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Victory K8 and Milwaukee Italian Immersion School
Escuela Vieau
Whittier Elementary School

Schools

Thank you to the students, teachers, staff and families who inspired us all year.

K4 students at Hawthorne Elementary show off their animal habitat pictures

SHARP Literacy opens my students’ eyes to the world around them.”

Jill Bell Hofstad, St. John’s Glendale, LSSES

Cover photo: Fourth grade Create Art with Code class from Escuela Vieau with SHARP guide JoAnne Williamson.
Greetings, SHARP supporters!

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines diversity as “the condition of having or being composed of differing elements especially: the inclusion of different types of people (such as people of different races or cultures) in a group or organization.” We believe that definition fits the practices and activities of SHARP Literacy. Here is a recap of some of SHARP’s exciting diverse programs, partnerships and activities for 2017–18.

- **SHARP Literacy’s Summer Learning Gain Initiative**, our eight-week summer educational program was offered at eight community learning centers, MPS J-Term, and MPS Summer Academy. At the program’s end, a rally with Ryan Braun and Brewers Community Foundation celebrated learning and education for the participants.

- Mosaic totem poles were created by students and unveiled at one of our summer partners, Neighborhood House of Milwaukee. Artist Sally Duback led the project.

- As the school year began in September, SHARP was honored to be in 34 Milwaukee schools and 5 Waukesha County schools.

- At **A Novel Event**, keynote speaker Randall Cobb, Green Bay Packer, talked about how important education was to him. This event, co-chaired by Linda Gorens-Levey and Omar Shaikh, raised more than any previous A Novel Event.

- **Reading with the Pios** and **Reading with the Golden Eagles** kicked off before the official basketball season.

- Thurston Woods After School Learning Initiative students were introduced to SHARP’s makerspace sessions in November where students dismantled items to learn how they operate. The intrigued students experimented with reverse engineering with a typewriter and digital camera and documented their findings through writing and drawing.

- Bee murals were unveiled at Prairie Springs Environmental Education Center in Waukesha. 2nd grade students from Banting, Summit View and Whittier Elementary Schools created the murals.

- Planning for the Greenhouse Revitalization Project and urban agriculture curriculum was underway with Silver Spring Neighborhood Center and Browning Elementary School. Other partners included Johnson Controls, Inc., MSOE, MPS, and Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful.

- At the basketball season’s end, SHARP received a donation from WaterStone Bank based on the number of free-throws that men and women Marquette basketball team members made during the season.

- **Read Across America** took place with the Milwaukee Police Department, Mayor Tom Barrett, Judge Derek Mosley, and the Marquette Men’s Basketball team as guest readers.

- The **Discover Waukesha** mural created by Waukesha School District students and artist Sally Duback was unveiled at the Carroll University Campus Center.

- Florentine Opera Company performed **A Busy Bee** opera, based on SHARP’s **We Love To Learn** book, **A Busy Bee: The Story of Bella the Honey Bee**.

- The 3rd annual McDonald’s Unwrapped was held at South Second and co-chaired by Marshall Chay and Paul & Megan Salb. The enjoyable and tasty event was a huge success.

- Students partnered with residents at Shorehaven and Ovation Communities for our intergenerational programming. Both generations learned and benefited.

- Create Art with Code was a huge success during the school year and at Starms Discovery School during MPS’s J-Term (June term – summer school).

Thank you for your generous and ongoing support for SHARP Literacy.

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Our Next Generation
Silver Spring Neighborhood Center – Browning Elementary School
Silver Spring Neighborhood Center – Thurston Woods Elementary School

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Silver Spring Neighborhood Center – Browning Elementary School
Silver Spring Neighborhood Center – Thurston Woods Elementary School

Intergenerational Program Sites
Ovation Community – Chai Point
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Preparing children in our neighborhood for the future is everything. We need the skills, energy and passion that SHARP Literacy teachers bring to our after-school programs at Silver Spring Neighborhood Center. We count them amongst our most important partners in helping us to fulfill our mission.”

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Litza Janowski, Blessed Sacrament

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Gloria Delgadillo, 4th grade teacher, Escuela Vieau

Friendships grew as students from Summit View’s summer program in Waukesha worked with seniors at Shorehaven Living to create a butterfly sculpture for Shorehaven’s prayer garden.

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Carroll University men’s basketball players read to Waukesha elementary students as part of the Reading with the Pios program

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I love working with the seniors because we can learn new things from them.”
Messmer 5th grader

I love being with these kids. It’s hard to explain why. I can’t begin to put in to words just what this time means to me.”
Dima, Ovations Communities,
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Meagan Van Ahn, SHARP Guide at Cooper Academy
Our education programs at Lynden share SHARP Literacy’s commitment to engaging students with experiential, inquiry-based learning. For us, this means developing a field trip program that allows time for hands-on learning at the intersection of art and nature.”

Jeremy Stepien, Director of Education, Lynden Sculpture Garden
Mission

SHARP Literacy enhances future life success by energizing urban children, motivating them to identify themselves as confident, capable scholars and lifelong learners by inspiring engagement in reading, writing and research through hands-on interaction and visual arts.

“I really enjoyed the See, Wonder, Connect process. It really got the students wheels turning and stuck with them for the rest of the lesson and into future workshops more than information that I simply told them.”

Christiane Bueethe, SHARP Guide at NeuLife and Classroom Teacher at Milwaukee Collegiate

Photo: Forest Home fourth graders in the Create Art with Code program show off their binary code bracelets