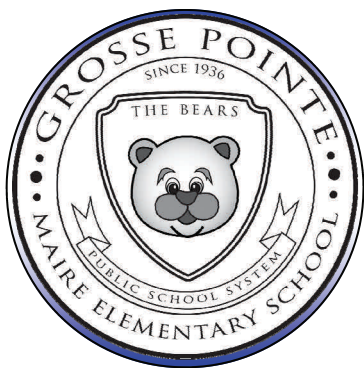




March 29, 2017

Dear Maire Families,

March is drawing to a close, and our upcoming spring break begins after school on Friday. Our month at school has been focused on Reading and more Reading! To kick off the month, students were entertained listening to author and geologist Charles Barker present his books about the Great Lakes. He discussed how he has been able to combine his passion for rocks, with his love of writing. Students have been recording their books read each day on their reading book lists for March of Dimes. The Magic Bookshelf assembly by Doug Sheer told about the magic of books and how we can transport ourselves to other places through reading. Students also enjoyed hearing the favorite stories shared by our Maire parents reading aloud in our classrooms for "Mix it up for Reading Day." Our hallways are now filled with the colorful flags of Maire students' favorite books.

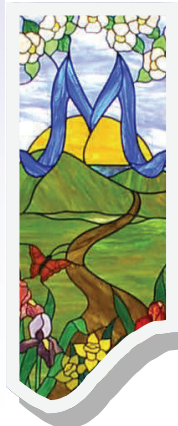
Reading every day makes a BIG (positive) difference in students' reading fluency and comprehension. Did you know that a student who reads 20 minutes per day will have the opportunity to read 3,600 minutes in just one school year? By the end of 6th grade that equals reading for the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Think of the amazing vocabulary that these students can acquire in sixty school days! Students who read daily have an advantage for their entire school career, just as practicing for a sport, music or the arts will also lead to a high level of performance. Be sure to continue encouraging your child to read every day.

We also celebrated our Disability Awareness Day for fourth graders this month. Many thanks are given to Mrs. Paige Domzalski and all of the other 40+ volunteers who worked with our children to make this day possible. Empathy and compassion for differences in learning are the goal of this day, and our students were extremely receptive to their learning.

Maire teachers and students have spent many hours preparing for conferences, being held Wednesday evening, and Thursday all day – March 29th and 30th. We count on 100% participation by parents, as these meetings are a vital part of learning about your child's academic progress, as well as monitoring social and emotional growth. Be sure to also visit our specials teachers - art, music, PE, library and Spanish. An email to confirm a meeting with one of the specials teachers is a good idea, as they teach at multiple buildings.

Have a wonderful Spring Break! We look forward to the coming warm weather.

Sonja Franchett



IMPORTANT MARCH DATES...

Wednesday, March 29th
EVENING Conferences

Thursday, March 30th
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
AM / PM / EVENING Conferences

IMPORTANT APRIL DATES...

Monday, April 3rd thru Friday, April 7th
SPRING BREAK - **NO SCHOOL**
Classes Resume Monday, April 10th @ 9:05 AM

Monday, April 10th
GPPS Board Meeting - 7:00P.M. - Brownell

- Wednesday, April 12th**
- Maire PTO Meeting—7:00 PM
 - Raising Global Leaders Forum
7:00 - 8:30 @ Pierce Aud.

Friday, April 14th
Good Friday - **NO SCHOOL**

Monday, April 17th
Hungry Howie's Fundraiser Night

Tuesday, April 18th
Grade 4 Arbor Day Posters Due

Saturday, April 22nd
Daddy-Daughter Dance
@ Pierce Gym -7:00-9:00PM

- Monday, April 24th**
- Endangered Species Assembly
 - GPPS Board Meeting - 7:00P.M. - Brownell

Friday, April 28th
Maire Instrumental Concert
9:30 - 10:00 Gym

KINDERGARTEN 2017 / 2018

In Michigan, according to Public Act 198 of 2012, children must be FIVE YEARS OF AGE ON OR BEFORE **SEPTEMBER 1, 2017**, TO REGISTER FOR THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR. Parents of children who turn five years of age after September 1, but on or before December 1, may still register their child for kindergarten next year if they notify the district in writing using the kindergarten entry age waiver form available in the kindergarten registration packet.



