

COMMUNITY REPORT

MURFREESBORO CITY SCHOOLS



BY THE NUMBERS

8,450+
Students

12
Schools

1,302,380
Sq. Ft. of floor space on 265 acres

30
Home Languages Spoken

1,600
Employees Full Time & Part Time

700
Certified Staff Members

19.9:1
Pupil to Teacher Ratio for Regulation Education

8.2:1
Pupil to Teacher Ratio for Special Education

STUDENT ETHNICITY*

- 52.4% White
- 23% Black/African American
- 12.9% Hispanic
- 7.5% Multi-Racial
- 3.7% Asian

*Federal guidelines for the collection of race and ethnicity.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- MCS ranks in the top five school districts in Tennessee for teacher support. *teachers.org*
- MCS ranks in the top 25 of 140 school districts in Tennessee in overall size.
- Schools within the city limits of Murfreesboro are recognized as 23rd best in the country, according to a ranking published by the research website Niche.com.



ACE Grant for City Schools

Murfreesboro City Schools is one of two school districts in the state to be awarded a grant from the Department of Children's Services to address Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) associated with childhood trauma.

The services funded by this grant will help prevent ACEs by:

- Educating school staff, parents, and community partners about the impact of ACEs on the physical and social development of children.
- Providing training and support to parents.
- Involving at-risk students in targeted and intensive small group intervention.
- Linking children and families to school-based and community services.

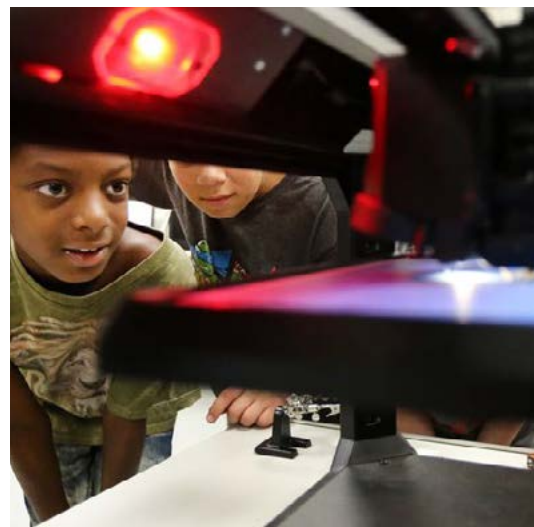
Energy Efficiency Schools

Murfreesboro City Schools is leading the state in implementing energy efficiency initiatives in all of our schools. The most recent activities include converting older fluorescent lighting systems to efficient LED systems and upgrading HVAC systems with the highest energy rating equipment available. This reduces operating costs, lowers our carbon footprint, and uses less energy to produce better results.

A real-time picture of actual energy consumption can be viewed at energy.cityschools.net. On this website, you can see how MCS is protecting the investment the community has made in its schools by keeping energy costs down.

ENROLLMENT HISTORY

2010-11	7211
2011-12	7404
2012-13	7467
2013-14	7443
2014-15	8049
2015-16	8437
2016-17	8498



EVERY DAY MATTERS

Murfreesboro City Schools wants you to know that coming to school on time every day is important. If children don't show up for school regularly, they miss fundamental reading and math skills. They miss the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers.

Chronic absenteeism in kindergarten, and even Pre-K, can predict lower test scores, poor attendance and retention in later grades.

MCS wants to help students stay on track and build good attendance habits. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college and at work.

Let's work together to reach our goal of making sure our students are at school on time and ready to learn!



AdvancED ACCREDITED

School Districts that receive AdvancED Performance Accreditation:

- Meet the AdvancED Standards and accreditation policies
- Demonstrate quality assurance through internal and external review
- Engage in continuous improvement



A LOOK OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Camp Boro

Every student merits a summer camp experience and Camp Boro is designed with special campers in mind. Camp Boro, a collaboration between ESP and the Department of Special Education, hosts a week-long summer camp experience for MCS special education students. Students participate in themed days with special events, games, arts, activities and more.

Boro International

Boro International celebrates the growth, diversity, and culture of Murfreesboro. This collaboration between Reeves-Rogers Elementary, MCS, MTSU, and Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation debuted in 2016. The International Festival features the music, dance, and art that reflects the rich diversity of our city and our world!

Farm to School

MCS has joined the Farm to School movement sweeping the nation. Farm to School aims to secure lasting partnerships with local farmers and support efforts to bring local and regional foods to school cafeterias. Farm to School empowers students and their families to make informed food choices and includes projects such as school gardens, farm visits, cooking classes and Farm Saturdays.

Chef Academy

The MCS Chef Academy is a unique opportunity for students, grades 3-6, to learn intermediate skills and techniques needed to embark on a lifetime of cooking. Students enrolled in MCS Chef Academy participate in classes once a week, for six weeks, and compete for a chance to represent their school in an Iron Chef cook-off. A professional chef works with participants on kitchen safety, proper food handling, food preparation, cooking techniques and presentation.

Backpack Program

Murfreesboro City's Backpack Program meets the needs of hungry children by providing them with nutritious and easy-to-prepare food to take home on weekends and school vacations when other resources are not available. The program has been in partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank for the past 7 years.

Bradley Academy

Bradley Academy's award winning performances exemplify theatre productions. In addition to partnerships with the Center for the Arts and Patterson Park, students showcase their talent at iTheatrics Junior Theatre Festival in Atlanta.

The Extended School Program (ESP)

ESP enhances the school day by providing students with exciting and enriching activities around school day hours. ESP is open year-round and gives parents the convenience of safe, school-based care for their child. Over 2,000 students take advantage of ESP opportunities.

