



GOPHER TALES



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From the Desk of the Principal...

"Reading aloud with children is known to be the single most important activity for building the knowledge and skills they will eventually require for learning to read." — Marilyn Jager Adams

We know that reading is the basis of all learning.....

HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO CONSIDER: READ TO YOUR KIDS.

Reading is one of those pleasurable activities parents can engage their children in, that provides so many developmental benefits. When done on a regular basis, reading helps young children to develop language and listening skills and prepares them for recognizing the written word. Most importantly, reading provides the opportunity for parent and child to enjoy each other's company in a quiet, fun and emotionally satisfying way.

USE PICTURE BOOKS.

Parents whose own literacy skills may be weak can use picture books. The pictures help children make up stories, talk about the meaning of the illustrations, or tell how the illustrations relate to their own lives. Parents or other adults can keep the stories moving by asking questions or prompting the children. Today, many books for both children and adults are available in "read-along" versions and audiotapes.

HAVE YOUR CHILDREN READ TO YOU.

It's a good idea to have children read to their parents. A parent and child can also take turns reading to one another. Reading aloud to an audience-whether it is parents, grandparents, older siblings, other relatives, or friends-is one of the best ways for children to practice reading skills.

READ MORE YOURSELF

Parents should read often, whether its books, magazines, bills, grocery lists, or assembly instructions. When children see their parents read, they want to read too. The more parents can involve children in daily reading activities, the more interested in reading children become. Parents should urge their children to make up their own grocery lists or help assemble a toy following written directions.

TALK WITH AND LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN.

Talking with children and listening attentively as they express themselves are important in children's language development. During conversations, even very young children learn that words represent ideas and objects. For all children, conversations develop vocabulary. A recent survey reports that parents talk to their children, on average, just a few minutes every day, and even then they are usually giving orders. Parents who talk with their children about their lives and the world around them help children place ideas in context and figure out meaning from events. Children need these kinds of skills to read well.

TALK ABOUT BOOKS.

Parents should talk with children about books. That sends a signal to the children that reading is important. Parents who discuss books and ask probing questions draw children more deeply into the books and model an attitude of curiosity and a desire to learn.

PRAISE YOUR CHILDREN OFTEN.

Parents of good readers praise their children's reading accomplishments. They do not punish poor readers. Punishing children makes them develop negative attitudes about reading and can lower reading achievement.



SCHOOL SELECTION PROCESS 2012/2013 School Year

School registration books will be sent to student's homes prior to the School Selection Process in January.

**School registration forms will be accepted at the schools
January 3 thru January 27, 2012 for the 2012/2013 school year.**

Registration forms must be completed for:

All students new to MPS

All new 3, 4 and 5 year old Kindergarten students. Age represents the child's age as of September 1st, 2012.

All students at the HIGHEST GRADE LEVEL of their elementary or middle school. Honey Creek's highest grade level is CP5.

All students who are interested in a transfer for the 2012/2013 school year.

All students who have moved and no longer have an appropriate school assignment. Parents who are affected will be notified by their present school

Complete instructions are included in the "Directions" booklet that will be sent to the MPS households.

Honey Creek School offers:

All day K4 Program

All day K5 Program

Special Education program for K3 and K4

Smaller instructional and intervention groups

Enrollment for Suburban Students

Chapter 220 in January and Open Enrollment in February

Child care services before and after school

Music Lessons

Computer Lab

Environmental Center

After School Activities

Basketball

Soccer

Character Building

PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports)

PLEASE VIEW OUR CALENDAR USING THE SIDE TAB - "CALENDAR" ON OUR WEBSITE

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INTERNET RESOURCES

Honey Creek's web page at www2.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/honey_creek
Gopher Tales - Newsletter tab
Math+Science Connection - Parent tab

MPS Student Resource Toolbox - mpsportal.milwaukee.k12.wi.us
click on Student tab

Bookflix - bkflix.grolier.com
Username - hcreekcp
Password - bookflix

TumbleBookLibrary - Primary
www.tumblebooklibrary.com
Username - honeycreek
Password - books
TumbleBookLibrary - Intermediate
www.tumblebooks.com/tumblereadable
Username - honeycreek
Password - login

Accelerated Reading Quiz Information - www.renlearn.com/store/quiz_home.asp

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL



"BoxTops for Education" - save and send them to school in your child's red folder

Campbell's Labels for Education - Collect UPCs and caps from Campbell's products and send them to school for redemption..



