



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024

MASON MINUTE

Weekly District News

Bulldog Bright Spot

Congratulations to the Mason Area Chamber of Commerce (MACC) Education in Excellence award winner Lauren Fusilier!

Lauren is a special education teacher who has recently taken on the role of the PreK-12 Special Education Teacher Consultant/Autism Consultant for the district.

She is an advocate for all children in the district and provides professional development to staff while supporting teams in a professional, organized and enthusiastic manner! Her nominators, Krista Voss and Angie Vandecar said she is, "an exemplar in the field of education and a true leader in the MPS district and beyond."

Lauren will be honored with the other MACC awardees at a ceremony in March.



Level UP! Registration Opens Tuesday

[Registration](#) opens Tuesday, March 5, at 6 p.m. for this year's Level UP! Summer Learning Program. The program is open to students who finish Young 5 through 8th grade in June 2024. The five-week program offers students a wide range of exciting, themed activities designed to help maintain academic skills and enrich their brains.

Level UP! will run June 18 - July 25 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Steele Elementary. Level UP will not run the week of July 4, and bus transportation is available. Registration is open until all spots are filled and a wait list will be created once the program reaches capacity. Families will receive confirmation within seven days of registration. Contact the [Level UP program administrator](#) with questions.



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!](#)



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Inclusion Week 2024

March 11-15, Mason Public Schools will host our first ever, district-wide Inclusion Week! Our buildings, teachers, staff, students, and all visitors are encouraged to take part in five days of learning, understanding, compassion, outreach and appreciation for one another's differences.

Themes of the week include:

- Self-Acceptance
- Diversity
- Empathy
- Inclusion
- Belonging

Stay tuned for more details about how to get involved, including daily themes, resources and more!



Student Selected for Art Scholarship Exhibition



Congratulations to MHS senior, Allison Galloway who was accepted into the 2024 Art Scholarship Alert Exhibition! Her artwork titled *Descension to the Midnight Zone* has been selected to represent her Senior Art portfolio in the 2024 Art Scholarship Alert Exhibition at Lansing Art Gallery and Education Center from February 28-March 30, 2024.

This is the first time a Mason student has had a scholarship portfolio artwork chosen for this high honor. She has been a student in the Mason Visual Arts program all four years of high school.

Aquatic Center Closing

The Mason Aquatic Center will 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.



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Have Breakfast at School!



Breakfast is served! Breakfast is available in all buildings each day and is free for all students!

Elementary Grab and Go

Steele: Cafeteria, 8:20-8:50 a.m.

North Aurelius: Cafeteria/Gym, 8:20-8:50 a.m.

Alaiedon: Cafeteria/Gym, 8:20-8:50 a.m.

Harvey Center: Drop off area by Gym, 8:25-8:55 a.m.

Middle School

Cafeteria, 7:20-7:40 a.m.

High School

Cafeteria, 7-7:40 a.m.

Spring Enrichment Guide

The [Spring Enrichment Guide](#) for Mason Community Education is available and [registration](#) is open! Please note, the Mason Aquatic Center will be completely CLOSED May 1-June 9, 2024, for construction. There will be no Aquatics activities during that time frame.

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

Registration for currently enrolled students in Tuition Preschool, Early Learning, Before and After School Care, Kids' Clubhouse and Summer Kids' Clubhouse begins Friday, March 1, 2024, at 7 a.m. for all 2024-2025 summer and school year programs.

Information for enrolling was sent to currently enrolled families via email from Mrs. Neisinger. If you are currently enrolled and did not receive the email, please contact neisingerp@masonk12.net

Enrollment for new families will begin Monday, March 11 at 9 a.m. Enrollment will be online via a link 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 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](#).

Last Week to Register- Elementary School Dances

[Sign up now](#) for the 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.

- 3-4:15 p.m. - Alaiedon Elementary Dance, 5000-W24 (child), 5001-W24 (adult)
- 5-6:15 p.m. - 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.

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 of our Mason Public Schools!

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.
- 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.



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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

Underwater Egg Hunt! Join us for an egg hunt and a movie to follow on 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.

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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