



NORMANDY CONNECTIONS

THE NORMANDY SCHOOLS COLLABORATIVE NEWSLETTER

Normandy Schools Collaborative Mission Statement

Normandy Schools Collaborative prepares global leaders for college, career, and productive citizenship by empowering a community of confident learners and valuing the unique contributions of every student.

Thursday, May 9, 2024

NORMANDY SCHOOLS COLLABORATIVE

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Monica Finkley serves as a School Counselor at Normandy Middle School at Lucas Crossing and she is such **an invaluable asset** to the Social Emotional Learning Team. Her enthusiasm and collaborative spirit **ensure that students receive the best support possible**. We deeply appreciate Ms. Finkley's unwavering dedication and invaluable contributions to our school community. Thank you for all you do!

SUBMITTED BY MARISHA GRIFFIN-ESSEX

MONICA FINKLEY
COUNSELOR



NSC Staff Spotlight!

Help us recognize NSC staff making a difference in our schools. Nominate them today!

[Chris Trahan](#), Director of Communications

[Raygan Clark](#), Multimedia Specialist

[Kennedy Davis](#), Multimedia Specialist



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UPCOMING EVENTS



TUESDAY, MAY 14 AT 6:00 PM

JEGB MEETING

NORMANDY MIDDLE SCHOOL AT LUCAS CROSSING

FRIDAY, MAY 24

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



MONDAY, MAY 27

MEMORIAL DAY

DISTRICT OFFICES CLOSED!

MONDAY, JUNE 3

FIRST DAY OF SUMMER SCHOOL



NHS Chess Players Take Their Talent to Washington, D.C.

This week, Zechariah Barber and Amir Brown, students from Normandy High School, embarked on an exciting journey to Washington, D.C. They were part of a delegation of local chess players commemorating the tenth anniversary of Congress declaring St. Louis as the Chess Capital of the United States.

Accompanied by their team sponsor, Ms. Aparna Chandra, the students had the privilege of visiting the U.S. Capitol. They showcased their exceptional chess skills in an exposition game with Missouri Congressional Delegation members, including House and Senate members. Some members of the congressional delegation were so impressed that they offered internships to the students.

Their trip was made possible thanks to the generous support of the [St. Louis Chess Club](#), which provided transportation and accommodations, ensuring an unforgettable experience for these promising young players.



