

THE NORTHWEST NEWS

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Special Points of Interest:

We hope everyone enjoyed the Labor Day holiday and are re-energized for the new week. The best is yet to come.

TOP NEWS:

- **Honors Teachers**-Honors teachers are to attend an Honors Orientation session at the TLA, Tuesday, September 8, 2009, from 3:30-5:30 p.m.
- **The Pre-K-3 Continuum, Standards Based Reporting, and Retention meeting with Dr. Hamer for the NW will be held on THURSDAY - Sept. 10 - 4pm** at Belleuve Middle School. He wants the Principal, PDSCC and one teacher from each of the grades Pre K-4. Please call Dorothy and let her know who will be attending from your school.
- **Stanford Law**-There was to be a meeting for principals of elementary schools with grade 6 this Thursday at Lucie Campbell Elem. Due to the fact that Dr. Hamer is meeting with NW Principals and their PreK-4 teams this Thursday - that meeting has been **postponed until NEXT THURSDAY, Sept 17**. Same time and place - Lucie Campbell @ 4pm.
- **SACS**-The time has come for schools engaged in SACS accreditation visits this year to start the planning process. Jason has already notified principals of their need to share SACS coordinators for a VERY important organizational meeting on Tuesday, September 22, in the Board Auditorium. If you are going thru SACS, please plan to attend.
- **NW Learning Ex Grader Pro Training-September 9th at the TTC on Jackson Ave.** Two sessions will be offered for our region. The times are from **8:00-11:00 and 12:00-3:00**. The department of Pre k-12 Literacy will pay for **ONE sub** for each school. This sub will need to alternate between the two classes of the teachers who will attend the training. One teacher in grades (4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11 should attend).
- **CSH**-Please make sure you send home the letter Dr. Parks of Coordinated School Health and the MCS Communications department forwarded to all principals on Friday, September 4. Also, please take a moment to view Dr. Parks' interview located on the MCS website for critical information regarding H1N1. <http://www.mcsk12.net/>
- Each school should begin running the **Truancy Report weekly**. There should be a Student Attendance Review Team actively functioning in every school. Please send a list of your SART members to burrowsc@mcsk12.net. Please adhere to the MCS uniform and attendance policy.
- **NW Compstat Data Report Out will begin on Thursday, September 10th at 12:30 pm.** This meeting will provide an overview of how the upcoming Compstat sessions will provide information on the kinds of data to be included in your upcoming reports. Please bring your TCAP data (Reading, language arts, writing, math) to the meeting. **Select principals in the first cohort have been contacted regarding attendance.**
- **Title I Extended Learning Proposals** are due to NCLB by September 11th.



Pointed in the Right Direction !

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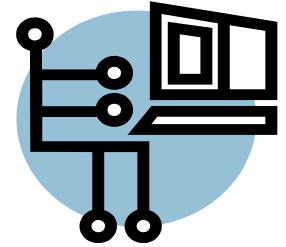
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STUDENT SUPPORT

Professional School Counselor

All ninth grade students must have a completed **Focus Plan of Study (Grad Plan)** in Ed Plan by September 21, 2009. The instructions and guidelines were provided in the **September 1, 2009**, Counselor's in-service. **PBIS** High Schools must submit two students to Janice Johnson for the Student Advisory Board. This was due **September 4, 2009**. The Code of Conduct result forms were due **August 27**. Please submit to Ann Sharp, Office of Safe and Drug Free School See attached to this email an announcement and registration form for PBIS Team Leader/Internal Coach training. **Student Support Services** eSchool courses will begin **Thursday, September 10, 2009**. Enrollment for Quarter 1 has closed.



*James Bacchus
Executive Director*

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Read 180-IMPORTANT!

- Before the beginning of the school year, middle- and high-school principals received a list of students who were eligible for Read 180. That list was based on the *projected* enrollment for each school, but now that school has started, the list has been updated using each school's *actual* enrollment. Because of the high rate of student mobility during the beginning of school, principals will probably find this updated list very helpful in placing students who were not projected to be at their school as of a few weeks ago, but who are at their school now.
- This information does NOT apply to the eight Striving Readers schools, where Read 180 placement must follow the protocols of the Striving Readers grant.
[http://mcsk12.net/forms/ops/READ 180 candidates \(updated 08-31-09\).xls](http://mcsk12.net/forms/ops/READ%20180%20candidates%20(updated%2008-31-09).xls)
[http://mcsk12.net/forms/ops/Read 180 enrollment guidelines.pdf](http://mcsk12.net/forms/ops/Read%20180%20enrollment%20guidelines.pdf)

**Dr. Linda Kennard,
Executive Director, C & I**

SRI Testing Window:

Northwest Region **September 8 - 18**

If you have any questions regarding Read 180, please contact LaTisha Bryant at 416-2932.

- AIMSWeb Mathematics materials are being delivered to schools from printing and should be complete by the end of the week. The deadline for entering data into the management system will be extended until **September 22, 2009**. Please make sure that teachers read the instructions for the new tests in grades 2-5.

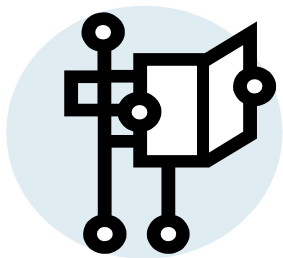
PRE K–12 MATHEMATICS

Stanford Math

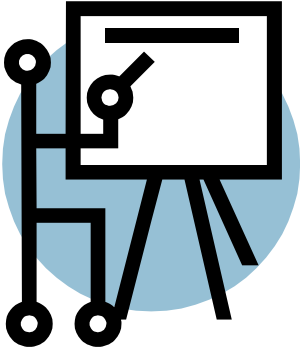
The Mathematics Department and EPGY Stanford University are pleased to announce that the 2009-2010 implementation of the Stanford Math Program is underway.

