

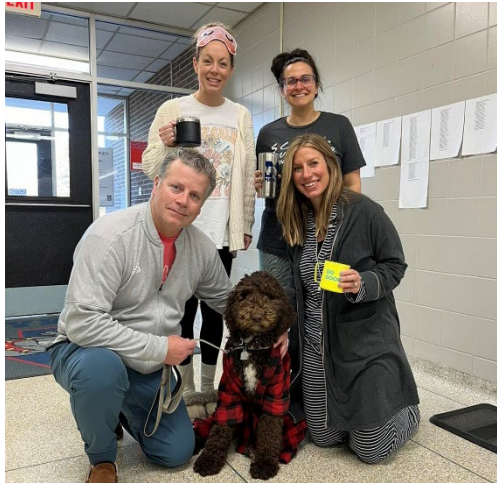


WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024

MASON MINUTE

Weekly District News

Bulldog Bright Spot- Inclusion Week 2024



Inclusion Week is underway! Students and staff in our buildings have been exploring daily themes including self-acceptance, diversity and empathy so far this week. We will close out the week focusing on inclusion and belonging. Students have explored this week's themes through books, lessons, activities and

events. In addition, students, staff, and even Sully and Lewis, took part in dressing for theme days including Jersey Day and Pajama Day.

While we celebrate these themes during Inclusion Week, our goal is to instill inclusion and belonging into our everyday lives. Inclusion gives students and staff a stronger sense of belonging, providing the framework for positive relationships and working to understand, and appreciate, one another's differences. Thank you to the MPS community for taking part in our first Inclusion Week!

Bulldog Bark Squad!

Thank you to everyone who voted to name our MPS therapy dog group, we had more than 700 votes from students across the district. We are excited to announce Sully and Lewis are officially the founding members of the **Bulldog Bark Squad!**

We can't wait to share the Bulldog Bark Squad logo and merchandise soon! Thank you to everyone who submitted ideas and voted.



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LCC Youth Programs

Registration opens this Friday, March 15, for after school Lansing Community College (LCC) Youth Programs; spring classes begin April 15. All courses are exclusively for Mason Public School students in 2nd through 5th grades and are held at Harvey Education Center with transportation available.

Learn more and [register on the LCC website](#). Registration opens this Friday, March 15, and closes April 5. Courses include:

- Beginning Robotics, Grades 2-3
- Music Video Club, Grades 4-5
- Wetland Explorers Club, Grades 4-5

Summer Job Opportunities

Join Mason Community Education for a summer of fun as a Childcare Aide. Applicants must be at least 18 and pay starts at \$15 per hour! [Learn more and apply now!](#)

Women's History Month

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



March is [Women's History Month](#), a month is set aside to honor women's contributions in American history.

Women's History Month continues to honor women who inspire us, challenge us and make the world a better place. We can spend time learning about, and recognizing, the generations of trailblazing women

who have helped propel political, social, and cultural progress as well as the continued work and progress of women everywhere.

Underwater Egg Hunt- This Sunday

Underwater Egg Hunt! Join us for an egg hunt and a movie to follow this Sunday, March 17, from 1-3 p.m. Eggs will be filled with prizes and float on the water. Younger participants will hunt for eggs on the pool deck. No preregistration is required, please bring a check or correct cash to pay at the door. \$5/student or senior, \$6/adult, \$15/family of four, plus \$1/each additional person from each household.



Spring Enrichment Guide

The [Spring Enrichment Guide](#) for Mason Community Education is available and [registration](#) is open!



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Aquatic Center Closings

The Mason Aquatic Center will be CLOSED for Spring Break from March 22-31, 2024.

The Aquatic Center will also be completely CLOSED May 1-June 9, 2024, for construction. There will be no Aquatics activities during that time frame, thank you for your understanding while the Aquatic Center undergoes improvements this spring.



Summer Childcare, Tuition Preschool, Early Learning and Before/After School Care Enrollment

Registration is now open for new and currently enrolled students for Tuition Preschool, Early Learning, Before and After School Care, Kids' Clubhouse and Summer Kids' Clubhouse for all 2024-2025 summer and school year programs. Registration information is available on the [Harvey Education Center](#) website and on the [Mason Community Education Facebook page](#).

A \$65 registration fee PER child, PER program, is due at the time of enrollment for all programs by cash or check. (Example- if enrolling a child in before/after care and summer care, the total registration fee would be \$130).

Program spaces are filled as registration and deposits are received and space is limited in all programs. Please email [Mrs. Neisinger](#) or call 517.676.6528 with any questions.

Kindergarten Registration Open Now

In-district families of incoming kindergarteners are encouraged to register students online by March 15, 2024, for the 2024-2025 school year. Please use the links below to access registration:

[Registration for existing families](#)

[Registration for new families](#)



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Children who will be 5 years of age by September 1, 2024, are eligible for kindergarten. Proof of Residency, Certified Birth Certificate, and Immunization records must be attached to the registration, or emailed to [Karla Harkness](#).

Stay Home When You're Sick

A reminder to all staff, students and families: If you are feeling sick, please stay home. We all play a part in keeping our school community healthy and limiting the transmission of colds, the flu, viruses and other illnesses.

Anyone with the symptoms below, should not come to school:

- A fever greater than 100 degrees. A person MUST be fever-free for 24 hours without medication before returning.



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- 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.

Thank you for doing your part by staying home when you're sick. If you have questions, please contact the Health Team at bulldogrn@masonk12.net or 517.883.8115.

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, 7:15-8:15 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 a.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.

Important Dates

- March 22- No School
- March 25-29- Spring Break- No School



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