Kemp & Golden Guernsey- Send clean dry milk caps in a bag to school for redemption

When shopping:

- at PicknSave be sure you have registered with the Honey Creek charity code of 332000 when using your Roundy's Savers Club Card



- at Target use your Red ChargeCard and be sure you have designated Honey Creek to receive the 1% donation. Visit Target.com/tcoe for more information



Helpful Suggestion - When sending items to school, keep them separate (box tops in one bag/envelope, Campbell's UPCs/caps in another, Kemps caps in another, etc). It makes it much easier to collect, sort and send in for redemption. Thanks!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

No School for ALL students on the following days:

Thanksgiving Break
Thursday, Nov. 24 and
Friday, Nov. 25, 2011

THANKSGIVING RECESS

Honey Creek School will be closed for the observance of Thanksgiving. School will **NOT** be in session on Thursday, Nov. 25 and Friday, Nov. 26. School will resume on Monday, Nov. 28, 2011.



TASTE OF HARVEST

On Tuesday November 15th, rooms 111A, 116, 119, 120, 121, and 122 will put on "A Taste of Harvest". It will be held at 9:00 and 1:00. (Parents will be notified when classes will go by invitation). Parents can watch their children sing Thanksgiving songs, and children will provide a welcome setting by providing table decorations and place mats. All K3, K4, & K5 parents will be invited to taste the harvest treats made in the classrooms and donated by parents. Each gathering will last about 45 minutes to an hour.



VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Sue and Kelsey Smith for being chosen as Volunteers of the Month. We want to take this opportunity to recognize their outstanding contributions to our school. Sue Smith (grandma) & Kelsey Smith (mom) are family members of Rylee from Room 119. Sue and Kelsey are valuable volunteers in our K4 classrooms. Without the assistance of volunteers, our efforts to serve the students would not be as effective. Thank you to all who take time to volunteer. Anyone interested in volunteering, please call Teo Mendoza our Parent Coordinator at 604-7921.



NOVEMBER NEWS

Our goal for this school year is to have Honey Creek students read books and pass 9262 tests. Currently we have taken over 1200 tests! We need to pickup the pace if we want to make our goal!! Our students anxiously wait for the second Tuesday of each month to shop for prizes they have earned by reading. Students who pass an Accelerated Reading test before November 4th can put their names in a special jar. On November 4th, 4 lucky students will win Milwaukee Admiral Hockey or Milwaukee Bucks tickets or a Gift Certificate for Half Price Books. Every Friday we choose a name from the completed Accelerated Reading tests and that student is our "Accelerated Reader of the Week". They are allowed to select a reading buddy from our stuffed animal collection in the computer lab. The more students read the better chance they have to win!! Keep on reading, more special promotions to come! You may now check whether or not a book has an Accelerated Reading test by clicking on the link on Honey Creek's web site on the Resources page.

HAT & MITTENS DONATIONS NEEDED



Winter is upon us....Honey Creek is in need of gently used hat and mittens to keep at school for children in need. Your help is always appreciated.



SHOWCASE DISPLAY

Rooms 116 and 122 have decorated the showcase in the front hallway using a fall theme. Take a moment to check it out!



HEALTHY LUNCH

Lunchtime is an important part of the day. This time gives the students an opportunity to socialize while refueling for their afternoon studies. The following are the expectations of the lunchroom: *We encourage table manners and "inside voices." We would like the children to eat in a social and relaxed atmosphere, restaurant style, while maintaining an appropriate noise level.

*The children are asked to try one bite of everything and drink most of their milk.

*A reminder to those children who bring a cold lunch, there is a "no soda rule". Please either send juice or buy milk at school. A half of sandwich, a piece of fruit, a beverage and a treat are usually enough for our younger children.

*Occasionally it becomes too loud in the lunchroom and the children are reminded about quiet talking. However, if the noise level continues to rise, this will result in a no talking period for the rest of the lunch period.

