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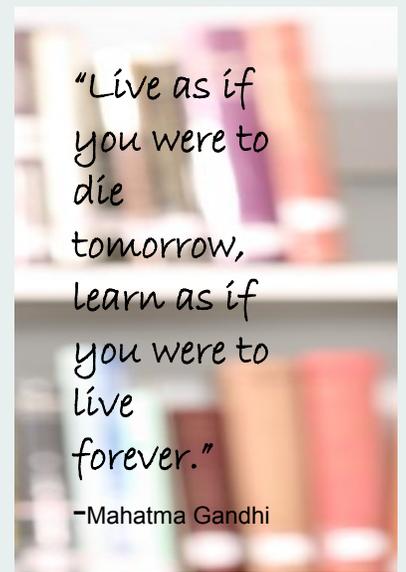
## DR. JORDAN LOOKS FORWARD

Dr. Jordan is a wonderful principal at Moore Square. She has been doing a great job at leading us through the school. She said she wants students to know, " You can do anything you want to do, if you work hard.."

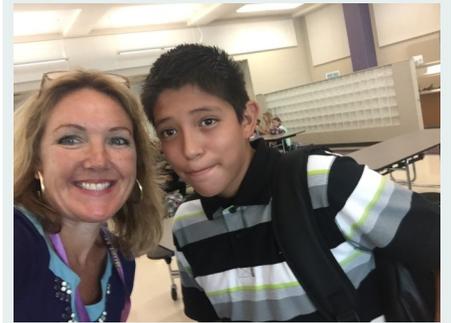
Before Moore Square Dr. Jordan was at Underwood Elementary until 2015 when she decided to come here and be a principal at Moore Square. Dr. Jordan decided to come to Moore Square because she likes the location, the size of the school, and the fact that the school is a magnet school.

Her goal for Moore Square is to be the most popular school in Wake County. There are some special people in her life who inspire her and those people are her grandmother, mom, President Obama, and the people she works with.

BY JUSTIN KELLY



-Mahatma Gandhi



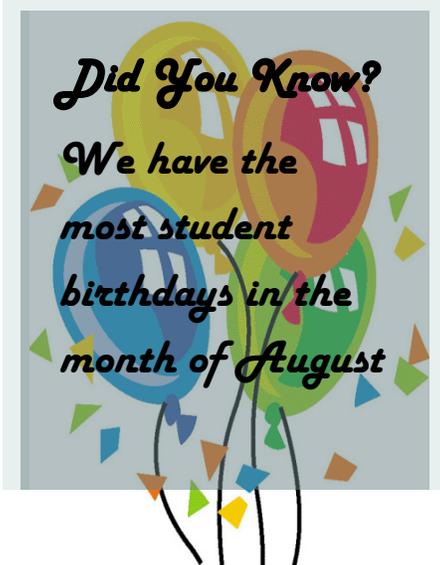
## MRS. MONDORA LOOKS BACK

Moore Square is a wonderful school with a fantastic learning environment. It has been open for 13 years and some of our teachers and administrators have even been here that long! One of those is Mrs. Mondora.

Mrs. Mondora has been at Moore Square for 13 years and in the education field for 22 years! She came to Moore Square because she wanted to be able to open a new school and she wanted to work at a smaller school because she was at East Millbrook before, and it was very big. She likes to work at magnet schools because she likes to be able to work with kids from all over the county and she likes that teachers are able to teach electives that are interesting to themselves. Her favorite thing about Moore Square is the kids because they make the building fun and alive.

She said that the school was very popular when it was first open because it was so new. Each student only had one elective and each common core class was 70 minutes. Since then there has been many changes. Instead of a museum program we now have a magnet program. "The magnet program has given more electives and is fun", says our long time Moore Square Assistant Principal Mrs. Mondora. But the magnet program isn't just fun for the students, it is also fun for the teachers. The teachers are able to teach their students about things they are interested in.

