

# Lyon Academy News



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8th Grade Science teacher, Mr. Pearl, with 8th Grade crew in the Lyon Academy Garden on a perfect late-summer day.

Lyon Academy staff meet in the school library to greet the school's new Assistant Principal, Mr. Brandon Murray. School began way back in August, when new and returning staff gathered for professional development sessions during the week of August 5, 2013. New staff members included Ms. Sullivan, (Kindergarten), Ms. Tuthill (1st Grade), Ms. Cleland (2nd Grade), Ms. Williams (3rd Grade), Ms. Hughes (Middle School Cross-Categorical), Ms. Nertilus (Middle School Math), Ms. Weininger (Middle School Math), Mr. Wolfenden (Read 180), Mr. Murray (Middle School Science), and Mr. Swanston, (Middle School Social Studies).

Ms. Fields joins the staff as Lyon Academy's new librarian and Ms. Shanna takes the lead of the school's Big Brother, Big Sister program. Officer Searcy joins the team as the school safety officer. Ms. Tiffany of the Lyon Academy Cafeteria welcomes Ms. Waquita, Ms. Danielle, and Ms. Cindy to the cafeteria staff.

Following a productive week of professional development the adults were ready to greet the new and returning students to the school on August 12, 2013.



Ms. Waquita, Ms. Danielle, Ms. Tiffany, and Ms. Cindy of the Lyon Academy Cafeteria Staff.



Top Left: Mr. Booker, Lyon Academy Custodian. Bottom Left: Mr. Wolynski, Teacher Assistant and Technical Liaison. Top Right: Ms. Davison and Mrs. Trapp. These Lyon Academy veterans help manage the school's elaborate assessment, testing, and accountability programs, from Acuity, to Star, to MAP. Ms. Davison works in the main office and Ms. Trapp teaches reading and runs the building's Leveled Book Room.



Mr. Wolfenden joins the staff as a Read 180 teacher. He is seen here with veteran Spanish teacher and Middle School Team Leader, Ms. Mosby. Visible in the background is the building's brand-new elevator, under construction.



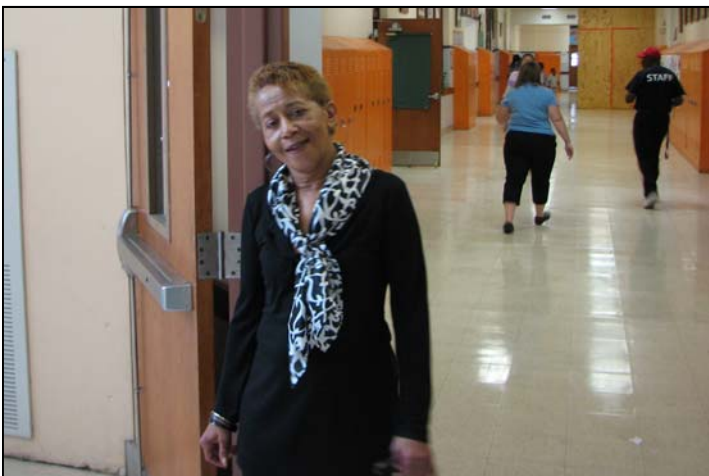
Middle School English Language Arts teacher, Ms. LeRose.



New 1st Grade teacher, Ms. Tuthill, works with her students.



Cross-categorical teacher, Ms. Chancellor.



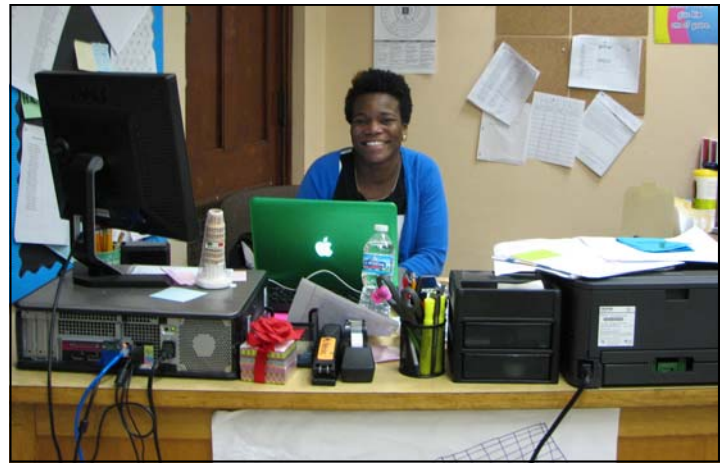
Ms. Green, teacher assistant, returns this year to help in the school's brand-new Pre-School. She works there with Mr. Hennen, Ms. Rosenfeld, and Ms. Pearl.



