

THE METRO SECONDARY SCHOOL REPORT TO PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND INTERESTED CITIZENS

THE EVENTS OF SPRING

Metro celebrates spring each year with a variety of special activities.

Exploring Chicago

Thirty-two students and nine staff members traveled to Chicago on May 1 and 2. The annual trip is planned to offer students a realistic view of life in a large City — the crowds, the traffic, shopping opportunities, ethnic diversity, poverty and opulence, and cultural richness. The group stayed at the Conrad Hilton Hotel on Michigan Avenue and dined at an excellent restaurant near Rush Street, Great

Gritsby's Flying Food Show. They viewed the city at night from the 103rd floor skydeck of Sears Tower and shopped in the elegant Water Tower Place on the "Magnificent Mile." The Shedd Aquarium, the Museum of Science and Industry, and the Field Museum of Natural History were thoroughly explored. The group toured Chinatown and the Maxwell Street Flea Market. Saturday afternoon was spent at Brookfield Zoo. Participants included:



East Students

- Zina Ringer
- Susan Peterson
- Darlene Countryman
- Cheryl Carraway
- Linda Kloos
- Teresa Peterson
- Annette Harding
- Teresa Ruby
- Marty Fitzpatrick
- Jeff Reid
- Brent Yount
- Al Smith
- Jim Jacobi
- Blaine Glenn
- Gene Malli
- Jerry Stewart
- Sam Rhoads
- Terry Pearson
- Jim Clark

West Students

- Niki Perrin
- Judy Kerschhoff
- Judy Carnicle
- Kim Brady
- Kathy Walker
- Mary Perez
- Wendy Cain
- John Ernst
- Tim Tauber
- Paul Robertson
- Wade Weable
- Lando De La Vergue
- Pat Holmes

Staff

- Chuck Weber
- Gene Light
- Bill Graham
- Cari Jacobs
- Susan Te Paske
- Mary Pat Hepp
- Pat Bryan
- Mary Wilczynski
- Ralph Plagman

Helping The Elderly And The Community

Through a special arrangement with the **Council on Aging**, a **United Way** agency serving elderly citizens in Linn County, Metro students and staff spent April 29 helping with spring clean-up at the homes of the elderly. Windows were washed, storm windows exchanged for screens, yards were raked, and lawns were mowed. Nearly **200 Metro East and West students** participated in the project. They were divided into teams of four or five with a staff member as a team leader. **Dick Osing**, Executive Director of the Council on Aging, came to the Metro campuses a week before the Service Day to offer workshops on working with the elderly. A wonderful film called "**Ruth Stout's Garden**" was shown to all students as a part of their training. The elderly citizens were grateful for the assistance they received from Metro students and many offered treats to the workers. **Cari Jacobs** was the teacher coordinator of the Service Day project and the preparatory workshops at East, and **Mary Wilcynski** handled arrangements at West.

In a related activity, crews from the **Metro East commercial gardening class** tilled 50 gardens for elderly citizens throughout April and early May. **D.W. Larson** coordinated the garden tilling project. Ten students worked a total of 168 hours. Their names are listed below:

Terry Butterfield	Ron Knop
Todd Butterfield	Floyd Kott
Tracey Butterfield	Curt Lacher
Al Huenefeld	Kevin Panek
Aaron Johnstone	Cindy Schueler

Both activities were planned to augment the community service component of the Metro graduation competencies. In mid-May a third service opportunity will be offered to Metro students. Thirty student participants will work with **Citizens for Community Improvement**, a Southeast-side community development organization, in a neighborhood spring clean-up project. Area residents will receive help in removing junk and debris from their property. Metro has always wanted to be a "**good citizen**" in its neighborhood, but it also desires to foster positive feelings in students toward providing service to their community.

