



**MILWAUKEE  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**



## Superintendent’s Report – March 2024

The Superintendent’s Report is designed to provide the Milwaukee Board of School Directors and the MPS community with an update on current activities under way 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.



## Recognizing MPS School Social Workers

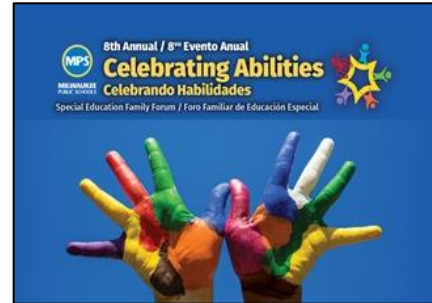


National School Social Work Week, held from March 3 to 9, 2024, celebrated the invaluable contributions of school social workers in MPS, recognizing them as essential members of the education team across MPS schools. The theme, “Pearls of Wisdom,” highlighted the role of school social workers in sharing knowledge and resources to support students, families, and the broader school community. These professionals support students from early childhood through high school by demonstrating compassion and empathy toward them and their families. Social workers build meaningful connections that directly impact students’ well-being and resilience. Their dedication and expertise deserve recognition.

Thank you, MPS school social workers!

## Celebrating Abilities Family Forum

On March 9, the Department of Specialized Services organized and hosted at Marshall High School the Celebrating Abilities Family Forum, an event for the support of families whose children require special education services. This forum served as a platform to bring together various community resources, offering invaluable assistance, supplies, and workshops to help families navigate the complexities associated with special education programs. Attendees received access to a diverse array of resources, including medical agencies, while also having the opportunity to connect and network with other families facing similar challenges. To ensure the comfort and convenience of all participants, breakfast, lunch, and childcare services were provided, fostering an inclusive and supportive environment for all attendees to engage, learn, and grow together.



## MPS Junior and Senior Student Job Fairs

On March 20, an eagerly anticipated event awaits high school juniors as they prepare to participate in the MPS Student Job Fair for juniors. Following closely on April 4, high school seniors will also have their chance to engage with this valuable opportunity at the MPS Student Job Fair for seniors. This announcement ignites excitement as students are presented with a platform to explore potential career paths, earn income for their education, acquire new skills, and actively contribute to their community. By facilitating these opportunities, MPS helps to empower students to make informed decisions about their future endeavors while simultaneously fostering a sense of investment in both their city and schools. This initiative not only provides tangible benefits for individual students but also contributes to the collective growth and prosperity of the community as a whole.

[Read more about the MPS Junior and Senior Student Job Fairs.](#)

## MPS Multicultural Exposition Fair



At the annual MPS Multicultural Exposition Fair held on March 15 at South Division High School, visitors learned about the Seal of Bilingualism and Biliteracy while observing projects created by students aimed at achieving this esteemed accolade. The fair showcased how high school students in MPS who develop proficiency in English and another language earn the Seal of Bilingualism and Biliteracy, a distinction offered by only 22 districts in the state of Wisconsin.

Awarded to seniors demonstrating English proficiency, fluency in another language, and sociocultural competency, the Seal of Biliteracy is showcased at the Multicultural Exposition Fair through student projects, such as American Sign Language, education in Mexico, and global minority youth mental health. Candidates deliver presentations and engage with visitors, highlighting their journey toward bilingualism.

The program is approved by the State of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and requires several years of commitment by the student, to begin no later than a student's sophomore year. Successful recipients receive a DPI-issued certificate and lapel pin upon graduation, with their achievement noted on their high school transcript.

[Learn more about the Seal of Biliteracy.](#)

## MPS Spring Recreation Registration Is Open

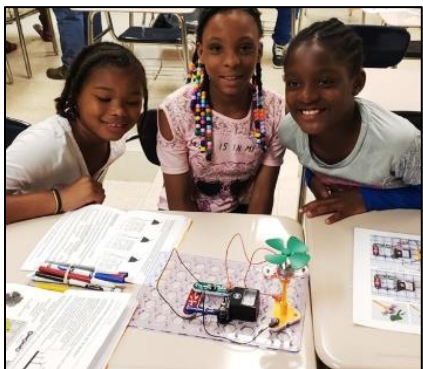
As winter sports have concluded and the snow is melted, it is time to get moving with spring activities! Registration is now open. Milwaukee Recreation provides fun and affordable activities for all ages and abilities.

Participants are encouraged to register for our wide range of programs, including aquatics, cooking, fitness, outdoor education, music, martial arts, sports leagues and activities, and much more. For more information, see our [2024 Spring Recreation Guide](#) and [register online when your registration period opens](#).



For families interested in [learning more about an overnight camping experience for eligible MPS students](#), join an MKE Recreation information fair to learn more.

## Registration for MPS Summer Academy Is Now Open



MPS Summer Academy registration is now open for K5–grade 12 students. Students in five-year-old kindergarten through grade 8 can take part in a five-week Summer Academy exploration camp from June 24 through July 26. The session runs between 8:00 a.m. and noon.

During this five-week session, students will engage in activities, special programs, and field trips, learning arts, music, social studies, STEM, reading, mathematics, and a world language at the exploration camp. Services are available at some sites for extended school year, Montessori, bilingual, and English as a second language.

Breakfast and lunch are provided, and childcare both before and after programs is available through Milwaukee Recreation.

Students in grades 6 through 12 have two options for Summer Academy: Session I, for high school students, takes place from June 13 through July 2. Session II, for grades 7 through 12, takes place from June 24 to July 25. Both sessions run between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.



During these sessions, students can enrich their learning, earn credits, and accelerate learning. Dual enrollment courses are available for high school students.

Students receive breakfast and lunch as well as Milwaukee County Transit System WisGo (formerly M-Card) bus passes.

Some of the specialty courses offered for grades 1 through 12 include the following:



- Beach volleyball and beach flag football
- Cake making
- Certified nursing assistant
- Computer Apps in Art (a digital art class)
- Forensic science
- History of rap
- Intro to podcasting
- Musical theater
- STEM GLITCH, a coding class that enables students to design their own escape room in a fictional world

Detailed information and online registration are available on the [MPS Summer Academy web page](#). Families with questions may contact Extended Learning Opportunities at [elo@milwaukee.k12.wi.us](mailto:elo@milwaukee.k12.wi.us).

## MPS Spring Break Is March 25–29, 2024

A reminder to families: spring break will take place Monday, March 25, through Friday, March 29, 2024. Classes resume Monday April 1.

