



# LYON @ BLOW NEWS

News and Views from Students & Staff of Lyon at Blow



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Ms. Harringa's third grade class pauses for lunch during a field trip to the Children's Magic House in Kirkwood, Missouri.

## WINTER FUN

Students and staff at Lyon @ Blow have kept busy since we last gathered around the old fall newsletter. Ms. Harringa has settled in with a full class of third graders. Ms. Luckett has moved into the communications arts position for sixth grade. Ms. So has taken over a full fourth grade classroom and veteran elementary teacher, Ms. McCord, left the regular classroom to form intensive study groups of students to raise their academic performance.

A gift from SLPS District Technology enabled Mr. Phoenix to exchange all the old GX 150 computers in the building for brand new Optiplex 780's. The old computer lab in 124 is up and running with RenLearn Math for middle school math students and the Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI) to help students and their teachers monitor progress in reading.



**Congratulations Mr. Clark!** Lyon @ Blow's own Music teacher, Mr. Mark Clark, was honored by the District and named Elementary Music Teacher of the Year. Way To Go!!!





Fourth Grade teacher, Ms. So, sits in for a picture with students from the field trip to the Magic House.



Throughout their field trip to the Magic House, students assembled in various areas and were given materials to help them learn about the interactive exhibits. In this photo Ms. Harringa has distributed the materials to the children and prepares to “turn them loose.” The children had plenty of mysteries to solve, and as they worked their way through the various rooms they learned lots of new and interesting things.



Students gather in another room of the maze-like building for more information. They listen to their teachers and staff members from the Magic House as they prepare for more adventures in the fascinating, interactive facility, nationally known for being part museum, classroom, and carnival funhouse.





Plenty of hands-on activity.



The children stay mighty busy.



The stuff from the green bottle goes in here.



What happens next?



Students head for the trees. A perfect break from the rigors of problem solving. Wait a second! How do we get to the top of this contraption?



It's a long way to the top! Keep climbing!





Get to the top of the rope ladder and you're ready for more work. Is that a box of number two pencils?



The Magic House provides lots of puzzles for the students to solve. Joshua puts his mind to work at Station 13.



Ms. McCord sits in for a picture with students from the field trip to the Magic House. It was the end of a perfect day. The students were glad that they visited the Magic House with their teachers.





Movie night at Lyon @ Blow. Parent volunteers gather with Mrs. Burdette and Officer Strong to supply snacks for students and their parents after school at the Lyon @ Blow movie night.



Sierra and Emily (center) were among some of the elementary school students who attended the evening event.



Clyde stands in for a picture in front of the counter across the hall set up for candy. What's a movie night without snacks?





**April Showers?** During the dark days of late fall and winter, these colorful flowers from Mrs. Deleon's middle school art students really help to brighten the halls on the first floor. Shown here are just a few of the many beautiful pieces of art to come out of her classes.





## It looks like SNOW!

Elementary students answer back with dozens of snowmen and women of every shape and size created in their art classes with Mrs. Deleon. The pictures were hung on the walls outside the Lyon @ Blow Library in the second floor hallway reminding us that winter has a ways to go!





# LYON @ BLOW STEP TEAM



Amesha



Amina



Destiny



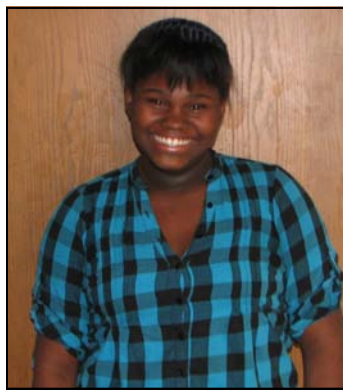
Khalil



Erin



Nicole



Nicole



Shemar



Lyon @ Blow Step Team at practice after school in the cafeteria before Thanksgiving Break.



*A movement specialist from COCA spent the day at the Lyon @ Blow Dance Studio meeting with students from across the elementary school, room by room, introducing the children to the world of movement and dance. The students enjoyed themselves and had great fun in the process.*





# Com Arts



Students assemble in Mr. Gilmore's room. Mr. Gilmore works with Lyon @ Blow's 7th and 8th graders.