By: Karuna Das





*“Don’t worry about failures, worry about the chances you miss when you don’t even try.”*

*-Jack Canfield*

## CULTURAL ARTS IN SCHOOL:

“Schools integrating the arts into the curriculum as part of a comprehensive education reform strategy are documenting positive changes in the school environment and improved student performance. “

Deasy, Richard J. (editor) (2002), *Critical Links: Learning in the Arts and Student Achievement and Social Development*, Washington, DC: AEP

### Did You Know?

Moore Square has the 2<sup>nd</sup> best ratio of students to teachers out of the 34 schools in Wake County. The ratio is 12.8, which means for every teacher, there are 12.8 students, according to School Digger. See more school statistics at their website: <http://www.schooldigger.com/go/NC/schools/0472002654/school.aspx>

When you look at the arts, you see that a lot of kids find it to be very interesting but, not a lot of schools are fortunate enough to be able to have a program like Moore Square Offers. A lot of schools in Wake County and the United States have cut their arts program because of budget cuts. When it comes to budget cuts, the first thing to normally go is any arts program. The arts program help kids everyday. For example, when kids listen to music in class it helps them with mathematics because they have the beats and the rhythm. Creative students really need an outlet like art or music. So, what schools have to think of is that the visual arts programs are impacting kids everyday. Here are some student quotes about art class at school:

**Sofia P. says:** “I like to take art and I chose the art class that I was in because I am not that good at painting so I want to improve and be better at that. ...And my favorite thing about the art class is just the painting.”

**Alana G. says:** “I like to take art and I chose this class because I love art and painting.”

**Aniya A. says:** “I like playing music because it is a product of my creativity. Music has positively impacted me because it helps me focus.”

Lots of students at Moore Square benefit from the art classes they are in and choose to come here for the arts program.

By: Tyla McAffity

Mr. Kreacic, our school’s art teacher, has artwork on a bus downtown. It’s a 3D resin art piece with Sir Walter Raleigh surrounded by falling oak leaves to represent Raleigh’s symbols. 3D resin artwork is made by a layer of resin hardening, painting on top of the resin, then letting a third layer of resin dry on top. “My resin painting is like bugs trapped in amber...” he says. But it’s called 3D for a reason. Whenever you put on a pair of 3D glasses, his colorful art pops out at you! You can see more of his work at <http://frankkreacic.com>



## LETS TAKE A LOOK AT GUNS AND THE POLICE:

Gun laws have been on the minds of many Americans in the recent years. The news is constantly showering us with cruel stories of people misusing guns. There is also a lot of talk about deaths by police officers. In fact, 579 people have been killed in 2016 alone. That sounds pretty horrible doesn't it? Well some countries don't have to worry about things like this. In England police officers aren't allowed to carry firearms except in very special occasions. And how often do we hear about gun violence? Or mass shootings? Or heartbreaking tales of families being left without their loved ones? We don't.

In Britain, Ireland, Norway, Iceland and New Zealand police officers are not armed on the job. Some believe arming the police causes more deaths than it prevents. In Britain 82 percent of police officers even say they don't want to be armed. They believe they are guardians of the citizens who should be easily approachable.

In the United States to become a police officer you have to go through intense training. The training takes months and you learn a variety of skills - not just how to point a gun and shoot. You go through shoot and don't shoot situations specifically so you can learn how to address the situation and save lives, yet still arrest a criminal.



Obviously every story is different and we don't know all the circumstances. The media puts out stories for us to see every day, and many don't know any better but to believe them. There is usually more to the story than what the media tells us. The other side of this is the number of police officers being killed in the line of duty. There seems to be more stories about that lately as well. So check out the box to the right for some statistics on guns and violence.