Please begin placing your intervention students on the program for the required 90-100 minutes immediately. Stanford School Support Associates are visiting schools to assist with startup efforts.

The first district-wide usage report will be distributed this week. For more information, please contact Nicholas Stutzman (stutzman@stanford.edu).
[http://mcsk12.net/forms/ops/Algebra Support.doc](http://mcsk12.net/forms/ops/Algebra%20Support.doc)



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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Reminder:

PDSCC Meeting on Thursday, September 10
Location: Teaching and Learning Academy

Elementary PDSCCs will attend all day and Secondary PDSCCs will attend for a half day in the a.m.

AVATAR/PDMS INSTRUCTIONS

All teachers and administrators should register in AVATAR.

SREB Mentor Training is scheduled for Mentor Principals assigned to an Aspiring Assistant principal and an Aspiring Principal for **Tuesday, September 8 from 3 pm until 6 pm and on Wednesday, September 9 from 8 am until 11 am.**

Legendary Service PD for office staff:

Each school site should register a General Office Secretary or the first line person to greet the public in the school office.

<http://mcsk12.net/forms/ops/Ritz.doc>

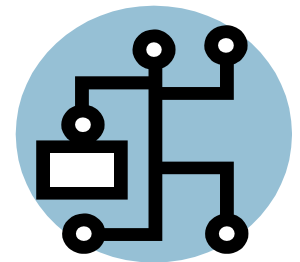
INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

- In September, Memphis City Schools will be beginning to use the Gaggle.net filtered Student Email System. Additional information and training opportunities are forthcoming.
- The system is very secure, and with Gaggle's Human Monitoring System, most problem emails will be deleted or sent on by Gaggle's staff in a short time frame. Each school does need to have a contact person (a school master) to handle emails that may require special school attention (such as a disciplinary matter) or in events that involve student health and safety (bullying, suicidal thoughts, abuse). Each school needs to identify their Professional School Counselors to receive these emails.
- **Please send these names to Jason Parrish at parrishj@mcsk12.net by August 27th.** We anticipate the load for these school masters to be very light. Most messages will be dealt with on the Gaggle level. Please feel free to contact Jason Parrish if you have any questions or problems.

**Felicia Fowler, Ed.D.,
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Instructional
Technology**

EXHIBITION OF STUDENT WORK

- The Fall Exhibition of Student Work will be held on **Thursday, November 12, 2009**. As a district, we will follow the same procedures that were implemented during the Spring 2009 Exhibition of Student Work.
- In grades 5, 8, and 12, the students will create a special, exit-grade Exhibition of Student Work through participation in a Capstone experience. Grades 5 and 8 will complete their Capstone projects during the 2nd semester for their Spring Exhibition of Student Work. Senior English students will participate in a year-long Capstone that will serve as both their Fall and Spring Exhibitions of Student Work. A detailed overview of the ESW Capstone Project can be accessed through the following link: <http://mediasite.mcsk12.net/mediasite5/Viewer/?peid=c06960388ea546a58c2e90a5d777526e>
Please share this Mediasite with teachers in grades 5, 8, and 12.



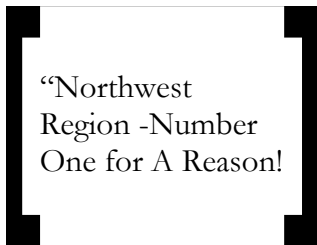
**Judy Jackson, Director,
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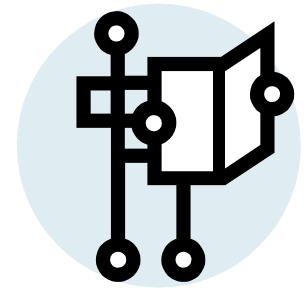
Downtown Elementary/Bellevue Middle

Nia A. Randolph is 11 years old and is entering the sixth grade. She is the daughter of Mr. Ian Randolph and Dr. Sandra B. Randolph. She recently attended The National Young Scholar Program at Wake Forest University in Winston, Salem, North Carolina. Ms. Elise Bennett at Downtown Elementary nominated her for this program. Nia chose to participate in the Medicine Discovery strand. She, along with her classmates, studied and diagnosed different disease processes. They also dissected an actual cow heart and made many models such as the lung and the arm. This program was a week long residential program. On the final day, Nia and here classmates presented a presentation on the nervous system. Congratulations Nia!

If you have any outstanding news for your school, please email Femetres Gray @ grayfemetress@mcsk12.net and also send your information to the MCS Insider. We want to see the NorthWest sparkle in lights!!!!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- Wednesday, September 9, HR will send an email informing principals of the number of staff to either surplus or add.
- PDSCC Meeting September 10, 2009, **Class Code Number is 2992**
- Monday, September 14 HR to Host “Fall Staff Adjustment Session” (Loc.: Messick Gym)
- Assistant Principals, Region 1 Meeting September 14, 2009, Class Code 3007
- Tuesday, September 15 Transition Day for Surplus Employees
- Principals' Meeting September 15, 2009, **Class Code 2994**
- Wednesday, September 16 End of Progress Reporting Period 2
- Wednesday, September 23 Issue Progress Report for Period 2
- Thursday, October 8 End of First Quarter
- Friday, October 9 Fall Break
- Monday, October 12 In-Service/Parent Teacher Conference
- Wednesday, October 21 Issue Report Cards for 1st Reporting Quarter



*To view 2009—2010
School Calendar,
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