

MCAS Communicator

an e-newsletter for the staff of the Michigan City Area Schools

June 2018

(Please post for/share with those employees who do not check email!)

CONGRATS ON ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL YEAR, TEAM MCAS!

Donuts TODAY!

MCAS Transportation Dept. Operations Manager Dave Hack and two of our school board members, Beth Pishkur and Beryle Burgwald, will be taking part in the Salvation Army's annual Donut Eating Contest TODAY (Friday, June 1) at 10:00am. If you are able to be at the Salvation Army this morning (1201 Franklin) please come and support "Team MCAS" by cheering loudly and by purchasing a \$10 raffle ticket to sponsor them. Go Wolves!

MCAS and Sullair Partnership

Last week, Sullair Corporation announced a new partnership with MCAS that will enable us to offer an Air Compressor Academy at Michigan City High School next fall that continues with coursework at the A. K. Smith Career Center. An industrial air compressor has been installed at our high school to give students hands-on exposure to the technology and equipment, leading to increased career options after graduation. Training for our teachers will occur this summer. We thank our friends at Sullair and the Economic Development Corporation of Michigan City for their partnership and investment, and we look forward to embarking upon this exciting initiative.

Summer Food Service Locations

The MCAS Food Service Department is once again participating in the USDA's Summer Food Service Program, which will provide free meals to children age 18 and under at many locations across our community. Please see below for a complete list of dates, times and locations participating in the program this summer.

<https://www.mcas.k12.in.us/cms/lib/IN01001792/Centricity/Domain/86/Media%20Release%202018.pdf>

IDOE Teacher Survey

The Indiana Dept. of Education would like K-12 teachers' feedback on the impact of legislation (P.L. 109), enacted in 2010 to improve early literacy. This legislation requires third grade students to pass the IREAD-3, requires schools to have reading plans and interventions, etc. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete. The link is here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7TBWVMD>

Summer Professional Development

The Summer 2018 professional development page has been updated. Please click the link below to sign up!

educatemc.net/pd

Summer CPR Opportunities

Linda Bechniski has compiled a list of CPR certification resources (see below) for certified staff who may be looking for this over the summer. The monthly CPR courses that Linda coordinates at Mullen will resume next school year!

https://www.mcas.k12.in.us/cms/lib/IN01001792/Centricity/Domain/85//June%202018/CP_R_Summer.pdf

Free and Confidential Mental Health Services

As an employee of MCAS, you qualify for 6 FREE mental health counseling sessions for you and your immediate family members. This is part of our "EAP" (Employee Assistance Program). Click on the link below for more information on this important service:

<http://educatemc.net/cms/lib5/IN01001792/Centricity/Domain/85/0816EAP.pdf>

EAP Newsletter - June: Compassion Fatigue

<https://www.mcas.k12.in.us/cms/lib/IN01001792/Centricity/Domain/85//June%202018/2018%20June%20Franciscan%20Employee%20Assistance%20Newsletter.pdf>

Healthy U @ Work May Newsletter

Composting, osteoporosis, energy drinks and more!

http://images.franciscanhealthcare.org/PDFs/NWI/ww_newsletter_may2018.pdf

Back to School Rally

Do you work with an organization that would like to have a booth at the Citywide Back-to-School Rally on Thursday, August 9th? More information about the event, a link to volunteer, and a link to the online form for a booth is here:

<http://educateMC.net/backtoschoolrally>

Summer School/Camp Info

Looking for information on summer school, community summer camps, and sports camps? Visit our website and click the picture of the big sunflower - or the shortcut "summer school" on any school home page. Here's the direct link: <http://educateMC.net/summer>

Safe Harbor Summer Program

For info on the Safe Harbor summer program please view the flyer below... it's also listed under Community Camps above. Feel free to forward to anyone you know who may be interested!

<https://www.mcas.k12.in.us/cms/lib/IN01001792/Centricity/Domain/85//May%202018/SafeHarborSummerCamp.pdf>

Robotics Boot Camp

The Nfr Institute will hold three sessions of "Robot Boot Camp" for ages 8-17 (beginner/intermediate/advanced) in June and July. All sessions are held at the First Presbyterian Church in Michigan City. Each session has a variety of activities to teach critical thinking. Students will build a robot, and will learn flow-charting and basic programming. Physical coordination skills are included in the day. All students are encouraged to compete in FIRST Robotics Competition in Fall. For more information email Mrs. Samelson at mrssam@nfrinstitute.org or call (219) 561-6691.

