

THE MCS PRESS

MJHS Students Give Back!

Madison Junior High School students participated in a service project to benefit fellow students they have never met and who live half way around the world.

In October, 106 MJHS 7th graders participated in the *Walk to Water* event raising \$677 to help purchase school supplies for a new school for orphaned children in Rwanda.

As a wrap up to a cross-curricular study on Africa (social studies), water (science), and the novel 'A Long Walk to Water', by Linda Sue Park (language arts) students got a glimpse of what it takes to access water in parts of Africa. Combining lessons they learned in class and hands-on (or feet-on) experience, students walked 3 miles around the track (the average distance to water in Africa) carrying their backpacks (to simulate the weight of full containers), on a warm day right here at home. Ninety percent of the students finished the walk, with several of them going well beyond the three miles as they walked with friends while they finished. Students were given beads as a way to keep track of their laps and now have a keepsake to remember the event!

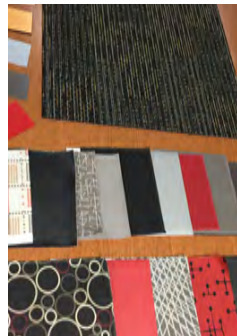
Guest speaker and Missionary, Allen Manning, had visited with the class to talk about the project in Rwanda. Mr. Manning plans another visit once he returns home so he can update students on the progress of the project and help all of us better understand how we can continue to make a difference right here at home!



MCHS RENOVATION CONTINUES...

Renovation construction continues at MCHS! External work is progressing nicely as contractors (pictured above) install the steel framework for the new entrance area from Clifty Drive. The new parking lot is now more defined with installation of curbs and sidewalks. The new circular drive and parking area will have an additional 30 parking spaces for our visitors.

Work in the new Learning Commons space continues as the final selections of furniture and technology are wrapping up. We are excited to share the color palette (pictured above) we will use when decorating the new space!



Transportation:

Security Upgrades, Wi-Fi Enhancements & Student ID Notice
We are wrapping up a significant investment in security features within our bus fleet. Here is a quick overview of our upgrades and enhancements:

- 1) The GPS tracking system will allow our transportation and central office staff to view bus routes in real time. This feature helps us to estimate arrival time should a bus experience a delay due to weather, natural disaster, or other roadway emergencies.
- 2) We are working on a compatible app where families will be provided a secure login so they can track their student's bus along both the morning and afternoon routes. This app will help families estimate the pickup and drop-off time for their student.
- 3) As a reminder, all of our buses have video cameras on board. The camera system serves a few purposes including student safety, driver safety, and when necessary, discipline review.
- 4) We are happy to share our bus fleet will soon be equipped with Wi-Fi access. Our goal is to give students expanded opportunities to work on homework while traveling to school, home, or athletic or extracurricular events.
- 5) **ATTENTION here please.** Beginning November 28, 2016 all students using MCS transportation will have to scan their student ID card upon boarding their bus to and from school each day. This is a security measure which allows us to be accountable for all students entrusted to our care for transportation. This also includes any student who boards a bus for an athletic or extracurricular event.

Detailed information was sent home to families beginning November 9.

Upcoming Events:

Winter athletics are underway! Check out and bookmark our sports links:

[MCHS Sports Calendar](#) OR [MCHS Sports Schedule](#)

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Madison Theatre Presents

MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS

Friday, November 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 19, 2016 at 2:30 and 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 20, 2016 at 2:30 p.m.

5th Grade MJHS Open House & Information Meeting

Sunday, December 4, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Tuesday, December 6, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.



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