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CONGRATULATIONS SEPT. STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The following students were selected as **Students of the Month for September:**

ROOM 101	MAISIE WOOD, HANK STENNES
ROOM 102	MICHAEL SKORY, MONET VAN VOOREN
ROOM 104	ELLE KROEMER, CARTER HILANDER
ROOM 105	VINCENT RUGAI, JONAH FEINBERG
ROOM 106	GAVIN GORE, NADINE DENAHAN
ROOM 107	RYDER HAWKINS, TOVA KAPLAN
ROOM 108	CAROLYN COLMAN, YANNIS PAYNE
ROOM 109	EVA EPLEY, NICHOLAS SCAVONE
ROOM 111	MADDY YOUNGREN, NICKY HOLECEK
ROOM 113	ELLA DAME, JOHN RIVERA
ROOM 201	ALEXIS LEBRON
ROOM 202	CLINAYA CUMMINGS, JALEN SEALS
ROOM 203	ULICES SOLANO
ROOM 204	JULIEN FUERTE
ROOM 205	DAYANA JOHNSON, TREVION WALKER
ROOM 206	JONTRE HAYES
ROOM 210	SHEALYN BARTON
ROOM 212	KYLE MILLER-DAVIS
ROOM 213	SARAH CASTRO
ROOM 214	KHIRA TYLER
ROOM 221	AMARI BANKS
ROOM 223	GABRIELA GRAHAM
ROOM 225	ALEX HINTON
ROOM 226	ANTHONY STABILE



SHEALYN BARTON
receiving her Student
of the Month Award

Let's give all these students a round of applause for being such superb role models for their classrooms!

THE GOLDEN APPLE AWARDS

Did you get to see Ms. Hooker receive her Golden Apple Award on WTTW? Forgot to set the DVR? No problem! Visit the WTTW website and click on the *Programs* tab - The Golden Apple awards ceremony is listed here for easy viewing. Ms. Hooker looks beautiful and her genuine spirit shines brightly. Congratulations Ms. Hooker!



ANNUAL BLANKET PROJECT

As our seasons change it is time to think of our upcoming all-school service project. On Wednesday, December 16th, Mayer Magnet's Student Council will facilitate our annual blanket project. During this day every student at Mayer School will have the opportunity to participate in making no-sew fleece blankets for the homeless. Last year, we were able to donate to three large organizations and we hope to add more to our list this year!

We are asking for families to donate fleece in support of this project. Often times Jo-Ann Fabrics has 50% off coupons available in the paper, as well as through their mailing list. If we begin now, we should have no problem obtaining enough fleece for all of our recipients. What we need: two yards of a patterned fleece & two yards of a matching solid color.

We're hopeful that our families will take advantage of weekly sales and coupons from now until the 9th of December (the last day we're able to take donations).

We look forward to serving our community through this all-school service project.

Thank you for supporting our projects!
Submitted by M. HOOKER, Golden Apple Recipient

SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT GROUP

Do you have a child with special needs who attends Oscar Mayer Magnet School? Do you have an IEP (Individual Education Plan) for your child? Do you want to know more about what an IEP is and what the process is to develop one?

Or does your child struggle in certain areas, such as reading or math? Or does he/she have a hard time sitting still or following school rules?

You're not alone! And your child is not a "bad kid" nor is he or she "stupid" (a word we don't use at Oscar Mayer, by the way). What is needed are supports at school that help your child reach the highest level possible of individual success. Laura Rodriguez, a parent of an OM first-grader, is starting a group for parents, teachers, aides, and other OM professionals to network and share information about how we can best help all students at OM.

This group is planning to meet, generally, the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6 pm in the school's upstairs library.

The first meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 27th at 6 pm**. At this meeting we intend to chat informally with those present about our individual needs and what we might want to accomplish as a group.

The second meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17th at 6 pm, and the third meeting will be Tuesday, December 15th at 6 pm.

If you'd like to join this group's yahoo group, please go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ourspecialkidsatOM/>.

Let's be part of the effort to help all students at Oscar Mayer Magnet School reach their highest potential!

Please contact us for questions or info:

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773-203-3334

or Cheryl Bane: cheryl444@gmail.com
312-664-8669

Submitted by L. RODRIGUEZ

FRIENDS OF MAYER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

A great way to get connected to your child's education and other OM parents is to volunteer. Friends of Mayer has many opportunities for parents to be involved. If you have an interest or experience in **Grant Writing or PR**, please send an email to friendsofmayer@yahoo.com or call Brad Bane at 847-644-3726.

PLEASE KEEP THE WEST GATE CLOSED

Ms. Al, the school's security guard, would like to remind families to keep the West gate (along Racine Ave.) closed and latched at all times. In other words, parents and kids need to close and latch the gate behind them as they go through. Thank you!

FRIENDS OF MAYER PLEDGE DRIVE

The pledge drive has been highly successful! **We have already raised enough money to fund one teaching position for the 2010-2011 school year.** Don't forget to send your money to the main office, to the attention of Maureen Riordan, if you are making monthly or quarterly payments. Also, if you haven't yet pledged, it's not too late. You can pick up a pledge form in the office or pledge online at www.friendsof-mayer.org. If you have any questions, just send a note to friendsofmayer@yahoo.com or give Brad Bane a call at 847-644-2736. Thanks!

FRIENDS OF MAYER MEETING

The next Friends of Mayer meeting will be held **Thursday, November 12th** at 6:00 pm in the 2nd Floor Library. All are invited!

TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Did you know that Oscar Mayer Magnet School has many technology resources that can be shared at school and home? Have you seen your 5th -8th grader submitting an assignment to their teacher in their **First Class** email or reviewing the directions for a P.E. assignment? Did you know that you can use the **CPS Dept. of Library databases** to research, view virtual maps, and get information on 1000s of topics? Have you ever wanted to draw a picture using the computer as a tool like a real graphic artist? With **Lop Art Duo**, you can draw a picture alone or with someone across the world!!!

> Access First Class at: <http://fc.cps.edu/>
Your student can use their User ID and Password to access their account. You can even chose to download the "First Class Client" to your computer for access to more collaboration tools, like a calendar, file storage and document creation. Access it anywhere there's an Internet connection!

> Access CPS Dept. of Library databases at: <http://www.cps.edu/>
Scroll down the page and click on Resources for Students. Click on "I want to...Get Help with my Homework". In the middle of the web page, under the Resources section you'll see "Library databases". Click on these words to be linked into the list of FREE

library resource subscriptions. Maps, online encyclopedias, databases.....Oh My! * Some resources will ask for a school code, use 4680!

> Access Lop Art Duo at: http://www.lopartduo.net/ibschools_chicago.php

Thanks to a generous sponsorship from CPS' Office of Academic

Enhancement department, you can download this web-based software to use on any machine

(PC or Mac) as

a member of Mayer's learning community. Create an original work of art, save it to the Lop Art gallery or export it to use for a class project or personal greeting card! You can even animate your drawing! Check it out!

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So many cool, techie things to share.....not enough space to tell you all at once! Keep on the lookout for Tech News monthly in our OM newsletter and let me know what you think!

Submitted by L. GREEN, Mayer Technology Coordinator

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE NEWS

The school year in the MYP is off to an exciting start!

The IB is an internationally recognized program of learning that emphasizes international mindedness, holistic learning and communication. What does that mean for how our students learn at Mayer? Students are exposed to eight standard subjects that are meant to develop their core understandings in Language Arts, Math, Sciences and Humanities (geography, history, politics, sociology, etc.) while at the same time building an in-depth understanding and appreciation for the Arts (Music, Drama, and Visual Arts), Technology, Spanish, and Physical Education. Sounds like a junior high program, right? That's the point....to develop well-rounded, globally

conscience individuals who can communicate their opinions, ideas, and thoughts in many ways!

When you are in the school building, visit the 2nd floor MYP Curriculum Chart to see our unit questions where students are questioning concepts like: who they are, what beliefs are worth fighting for, how does life survive, why it's important to be organized, who are my neighbors and much more! And it doesn't stop there. Take a stroll down our 7th and 8th grade hallway to see examples of students' work. Come see for yourself. Exciting learning opportunities are happening in the MYP at Mayer!!!

Submitted by LATARSHA GREEN, IB Coordinator

CLUB BULLDOG AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Club Bulldog After School Enrichment Program's Adventure Time (AT) is in full swing this school year. Headed by Catherine Lapping, the thriving enrichment program now has over 100 students participating in activities ranging from hip hop dance to Lego Mania. Structured to encourage pre-school through third graders to enjoy team activities and refine social skills in a safe and cooperative environment, AT is an educational bridge between children's classrooms and after school time. (Classes are typically held once a week from 2:45 pm - 4:15 pm.)



I recently sat in during one of AT's successful programs - **The Green Thumb Garden**

Club. Led by Janan Asfour and Anastasia Davies Hinchsliff, the garden club students excitedly told me of their favorite Garden Club discoveries.

Grace Hughes (Rm. 108) said, "I love gardening and trying new things. I even tried the pesto and liked it a lot. I want to take gardening club again!"

Norah Denahan (Rm. 107) said, "My favorite vegetables were carrots. And I liked the watering".

Nadine Denahan (Rm. 106) thoughtfully told me, "Basil...basil was definitely my favorite thing."

That's right parents, children enthusiastically told me they ate and liked vegetables!! Janan and Anastasia confirmed these statements when they recounted the day the kids were a bit hesitant in trying something new, but once it was processed in the Cuisinart® everyone magically loved what was presented (salsa!). Speaking as a parent of a vegetable-challenged child the value of getting any vegetable or herb on the favorite things to eat roster is priceless. The garden club is scheduled to resume for AT's fourth quarter. If you have a child that isn't afraid of a little dirt and

is willing to help in the award winning OM garden you should plan on registering for Quarter 4 this spring! Who knows, maybe they'll become vegetable lovers.

For more information please visit the Mayer website at <http://www.mayer.cps.k12.il.us/clubbulldog.htm> or contact the Resource Coordinator, Catherine Lapping at cllapping@cps.edu

IMPORTANT DATES!

EARLY CHILDHOOD PARENT MEETINGS	OCT. 28
NO SCHOOL	NOV. 6
NO SCHOOL	NOV. 11
F.O.M. MEETING	NOV. 12
NO SCHOOL	NOV. 18

TARGET CREDIT CARD?

Do you have a Target credit card? If so, please be sure that Oscar Mayer Magnet School is selected as part of their Take Charge of Education Program. Target donates 1% of your purchases to Oscar Mayer Magnet School.

You can enroll at a kiosk at any Target store, by calling 1-800-316-6142 or enroll online at www.Target.com/tcoe. The number is 45821 for Oscar Mayer.

If you have ideas for articles, comments or questions please email me at: debbie_hilander@yahoo.com (parent newsletter editor) with OM Newsletter in the subject line.