



Mason Public Schools

# Keynotes

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## MPS LAUNCHES SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAMS

As an exemplary learning community, we know the importance of summer learning. Our team has developed a plan for this summer that focuses on reading and mathematics. We are pleased to share we will have several learning opportunities this summer for students at all grade levels beginning in June. Please understand that we want to give families options, but participation is not required.

### Summer Reading Program (Students departing first grade)

This program uses our existing Wonders curriculum. A few days each week, students will be given a 20-30 minute online “adaptive learning” assignment. Once per week, these students will have small group instruction online with a teacher and focus on literacy basics while preparing students for the second grade.

### Kids Read Now (Grades K-3)

Kids Read Now is a program for students in grades K-3. Each student is mailed a new book in their area of interest, every week, for 6 weeks.

### Book Mobile (Grades 4-12)

Watch for the book mobile, as we make our way around town. The book mobile will have books for students in grades 4-12. Our principals, literacy coaches and media specialists have been working on this at all levels.

### Khan Academy Partnership (Grades 3-12)

We are pleased to announce that Mason Public Schools will begin a new partnership with Khan Academy. The focus of Khan Academy will primarily be mathematics, but we will also have some offerings to help our high school students prep for the SAT in the fall. All students will be enrolled at Khan Academy for the summer, but there is no requirement to participate.

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Approved design of the MHS tennis courts

## MASON PUBLIC SCHOOLS IMPROVES AND EXPANDS TENNIS COURTS

At the March 9, 2020 Board of Education Meeting, the Mason Public Schools (MPS) Board approved plans to move forward with the renovation and expansion of the existing tennis courts located at Mason High School.

Prior to the passing of the 2017 MPS bond, the school study committee was tasked with identifying areas within the District that would need improvements. The tennis courts at the high school were identified as a possible area of improvement during that time. When the final bond proposal was passed by the community, the tennis courts were not included in the plan. MPS felt that these courts needed an improvement due to potential safety concerns. Utilizing sinking fund dollars, the District plans to begin renovation of the eight existing courts and build four additional courts to accommodate the competition level of the Mason High School tennis teams.

“After years of wear and tear, the existing tennis courts at Mason High School were at the end of their life. We knew it was time to improve the courts as we cannot continue to utilize these courts for competition in their current condition. When these courts are complete, we will have

the necessary facilities to host tennis matches at the high school,” said Ronald Drzewicki, Ed.S., Superintendent, Mason Public Schools.

The Board of Education approved a plan to spend \$1,123,180 of sinking fund dollars on this project. The project is expected to begin on May 18 and be complete in August. During this time, the tennis courts will be closed.

“As we work diligently on our budget planning for next year, it is important to note that the district cannot utilize sinking fund dollars on things like salaries or benefits. The Board of Education and District leadership have decided to move forward with this much-needed renovation,” Drzewicki added.

### Important 2020-21 Dates

#### First Day of Instruction

August 26, 2020

#### Winter Break

December 21, 2020 - January 3, 2021

#### Spring Break

April 2, 2021 - April 9, 2021





Sample produce box contents

## USDA PROGRAM PROVIDES FRESH PRODUCE TO FAMILIES

As part of the Coronavirus Farm Assistance Program, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) will be distributing up to \$3 billion to those in need across the United States. The USDA is partnering with Mason Public Schools and other regional and local distributors to purchase fresh produce, dairy and meat.

Commodity boxes, filled with 15-25 pounds of fresh produce and dairy are distributed weekly to families for free until the end of June.

## MMS STUDENT TAKES 9TH PLACE IN FARM BUREAU'S ESSAY CONTEST

Mason Middle School, eighth-grade student, Melody Meyer was announced as one of 10 statewide winners of Farm Bureau Insurance's America and Me Essay Contest. The theme of the annual contest is "My Personal Michigan Hero." Melody's essay earned 9th place out of approximately 3,500 essays submitted by students from over 350 Michigan schools.

Open to any eighth-grade student in Michigan, the America and Me Essay Contest was developed in 1968 to encourage Michigan youth to explore their roles in America's future. The annual contest encourages students to write about their Michigan heroes, someone who has made a big difference in the students' personal lives by teaching them important lessons. Melody chose to write her essay about her hero, her older brother, Evan.

The contest winners will each receive a custom Farm Bureau Insurance corn toss game to promote family fun during these unfortunate times, a personalized plaque, a personalized medallion, a copy of their essay printed on metal, a cash award of \$1,000 and another \$1,000 for the school they attend.

## KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT IS OPEN

Online enrollment is currently open for students starting Kindergarten in the fall. As Kindergarten Information Night was cancelled in March, much of the information you will need can be found online. Enroll your student for Kindergarten by visiting [www.masonk12.net/enrollment](http://www.masonk12.net/enrollment).





The 2020 Mason High School Senior Class

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2020!

