

WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU AS PART OF OUR #DECATURPROUD COMMUNITY!

K-12 students are invited to register at their future school on:

Wednesday, July 13

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM and
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Thursday, July 14

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Saturday, July 16

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM



Hero Dog Jog Raises \$11,179.45 for IMPD K-9 Association

Kaylee Pearson knows what it means to be #DecaturProud. On April 23, Pearson hosted the Hero Dog Jog, a 5K race that raised money and awareness for the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department K-9 Association. More than 350 participants came to run and walk in the race and raised \$11,179.45 for the IMPD K-9 Association--money that Pearson hopes will help support trainings, vet bills and so much more. Pearson developed the idea of the Hero Dog Jog during her senior year at the Decatur Township School for Excellence. She organized the 5K as part of her senior expedition, a hands-on, in-depth project that allows students to study compelling topics of their choice, and engage the community to achieve their overall goal.

When asked why she was inspired to support the IMPD K-9 unit in this specific way, Pearson said, "My dad has been a police officer since I was a child, so being around them my whole entire life, it's something I've always been passionate about. I was also a runner, so that's where the race ties in as well. It's giving back in a way that I'm comfortable with."

Congratulations to Kaylee Pearson, all of the Hero Dog Jog participants and the IMPD K-9 Association for making our community a better and safer place. We are #DecaturProud of you!



Congratulations to our 2016 Graduates of Decatur Central High School and Decatur Township School for Excellence!

Message from the Superintendent:

Welcome to the MSD of Decatur Township Newsletter! As a valued member of our community, this resource is dedicated to keeping you informed and involved with our school corporation while showcasing the many remarkable individuals within it. Here at Decatur Township Schools, we believe in providing an educational experience to nurture, guide and encourage our students to create the quality life they each deserve. Together, we are #DecaturPROUD! - Dr. Matthew Prusiecki





DCHS Natatorium Open to Public This Summer

Join us this summer at the Decatur Township Natatorium, located at the DCHS campus, for open swim, water aerobics and swim lessons!

Open Swim: 12-3 p.m.
Mon., Wed., Fri., June 6 - July 22

Water Aerobics: 6:00-6:45 p.m.
Tue. & Thurs., June 14 - July 7

For more information, contact:

Curtis Cox, Aquatics Director

Email: cjcox@msddecatur.k12.in.us

Phone: 317-856-2120 ext. 28006

SUMMER EVENT SPOTLIGHT:

The DCHS campus is busy this summer as all TWENTY of our sports teams are practicing and getting ready for their upcoming seasons. Our teams include: Football, Cheerleading, Boys/Girls Soccer, Volleyball, Boys/Girls Cross Country, Boys/Girls Golf, Boys/Girls Swimming and Diving, Boys/Girls Basketball, Wrestling, Softball, Baseball, Boys/Girls Track and Field, Boys/Girls Tennis.

If you have any questions about our athletics schedules, programs, or how to join, please contact Athletic Director, Justin Dixon at jdixon@msddecatur.k12.in.us. Together, we are #DecaturProud!



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT:

Sejna Alibegovic

Summer just started and Sejna Alibegovic is already looking forward to her senior year at Decatur Central High School. She's a member of the DCHS ICE learning community, where she uses creativity and collaborates with others to complete hands-on classroom projects each day. It's no surprise she's chosen a learning community that focuses on teamwork. Alibegovic is an accomplished student-athlete who is on the school's basketball, cross-country, track and volleyball teams.

And she's already started creating that future—she'll enroll in AP classes in the fall to help her achieve her goal of attending Indiana University after graduation. "My parents are very supportive and have always told me that my future is up to me. If I want something, I have to go get it. I get to choose what I want to be," she said.

For incoming freshmen, similar life lessons will be learned as they navigate through high school, but Alibegovic has advice for those who are looking to make the most of their MSD of Decatur Township experience from the beginning. "I encourage everyone to do things they enjoy. Get involved. Go watch games or plays—no matter who you are or what you're involved in, supporting our school in different ways really means a lot to the people who are in it," she said. "And always try your hardest."

STAY CONNECTED:

Visit decaturlproud.org for the latest updates and scheduled events.



MSD of Decatur Township Named as Hobson Finalist for Implementation of College and Career Readiness

At the MSD of Decatur Township, we take great pride in helping our students reach their full potential. We are proud to announce that our district was named as a category finalist for Naviance College and Career Readiness (CCR). Naviance is a web-based software that supports students and their families to explore career interests, find the perfect college, and discover more about their personal strengths and learning styles.

Our students in grades 9-12 take CCR classes every day. Students in grades 11 and 12 are encouraged to enroll in our College Readiness Center classes where they have the opportunity to learn to succeed in future college courses. We are committed to enhancing our students' knowledge and equipping them with the tools they need to succeed in college, in their careers, and beyond.

Why we're #DECATURPROUD:

Congratulations to some of our 2015-2016 award winners:

Susan Bryant - Named Elementary Principal of the Year – District 7/Marion County by Indiana Association of School Principals (IASP)

Jane Jack - Named Assistant Principal of the Year – District 7/Marion County by Indiana Association of School Principals (IASP)



STAFF SPOTLIGHT: Tracey Krell-Suchy

When you walk the halls of West Newton Elementary School, a school for the arts, student expression is everywhere. Paintings line the walls and decorations hang from the ceilings—there's hardly a surface that hasn't been touched by the work and joy of West Newton students. Many of the colorful displays can be attributed to Tracey Krell-Suchy, the school's art teacher, who has challenged and empowered students to achieve through artful learning for the past 20 years.

A recipient of the Larry Hurt Excellence in Arts Education ARTI Award, given for her exemplary service, creativity and passion for developing and educating young minds in the K-12 education system, Krell-Suchy knows the powerful link between creative expression and progress. "Art is so important in developing an education and a career. What I read

and see now is how much the arts are being brought to the forefront in education, in business and in technology. We need creativity to develop new things and evolve," she said.

"When kids are shining in the arts, they find a place to be confident and can make a difference."

In her tenure as the school's art teacher, Krell-Suchy has brought numerous workshops, special projects and performances into her classroom, and her dedication has allowed

the MSD of Decatur Township to build an arts education program unlike any other in surrounding school districts. "We have a fabulous and unique art program here that makes us really special," she said. In 2014, she helped bring in a project that allowed parents and students in the community to build and decorate totem poles that highlighted music, art and culture in Indianapolis. The totems are permanent art installations at the school. Said Krell-Suchy, "We love



to celebrate our students. Their art is everywhere. We're bringing it to the front of our building. During a remodel, we retiled the school bathrooms to include our students' art on them. Art is the legacy these kids leave behind."

A believer that art can help bring out the best abilities in students, Krell-Suchy said, "When kids are shining in the arts, they find a place to be confident and can make a difference."



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