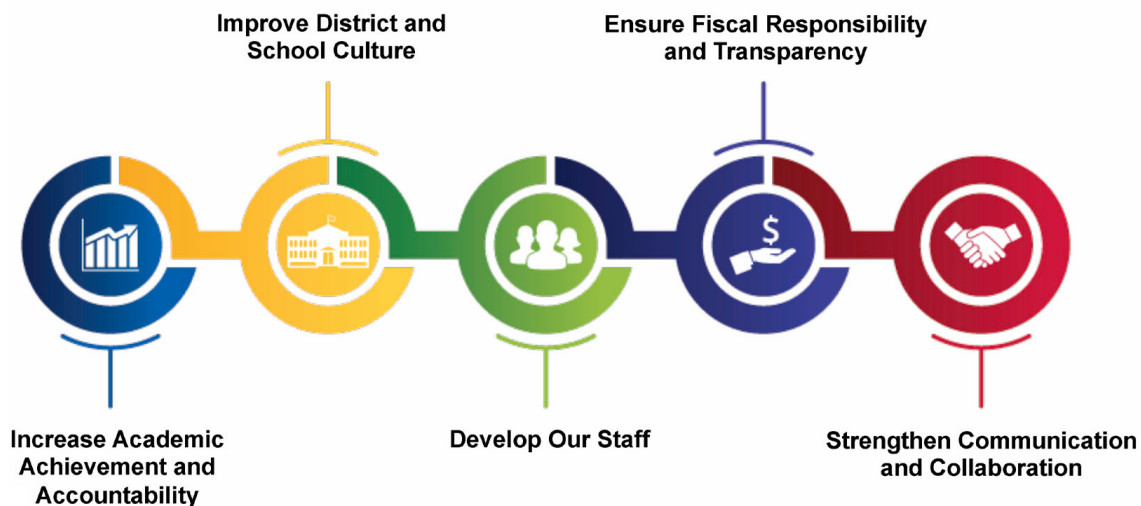




Superintendent's Report –May 2021

The Superintendent's Report is designed to provide the Milwaukee Board of School Directors and the MPS community with an update on current activities underway to support the district goals of academic achievement; student, family and community engagement; and effective and efficient operations as they are aligned to the district's strategic objectives and the Five Priorities for Success.



Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher appreciation week took place May 3-7 and provided an opportunity to thank our teachers for their dedicated work on behalf of our students. MPS is proud of our teachers who have adapted to virtual learning, supported students, and designed new methods of teaching. Our teachers found new ways of supporting and encouraging students and designed new methods and activities to engage children. Thank you!

Even in a normal school year, teaching is a balancing act of academics, safety, behavior, and student needs. The pandemic added new layers of complexity, but MPS teachers found ways to engage with their students through social media, Google Classroom, online learning, and more.



School Nurses Day

Health care professionals have been in the spotlight throughout the pandemic for their hard work. On School Nurses Day - Wednesday, May 12, 2021, we took time to thank our school nurses! We truly appreciate the extra time and devotion of the MPS school nursing staff this year in helping the district navigate COVID-19.

School nurses are an integral part of student education through the work they perform in looking after individual student health needs, supporting families, and offering school-wide programs. A school nurse's primary purpose is to help students stay healthy and safe so they are ready to learn. School nurses make sure students know how to manage health conditions by taking medication or other treatments. Nurses also work hard with families struggling with poverty or serious health issues, connecting them to community resources such as health insurance, food pantries, language assistance programs, and transportation services, as well as offsite healthcare providers.



School Lunch Hero Day recognizes the hard work of Nutrition Staff



What's more powerful than a horde of hungry students? School lunch staff! On Friday, May 7, we celebrated *School Lunch Hero Day* to appreciate our hardworking staff in the MPS Department of Nutrition Services. Thank you!

In a typical school year, MPS school cafeterias might serve 50,000 breakfasts and lunches to students each day. After schools closed due to the pandemic, Nutrition Services staff swung into action and set up distribution of breakfast and lunch at 50 Stop, Grab, and Go sites. Packaged dinners were also added, plus bags of fresh produce and recipes through the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program. The wonderful team at

Palermo's Pizza also made a generous donation of pizzas for our families.

