **North Division High School** - 1011 W. Center St., Milwaukee, 53206
- **South Division High School** - 1515 W. Lapham Blvd., Milwaukee, 53204
- **Vincent High School** - 7501 N. Granville Rd., Milwaukee, 53224
- **Milwaukee Academy of Chinese Language** - 2430 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, 53233
- **Milwaukee Parkside** - 2969 S. Howell Ave., Milwaukee, 53207

Stay Connected!

MPS offers tools to help families find the information and support they need. Log in to the Infinite Campus Parent Portal, download the MPS App for updates, and follow us on social media. The Parent Coordinator at your child's school can also assist.

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

MPS App

Get all the latest news and updates! Download the MPS App and follow us on social media. Fast access to news, updates, and the entire MPS website is available on the MPS App (for Apple and Android smartphone platforms). To download, use the links below.

[iOS](#) | [Android](#)

Milwaukee Board of School Directors

Upcoming Meetings: December & January

If you'd like to follow the meetings of the Milwaukee Board of School Directors, visit the [Milwaukee Board of School Directors 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. Dec. 14, 5:30 P.M.

Regular Monthly Board Meeting: Thurs. Dec. 16, 5:30 P.M.

Committee on Parent and Community Engagement: Tues. Jan. 4, 5:30 P.M.

Committee on Student Achievement and School Innovation: Thurs. Jan. 6, 5:30 P.M.

