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Global Gazette

October 2017

- Oct 6 End of Grading Period
- Oct 6 NCAA Pep Rally @ Lawrence North – ½ of 3rd Grade
- Oct 6 Exclusion Date for Students Missing Vaccinations
- Oct 9-13 Fall Break – No School for Students and Staff
- Oct 17 PFO Meeting – 7 p.m.
- Oct 19 Picture Re-take Day
- Oct 19 Global Games
- Oct 20 All School Pajama Day
- Oct 20 MEC/ELC Fall Festival – Parking Lot
- Oct 20 NCAA Pep Rally @ Lawrence North – ½ of 3rd Grade
- Oct 20 Report Cards available on-line
- Oct 27 Restaurant Night at Panda Express on 96th Street from 11 a.m. – 9 p.m.
- Nov 1 PREP Series #2 – LCHS – Everything You Wanted to Know About High School
- Nov 3 Grades 5 & 6 Fun Friday
- Nov 5 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Nov 7 Election Day
- Nov 7 Math Pentathlon – First Practice
- Nov 10 Movie Night, Grades 1-4
- Nov 10 & 11 Footloose Musical – Lawrence North
- Nov 14 PFO Meeting – 7 p.m.
- Nov 20-24 Thanksgiving Break – No School for Students and Staff
- Nov 27 Return from Thanksgiving Break
- Dec 3 Mary Castle Dedication – 2 p.m.

Principal Corner – Mrs. Johnson

SOAR (Students and Staff Obtaining Achievement & Rigor) with JOY – STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT - This year classrooms have really worked hard to set up ideal conditions for learning and in early September instruction was mirroring where classes often are second semester. Our teachers are working on creating learning targets and scales this year. A scale is a progression of learning that takes students to rigorous thinking and real world application. Our teachers work together two afternoons a week in professional learning communities. Learning targets and scales are based

on the Indiana State standards. Every classroom at Mary Castle is standards based. This month we are helping students recognize criteria for success. Our teachers provide a road map to make learning targets visible so that students know what to expect.

Mary Castle Dedication - We are excited to announce that on December 3, 2017 at 2 p.m. we will host Mary Castle Dedication. The Mary Castle Dedication is for current students, families and staff of Mary Castle. A dedication is when 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. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks.

Visual Environment - We are in the process of ordering bulletin boards for our visual environment to display student work and events taking place at our school.

Global Games - The Mary Castle PFO is proud and would like to thank you for your donations for Global Games. We reached the school goal in 5 days over \$5,000. Congratulation Globe Trotters!!!! Due to rainy weather the Global Games will take place the Thursday after Fall Break, October 19. We will have our all school pajama day on Friday, October 20th. Donations are still being accepted. Donations arriving after Friday, October 6th will not count towards grade-level or individual prizes. Reminder to parents to send your child to school on October 19th wearing their brand new Mary Castle T-shirt given to every child free by PFO.

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



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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.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. (Coming soon.)

---Carla Johnson, Principal

1:1 Device World

September was a busy month with fun technology projects happening around the school. Students are using Google Slides and Adobe Spark to create digital storytelling products. Some classrooms are even using iMovie to create videos that tell a theme. Natalie, in 5th grade, stated that her favorite part of the iMovie project is, "It allows me to have fun creating the script and movie with my friends." "I love that it allows me to be creative." Students are also taking photos and downloading them to Google Slides for a Photojournalism project that emphasizes creating mood and tone.

Students are working hard to achieve the next level in Lexia and they have really been enjoying our new individualized math program, Dream box. Your child can show you how this works at home.

International Connections

News from the Library: The Media Center will open after Fall Break!

News from Global Leadership: In Global Leadership, we learned a lot about apples in the month of September... there is a star inside, how to make a structure out of apples that passed the earthquake test, how to keep them from browning, and much more. In October, we will be typing, starting our coding program and learning about spiders.

We will study what kinds there are, where they live around the world, and do many stem projects making webs, etc... Looking forward to a FUN Fall.

News from P.E.: The Up and Running Club has been training the past 6 weeks to get ready for the Indy Marathon 5K at Fort Ben. The race will be Saturday, October 7th at 9:00. Congratulations to all those who have been training and best of luck.

