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Global Gazette

November 2016

LOOKING AHEAD

November 11	Veterans Day – School in Session – Wear Red, White & Blue
November 11	Grade 6 Field Trip to the International Festival
November 11	Movie Night, Grades 1-4, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
November 11-17	Hearing and Vision Screening
November 15	PFO Meeting, 7 p.m. with guest speaker Dr. Shawn Smith, MSDLT Superintendent
November 17	MEC Night at Incrediplax
November 21-25	Thanksgiving Break – No School
November 28	1 st Day Back from Thanksgiving Break
November 29	MEC Culver's Night on 96 th Street

Principal Corner – Mrs. Johnson

Student Achievement through Best Practice: Thanks for an outstanding turn out with parent teacher conferences in October. Anytime is good for us to meet and discuss and plan for your child's academic or behavioral needs, just contact your child's teacher. Classroom awards for the first quarter were sent home with students. Join us in January as we celebrate student achievement as we recognize first semester scholars in January.

Dreambox: The month of November we are introducing a new math computer program called Dreambox. Dreambox is similar to LEXIA which we use for reading skills. This is the link specific for Mary Castle. After you've clicked this for the first time, I would bookmark it so you don't have to type it in each time. <https://play.dreambox.com/login/gv99/5e9y> Student username is the same one they use for Lexia and their password is msdlt1234. We encourage our students to get on Lexia and/or Dreambox/Prodigy each night.

WANTED: If you are interested or could share contacts of individuals that might offer a Foreign Language after school club please contact the office. This would be a wonderful extension of our magnet focus on International Studies.

Staff News: Congratulations to Holly Ellis for receiving a \$800 grant in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) materials from the Lawrence Township Foundation. She was surprised with the grant with special visitors to her classroom and awarded in front of her students. We are excited to see the impact of grant dollars in student achievement with 3rd graders.

Amanda Maynard our 5th grade teacher has gone on maternity leave. In her place for the next 8 weeks will be Donna Long. Donna Long has a bachelor's degree in mathematics education and a master's degree in educational administration. She taught school for 8 1/2 years; served as a

math supervisor K-12 for a school district in Indianapolis, and worked at the Indiana Department of Education as a K-12 mathematics consultant. After this, Donna joined an educational publishing company and she stayed in this capacity for several years. She worked with elementary math books.

SAFETY-On Tuesday, November 1st Mary Castle was alerted to be put on a lockdown (external) as were most schools. The lockdown simply meant that all perimeter doors were locked and students came in from the playground. As we went into preparation mode our school was notified to resume normal operations within two minutes. Each semester we practice safety drills such as fire, weather-tornado and lock downs. Our first scheduled practice for Lockdown (Internal) was Friday, November 4th.

1:1 One to the World

The new Chromebooks have allowed the fifth and sixth grade students some new and exciting opportunities. The fifth grade students have been working on digital story telling projects that combine photos and writing. Students loved the opportunity to record their stories and bring them to life. "Adobe Voice was way more fun than just writing a paper," according to Kambree W. Also they have been able to collaborate on a three generational memoir using the program Tikatok. In addition, students are able to connect with other places and schools around the world. The fifth graders in Ms. Dorsel's class used Google Earth to take a virtual field trip and visit Pakistan, the setting in their book Three Cups of Tea. They are also using Google Connected Classrooms to collaborate with a class in Massachusetts. "Technology in the classroom is a vital thing to have. It is a great access to millions of things at your fingertips," said Paul T.

News from the Nurse

The Marion County Health Department will be conducting Vision and Hearing Screenings on November 11-17. Vision Screenings will be given to all students in Grades 1, 3 & 5. Hearing Screenings will be given to all students in Grades 1 & 4. Please contact Lisa Coblentz at 964-4684 if you should have any questions.

