

# Hartford News

A Newsletter of the Hartford University School for Urban Explorations  
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## Hoops for Hartford

March 2010

The Bradley Center was the place to be on March 12th! The building was all abuzz as the Hartford community showed up to cheer on Dr. Ellwood as she attempted to make a few baskets to help the Hartford community. Ms. Jones was there with Jacob, and Ms. Peoples was there as well. Ms. Sullivan and Ms. Carrington were there with their husbands, as were Cameron and Xavier Travis, with their cousin Jalen (and Mrs. Travis). Other famous faces in the crowd included Jada Carter and her dad; David, Audrey, Beth, and Rob Biskobing; Donald McGraw and his father, Donald McGraw Sr.; Ace Evans and his family; Lucy, Bella, Becky, and Dan Burzynski; Sierra Rojas and her family; and Savante Scott and Laurence Scott. Everyone in the building knew that Keegan Mielke and Sam Alioto were there — they both got screen time on the Jumbotron. Keegan was announced as the honorary team assistant for the game, while Sam's great dance moves finally got a public showing. Many of the kids present also recognized Jonathan Friday, the Big Brother/ Big Sister coordinator, as he cheered on Dr. Ellwood.

All of the Hartford people must have been really excited, because Dr. Ellwood got the biggest ovation of all the principals there. Her first shot went in without any trouble, and earned the school \$250 from the Bucks! The free throw proved a little trickier, and she just missed it. Her half-court shot showed excellent form, but just didn't quite make it. It was still a great night and a fun way to raise some money for the school

Thanks to Mr. Kazmierski for his excellent coaching. She may not have made all the shots, but Dr. Ellwood's form was perfect. She was especially lucky to have the guidance of her two managers, Donald McGraw and Jeremiah Wood. They provided great support and encouragement to Dr. Ellwood. Thanks to the entire Hartford community for their support during Dr. Ellwood's quest for basketball glory. For more pictures, go to page 6 or visit Hartford's website.

### Calendar

4/23	The Emperor's New Clothes— Middle School Musical
4/24	7:00 pm
5/4	Biennial Music Festival
5/5	US Cellular Arena
5/7	No School
5/14	Governance Council
	4:30 to 6:00 pm
5/14	PSO Meeting
	6:00 to 7:30 pm
5/20	K4-1st gr Concert
	6:00 to 7:30 pm
5/27	Gr 2-5 Concert
	6:00 to 7:30
5/31	No School



Dr. Ellwood on the Jumbotron

## Love and Logic

The discipline and behavior management program at Hartford is based on the principles of *Love and Logic*. Founded in 1977, Love and Logic is a way to allow children to understand and experience the consequences of their behavior (the logic) without anger and threats (the love). Hartford's social worker, Ms. Foulard, is presenting a five week course to explain the program to Hartford parents. The course will be held in the school library. There are two different sessions — one will be held on Mondays at 9:00 am beginning on May 3rd, the other will begin on Tuesday May 4th at 5:00 pm. Each session runs for five weeks of 90 minute sessions. There is only room for ten people in each session, so call Ms. Foulard now at 906-4798 to reserve your place. The series will cost \$10 to cover materials, but Ms. Foulard may be able to help out if you cannot afford the cost. The course is for adults only. Please tell Ms. Foulard if you want to attend but may need child care. For more information, go to [www.LoveAndLogic.com](http://www.LoveAndLogic.com).

## Hartford Musical

The Hartford Middle School presents The Emperor's New Clothes next weekend. The actors, stage crew, director, and artists have been working hard for weeks to prepare for the performances, and the show is finally ready. There are shows on Friday and Saturday at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$2.00 at the door. Call the school with any questions.

## Spring Picnic

The famous Hartford Spring Picnic will be held on Thursday, June 10th from 4 to 7 pm. Once again, the picnic will be at Lake Park at Area 2 (near the playground). Mark your calendar now! The cookout will feature hamburgers, hot dogs, side dishes and fun. It is a great way to end the school year with other Hartford students and families. There will be more information coming home soon. If you think you can help, call Dan Burzynski at 263-0685 or e-mail him at [danburz@att.net](mailto:danburz@att.net).

