

School-Level Stories



February 8_2022

Central High School

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Storyteller: Josh Martin

Story: Congratulations is in order for Michael Wren, a Hazelwood Central Freshman! who was selected as a winner of the 2022 Disney Dreamers Academy Essay Contest and accepted into the Disney Dreamers Academy in Orlando, FL.

The Disney Dreamers Academy teaches 100 high school students how to dream big and discover the possibilities. The weekend will also include educational sessions, guest speakers, and hands-on learning opportunities.

Click [here](#) for the video that appeared on Good Morning America.

Photos/video/graphics:



Central High School

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Storyteller: Josh Martin

Story: The Central High School RoboHawks Robotics Team competed in their first competition Feb. 6 at Florissant Valley Community College. The team work together and learn great life skills at the competition.

Photos/video/graphics:



East High School

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Storyteller: Melinda Ridings

Story:

Mr. Chuck Orlando has been selected as Hazelwood East High School's Teacher of the Year! Congratulations Mr. Orlando!

Mr. Daymon McGhee is Hazelwood East's Support Staff of The Year & Security Employee of the Year

Paris Prince, 11th Grade EHS student, built a DNA Model for Principles of Biomedical Sciences. Paris is interested in attending Saint Louis University (SLU), and later become a Labor & Delivery nurse. Great job Paris!

Congratulations to Mr. Curtis Bledsoe and Mr. Jarnelle Flowers who both earned their Education Specialist (Ed.S.) degrees from Lindenwood University this semester! Way to go gentlemen!

Congratulations to Ms. Sherri Gaskin for receiving the Apple Award for Teaching from the Iota Phi Lambda Sorority.

Photos/video/graphics:



East High School

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Storyteller: Melinda Ridings

Story: Congratulations to the Hazelwood East Robotics Team for their 3rd Place finish and 2nd Place THINK Award in the StL North League Tournament Feb. 26 at Florissant Valley Community College.

These accomplishments will end the First Tech Challenge season with an overall 4th Place League Ranking, a 13 - 2 - 0 League match record, and a total of 1,648 points scored in winning matches.



East High School

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Storyteller: Melinda Ridings

Story: Amonte Wright, a Senior at East High School, is currently completing the Access Point Program on a full paid apprenticeship. Great job, Amonte!

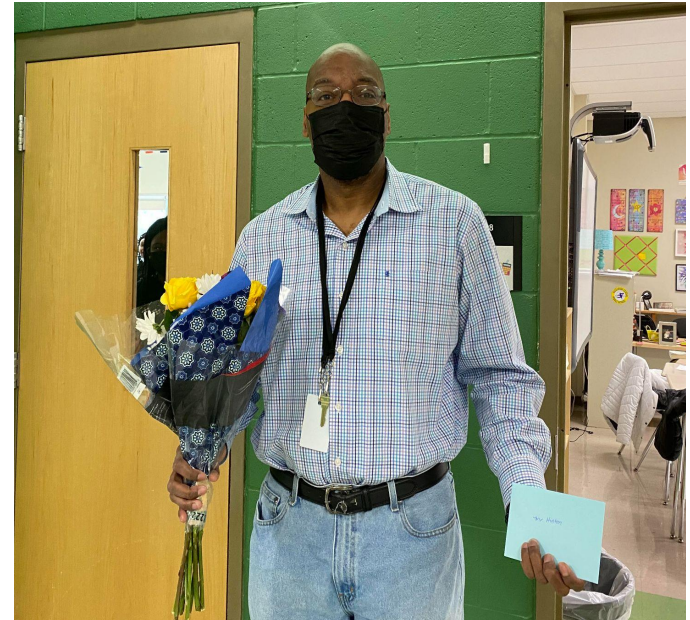
For more information on the Access Point Program, please click [here](#).

Central Middle School

Storyteller: Jason Chambers

Story: Hazelwood Central Middle School chooses Anthony Hinton as Support Staff of the Year. Mr. Hinton has worked at Hazelwood Central Middle School for several years and goes above and beyond to meet the needs of students. He attends the HCMS basketball teams, building relationships with students and families, and working toward his own growth in education. We are SO proud that Mr. Hinton is an HCMS Golden Eagle!

Photos/video/graphics:



Central Middle School

Storyteller: Jason Chambers

Story: Hazelwood Central Middle School chooses Melody Dupree as the Child Nutrition Specialist of the Year. Ms. Dupree works diligently to provide students with delicious food options. She goes above and beyond and we are SO proud that She is an HCMS Golden Eagle!