GREEN TEAM NEWS

We are officially a Michigan Evergreen School for the 2017-18 school year.

The long list of accomplishments earning us this honor include:

- 👍 Expansion of the Butterfly Garden
- 👍 Recycling helpers in the lunchroom
- 👍 Art classes submitting work to an Earth Day poster contest
- 👍 5th grade learning about renewable energy sources
- 👍 Persuasive letter writing to the mayor on various environmental topics
- 👍 Continued transition to battery operated maintenance tools

Thank you to the teachers, staff members, troop leaders, parents, and students who all have to work together to make this a reality for our school great.



IMPORTANT



REQUIRED ON-LINE REGISTRATION

Is your e-mail current with the school district? Like our secondary schools, the elementary schools have moved to a mandatory online pre-registration for all Grosse Pointe Public School students. Your "access key" for the online pre-registration will be coming to you this summer via your current e-mail that is on file with the school district.

If you need to **update your e-mail** with the school district, log in to Parent Portal and click on "My Information" in the upper right corner.

You can also e-mail ParentConnect@gpschools.org from your email we have on file, or call 313-432-3131 from the phone number in our records so we can verify who you are, and provide:

- your name
- child's name
- present school name and
- your old and new e-mail address as soon as possible.

We are asking families to do this by **May 1** to ensure you receive registration communications in a timely manner. However, we always seek to have your most current contact information on file in case of emergency.

If you do not have an email address or access to a computer, please know that our school computer labs will be open and stations are available at the administration building, 389 St. Clair Avenue, to complete the online registration process.

Thank you for helping with this.



IMPORTANT

BOX TOPS CAMPAIGN



This month's classroom winner is Mrs. Bednarczyk's 5th grade with 268 Box Tops! Way to go Mrs. Bednarczyk's class!

Who will be the top collecting classroom in April?



Our year goal is 10,000 Box Tops with 8,662 already collected! Keep clipping and send in those Box Tops in April!

MORE LIBRARY NEWS



March is Reading Month Bookmark Contest Winners

Congratulations to this year's winners of the "March is Reading Month" bookmark contest in the library!

The winning students are:

- ♦ Kindergarten: Clara Johnson
- ♦ 1st Grade: Zachary Markijohn
- ♦ 2nd Grade: Evie Berger and Nadeem Haurani
- ♦ 3rd Grade: Morgan Mannino
- ♦ 4th Grade: Isabel Groustra and Ruby Berger
- ♦ 5th Grade: Cecile Walsh

Each student's bookmark will be highlighted for a week in the library and will be given out to Maire students to enjoy.

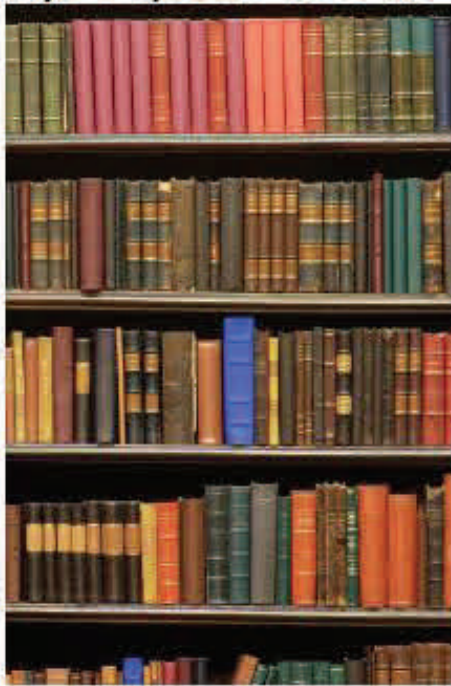


Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"
reads **20 minutes**
each day