*Hot lunches are a great choice! It offers your child a variety of good nutritious food at a reasonable price.

would like to hear from you about your experiences

THREE CHOICE SCHOOL SELECTION 2012/2013

The Three Choice Selection will begin January 3, 2012 and continue until January 27, 2012. This is the time new students can request seats in MPS and current students can request a transfer. Please see the article earlier in this Gopher Tales for further information.

OUR HOLIDAY PROGRAM IS COMING...

Our Holiday Program will be on December 8th and 13th. Our performances will be held in Honey Creek's gym. Please watch for future flyers on what costumes and props we will need. We hope to see all of you there. Please look in your child's red folder for more information.

RED RIBBON WEEK OCTOBER 22-30, 2011

Red Ribbon Week reminded Honey Creek students to focus on staying healthy and reminds us to say "NO" to smoking cigarettes and drugs. Students' received red ribbon bookmarks. It is an ideal way for people and communities to unite and take a visible stand against substance abuse. Show your personal commitment to a drug-free lifestyle.



ROOM 115 CLASS PROJECT

Throughout this school year as they have done in past years, Mrs. Nichols class will be communicating with residents in local nursing homes. The students send monthly letters to the residents. To show their appreciation many residents have sent "thank you" notes for brightening their day!



AFTER SCHOOL RECREATION

Basketball tryouts will be held on Fridays, November 4th and 11th, followed by two practices on Fridays, November 18th December 2nd (there is no school on Nov. 25th). The first game will be Saturday, December 3rd at Wedgewood Middle School.



Fees for those making the teams will be \$25.00, and will be collected after the players have been selected. Checks should be made payable to Honey Creek School.

Registration fees for basketball will be required upon being notified of making the team. No transportation will be provided to practice or games for those making the team. Walkers and bus riders will need to make their own arrangements for transportation to games and practices.

READING IS FUNDAMENTAL



Since 2000, Honey Creek is excited to be included in the

Milwaukee "Reading is Fundamental" (RIF) program. Local foundations and charities show support for literacy by their donation of funds to help put books into the hands of local children. Founded in 1966, RIF is the oldest & largest children's & family nonprofit literacy organization in the United States. RIF programs annually serve 5.1 million children of all ages. To learn more about RIF & learn some tips on how to motivate your children to read check their web site @ www.RIF.org. Our first distribution will be in December.

CHARACTER BUILDING AT HONEY CREEK



Honey Creek is continuing our school-wide Character Building program this year. We hope to instill and reinforce the character qualities you are teaching your children at home. Likewise, we need your help to reinforce, at home, the character qualities the children are learning at school.

In October we focused on citizenship. For November the character quality will be thankfulness. Please help us in reinforcing this trait by discussing what you are grateful for with your children. We



**CP3 THRU CP5
WILL BE TAKING
THE TEST WKCE-
CRT**

November 1-23, 2011

ATTENTION STUDENTS:
Be ready and prepared for
Testing!

**Getting ready physically and
mentally:**

Get plenty of sleep the night
before the test.

Don't take a test hungry.

Be on time and alert.

Put everything else out of your
mind and think only of doing
your best.

Dress comfortably.

If you wear glasses, be sure you
have them and wear them.

**Making the best use of your
time:**

If the test is timed, don't rush
but don't waste time either.

Answer the easy questions first.

If you're stumped by a question,
go on and come back to it later.

Make a note on scratch paper of
the questions you want to go
back to so you can find them
easily. If you finish early, check
over your answers.

Making fewer mistakes:

Read all directions; understand
what you're supposed to do.

Don't be embarrassed to ask
the person giving the test for
help if you don't understand the
directions. Read questions and
ALL of the answer choices
carefully. Be sure the question
number in the test is the same
as where you make your answer
on the answer sheet.

Guessing:
You should guess if you don't
know the answer.
Try to eliminate some of the
answer choices as wrong; this
increases your chances of
guessing the correct answer.
Don't make wild guesses; your
choice should at least be
reasonable.

Miscellaneous Tips:

Don't panic! Tackle each
question one at a time rather

than thinking about the whole
test at once.

Use relevant content information
from other test questions where
possible. Don't score yourself as
you take the test. Trust your
first answer but change an
answer if you feel you must.
Remember there will be no
pattern of correct answer
choices.

