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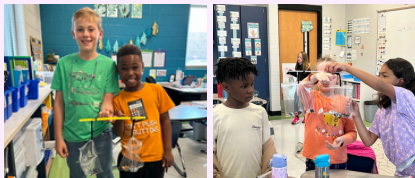


FALL 2024 ISSUE

WELCOME to the Fall 2024 Issue of The Purple Post Newsletter! This quarterly update keeps stakeholders informed about the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Grants team, S2S, Purple Star Schools, and Federal Impact Aid Program. Each article below pertains to the central theme of our team: benefiting military-connected students! In this issue is an update on the three most recent DoDEA grants, an inside scoop on the MCEC Global Summit, and opportunities for students to participate in scholarships and leadership.

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Math Applications Project



Elementary students using manipulatives to aid in their math lesson.

HEALTH SCIENCE

Developing the Future Health Science/Biomedical Workforce



Our Fabulous Madison City Health Science Teachers

SPARK

Creating a Spark for STEM Career Pathways



STEM students work collaboratively to code ozobots

- This \$1.25 million elementary math grant closed in May 2024.
- 100% of the elementary math leadership team said that the MAP grant was successful in improving student's math problem-solving skills through the use of Project M2 and M3.
- 100% of the elementary math leadership team said that the MAP grant was successful in improving student's inquiry-based learning through the use of Number Talks.
- The Math Applications Project grant has provided the necessary foundation and support for continual improvements in elementary math instruction at Madison City Schools. Quality professional development has been provided to teachers and the highly trained teachers have provided quality instruction with the use of the materials funded by the grant. Madison City School students will be better prepared for college and challenging careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics thanks to the resources provided by this grant.

The Health Science grant includes provisions for continuous professional development.

- 2 Health Science Teachers from Bob Jones and 2 Health Science Teachers from James Clemens attended The International Meeting on Simulation in Healthcare in San Diego, California.
- The International Meeting on Simulation in Healthcare (IMSH) is a scientific conference that explores the latest innovations and best practices in healthcare simulation. IMSH provides the tools and resources healthcare professionals need to advance their skills, impact change in delivery systems and practice, and, ultimately, to improve patient safety.
- After the conference, a survey of the Health Science Pathway teachers revealed that 100% of them reported acquiring new skills to enhance their teaching.

- The STEM Grant supported 8 STEM teachers as they traveled to Denver in June to attend the International Society for Technology In Education (ISTE) Conference. Teachers shared:
 - "After attending ISTE I feel like I have a new toolbox of educational technology tools to bring back to my students. This will greatly impact how (to) better practice and understand the Digital Literacy Standards."
 - "I think we will have more of an emphasis on problem solving, critical thinking, and community building within the STEM curriculum."
- Goals: Military-connected students will increase their STEM literacy/content knowledge and will increase their STEM career awareness as evidenced by quantitative and/or qualitative measures
- SPARK Grant period of performance is fall 2022-spring 2027

MCEC (MILITARY CHILD EDUCATION COALITION) GLOBAL SUMMIT



Liberty Middle School's S2S Team won the Pete Taylor Award and Middle School Team of the Year at the MCEC Conference

THE 2024 MCEC GLOBAL SUMMIT TOOK PLACE IN WASHINGTON, DC JULY 29 - AUGUST 1. A WEEK AT THE MCEC GLOBAL SUMMIT ENHANCES SKILLS THROUGH PERSONAL AND SMALL GROUP SESSIONS. ADVISORS, STUDENTS, AND ADULTS GAIN CONFIDENCE AND COMPETENCE IN THEIR LEADERSHIP ABILITIES AND COMMIT TO STRENGTHENING THEIR LOCAL S2S PROGRAMS.

MCEC's mission is to support all military-connected children by educating, advocating, and collaborating to resolve education challenges associated with the military lifestyle.

Opportunities for All Students and Teachers

VFW Scholarship Programs

Student 2 Student (S2S)—check with your school advisor (peer-to-peer student-led program that brings military and civilian students together to welcome new students, create a positive environment for all, support educational opportunities, build connections through service, and ease transitions.)



All are invited to the MCS Military Appreciation Football Game Oct. 25th

Watch for announcements from schools for Veteran's Day events



IMPACT AID INFORMATION



It's IMPACT AID TIME! Remember on or after October 17th:

- Please access the PowerSchool Parent Portal
- Choose one student survey to fill out.
- Go to your student's "forms" tab.
- Complete the Impact Aid Survey making sure you add all other household students names to this form. You only need to complete one form for the entire household.

The DOD Impact Aid Supplemental Program provides financial assistance to local school systems that are heavily impacted by the presence of military dependent students.

By filling out this form, you are helping Madison City Schools receive funding and grants that support all students in the district.

