

# SLPS Spotlight News

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Weekly Edition

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## SLPS News

### Walbridge Principal Saves 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Student's Life

It was an act of kindness that can best be described as a miracle. While Walbridge Elementary School students were in the gymnasium one recent day, second grade student Mia Davis fell to the ground. Mia was not breathing. Teachers in the gymnasium calmed other students and sent a student to the office to get Principal Lewis. Luckily, Dr. Lewis knew exactly what to do.

After tilting Mia's head back, Dr. Lewis started mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Mia remained unconscious through several attempts before finally exhaling. School secretary Michelle Levy had called for an ambulance and kept the attendant on the line during the entire situation. Thanks to Dr. Lewis and the 911 operator, Mia escaped death and is now back in school and doing fine.

### Dewey Students Dedicate Learning Garden

An asphalt lot at Dewey International Studies Elementary School has been transformed into a green learning and play space for students, thanks to the efforts of numerous organizations. The interactive learning garden incorporates several sustainable practices such as rain water harvesting through colorful rain barrels, and will feature garden beds.

Designed by HOK, this project was made possible through the generosity of the following organizations: layco, Concrete Strategies, Bryne and Jones Construction, LM Scofield, Greenscape Gardens, Ted Ahrens Contracting, Flyer Striping, Beyer Lumber, St. Louis Composting, Kirchner Block & Brick, Walbardt Nursery, WestBlue Printing, River DesPeres Watershed Coalition, Florascapes, Casey Communications, TOKY Branding and Design, Home Depot, Dewey School PTO, and St. Louis Public Schools.

KMOV-TV, Channel 4, plans to do a story about the Dewey Learning Garden on Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup> during the 6pm newscast.

### **SLPS Students Selected As AP Scholars**

Four St. Louis Public School high school students have been named AP Scholar Award winners through the College Board Advanced Placement Program. The students are being recognized for exceptional achievement on Advanced Placement exams. Representing Central Visual and Performing Arts High School as an AP Scholar is Elizabeth Mahood. She is joined as an AP Scholar by Metro High School student Kevin Jones and Gateway IT High School students Hung Nguyen and Sarah Collins.

Read more about this outstanding honor by visiting [www.slps.org](http://www.slps.org).

### **Famed Blue Angels Visit Cleveland NJROTC High School**

Cleveland NJROTC Principal Susan Viviano has a new photo to display at the school and her student cadets have new respect for the Navy following a recent visit by a pair of Blue Angels members. The Blue Angels were in St. Louis for an air show and stopped by Cleveland to share information about their experiences. During a one-hour assembly, students watched an amazing video about the Blue Angels and had an opportunity to ask a Blue Angels pilot and crew chief about qualifications for becoming a member of the famous squad.

### **Wilkinson 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders Learn Science By Eating Ice Cream**

Second graders at Wilkinson Early Childhood Center are learning about matter as part of the science curriculum. They learned the three states of matter (solid, liquid, and gas), mass, and properties of matter; how it looks, feels, tastes and smells.

Children constructed their own knowledge about the states of matter by utilizing a variety of ingredients that represented different states of matter. They then analyzed how each of the ingredients impacts each other to create a solid state of ice cream.

After making the ice cream student were able to sample their tasty treat! They not only learned about matter but that constructing our knowledge can be fun...and YUMMY!

### **Woerner Elementary Celebrates Constitution Day**

Fourth and fifth grade students at Woerner Elementary will celebrate the anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution with a musical program tomorrow, September 17 at 10:45am. Students will read a poem and sing songs about this historical document and there will be multi-media presentations throughout. All students and teachers are encouraged to wear red, white and blue to show off their patriotic spirit.

### **Soldan Counselor Earns 2010 Athena Award**

The St. Louis Hellenic Sprit Foundation has joined forces with the University of Missouri-St. Louis to award Soldan High School counselor Annette Entenman with the 2010 Athena Award for her role in securing scholarships for area high school students to attend college. Entenman serves as chairman of Soldan's Scholarship Committee, is a member of the faculty committee for the National Honor Society, serves as the school's liaison for college and university representatives, and is in charge of ACT/SAT test information and registration at Soldan. She will be formally honored on Friday, November 19, 2010 at 11:30am at the Missouri Athletic Club.

### Career and Technical Education Supervisor Recognized By Job Corps

Michael Burns, Supervisor of Adult Technical Education in the Division of Career and Technical Education, was recently honored by the St. Louis Job Corps Student Government for his contribution and encouragement of their career aspiration programs. The ceremony took place on September 14<sup>th</sup> and Michael received a plaque in honor of their appreciation.

### SLPS in the News

- <http://www.ksdk.com/news/education/story.aspx?storyid=214823&catid=21>
- <http://www.fox2now.com/news/ktvi-cleveland-hammonds-dies-090710,0,4278336.story>
- [http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/education/article\\_835fba51-b47d-578c-a29f-7d665e4db711.html](http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/education/article_835fba51-b47d-578c-a29f-7d665e4db711.html)
- <http://www.stlbeacon.org/content/view/104789/143/>
- [http://www.stlamerican.com/articles/2010/09/09/news/local\\_news/localnews02.txt](http://www.stlamerican.com/articles/2010/09/09/news/local_news/localnews02.txt)
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### Spotlight Photo of the Week

#### Dewey Students Prepare Learning Garden



Kindergarten and Early Childhood students at Dewey got “down and dirty” to prepare the school’s new Learning Garden. If you would like to submit a photo for Photo of the Week, send it to [Patrick.Wallace@slps.org](mailto:Patrick.Wallace@slps.org) with a caption. Submitted photos will be featured in future Spotlight News issues.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Big Read Festival Scheduled For October 9**

Central Avenue in Clayton will be the hot spot for book lovers of all ages on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> as the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Big Read Festival is held. This free event runs from 9am – 4pm. Teachers, students, parents and community members are invited to enjoy this amazing festival.

More than 40 nationally known authors will be on hand, with book signings, readings, panel discussions, workshops, demonstrations and hands-on projects available. There will be an interactive children’s area with costumed characters to engage the young readers.

The Big Read provides a platform for education, volunteerism and literacy promotion and is a springboard for “bookish” behavior. For more information, visit [http://www.culturalfestivals.com/big\\_read\\_home.html](http://www.culturalfestivals.com/big_read_home.html).

### **Dairy Fully Fueled Tour to Visit Dewey International Studies**

Date: October 15<sup>th</sup>

Location: Dewey International Studies, 6746 Clayton Ave.

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