



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024

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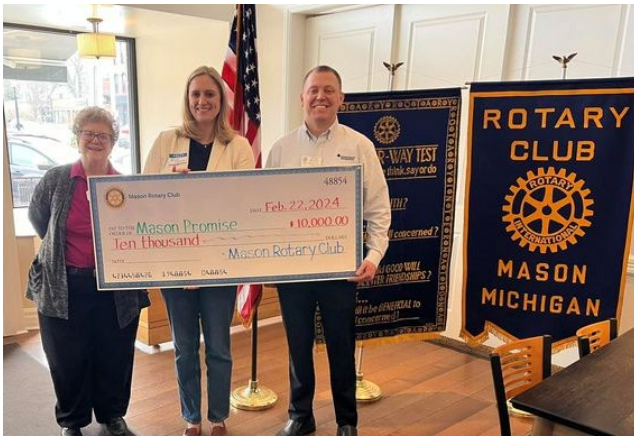
Weekly District News

Bulldog Bright Spot

The North Aurelius Volleyball Club wrapped up their season with 34, 4th and 5th grade players! The club players made great progress throughout the season, improving their skills as they had fun learning and playing volleyball!



Thank you!



The Mason Rotary Club recently donated \$10,000 to the [Mason Promise Scholarship](#).

The Mason Promise Scholarship is a community organization of volunteers that guarantees funding for two years of Lansing Community College education to selected Mason Public School students. Thank you to the Mason Rotary Club for your support!

Summer Job Opportunities

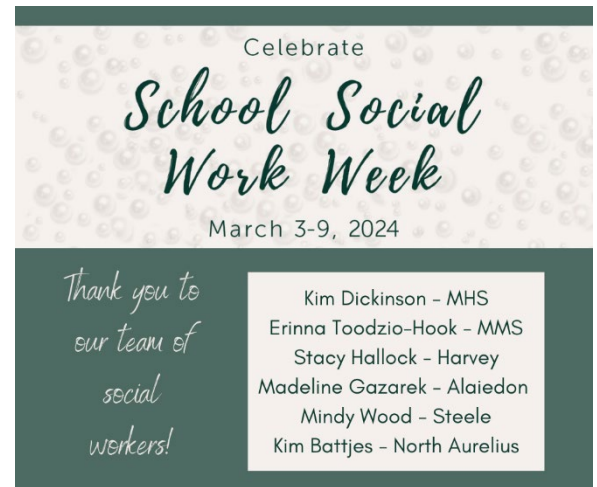
Join Mason Community Education for a summer of fun as a Childcare Aide. Applicants must be at least 18 and pay starts at \$15 per hour! [Learn more and apply now!](#)



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School Social Work Week

This week is School Social Work Week and we are celebrating our social workers who help students by creating a positive environment in our schools. School social workers help students navigate challenges to school success and overcome barriers to learning. Thank you to our team of social workers- **Kim Dickinson** at MHS, **Erinna Toodzio-Hook** at MMS, **Stacy Hallock** at Harvey Education Center, **Madeline Gazarek** at Alaiedon, **Mindy Wood** at Steele, and **Kim Battjes** at North Aurelius.



Inclusion Week 2024

Next week is the 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. Each day of the week has a theme, word and associated activities to take place in all of the MPS buildings.

Monday theme and word of the day: Self-Acceptance

Self-acceptance is learning to love yourself, inside and out. It's about letting go of the things you can't change and appreciating what makes you unique.

Jersey Day- Be part of a team.

Tuesday theme and word of the day: Diversity

Diversity is when people from all different backgrounds come together.

Pajama Day- Come as you are, everyone is accepted.

Wednesday theme and word of the day: Empathy

Empathy can help us to be kind and be better friends and classmates.

Superhero Day- Showcase your individual superpowers.

Thursday theme and word of the day: Inclusion

Inclusion is when all people, regardless of abilities or differences, are given equal access and opportunities to participate, be involved, and have their perspectives heard and valued.

Neon Day- Let your light shine.

Friday theme and word of the day: Belonging

Belonging can be defined as the sense of being accepted, valued, and respected within a group or community. It's feeling like you are an important part of something larger than yourself.

Bulldog Belonging Day- Wear your Mason Bulldog or red and blue gear.



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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.



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 is now open for currently enrolled students in Tuition Preschool, Early Learning, Before and After School Care, Kids' Clubhouse and Summer Kids' Clubhouse 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](#).



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Red Carpet Gala This Weekend

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.

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.



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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

Important Dates

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

- 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.

