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Global Gazette

November 2017

- Nov 5 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Nov 6-17 Sock-tober - Student Council collecting new socks for the homeless
- Nov 7 Election Day
- Nov 7 Math Pentathlon – First Practice
- Nov 9 Academic Team Competition @ Crestview
- Nov 10 Veterans Day – Wear Red, White & Blue to School
- Nov 10 & 11 Footloose Musical – Lawrence North
- Nov 14 Academic Team Competition @ MEC
- Nov 14 Culver’s Night meet the MEC PFO at Culver’s
- Nov 20-24 Thanksgiving Break – No School for Students and Staff
- Nov 27 Return from Thanksgiving Break
- Nov 28 Academic Team Competition @ Brook Park
- Nov 30 Academic Team Competition @ MEC
- Dec 1 Movie Night, Grades 1-4
- Dec 3 Mary Castle Dedication – 2 p.m.
- Dec 7 Academic Team Competition @ Harrison Hill
- Dec 21 End of Grading Period
- Dec 22 No School for Students
- Dec 22-Jan 8 No School for Students
- Dec 25-Jan 5 Winter Break – No School
- Jan 8 No School for Students – Staff Reports to School
- Jan 9 First day back for Students

- Student Attendance increases to or above 96.9%. (District Goal – 97%)

NOVEMBER Student Achievement- One of our components of a standards based classroom is Success Criteria. Mary Castle teachers present and give students what it takes to successfully master a standard. Our teachers break the standards into learning targets. In October our teachers have been giving students success criteria that are linked to their learning target. Ask your child any day about Math or Reading and what their learning target or content objective is and you will find out a lot about the learning taking place in our classrooms. This week we did our second RIGOR walk of the year in which we visited and examined instructional practices in classrooms to collect data and create an action plan to work on for the next 30 days. There is a lot to celebrate with the growth of student learning and instructional practices at Mary Castle.

Academic Team - Mr. Todd and the Mary Castle Academic Team are excited for Lawrence Township's first ever intramural elementary academic competition! Brought together by a love of learning and a desire to compete, these 5th and 6th graders are excited to put their knowledge to the test as they compete against other Lawrence Township schools in the areas of science, social studies, language arts, and mathematics. The team begins their regular season with an away match at Crestview on November 9th, followed by their first home match of the season against Skiles Test on November 14th. We wish these academic all-stars the very best of luck this inaugural season! Go Globetrotters!

Student report cards have been available online since October 20th. Please contact your child’s teacher or the office if you’ve had any difficulty accessing the report card. An email was sent to you sharing directions of how to obtain your child’s report card online. Friday, November 3rd

Principal Corner – Mrs. Johnson

SOAR (Students and Staff Obtaining Achievement & Rigor) with JOY – STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT –
Mary Castle’s goals for 2017-18

- Increase ISTEP Proficiency by 5% in both ELA and Math for Grade 3.
- Increase ISTEP Proficiency by 10% in both ELA and Math in every cohort 4-6.
- Score above the national average of 1.8 on Rigor Walk growth.
- Every ELL student shows growth on WIDA by one level.



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student awards are being given out in classrooms for all grades in perfect attendance & Citizenship (Globe Trotter). Honor & High Honor Roll awards are for students in grades 3-6.

Mary Castle Dedication - Mark your calendar for December 3, 2017 at 2pm we will host Mary Castle's Dedication. All current Mary Castle families are welcome and invited. Our School Board and District Administration dedicate a plaque for all of our renovations with a brief program, ribbon cutting ceremony, student led tours and refreshments. We hope to see you at our dedication.

SAFETY TIPS - Due to safety, parents **must** pick up their child in the car rider line versus entering the office at the end of day while we dismiss students for everyone's safety. Please call before 1:45 p.m. for any end of day changes. Our front doors open at 7:35 a.m. for morning arrival through the car rider line. Car Riders are not to be released until a staff member appears on duty at 7:35 a.m. Our tardy bell rings at 8 a.m. For families that have a student at the ELC be sure to drop them off first and then come to MEC and turn right.

WAYS TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH MARY CASTLE:

- All Early Learning Centers and Elementary Schools adhere to the district handbook:
- <http://marycastle.ltschools.org/about/student-handbook>
- **Check out Mary Castle on FACEBOOK and "LIKE us"** <https://www.facebook.com/mecschool>
- Follow us on Twitter! Mary Castle Elem **@MaryCastleElem**
- Check your child's first day of the week blue folder for important school information. (Coming soon.)

--Carla Johnson, Principal

1:1 Device World

Mary Castle is having a Phone Drive! We need you to donate your old iPhones in order to create our Virtual Reality Classroom. We'd like to extend a big thank you to The Lawrence Township Foundation for awarding us a grant that will provide us with the Virtual Reality Goggles. We need to do our part by providing the phones. Our district technology team will set them up for us. For more information on the opportunities a VR Classroom will afford

us, [click on this link](#). Please just send your phone with your child or stop by the office to turn it in. Thank you so much for helping to make this virtual reality a reality.