Since March 2020, more than 3 million meals have been distributed! Staff spent many hours packing and distributing meals. MPS is grateful to Nutrition Services for developing this program to serve Milwaukee families. The total number of meals is impressive:

- 1,289,173 Lunches
- 1,210,209 Breakfasts
- 377,719 Snacks
- 210,820 Dinners
- 83,825 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Produce Bags
- 6,000 Palermo's Pizzas



Thanking Our Volunteers During National Volunteer Week

Milwaukee Public Schools thanked the many volunteers who make a difference each year in the lives of students across the district during National Volunteer Week (April 19-23). Before the pandemic, schools benefitted from more than 2,000 volunteers serving approximately 40,000 hours. This year, hundreds of volunteers have supported students virtually! MPS schools have engaged volunteers for tutoring sessions, career presentations, mock interviews, and more. On *Read Across America Day*, representatives from the Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club and ManpowerGroup spent time reading books and discussing favorite authors with children. Marquette University students and staff also partnered with schools to enrich educational experiences.

Each year, MPS recognizes its Most Valuable Volunteers. [Read about this year's superstars:](#) Joyce Cable, Bud and Sara Hudson, Dr. Susan Larson, and Moira O'Brien-Bruce. Congratulations to these exceptional volunteers, and thank you for the energy you devote to our students.

We depend on our community to support students, teachers, and staff and to help provide children with high-quality educational programs in a positive environment. Virtual volunteers will continue to be welcome through the end of the school year.

For volunteers interested in joining students going back to school in fall, opportunities will be posted in August. Check back to learn more and [fill out a volunteer application](#).

Celebrating Earth Day



On April 22, 2021, MPS students and the community took part in earth-friendly activities to celebrate the 51st anniversary of Earth Day. There educational videos, books, opportunities to get outside, observing nature, creating artwork, singing, dancing, and various activities to encourage friends and family to make the earth cleaner and greener.

The now-annual event was born in Wisconsin began in 1970 and was proposed by Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson after growing concerns about pollution, oil spills, and declines in wildlife populations. Nelson wanted a special observation dedicated to environmental awareness and a day for all Americans

to take action to clean up our planet. Earth Day is now observed in more than 190 countries across the globe. For more information, visit <https://www.earthday.org/>

Spring Spirit Week

Spring Spirit Week took place during the last week in April. The activities were a success with great participation throughout the district and a chance to show school pride. The activities that took place are listed below:

Monday, April 26, 2021: Masked Up Monday! Show your favorite mask.

- **Tuesday, April 27, 2021:** Talent Tuesday! Post a video showing your hobby or talent.
- **Wednesday, April 28, 2021:** Welcome Back Wednesday! Tell us why you are excited to return to school.
- **Thursday, April 29, 2021:** College and Career Day! Share your college or career plans. What do you want to be when you grow up?
- **Friday, April 30, 2021:** School Pride! Post photos wearing your school colors and/or clothing.



Student Scientists Exhibit at 2021 STEM Fair

This May, more than 130 projects by MPS students from 16 schools were presented at the 14th annual MPS STEM Fair. Students spent weeks designing display boards, conducting experiments, and developing inventions. A team of volunteers and judges helped organize, judge, and share the presentations.

Student work ranged from practical inventions to solve everyday problems to experiments designed around scientific principles. Projects were divided into three categories: Science Inquiry (traditional), Engineering Design (solving a problem), and Research Study (high school only, for complex projects).

In addition to STEM projects, a contest was held for students to design a logo for this year's STEM Fair. One winner and two honorable mentions were recognized during the awards ceremony.



Kindergarten–Grade 5

- Winner: Keyla Mata Duran, Grade 5, Greenfield Bilingual School
- Honorable Mention: Roxie Lopez, Grade 4, La Escuela Fratney
- Honorable Mention: Anabell Morales, Grade 4, La Escuela Fratney

Grades 6–8

- Winner: Josimar Estremera, Grade 8, Burdick School
- Honorable Mention: Citlaly Macia Atilano, Grade 8, I.D.E.A.L.
- Honorable Mention: Angeliana Torrence, Grade 8, I.D.E.A.L.

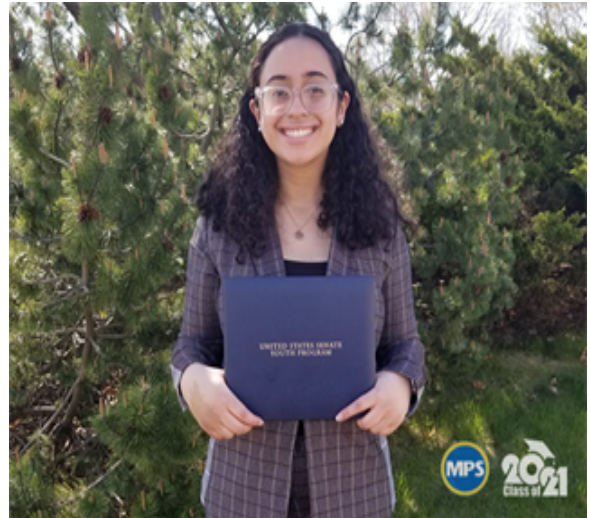
Iman Snobar Selected for 2021 United States Youth Senate Program

Ronald Reagan High School is proud of senior Iman Snobar! Iman was one of only two students selected as Wisconsin's representatives in the United States Youth Senate Program (USYSP). This spring, she took part in a week of extensive virtual activities for an immersive experience in government.