Native Talent Day

Metro students participated with other area high school students in **Native Talent Day** on April 28 at the Five Seasons Center. The project provides students with an opportunity to talk personally with representatives of dozens of careers — building trades, health careers, law enforcement, clerical/secretarial occupations, sales, fine arts, cosmetology, journalism, professions including law,

education, accounting and medicine, and many more employment possibilities. Students choose at least two careers they are particularly interested in and interview the practitioners from those fields. During the conversation, students ask questions about working conditions, salary expectations, training requirements and advancement possibilities. The students record the answers in booklets especially designed for the day's experience. Native Talent Day provides students with opportunities to explore careers that they might not otherwise consider.

Yellow River Camping Trip

The following students participated in a five-day backpacking trip in Yellow River State Forest May 13-17:

East

Candy Kruger
Todd Bent
Teresa Ruby
Todd Butterfield
Tom Tow
Carolyn Coppess
Nicole Felter
Ron Knop
Bill Reed
Tracey Butterfield
Brenda Eaton

West

Jerry Meyers
Scott Brecht
Tracy Reed
Carl Lehmkuhl
Mark Carlton
Ken Walters
Larry Hugenel

Staff

Gary Goldstein
Bruce Frana
Pat Bryan
Brad Switzer

Northeast Iowa On Our Minds

Louis and Clark, the mountain men, (Frana, Goldstein, Bryan, Shuttleworth, and Switzer), and other great American adventurers of old would have been proud of the recent May 13-17 Metro Environmental Encounter backpacking trip. Eighteen students and five staff participated in a rugged and scenic five day expedition Northeast Iowa. This was the most extensive cross country packpacking trip for any school in Iowa. The hearty adventurers started in Marquette, Iowa. They climbed a steep hill and hiked overland into Effigy Mounds National Monument. On the way they gained a unique view of the Iowa and Wisconsin hills, missed by the last glacial period. The group trekked on to Yellow River Forest observing the rolling Iowa farm land and the magnificent Mississippi river valley. From Yellow River the expeditioners began to loop back where they ended at Effigy Mounds once again.

The hiking took the spirited group up and down steep ravines canopied in thick oaks, hickories, and maples, as well as a profusion of ferns and spring flowers. The backpacking also took place over fences and freshly plowed meadows, down county logging roads and along deer trails.

In summary, we saw Iowa as few people do and have come away refreshed, feeling accomplishment and knowing that we have stretched ourselves and matured with the experience.

Iowa scenery is one of the best kept secrets in America.

Bicycling Trip

Teachers Roy Watkins and Bruce Frana organized an all-day bicycle trip to Morgan Creek Park on May 6. Participants enjoyed a mid-day picnic lunch and a tour of the arboretum while at the park. A bicycle repair workshop was held the day before to prepare for the trip. Participants included:

East

Dennis Snyder
Todd Bent
Geoff Gallatin
Jim Pospisil
Candy Kruger
Jim King
Rick Klein
Jerry Stewart

West

Tracy Reade
Pat Holmes
Mike Minor
Dennis Ploughman
Randy Lympus
Brad Switzer,
Metro West instructor

And if all that is not enough, we also went to hear **Dave Toma**, participated in an all-school softball game and picnic, held a special drama workshop at Ambroz Recreation Center for more than thirty students, and took twenty-five students on an all-day caving trip. It was a busy spring.



THE OAK PROGRAM

For the older student who must work, or for the student who for some other reason is unable to attend regular classes, another alternative method of securing a high school diploma is afforded them through the O.A.K. program. The initials **O.A.K.** stand for **Opportunities At Kirkwood** and are used to describe a cooperative agreement between the Cedar Rapids Community Schools and Kirkwood Community College's Lincoln Learning Center. Under this agreement, any resident of the Cedar Rapids School District of high school age who has not completed high school and who is not enrolled at any of the other schools may be eligible to study at the Lincoln Learning Center in order to complete a high school program.