Students entered a contest for Keep Indianapolis Beautiful by creating 30 second commercials with iMovie in Ms. Dorsel's 5th grade class. In Ms. Coake's room students are designing book covers and about the author pages using Adobe Spark. They also explained their learning via animation videos with Go Animate for Schools. Watch for more fun technology integration news coming soon.

International Connections

News from Global Leadership: In Global Leadership, we are continuing to learn about SPIDERS. We learned the parts of a spider (Did you know spiders have 48 knees?), where they live around the world, and lots of other FUN facts. 1st and 2nd grade made spider hats and puppets, 3rd and 4th engineered a zip line for a spider to get to its web, 5th and 6th grade did an experiment to see if they could make a pretend spider dance. Ask your students about what they know about spiders. -Mrs. Donnenhoffer

News from P.E.: 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.

Sock-ember News

The Mary Castle Student Council is sponsoring Sock-ember from November 6-17th. We will be collecting new socks to donate to the homeless in the Indianapolis area. All sizes of new socks will be accepted. Did you know that socks are one of the most needed items but one of the items that are rarely donated? We have set a goal of 1,500 socks to be collected by November 17th. The classroom that collects the most socks will earn a Donut Party.

News from the Nurse

Flu season is quickly approaching and to help fight this Flu vaccines cause antibodies to develop in the body about two weeks after vaccination. These antibodies provide

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protection against infection with the viruses that are in the vaccine. The seasonal flu vaccine protects against the influenza viruses that research indicates will be most common during the upcoming season. Traditional flu vaccines (called “trivalent” vaccines) are made to protect against three flu viruses; an influenza A (H1N1) virus, an influenza A (H3N2) virus, and an influenza B virus. There are also flu vaccines made to protect against four flu viruses (called “quadrivalent” vaccines). These vaccines protect against the same viruses as the trivalent vaccine and an additional B virus.

PFO News

Kroger Rewards - Have you signed up for the Kroger Community Rewards program? When you do, choose MARY CASTLE ELEMENTARY PFO (organization number 10947) as your Community Rewards organization to help support our school.

PFO Meetings - Please join us at Culver’s Night and have dinner with your PFO Board Members on **Tuesday, November 14**. A member of the PFO Executive Board will be available to answer any questions or to receive feedback throughout the course of the evening.

Mark your calendars for the January PFO meeting on **Tuesday, January 14th at 7:00**. We don’t meet in the month of December, however, if you have any questions or concerns please contact mecpfo@gmail.com

Family Events - MEC CULVER'S NIGHT: Culver's Night is Tuesday, November 14th. **Adult** volunteers are needed (4/hour) to deliver the orders to the tables and drive-thru. Watch for flyer on how to sign up coming soon. Please no children under the age of 16 behind the counter.

Join us for food and fun at our **Family Fun Night at Incrediplex on Thursday, November 30th 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.

Global Games - Thank you to all who volunteered, donated and participated in Global Games. Your contribution made the even an overwhelming success. Every student received

a \$10 Incrediplex Gift Card, which can be used at our Incrediplex Family Fun Night.

Book Fair - Coming Soon! **Book Fair** is from 11/30 to 12/3.

Leader Wanted: Have a couple of hours a month to help implement our fun activities and fundraising efforts or to help in a classroom? If so, the following areas need of Leadership volunteers: Book Fair, Spanish Translator, Teacher Appreciation, Craft Night, Game Night, Donations and our end of year International Festival. Contact Kelley Mesterharm via email mecpfo@gmail.com or by text at 317-372-8870.

District News

Spanish Immersion Early Registration Application for Skiles Test and Forest Glen - The Forest Glen Elementary Immersion program is a national leader in bilingual education. Its popularity has “STEMmed” the expansion of the program to Skiles Test Elementary. While keeping their Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) focus, Skiles Test will be adding Immersion in Kindergarten and Grade One. The early application process for the 2018-2019 school year for these programs will run from **November 15th through December 1st**, 2017. If there are more applicants than seats, the computerized admittance process (CAP) will be run. Visit LTschools.org for complete details.

The Lawrence Township School Student Foundation is hosting **Night with the Stars** on **Saturday, November 4th** for Lawrence Township elementary students. Elementary kids are welcome to come join our LC and LN high school students in the LECC gym at **6501 Sunnyside Road** for a night of supervised games, crafts, dinner, and fun! The cost is \$10/student, maximum of \$25/family. The event runs from **6pm to 9pm**.

There are a limited number of spots, so please RSVP to the Lawrence Township School Foundation at www.msdltf.org and click on Night with the Stars registration. Since this is a drop-off event, parents/guardians will be required to sign their student in and out with photo ID at the event registration table. (Parents are also welcome to stay!)

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