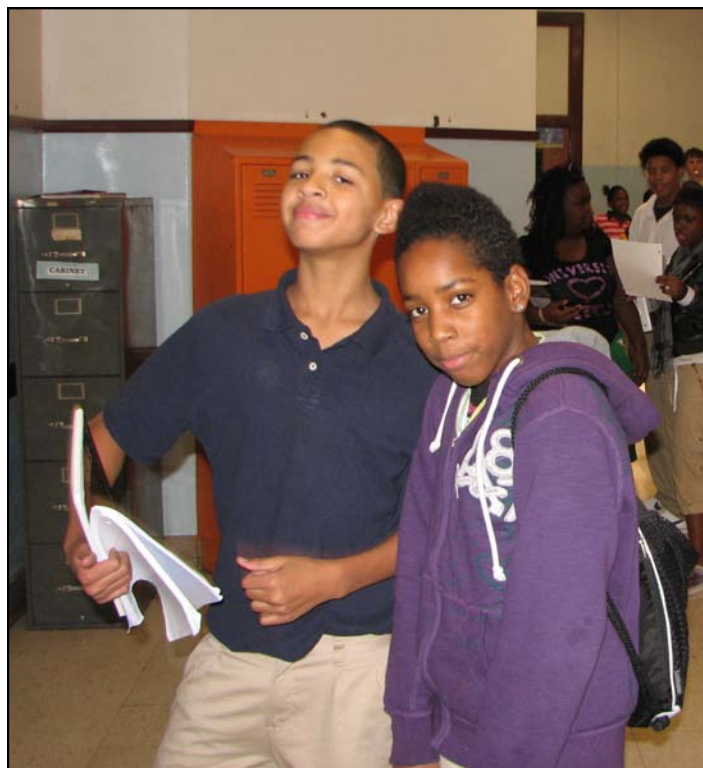


8th graders read in Mr. Gilmore's Communication Arts.

# Science



Mr. Ginter's 8th Grade Homeroom students watch a science film in class on the day of the snow and ice storm.



Passing time in the Middle School Hall.