The **Lincoln Learning Center** affords a wide array of educational opportunities for the high school student. **First**, a student may sign up strictly for correspondence courses where the student does the vast majority of his/her work at home and comes into the Center only for registration, taking tests, or for help with a particular problem as the need arises. **Second**, a student may sign up for courses in the high school completion program at the Center, with the student expected to come into the Center at least once or twice a week. A major portion of a student's course work is done under the direct supervision of a teacher and prepares him/her for the G.E.D. examination. The **G.E.D. examination** tests students in five academic areas. When a student passes the five parts of the examination, he/she receives the G.E.D. certificate, which many colleges and employers accept as the equivalent of a high school diploma. The decision as to which approach best meets the needs of a student is often rather involved, and counselling is always provided. **Quentin Sabotta** is the Metro counselor assigned to the O.A.K. program.

All of the courses offered at the Lincoln Learning Center involve self-study where students work at their own pace under the supervision of a teacher. **The Center is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.** When a student registers for a course, he/she is given a course outline. Students work at their own pace until they have successfully completed all of the assignments and tests required in the course. Each course requires an average of 50 hours to complete. The course content and time required are very similar to that which is required for a semester's work in a conventional high school program. While some students are able to complete some courses quite rapidly, a great deal of initiative is required from the individual student. Because of the personal involvement that is required, many students find that

the course material becomes more meaningful to them and they remember more of it than they did in courses they attended in a conventional high school.

The independent study approach used at the Lincoln Learning Center appears to have a special appeal to many students who have become disenchanted with the conventional high school program. An example of this is a nineteen-year-old young man who as a senior at a local high school became discouraged because he was unable to "keep up" with his classmates. He stated that he had always been a slow reader and simply could not mentally shift gears rapidly enough to keep abreast of the normal classroom activity. When he simply refused to go to school anymore, his father brought him into the Lincoln Learning Center. Working at his own pace in the Lincoln Learning Center setting, he successfully completed the requirements for a high school diploma and also enrolled in our welding program, where he acquired skills and qualifications necessary to secure employment as a welder.

Another typical student is the nineteen-year-old female who had dropped out of high school in eleventh grade to get married. While she now realizes the very desperate need for more specialized training in order to find employment, having a husband and baby makes it impossible for her to attend classes in a regular high school program. She decided to enroll in the G.E.D. program where she could come in and work at her convenience, and she was able to receive her G.E.D. certificate in a matter of months. This enabled her to go on to advanced training at Kirkwood Community College and opened up greater employment opportunities for her.

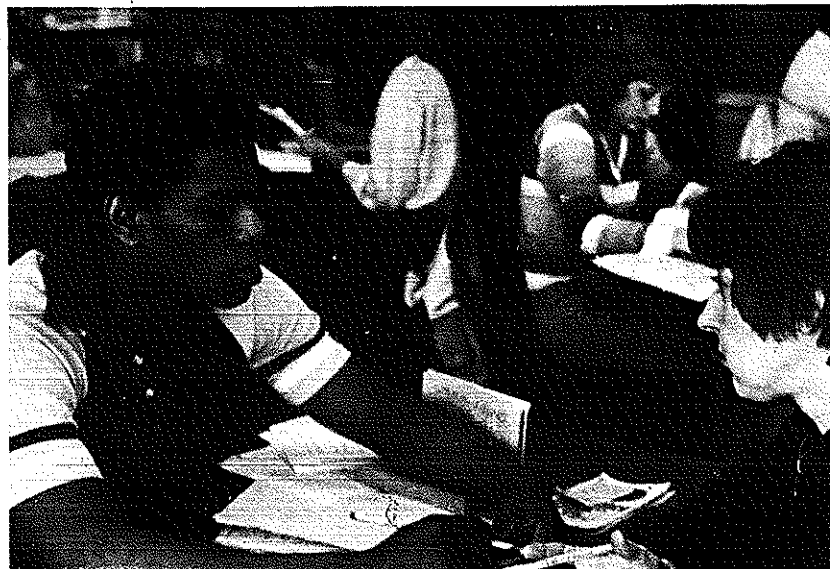
During the current year over 200 students have enrolled in the G.E.D. and the high school completion program. More than 60 students have completed

their requirements for graduation and will be eligible to participate in the graduation ceremony at the Memorial Coliseum on May 29th.