Veteran Middle School Science teacher, Mr. Pearl, pauses from his daily routine to un-jam the teacher's copy machine.



Congratulations to Ms. McMurray, who returned this year as a building substitute teacher. When Mr. Gordon left his position as Lyon Academy's ISS monitor, Ms. McMurray stepped in. She is now permanently in-charge of the Lyon Academy Reflection Room, where she will help students reflect on the decisions they have made and plan to make better choices in the future.



New Middle School Math teacher, Ms. Nertilus.



When Ms. Lucie of Lyon's Big-Brother/Big Sister Program moved to New York, Ms. Peterson came to fill the position.



Ms. Brady returns as the Lyon Academy Social Worker.



Lyon Academy's award-winning Music Teacher, Mr. Clark.



Coach Schwerdt, looks up from his work in the Lyon Academy Physical Education Office outside the gymnasium.



Veteran early-childhood educator, Mr. Hennen pauses in the main office. Mr. Hennen heads-up the team in Lyon Academy's new pre-school. Many parents wanted their children to attend.



Ms. Williams joins the staff as Lyon's Third Grade teacher. You may recall that her mother worked at Lyon for many years and retired from teaching last year after serving children in St. Louis Public Schools for more than thirty years!



New Middle School Math teacher, Ms. Weininger.



¿Qué Pasa? Ms. Mosby in her Spanish classroom on day one!



Two veterans. Ms. Berry returns to the front office as the Lyon Academy Secretary. Mr. Owings returns as the Elementary School Team leader and a teacher who works one-on-one with students and small groups to help them succeed.



Nurse May and friends.



Cross-categorical teacher, Ms. Andrews.



Lyon Academy's Academic Instructional Coach, Ms. Ray.



Veteran Middle School Math teacher, Ms. Martin



Ms. Nicks, Lyon's new lead custodian on 8-5-13.



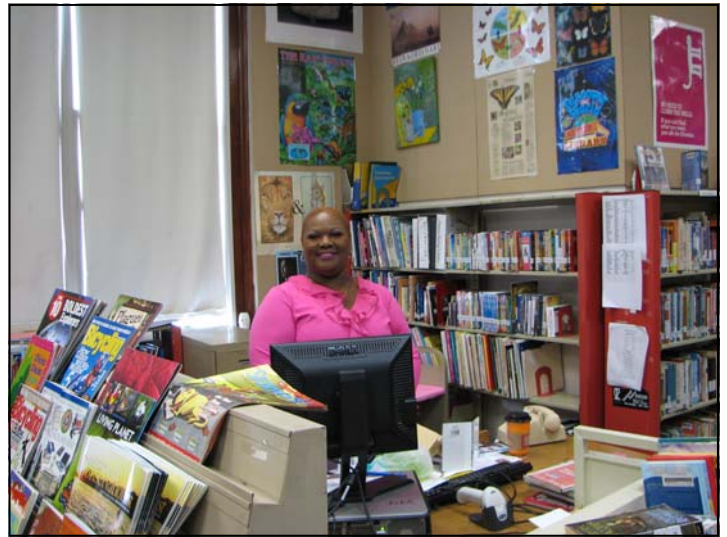
Mr. Archer, Middle School English Language Arts teacher and Lyon Academy Lead Teacher, on the first day of class, 8-12-13.



Another pic of Lyon Academy Social Worker, Ms. Brady, who stops outside Room 125 for a quick photo for Lyon News.



Ms. Fulton, Lyon Academy Counselor.



Ms. Fields, Lyon Academy Librarian.



Ms. Searcy, School Safety Officer, with Dr. Iskali.



