
SDA Child Find/ Section 504 Policy Statement

Starr Detroit Academy is committed to meeting the needs of all of our students. Child Find is a component of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) that requires states to identify, locate, and evaluate all children with disabilities who are in need of early intervention or special education services. If you suspect that your child has a developmental delay, disability, or associated medical condition that adversely affects their educational performance, please contact our Special Education Department to see if your child is eligible for services. SDA's Director of Special Services, Ms. Marilee Bylsma, can be contacted by phone at (313) 649-2200 or by e-mail at mbylsma@starracademy.org.

SDA recognizes and acknowledges that students may be disabled and eligible for services under Section 504 even though they do not qualify for or require special education and/or related services pursuant the IDEA. Students eligible for services under IDEA will be served under then existing special education program. The due process rights of these students and their parents under Section 504 will be enforced.

If a student has a physical or mental impairment that significantly limits one or more major life activities, the student may be eligible for services necessary to provide the student with a free appropriate public education (FAPE), which is the provision of regular or special education and related aids and services that are designed to meet the student's individual educational needs.



Upcoming Events:

SDA Black History Month Event

Location: Starr Detroit Academy
19360 Harper Avenue

Date & Time: Thurs., Feb. 21 @ 5:00PM

Staff Profile • Fourth Grade Teacher Haley Murdock



Ms. Murdock was born and raised in Brighton, Michigan. She holds a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from the University of Michigan. Prior to teaching at SDA, Ms. Murdock taught fourth grade for in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. In Ms. Murdock's first year teaching in Winston-Salem, 100% of her students passed the end of grade math assessment.

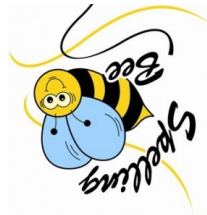
Ms. Murdock saw a need for dedicated and energetic teachers in Detroit and moved back to Michigan last year. She came to Starr Detroit Academy because she shares SDA's vision for its students and families. This year at SDA, Ms. Murdock teaches math to fourth graders and serves as the school Assessment Coordinator. Ms. Murdock loves teaching math and her students' energy and dedication to their education.

When not teaching, Ms. Murdock loves to attend and watch sporting events, especially University of Michigan football. She also enjoys cooking and trying new recipes.

Bed Bug Safety

Due to the recent bed bug outbreak in metro Detroit, we wanted to provide families with some key safety and prevention information. Bed bugs are small (about 1/8 inch) brownish insects that are visible to the naked eye. They are active at night and feed on human blood. Itchy skin and insect bites are clues that you may have bed bugs in your home. Bed bug bites are usually grouped together or will appear as three or four bites in a straight line. You may also see small black stains or blood spots on your sheets, pillows, or mattress seams.

Bed bugs are usually brought into a home by bags, clothing, and furniture. To prevent bed bugs, vacuum your home regularly. If you suspect your clothing or bags may be infested, wash and dry immediately on a hot setting. Inspect and clean any used furniture before bringing it into your home. If you suspect bed bugs in your home, contact your landlord or a pest management professional as soon as possible.



Starr Detroit Academy held its first all-school Spelling Bee on Tuesday, January 29, 2013. Each first through fifth grade homeroom sent two representatives to compete for the title of SDA Spelling Bee Champ. Second grade scholar Crystany Finley-Johnson won with her spelling of the word **convention**. Congratulations to Ms. Finley-Johnson, and all participants and students who came to the event!

SDA Holds First Spelling Bee

In late January, all SDA scholars took the MAP NWEA Assessment. The NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) Assessment is a national, computerized assessment in Reading and Math. NWEA assessments are used to measure progress or growth in school. The results of the test allow SDA to make informed decisions to promote your child's academic growth. All parents were given a copy of their child's NWEA results along with their report cards. Please review the results and work with your child at home on any areas that need improvement. We will continue to provide updates on your child's progress.



NWEA Testing

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