L to R: Zechariah Barber, Aparna Chandra, Amir Brown



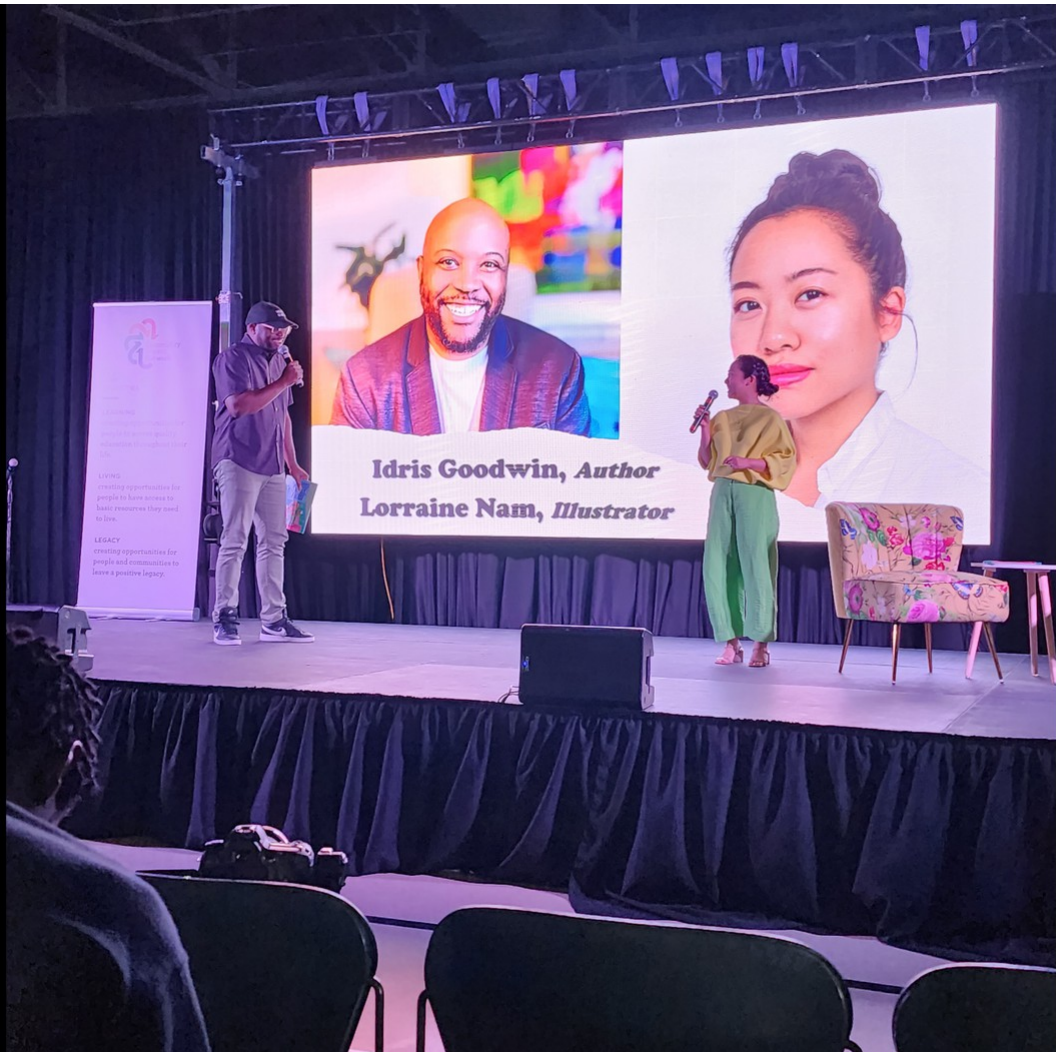
L to R: Amir Brown, U.S. Senator Josh Hawley, Zechariah Barber

Bel-Nor Scholars Meet Idris Goodwin & Lorraine Nam

Our Bel-Nor scholars recently took a field trip, joining 1,400 student Believers, organized by [The Believe Project](#) and [Metro Theater Company](#). They listened and spoke with award-winning playwright Idris Goodwin for the premiere of his picture book "Your House Is Not Just A House," alongside the talented illustrator Lorraine Nam at the America's Center Convention Complex.

The opportunity to interact with the author and illustrator enriched their understanding and ignited their curiosity and passion for creativity. As they asked insightful questions and absorbed wisdom from these accomplished artists, our scholars took a significant step toward realizing their potential as creators and critical thinkers.