Article by: Isabella Potorti

### Did You Know?

#### Moore Square By the Numbers:

Total # of students: 428	Total in 6th: 168	Total in 7th: 125
Total in 8th: 135	Total male: 212	Total female: 216

### Let's Look at Some Statistics:

#### Violent Deaths per country for every 100,000 people:

**United States: 5.56**  
**United Kingdom: 0.63**  
**Ireland: 0.89**  
**Norway: 0.56**  
**Highest: El Salvador 93**  
**Lowest: Japan 0.28**

Statistics from: <http://www.worldlifeexpectancy.com/>

#### Death by Police officers statistics 2015 in the US

990 people were shot dead in total.

**Male: 948, Female: 42, White: 494,**  
**Black: 258, Hispanic: 172,**  
**Other: 38, Unknown: 28**

#### 2016

**Male: 564, Female: 27**

**White: 274, Black: 149, Hispanic: 91,**  
**Other: 25, Unknown: 52**

**Under 18: 11, 18-29: 186, 30-44: 241,**  
**45-Up: 133, Unknown: 20**

Statistics taken from The Washington Post (<https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/national/police-shootings/>)

#### **Deaths of police officers in the line of duty:**

**2016** So far: Total: 81 Guns: 39

**2015** Total: 130 Guns: 41

Statistics from: [www.odmp.org](http://www.odmp.org)

This article was so interesting we decided to copy  
the whole thing!  
"English is a Crazy Language"

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Some people in the Moore Square community are taking a trip to Italy and Greece during March track out of 2017. They will be spending ten days in Europe touring some of the most historically significant ancient sites. *Education First* is a great program that allows kids and adults to travel all over the world. You won't be disappointed taking this trip!

The cost includes airfare, hotel, a full time tour director, 6 sightseeing tours, local guides, cultural foods every day, night ferry ride, and visits to Pompeii, Olympic stadium and so much more.

For more information go to:  
[eftours.com/1876117JS](http://eftours.com/1876117JS)



<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/>



[www.mejplacehostel.com](http://www.mejplacehostel.com)

Let's face it -- English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France.

Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat.

We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig. And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham? If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth beeth? One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese? One index, 2 indices?

Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend, that you comb through annals of history but not a single annal? If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?

If teachers taught, why didn't preacher praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat? If you wrote a letter, perhaps you bote your tongue?

Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell? Park on driveways and drive on parkways?

How can a slim chance and

a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and wise guy are opposites? How can overlook and oversee be opposites, while quite a lot and quite a few are alike? How can the weather be hot as hell one day and cold as hell another[?]

Have you noticed that we talk about certain things only when they are absent? Have you ever seen a horseful carriage (as compared to a horseless one) or a strapful gown (as opposed to a strapless)? Met a sung hero ("unsung") or experienced requited ("unrequited") love? Have you ever run into someone who was combobulated, grunted, ruly or peccable? And where are all those people who ARE spring chickens or who would ACTUALLY hurt a fly?

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which an alarm clock goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race (which, of course, isn't a race at all).

That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible.

And why, when I wind up my watch, I start it, but when I wind up this essay, I end it."

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By Richard Lederer  
([www.verbivore.com](http://www.verbivore.com))

Did you know?

There is no word in the English language that rhymes with month, orange, silver, and purple.

# Who is Mr. Liu?

You may know that Mr. Liu is the Mandarin teacher, but you may not know some of his story.

Mr. Liu was born in Shandong, which is a province in China. Provinces are like states, except in China. Shandong has temperate weather like North Carolina and Mr. Liu lived there until he finished 12th grade.

After that, he moved to Beijing to attend college at Beijing University of Chemical Technology. Then he moved to Guangxi Zhuangzu Zizhiqu, where he started a family.

Eventually, Mr. Liu decided he wanted to move to either somewhere in Europe or to the United States, especially since he had already learned English as a second language. However, he ended up picking the US because not everyone speaks English in Europe.

But what about the trip? Mr. Liu flew to Washington D.C. from China, then from D.C. to RDU. The whole trip took around 30 hours.

