School-Level Stories



High School Stories



Storyteller: Josh Martin

Story: The Central High Symphonic Orchestra, under the direction of Kimberly Jackson, performed at the Valley of Flowers Candidates Dinner on April 10, 2022. The students did an amazing job as they played beautifully during dinner.



Storyteller: Josh Martin

Story: Central High students from Ms. Sullins's Culinary Arts 2 class recently took a tour of the Chocolate Factory and the Hill. They were able to see the Piazza, sample some gelato (Italian ice cream) at Gelato di Riso, and had an authentic Italian lunch at Favazza's. They cut shapes and make their own soap at Herbaria Soap and ended the day by taking a tour of the Chocolate Factory to see real-life applications from the Culinary world.



Storyteller: Josh Martin

Story: Central High senior, Tayah Burnett, is Hazelwood Central's Scholar-Athlete for 2022. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch honors the area's top senior athletes in the 56th annual St. Louis Post-Dispatch Scholar-Athlete. On May 11th, there will be an event at Busch Stadium prior to the start of the baseball game and it will include an on-field appearance for the athletes, as well as tickets to the game. Congratulations, Tayah!



Storyteller: Josh Martin

Story: On March 4th and 9th, the instrumental music department of Hazelwood Central High hosted the orchestra and band festivals. Over 20 schools from across the St. Louis area came to HCHS to play their songs for three judges and then sight read a piece in front of another judge. This is a state festival for these groups that came to play. The students of HCHS were guides to the groups, assisted the judges and reset the stage for each group. The students were complimented many times for their willingness to help and courtesy to the groups that attended.

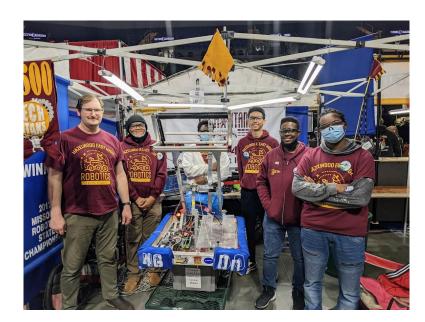
East High School

Storyteller: Melinda Ridings

Story: Congratulations to the EHS Tech Titans! 🤖

Over Spring Break weekend, the Hazelwood East Robotics Team, the Tech Titans, battled through two days of qualifying matches to earn its first historic advancement into the playoffs at the FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) St. Louis Regional!

They also end the Spring robotics season as one of Hazelwood's top FRC Robotics teams.



East High School

Storyteller: Melinda Ridings

Story: Senior, Varsity wrestler, Charles Morgan, who qualified for the state wrestling meet in February, was chosen to participate in the East-West All Star Wrestling Meet (Missouri vs. Illinois), held in Edwardsville on Tuesday, March 8th. Charles won his match 9-5.

Charles is coached by Mr. Curtis Bledsoe.



West High School

Storyteller: Subrinia Chapel

Story: Angelina Viviano, a West High senior and St. Louis Internship Program participant, was honored with the Joan Ellyn Silber Volunteerism & Leadership award and a \$1,000 scholarship at the Table for Four luncheon! Congratulations, Angelina!



West High School

Storyteller: Michele Bauer

Story: Bella Bauer, a senior at Hazelwood West High, and Ariella Bauer, an 8th-grade student at West Middle, won Y98's Student of the Month award! These girls are some incredible young women. Bella has participated as a coach on her sister's team at West Middle School.

They both participate in the Dare Program with the Hazelwood Police Department and are counselors at Dare camp. They will be giving the Dare Presentation at Russell Elementary and have also been involved in Girls On the Run since they were both in 3rd grade. Their interview will be played on the radio Friday morning around 6:50 am. Congratulations, Bella and Ariella!



Middle School Stories



West Middle School

Storyteller: Michele Bauer

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Elementary School Stories



Storyteller: Sheilah Fitzgerald

Story: It's a bird, It's a Plane....No it's Barrington Elementary

Superheroes!