Robotics at Discovery

Each year, Discovery School competes against middle and high school students in the Music City BEST robotics competition. And each year for the past three years, Discovery School has received the third place overall BEST award. The team has earned high marks in several areas including placing 1st in engineering design notebook, Founders Award for Creative Robot Design, Best t-shirt design and TVA Award for Safety.

Beta at Cason Lane

Cason Lane's Junior Beta Club students are leading the charge towards excellence. Chartered in 2016, the club consists of twenty 4th and 5th grade students who promote the ideals of academic achievement, character, service, and leadership. During the state's Junior Beta Club competition, four Cason Lane students competed in the categories of Social Studies, Math, Language Arts, and Poetry.

Siegel Runs

Siegel Elementary students are eager to hit the pavement and beat their best times as part of their school's running club. The 2015-2016 Running Club consisted of over seventy 4th through 6th graders who met Tuesdays and Fridays after school. Students compete in three marathons, the Special Kids Race, Kids Rock Nashville Race and the Try Boro Kids Run.

Black Fox Addition

Black Fox Elementary will open in the Fall of 2017 with a ten classroom addition. This addition will add space for up to 200 new students, bringing Black Fox to 1,000 student capacity. This is the first major renovation in the school's 27-year history.

Scales Honor

Scales Elementary has inducted seven students into the district's first chapter of The National Honor Society. To be inducted, students are required to have a cumulative GPA of 93 at the end of their 5th grade year, provide 3 letters of recommendation and submit an application detailing school and community involvement.

A LOOK OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM CONTINUED

Global Cardboard Challenge

Students enrolled in the Extended School Program (ESP) participated in a 9-week Global Cardboard Challenge project. For the culminating activity, participants assembled at Overall Creek to combine their separate projects into a scenic cityscape. Buildings included a post office, grocery store and school. Some buildings were functional and included cash registers, drawers, window and doors. The Global Cardboard Challenge started in 2012. The challenge focuses on engaging children in creative play, fostering ingenuity and promoting teamwork. The project has spread to 32 countries with over 180,000 participants.

The City Schools Foundation

The City Schools Foundation funded over \$52,000 in teacher grants for the 2016-17 foundation grant cycle. Grants were awarded to far-reaching and engaging projects in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math. The Foundation asks educators from Murfreesboro City Schools to submit proposals for funding that will help them acquire resources not ordinarily provided by taxpayer dollars.

Combatting Hunger on Wheels (CHOW)

The school year comes to an end in the summer, but there is no slacking off for the MCS Nutrition Department. CHOW buses, school cafeterias and area churches serve as sites for breakfast and lunch as part of the summer food service program. During 2016, the summer program fed over 50,000 meals.

Applied Mathematics

In Spring 2017, MCS launched *If I Had A Hammer* to help students understand fractions through authentic work. For the capstone project, students build a small house using the math they have learned.

Student-Led Conferences

Parent teacher meetings no longer just involve the parent and teacher. Student-led conferences actively engage students in the learning process, place them at the center of the discussion, and are opportunities to produce positives that may not be reflected in a report card grade.

Leadership Academies

Students, staff members and teachers have a chance to participate in leadership academies geared to their personal aspirations. These three academies cover a broad range of leadership topics including personal leadership, team development and goal setting.

MCS School Board

Butch Campbell, *Chair*
 Nancy Rainier, *Vice Chair*
 Jared Barrett
 Wesley Ballard
 Phil King
 David Settles
 Collier Smith
 Bill Shacklett, *City Council Liaison*

TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

Black Fox Elementary

Lynn Smith
 Caren Evans

Bradley Academy

Ginger Hazelbaker
 Dana Stem

Cason Lane Academy

Natalie Adcock
 Laura Caylor

Discovery School

Amy Baltimore
 Kelly Kleppinger

Erma Siegel Elementary

Kim Taylor
 Buffy Davenport

Hobgood Elementary

Ashlee Barnes
 Chick Knitter

John Pittard Elementary

Alex Juneau
 Molly Oliver

Mitchell-Neilson School

Amanda Masteller
 Jennifer Harris

Northfield Elementary

Kristi Knitter
 Rosalind Demonbreun

Overall Creek Elementary

Katie Nanney
 Rebecca Sublett

Reeves-Rogers Elementary

Samantha Bolden
 Erin Lebo

Scales Elementary

Lindsay Cole
 Tony Hartman

PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

Principal of the Year

Tennessee Middle Grand Division
 Robin Newell, Mitchell-Neilson School



Map of Schools

School	Students	Year Built
1. Black Fox Elementary	812	1990
2. Bradley Academy	482	1955
3. Cason Lane Academy	785	1994
4. Discovery School at Bellwood	395	1962
5. Erma Siegel Elementary	764	1998
6. Hobgood Elementary	637	1954
7. John Pittard Elementary	789	2007
8. Mitchell-Neilson School	784	1952/1964
9. Northfield Elementary	661	1987
10. Overall Creek Elementary	907	2014
11. Reeves-Rogers Elementary	463	1958
12. Scales Elementary	939	2005
ESP	2300+	1986



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 City Schools

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Administration

Linda Gilbert - *Director of Schools*
 Joe Marlin - *Assistant Superintendent—Instruction*
 Gary Anderson - *Assistant Superintendent—Administration*
 Ralph Ringstaff - *Assistant Superintendent—Human Resources and ESP*
 Lisa Trail - *Director of Communications*

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Peachjar: MCS switched from paper to digital flyers in 2015. This initiative has saved our schools tons of paper and reduced copy costs.