International Connections

News from Music: The Related Arts Staff and Students are so happy to have Mrs. Rouse back in the Music room after returning from her maternity leave, Welcome Back Mrs. Rouse, we all missed you! Mrs. Rouse is glad to be back at Mary Castle! Baby Stella is doing great.....she is a healthy and happy baby! :)

News from COMPASS: Last week in COMPASS the students "registered to vote". On Nov. 8 each student will have the opportunity to cast a ballot in a school-wide mock election that our 6th graders are putting on in the



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cafeteria. We will wrap up our study with the history of voting. The students have done a fantastic job engaging in the election process

News from Art: Art to Remember orders have arrived to Mary Castle and have been handed back to students in their homeroom classrooms. If you have any questions about your products or orders please contact Ms. Wynne, katherinewynne@msdl.org with any questions or concerns! If you would still like to place an order, it's not too late to place it online! You may log online to ArtToRemember.com and use your "online order code" located on the front of your student's order form packet. Online ordering will remain open thru January and those products should arrive to Mary Castle in February! Thank you so much for supporting your student's creativity, the PFO, and the Art Department!

News from Gym: This fall and spring we will be conducting FitnessGram Testing with our 4th through 6th Graders. We are currently working through some technology items but hopefully it will be up and running shortly. Grades 1-3 will participate in some of the FitnessGram tests but their results will not be scored. However, participating in the fitness tests allows grades 1-3 to get an idea of how and what fitness testing will look like.

News from Global Leadership: We've been studying Popcorn in Global Leadership...why it pops, finding what brand pops the best, designing containers for popcorn, places in the world popcorn was discovered, and many other FUN things. National Stem day is coming up on November 8th and classes are estimating the amount of popcorn in a jar. The class that gets the closest wins Popcorn and an EXTRA Global Leadership Day on National Stem Day! GOOD LUCK!!!

6th Grade Boys' and Girls' Basketball Team

The 6th Grade Boys' and Girls' Basketball Team tryouts have come to an end. We would like to thank each student for coming out and giving their best effort.

These students have been selected for the boy's team:

Kamari J., Youel S., Sam G., Kevion W., David J., Nolan R., Simon M., Antoine G., Andre W., Zacharia K.

These students have been selected for the girl's team:

Maliat R., Estrella T., Kaitlyn R., Haley D., Olivia N., Kamille J., Kyra J., Janaijah N., Ca'Maurie M., Taytem H.

Congratulations! We're looking forward to our season this year!

Girls 3-6th grade who are interested in playing basketball, Lawrence Township Basketball League "LTBBL" skills Middle School on Saturday 11/5 (12-2 pm) or Thursday 11/10 (6:30-8:30 pm).

Coach Davis and Coach McDonough

Box Top Store

The Box Top Store is currently on hiatus this year, due to the construction taking place in the school. In the meantime, we still want to collect Box Tops to earn money for Mary Castle. Ms. Smelser will be running a contest to see which classroom can earn the most money by turning in Box Tops

during the months of November and December. More information will be coming home with your child on how to turn them in to his or her teacher.

News from the District Food Service Department

Due to a state ruling by the department of education's office of school and community nutrition, the adult price meal must be set at \$3.40. To remain compliant with state and federal regulations, effective October 31, 2016 the adult price meal will increase to \$3.40 at all buildings. Stephanie Tragesser, RD, Director of Food and Nutrition Services

Ways to Stay in touch at Mary Castle

All Early Learning Centers and Elementary Schools adhere to the district handbook: <http://marycastle.itschools.org/about/student-handbook>

Check out Mary Castle on FACEBOOK and "LIKE us" <https://www.facebook.com/mecschoo>

*Follow us on Twitter! Mary Castle Elem @MaryCastleElem

*Check your child's first day of the week blue folder for important school information.

PFO News

Join us for food and fun at our Family Night Fundraiser at Incrediplex on November 17th 6-8 pm. For \$15, you can enjoy a slice of pizza, unlimited soft drinks, a \$5 game card and unlimited access to the bounce and climb arena.

• The November PFO Meeting will feature Lawrence Township Superintendent Dr. Smith as a guest speaker. It is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15 at 7:00.

Student Fun!

*The next Movie Night will take place on Friday, November 11.

* Mary Castle families will meet at Incrediplex on Thursday, November 17 for a night of fun with proceeds going to support the school. Look for information on pre-sale tickets later in the month.

*The PFO has extra t-shirts for sale that were ordered for the Global Games. They are selling for \$10.

Kroger Community Rewards

Kroger's Community Rewards Program helps raise money for the Mary Castle PFO, and it's easy to participate. Just log into your Kroger account and choose MARY CASTLE ELEMENTARY PFO (organization number 10947) as your Community Rewards organization to help support the PFO.

- Google - Kroger Community Rewards
- Select Kroger.com – Kroger accounts
- Click on Create an account and fill out information
- Click on Community Rewards
- Click on enroll, fill out information
- Put Mary Castle in search
- 10947 is the MEC organizational number

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Global Citizens for First Quarter

Grade One

Mrs. Perdue	Jonathan C and Martha I
Ms. Landers	Sa'Nyia A and Luke N
Mrs. Russo	Alex F and Izzy G
Mrs. Goodwin	Andrew K & Kaila M
Mrs. Frieze	Gus J and Ellie M

Grade Two

Ms. Polley	Neida M and Rodolfo R
Mrs. Ceglie	Jose V and Lauren B
Mrs. Young	Mariah C and Dexter D
Mrs. Borgert	Alejandro T and Zoey H
Ms. Smelser	Abigail S and Samari C

Grade Three

Mrs. Ellis	Darien W and Nely L
Mrs. Clarke	Wes D and Lyric B
Mr. Betts	Joshua F and Iyanna C
Mrs. A. Jones	Julie V and Kyron F
Mrs. Davis	Abe G and Maya D

Grade Four

Mrs. McDonough	Veronica T and Kevin T
Mrs. Cannon	Luke J and Cadence B
Mrs. Lancaster	Ayla W and Jose G
Miss Cowger	Anabel T and Sury A
Mrs. Eads	Abby A and James S

Grade Five

Ms. Dorsel	Porter R and Kambree W
Mrs. May	Esmeralda T and Joshua C
Ms. Jones	Leah R and Alexander C
Mrs. Maynard	Katy L and Toby M
Ms. Creger	Katelyn K and Codie K

Grade Six

Mr. Todd	Chase A and Olivia M
Mrs. Buhler	Gabe M and Itzel L
Mr. Avant	Ethan R and Estrella T
Mrs. McLaren	Rowan C and Jeily T

Congratulations to all our Global Citizens!

MSD of Lawrence Township News

High Ability Screening: MSDLT will be screening students in grades KDG and 2 for high ability identification November 28 - December 12 during the school day. A score report will be provided to parents in January. Those students who score a 77 or higher on the screener will then be given the full CogAT test later in January. If you have any questions, please call the office of Curriculum, Instructional Programs and Professional Development at 317-423-8327.

High School Open Houses Thursday, November 10.

Lawrence Central High School - 7300 East 56th Street - 6:30-8:00

Lawrence North High School - 7802 Hague Road - 6:30-8:00

McKenzie Center for Innovation and Technology - 7250 East 75th Street - 6:30-8:30

Meet high school students and staff and get a taste of all that LT high schools have to offer!

LCPAA Holiday Craft Boutique

WHEN: Saturday, November 19, 2016, 9:00am - 3:00pm

WHERE: Lawrence Central High School - 7300 East 56th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46226

Over 100 vendors, featuring wonderful homemade crafts, beautiful home decor items, handcrafted jewelry, tempting baked goods, holiday treats, and much more! Admission \$3.00 (children 10 and under free)

Support the Lawrence Township School Foundation on Giving Tuesday

The Lawrence Township School Foundation invites you to celebrate our schools by participating in #GivingTuesday. On November 29th, dine from our list of participating restaurants, shop at AH Collection, or donate directly to the Foundation. Join this movement and tell us why you're giving by sharing your "UnSelfie". Visit www.msdltf.org for more information.

Happy Thanksgiving!
Thanksgiving Break is November 21—25

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