3600 minutes in
a school year

1,800,000 words

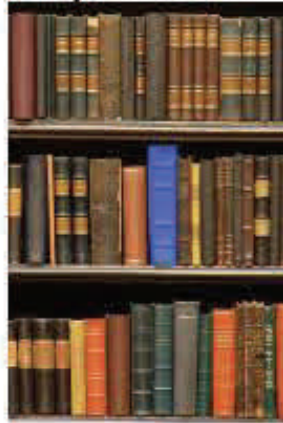


90th percentile

Student "B"
reads **5 minutes**
each day

900 minutes in
a school year

282,000 words



50th percentile

Student "C"
reads **1 minute**
each day

180 minutes in
a school year

8,000 words



10th percentile

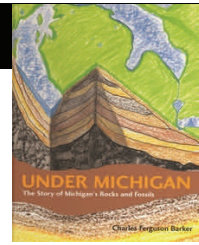
By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

MARCH IS READING MONTH

April 28th - MARCH OF DIMES KICK-OFF FUNDRAISER

CHARLES BARKER - AUTHOR VISIT "Under Michigan"



March 3rd - MAGIC BOOKSHELF ASSEMBLY

The secret to anything can be found in a book!



March 14th - FAMILY FAVORITES: MIX IT UP FOR READING MONTH EVENT

We thank all parents who came in as Guest Readers: Darby Collins, Francesca Luca, Angie Willson, Jennifer Hodges, Hillary Schmitt, John Hurley, Lauren Carlson, Ray Johnson, Karen Tuason, Elizabeth Tague, Kenya Swanson, Russell Baltimore, Sherry Betcher, Kari Adams, Melody Van Arragon, Mary Howlett, Cory White, Philamee Gibson, Gina Gabel, Kim Shine, Lisa Brown, Javiera Griffor and Anne Tranchida .

March 31st - PBIS "Share-A-Book" Party



Mix It Up for
Reading Day



PBS CELEBRATION - MARCH

The monthly incentive party for this month is "New Book - New Friend!" Third, Four, and Fifth graders will bring in an old book of theirs to give to a Kindergarten, First or Second grader. They will find an old favorite they don't need any more, and then recycle it to someone else.



The goal of the monthly PBS (Positive Behavior Support) Party is to recognize positive behavior around the school.

Research shows that students achieve at a higher level when they know the expectations and feel safe. Positive Behavior Support helps us improve on both these areas.

We want students to feel good about themselves and come to school happy and ready to learn!

The Simple "Bear" Necessities:

- Respect
- Responsibility
- Safety

MARCH OF DIMES

Just a few days left in the month of March to read more books for the March of Dimes Reading Champions Program! Record all of your books read during the month of March. Reach out to family and friends to raise DONATIONS to support the March of Dimes' mission of improving the health of babies by preventing birth defects and infant mortality.

Please turn in all reading calendars and donations in to the school office no later than Wednesday, April 12th. Remember to put your student's name and class on the calendar.

Awards will be announced at our April PBS Read-In!!

Questions? Contact Kari Adams kari.a@sbcglobal.net

MICHIGAN WEATHER



Students need to dress appropriately for the cold-warm/snowy-rainy days ahead, (ie; heavy/spring coats, hats, scarves, gloves/mittens, rain/snow boots and pants.) Our Michigan weather can fluctuate substantially in a day. Students remain inside only when it is raining or the wind chill is below 0 °.



PIERCE PTO - Interested?

Pierce PTO is looking for parents just like YOU to be members of the 2016-17 PTO Board.

If you are looking to be more involved with what's happening at the best middle school in GP, we would love to have you join us!

Many PTO Board or Committee positions are easy and fun to do.

Interested ? Please contact Juli Rybicki at rybicki4@gmail.com

Video Announcements ACTION!

Our Maire 5th graders are having a great time recording our Video Announcements on the new green screen that Mrs. Kramer has! You are able to view the fun and informative announcements on the main page of the Maire website. Take a look and tell us how our future newscasters are doing!



The Maire website is frequently updated with photos of students at our school. Check back often to see what is happening here at Maire!

<http://gpschools.schoolwires.net/gpmaire>

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

WOW! Our Maire students raised \$ 7,204.00 for the American Heart Association during our Jump Rope for Heart events. This was a record for Maire Elementary!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Congratulation to all of our fundraising students and thank you to our Maire families for their donations.