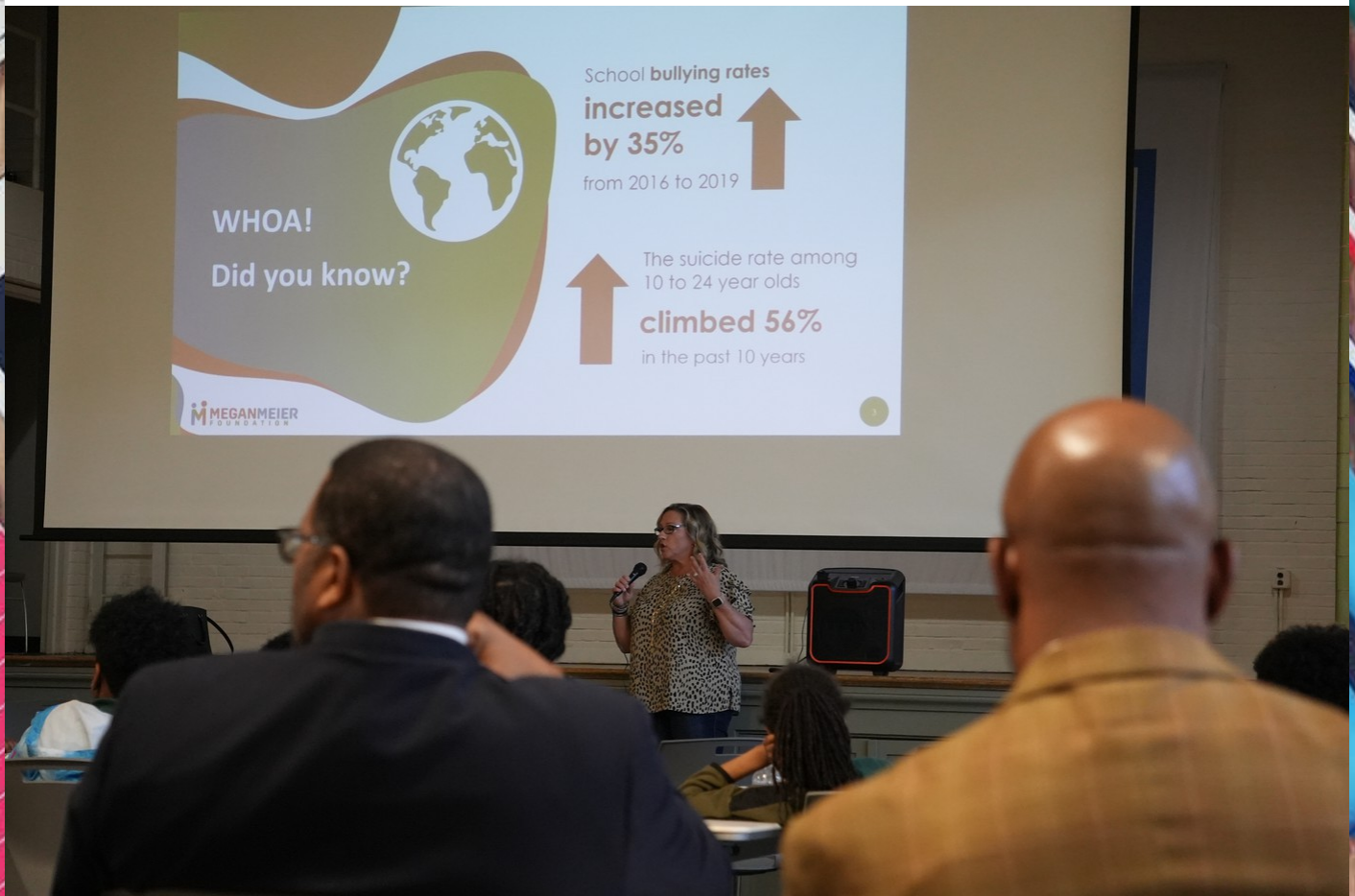




Normandy Working with Partners to Combat Bullying

Normandy Schools Collaborative joined forces with [Beyond Housing](#) and the [Megan Meier Foundation](#) to kick off Mental Health Awareness Month in a powerful way! We discussed vital strategies to prevent bullying and foster a safer and more supportive community. Let's continue to prioritize mental health and support one another every day.

Thank you to the Megan Meier Foundation for sharing your story!





Normandy DESE Meeting Recently Held

District officials and staff from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education met with families and staff during the [DESE Public Hearing](#) held on April 29. The State of the District summary was presented, and attendees could provide comments and ask questions. Thank you to our community members for attending.

Please [click here](#) for a meeting recording and to review a copy of the district presentation.



JEGB President, Harlan Hodge.



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WE NEED YOU!

JOIN US IN BUILDING A **STRONGER** SCHOOL COMMUNITY
BY FORMING A PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION

PTO

Are you passionate about enhancing your child's educational experience? Do you want to play an active role in fostering a stronger school community? Join us in forming a **Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO)** and make a difference!

INTERESTED?

CONTACT **ASHLEY ELLIS**,
**PARENT ENGAGEMENT &
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
SPECIALIST** BY EMAIL AND
SEND THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION:

- PARENT NAME
- SCHOLAR NAME
- SCHOOL YOUR SCHOLAR ATTENDS
- PARENT EMAIL ADDRESS

ASHLEY.ELLIS@NORMANDYSC.ORG

Help Make Your School a Success

By joining your school's parent-teacher organization, you can make a difference in shaping the future of education!