Photos/video/graphics:



West Middle School

Storyteller: Lanetra Thomas

Story: West Middle Teacher Receives Classroom Award

National Middle Level Science Teachers
website---

<https://nmlsta.wildapricot.org/>

Photos/video/graphics:



*Congratulations to the NMLSTA
Fall 2021
Classroom Teacher Award Winners!*

Feel the Heat!

Kathy Biernat, Notre Dame School of Milwaukee, WI

K'nex for STEM Classrooms

Lynn Holmes, Edgewood Elementary, PA

Complete Metamorphosis

Sharron Miller, Saint Anthony of Padua, VA

**Understanding Heat Transfer Through Real Time
Data Collection**

Elisabeth Moore, Wiley Magnet Middle School, NC

Dedicated Safety Glasses During a Pandemic

Elizabeth Petritus, Smith Middle School, CT

Making the Invisible Visible

Melissa Sleeper, Storm Grove Middle School, FL

**Beating the Heat in a FOOD desert through
Hydroponics**

Kasey Sindel, Hazelwood West Middle School, MO

FALL 2021 CLASSROOM
TEACHER AWARD WINNERS

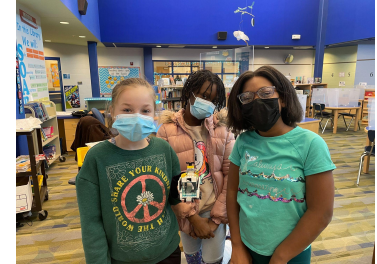
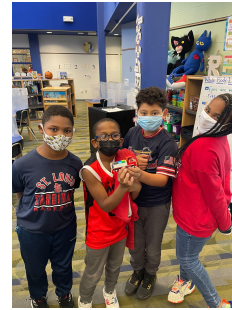
Armstrong Elementary School

Storyteller: Robert Payne

Story: Armstrong Elementary School is partnering with the FIRST Robotics Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri to provide girls with hands-on learning in engineering, coding, construction, and a ton of fun along the way.

Armstrong also has extended the program to our male students during our Robotics specials class.

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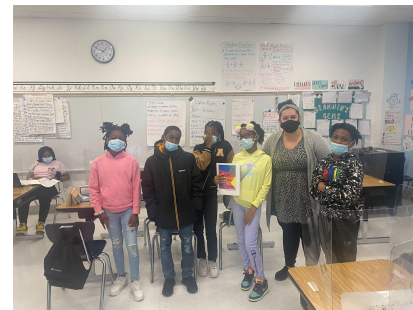
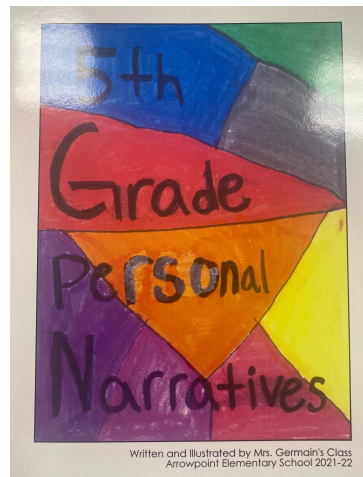


Arrowpoint Elementary School

Storyteller: Amber Mccurry

Story: Mrs. Germain's 5th-grade students at Arrowpoint Elementary have published their first book! The book is a collection of personal narratives written and illustrated by the entire class on a variety of topics. What a great way for students to help stir up some inspiration for one another!

Photos/video/graphics:



Barrington Elementary School

Storyteller: Dr. Sheilah Fitzgerald

Story:

Barrington Elementary School will represent the state of Missouri in the 50 State Postcard Exchange. Mrs. Bohres' 4th grade class designed their postcard and provided information and fun facts about the state of Missouri. The postcards are sent to other participating schools so students can learn about each state.

