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September 27, 2019

New Elementary School Principal Named



The WSD has named Dr. Candice Belton as the principal for the new elementary school, opening next fall for the 2020-21 school year. Dr. Belton is currently serving as an assistant principal at Boone Trail Elementary, after coming to the

WSD in 2017 from the Hazelwood School District, and has over 15 years of teaching and administrative experience. The new school is being constructed on Interstate Drive off South Point Prairie Road in Wentzville.

Since starting with the District, Dr. Belton has been a member of the CSIP Steering Committee, the Flexible Learning Cohort, and she is currently participating in the Missouri Leadership Development System. Dr. Belton has her doctoral degree in Teacher Leadership from Maryville University, her master's degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Missouri-St. Louis, and her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from UMSL.

"I am so honored to have the opportunity to serve as the lead learner as we open our newest elementary school," said Belton. "My commitment to this community began over 30 years ago when I was a student in the Wentzville School District. I have always known the WSD to be a community that is committed to working together to meet the needs of all students. There is value in the power and commitment of a team. I look forward to working with students, parents, staff and community members to create an environment that embraces the academic and social/emotional growth of each child, one that embodies a sense of belonging, grows passions and fosters innovation."

Boundary Committee Update



The WSD continues to grow, and boundary changes are the talk of the District. We completed our last community forum (pictured above) on September 23, but the process is far from over. We would like for our employees to be as informed as possible. You can <u>view information about the process</u> on the WSD Website, where you will find several useful links, including the following:

- 2019 Boundary Committee Timeline
- Redistricting Criteria
- Frequently Asked Questions
- 2019 Demographic Study

Help the WSD Recruit Bus Drivers and Earn Rewards



The District is offering a \$300 referral incentive to any WSD employee who refers someone who is hired to drive for the District. The Transportation Department is currently experiencing a shortage of drivers and needs to hire and train bus drivers to meet the needs of our growing enrollment. The referral incentive will be paid out as follows: \$100 will be paid to the employee who referred the new driver following the first 30 days of employment as a driver; \$100 will be paid to the employee who referred the new driver following six months of employment as a WSD driver; and \$100 will be paid to the employee who referred the new

driver following one year of employment as a WSD driver.

Spread the word with your friends and family! This is a great opportunity for semiretired, fully retired or someone who needs a full-time consistent job. Both fulltime and substitute opportunities are available. The WSD will train new hires to get their CDL as well. Please consider that applicants should enjoy working with children and have a clean driving record.

When you refer someone, let them know to fill out an application on the WSD website under "Work for WSD" and to add your name when the application asks "How did you hear about us?"

For more information on driver responsibilities, you can contact the Transportation Department at ext. 25321 and for more information about the incentive, please contact the Human Resources Department at ext. 20351.



Guy Hunt – Heritage Intermediate Custodian



Guy does a great job keeping the building clean throughout the day, preparing the cafeteria for students, and going the extra mile to help our staff and students. When the school year began, Guy went the extra mile to dispose of wasps that were threatening our students ... and although he didn't actually go a mile, the wasps did chase him across the blacktop. Guy escaped from the wasps and successfully eliminated them from their location. Guy is an all-around great person, hard worker, and a true asset for our building! Guy, thank you for the time and energy you invest each day at Heritage Intermediate!

–Dr. Todd Kraft, Heritage Intermediate Principal

The Support Staff Employee Spotlight is a feature that will run in every issue to highlight the great work of our support staff. Thanks to the generosity of Country Club Carwash, employees spotlighted will receive a special prize from the Carwash. If you would like to

nominate a support staff employee who goes above and beyond, send two to three paragraphs about the employee to <u>Kathy DeLaquil</u> or <u>Joe Richter</u> in Community Relations.

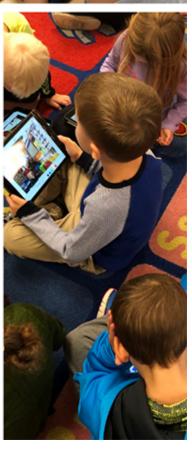




WORK ORDERS

To create a work order, send an email to helpdesk@wsdr4.org.
Please include your building name, room number, and any important information about your issue or request in your email.

Request Apps, Unblock Websites, Fix Computer/Hardware, Install Software, etc.



Technology Tip - Technology Work Orders

If you have technology issues, or just need to have a website unblocked or request an app, please create a work order by emailing helpdesk@wsdr4.org.

WSD Instructional Tech Team

The WSD Instructional Technology Coaches are here to support you and your students' technology teaching and learning needs.

Samantha Hardesty Knoll (LHS, FMS, CRE, DUE, DRE, PVE and the MDC)

Mike McCann (HHS, WMS, HPE, HIE, LVE, PRE, WBE and Barfield)

Amanda Moody (THS, SMS, BTE, GTE, SCE, and Pearce)

Greg Lawrence - Director of Technology



United Way Campaign Begins September 30

Last year, 49 employees of the Wentzville School District generously donated over \$5,700 during the three weeks of our United Way Campaign. According to the United Way of Greater St. Louis, the WSD is the leader of the pack when it comes to participation among all of the school districts in St. Charles, Warren, and Lincoln Counties. This year, our goal is \$8,000. Look for those United Way email messages starting on Monday, September 30.



Flu Shots Available (Updated)

Updated September 26–Flu Shots are available for WSD employees, to be distributed at various locations over the next month. See this updated flyer on the WSD website to see when your building is offering flu shots. You can also schedule an appointment with your building's contact (listed on the flyer) to avoid the wait in line. Flu shots are provided by and administered by TrustWellness and the Visiting Nurse Association of Greater St. Louis. Don't forget to bring your ID and insurance card with you.



Dates to Remember

October 12, 9:30 a.m.

WSD Homecoming Parade

October 14

Late Start Day Grades K-12

October 17

Board of Education Meeting Administrative Center

October 18

Early Release Day Grades K-12

October 23, 4:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Parent-Teacher Conferences, Grades Pre-K through 6

October 23, 3:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Parent-Teacher Conferences, Grades 7-8

October 24

No Classes (Parent-Teacher Conferences)

October 24, 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Parent-Teacher Conferences, Grades Pre-K through 8

October 25

No Classes

October 28

Late Start Day Grades K-12

November 1

No Classes

Professional Development Day

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TrustWellness October Newsletter



ASIRT Letter Sent Home to Parents

In order to protect our students and staff in the event of an emergency, the WSD is training staff (and now students) in A.S.I.R.T., or Active Shooter Incident Response Training.

This letter was sent home to parents today, explaining the efforts in the District to educate our students and families in the Four E's of an active shooter situation or dysregulated parent/staff member/student:

Educate, Evade, Escape and Engage.



WSD Notice of Non-Discrimination