



Global Gazette

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August 2016

UPCOMING DATES

August 9 Grades 2, 4 & 6 School Safety Talk and Health Ed Pros parent overview 10:15 a.m. and 6:15 p.m. at LECC

August 12 Get to Know You Picnic/T-shirt Exchange, 6-7:30 p.m. on the MEC Playground

August 25 1st Grade Back to School Night, PFO Reception and First Grade International Spotlight, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

September 1 Back to School Night, Grades 2-6, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

September 2 School Pictures

September 2 Lawrence Day at Lucas Oil Stadium, 8 p.m.

September 5 Labor Day Holiday - No School

September 16 Movie Night, Grades 1-4, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

September 20 Culver's Night on 96th Street, 5-8 p.m.

September 26 Morning Principal Family Chat

September 27 Math Pentathlon Information Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Grades 1-2 - Congrats to Gideon who read for 3,040 minutes.

Grades 3-4 - Congrats to Will who read for 4,176 minutes.

Grades 5-6 - Congrats to Miraculous who read for a grand total of 5,640 minutes.

Go GlobeTrotters!

INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS

Our very own **Hillary Church** and other MSDLT coaches will be traveling to Rio this Wednesday to support our former Lawrence North Olympians. Ashley Spencer (hurdles) and Felicia Johnson (shot put) former LN high school students will be competing in the Olympics. Mrs. Church was their high school track coach at LN. She is looking forward to making amazing connections for our students/school and township. What an exciting opportunity of a life time for these young athletes. MSDLT Wildcat Pride! <http://www.theindychannel.com/news/local-news/two-former-lawrence-north-wildcats-headed-to-olympic-games-in-rio>

CHARACTER QUOTE

"Every child can learn, but what and how much depends on what we do." --G. Butler

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH BEST PRACTICES

Student Achievement *through Best Practices!* Mary Castle students are globally minded and compassionate lifelong learners for a changing world. We want our students to show kindness and have "Great Attitudes, Love Learning, Own Responsibility, Be Respectful, Active Listeners, and Live Safely!!
"Expect EXCELLENCE"

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Student Achievement - ISTEP scores came out this summer. Please review your child's scores online. If your child was within 15 points of passing should be considered for RESCORE. Contact us before Friday, August 12th or we will call you to share if your child should be re-scored. Attached to this email is information on RESCORING ISTEP. The IDOE will allow school districts to assist parents with Rescore Requests as long as the conversation with the parent is documented. All requests must be made through the Parent Portal <https://results.pearsonaccessnext.com/https://results.pearsonaccessnext.com/>

Summer Reading Program Celebration - Mary Castle celebrated 94 students last Friday with an ice cream party for their summer reading efforts. Top Summer Readers at Mary Castle:

Safety - Thank you for patience as we navigate new arrival and drop off procedures. We recommend that families with children at the ELC drop off at that site first before coming to the MEC parent drop off line. Be sure to alternate and take turns with the ELC families as you leave Mary Castle. Remember to drive slowly and safely.

Elementary Families - The School Safety Talk and Health Ed Pros parent overview will be offered to families on Tuesday, August 9th at 10:15 and 6:15. This preview is for Grades 2, 4 & 6 families at LECC.

Chrome Books for 5th & 6th Graders - New this year our 5th and 6th graders will have a 1:1 device as we aim to better serve our students with technology integration into the curriculum. Our 5th and 6th grade teachers received their new devices last week at our Elevated Ed conference. We plan to hold a parent information meeting night before the 1:1 devices are deployed and sent home with students.

Robotics Summer Camp - Mary Castle had the largest number of students participate in the Robotics Summer Camp. We are excited and proud to receive a grant from Ed Tech that will

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enable us to start an After School Robotics club for the upcoming school year.

Mrs. Johnson, Principal

For Your Child's Safety

If your child is absent or is going to be tardy, please call the school at 964-4605 by 8:30 a.m. On the voice mail leave the following information:

1. Child's Name,
2. Room Number or Teacher's Name, and
3. Reason for their Absence.

Visitors - Student Security

Student security is a primary concern to us. It is essential that office personnel and staff members know who is in the building at all times, with awareness of proper authorization. All parents and visitors are required to enter at the front of the building, report to the office, show your photo ID, sign in to the building by the office staff, and wear an identification badge.

All entrance doors with the exception of the main entrance will be locked throughout the school day. Staff and students have been instructed to not open the building doors for any one. It is important that everyone supports this Safe School Procedure.

Volunteer Opportunities

All volunteers are required to complete a Voluntary Agreement and have a Limited Criminal History background check prior to volunteering. **The Limited Criminal History background check is required each school year.**

Picture Day - September 2, 2016

Just a reminder that picture day is September 2. You can order with the picture envelope or order online. Online ordering will be available up until 48 hours after pictures are taken. Online ordering info: www.order.inter-state.com use order code 657294.

Pre-Pay for School Meals

Pre-pay for school meals at www.PayPAMS.com. Pay for your child's meals from home or office 24/7. View your child's meal account balance. Schedule automatic payments based on account balance. Receive low balance email reminders. View a report of daily spending and cafeteria purchases. View the menu of your school's cafeteria.

End of Student Day

Please help the office staff by writing notes whenever your child's after school routine needs to change or be communicated. Pointing your child in the right direction is our priority at the end of each school day. Notifying us prior to 1:30 p.m. helps your child and us! Without a written notice or phone call, your child will be expected to follow his/her usual routine. This also helps avoid interrupting classrooms by 'calling down' for students. Parents picking students up after school should remain in the car rider line.

Lunch At Mary Castle

Parents and other family members are welcome to come have lunch with their student. A reservation must be made by 9 a.m.

on the morning of the visit. You may place advance reservations. When you arrive, sign in at the office, and put on a name tag.

Student Drop Off in the Morning

Students are to arrive between 7:35 - 8 a.m. Students need to be in their seats ready to start working at 8 a.m. sharp!

Cafeteria

Lunches can be purchased or your child can bring their lunch from home. Please no soft drinks or "fast food". Lunch prices per day:

Lunch	\$1.75 (Milk Included)
Milk Only	.40
Reduced Lunch	.30
Adult Lunch	\$2.50

Breakfast is served daily on a pre-paid basis. Breakfast prices per day:

Breakfast	\$1.25
Reduced Breakfast	.20

Free & Reduced Lunch Applications

Free & Reduced lunch applications are available on line and in the office. This application for free & reduced lunch must be completed at the beginning of each year. The website is: www.paypams.com/onlineapp

VERY IMPORTANT MEMO FROM THE NURSE

Medical Consent Forms: Medical consent forms went home on the first day of school. These forms give your child permission to be seen in the nurse's office. By state law, NURSING SERVICES WILL NOT BE PROVIDED IF A CONSENT IS NOT ON FILE except in an emergency. Please complete and return these forms as soon as possible so that your child may be seen in the nurse's office for care such as bandaids, stomach aches, etc. If you did not receive a consent form and need a new one, please contact the nurse at 964-4684 or lisacoblentz@msdlt.k12.in.us. These forms are also available on our website: <https://www.itschools.org/services/health-services/health-forms>.

Parents of 6th Grade Students: Please be sure to send in an updated shot record to the nurse. All students entering 6th grade are required to have two additional vaccines- Meningococcal and Tdap. If your child has not yet received these vaccines, but has an upcoming appointment scheduled, please contact the nurse at 964-4684 or lisacoblentz@msdlt.k12.in.us.

PFO INFORMATION

Welcome to Mary Castle! We're Glad You're Here.

The Mary Castle PFO promotes our children's education through a closer relationship between home and school. We host events to foster school community and raise funds to support learning opportunities.

You are invited to the Get to Know You Picnic! - The picnic will be held Friday, August 12 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. This

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is a free event and a great way to meet other families and mingle with school staff. Just bring a blanket and some food and enjoy time together on the Mary Castle playground! A table will be available to turn in any unwanted Mary Castle spirit wear and/or pick up a previously loved Mary Castle t-shirt. **We look forward to seeing you there!**

Easy Fundraising for Mary Castle Elementary with Kroger!

Kroger's Community Rewards Program helps raise money for the Mary Castle PFO, and it's easy to participate!

1) Go to:

<https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow>

2) Log into your Kroger account (or create a new login).

3) Choose MARY CASTLE ELEMENTARY PFO (Organization# 10947) as your Community Rewards organization.

4) Shop at Kroger! Every time you use your Kroger Plus card, Mary Castle will benefit.

In the first quarter of 2016, with just 14 families enrolled, we earned \$240.16!! In the second quarter of 2016, the number of families enrolled grew to 39, and the earnings were \$389.38!!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE PFO!

STAY INFORMED!!

STAY informed of the latest news at Mary Castle by keeping your email address and phone number current with our office team. Here are some additional ways to stay informed.

- Check out Mary Castle on FACEBOOK and "LIKE us"
<https://www.facebook.com/mecschool>
- Follow us on Twitter!
Mary Castle Elem@MaryCastleElem
- Sign up for the Mary Castle list serve which will allow you to be notified of school events, and other important school and township information.
<http://marycastle.ltschools.org/>
- Check your child's first day of the week blue folder for important school information.
- All Early Learning Centers and Elementary Schools adhere to the district handbook:
<http://marycastle.ltschools.org/about/student-handbook>

If you have and questions please feel free to contact us at 317-964-4600.

Be sure to watch our website for upcoming community events and activities! From our school's homepage, scroll down the right side of the page under **DISTRICT INFORMATION**. Click on Community Opportunities & Information to stay informed!