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Middle school dedication to include time capsule

Students who will attend the city's newest school next year have an opportunity to communicate with future generations. That's because Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School includes room for a time capsule, and students get to help decide what items to put into the box.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to involve our students with an historic event for our city," Superintendent Lois Berlin said. "It gives them a chance to show or tell the children of the future what life for a student was like way back in 2005."

School time capsules opened recently in other school divisions across the country revealed letters from important political figures of the past, newspaper and magazine articles, favorite toys and school memorabilia. Students who will attend Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School are invited to send in their time capsule suggestions to:

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Please remember to include your name, address, phone number and grade level in your letter. Students whose suggestions are selected will be recognized during the Mary Ellen Henderson Middle dedication ceremony on Sunday, September 18, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. The time capsule will also be on display during the dedication. After that, it will be sealed behind the school's cornerstone, and will be slated for opening on Saturday, September 18, 2055 – the 170th anniversary of Mary Ellen Henderson's birth.

Time capsule suggestions should be postmarked by Friday, July 29, 2005.

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