[Robot Boot Camp Flyer](#)

MCESP Scholarships

MCESP is proud to announce the recipients of its two \$500 scholarships, Zach Gault (son Cathy Gault who is an IA at Springfield) and Kinsey Krachinski (daughter of Julie Krachinski, receptionist at MCHS). Zach will attend the Polytechnic Program at Purdue, while Kinsey will major in elementary education at Purdue Northwest. Kinsey was also the ESP recipient of the ISTA Foundation Scholarship; this \$700 scholarship is given to one child of an ISTA-ESP member in the state of Indiana each year.

Sunset & Cocktails

The MCHS Athletic Dept. will be holding its second annual "Sunset and Cocktails" fundraiser on Saturday, July 21 at Sunset Grille (Washington Park's Northpointe Pavilion), 6-10pm. Cost is \$75 - contact Craig Shaman in the MCHS Athletic Office for tickets!

Nielsen Purchasing Program

Shopping for a new or used car this summer? Nielsen Automotive in Michigan City has created a discount program for employees of MCAS. Information on this program (which includes all new and used vehicles) has been sent to all schools and departments. This also includes our Sodexo staff. If you need a discount voucher over the summer, feel free to contact Betsy Kohn. More info is also here:

<https://www.mcas.k12.in.us/cms/lib/IN01001792/Centricity/Domain/85//May%202018/NielsenPurchasing.pdf>



Little Free Library

Did you know there's a new "little free library" in town? It is located on 117 E 10th Street (between Pine and Franklin Streets). The Little Free Library is a Take a Book – Return a book program. The Michiana Lions of Michigan City designed, built and installed the library, which is located at the Keys to Hope Garden. Anyone with questions can call Jamie Miller, who is the steward for the project: Jamie J. Miller, Development Officer, Unity Foundation of La Porte County, (219) 879-0327 or (219) 240-1536.

Ballet Discount

Indiana Ballet Theatre is performing a modern-contemporary dance concert in Munster, IN June 8-9. They are offering discounts for school/student groups for the Saturday matinee at \$5/ticket, with a minimum of 5. For more info contact: Lourdes Castellanos, 219.276.2034 <https://www.mcas.k12.in.us/cms/lib/IN01001792/Centricity/Domain/85//June%202018/Poster%20Kaliedoscope%20blue.pdf>

Summer Parade Info

The Michigan City Patriotic Parade will be held on Saturday, June 30th. If your school, group, or organization is interested in participating, here is more information: <https://www.mcas.k12.in.us/cms/lib/IN01001792/Centricity/domain/85/april%202018/PatrioticParade.jpg>

Salvation Army - Dinners Needed

The Salvation Army is seeking volunteers to provide/prepare dinner for its men's shelter this summer. This would involve selecting one or more evenings (April - October) and purchasing food/cooking/delivering dinner for 25 people to the Salvation Army in Michigan City. Serving the dinner is optional. Interested? Contact Jessica O'Brien at Jessica_O'Brien@usc.salvationarmy.org for available dates.

Community Backpack - NEW on <http://educateMC.net/communitybackpack>

- Wednesday Youth Bowling (Special Olympics/Human Rights Commission)
- Creative Movement & Dance Class for people with disABILITIES
- Robot Boot Camp

- YMCA, MCPD, Bricks Track opportunities for kids
- And more!

Calendar Reminders:

- June 1 - **SCHOOL IN SESSION, SNOW MAKEUP** (Last Day of School!)
 - June 4 - Retirement & Wall of Fame Dinner at Blue Chip, 7pm (Doors open at 6pm)
 - June 4-8 Manufacturing Camp at AK Smith for grades 7 and 8
 - June 6 - Adult Education Graduation, 6pm, Holdcraft Performing Arts Center at Elston
 - June 10 - Graduation Ceremony, 12 noon, Wolves Den (tickets required)
 - June 11- July 19 - Summer School
 - July 2-5 - NO SUMMER SCHOOL week of July 4
 - July 24 & 25 - Rollover
 - July 26 - Online registration opens
 - August 2 - On Site Registration (12-6pm)
 - August 3 - On Site Registration (8am - 1pm)
 - August 9 & 10 - New Teacher Orientation
 - August 9 - Back to School Rally (3-7pm)
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