Hirah Abbasi  
 Collin Abfalter  
 Jedian Acevedo  
 Jackson Adams  
 Inafethsel Aker  
 Sarah Albrecht  
 Marissa Alexander  
 Ronni Allen  
 Taylor Anderson  
 Isaac Ashworth  
 Kalon Ayres  
 Gracie Baker  
 Luke Baker  
 Charis Bauer  
 Taylore Beach  
 Noah Beeman  
 Katelyn Benson  
 Keegan Bentley  
 Reagan Bercaw  
 Devyn Bettelon  
 Margaret Bird  
 Jonathan Blassingame  
 Rachel Boertman  
 Meghan Bolley  
 Matthew Bondarenko  
 Zachary Borst  
 Destiney Bost

Anthony Branson  
 Jadyynn Brown  
 Mikayla Brown  
 Ethan Burt  
 Jacob Burt  
 Tessany Burton  
 Elizabeth Bush  
 Julia Buzard  
 Cody Cameron  
 Hazel Campbell-Crawley  
 Dalton Caron  
 Tiffany Carpenter  
 Benjamin Carter  
 Elizabeth Colligan  
 Chase Cooley  
 Jordan Cooper  
 Reggie Croffett  
 Dylan Crowl  
 Aidan Crumpton  
 Leah Dack  
 Chase Dancer  
 Bryce DeKett  
 Sophia DeMott  
 Joseph Derby  
 Ashlyn Desco  
 Sadie Disselkoen  
 Brady Donaldson

Sadie Earegood  
 Benjamin Eckhardt  
 Kayla Elliott  
 Kyle Fanson  
 Emily Ferguson  
 Shyanne Ferman  
 Abby Fernburg  
 Katelyn Filion  
 Adam Franklin  
 Katelyn Franks  
 Allison French  
 Parker Friend  
 Elena Gashi  
 Cassandra Gates  
 Jack Gilchrist  
 Kohen Gillespie  
 Braden Goff  
 Mario Gonzales  
 Emma Gorrell  
 Megan Greene  
 Madison Gregurich  
 Kaitlyn Halstead  
 Zachary Hamilton  
 Sarah Hammond  
 Sophia Hanover  
 Amelia Harroff  
 Lucas Hayhoe

Isabella Heathman  
 Andrew Hebert  
 Neils Heiselt  
 Jasmine Hernandez  
 Gabrielle Hill  
 Kylie Hoffman  
 Dylan Hollon  
 Hannah Holmes  
 Lucas Hubbell  
 Jamie Hude  
 Brice Isenhath  
 Paisley Jacob-Croley  
 Elza Jakupi  
 Tyler Jenks  
 Jenna Johnson  
 Russell Jolly  
 Asia Jones  
 Greta Joneson  
 Elle Judge  
 Eliezer Kallio  
 Ty Karrick  
 Courtney Kaschinske  
 Tyler Kean  
 Kayleigh Keast  
 Samuel Kinney  
 Michael Kirby  
 Brooke Kolonich



Aidan Longpre  
Myles Losey  
Payge Maddix  
Nathaniel Madery  
Antonio Maldonado  
Max Markell  
Jhanna Mataya  
Richard Mayes  
Kylie McClung  
Austin McCoy  
Michael McGuire  
Gordon McMillan  
Kyra McNulty  
Collin Meeuwenberg  
Claire Miller  
Ethan Miller  
Mason Miller  
Tanner Miller  
Abigail Mills  
Michael Montalvo  
Bradley Moore  
Bryce Moore  
Colin Moore  
Devin Moore  
Tristan Moore  
Reyna Morrell  
James Muenzenmaier  
Jacob Muscott  
Amy Nguyen  
Jesse Nims

Grace Norman  
Mara Norton  
Chase Nowicki  
Hunter Oden-Fitchett  
Layla Onze  
Tyler Osborn  
Rhylee Owen  
Alyssa Page  
Zane Perrault  
Lucy Petee  
Kelly Pitchford  
Ethan Potvin  
Pierson Prevost  
Madeline Quinlan  
Kaden Reasoner  
Hannah Reutter  
Alyssa Reynolds  
Doris Rhymes  
Kaitlin Rice  
Connor Richardson  
Macie Ries  
Jonathan Rigg  
Makayla Rinehart  
Clarissa Roberts  
Anthony Rockhold  
Johnathan Rodgers  
Easton Rogers  
Ruth Rotta  
Seth Russ  
Madison Ruthruff

Kayta Ryan  
Shannon Ryan  
Emily Sanders  
Abigail Sawyers  
Grant Schaberg  
Landon Schafer  
Ainslie Schlagel  
David Schmidt  
Rodney Scriptor  
Alexis Seneca  
Bradley Seyffert  
Keagan Shacka  
Jory Shaver  
Satinka Shipman  
Chris Sickles  
Reece Simpson  
Brandon Singletary  
Kristasue Small  
Michelle Small  
Candace Smith  
McLaine Smith  
Addison Soule  
Rayn Sova  
Catherine Sowers  
Adrianna Spitz  
Skylar Stagg  
Rose Stanton  
Macy Stevenson  
Alyssa Stid  
Griffin Storr

Jared Swain  
Jessica Switalski  
Daria Thomson  
Cole Tomlin  
Thomas Trenary Retz  
Jenelle Trickey  
Dalton Trimmer  
Savannah Trout  
Jordan Turner  
Chase Vahoski  
Jackson Vanbeelen  
Scott Vanburen  
Anna Vandebussche  
Devin Vasquez  
Rebecca Vassallo  
Ryan Wagner  
Hayven Waldo  
Owen Warr  
Lita Weekley  
Ellyse Weigelt  
Emily Wells  
Caroline Wilk  
Ashlyn Wilkinson  
Michael Willard  
Micah Williamson  
Chloe Winters  
Skylar Womble





## CONGRATULATIONS TOP 10%

The following graduates have placed in the top 10% for their academics. Congratulations to these students. More information about each one of them and their plans for the future have been shared on the Mason Public Schools Facebook page.