Thomas Achilles
Lori Bond
Steve Boyd
Bill Chiafas
Lisa Clark
Randy Combs
Kathleen Corey
Josephine Dillon
James Darrah
Jackie Farris
Steve Ferris
Thomas Flack
Carol Gabrielson
Linda Galli
John Glass
Kevin Gordon
Lynnice Hadrava
Mindy Haefner
Lueann Hall
Nancy Hon
Laura Harris
Anna Hoy
Jennifer Hinz
Timothy Jeffrey
Pam Kerr
Debra Lancaster
Paula Lawrence
Tawnya Laughlin
Michal Malone
Lisa Marr
Marie Markham
Larry McGrafee

Elizabeth Meriwether
Christopher Mitchell
Ace Moore
Brenda Morris
Holly Mueller
Deborah Neuendorf
Cindy Northrop
Lorraine Oettinger
Debbie Paulsen
Pat Pazour
Holly Petersen
David Price
Laurie Renda
Larry Renfer
Mike Robison
John Roskop
Charles Rowray
Lisa Russo
Sheila Sasek
Jeff Schulte
Lori Schultz
Eric Simmons
Shellane Smith
Jean Steffen
Stacie Stoffel
Pat Sullivan
Mike Van Buskirk
Doug Walderbach
Virginia Williams
Lisa Wilkerson
Kathy Wisted
Kim Youslin

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**The
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Works**
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CALL US!

For information on how your son or daughter is doing at Metro, call one of our counselors:

At West call **398-2115** and ask for:
Jack Garry — Counselor and Lead Teacher

or

Mary Wilcynski — Counselor

At East call **398-2193** and ask for:
Susan TePaske — Counselor and Lead Teacher

or

Bruce Frana — Counselor

At O.A.K., call **398-2298** and ask for:
Quentin Sabotta — Counselor

At The Junior High call **398-2246**
and ask for:
Mary Carson — Lead Teacher

Parents may also call their son/daughter's teacher-advisor.



SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1981-82 SCHOOL YEAR

Aug. 24-26	Teacher Inservice Workshop
Aug. 26	Orientation for New Students
Aug. 27	First Term Registration (Schedules will be mailed)
Aug. 31	Orientation for All Students
Sept. 1	First Term Classes Begin
Sept. 7	Labor Day Holiday
Sept. 22	Organizational Meeting of Parent Advisory Council
Oct. 2-23	Staff Members will Contact all Parents to Schedule Get- Acquainted and Educational Planning Conferences
Oct. 8-9	Adult Proficiency Level (A.P.L.) Tests for all Metro Students
Nov. 18	Last Day of First Term Classes
Nov. 19	East and West Thanksgiving Dinners
Nov. 23	Orientation for New Students
Nov. 24	Second Term Registration
Nov. 30	Second Term Classes Begin
Dec. 4	First Term Graduation Ceremonies
Dec. 24 - Jan. 3	Winter Vacation
Jan. 12-14	Writing Tests for all Metro Tenth Graders
March 2	Last Day of Second Term Classes
March 4	Orientation for New Students
March 8	Third Term Registration
March 9	Third Term Classes Begin
March 11	Second Term Graduation Ceremonies
April 3-11	Spring Vacation
May 31	Memorial Day Holiday
June 3	Last Day of Third Term Classes
June 3	Third Term Graduation
June 5	Last Day for Teachers

GRADUATION CEREMONIES PLANNED

The third **Metro graduation** of the year will be held at **Bever Park (Zoo Pavilion)** on **June 4** at **7:30 p.m.** Students to be honored that evening include:

