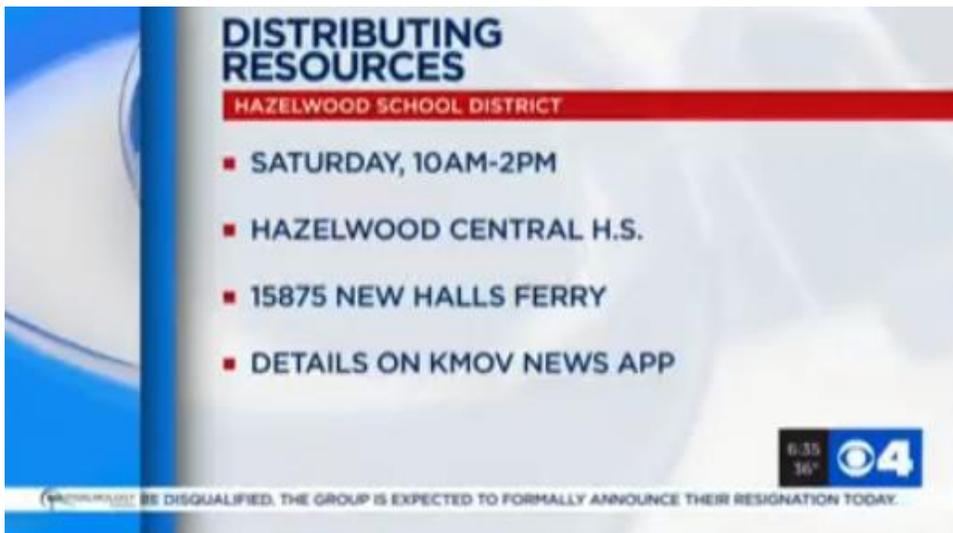
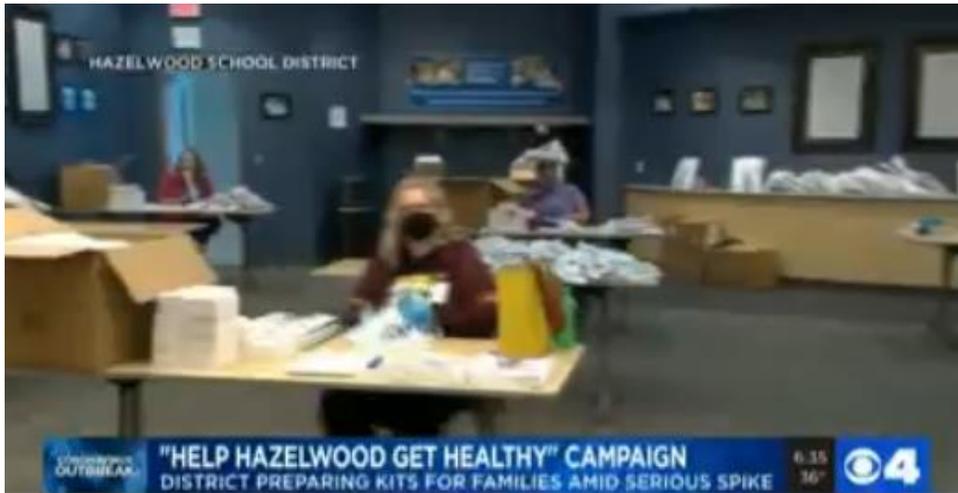




HELP HAZELWOOD GET HEALTHY CAMPAIGN



Zip codes in the Hazelwood School District are experiencing some of the highest Covid-19 infection rates in all of Missouri, Hazelwood has launched a new public health campaign, the **Help Hazelwood Get Healthy** campaign encourages people to do things like wearing masks, practicing social distancing and school nurses are joining in the event, preparing thousands of resource kits for families in the district, thermometers, disposable masks and more. Each student's family will receive a kit at the resource event this Saturday, November 14th. It's at Hazelwood Central High school and we have information posted on our KMOV news app.