# Spanish

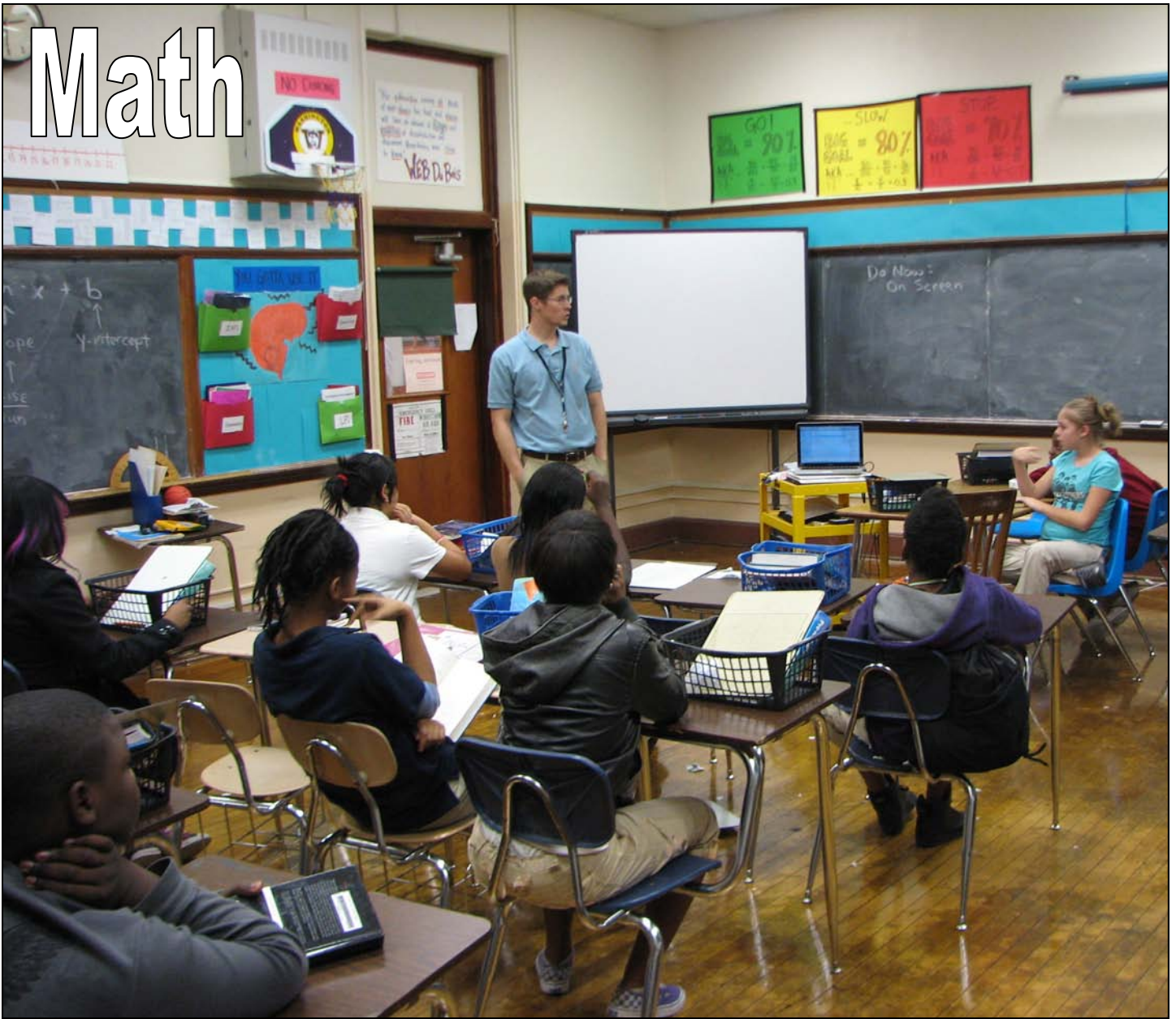


Ms. Bryant during reading time on the day of the snow and ice storm, two days before the winter break. Ms. Bryant has a seventh grade homeroom advisory class, 7C, and teaches Spanish to 7th and 8th grade students.

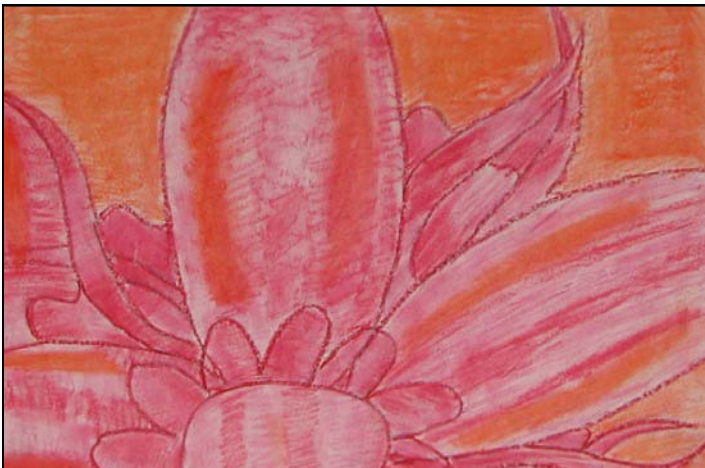




# Math



Mr. Stewart, Lyon @ Blow's 7th and 8th Grade Mathematics Teacher fields a question from a student. Ms. Sims' 7th Grade home-room had gathered for their Math class on the last day before the Winter Break. All in all, it was an interesting week. Many students were absent on the morning after the snow and ice storm, but classes continued. Attendance was up the following day, and by Friday, things were back to normal. What are those two flowers doing on this page? More flowers from page 6!







Sixth grade students in Mr. Haas' room.



Fifth grade students in Ms. Martin's room.