Our top fundraisers this year

Lyla Hampton - \$265	
Cass Baltimore - \$ 250	
Stuart Nicholson - \$250	
Jack Stentz - \$230	
Audra Caster - \$220	
Elizabeth Peberdy - \$200	
Piper Truza - \$195	
Emerson Reterstorf - \$190	
Gretta Reterstorf - \$190	
Cooper Riley - \$175	
Ava Shortridge - \$171	
Nate Yeamans - \$160	
Henrik Moore - \$150	
Jameson Voltz - \$150	
Peyton LaPointe - \$140	
Emma Truza - \$135	
Harry Wessels - \$125	
Jude O'Meara - \$121	
Carla Cavaliere - \$120	
Lola O'Meara - \$118	
Charlie McPartlin - \$110	
Addison Teachey - \$110	
Lucy Blair - \$100	Brady Bond - \$100
Drew Brown - \$100	Cate Hampton - \$100
Emma Johnson - \$100	Alex Tranchida - \$100
Zachary Markijohn - \$100	

LOST & FOUND

Please be sure to check our Lost & Found. There are many unclaimed coats, hats, gloves, sweatshirts and water bottles.

Items left after Spring Break will be donated .





It's Springtime!!! From your Elementary Library Media Specialists!

(click on each image for a link)

Have fun exploring this month's digital picks. This month, we take a different approach with our digital resources, emphasizing the moderate, responsible use of technology. Take some time to visit these online resources and discover some strategies to take charge of technology and its presence in your life.



<https://thefamilydinnerproject.org/>

See if this 4-week program can help you reclaim dinner time for family sharing. This website is filled with recipes, suggestions and resources and age-appropriate games to play during meal time.

Common Sense Media
#DeviceFreeDinner

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/device-free-dinner>

Check out this website for great dinner time conversation starters and technology-free activities. Turn dinner into a time spent sharing rather than one competing with devices and distractions.



Recently, reports in the news have address the addictive nature of technology for children and adults alike. Visit the [Technology Addiction resource](#) page of Common Sense Media and explore questions according to different age groups. Find well-researched answers to concerns you may have about your child(ren)'s technology use - and maybe your own!.



<https://www.getepic.com/>

Web-based, app for the iPhone and iPad. \$4.99 monthly subscription. Free for educators. Have instant access to thousands of ebooks for children without the inconvenience of waitlists. Scan and page through collections of fiction and nonfiction books.



See what all the excitement is about - [GoNoodle](#) website (free) turns movement into a game and makes it easy to be active, the kid way—silly, energetic, playful, and fun. Just press play on hundreds of custom-created videos and get kids running, jumping, dancing, stretching, and practicing moments of mindfulness.

Elementary Library Media Specialists

- Danielle Gostomski: Kerby, Mason, Poupard
- Amy Hermon: Defer, Maire, Monteith, Richard
- Sherry Martin: Ferry, Mason, Poupard
- Cheryl Quinlan: Defer, Maire, Monteith, Richard
- Rachel Walpole: Defer, Richard, Trombly



specials



Mr. Heenan

Grade 5 is sewing Ugly Dolls together from their own designs. Grade 4 is involved in African art and Picasso's cubist period. One group is making full size African masks out of cardboard and the other is stuffing paper Picasso faces. Third graders are painting robot designs with metallic paint. Super shiny! Second graders are painting self portraits and finishing up papier mache vintage cameras. First graders made fish kites and one group made clay islands with the other group to follow. And kindergartners made clay snails and are finishing native american tipis with traditional symbols.



Mr. Williams

Students in K-5 have been participating in mat month in the month of March. Desert Island, Tumbling, Spiders and Flies, plus work on the apparatus have all included mats. Our final Jump Rope For Heart donation totals have surpassed \$7,200 towards The American Heart Association. This is a record total for Maire!!!!!! Thank you to our Maire students and generous Maire parents!!!!!!!!!! Students prizes should be arriving shortly.