Whether you're a passionate parent or a dedicated teacher, let's work together to create positive change, support our students, and foster a thriving learning environment.

Ready to get involved? Contact [Ashley Ellis](mailto:Ashley.Ellis@normandysc.org) for more information.

Summer School Registration Now Open

Registration for Summer School is now open. You can fill out the form [online](#) or complete the application at your student's current school. Summer School will be held Monday through Friday, beginning June 5 and ending July 3. The district will be closed on June 19 for Juneteenth.

The deadline to enroll is Friday, May 17. [Click here](#) to register.

NORMANDY SCHOOLS COLLABORATIVE SUMMER SCHOOL 2024

**Monday - Friday
June 5th - July 3rd**

No school Wednesday, June 19th
in observance of the Juneteenth holiday

LOCATIONS	INCOMING GRADE LEVELS	START TIME	END TIME
EARLY LEARNING CENTER	KINDERGARTEN, 1ST, AND 2ND GRADES	8:30AM	2:30PM
BEL-NOR	3RD, 4TH, AND 5TH GRADES	7:30AM	1:30PM
BARACK OBAMA	6TH, 7TH, AND 8TH GRADES	8:30AM	2:30PM
CASA	***9TH, 10TH, 11TH, AND 12TH***	7:30AM	1:30PM

***MANDATORY CREDIT RECOVERY FOR INCOMING 10TH, 11TH, AND 12TH GRADERS ONLY

***INCOMING 9TH GRADERS WILL ALSO REPORT TO CASA



Beyond the Backpack is Scheduled for August 10. Click the image below for more details.

BEYOND THE BACKPACK
A BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT

EVERYTHING YOU NEED FOR SCHOOL IN ONE PLACE

- ✓ FREE BACKPACKS*
- ✓ FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES*
- ✓ FREE LUNCH
- ✓ FREE PHYSICALS + DENTAL SCREENINGS + IMMUNIZATIONS*
- ✓ FREE SHOES
- ✓ FREE HAIRCUTS
- ✓ PETTING ZOO, BOUNCE HOUSE, DJ, AND MORE!

PLEASE BRING: Shot Records & Insurance/Medicaid Card (Uninsured Welcome)
* Each student must be present with a parent or guardian to receive a free backpack and immunizations.

BEYOND HOUSING

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 10TH, 2024

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

EARLY LEARNING CENTER AND LUCAS CROSSING SCHOOL CAMPUS
7855 Natural Bridge Rd, St. Louis, MO 63121

 **ALL PARKING WILL BE ACROSS THE STREET AT UMSL** 

Community Events



NORTHWOODS

Redbird Rookies
A Cardinal Cares Team

FREE SUMMER PROGRAM

SEASON BEGINS MAY 2024

Girls and Boys Ages 5-13

Sign up at www.redbirdrookies.org
Under "Find a League Near You"
CLICK "NORTHWOODS"

ALL PLAYERS AND VOLUNTEERS MUST REGISTER!

NORTHWOODS FIELD
4600 Oakridge Blvd, Northwoods, MO 63127

REGISTRATION DATES
• DAILY •

For more information and questions:
Contact Kimberly Northcross 314-782-9331
www.redbirdrookies.com

Co-Sponsored by the
City of Northwoods, MO
314-385-8000

COMMUNICATIONS

Can We Text You? Opt-in For District Text Messages.

Emergency school closures? Bus delays? Last-minute schedule changes? We can get that information to families & staff quicker via text messaging.

To get text messages from the district, we have to get your permission—text 'Y' to 68453.

There is no charge to sign up. Your service provider may charge a fee for text messaging, depending on your plan.

If you have questions, please email info@normandysc.org.



Join Our Team

Your Future is in a Normandy Classroom

**YOUR FUTURE IS IN A
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TEACHERS CAN EARN \$44,000 - \$100,000+

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