## Bucks Basketball Camps

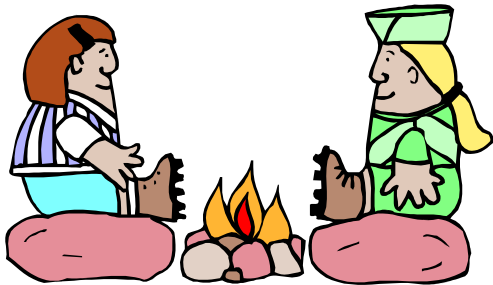
The Milwaukee Bucks have announced their schedule of summer basketball camps. The camps offer a chance for kids to learn the fundamentals of basketball while having fun. Participants learn basic moves like shooting, passing, rebounding, and defense. There are also skill contests against players of similar age and skill level. The camps are a week long at the Bucks practice facility in St. Francis, Nicolet, Menomonee Falls (and other locations outside of the Milwaukee area) and cost \$150. The cost of the camp includes a practice jersey, basketball, ticket to a Bucks game, and special ticket offers throughout the season. If you are interested, call 227-2777 or visit [www.BucksCamps.com](http://www.BucksCamps.com). You can e-mail questions to [BucksCamps@Bucks.com](mailto:BucksCamps@Bucks.com)

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Articles for this newsletter may be submitted by any Hartford student, parent, or staff member. The deadline for the next newsletter is May 13th. Are there events or community activities that you would like to hear more about or share with others? Leave your articles for submission in the PSO mailbox in the office. Please write "Newsletter" on your submission so that it is routed properly. You may also e-mail submissions to [danburz@att.net](mailto:danburz@att.net). Call Dan Burzynski at 263-0685 with any questions about submissions or the newsletter.

## Summer Exploration Camp

UWM is offering a Summer Exploration Camp to help provide the skills that students entering 6th, 7th and 8th grade will need for high school and college. The 2 week camp runs from 9:00 to 3:00 each weekday from July 12th through 23rd. The classes work to develop reading, writing, math and science skills. The class is limited to 40 students. Applicants must have a GPA of 2.0 or above. If you are interested in applying for the program, call 229-6236 or email [minicourses@uwm.edu](mailto:minicourses@uwm.edu). The cost of the program is \$400, but students who are eligible for free or reduced lunch are eligible for scholarships. There is a mandatory orientation at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, June 30th. You can visit the website at [trio.uwm.edu/minicourses](http://trio.uwm.edu/minicourses) for more information.



## COA Summer Camp

Want your kids to get out of the city for a little while this summer? Why not send them on an eleven day adventure into the woods? The Children's Outing Association (COA) offers kids from Milwaukee a chance to enjoy camping, boating, swimming, exploring, fishing, and water sports at Camp Helen Brachman. Huge scholarships make the camps available for everyone. Anyone ages 8 to 15 can attend the camps. The sessions begin on June 29th, July 12th or July 26th. For more information, call 263-8383 (extension 117) or visit [www.coa-yfc.org](http://www.coa-yfc.org).

## Mad Hot Ballroom & Tap

Hartford's 5th graders have been working on their dance skills for the upcoming Mad Hot Tap and Ballroom competition in May. The students have been working with instructors from Danceworks to perfect their dance skills. Ms. Korom's class will perform ballroom dances like salsa, swing, and tango. Mr. Moses' class will showcase their tap skills. The performances will be at the Bradley Center on either May 1st or May 15th. Notes with the details will come home soon for performers. What do Ms. Korom's students think?

*My favorite part of Mad Hot Ballroom is:*

- Learning all the moves so we can get into partners. -Jaylia
- When we mess up a move and laugh and fix it. -Mary
- Learning dances and getting it right away. -Sapphire
- Dancing with attitude. -Valli
- Learning all the dances and communicating well with others -DeMarcus
- The feeling you get when you learn a whole new dance. -Maggie

*The Mad Hot Ballroom performance will be:*

- A dream come true. -Nick
- Exciting and nerve-wracking, but fun. -Sandro
- The favorite day of my life -I saiah
- Exciting and competitive. -Danielle
- Fun and scary at the same time -Chiquita
- Crazy! -Zach & Colin
- A day I feel like a superstar -Maggie
- The most awesome, great, beautiful thing that Room 20 ever created. -Mary

# Future Success Program at UWM

Will your child have success in the future? There are no guarantees, but participation in UW-Milwaukee's Future Success Program (FSP) may be the first step. The program is offered in summer and the academic year for students in grades 9 through 12. FSP is designed to ensure that students and their parents receive information and academic support necessary for college admission and competition. FSP provides students with the foundation needed to be successful in high school as well as college. Students in grades 9-12 with a GPA of at least 2.5 will be ensured completion of a college prep curriculum, and development of study skills and behaviors to successfully complete high school and excel in college.