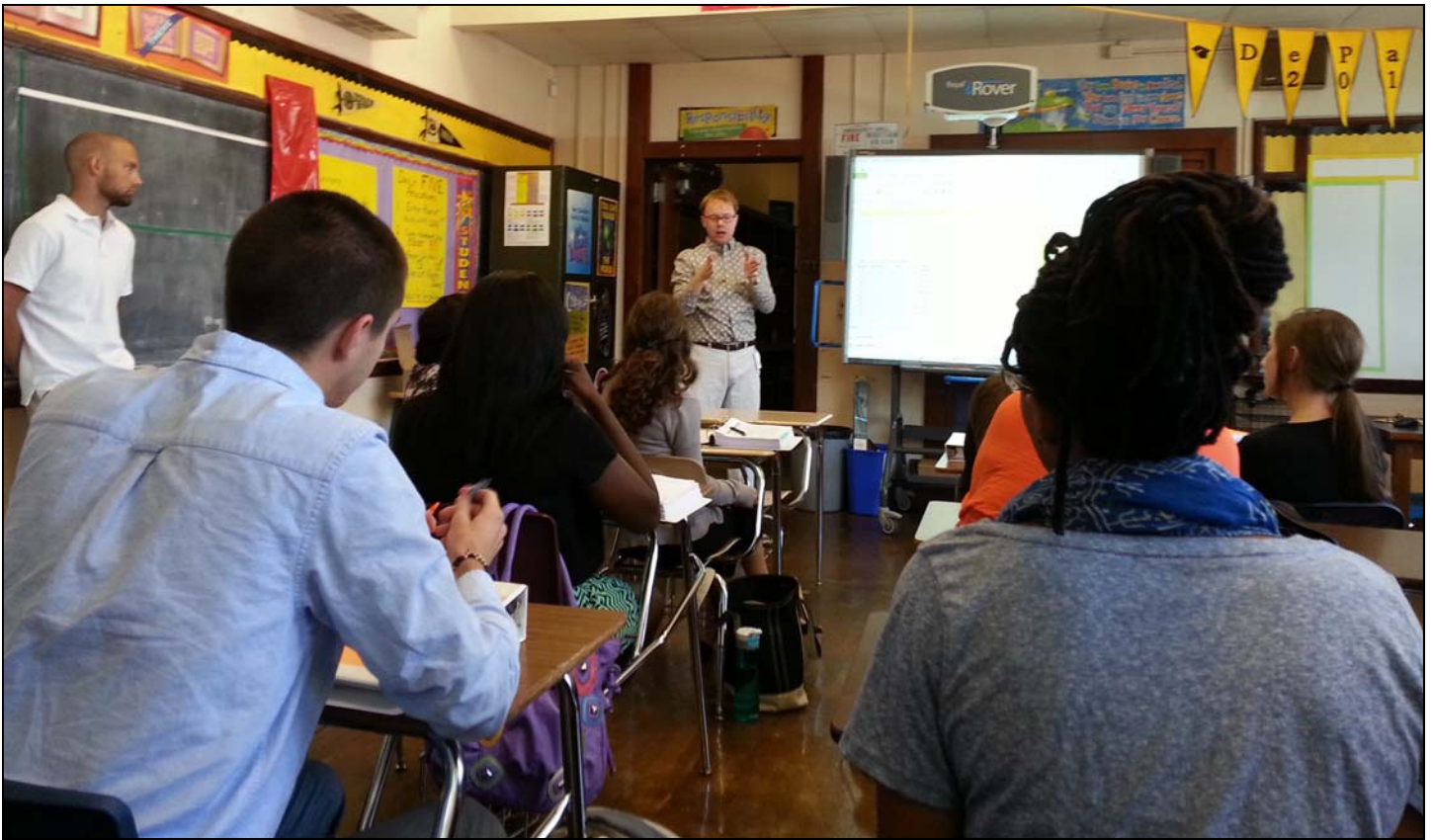
Pre-school teacher, Ms. Rosenfeld



Ms. LeRose's class.



Nap-time for the little ones in Pre-school.



July 25, 2013. Mr. Archer, Lyon Academy Teacher Leader, welcomes new teachers to the building for a day of school-based professional development. Less than two weeks later, the teachers would return for a week of District-wide professional development activities, leading to August 12, 2013. Monday, the 12th of August marked the day of the return of Lyon students to the building.