Sadie Disselkoen - 4.303  
Parker Friend - 4.269  
Zane Perrault - 4.249  
McLaine Smith - 4.225  
Reagan Bercaw - 4.185  
Sophia Hanover - 4.185  
Micah Williamson - 4.145  
Greta Joneson - 4.136  
Luke Baker - 4.117  
Griffin Storr - 4.111  
Madeline Quinlan - 4.109  
Lucy Petee - 4.085  
Ashlyn Wilkinson - 4.085  
Catherine Sowers - 4.08  
Margaret Bird - 4.068  
Jenna Johnson - 4.067  
Kylie McClung - 4.055  
Isabella Heathman - 4.043  
Abigail Mills - 4.025  
Ethan Burt - 4.007  
Jedian Acevedo - 4.006  
Macie Ries - 4.000  
Ethan Potvin - 3.982  
Ellyse Weigelt - 3.981

## MASON PROMISE SCHOLARS

Each year, 25 Mason Promise Scholars are selected as they finish their grade 5 year. These Scholars are traditionally honored at a ceremony held at Mason Middle School. As we are unable to bring the group together per social distancing regulations, students will be honored in August. Congratulations to the 2020 Mason Promise Scholars!

Emma Baker	Maya Olvera
Haidyn Bedes	Isabelle Palmer
Olivia Clifford	Mya Rich
Riley Copeland	Grace Richardson
Brooklyn Gutierrez	Abigail Robinson
Alexander Imgrund	Elaina Sanchez
Zeb James	Skye Staffeld
Violet Klages	Peighton Stid
Kayleigh Laclear	Emma Whipple
Dylan Lock	
Landyn Loveless	
Elise Mack	
Gailee Maynard	
Cady Miller	
Tyler Morales	
Damien Moran	



# A Community-Wide Rally Campaign

We asked and you provided! In April, we asked for the community to submit stories of moments you see that make us #StrongerSmarterSaferTogether. Here are a just a few of the stories we received. We will continue to share more on our Facebook page as we receive them.



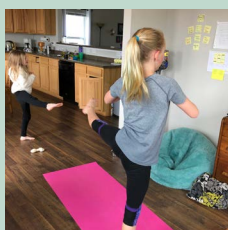
One of our Mason teachers used her hobby to help our community. Sarrah Gani is a beloved grade 1 teacher at Alaiedon. During this unique time she decided to use her love of photography to safely take pictures of families that have “Sheltered in Place”. The families that participated made a donation to the Mason Food Bank. Through Sarrah’s inspirational actions, \$750 has been donated to the food bank.



Now more than ever, families are playing a vital role in their student’s education. And we can’t thank parents enough for the extra daily effort they are having to put in for their kids. Just take the Jolly family for instance - even the pup has had to step up!



Some of our North Aurelius Cub Scouts have been practicing their orienteering skills to present at their next den Zoom meeting! We love seeing our Bulldogs getting outside, being active and finding creative ways to stay connected to their community.



Right before school ended, Aubrey signed up for her very first season on the middle school track team. The season may have been canceled but the workouts have not! In this photo, Aubrey (grade 6) and her sister Kylie (2nd grader at North Aurelius) were participating in the zoom HIIT (high intensity interval training) workout hosted by Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Mulanix.

Virtual learning? Rainy day? Nothing will stop Mrs. Huntley’s kindergarten class from having a virtual pool party! Thank you, Mrs. Huntley and Mason staff for the continuous opportunities to allow our students to connect and have fun!



For some of us, getting into a routine at home can be challenging - but not for Alaiedon Elementary School 1st grader, Emmerson! She starts every day with the Alaiedon pledge (as best as she can remember) and even taught her younger brother!



Our very own Leah Kruger and her mother have been acting as porch fairies dropping off goodie bags to young girls in Mason! Leah got the idea after seeing her mother participate in a gift exchange with adults and wanted to do the same for her peers. Thank you, Leah for bringing #MasonTogether!



When 4th grader Reece first learned that school would be closed for the year, the first thing he asked was, “What about my shark project?!?” Determined to finish his halfway done shark research project, Reece completed it with no instruction to do so. Family, friends and several Mason teachers came together on a Zoom meeting so Reece could finally present his shark project to his community.



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Mason Public Schools is committed to academic excellence in a safe environment where students develop critical thinking skills, are empowered to succeed, and are encouraged to serve their community.

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