

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Hazelwood schools awarded arts and education grants

The Arts and Education Council and Maritz awarded three schools in the Hazelwood School District with grants to support classroom-based art projects during the 2018-19 academic year.

- Hazelwood West High School will use funding to support its annual Writers Week, which showcases teacher and student songs, slam poetry, narratives and plays.
- Jana Elementary School will purchase rolling carts to make xylophones, the cornerstone of the school's music program, accessible to all students, regardless of student

age or size of instrument.

- Keeven Elementary School will teach students to play guitar during music classes, using grant funds to purchase guitars, music stands, and electric tuners.

The Maritz Arts and Education Fund for Teachers provides critical funds to arts education programs serving St. Louis-area school districts. Maritz and the Arts and Education Council partner to offer this funding opportunity to individual schools and teachers to support projects that encourage creativity in the classroom.

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## New principals appointed at two Hazelwood schools

The Hazelwood School District has announced the appointment of two new school building principals.

The HSD Board of Education has approved the appointment of Dr. Stacy Ray as principal of Hazelwood Northwest Middle School and Melanie Davison as principal of Brown Elementary School.

Ray has worked in the Hazelwood School District for the past seven years; since the beginning of this school year, she has served as interim principal of Northwest Middle School.

She also has worked as a curriculum coordinator and assistant principal at Hazelwood West Middle School, and held the position of building principal in two other school districts.

Ray holds a bachelor's degree in social studies from the University of Missouri, along with a specialist in administration and a doctorate in educational leadership from Missouri Baptist University.

Davison has worked in the Hazelwood School District for more than 18 years; most recently, she served as an instructional coordinator at Jana Elementary School.

Prior to this, she served as both interim principal and instructional specialist for Cold Water Elementary School for almost seven years, and was a teacher at Brown Elementary School for 10 years.

Davison holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Western Illinois University, and a master's in educational administration from Lindenwood University.

"I look forward to seeing the great things Dr. Ray and Mrs. Davison will continue to do for the students in our district," HSD Superintendent Dr. Nettie Collins-Hart said. "We value our diverse staff members who are caring, culturally-competent, well-trained, and highly-effective in their roles."