New and veteran teachers gather for a week of professional development beginning on August 5, 2013. Here, teachers gather in the Lyon Academy Professional Development room to review policy and procedures to begin the new school-year the following week.



**New Teachers:** Ms. Tuthill (First Grade); Ms. Sullivan (Kindergarten); Ms. Cleland (Second Grade); Mr. Wolfenden (Read 180).



More meetings on the first day of Professional Development Day when veterans meet new staff and faculty.



Mr. Jay stands in for a picture at Lyon's After School.



After School.



Mr. Spencer and some of his After School Students.



Mr. Bryant runs the YMCA After School & Gentleman's Club.

**Pictured Right:** Ms. McMurray, Reflection Room Monitor; Ms. Stuckey, Lyon Academy Community Education Specialist; Ms. Hart, Lyon Academy Substitute Teacher; Mrs. Burdette, Lyon Academy Family and Community Specialist. The Lyon Academy Parent Resource Center is located on the first floor, across the hall and right of the Main Office. The center is a very important component of the school. Parents and community members are urged to take an active part in the life and learning at Lyon Academy.





Lyon Academy Principal, Dr. Iskali (left) and Lyon Academy Art Teacher, Mrs. DeLeon (right) welcome the school's new Assistant Principal, Mr. Murray. This was the same day that Mrs. DeLeon received over a thousand dollars worth of school supplies for her art students from Office Max. (See below.)





Ms. Andrews' class on the first day of school.



Mr. Archer's 8th grade ELA class on day one.



Over the summer, Lyon Academy installed brand new playground equipment beyond the new basketball court.



Mr. Swanston (Social Studies) and Mr. Murphy (Science)



Teacher assistant, Ms. Pearl and Pre-K teacher, Mr. Hennen. Mr. Hennen was asked to open-up Lyon Academy's brand new Pre-K program which began this fall.



Mr. Hennen and Ms. Ray at an all-school assembly on day one.



Ms. LeRose and Ms. Weinger.



Ms. Fulton and Mrs. Burdette on day one.



Ms. Chancellor and Ms. Hughes. Ms. Chancellor welcomes Ms. Hughes to Lyon's Special Education Department.



Lyon Academy Librarian, Ms. Fields and Mr. Gordon. Mr. Gordon is now in charge of the Reflection Room at Gateway. He stopped by Lyon to visit his old school.



When Ms. Lucie Coates moved to New York City, Ms. Peterson stepped-up to run the Lyon Academy Big Brother, Big Sister Program. Dr. Iskali introduced her at the Day One Assembly.



Middle School Math teacher, Ms. Martin with Mr. Hennen.



Ms. LeRose and her ELA students on day one.



Ms. Martin and her Math students on the first day.



Ms. Mosby's Spanish class on the first day.



Teacher Assistant, and Technology Liaison, Mr. Wolynski in the Lyon Academy Book Room. Last Spring, Mr. Archer led a team of teachers who volunteered their time and energy to completely clean and reorganize the old storage room.



Mr. Murphy's class on the first day of school.



Ms. Nertilus' Math class on day one



Mr. Pearl's 8th Grade Science class.



Mr. Archer reviews schedules on day one in the morning.



Mr. Swanston's Social Studies class.



Ms. Weininger's Science class on day one.



Ms. William's Third Grade classroom.



Ms. McMurray in the Computer Literacy Classroom.



The Open House Meeting — August 15, 2013

**A note from Mrs. Burdette, Lyon Academy Family and Community Specialist:**

We welcome volunteers! If you are interested in being a parent volunteer, please contact Sarah Burdette, F.C.S. at 353-1349.

Lyon @ Blow Academy  
Next PTO Parent meeting  
Tuesday, November 5, 2013  
Time: 6:00 PM

*And be sure not to miss...*

St. Louis Public School Parent Assembly  
Monthly Meeting  
Metro Academic & Classical High School  
4015 McPherson; Time: 6:30 PM

November 21, 2013  
January 17, 2014



The Lyon Academy Garden in early Fall, 2013



8th grade students re-create graphic organizers for key academic vocabulary words in their computer literacy classes.



*From The Principal's Desk*

Welcome to all our new and returning students and staff! We look forward to an exciting and productive year of learning!

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