

# Family and Community E-news November 2015



Minneapolis Public Schools Fact Sheet 2014-15 | MPS Calendar for 2015-2016

## The Minneapolis Public School District Board of Education is looking for the 2015-2016 Student Representative.

### Student Benefits:

The student representative will gain a wide array of leadership, communication and political skills through this unique opportunity that can strengthen future college applications and/or resumes. A scholarship of \$5,000 will be provided to the student in recognition of their dedication and commitment to MPS.

[link to more information](#)

### Government Relations

The Office of Government Relations represents the interests of the Minneapolis Public Schools before:

- The Minnesota Legislature;
- The Executive branch, from the Governors office to Executive agencies; and
- Minnesota's Congressional delegation.

**Our goal: Secure the public policy reforms and resources needed to ensure that all students learn.**

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### Native American Parent Involvement Day Thursday, November 19, 2015

#### Our Mission

Improve Native Student achievement and graduation rates through academically rigorous culturally responsive instruction, family and student engagement and collaborative partnerships with schools and community.

#### Our Vision

All American Indian students are empowered as lifelong learners to become fully engaged leaders, stewards and citizens.

Contact: [Deanna StandingCloud](#) at 612.668-0612



### Office of Black Male Student Achievement

We have established the Office of Black Male Student Achievement, a department dedicated to accelerating academic strategies and narrowing the achievement gap. The office will lead our efforts to:

- tackle issues and barriers that contribute to the achievement gap
- create opportunities for culturally responsive practices
- deploy gap-closing strategies

[OBMSA Blog](#)

### Theater

**Washburn**  
Washburn Student Directed One Acts

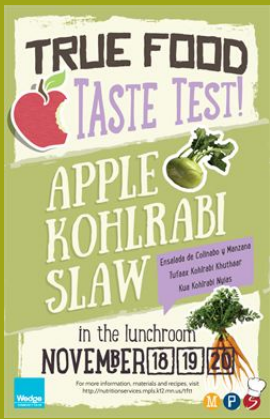
### PREP Workshop Nov. 14th Special Education

#### Parent Advocacy Workshop

Saturday, November 14, 2015

**Topic: Special Education**

- [Learn More About the Special Education Process](#)



**GOALS:**

The goals of the taste test are to encourage students to be adventurous eaters, and think critically about food beyond LIKE vs. DISLIKE. [link](#)

- Find Out What an "IEP" is and How to Prepare for an IEP Meeting
- Meet with a Volunteer Advocate to Assess Your Child's Educational Needs at the Education Consultation Clinic

**Workshop**

Davis Center - 1250 W. Broadway Ave., Minneapolis 55411

Registration: 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Workshop 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Clinic: 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

**Family Swim & Gym Time: 1 - 4 p.m.**

North Community YMCA

Youth & Teen Enrichment Center 1711 W Broadway Ave  
Minneapolis, MN 55411

Childcare, breakfast, & lunch provided. Presented in English, Spanish, Somali, and Hmong  
Workshop flyer and registration information:  
[English](#), [Spanish](#), [Hmong](#), [Somali](#)

featuring Black Women State Of The Union - Nov. 11-13 at 7 pm at the Ramsey auditorium. Washburn junior, Bella Dawson, is the director of the one acts. [link](#)

**Southwest**

**Antigone** by Sophocles  
Directed by Margaret Berg  
Nov. 19-21 at 7pm & Nov. 22@ 2pm at the Southwest High School Auditorium. [link](#)

**Community Conversations**

[Achieve Mpls. EDTalks:](#)  
**A Little Girl in the Segregated South + STAND Against Discrimination**  
Mon November 16, 2015 | 6-7:30 pm (doors open at 5:30 pm)  
Icehouse  
2528 Nicollet Ave South | Mpls  
Join us for our November EDTalks with special guests Former Minneapolis Publis Schools Superintendent Dr. Bernadeia Johnson and high school student Coralie Maldonado!

[YWCA](#)

**Racism as Trauma - Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome**  
Tuesday, November 17, 2015  
6:00-8:00 pm  
YWCA of Minneapolis - Downtown  
Dr. Joy DeGruy spent twelve years of quantitative and qualitative research to understand and develop her theory of Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome (PTSS).



Weekend food for kids: We need your help!

- [sponsor a school](#)
- [food drive](#)
- [volunteer](#)
- [sustaining partner](#)

Learn more [here](#)

**Safe & Healthy Students**



When children are physically active and eat well, they do better on tests, have better school attendance and are more focused in their learning. Whether you are a parent, principal, or school staff,

**Superintendent Search**



The finalists for Superintendent at MPS were presented on November 9, 2015, during a Special Meeting at the Davis Center.



[Charles Foust](#)



[Jesse Rodriguez](#)



[Jinger Gustafson](#)



[Michael Goar](#)



[Kenneth Spells](#)

there are many ways you can help your students be healthier and have fun!

[link](#)



[Sergio Paez](#)

Come join us as we use her book to engage in dialogue around the theory of PTSS and its impact. You do not need to have read the book to join the conversation

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