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Global Gazette

LOOKING AHEAD

October 11	Shot Exclusion Date
October 12	Parent/Teacher Conferences, No School for Students
October 13-14	Fall Break—No School
October 17	1st Day Back from Fall Break
October 18	PFO Meeting, 7 p.m., Focus on Grades 1-3
October 19	Report Card Distribution—1st Nine Weeks
October 21	Picture Re-take Day—NEW TO CALENDAR
October 25	School Smiles
October 26	PREP Parent Engagement Series, 6:30 p.m. (Secondary Education)
October 27or28	Grade 4 Legacy Field Trip-Statehouse Tour
October 28	5th & 6th Grade Fun Friday, 2:45—4:30 p.m.

Principal Corner – Mrs. Johnson

Student Achievement through Best Practice:

Parent Teacher Conferences - We invite you to attend your child's parent teacher conference Oct. 10-12th. Teachers will be conferencing either Monday or Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning. School is not in session on Wednesday, October 12th. Our goal is to reach a 100% of parent teacher conferences. We need you to partner with us for student achievement. Come and ask questions about how your child is learning this year. Last year's ISTEP information, scores and more information about specific areas will be available to parents in grades 4-6. Report cards will go home on October 19th.

LEXIA This year we will continue using Lexia Reading Core5. Students will continue with the program where they left off last year or over the summer. If your child completed the program last year, we will be working with them in various instructional manners to address any of their academic needs during their Language Arts block. If you are new to Mary Castle, Lexia Reading Core5 helps all students – from emerging readers to on-level and advanced students – master foundational reading skills using both an online app and through direct instruction with the teacher. Students will have a set number of minutes to complete on Lexia each week based on their own academic skill needs. This program may be done at home, as well as at school. For home use, please read the following:

To use on a computer, go to www.lexiacore5.com.

2. To use on an iPad, iPad mini, or Android* tablet, download the free Lexia Reading Core5 app from the App store or the Google Play store.

*Android support is limited to these devices: Samsung Galaxy Tab 4 and Tab S2, and Google Nexus 7" (2012 and 2013) and 10". The app will not work on other devices, including Kindle.

3. The first time your child uses Core5, you may need to enter the teacher email.
4. Your child can then log in with the username and password used at school.

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.

1:1 One to the World

Fifth and Sixth grade students have been busy learning with their Chromebooks! Currently in Sixth grade, students are collaborating with each other on Google Slides to create presentations! With Google Slides students are able to work on the same presentation at the same time. When asked about their Chromebooks Adam P. said, "The Chromebooks are the next big thing. They blast the doors of education wide open. They support google docs and are a great personal research tool!" Livy N. also had great things to say, "The Chromebooks are useful because we have a lot more opportunities online using Google Maps, Studies Weekly, Pearson reading series, and Canvas."

News from the Nurse

For the safety of all students, please do not send any medications to school with your child. All medications must be transported by an adult.

Having lunch with your child?

Just a reminder to call before 9 a.m. in the morning to let us know you will be joining your child for lunch!

Trick or Treat for UNICEF

It's Trick or Treat for UNICEF time! Last year we raised around \$2,000 for UNICEF! Coming home soon will be collection boxes. Please collect change and return your box by November 6th! If you would like extra boxes to pass around to friends and family, Let Mrs. Jones know! Help Mary Castle provide clean water, immunizations and even school supplies to countries in need!

International Connections

News from Music:

4th-6th grades closed a 3-week unit using English hand chimes. They learned how to properly handle them, how to ring and damp their sounds.



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Mary Evelyn Castle Elementary

Ringin' and dampin' simultaneously took a lot of team work. They're moving on to World Drumming, stopping first in Ghana, Africa.

News from COMPASS:

The Kids in Action club started. Thank you to the parents who attended our meeting last week to get a preview of our service projects for the year. A big shout out goes to our Indy Do Day volunteers for beautifying our Peace Park!

News from Art:

Art Club this semester is off to a great start! Students are learning about "Lino Cuts", this a form of printmaking. Students are looking at examples of printmaking and working on creating their own designs. Once their designs are created they will be using the tools to carve into the linoleum block and begin making editions of their artwork!

News from Gym:

The mission of Up and Running Club is to challenge students to experience the benefits of goal-setting, character development, adult mentoring and improved health by providing them with a true life-changing experience. The ultimate goal is to train and complete in a 5K run on October 8, 2016.

News from Library:

With the relationship that was formed between the Lawrence Township Schools and the Indianapolis Public Library, parents have asked questions and I hope to answer some of those questions below:

- *Students do not need to bring their library card to school. I have access to all of this information in the computer system.*
- *If your student has lost his/her library card and you would like a replacement, please send me an email. I will create a new library card and send it home in an envelope.*
- *Each class in the school has a set library time sometime between 8:30 AM and 2:30 pm. There are "OPEN" times during the day where students and teachers can visit the library. For instance, if a student has finished a book before their assigned classroom time and they would like another book, their teacher may send them to the library during an OPEN time.*
- *Each student is allowed two books per week from the MEC Library. Even if a student has numerous books checked out from the public library, that has no impact on the two books per week they are allowed (1st graders check out 1 book per week).*
- *Any fees that you may incur from the public library must be paid directly to the public library. Again, these fees have no impact on your child's ability to check out library books from the MEC library.*
- *If a student loses a book from the MEC library, I will send home a statement to you informing you of this. Prior to sending home a statement, however, I always contact the parent asking your help in searching for the book at home. Fees for the lost books from the MEC library must be paid to our school.*
- *If you have books to return to the public library, please return these books to the library. HOWEVER, if you are in a bind and cannot get to the public library (and you will incur late fees), you may send them in with your student and I can check in the books and have them sent to the public library.*
- *When your student requests a book at school and that book arrives, you will receive an email or a text from the public library stating this information. The message may also state that you will be charged \$2.00 if*

the book is not picked up. Please know that THIS WILL NOT HAPPEN. IF YOUR STUDENT DOES NOT PICK UP THE BOOK, I WILL SEND IT BACK TO ITS ORIGINAL LOCATION.

· *My email address is catherinefisar@msdlt.k12.in.us. Please send me any questions and I will do my best to answer them.*

News from Global Leadership:

Hi my name is Christy Donnenhoffer and I'm the new Global Leadership teacher at Mary Castle. I am so EXCITED to be working with such a wonderful staff. My daughters Hannah (8th grade) and Haley (6th grade) have had the privilege of having some of these AMAZING teachers.

In Global Leadership we've had a nice few weeks getting to know one another. We conducted a Science experiment on extracting the color from SMARTIES and learned about capillary action! We discussed careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math). We became engineers by working in teams to build a tower with the Olympic Rings during Global Games week. Looking forward to more FUN this year with these global leaders!!!

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

PFO Meetings

- Please join us for the next PFO Meeting on Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00 with a focus on grades 1-3. We look forward to seeing you there!
- 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 first 5th/6th Fun Friday of the school year will take place after school on Friday, October 28. Pre-registration is required. Look for information to come home soon.
- Thanks to everyone who helped make the first movie night a success! The next Movie Night will take place on Friday, November 11.
- Mary Castle families will meet at Incrediplax 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.

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.

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