



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024

MASON MINUTE

Weekly District News

Bulldog Bright Spot



Help us name our dog pack!

Last week you met our new staff members, Lewis and Sully, a pair of therapy dogs who will begin working at the high school and middle school later this year. We hope to add more dogs to the "pack" in the future.

Now we're looking for your help to name our "pack" of furry friends! Check out this [short video](#) and submit your name ideas using this [Google Form](#). Lewis, Sully, and their human friends will pick a name and use it on fun goodies, trading cards and on social media. Submissions are due by February 14.

Black History Month

February is Black History Month and Mason Public Schools' commitment to equity continues to be a focus area this month, and throughout the year.

Teachers and students can engage in classroom discussion, study historical facts and figures, celebrate achievements, and examine struggles all while supporting student inquiry and engaging in exploration of equity and equality. We encourage families to continue these conversations at home and learn more about [Black History Month](#).

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

National School Counseling Week



This is National School Counseling Week, a time to focus on the unique contribution of school counselors within our schools. This week we highlight the impact school counselors can have in supporting students, helping them achieve, and planning for the future. Thank you to our team of counselors!

Elizabeth Conroy, Kathleen Oakes, and Eddie Saade at Mason High School; Jennifer Hamers and Danielle Ziehmer at Mason Middle School, Laura Billow at North Aurelius and Harvey Early Childhood Center, and Janelle Briggs at Alaiedon and Steele.



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Vote for Mason Artists



Scan this QR code to vote for Mason Artists. Also please vote for Mason for the School Spirit Award.

Voting is now open for the 17th annual MSUFCU Student Art Exhibit featuring artwork from Mason students. [Public voting](#) is open until February 23 and awards will be presented at a ceremony on March 3. Show your support by voting for Mason artists and the [School Spirit](#) award.

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](#).

All Kindergarten classes meet at Harvey Education Center. An in-person Round-Up will take place in May and the Harvey office staff will reach out to all registered families to schedule. We can't wait to meet the next class of Bulldogs!

Sign up ends today- Summer EBT Benefits

Today is the last day to sign up to receive the Summer EBT benefit. **If your family has already completed and submitted a School Meals and Summer EBT Application for the 2023-24 school year- you do not need to apply again for the Summer EBT benefit.**

If your family has not completed the form, and would like to receive the Summer EBT benefit, please complete the [Household Application for Free and Reduce-Price School Meals](#)

If you have questions about the form, please contact Food Services (517) 676-6529. Questions about the EBT program can also be [emailed](#).

Community-Based Offerings

Did you know the MPS website has a page for [Community-Based](#) classes, programs and events? Whether you're looking to get involved or looking to share information about community-based programs such as scouting, camps, sports, and other programs- this is the place. Submission can be submitted via [email](#).



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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.

- 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.

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!

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 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.



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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.

Important Dates

- February 16-19- Mid-Winter Break- No School
- March 22- No School
- March 25-29- Spring Break- No School

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.



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