



MILWAUKEE
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HEADS UP NEWSLETTER



MARCH 11, 2026



Important Dates:

*****March Parent/Teacher Conference
Nights-March 12th 4:30 to 8:15 PM
March 18th 4:30 to 8:15 PM**

**School Bake Sale (During March 12th
Conferences 4:30 to 8:00 PM)**

*****March 20th---NO SCHOOL**

Spring Break--March 30 - April 3rd

MPS Summer Academy Enrolling Now:

<https://www.milwaukeepublicschools.org/lacademics/summer-academy>

July 6 - 30, 2026

**IDEAL School is NOT a Summer Academy
site**

**There is a listing of all sites on the MPS
website.**

**There is no transportation for Summer
Academy**

**Individualized,
Developmental, Educational
Approaches to Learning
School**

**414-267-1600
224@milwaukee.k12.wi.us**

mpsme.com/ideal

IDEAL Shout Outs!

*****We are thrilled to share some wonderful news from our middle school community! Two of our talented seventh-grade students have recently responded to a significant academic challenge by entering original essays into a writing competition sponsored by the UWM's Women and Gender Studies Department. We are incredibly proud to announce that Angie has won 3rd place and Reel has won 1st place in this competition!**

*****We are so excited to recognize 2 students for their outstanding mathematical abilities, scoring within the top 3% of all 2nd and 3rd grade students on the most recent I-ready math assessment. They each have earned an invitation to participate in the National Math Stars Program! Congratulations to Aayan Ibrahim grade 3 (his second year earning this invitation) and Devin Graham grade 2. Congratulations, we are so proud of your accomplishment!**



Primary Unit Grades K4 thru 2:

*Don't let the weather fool you... Mr. Winter is still right around the corner. Please send layers so that your child has the right clothes for recess and the classroom.

*We are looking forward to speaking with you about the 2nd trimester. We will celebrate successes and suggest challenges. See you soon! If you haven't signed up yet please call the office or message us in Dojo.

*In Science, upper primary students are starting our unit on Earth's systems. We will be exploring land, water, air, and living things. The lower primary students will focus on the sky including day & night and weather patterns.

Elementary Unit Grades 3 thru 5:

* On Tuesday, March 17th, the elementary students will begin the Wisconsin Forward Exam. The Wisconsin Forward Exam is designed to gauge how well students are doing in relation to the Wisconsin Academic Standards. These standards outline what students should know and be able to do in order to be career and college ready. The Forward Exam is administered online in the spring of each school year. The 3rd and 5th graders complete sections in Reading, Language Arts and Math. The 4th graders complete sections in Reading, Language Arts, Math, Social Studies and Science. Please help ensure your child is ready for the Wisconsin Forward Exam by arriving to school on time each day, getting a good night's sleep and eating a well-balanced breakfast. All the elementary students will continue taking the Forward Exam over the course of March and April.

* All students will need to have headphones for the Forward Exam. Parents, please assist us in making sure your child brings his/her headphones to school every day.

* We are preparing for our third visit to the Milwaukee Art Museum next week Wednesday. The fifth graders have selected the work of art they will be recreating for their upcoming project and presentation. The focus of their visit to the art museum will be a study and sketch in which they analyze their selected artwork. The third and fourth graders will also participate in a modified version of analyzing a work of art after the docent led portion of their visit. If your child has not returned the permission slip yet, please turn it in by this Friday.

* We are looking forward to meeting with you tomorrow to share your child's progress at our first night of Parent-Teacher Conferences. If you have yet to sign up for a conference, please sign up for an available time tomorrow or one on Wednesday, March 18th. Parents, please sign up for your child's conference using his/her home base teacher's link. Please reach out to your child's home base teacher if you are having difficulties signing up.

Bus Information:

**Route 510 - Lamers South
414-282-3566**

**Route 283 - WI Central
West 414-246-5759**

**Route 284 - WI Central
East 414-481-1000**

**Route 285 - WI Central
East 414-281-1000**

**Route 5300 - Adroit 888-
778-3413**

**Route 2099 - WI Central
West 414-279-9150**



Middle School Unit Grades 6-8:

Science: Students are working in their Geologic Process & History unit. They are beginning a project this week where they research their birthstone! Through this project, students will be addressing the following NGSS Standards: MS-ESS1-1 and MS-ESS 2-2.

Classwork: Please check with your student about their class work for Trimester 2! It closes this Friday, March 6th!

Homework: The homework chart can be found here: bit.ly/4ljNfPa

March Parent Teacher Conference Links (March 12 & 18 from 4:30 to 8:15 PM). Middle School families please sign up with your child's Math teacher. It is VERY important that all families sign up for a conference. You can call the main office at 414-267-1600 for assistance.

Mrs. Briggs & Mrs. Bruesewitz - Primary

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094AAFA92CA2FD0-mrs>

Mrs. Hites & Ms. Molkentine - Primary

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094AAFA92CA2FD0-ideal1>

Mrs. Sokolowski - Elementary

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094AAFA92CA2FD0-mrs3>

Mrs. Kolatski - Elementary

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094AAFA92CA2FD0-mrs4>

Mrs. Navarro - Elementary

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094AAFA92CA2FD0-mrs5>

6th Grade – Ms. Mack

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094AAFA92CA2FD0-msmack>

7th Grade – Mr. Schroeder

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094AAFA92CA2FD0-mrschroeder>

8th Grade – Mrs. Rognsvoog

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094AAFA92CA2FD0-mrs1>

Ms. Michelle – Resource Teacher

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094AAFA92CA2FD0-mrs6>

Mrs. Lawal – Resource Teacher

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094AAFA92CA2FD0-44657976-mrs>

Mrs. Mersenski – Resource Teacher

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094AAFA92CA2FD0-mrs2>



Sports:

March of Champions Tournament

Ticket link https://gofan.co/event/5853450?schoolId=WI77707_1

IDEAL plays at 5:30 pm on March 13th (Friday) at Vincent High School 7501 N. Granville.

********Congratulations to our Middle School Volleyball Team---they won the first game of their tournament last week and had a wonderful season! Thank you to Mr. Gell for coaching this season.***

Our current enrollment is 234 students and our attendance is at 90%

Please make sure to call in all absences regularly.

Be Safe! Be Respectful! Be Responsible!

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

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