It's MAP Spirit Week at Barrington Elementary as students prepare for testing next week participating in fun activities daily. Yesterday, students were able to wear their favorite superhero or Marvel character shirts for Superhero Day.



Photos/video/graphics:

Storyteller: Sheilah Fitzgerald

Story: In case you missed it!

Barrington Elementary students and staff lined the hallways to

celebrate Ms. Smith for Assistant Principal week!





Storyteller: Sheilah Fitzgerald

Story: Barrington students were recognised for being the Best of Barrington! Pre-k through 5th grade students were honored for meeting school-wide expectations and for meeting academic goals.

Storyteller: Sheilah Fitzgerald

Story: Our Brilliant Bulldogs set reading goals each quarter. The goals are collaboratively created with the students, parents, and teachers. Students received a certificate of achievement for their continued growth and their names are added to our brag board located in the mail hallway.

Brown Elementary School

Storyteller: Peter Kain

Story: Brown Elementary School Track-and-Field athletes and coaches represented their school and district with integrity, courage, and perseverance at the Track-and-Field Competition at North County Technical High School last week. All athletes earned multiple ribbons and medals for their accomplishments and opportunities for athletes to meet and participate with buddies from other schools!



Brown Elementary School

Storyteller: Peter Kain

Story:

- Brown Elementary PTA plays an integral role in our school's success.
- We are thankful for our amazing PTA Leadership Council, which includes President Lauren Pitchford, Vice-President Tasha Keye, Secretary Octavia Caldwell, and Treasurer Marquita Dixon. They have dedicated their time this year to plan, organize, and implement various activities designed to support our students and families!
- Thanks to the efforts of our PTA Leadership Team, Brown Elementary recently added 53
 new PTA members in the span of one month! Our PTA-sponsored Membership Drive
 inspired 33 family and 20 staff members to join our Brown School PTA!
- At the Hazelwood School District Founder's Day Celebration in February, the Brown School PTA was recognized for increasing total membership for the 2021-2022 school year, for reporting membership to MOPTA by August 31st, 2021, and for electing a brand new Executive Board this school year!
- Our Brown School family is grateful for the participation and impact of the many individuals who are dedicated to achieving the HSD PTA Council Mission, "To support our learners, educators, and communities by promoting the welfare of our children through education achievements, community involvement, and by providing high standards of excellence."

Brown Elementary School

Storyteller: Peter Kain

Story: The Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) staff and students are integral members of our Brown School Family! The staff recently raised \$615 to donate to Gift of Sound, a program that helps children and adults with hearing loss gain access to hearing aids. This officially makes our staff Silver Level Sponsors for Gift of Sound! Our staff goes above and beyond to support programs focused on health and education, including the American Diabetes Association, Arts and Education Council, The American Heart Association, and the Hazelwood School District PTA Scholarship Fund. We are proud of the efforts and generosity of our entire staff for making a positive difference in our community and our world!



Grannemann Elementary School

Storyteller: Dr. LaKisha Franks

Story: Grannemann Elementary 5th grade students enjoyed the Southeast Middle School transition meeting. The presenters were engaging and informative. Our students were attentive and asked questions to get a better understanding of middle school.



Grannemann Elementary School

Storyteller: Dr. LaKisha Franks

Story: Congratulations to Grannemann students who have shown the most growth on the MAP practice test. Students have been working hard to prepare for the MAP test this year. Each week students are recognized for their work in different areas. This week students earned the "Most Improved" award for demonstrating the most growth on our Mini MAP assessment. Congratulations and keep up the hard work!



Jury Elementary School

Storyteller: Aunya Mcelroy

Story: Councilwoman Shalonda Webb visited Jury Elementary Students to speak to the 4th and 5th grade girls about careers, using your voice, and how to help your community thrive.



Larimore Elementary School

Storyteller: Kimberly Burroughs- Neeley

Story: Larimore School partnered with Sheldon Concert Hall for students to participate in the Sheldon SOLID Project thanks to the help of Larissa Young, a music teacher for Larimore Elementary. The project is a STEAM program where the students will learn about the science of sound and the process of designing and building their own sound devices.