Students will be provided with intense academic advising, tutoring, mentoring, career exploration, financial aid, and college information. As a result of participating in FSP, students will be eligible for the Panther Promise (where they are guaranteed admission to UW-Milwaukee), an application fee waiver, preferential acceptance to on-campus housing, special scholarship consideration and a college mentor. For more information, contact Larissa Lampkins-Cobb at 229-5940 or lampkins@uwm.edu.

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## Money Management Seminar

Asset Builders, a non-profit organization in Wisconsin, is hosting its eleventh annual Money Conference. The purpose of the conference is to help you understand how to make the best of your money—saving money, owning a home, getting the most out of your paycheck, understanding your credit report, and ensuring financial stability for your family. You can choose from a menu of over twenty one-hour sessions to select the sessions that interest you. There will also be age-appropriate programming for students. The daylong conference will be at the Manpower headquarters at 3rd and Cherry from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. The cost of the conference (before April 30th) is \$3.00 for adults and free for students up to age 18. The admission costs includes a free copy of your credit report, door prizes, continental breakfast, and lunch. Child care will be available for kids between the ages of 2 and 6 (advance reservations required). For more information, go to [www.AssetBuilders.org](http://www.AssetBuilders.org) or call ReDonna Rodgers at 263-6896.

## Pius Summer Camps

Pius XI High School (76th just south of Bluemound) has announced its schedule of summer camps. Girls' basketball, golf, boys' volleyball, musical theater, boys basketball, football, acting, soccer, dance or running club — you decide. The camps run at all different times throughout the summer. For more information go to [PiusXI.org](http://PiusXI.org) or call 290-7000.

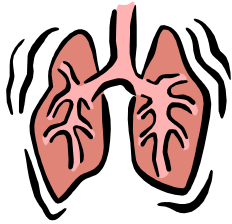
## Spring Concert

The Spring Concert for K4, K5, and 1st grade students will be on Thursday, May 20th from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Mark your calendars for Hartford's youngest performers.

The Spring Concert for grades 2 through 5 will be held on Thursday, May 27th from 6:00 to 7:30 pm in the Hartford Auditorium. All of the students will participate, with a highlight on the Mad Hot Ballroom and Tap participants.

# UWM Children's Center Summer Registration

Now is the time to start thinking about what your child will do this summer. Hartford has a long-standing relationship with the UWM Children's Center on Kenwood Blvd., just around the corner from the school. As a Hartford family, you have an opportunity to register for the UWM Children's Center for summer child care. The Center offers a summer program that is full of fun, learning, and field trips for all young children. If you have enrollment questions, call Vicki Wachal at 229-5384. If you want to know how great the program is, ask any of the dozens of Hartford students who attend.



## Asthma Wellness Day

Do you wish you knew more about asthma? Find out more about asthma at the Asthma Wellness Day on May 1st from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at Browning School (5440 N. 64th Street, south of Silver Spring). Asthma is the #1 reason why children visit the emergency room at Children's Hospital. This fair will provide resources and education to help families manage asthma. Doctors and nurses will be on hand to answer questions about asthma. In addition to free asthma screenings and advice about asthma medications, there will be kids' art and free giveaways. For more information, call 390-2179.