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Brown Elementary School

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Storyteller: Peter Kain

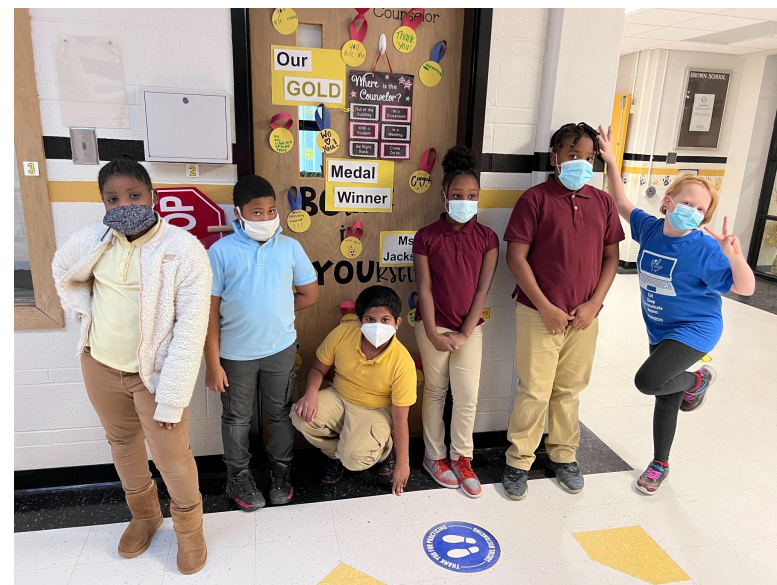
Story: The Brown Elementary School 2022 GO! St. Louis Read, Right, and Run Team is working hard to READ 26 books, RIGHT the community with 26 good deeds, and RUN 26.2 miles from January through April.

This meaningful program is for students of all abilities to experience success in a positive and supportive environment. Weekly after school practices focus on setting goals, updating and sharing GO! St. Louis progress logs, doing a good deed, and completing a physical activity.

The Read, Right, Run team members include Dominick Rajesh, Marvin Dominguez Jimenez, London Jones, Lily Walker, Oliver Driver, Charles Kyles, and Chloe Kyles.

Coaches are Brown School staff members Lauren Walls, Rachel Gill, Jean Goldstein, Kayla Winkler, LeeAnn Linneman, and Kathy Ball.

Photos/video/graphics:



Brown Elementary School

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Storyteller: Peter Kain

Story: Students and coaches have planned Good Deed Activities this season. Those activities include picking up litter outside of the school, scrubbing walls, desks, and tables at school, leaving encouraging and positive notes around the school, making personalized thank you cards for teachers, and much more.

The Read, Right, Run season will conclude with a 1.5 mile final race on Saturday, April 2, 2022 at Forest Park, as part of the larger GO! St. Louis Marathon and Family Fitness Weekend.

The coaches are extremely proud of the growth, responsibility, and perseverance displayed by Brown School's Read, Right, and Run Team.

Photos/video/graphics:



Brown Elementary School

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Storyteller: Peter Kain

Story: Tonya Jackson, a Brown Elementary School Counselor, has been named the 2021-2022 Counselor of the Year by the St. Louis Suburban School Counselor Association for her outstanding service and leadership.

"Hazelwood School District is committed to being a leader in addressing the mental health of our students," Dr. Nettie Collins-Hart, Superintendent of HSD, said. "Ms. Jackson embodies that commitment, and we are fortunate to have her in our district."

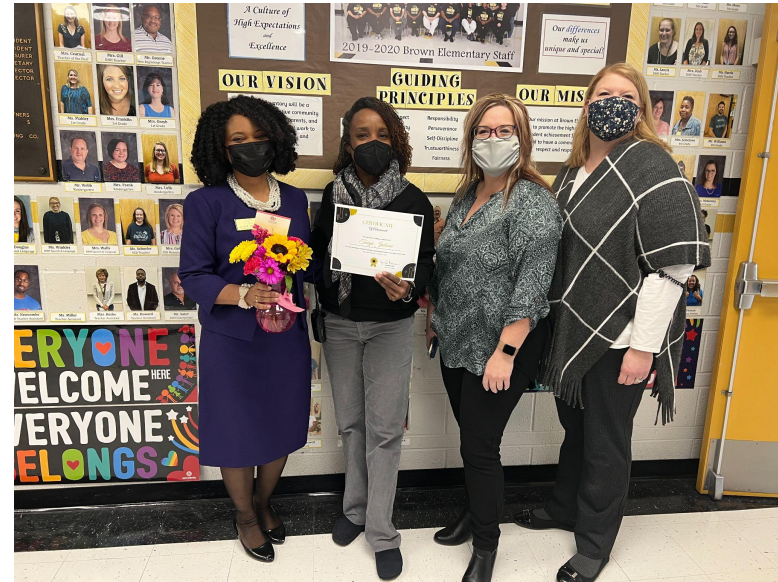
Ms. Jackson learned about the honor during a surprise visit from members of the Association and district leaders at her school on Jan. 31.

"I feel so honored," she said. "I am grateful to work with so many wonderful educators and students."

Ms. Jackson has been an elementary school counselor for four years. Previously, she worked as a middle school social studies teacher and elementary school teacher for grades 1st through 5th.

