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# HEADS UP NEWSLETTER



APRIL 15, 2026

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MAY FLOWERS



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## Important Dates:

**\*\*\*MPS Early Release Day--April 15<sup>th</sup> ---IDEAL dismisses at 2:10 PM & there is NO Afterschool camp on this date**

**\*\*\*Parent Coffee Social --April 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM**

**\*\*\*Earth Day Family Night---April 22<sup>th</sup>**

**\*\*\*April 30<sup>th</sup> is NOW A SCHOOL DAY (Make-up day from snow day earlier)**

**\*\*\*May 1st----NO SCHOOL**

**\*\*\*May 25<sup>th</sup>---NO SCHOOL- Memorial Day**

**\*\*\*June 5<sup>th</sup>---NO SCHOOL**

**\*\*\*June 15<sup>th</sup> Last Day of School**

**\*\*\*June 15<sup>th</sup> --- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Completion Program @ 3 PM at Audubon School**

## Primary Unit: Grades K4 thru 2:

The Primary Students are beginning Spring assessments which will show a cumulative understanding of skills learned and areas for growth. We encourage students to get a good night's rest, eat a healthy breakfast, and come to school ready to learn. These small habits can positively impact your child's scores.

All our first-grade students will visit Wisconsin's Havenwoods State Forest tomorrow, Thursday 4/16. Students will explore the functions of plant parts and make connections to everyday foods.

## Elementary Unit: Grades 3 thru 5

\*There are two permission slips going home today for two different field trips taking place on Tuesday, April 28th. The first one is for the students who have been participating in Danceworks classes. It's finally showtime, and the Mad Hot Rhythm Competition is here! All of the Danceworks students' hard work and practice has led to this performance where they will be showcasing their talents at the UW-Milwaukee Panther Arena! The second trip is for the third and fourth grade students who are not in Danceworks. The students will be taking a field trip to the Wisconsin State Fair for Discovery Days. This is a unique learning opportunity that includes hands-on learning stations and offers a chance for students to immerse themselves in diverse areas of Wisconsin agriculture. The cost of this trip is \$3 per student. Both trips leave immediately in the morning, and students will need to arrive at school on time. The students return around 1:30 and they will be eating lunch once they are back at school. Please complete & return the permission slip and money by Friday, April 24th.

\*We are in the home stretch with taking the Wisconsin Forward Exam. The fourth graders are completing the Science and Social Studies sessions, and any students who were absent during a previous testing session will make up their session. In addition, the third graders will be taking their Aimsweb Early Literacy spring benchmark test this week.

\*Be sure to check out the large bulletin board by the office the next time you visit IDEAL. The Elementary students have adorned it with colorful recycled tropical fish, three-dimensional sea otters and recycled newspaper animals. All of the fabulous art projects center around our Earth Day theme and are linked on the Artsonia website.

### Bus Information:

Route 510 - Lamers South  
414-282-3566

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**Middle School Unit--Grades 6 thru 8:**

MPS 2026 STEAM Fair- IDEAL is taking 6 students to the MPS STEAM Fair on May 21st. They are currently working on their projects and will present them at the fair. Those students are: Reel Osman, Armando Martinez, Mohammad Ha Sin, Jenevi Dim, Nur Fatihah Abdul Gafur, and Bri Hamilton. Good luck!

Science: Students completed their birthstone projects and are now learning all about Plate Tectonics! One fun feature of this is the Ring of Fire. It is a horseshoe-shaped region around the Pacific Ocean where many earthquakes and volcanoes occur due to the movement of Earth's tectonic plates! Have your student show you and tell you all about it!

Science in the news! NASA's Artemis II mission was a success! Artemis II was NASA's first crewed Artemis mission, successfully sending astronauts around the Moon and back, marking a major step toward future human landings. In this mission, humans ventured further than EVER before! Here are some photos and information on the mission: <http://www.nasa.gov/artemis-ii-multimedia/>

Homework: Please check with your student. Math homework is given most nights! If they are finished, they can practice their math skills. Students should also be reading for 30+ minutes each day. The homework chart can be found here: [bit.ly/4ljNfPa](http://bit.ly/4ljNfPa)

***8th Grade Families: Mark your calendars!!!!***

***The 2026 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Completion Program is Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026***

***3:00 p.m. at the Audubon School Auditorium***

***(39<sup>th</sup> & Morgan Avenue)***

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*IDEAL School will ensure the healthy development and high academic success of all students through our unique multi-age program.*

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