News from Art: If you were choosing to place an order for Art to Remember this year an on-time order was due by October 5th. But don't worry, you can still place a late order online all the way through January 12, 2018 and any keepsakes will arrive as a late shipment! Just visit Order.ArtToRemember.com and type in your student's online order code. If you have misplaced your order code send me an email at KatherineWynne@msdlt.org and I will get it for you. As always, thank you so much for your participation and supporting our art program! Since we have wrapped up our Art to Remember drawings in art class we have been working on Zentangle designs! These are very fun detailed patterns that have an endless possibility of creativity!

News from Music: Folk Dancing Club will start for Grades 3-6 after Fall Break! Be looking for a permission slip and information coming home!

News from COMPASS: In COMPASS we are wrapping up our unit on Citizens. The upper grades are finishing and presenting their Global Citizen reports, and the lower grades are writing books about diversity.

Indy Do Day: Indy Do Day was a great success. Kids in Action led the volunteers from Lawrence Central and Salesforce. Every student in the school got to place their name on a rock for the Kristen Bower Little Library. The volunteers created a path to the little library, painted the inside and Mr. Davis put in the floor. The benches and picnic tables were all re-stained by the LC volunteers. What an awesome day!

Kids in Action: Saturday, September 30, the Kids in Action Club went to Joy's house for a service project. They spent the morning staining a new deck for the senior citizens!

News from the Nurse

All incoming 6th grade students for the 2017-2018 school year need to have the TDap and Meningococcal Vaccination before school begins in August. Updated shot records need to be sent to the nurse when received.

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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 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.

Box Top Store

The Box Top Store will be returning soon to Mary Castle. We are still working on finalizing its new location. In the meantime, students are welcome to shop at Ms. Smelser's classroom (Room 109) on Friday mornings until 8:15. We will have a limited supply of items available to buy with Box Tops.

What is the Box Top Store? The store originated many years ago from a project that Ms. Smelser's class completed on "Stores." Those original students are now in high school, but their project has lived on. You may have noticed Box Top coupons on many items you can buy at the supermarket. Each coupon is worth 10 cents for our school. 10 cents may not seem like much, but they all add up. We have collected thousands of dollars over the years just by sending in Box Tops to the company. Students can use the Box Tops to purchase items at the Box Top store. We have many items that are 5 Box Tops or less, including most school supplies like crayons, folders, paper, and pencils.



PFO News

PFO Meetings - Please join us for the next PFO Meeting on **Tuesday, October 17 at 7 p.m.** Meet Cori Korn from the Lawrence Township Foundation. We look forward to seeing you there!

Mark your calendars for the November PFO meeting on **Tuesday, November 14th at 7:00.** We don't meet again until January.

Family Events - Thank you for making our September 26th Culver's Night a fantastic success! Thank you to those who helped serve our families, and to those who dined and to the leadership of Matt Heimann, our MEC PFO Culver's Night Organizer. Together, you earned \$561.81 for Mary Castle.

Join us for our next MEC Restaurant Night at Panda Express - Friday, October 27, anytime from 11am-9pm at Panda Express, 8255 E 96th St. Invite all your friends and tell all your neighbors!

Student Fun - *Global Games* is a fun way for our students to raise donations for Mary Castle. Every student receives a free t-shirt from the PFO and has a chance at winning prizes. To volunteer on October 5th or to donate anytime, visit <http://mecpfo.org/pfo>

5th/6th Grade Fun Friday takes place after school on Friday, November 3rd. Pre-registration is required. Volunteers are needed. Look for information to come home soon.

Movie Night - Thanks to everyone who helped make the first Movie Night a success, especially Yanis Rodriguez for taking on the Leadership position for organizing the event. The next Movie Night is Friday, November 10.

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.

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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.

Community Blood Drive - LT Schools will host a Blood Drive on Tuesday, October 24 from 8:30 until 11:30 am at the Lawrence Education and Community Center, 6501 Sunnyside Road. Visit LTschools.org to sign up.

Trunk or Treat at the Caring Place - The community is invited to a Trunk or Treat at the Caring Place, 2901 N. Post Road on October 31 from 6:00—7:30 pm.

**Have a Great Fall Break—
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