**GOOD SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE**

We have achieved 97%
attendance for the 2011-2012
school year thus far; this
surpasses our goal of
95%. Over the
years, that goal
has been achieved and
maintained because of your
support and cooperation. Thank
you for that. During the first 23
days of school we had 212
students with perfect
attendance... fantastic...keep up
the good work!! Individual
students who have an
attendance rate of 90% or below
or who have excessive
tardiness were sent a letter
encouraging them to set a goal
to improve attendance. Notes
will be sent home throughout
the year should your child have
attendance/tardy concerns.
Keep striving for high
attendance and getting to
school on time.



**PAC
NEWS**



Thank You to our 2011-12 PAC
Board Members. They are
doing a wonderful job of
supporting many activities at
Honey Creek School. Thank
you to all the volunteers who
helped out during ice cream
social, book fair, picture day,
and open house. When
volunteering, be sure to sign the
volunteer sign in form in the
office, or check in with the
coordinator of the event. Then
we will be able to recognize
volunteers individually. Please

join us at our meetings...
together we can continue to
support Honey Creek.

Future PAC Meeting Dates

- November 8
- December 13
- January 10
- February 14
- March 13
- April 17
- May 8
- June 12



**PICTURE
RETAKE DAY**

Picture Make up Day will be
Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2011. If
you wish to have a retake
students must bring the old
pictures with them.

**SCHOLASTIC
BOOKFLIX**



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online literacy
resource that pairs classic video
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go to the website:

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username: **hcreekcp**

password: **bookflix**

Please check out this great
resource!

FUNDRAISING FRENZY **YOUR FUNDRAISING** **QUESTIONS ANSWERED**

About this time of year a lot of families are feeling overwhelmed by fundraisers. We do fundraisers to generate funds for Honey Creek School. Profits from school wide fundraisers are used to support:

- * Advanced academic skills that promote reasoning, critical thinking and problem-solving, through research-based Reading, Writing, Language Arts and Mathematics Programs that offers curriculum that is aligned to the Common Core Standards.

- * Support staff development so that teachers can successfully integrate curriculum to enhance students' learning experiences through rich, research-based instructional strategies

- * Enriching opportunities in music- choir, piano and violin to students in CP1 -CP5, during and after school, participation in community performances and the Biennial Music Festival

- * Maintaining the Environmental Center as a hands-on laboratory for incorporating science concepts relating to plants, seasons, climate and weather

- * Artist in-residence to enhance children's understanding of Art history, concepts and applications

- * Age-appropriate playground equipment

- * Age-appropriate computer software programs for before and after school Enrichment Camp

- * Sports opportunities for after school activities

- * Health/Nursing assistance

It's difficult to time fundraisers just right. We have several different fundraisers to offer a variety to everyone. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the fundraiser(s) of their choice. Please do not feel obligated or pressured to participate in all of them.

If you wish to make a donation in lieu of participating in a

fundraiser, we will accept any amount of donation. Honey Creek Elementary School is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Donation checks should be made payable to **MPS Foundation-Honey Creek**



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www.tumblebooks.com/tumblereadable
Username – honeycreek
Password – login

Please utilize this great resource to enhance your child's interest in reading.

TIME WARNER **PARENTAL CONTROLS** **AVAILABLE**

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suitable for every family member and controlling the TV set can be difficult. Time Warner Cable helps parents by providing easy to use Parental Control options that enable families to make smart TV viewing decisions. For more information about Parental Controls go online at www.timewarnercable.com, www.controlyourtv.org, and www.ciconline.org/parents. Take control. It's easy.



BOOK-IT **FORMS**

We are participating in Pizza Hut's Book-

It Program. ONE Book-It form should be turned in monthly. Students should follow the goal of 4 books for Kindergarten, CP1 and CP2 or 480 minutes for CP3, CP4, and CP5. Create lifetime readers, celebrate National Young Readers Week November 7-13th, and recognize the joys and benefits of reading.

ROOM 125 IS BUILDING **HEALTHY BODIES**

By Emma U.

During the last few weeks, Room 125 has been trying to improve their fitness by jogging.

Every Monday and Wednesday morning, we jog on the school playground which is about half a mile. Even though we have only been jogging a couple of weeks, I can already tell my endurance has improved. We have a goal of jogging all the way around Honey Creek and Wedgewood by the end of October. With Mrs. Harris as our teacher and motivator, I know we can do it!



DO I HEAR "DANCE"

ANYONE??!?



Honey Creek is lucky enough to have a once in a lifetime

experience with doing a "Flash Mob Dance"!! Carol Peterson has been coming in everyday during the month of October to Honey Creek during music and/or gym times for K5-CP5 to teach them a Flash Mob Dance. Mrs. Peterson is Alyssa K's grandmother from Honey Creek. She has over 40 years of dance experience. With her help, our students will be able to experience music, dance and plenty of exercise doing our Flash Mob Dance. We will be doing it outside on the playground at 11:00 on 11/11/11!! Because we will also be celebrating Veteran's Day, we will also ask students to wear red, white, and blue that day. Parents are welcome to come and watch the fun! Channel 6 news team has been called and invited to witness this awesome event. We'll send an all call home to alert you if it will be on the news that night. We will also try to re-create the dance at our Holiday program in December for those that are not able to come and see it! Good luck Honey Creek Dancers!!!

ROOM 112 SHARE THEIR IDEAS ABOUT AUTUMN



Room 112 wrote in their journals about what they liked about autumn.

Ashlyn Z. wrote: I like fall

because I get to jump in the leaves. I love to rake the leaves too. My dog likes to jump in the leaves also. My brother helps rake the leaves too. We take lots of walks. I ride my bike everyday - it is so much fun! We carve pumpkins - lots of



them. Some are cats, ghosts, skeletons, spiders, and bats.

Brandon P. wrote:

I think the fall is awesome. I like making leaf piles and jumping in them. It's really fun in fall.

It's the best time to play football and baseball. I also like the holidays in fall. Did you know that autumn is another word for fall? It's really cold in fall but it gets even colder in the winter.

Ellie G. wrote:

My favorite season is fall. I love fall and I love Halloween, too. I like Halloween because when you go "trick or treating" you get candy. I can't have all of the candy, though, because I have braces. My mom said to give all the candy I can't have, to her. I told her I didn't like that idea. I hope I have the kind of candy that I can have!

Joey M. wrote:

I like autumn because you can rake leaves and then jump in them. I like to jump off of high places and then do a cannonball into the leaves in the pile. High places like a mini slide or a small diving board off of the grass is fun. I love carving the beautiful pumpkins right before Halloween night. I love getting all of the candy. I love Halloween and I'll bet you do too!

Reece T. wrote:

Halloween is cool because you get candy and you can wear gory things or the goofiest things in the whole world. I like fall because if you are playing army you can just hide in the leaves. I also like it because you can lay back and relax in the leaves. The Harvest Parade is cool because you can wear pretty much whatever you want, but nothing too scary. I already have my costume. It is a mask, hat, a certain jacket and certain pants. The fun of fall is that you can jump in leaves. That is the fun of fall.

Samuel K. wrote:

In fall I like the color of the leaves on the trees. I like jack-o' lanterns that light up. I like pumpkins that are orange. I like my mom's cookies. I like to have decorations. I like to have pumpkin cake. I like to have pumpkins on Halloween and I like to have Halloween costumes on Halloween night.

Chloe L.

I love autumn. I love it because it is so much fun. I love jumping in piles of leaves. It is also nice and cool in autumn. Everyone needs some cool weather after a long, hot summer. It's also a time to give thanks, "chill out" and hang out with friends. I love the candy and holidays in fall. I really love autumn. Oh, and I love the candy and jack o' lanterns too.



PBIS at HONEY CREEK

Students at Honey Creek continue to earn tickets for showing Positive

Behavior in School!! Our bulletin board is nearly covered with bones displaying the names of those students who were "spotted" being responsible, being respectful and being safe. We continue to focus on good hallway behavior and practicing appropriate inside voices, within the framework of PBIS. The next school-wide incentive is in the works, and will happen when students reach a new goal of earning 1,000 tickets! Additionally, the students from room 125 have been spotted taking responsible steps toward leading a healthy life style. They have begun jogging two mornings per week, being mindful to stretch beforehand and cool down afterwards. We are trying to involve community members to support the students as they work toward achieving their running goals.

ROOM 111 ERUPTS



Volcanoes By Linda N.

We studied landforms in science. I read the book Volcanoes by Chuck Garforano and we made volcanoes in class. I learned a lot about volcanoes.

