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Third Graders Adopt Professional Personas

Once a year third-grade students at Madeira Elementary School (MES) adopt the persona of professional athletes, authors, presidents, and singers during the school's Biography Days.

Preparing for Third Grade Biography Days begins when the students return from winter break in January. They look through the school's collection of the *Who Was?* book series - illustrated biographies for young readers featuring significant historical figures, including artists, scientists, and world leaders. After 'shopping' for a person they'd be interested in selecting for their project, each student submits a list of the top 3 people they'd like to research to their teacher, who makes the final selection.

After students read their chapter books they prepare a report, portrait, slideshow, and presentation in preparation for the actual Biography Day. They also create timelines about their person in Canva.

During Biography Days the district's third graders, dressed and in character of their subject, line the school's gym. Other grade-level classes and teachers walk by the students and talk to the third graders about the famous person they selected to emulate.

The Madeira Elementary School third-grade teachers are Lea Harrison, Jessica Seifert, Kristy Wanstrath, Melissa Unger, Julie Chancey, and Reggie Rindels.



MES third grader Grace "Princess Diana" Ziegler with her display and report at the 2024 Biography Days