Mrs. Hermon

Kindergartners and 1st graders celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday. Kindergartners reviewed Internet safety and practiced story sequencing and retelling. 1st graders shared what they know about fables and listened to rhyming and poetry. 2nd graders identified elements of a story and learned how to locate biographies in anticipation of the upcoming living museum project. All K, 1st and 2nd graders prepared for PT Conferences by assembling and putting the finishing touches on their parent packets. 3rd, 4th and 5th graders resume Library lessons in April. Congratulations to our 8 bookmark design contest (2 winners for the grades with the most entries) K: Clara Johnson 1st: Zachary Markijohn 2nd: Evie Berger and Nadeem Haurani 3rd: Morgan Mannino 4th: Isabel Groustra and Ruby Berger 5th: Cecile Walsh



Mr. Hipple

Grades K, 2, 4, and 5 are hard at work preparing their songs and dances for our Spring Concert, entitled "Nightmares and Dreamscapes." 4th Grade families -- your children are studying music based on the story *Alice in Wonderland*. This might be a great inspiration for a family movie night! Lunch Choir will be premiering a brand new arrangement for elementary choir on our concert. It should be a great evening of singing -- Tuesday, May 23, 7PM @ Parcels.

Grade 1 is studying how to read choruses and refrains, as well as note durations like quarter and eighth. Grade 3 is working on dynamics, note durations (by playing Yahtzee!) and the Instruments of the Orchestra.



Srta. Zamudio

It is that time of year again when Spanish says *Adios* to Monteith for the school year. Third graders had a great first year. They were able to retell stories in Spanish and write their own sentences. Fourth graders did a fine job too. They bundled up what they learned about weather, clothing, family, and put it together in a skit about Peru's culture. Fifth graders concluded their last year of elementary Spanish with a *fiesta*. Some of their accomplishments in fifth grader were giving directions, describing their community, writing Spanish stories similar to the ones of the great Colombian writer Gabriel Garcia Marquez.

Wednesday, April 12 7 - 8:30 p.m.

New Date



PLEASE JOIN US FOR

Maire's Annual
Daddy Daughter Dance!

SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH

7:00-9:00 IN THE EVENING
PIERCE GYM

DJ, PHOTO BOOTH, REFRESHMENTS AND TIN CAN RAFFLE!
DADS, GRANDPAS, UNCLES AND OTHER SPECIAL GUESTS ARE WELCOME!

\$15/COUPLE IN ADVANCE
\$20/COUPLE AT THE DOOR
\$5 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL GIRL

RSVP ONLINE AT MAIREPTO.CORECOMMERCE.COM OR
DROP OFF CASH/CHECK TO THE MAIRE OFFICE BY APRIL 22.
(CHECKS PAYABLE TO MAIRE PTO)

FOR QUESTIONS OR TO PROVIDE DONATIONS FOR THE RAFFLE,
PLEASE CONTACT REBECCA WHITE AT 248.259.1792 OR REBECCA.WHITE@GM.COM

ANNUAL PARENTS DAY IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION

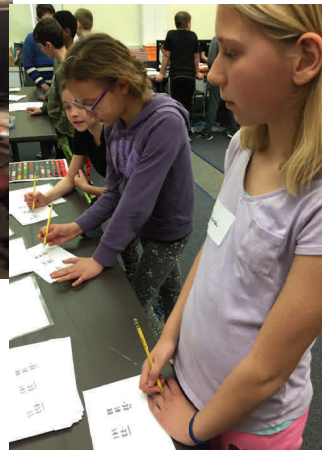
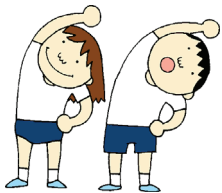
All parents are invited to participate in Mr. Williams and Mrs. Allan's gym class with their child. The 45 minute class will be filled with fun activities.

Bring your gym shoes and a smile!

April 25th Day D PEARSON [8:40-9:25], MAISON [9:30-10:15], BEDNARCZYK [10:20-11:05]
VANDEVUSSE [1--1:45] HUNWICK [1:50-2:35] BRAUER [2:40-3:25].

April 26th Day A W/MRS. ALLAN MOIR [8:40-9:25].

April 27th Day B GROSS [8:40-9:25] WILKINS [9:30-10:15], DAVIS [10:20-11:05], SMIHAL
[1:00-1:45], RENNPAGE [1:50-2:35] NEELY [2:40-3:25].



4th Graders has a wonderful day at our annual Disability Awareness Workshop. Thank you to all of our volunteers—we couldn't do it without you !