Scientists have gained so much information about volcanoes by studying them for their lifetime. Lava is melted liquid rock. Volcanoes are very hot and the rocks melt.

There are two kinds of volcanoes. Composite volcanoes explode and shield volcanoes don't explode. The volcanoes of the world could be sorted into two different categories. I would put eruptive volcanoes on one side and non eruptive volcanoes on the other side.

I think the people take risk to live close to a volcano because they want to know how volcanoes erupted up close and in person and the mountains are usually beautiful.

Volcanoes By Zoe K.

We studied landforms and volcanoes in science. I also read the book Volcanoes by Chuck Garofano. I learned a lot about volcanoes. I think scientists have gained so much information about volcanoes by studying all the volcanoes. Lava is melted liquid rock. There are two types of volcanoes. Composite volcanoes are large mountains with steep sides and evenly shaped peaks. Shield volcanoes have gentle mountain slopes shaped like shields. Melted

liquid rock called lava comes out of both. Volcanoes set free some of the Earth's most powerful forces. They are also very beautiful.

What I Learned about Volcanoes By Devon K.

A volcano is a landform. When a volcano erupts, magma pours through cracks in the Earth's crust. The magma is melted rock. In class we made volcanoes. When we made volcanoes, I discovered volcanoes can destroy the land forms around them. I enjoyed making a volcano and I learned a lot.

What I Learned about Volcanoes By Jamiah J.

A volcano is a landform. When a volcano erupts, magma pours through cracks in the Earth's crust. The magma is melted rock. When we made volcanoes in class, I learned volcanoes can be violent. We made the volcano erupt, and it looked like real lava pouring out. Making volcanoes was fun. It helped me learn more.

Volcanoes By Jaycee D.

Mount Vesuvius is a famous volcano in Pompeii. There was a volcano that erupted and killed



a lot of people. Most people thought Mount Vesuvius was dormant or extinct. A huge explosion shook the ground. Dust, ash, and melted rock blew out of the top of the volcano darkening the sky.

We are studying volcanoes. A volcano is a mountain that has lava inside and erupts. It is a landform. We made volcanoes

in class. We learned that the lava spreads everywhere. The lava is very hot. The lava is actually melted rock. After a volcano erupts, the lava cools and hardens. Trees grow again after a long time. Volcanoes are violent. I liked making our volcanoes erupt, there was red liquid all over!

READING ALOUD

Research and practice that one simple activity - reading aloud - is the best way to prepare children for learning to read and to keep them reading as they learn and grow.



Reading aloud also creates a special time for you to bond with your children. Cuddle together as you share adventures. Together: Laugh at silly creatures, root for heroes, and wag your fingers at villains. Reading aloud benefits your children's growth as readers and learners. It nurtures your children's love of both the written and spoken word. It gives a chance to rediscover favorite stories and find new ones. Children develop important skills that will help them to learn to read on their own. For more information about reading log on the web to: www.rif.org/parents/articles.



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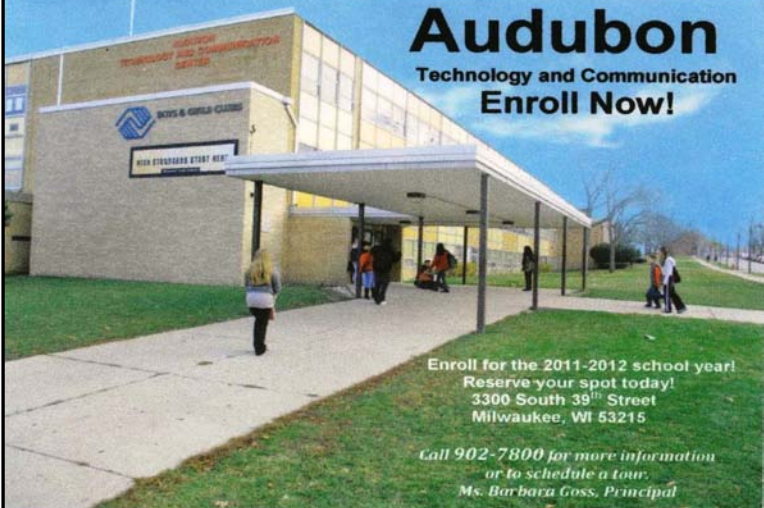
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