

Daily Attendance Rate Goal: 93%
Current Daily Attendance Rate: 91.90%

Awards Galore at The Mac Today

Awards were being handed out around The Mac today like the Oprah show! It was awesome to honor some deserving staff members today with some special awards throughout the morning. The morning started off with us recognizing our Teacher and Support Staff Persons of the Year. The entire staff gathered in the cafeteria and surprised our Support Staff Member of the Year, Ms. Karen Jansen. Ms. Jansen has been a support staff member at Meramec for almost seven years and has served in various roles, and that is what makes her so special. Ms. Jansen is willing to fill in as a substitute, pick up extra recesses, work with students in various roles and the list goes on and on. Ms. Jansen is 100% committed to making Meramec a better place each day and we are so honored to have her on our staff. Congratulations to Ms. Jansen on being presented this great award.

After presenting the first award, the entire staff took a field trip to the library to present our amazing librarian, Ms. Beth Gross as Teacher of the Year. A very overwhelming moment for such a deserving educator. Ms. Gross is one of the most dedicated individuals that I have personally ever worked with in my career. Ms. Gross is always up at the school working, whether that be the summer, weekends or evenings, she is always at The Mac working to make it the best library it can be. Over my eight years at Meramec I have seen Ms. Gross be completely committed to improving the educational experience for the students. It's a constant effort from Ms. Gross to make sure the kids are taken care of. Thank you Ms. Gross for your commitment to our community and congratulations on the award.

A surprise pop up award today was for kindergarten teacher Mrs. Jennifer Franklin. Mrs. Franklin was selected as the Fox School District Teacher of the Month and awarded a grant for her classroom. Mrs. Franklin was nominated by an unknown person and was selected by district officials for this award. Mrs. Franklin was surprised today while she was helping her class get through the lunch line. Mrs. Franklin is a great team leader and teacher within our school and is extremely dedicated to learning herself. Mrs. Franklin is always looking for ways to improve her classroom and student learning. Congratulations to Mrs. Franklin and we are thankful for what you bring to The Mac.

Have a great weekend!

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Meramec Prop P Project: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FngNnR6ij-0>

Official Meramec Spirit Wear Store:

<https://1stplacespiritwear.com/schools/MO/Arnold/Meramec%20Heights%20Elementary%20School>

All Year Dates:

January 25th: Report Cards Accessible on Tyler and Paper Copy Sent Home
January 30th Week: Students receive 2nd Quarter Brag Tags
February 10th: Mouse Races at Andre's West 7:00-10:00pm
February 14th: Valentines Day (No parent volunteers needed)
February 16th: Student Leadership Meeting at 8:00am
February 20th: No School
March 3rd: Dress Swap and Shop
January 28th: Skate Night 6:00-8:00pm
March 1st: Meramec Night at the Magic House 6:00-8:00pm

Save the Date for Adults: Go ahead and book the babysitter and get your friends and family organized for **Friday, February 10th from 7:00-10:00pm!** Our parent club is organizing a fun night out with Mouse Races, 50/50 raffle, raffle items and more games. This evening is a great opportunity for our community to come together and help raise funds for our parent club. **TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!** Every child brought home a registration form and another one is attached. In addition, if you have not ever attended a mouse race before then please review the attached FAQ on what to expect.

Dental Van Visit: Great news!!!! For our Dental Awareness month in February the Smiles to go van will be visiting us for 2 weeks!!!! Smiles To Go started in 2005 with grant funding from the Missouri Foundation for Health. Additional funding from Jefferson Memorial Community Foundation in 2014, provided a new, upgraded mobile unit. Smiles To Go is a state of the art 40-foot RV "dental office on wheels" staffed with a Licensed Dentist, Certified Dental Assistant, Registered Dental Hygienist, and Office Support Staff member. ***Accepts all forms of Missouri Medicaid, most private insurances, and individuals who are uninsured***. This program allows students at the MAC to get dental screenings and treat students for dental issues during the school day! Parents can sign up their students for treatment using the following link:
<https://jeffcohealth.jotform.com/212355327744052>

REACH Nomination Form link: If you are interested in nominating your student for the gifted program then please see the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc64EVo50E3noGzndE9yvvcOyvtyl02xs5r3-sL4HDail40sg/viewform>

Masterpiece Nominations Open: Our school district has an award that sits above all other awards and that is called, Masterpiece Award. Each year, the Fox C-6 School District recognizes members of our community (staff, students, parents, or community members) who exemplify the #FoxC6Strong commitment to the District's mission to motivate and inspire success in order to build a foundation for lifelong learning. The award is a small way to show our appreciation to those who have excelled in their pursuit of making Fox C-6 the best it can be. Please visit this link to make a nomination: <https://www.foxc6.org/masterpieceaward>

Counselor's Corner: Our counselor, Mrs. Randall, has released her January newsletter. Please take a few moments to review her helpful information.

Parent Club Winter Newsletter: Our amazing parent club has a winter newsletter to keep you informed of what is happening. Please review: