

# Welcome back to what promises to be an amazing year for students and their families!



## [MPS Calendar for 2015-2016](#) [Minneapolis Public Schools Fact Sheet 2014-15](#)

This news is designed to offer information about MPS programs and initiatives and to inform you about meetings that may interest you. There are many ways to be involved from your child's school to district level parent meetings. We will take a close look at all of them. Let me know if there is something you would like to see included or more information about a topic we're exploring. I will always welcome your questions and suggestions. Do not hesitate to call or email. I'm looking forward to a good year for our students and working with you to support academic achievement.

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Check out our [website](#) for lots of information and opportunities!

Ready to Volunteer?

- Fill out an application. [link](#)
- Attend an orientation.  
(Check with your school site to see if you should sign up for district orientation.)

### Upcoming Orientation Dates

Wednesday, September 2  
1:00-2:30pm  
Thursday, September 17  
3:00-4:30pm

Contact [Kaylie Burns Gahagan](#) with any questions about volunteering.

**MPS True Food**  
[link](#)

## Superintendent Search

### Get Involved

As you may be aware, the Board of Education has initiated its search for a new Superintendent. To counsel us through this important process, we have retained the services of Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, a consulting firm that specializes in assisting Boards with the consideration of candidates for Superintendent.

A key step in this process is to identify the characteristics we will be seeking in our new Superintendent. We would greatly appreciate your input and assistance with this important task. We, therefore, invite you to participate in this process by:



Complete the survey:  
[link](#)

Attend an Open Forum on Wednesday,  
September 16, 2015  
6:00 p.m.  
Davis Center 1250 West Broadway 55411

Please complete the online by September 17, 2015. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this most important task. Sincerely,  
Jenny Arneson

## Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC)

**SEAC Meeting**  
**October 1, 2015**  
**6:30-8:00 pm**  
**Davis Center**  
**Rm S1-435**  
**1250 West Broadway**

Why should I come to a SEAC meeting?

- To learn more about special education.
- To have your voice heard
- To have input on planning in the department and district
- Meet other families of children with special needs

[more information](#)

## Talent Development and Advanced Academics

What is ENRICHMENT?



For Minnesota Thursdays, we serve an entirely locally-sourced meal on the first Thursday of every month at all MPS schools! It's a way to highlight our Farm to School program, support the local food economy, and offer students fresh, seasonal options. [more](#)



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## Literacy

**Family Literacy Resource Portal** - Minneapolis Public Schools is dedicated to cultivating innovative learning opportunities for every student. We recognize the vital role of parental involvement in student education, and strive to strengthen the partnership with parents in our district. [The Family Literacy Resource Portal](#) will assist parents, caregivers, teachers, and tutors in finding information to support student successes in literacy.

### Love To Read? Elementary Literacy Tutor Training

- Our next Elementary Literacy Tutor Training will be held on Tuesday, September 15, 2:00-4:00pm. If you are interested in attending this two-hour training, please RSVP by sending us an [email](#) or calling 612.668.3880.

Enjoyable and challenging learning experiences that are constructed around students' interests, learning styles, and preferred modes of expression. MPS offers enrichment opportunities for ALL students, as well as opportunities for students to expand on those areas of personal interest.

Parent Resources: [link](#)

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**MPS City Conference Sports Schedules**  
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