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Honoring education



Joel Crenshaw stands with students in his class back in January.

Photo courtesy Hazelwood School District

Dean of Students at Hazelwood Northwest Middle School recognized with an Excellence in Teaching Award from Emerson

By Charlotte Beard

As part of their commitment to promote quality education throughout the St. Louis area, since 1989 Emerson has been sponsoring the Excellence in Teaching Awards program for Missouri and Illinois. One of their many recipients for this year's honor is Joel Crenshaw, a teacher, and Dean of Students at Hazelwood Northwest Middle School.

According to Emerson, honorees are announced and usually recognized at an invitation-only awards ceremony sponsored by the organization each November. The Excellence in Teaching Awards ceremony will not be held this year due to COVID-19 and other uncertainties. Instead, each honoree will receive their Excellence in Teaching Award later this year. Plans are being made for a news release listing the St. Louis honorees.

Participation in Emerson's awards program is by open invitation to all public and private schools in the St. Louis metropolitan area that provide full-time instruction for students in kindergarten through college. The annual award recognizes outstanding educators for their dedication to teaching St. Louis-area students.

"We are very proud of Mr. Crenshaw and thankful to have such a dedicated teacher on our team," stated Dr. Nettie Collins-Hart, Superintendent of Hazelwood School District {HSD}. "Teachers like Mr. Crenshaw are the fuel that drives our culture of high expectations and excellence."

Crenshaw shares, "My goal is to reach and teach the 'whole' student. I believe that to be a difficult task if you do not get to know and

appreciate the student, their interests, and what capacity I can serve the student other than an educator."

Prior to teaching seven years for HSD, Crenshaw was a teacher in the rural areas Winfield and Montgomery.

"I truly felt if I was ever to become a school administrator," stated Crenshaw, "I could not effectively serve a diverse school population without having urban school experience. I love my experience and opportunities in the Hazelwood School District, and I hope to spend the duration of my career here. I love the students, families, and stakeholders that reside (here and) make-up the Hazelwood School District community."

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According to HSD sources, prior to Crenshaw recently accepting the role of Dean of Students at the middle school he taught sixth grade reading and English language arts at the school.

The HSD educator who is also the Hazelwood School District 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year, received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Missouri Baptist University. He received his Master's in Education Administration in 2009.

Crenshaw shared what inspired him to enter the education field and why he continues.

"I struggled to read well in the second grade," stated Crenshaw. "My teacher, Mrs. Peine, instilled confidence (in me). (She) was my biggest cheerleader and taught me strategies to comprehend materials more thoroughly. In three months, I was able to move from the middle reading group to the highest reading group. I will never forget the exhilaration I had for learning and achieving after that accomplishment. It is that feeling that drives me to challenge students to have a growth-mindset and believe in themselves. Making a difference in the way students see education and themselves allows them a lifetime of self-belief and achievement."

When Crenshaw received the district's 2019-2020 award, Superintendent Dr. Nettie Collins-Hart stated that he had a true gift of building relationships with students.

"I believe any educator could learn from his ability to connect with students and inspire them to bring positivity to the classroom and



Photo courtesy Hazelwood School District

Joel Crenshaw (right) stands with Hazelwood School District Superintendent Dr. Nettie Collins-Hart after he was recognized as Hazelwood School District Teacher of the Year in January.

experience success," stated the superintendent.

Crenshaw states, "Having taught in both the rural and urban settings, my goal for all of my students have always remained the same – have respect for those who are different from you and challenge yourself to empathize when opinions differ. If we are going to challenge students to be the change they want to see in our rapidly changing world, we must first attempt to see how others see. Building a climate of growth and empathy is the reason I enjoy going to work each day."

CORRECTION

On the cover of the Nov. 4 St. Louis County Community News in the story "A drive-thru Thanksgiving" the cutline incorrectly identified the people in the photo as volunteers at a previous St. Ferdinand Thanksgiving Dinner. They were instead volunteers at an unrelated event. The Community News regrets the error.

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