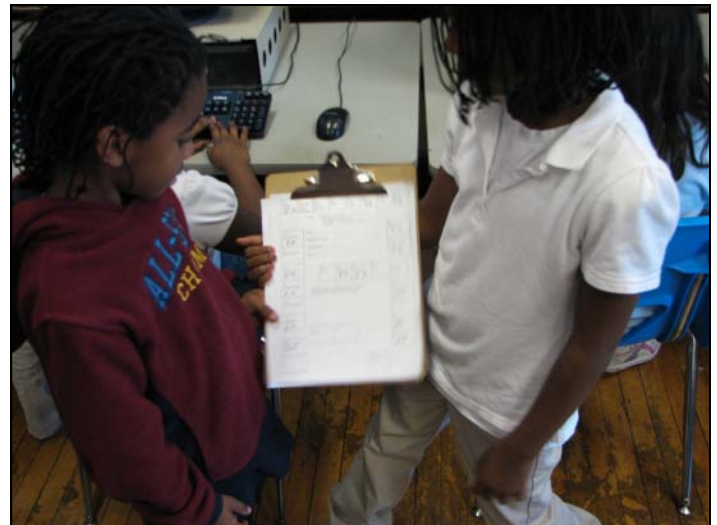
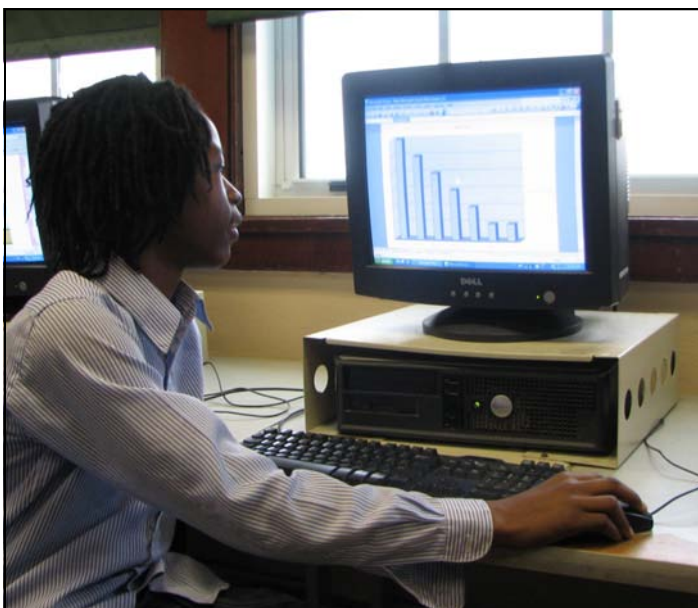
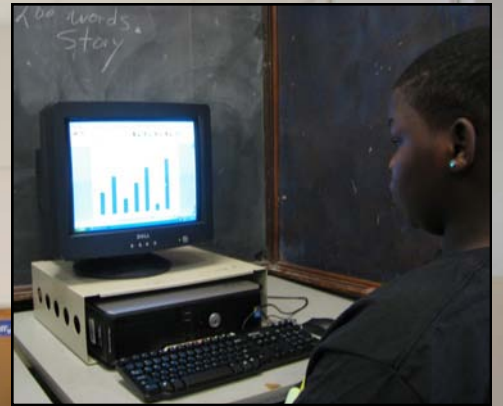


# Third Grade





# Computers



**Skills checklist.** 3rd graders check off new skills gained in graphics software while 7th graders (left and top right) chart math and science data using Microsoft Excel.



# SEASON'S GREETINGS



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*Students in their computer literacy classes spend time learning how to use graphic art software. Sampled here are some computer graphic images on a holiday theme created by 7th and 8th graders using Microsoft Paint.*





## *HOLIDAY CELEBRATION*

It's been a tradition for Principal Isakali to thank her faculty and staff each year by hosting a wonderful holiday celebration. This year was no exception as the principal paid for the party and meal at Genesis Banquet facility. The Incentive Committee put together baby pictures of faculty and staff and everyone had to guess who was who. There was a delicious dinner, a gift exchange, and lots of dancing with help from Lyon @ Blow's resident DJ, Mr. Stewart. It was a great time and everyone was glad to have attended.







**Food,  
Gifts,  
and Dancing make for  
A Perfect  
Holiday  
Celebration**







The Secret Santa Gift Exchange was a major portion of the evening and a big hit, as the group watched fellow staff members open their gifts.



Mr. Stewart kept music in the background throughout the evening until the end of the party when faculty and staff took to the dance floor.





# SANTA VISITS LYON @ BLOW







Even the “big kids” in middle school were happy to have a visit from Santa Claus as he made his way to every classroom in the building from Kindergarten through Eighth Grade.





# WINTER FEST 2010



Once again, Lyon @ Blow students showcased their musical ability with the annual “Winter Fest,” under the direction of the school’s Music Teacher, Mr. Mark Clark.

The school-wide assembly was held during the last period of the day on December 17, 2010. Dozens of parents and families attended the hour long program along with Lyon @ Blow faculty, staff, and the entire student body.







**A WIDE VARIETY OF PERFORMANCES**

To help make the program more visually interesting, Lyon @ Blow Art Teacher Mrs. Deleon decorated the stage with the help of her students. Mr. Clark organized several numbers that incorporated dance and movement. The Lyon @ Blow Step Team performed to wild applause under the direction of 7th grader Shemar Lee.





Ms. So and Ms. Bryant take students skating at Forest Park.



8th grader, Dapharaoh Ross breaks down the importance of family in an original rap backed up by fellow eighth graders, Andre Pearson, Jakeise Hardin and Jordan Dinwiddie.



*From The Principal's Desk*

I hope you all had a fun and restful Winter Break. I look forward to the coming weeks and months as we work harder and smarter to achieve all of our academic goals. Don't forget, the days of MAP assessment are not that far away!

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