## Parenting Education

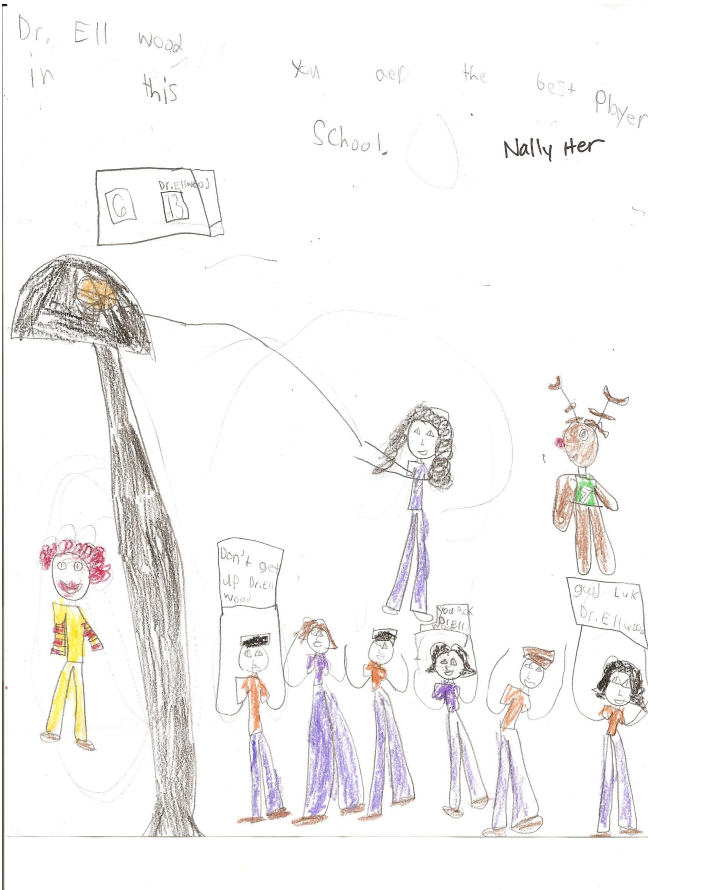
Do you know a young couple expecting a baby? The Parenting Network (75th and Burleigh) is hosting programs this Spring to help unmarried couples know themselves, understand each other, and strengthen their relationship for the benefit of their baby on the way. The free program, titled *As One*, is designed for unmarried couples at least 17 years old who are expecting a baby or have a baby less than 3 months old. The program promotes parenting skills, money management, and conflict management. The sessions occur over the course of two days. If both partners complete all ten hours of the program, they will receive a \$100 gift certificate. The sessions include free child care and meals. For more information, call Nikki at 647-5971.



## Pinch, Hit and Run

The national Pitch, Hit, and Run contest is coming to Milwaukee in May. Boys and girls have a chance to compete and have fun showing off their baseball skills. MPS is hosting its competition at 53rd Street School at 6:00 pm on May 11th or Burnham Field at 10:00 am on May 15th. For more information-call 475-8942. ESPN Milwaukee is hosting its competition at Helfaer Field at Miller Park on May 23rd from 9:00 to 3:00 pm. To register there, go to [www.ESPNMilwaukee.com](http://www.ESPNMilwaukee.com). Winners at all competitions may move on to regional or national competitions.





Dr. Ellwood shied away from photos at the Bucks game. But here are some 1st graders' ideas of how it looked.



# Book Fair Updates!!

Book fairs at Hartford have been a HUGE success! Over the last few years, we have used the "Scholastic Dollars" profit that we made and bought books for classroom collections. For the 2007 and 2008 school years we saved the profit money, and this fall we were able to purchase 3 SMART boards for our school. They have been installed in both fourth grades (rooms 23 and 24) and one fifth grade (room 20). We are waiting for the projectors to come and be installed, which I think will happen over the summer.

The two book fairs that we had this year again, were a huge success! With the money from the fall fair, we will purchase one more SMART board for one of our third grade rooms. The profit from the spring book fair will allow us to purchase two projectors for the SMART boards, lessening the amount of money that would otherwise have to come out of our school budget.

This kind of support from the Hartford community is what makes Hartford special. Without all of you helping out at the book fair by volunteering, and purchasing books, we couldn't have made these great purchases! Having this technology will help the teachers with teaching of the science and social studies curriculum – a lot of which is done online. It will also help students become more tech savvy, developing skills for the 21<sup>st</sup> century!

I'd like to first and foremost thank all those who purchased books at our book fairs. Your purchases made this happen. I also need to thank all those who helped with the two book fairs this year. Without all your help, it couldn't have been done! As always, my apologies if I have forgotten anyone!

-Anne Oulahan, Reading Resource Teacher

Tanya Cummings	Gloria Lawrence
Lakeisha McMurray	Rachel Buff
Michelle DeCou	Lisa Wolf
Liz Drame	Rebecca Kernan
Maureen Stone	Margaret Cory
Cassandra Campbell	Rob Biskobing
Kelly Twigger	Kami Graham
Carlotta Cooper	Angela Ricks
Shytanya Highshaw	Heather Anthony
Ciara Long	Ms. Thompson (Kyla Thompson's mom)
Lauren Bobo	

Hartford is once again planning to have a summer school program. The tentative plan is for summer school to run from June 28th through July 29th from 9:00 am to noon, Monday through Thursday. There are plans to coordinate participation in the afternoon program at Cass Street School. More information will come home soon

## Arts in Education

The students in Kindergarten through 5th grade took a field trip last week to hear the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra at MATC's auditorium. The trip was part of the ACE program and allowed students to see the performers that have visited them at school. Be sure to ask your child about it.