Finally, he had arrived! Some elements that were different between China and the US was the air. In China, since there are so many people and factories, there's quite a bit of air pollution. In the US, the air felt cleaner and fresher. Another difference is that housing is cheaper here and more spacious. In China, especially Beijing, housing is sparse and expensive. In addition, public places don't seem as crowded as in China. There are just fewer people here in general.

There's an organization that Mr. Liu was part of that recommended him to Moore Square for a job, especially since he had prior experience teaching in China. Then, after an inter-

view, he got the job. Mr. Liu says "...to be a teacher [seemed] pretty cool..." and that "I want to help students...", which is why he wanted to be a teacher.

Overall, Mr. Liu lived in China and got his education there, then he moved to the US and became a teacher. He also says he may move back to China eventually, but it's a big decision with many factors.

By: Cordelia McKelvy

Shandong Province, China



<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shandong>

Where	Population per Square Mile
Shandong	611 (as of 2010)
Beijing	3,400 people (as of 2015)
Guangxi Zhuangzu Zizhiqu	540 people (as of 2010)
Raleigh	2,834 people (as of 2014)
New York City	27,000 people (as of 2013)

## A Reflection on School:

Some despise it, Some wish for it, We all need it, School. Adults say it's the key to a good life, on the other hand, some kids think it's the bad thing about life. So, who's right? Both, and neither. It all depends on who you are.

Kids who get to have an education often think of it as mundane, boring, or not worth it. The kids without that opportunity however, would likely do a lot to be in that position. The kids who don't like school aren't in the wrong though, they just don't understand or don't care how many kids would love to be in their shoes.

By: Rowen Sprague

## CONGRATULATIONS!!

FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER-

MOORE SQUARE MIDDLE HELD AN ELECTION FOR STUDENT GOVERNMENT OFFICERS. CONGRATS TO THE NEW PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF MOORE SQUARE:

ETHAN BLACKBURN

AND

ISABELLA POTORTI

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Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world  
- Nelson Mandela

## A GIANT AMONG US

Mr. Campbell is a teacher assistant here at Moore Square Middle School. He was the first person in his family to go to college and graduate. During college he played for Mississippi State. After college he played in the CBC and NBDL leagues and had small stints with the Charlotte Bobcats, Houston Rockets, and Sacramento Kings. He then played for 9 seasons in Europe. He finished his career in 2013 and wanted to work with children so he started basketball running training and camps. His wife suggested he get into teaching so he started looking and the first job he applied for was at Moore Square.

Mr. Campbell was born in Florida, but raised in Connecticut. When Mr. Campbell was 8 years old, basketball became his passion. He enjoyed school and said that sports helped him stay focused and out of trouble. Mr. Campbell said, " People where I am from don't make it into the NBA". His first job after he finished his basketball career in 2013 was here at Moore Square. He came to the



right place after his career! Mr. Campbell wants to tell the students at Moore Square: "It is easy to do the right thing when someone is watching. It is what you do when no one is watching that makes you who you are. Make good choices."

By: Josue Hernandez  
(with help from Mrs. Meyers)

### A visit with Iraqi students:

On August 15th, a few students from the 8th grade participated in a seminar with students from Iraq. When we officially started this seminar, we talked about the two topics we were going to be discussing. Those two topics were discrimination and violence. Together we came up with examples of different types of discrimination and violence. We came up with examples like: terrorism, gun violence, women not being able to vote and etc. Then after we discussed different examples of those topics we then got a poem called Any Human To Another.

It was really great to meet people from Iraq. I got a better perspective about how it feels to live in a Muslim country. They don't live and have an education system quite like ours in Iraq. I think it was interesting to be able to see just how intelligent they are. After the seminar, we got to take selfies, get their contact information and just interact with them some more. The seminar turned out to be a real success!

By: Tyla McAffity



Did you Know? When asked if school is important- 85% of students said yes.