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## Education notes: News from schools near you

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Education notes

ANOKA COUNTY

-- **Paula Andrzejewski**, a fifth-grade teacher at Rice Lake Elementary in Lino Lakes, and Phyllis Hitchcock, teacher of a health hybrid class at Centennial High School in Circle Pines, were among 91 educators honored as TIES Exceptional Teachers for their use of technology in the classroom.

DAKOTA COUNTY

-- Faithful Shepherd Catholic School in Eagan is hosting an **open house** from 1 to 3 p.m. Jan. 26, at 3355 Columbia Drive. Families interested in the K-8 school are invited to a presentation and tour.

-- Burnsville High School will host a **career fair** from 6 to 8 p.m. Jan. 27 in the cafeteria. The fair will feature more than 100 area professionals, who will discuss their jobs and training.

-- The Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan district is accepting nominations for the **Andrew Christopher Randall Award**. The honor recognizes district employees who foster mutual respect between students and staff. It is named for former Superintendent Ruth Randall Benson's grandson, who died of cancer at 14 in 1990.

-- The marching band from St. Joseph's School in West St. Paul performed **holiday music** at the Mall of America. The band also performed a December holiday concert with the school's choir.

-- Holy Trinity Catholic School at 645 Sixth Ave. S. in South St. Paul will have an **open house** from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday.

-- The **Farmington Area Education Foundation** will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Meadowview Elementary School to accept nominations for board members and committee positions. The group was scheduled to meet Jan. 7, when district events were canceled because of

cold weather.

-- Parents in the Hastings district can receive **notifications by text message**. Parents need to have a cellphone number registered with the district to participate.

#### RAMSEY COUNTY

-- **Chue Vue**, the top vote-getter in last fall's St. Paul school board election, joined the board in January. In addition, board members elected **Mary Doran** chair and **Keith Hardy** vice chair.

-- Liberty Classical Academy, a Christian college preparatory school in Maplewood, announced it will move to a **new campus** in White Bear Lake in the fall. The school serves students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade on two campuses. Formerly the home of St. Pius X School, the new building will include 22 classrooms, a gymnasium, a theater stage and a library.

-- **Carl Nowlin**, a second-grade teacher at Wilshire Park Elementary in St. Anthony, received the 3M Innovative Economic Educator Award. The award recognizes the teaching of economics with creativity at the elementary and secondary levels. Nowlin received the first-place award in the elementary division.

-- Harambee Community School, an environmental sciences school in Maplewood, has received **two grants**. The school was awarded \$9,000 from the Capitol Region Watershed District for increased water education. It also received \$25,000 from the Minnesota State Arts Board, which it will use in partnership with COMPAS teaching artists to study Latin American music in connection with migratory birds traveling the flyway between South America and Minnesota.

-- **Siri Peterson**, a reading recovery teacher at Emmet D. Williams Elementary in Shoreview, was selected as a National Conference Grant award winner for the National Reading Recovery and K-6 Classroom Literacy Conference in Columbus, Ohio.

-- The fall musical "Once Upon a Mattress" at White Bear Lake Area High School received the most awards in the **SpotLight Music Theatre Program** of Hennepin Theatre Trust. It was named outstanding as a production, overall performance, and performance by a student orchestra. Individual outstanding performance awards were given to **Maddy McLevish-Hughes** for a leading role and **Alex Carney** and **Eddie Green** for supporting roles. The cast will perform a medley of the musical's numbers in June at the Spotlight Showcase at the Orpheum Theatre in Minneapolis.

#### WASHINGTON COUNTY

-- Students at Hillside Elementary in Cottage Grove took part in a **Kids EdCamp** on Jan. 3, choosing two 40-minute sessions from topics that included ice fishing, making salsa and photography. Students explored topics of interest while they built creative thinking skills and fostered connections to teachers. The event also provided professional development for teachers.

-- Fall productions from East Ridge High School in Woodbury and Woodbury High Schools were recognized by the **SpotLight Musical Theatre Program** of Hennepin Theatre Trust.

-- Stillwater Area Schools has launched its **HealthMoves** initiative, which received a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The program aims to help students improve their physical well-being by learning about good nutrition and healthful eating, developing personal fitness programs and monitoring fitness with pedometers and heart-rate monitors.

-- Little Angels Christian Preschool of Guardian Angels Church in Oakdale will have an **open house** and walk-in registration for 2014-15 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Jan. 13, 14, 16 and 17. For information, call 651-730-7450 or visit [guardian-angels.org/lacp](http://guardian-angels.org/lacp) (<http://guardian-angels.org/lacp>).

#### WEST METRO

-- **John Coleman** was named the new dean of the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Minnesota. A graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Coleman has served as chair of the University of Wisconsin-Madison's political science department since 2007. He starts in July.

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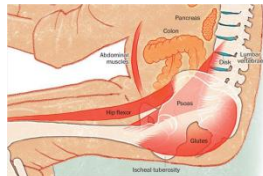


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