East

Todd Butterfield
Becky Cook
Carolyn Coppess
Jerry Bowers
Kim Fitzpatrick
Tina Dickinson
Rick Klein
Dennis Kleppe
Linda Kloos
Dawn Offerman
Kevin Ogden
Jim Stewart
Lori Grossman
Karen Wilcox

West

David Cook
Lando De La Vergue
Gordon Gaster
Kent Hamilton
Betty Hamilton
Patrick Holmes
Dallas Hyke
Michael Minor
Joe Ryan
Brenda Shasteen
Jody Sisco
Chris Truesdell
Terri West

A total of 64 Metro students received **diplomas** this year after having met all of the graduation requirements of the Cedar Rapids Community Schools. First and second term graduates were:

East

Sheryl Boone
Angela Crumbaugh
Christine Graham
Michael Kaegbein
Artrice Martin
Paul Morris
Tammy Slaughter
Jeffrey Ve Depo
Terry Butterfield
Sheley Carlson
Kathy Champeau
Jennie Kimball
Brett Opperman
Jon Smith
Dean Ve Depo
Bob Vertz
Debbie Wells
Rick Williams
Tammy Morrow

West

Mark Azelton
Darwin Bosier
Mark Mangas
Melissa Shreeves
Bernice Zeller
Teresa Abernathy
Gail Azelton
Millicent Barlow
Dan Collins
Jodie Perez
Teresa Trapp
Lisa Hoffman
Joe Crawford
Dan Green
Bruce Knight
Julie Moser
Sheila Patterson
Geoff Walker

Several additional Metro students successfully passed the five G.E.D. examinations and received their **G.E.D. diplomas** during the 1980-81 school year:

Ty Bontrager
Tim Jacobi
Tawnya Laughlin
Paul Dent

John Mueller
Katherine Lowe
Joni Boggs
Julie Manville

SPECIAL THANKS

Four staff members work diligently all year, but their names rarely appear in this newsletter. We could not exist without them! A special salute and thank-you to our three secretaries and engineer. They are efficient workers and delightful people!

Margaret Cashman is the principal's secretary. She is finishing her fifth year at Metro. Margaret handles all student academic transcripts for the East campus, attendance records, all purchase orders and requisitions, all payroll records, preparation of the newsletter, and a variety of other duties.

Judy Holub has been the building secretary on the West campus for three years. She handles West academic transcripts, immunization records, attendance records, food service records, teacher typing, receptionist duties and many other responsibilities.

Norma Chiaramonte is the school's bookkeeper and East receptionist. She manages school activity accounts, immunization and food service records for East, teacher typing, and numerous additional duties. Norma is finishing her second year at Metro.

Matt Dunbar is the building engineer at East. He is personally responsible for all building maintenance at East and, in his spare time, cooks breakfast, delivers lunches, and makes coffee. He is super! Thanks, Matt.

Awards

Special awards are given each week at East and West to one male and one female in each A.M. and P.M. program. The factors guiding selection by the staff include **attendance, attitude, participation in class activities, and punctuality**. Special consideration is given to students who show substantial improvement in those areas.

Personalities of the Week

Personality of the Week awards have recently been given to the following Metro East students:

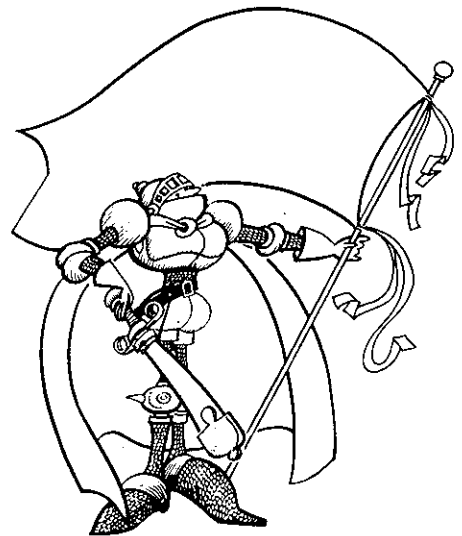
Blain Glenn
Lydia Hahn
Sheila Lindner
Jaye Werner
Vicki Werth
Denise Diotima
Duane Patterson
Teresa Peterson
Keith Maide
Kathy Champeau