## COA Day Camp

The Children's Outing Association (COA) has announced its schedule of popular day camp programs at its Riverwest location (Humboldt and North). Kids 7-12 can experience sports, cultural arts, computers, and field trips all summer long. Camps run each week from June 21 to August 30. The camp day is from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Fees are based on family size—W-2 is accepted and scholarships are available. For more information, go to [www.coa-yfc.org](http://www.coa-yfc.org) or call 263-8383 (extension 117)

## Marquette Reading Program

Marquette University offers Summer Reading Skills Programs at its downtown campus, in Wauwatosa, and in Glendale. Programs are available for students in all grades, from K4 to 12th grade. The reading programs feature an emphasis on phonics, comprehension, vocabulary expansion, study skills, and speed reading. Classes meet once a week for 6-8 weeks, depending on the program. All programs are officered by Marquette's College of Professional Studies and taught by professional instructors from the Institute of Reading Development. Tuition and fees vary by program, and there is a family discount if more than one child in a family attends. For more information or to register, call 1-800-978-3532.

Visit the school's website at <http://HartfordUniversitySchool.weebly.com>.

## 43rd Biennial MPS Music Festival

Hartford students will be participating in the 43rd Biennial MPS Music Festival. Held on May 5th and 6th, the Festival showcases MPS' musical talent from throughout the district downtown at the U.S Cellular Arena. Some students perform on both days, while some are only on one day. See the notes that have come home with students to know what role your child may play in the performance. Talk to Ms. Poytinger if you have any questions. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased at school or at the door.

All of Hartford's 4th and 5th grade students will be singing at the festival on Wednesday, May 5th. They will be singing with the all-district choir. The 4th and 5th graders will be given a t-shirt to wear and must wear black pants or skirts. They will perform four songs.

Some of Hartford's instrumental music students will be performing in the Elementary Orchestra. Notes have gone home for the musicians who have been selected to participate. Saturday rehearsals have already begun and will be an important way to prepare for the performance. Students are expected to memorize and know the three songs that they will be playing (both nights).

Hartford's band will also be performing at the festival. They will perform four songs on Thursday, May 6th.



# Hartford University School Coffee Fundraiser

Hartford's Coffee Sale was designed to insure that Hartford students continue to have the opportunity to learn at the Urban Ecology Center. The PSO is committed to raise the money necessary to pay for the students' visits to the UEC. Under the leadership of Paula Storniolo, a Hartford parent, we are selling Stone Creek coffee to support the students' field trips to the UEC. Remember, all of the money raised goes directly to support the trips to the Urban Ecology Center. The cost of all coffees is \$12.00 per bag.

## Types of Coffee

### *Cream City Blend (Regular and Decaf)*

A blend of highest-quality Guatemalan, an extremely smooth and chocolaty Ethiopian Harrar, and our French Roast — rich, full, & mellow.

### *Organic Fair Trade Blend*

Organically grown Sumatran coffee—a smooth well-balanced cup of coffee with a bright, fruity finish. It is Certified Fair Trade.

### *French Roast*

Our French Roast is a rich, dark cup of coffee with a noticeable undercurrent of bittersweet cocoa and a surprisingly smooth, satiny finish.

### *Hazelnut*

This smooth, well-balanced coffee has the perfect touch of hazelnuts - rich taste and aroma of hazelnuts fresh from the shell.

Return Order forms and payment to: School Office, Attn: Paula Storniolo

All forms must be returned with payment!!

Cost Per 1 lb:	\$12.00		\$12.00		\$12.00		\$12.00		\$12.00		
Blend:	Cream City Blend		Decaf Cream City Blend		French Roast		Organic Fair Trade Blend		Hazelnut		Amount Due
1 lb Bag:	Beans	Ground	Beans	Ground	Beans	Ground	Beans	Ground	Beans	Ground	
<i>Example:</i>	1	1					1			1	\$48.00
<i>Order Here</i>											

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room # \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Check box for delivery:  deliver to student  pick up from school - provide phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Orders will be filled within 2 weeks of receipt