Eventually, Ms. Jackson decided the best way for her to help students was to become a school counselor, so she earned a master's degree in counseling from Lindenwood University.

Photos/video/graphics:



Cold Water Elementary School

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Storyteller: Ed Beckmann

Story: Students at Cold Water Elementary School have launched a program called Club Fridays. The program gives students a chance to influence education based on their interests. It's all about giving them a voice in the education process.

-The pictures included are of our GEMS (Girls in Engineering in Math and Science), our Bear Ballers, Drawing Club, and Poetry Slam Club.

Photos/video/graphics:



Cold Water Elementary School

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Storyteller: Ed Beckmann

Story: Devynn Donaldson, a 3rd grader at Cold Water, represented for his team in the D1 All-American Bowl Championship. Congratulations Devynn for being a hard worker both on and off the field. We're very proud of his accomplishments.

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Lusher Elementary School

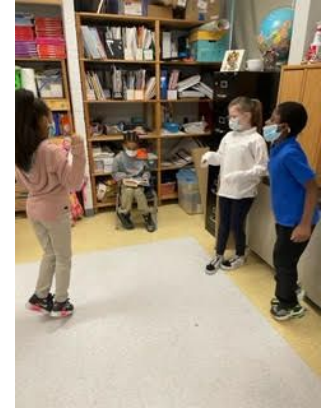
Storyteller: Andrea Caldwell

Story: Congratulations to Ms. DeSilva's 5th Grade class where 18 out of 20 students raised their SRI score by 50-300 points.

2nd Grade Class

Students in 2nd grade are having fun learning to retell folktales through drama under the direction of Sherry Norfolk of Spring Board!

Photos/video/graphics:



McCurdy Elementary School

Storyteller: Germaine Stewart

Story: DeJuan Strickland, a former McCurdy student, stopped by McCurdy on February 7. He shared his written comic book, "Tech Boy," with 5th-grade students discussing the power of STEM and why he decided to create this book.

"My book promotes Black and tech literacy and STEM. I was inspired by the movie Black Panther. I saw that there was a lack of Black protagonists in movies, tv shows, and books," he said.

DeJuan will also be featured on the Today Show on February 22 and working on his next book, "Science Girl," coming soon!

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Russell Elementary School

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Storyteller: Lisa Strauther

Story: Russell Elementary would like to recognize Tracy Colton as Clerical Staff of the Year. Mrs. Colton is a dedicated staff member and colleague. As the principal's secretary, Mrs. Colton's impact goes above and beyond on a daily basis. She is a great supporter to all staff members, students and families and is a great asset to our entire school community. HSD is grateful for Ms. Colton's dedication to everyone at Russell Elementary!

Photos/video/graphics:



Russell Elementary School

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Storyteller: Lisa Strauther

Story: Meet the Russell Elementary School First Grade Student Council!

These students demonstrate Russell's traits of being responsible, respectful and safe. They currently have helped collect and box 2,000 food items for the T.E.A.M. pantry, Raised \$800 through the Grinch contest to help a few Russell families during the holidays, and Currently they are selling Candy Grams to spread kindness and love throughout the school. Congratulations to Council members!

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Walker Elementary School

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Storyteller: Kelly Kozlen

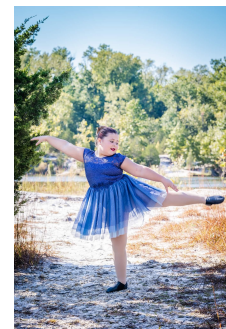
Story: Great job, Kacie! We could not be prouder! Give this post some ❤️ if this made you smile!

Photos/video/graphics:

Walker Wildcat Student Spotlight 

Kacie Uelhof

Just Dance! Walker would like to recognize another well-rounded student-athlete, Kacie Uelhof. Aside from outstanding grades and quarterly honor roll, Kacie participates in Girl Scouts and competition dance. Kacie enjoys ballet, tap, jazz and poms. She was recently invited to participate in the ballet production of Wizard of Oz. We are so proud of you Kacie!



Walker Elementary School

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Storyteller: Kelly Kozlen

Story:

**Walker Wildcat
Student Spotlight**

Abigail Baxter

Walker is serving up another outstanding student-athlete! While dominating honor roll in the classroom, Abby is a Walker Safety Officer, involved with Student Council, Sport's Club, soccer and basketball. Currently, Abby is the leading scorer on her basketball team! Walker is very proud of you, Abby!



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