



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024

MASON MINUTE

Weekly District News

Bulldog Bright Spot



Students in Tracy Casali's classes at Mason Middle School (MMS) collected and delivered gifts and handmade holiday cards to senior residents at Green Acres of Mason. The 27 students delivered more than 200 gifts before the holidays. This is the 4th year of the Spread the Holiday Cheer event. Thank you for representing MMS and giving back to our community!



LCC Youth Classes

Register now for after school [Lansing Community College \(LCC\) Youth Programs](#). All courses are exclusively for Mason Public School students in second through fifth grades and are held at Harvey Education Center. Transportation is available. Learn more and register on the [LCC website](#). Registration opens this Friday, January 12 and closes January 26. Courses include:

- Cooking Wizards (Grades: 2-3)
- Advanced Science Experiments Club (Grades: 4-5)



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School Board Appreciation Month

January is School Board Appreciation Month, a great time to recognize the individuals who approach their volunteer work like it is a full-time job and with extraordinary dedication to Mason Public Schools.

These citizens make difficult decisions that impact our children and build our community. This month we encourage all members of the community to thank a board member. Take this opportunity to show our year-round appreciation for these servant leaders that work together to help prepare today's students to be tomorrow's leaders.



Thank you, Mason Public Schools Board of Education trustees, for your continued dedication to our students and our community.

- Christopher Mumby, President
- Liz Evans, Vice President
- Kurt Creamer, Treasurer
- Steve Duane, Secretary
- Bryan Droscha, Trustee
- Michael Kelly, Trustee
- Amy Lark, Trustee

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

MPS will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2024, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Each year, the day is set aside to acknowledge and honor Dr. King's legacy of service, courage, justice, and the power of words and actions to bring positive change.

MPS is dedicated to creating an environment where every student feels valued and heard. Dr. King's vision helps guides us in this mission as we continue to foster a community of respect, understanding, and equality.



District Communication Reminder

A reminder to families that communication to and from Mason Public Schools is done through Skylert email and phone messages, building newsletters, the district website, and classroom portals. Social media platforms, including Facebook, Instagram, and X (formerly Twitter), are used to support official communication but are not primary communication tools.

When needed, families should reach out directly to staff and building administrators using email or phone. Please allow 24-48 hours for staff to reply to any non-emergency emails and phone calls. A guide to the district's [Chain of Communication](#) is available on the website.

Messages and posts on social media pages not maintained by the district are not monitored by district staff.



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It is Red Carpet Gala Time!



Join us at the Mason Public Schools Foundation Commercial Bank Red Carpet Gala on March 9, 2024!

[Tickets are now on sale](#), secure your spot for a night of glamour and support our Mason Public Schools!

Aquatic Center Events

The Mason Aquatic Center will be open for lap swim, water fitness, and open swim. The schedule below runs from January 8- March 31, 2024.

Open Swim

- Fridays, 7-9 p.m.
- Saturdays, 1-3 p.m.
- No swimming: February 16, 17, 23, 24 and March 22, 23, 29, 30
- \$3/adult, \$2/student or senior citizen, \$8/family of four. Punch cards are available.

Water Fitness

- Mondays and Wednesdays, 7:15-9:15 p.m.
- Shallow and deep-water classes
- No classes: January 15, February 19, March 25 and 27
- \$6 at the door, punch cards are available.

Adult Lap Swim (ages 18+)

- Tuesday- Friday, 6-7:30 p.m.
 - No swim: February 16, March 22, 25-29
- Saturdays, 7-8:30 a.m.
 - No swim: February 17 and 24, March 23 and 30
- Mondays and Wednesdays, 7:15-8:45 p.m.
 - No swim: January 15, February 19, March 25 and 27
- No shallow end water walking available during lap swim.
- \$5/person or \$25/10-punch card.

Enroll Early for the Elementary School Dances!



Don't wait to sign up for the spring elementary school dances! All events will take place at Mason Middle School on Saturday, March 16, 2024.

Please be sure to [enroll in the appropriate event](#) for your child's elementary dance and enroll your child and one adult to attend with them. Search the registration codes below to register for the correct dance for students and adults.



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- 3-4:15pm - Alaiedon Elementary Dance, 5000-W24 (child), 5001-W24 (adult)
- 5-6:15pm - North Aurelius Elementary Dance, 5002-W24 (child), 5003-W24 (adult)
- 7-8:15pm - Steele Elementary Dance, 5004-W24 (child), 5005-W24 (adult)

Harvey Kindergarten students should attend the same dance as an older sibling. If the student does not have an older sibling, please sign up for either the 3 or 5 pm dance!

Dances are open to Mason students currently enrolled in kindergarten-5th grade. Tickets are non-transferable and there will be no refunds after tickets are purchased. Enrollment closes March 4, 2024, or when the event is full.

Stay Healthy this Winter

Mason Public Schools has had reports of multiple illnesses this fall including Hand Foot and Mouth, Strep, and COVID-19. If you are feeling unwell, please stay home when you have any of the following symptoms:

- A fever greater than 100 degrees; A person MUST be fever free for 24 hours without medication before returning.
- Vomited or had diarrhea in the past 24 hours.
- Severe eye drainage or red swollen eyes.
- A severe or croup sounding cough.
- Severe cold symptoms or constant thick nose drainage.
- Rash of unknown origin.

Always report any absences to your student's school. If you have questions or concerns about a student or staff illness or exposure, please contact the Health Team at bulldogrn@masonk12.net.

Important Dates

- January 15- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day- No School
- February 16-19- Mid-Winter Break- No School
- March 22-29- Spring Break- No School



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