

COMMUNITY NEWS

Larimore Elementary holds Multicultural Day



Students perform during Larimore Elementary's first-ever Multicultural Day on Dec. 20. Students performed songs and modeled clothing from around the world, put together a marketplace showcasing items from different countries, and sampled many different foods.

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Hazelwood North Middle School gives back to community

Children and families from across the community benefited from the generosity of North Middle School this holiday season.

Students, staff, PTSA members, and parents donated \$3,000 as part of a schoolwide effort to support those in need; the school surpassed its original goal of \$2,000 raised.

Students used the money to buy clothing, toys, and electronics that will benefit the St. Vincent Home for Children and St. Louis Crisis Nursery.

The gifts also will be shared with three local families the school 'adopted' for the holiday season.

The school held a Holiday Give Back assembly Dec. 17 where the gifts were collected and given to representatives of each organization.



Photo courtesy Hazelwood School District

Students load donated gifts into cars to be sent off to community organizations.

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Greater North County Chamber of Commerce donates toys to school



Photo courtesy Hazelwood School District

The Greater North County Chamber of Commerce donated toys to Larimore Elementary School on Dec. 20. Pictured (from left) are Larimore Principal Cameron Coleman, Larimore Home School Coordinator Angela Turner and Chamber President/CEO Venus Martz.

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Hazelwood School District Announced . . . *Teachers of the Year*



Ashley Gerald with her Lusher Elementary first graders on Dec. 17 when her award was awarded. The Hazelwood School District 2018-2019 Teachers of the Year have been chosen. Teacher of the Year is named at each school, after which an overall District Teacher of the Year and two runners-up are selected. Ashley Gerald, first grade teacher at Lusher Elementary School, has been named the 2018-2019 Hazelwood Teacher of the Year. Katie Hernandez of Jana Elementary and Stephani Durant of West High School tied for first runner-up. Ms. Gerald was surprised with the news in her classroom Dec. 17 by Superintendent Nettie Collins-Hart and Assistant Superintendent Juan Cordova. "I am honored to receive this award. We have an amazing group of educators in our district, so to be recognized by my peers for my growth and work is amazing," Gerald said. "I do not take it lightly and I am so thankful to those that have contributed to my success throughout the years." She is a Hazelwood Central High School graduate, and has taught at Lusher Elementary for the past four years; she began teaching in the Hazelwood School District in Spring 2007 and taught previously at both Grannemann and Keeven Elementary. "Ms. Gerald plays the role of both teacher and leader for Lusher Elementary, and truly cares about supporting each student's individual needs," Superintendent Nettie Collins-Hart said. "She is a wonderful representative for our district and shows what it means to create a culture of high expectations. I want to congratulate each of our Teacher of the Year winners, and thank them for their tireless efforts in the classroom and helping to make the Hazelwood School District a great place to learn."

PHOTO CAPTION: Ashley Gerald with her Lusher Elementary class Dec. 17 on during a ceremony during which Gerald was congratulated by HSD Superintendent Nettie Collins-Hart.

Teachers of the Year Named at each School in the Hazelwood District

Armstrong Elementary – Lizabeth Johnson
Arrowpoint Elementary – Amy Williams
Barrington Elementary – Paris Bouchard
Brown Elementary – Jean Goldstein
Cold Water Elementary – Monica Warren
Early Childhood – Stacey Anderson
Garrett Elementary – Toni Grimes
Grannemann Elementary – Jernae Craig
Jamestown Elementary – William Kuhnert
Jana Elementary – Katie Hernandez
Jury Elementary – Kelsey Bodie
Keeven Elementary – Allison Cooke
Larimore Elementary – Angela Turner
Lawson Elementary – Jaimie Wilmes
Lusher Elementary – Ashley Gerald
McCurdy Elementary – Teresa Fiudo
McNair Elementary – Rachel Johnson
Russell Elementary – Molly Vatterott
Townsend Elementary – Chelsea Christman
Twillman Elementary – Sharene Brown
Walker Elementary – Renee Jenner
Central Middle – Cindy Miller
East Middle – Anna Zakrzewski
North Middle – Lauren Chadbourne
Northwest Middle – Joyce Pipes
Southeast Middle – Matthew Loyet
West Middle – Mark Hicks
Opportunity Center – Dorothy Burford
Central High – Patrick Rocco
East High – Cassandra Thomas
West High – Stephani Durant

2018 Year in Review

Feb 5 – Hazelwood School District holds meetings for community feedback on redistricting plans, also on February 7.

May 2 - Missouri State Auditor Nicole Galloway releases an audit of the Hazelwood School District that raises questions about the district's operating and spending practices. The audit was initiated by a parent-led citizen petition.

Oct 29 – Hazelwood East School-Based Health Centers open at Hazelwood East and Riverview Gardens high schools.

(Hazelwood School District stories extracted from list)



Danforth Center and Boeing Team Up to Cultivate the Next Generation of Scientists Through Hands-On STEM Education

St. Louis, MO (January 2, 2019) - Boeing, the world's largest aerospace company and leading manufacturer of commercial jetliners, defense, space and security systems, and service provider of aftermarket support, has provided the [Donald Danforth Plant Science Center](#) with a \$80,000 grant in support of [Green Means Grow](#), a centerpiece of the Danforth Center's STEM education and outreach. Boeing provided its first \$85,000 grant to support Green Means Grow in 2017 and was one of the Danforth Center's earliest partners to support its education and outreach programs in plant science, agriculture and technology through [Tech Trunks](#). In 2017 alone, the Green Means Grow program doubled its reach and served 900 students in St. Louis Public Schools, the [Hazelwood School District](#) and Ritenour School District. In 2018, 980 students were engaged in Green Means Grow activities. The grant from Boeing additionally enabled a new pilot partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis, focusing on schools in the Ferguson/Florissant School District. The Danforth Center's partnership with Boeing helped to expand STEM Splash Day, a one-day immersive STEM experience based in schools whereby classrooms are transformed into laboratories for hands-on/minds-on STEM activities and demonstrations facilitated by scientist volunteers from the Danforth Center. Recently, 100 percent of participating instructors indicated that program activities and lessons were age-level appropriate for their students. Further, 94 percent of teachers indicated that they learned new information with more than 90 percent indicating that Center programming provided them with their first opportunity for formal STEM professional development. Green Means Grow curriculum is designed to help students understand the origin of their food, appreciate food choices and farming practices throughout the world and grasp the importance of global food security. This program provides equipment and instructional materials for students to plant and grow tomatoes, lettuce, peppers, potatoes and other food crops in their classrooms. Students learn a range of science and math concepts through a variety of activities including planting, cultivating and harvesting crops. "Boeing has been a supportive sponsor of the Danforth Center's science education and outreach efforts for more than a decade. Their generous investment will help us reach our long-term goals of enabling students to develop 21st century skills in life sciences. Ultimately many of them will choose to continue their studies and go on to obtain sustainable employment in science and technology fields. In addition, these young scientists and technicians will provide the St. Louis region with a more diverse talent pool necessary to fuel the rapidly growing ag-innovation economy," said Terry Woodford-Thomas, Ph.D., the Derick and Sally Driemeyer Director of Science Education and Outreach. In 2018 more than 3,500 students in 95 schools throughout the region, many of which were located in the City of St. Louis, participated in the Danforth Center's Education and Outreach Programs. By "sharing our science," through hands-on, inquiry-based learning experiences, the Danforth Center strives to inspire a scientifically informed citizenry and importantly, a new generation of scientists. The curriculum packages are designed to teach important skills such as critical thinking, developing and testing hypotheses, observing outcomes, communicating results, lab etiquette and teamwork.

<http://www.seedtoday.com/article/160905/danforth-center-and-boeing-team-up-to-cultivate-the-next-generation-of-scientists-through-hands-on-stem-education>

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