Iman was chosen from a group of high-achieving Wisconsin students through a competitive process by the Wisconsin Department of Education. Her activities include Congressional Debate qualifier and team captain, Milwaukee Public Library Teen Advisory Board, Teen Film Council of Milwaukee Film, and an Office of Civil Rights Committee. She serves as a City of Milwaukee Election Inspector and a UW-Madison Legal Studies intern. Iman attended the Summer Youth Institute at Marquette University and has taken accelerated college courses at Harvard University. This year, she was named one of the inaugural winners of the Milwaukee County Transit System's Rosa Parks Tribute Scholarship.

Iman has chosen to attend the University of Chicago this fall with a double major in Political Science and Comparative Race and Ethnic Studies, with a minor in Human Rights. Her goal is to become a human rights attorney and then springboard into a political career.

During the USYSP, two student leaders from each state spent a week experiencing government in action. Students heard major policy addresses by senators, cabinet members, and officials from the Departments of State and Defense. They also participated in meetings with the president and a justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. Delegates receive a \$10,000 college scholarship for undergraduate studies, with encouragement to pursue coursework in history and political science.



The experience was unforgettable and energizing for Iman, even in a virtual platform. “It was such an enriching experience to engage in discourse with leadership officials across the political, legal, and governmental spectrum. Hearing from all three branches of government, asking questions, and getting an inside glance to their thoughts and ideas is something I will cherish for a lifetime. Hopefully, the next time I’ll be the one giving a presentation to the world’s next leaders!”

Read more about the [United States Senate Youth Program!](#) Click on **2021 Roll Call of States** to see Iman and other delegates share clips about their home states.

Anya Ramos is Boys & Girls Clubs Wisconsin Youth of the Year

Milwaukee Public Schools is proud to recognize Anya Ramos, Wisconsin Youth of the Year! Anya was selected by Boys & Girls Clubs for academic excellence, service, and leadership. As the state winner, she receives a \$1,000 scholarship and will move on to be considered for the Midwest Youth of the Year. Five regional winners go on to compete for a national title.

Anya has been a Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee member for the past seven years. She takes an active role as a leader of the Audubon High School Club, having founded this community



service club to engage her peers with multiple local organizations. Anya also assisted in chaperoning a trip to Washington, D.C., with her school's Diferenciadors program.

As a member of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC), Anya is part of a group that meets regularly to discuss ideas for school improvements with MPS Superintendent Dr. Keith P. Posley. She was part of a student-led effort to get additional drinking fountains installed at her school and she spends time mentoring lowerclassmen to provide a positive high school experience. Part of her busy life includes interning at Reinhart Boerner Van Duren S.C. to learn more about being a lawyer. Anya plans on attending law school at Marquette University.

Congratulations, Anya, and good luck at the next level!

MPS Hosting Walk-in Vaccine Clinics at Five Schools

All Wisconsin residents age 12 and older are now eligible for the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services is expanding vaccine eligibility based on guidance from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that the vaccine is safe and effective for this age group. In collaboration with the Milwaukee Health Department, MPS is hosting walk-in vaccine clinics at five schools. All youth need a [consent form](#) signed by a parent/guardian, and no appointment is required.

MPS COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics

No clinics on Monday, May 31 (Memorial Day)

Mondays and Wednesdays - 9:00 - 11:00 A.M.

- Morse Middle School - 6700 N. 80th Street, Milw., 53233

Mondays and Fridays - 9:00 - 11:00 A.M.

- Rogers Street Academy - 2430 W. Rogers Street, Milw., 53204

Tuesdays and Thursdays - 9:00 - 11:00 A.M.

- North Division High School - 1011 W. Center Street, Milw., 53206
- South Division High School - 1515 W. Lapham Blvd., Milw., 53204

Wednesdays and Fridays - 9:00 - 11:00 A.M.

- Roosevelt Middle School - 800 W. Walnut Street, Milw., 53205

Clinics will operate according to demand until further notice.