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**Now registering
campers ages 8-14!**

Where: Brownell Middle School

When:

June 19-23 • 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

June 26 & 27 • 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

June 28-29 • 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

June 30 • 10:00 am & 7:00 pm performances

Cost: \$429.⁰⁰

What:

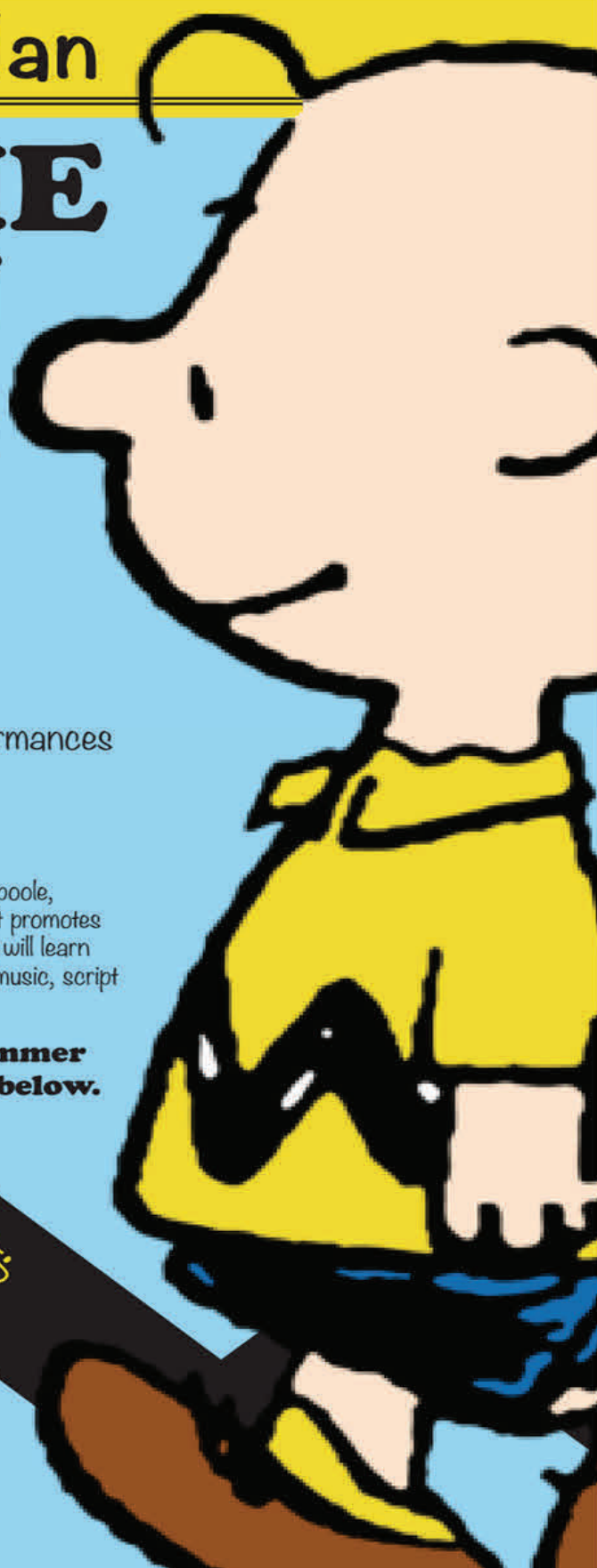
Under the direction of Heather Albrecht and Michelle Stackpoole, students will participate in a musical production program that promotes positive risk taking, self-discipline, and teamwork. Students will learn several aspects of musical theater including: dance, drama, music, script exploration and character development.

To sign up, visit the GP Schools Summer Activities webpage or scan the code below.



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Brownell Middle School | 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

June 26 - 30, 2017 from 9:00am - 3:30pm

Directed by Molly Collins
molly.collins@gpschools.org
(313) 432-4400

If these dates/times don't work for you, please visit campinvention.org for other locations near you.

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March Students of the Month



Congratulations Congratulations Congratulations

Service

Cosette M.
London B.
Brynn C.

Safety

Luna A.
Henry D.
George F.
Thomas H.

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Maire Mission Statement

The mission of Maire School is to provide a quality educational program which prepares students to be productive citizens and life-long learners.

District Mission Statement

Promote Innovation → Maximize Potential → Embrace Community

On the web at
<http://gpschools.schoolwires.net/gpmaire/site/default.asp>