Curt Cleveland
Geoff Gallatin
Glenn Downing
Debbie Elmore
Mike Marshall
Cheryl Caraway
Scott Witham
Suzanne Davis
Cindy Kott

Metro West Incredible Achievers

Recent Incredible Achievers at Metro West are:

Chris Truesdell	Shelby Clemons
Gordon Gaster	George Cousins
Patty Wignall	Tim Hildenbrand
Chuck Orr	Lloyd Hasson
Serene Wright	Chuck Bemer
Lisa Moreno	Craig Lacy
Debbie Peterson	Wendy Blackcloud
Betty Hamilton	Brenda Shasteen
Loree Bemer	Paul Robertson
Lando De La Vergue	Tracey Read
Ken Walters	Daryl Renkin
Laura Dvorsky	Jerry Meyers
Pam Stewart	



NEW STUDENTS

New Students at Metro East

We want to welcome the following new students to Metro East

Joe Abrahamson	Rick Eberhardt	Mike Marshall
Denise Alden	Tracy Edwards	Mike McIntosh
Gene Anderson	Nicole Felter	Bob McNeese
Randy Barron	Dave Galing	Julie Neubauer
Darlene Bascom	Mike Gillick	Denise Peal
Lisa Beard	Tim Gorman	Ben Pledge
Pat Bennett	Bob Fisher	Lori Ring
Dale Berryhill	Larry Fry	Jim Russell
Stan Butterbaugh	Sue Hamilton	Pam Sayre
Mike Cinkan	Debbie Hawthorn	Lois Silvers
Teresa Clar	David Hoffman	Bill Van Treese
Jim Clark	Wayne Jacobs	Larry Viers
Bob Colwell	Chuck Kay	Brigette Welsh
Sandra Davison	Rose Kindelsperger	Terri Wullner
Brad Dettmers	Candy Kruger	Mary Ann Young
Dale Grau	Dennis LeMaster	

New Students at Metro West

We want to welcome the following new students to Metro West

Tim Blanchett	Steve Engbretson	Debbie Holderness
Kim Brady	Jamie Feuerhelm	John Showalter
Dawn Buckallew	Laurie Castorff	Chuck Easterday
Mark Carlton	Michael Barnes	Terry Telfer
Joel Dalziel	Daryl Renkin	Phillip Seivers
Larry Huber	Robinn Welsh	Troy Fuller
Beth Leichter	Greg O'Hare	Karen Van Patten
Mike Minor	Mike Lacy	Jeff James
Bill Ruggles	Lori Marburger	Jerome Culp
Kevin Cornell	Mary Morse	Marsha Marold
Dave Armstrong	Carolyn Rask	Cheri Rinderknecht
Al Franck	Dawn Hinegardner	Murl McMullin
Bill Mercer	Tina Smith	Mark Rocarek
Shelby Clemons	Holly Orr	Ed Yerkes
		Preston Waters

FAREWELL

Three staff members are leaving us and they will be missed!

Sheryl Westmoreland, language arts teacher at East, is moving to the Boston area where her fiancé is in the insurance business. She will be married this summer. We hope a lucky alternative school in Boston will gain what we have lost. Good luck, Sheryl!

Gene Light was the victim of district teacher layoffs. He will be replaced by a drivers education

teacher with more seniority. Gene has been with us for five years. We are very sorry to see Gene go, but we hope he will be able to return in the future. Meanwhile, he will return to graduate school at Iowa State University.

Brad Switzer has taught social studies at West since the campus opened three years ago. He is leaving to enter law school at Drake University next fall. West will not be the same without Brad, but Metro could use a good attorney.

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