The Saint Louis Science Center visited Larimore students for their first presentation to discuss the groundwork for the science behind sound and the amazing things to come in this program!



Larimore Elementary School

Storyteller: Kimberly Burroughs- Neeley

Story: Larimore Elementary Classical Guitar Club is going to perform this Saturday, April 30, 2022. The students will be performing with other students in the St. Louis Region at the *Annual All-Metro Guitar Day*. **This event is located at the Sun Theater at 3625 Grandel Square, St. Louis, Missouri 63108**. We are so proud of our Guitar Club.

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Larimore Elementary School

Storyteller: Kimberly Burroughs- Neeley

Story: Larimore students are sprucing up the school garden and outdoor classroom space with two STEAM projects. We are working with local community partners to create habitats and outdoor learning spaces.

Larimore students worked with Building Futures to research ADA-compliant wheelchair-accessible garden bed requirements. During the Saturday sessions, students were able to apply geometry and measurement skills to build the garden beds.

For a second STEAM project for our garden space, one of our first-grade teachers completed a Donor's Choose project for chick hatching. The plan is to begin the hatching process on April 7th. Students will work with Building Futures to research and build a chicken coop for our chickens to live in our outdoor courtyard classroom space as well. See attached photos.



Lusher Elementary School

Storyteller: Andrea Caldwell/ Karen Hoelscher

Story: Lusher Elementary is ready to rock the test for MAP Testing next week! The teachers and staff created this video to surprise their students at the MAP Pep Assembly this afternoon to get them excited about the test!



Storyteller: Lisa Strauther

Story: Russell Elementary celebrates its diverse students and their families. Russell has students from 20 countries from all over the world and they speak 14 different languages. This month, Russell recognized students who observe Ramadan.

Ramadan is a holiday celebrated in the Islam religion and observed this year from April 1-May 1. Muslims fast from sunrise until sunset each day during Ramadan. The students who are fasting while at school created posters about what Ramadan means to them.

Jannah Mutan, a fifth grader, said, "Ramadan is important because it is part of our religion and fasting is one of the pillars that we have to do." Fares Nema, a fourth grader, said, "Fasting shows us what the poor people go through." Sami Jaraba, a fourth grader, stated, "Ramadan represents our culture." Qusai Hammoudeh, a fourth grader, said, "Fasting during Ramadan shows respect to the poor." The students had fun sharing their culture with their peers this month.



Storyteller: Lisa Strauther

Story: Isaiah Costa is Russell's MVP! He is fun to have around, sweet and helpful. At the beginning of the year, it was difficult for him to remain in class learning with his peers since Isaiah was learning virtually all last year. Currently, he is participating and learning alongside his friends in class, and doing a great job with his reading and letters.

Isaiah has also improved his math skills! The progress Isaiah has made this year is truly astonishing, and we are all so proud of him!!



Storyteller: Lisa Strauther

Story: Gavin Miller, a Russell Elementary school student, made over 500 points of growth from the beginning of the year until now on his Scholastic Reading Inventory assessment. He has worked extremely hard at home and school to always give his best. Great job Gavin!



Storyteller: Lisa Strauther

Story: The staff and students of Russell Elementary are extremely thankful for the partnership created under the leadership of Pastor Jay Jefferson & North County Christian Church (NC3).

To show their appreciation for the hard work of our staff, NC3 provided Travelin' Tom's Coffee truck on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 for all staff to enjoy a special treat in the morning. We are thankful to have dedicated supporters and we look forward to a continued partnership between Russell Elementary and NC3!

You may view pictures of this much appreciated gift here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EgGGmMTtvmFwl6r0_gipFb3NJhlwv-XZ/view?usp=sharing Photos/video/graphics: Video to be converted then attached.

Townsend Elementary School

Storyteller: Karen Collins-Adams

Story: HSD is so proud of the Earth Day Bike Ride to Townsend. Jen Stewart, a Townsend Elementary School teacher, courageously rode from Afton to Hazelwood. Congratulations on making this your journey.

