

Murfreesboro

City Schools

February 2017
Newsletter

Mitchell-Neilson hosts We "♥" the Arts

Mitchell-Neilson School will host the *We "♥" the Arts* art show and auction on February 16th at 6 pm.

This event will showcase music, dancing, storytelling, a heart maze and artwork completed by local artists and MNS leaders.

2017 MCS Job Fair

Murfreesboro City Schools will host a job fair on Saturday, March 18 at Scales Elementary from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Prospective teachers are encouraged to bring resumes and/or portfolios and be prepared to interview.

Scales Elementary is located at 2340 St. Andrews Drive in Murfreesboro.

Blood Drive at Discovery

The American Red Cross is hosting a blood drive at Discovery School on Thursday, February 16 from 1-5 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, log on to redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: Discovery.

Save the Date!

Northfield Elementary PTO will host their Renaissance Festival on Friday, February 24th starting at 4 pm.

There will be games, inflatables, a book fair,

Teachers of the Year

Congratulations to our 2016-2017 teachers of the year!

District Teachers of the Year

Tony Hartman



Rebecca Sublett

silent auction, chili supper, art show, and bake sale.

Spring Wellness Challenge

The Spring Wellness Challenge for MCS employees is fast approaching. The 6-week challenge begins February 20th and ends March 24th.

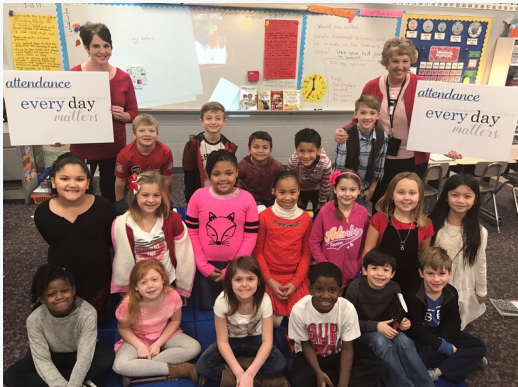
Weekly giveaways will be awarded during the challenge and a winners choice grand prize will be awarded to the top three participants.

Contact Coordinated School Health for additional details.



Murfreesboro City Schools wants you to know that coming to school on time, every day is important.

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



Unplug & Read



Remember to Unplug & Read during the month of February!

Unplug & Read is a community wide initiative encouraging adults, families and children to unplug from televisions, computers and video games to enjoy the pleasures and educational enrichments of reading.

For ideas on how to participate during Unplug



Black Fox Elementary

Lynn Smith
Caren Evans

Bradley Academy

Ginger Hazelbaker
Dana Stem

Cason Lane Academy

Natalie Adcock
Laura Caylor

Discovery School

Amy Baltimore
Kelley Kleppinger

Hobgood Elementary

Ashlee Barnes
Chick Knitter

Mitchell-Neilson School

Amanda Masteller
Jennifer Harris

Northfield Elementary

Kristi Knitter
Rosalind Demonbreun

Overall Creek Elementary

Katie Nanney
Rebecca Sublett

John Pittard Elementary

Alex Juneau
Molly Oliver

Reeves-Rogers Elementary

Samantha Bolden
Erin Lebo

Scales Elementary

Lindsay Cole
Tony Hartman

Erma Siegel Elementary

Kim Taylor
Buffy Davenport

United Way Offers Free Tax Assistance

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free tax help to people who generally make \$64,000 or less. IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals.

For more information visit www.yourlocalvita.org or call (615) 971-8678.

Dates to Remember

Feb. 20	President's Day (No School)
March 2	National Read Across America Day
March 9	Student Half Day
March 9	MCS Music Festival at Erma Siegel
March 16	Teacher of the Year Reception
March 20	Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School)
March 20	MCS Art Exhibit begins at City Hall
March 23	Me & My Family Night at Cason Lane Academy
March 27	Spring Break Starts
April 13	Art Show Reception at City Hall
April 14	Good Friday (No School)
May 25	Last Half Day for Students

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Chef Academy



The MCS Chef Academy is a unique opportunity for children, in grades 4-6 to learn intermediate skills and techniques needed to embark on a lifetime of cooking.

Chef Academy is currently working with John Pittard, Bradley, and Mitchell-Neilson schools.

Bradley Theatre Students in Atlanta

The Bradley Academy Musical Theatre after-school program traveled to the national Junior Theatre Festival (iTheatrics) in Atlanta. The festival is one of the world's largest youth musical theater festival and features over 100 groups.

Students from Bradley performed a piece from their upcoming production of "Seussical Jr." during judging. Two students were chosen as All-Stars and will have the opportunity to travel to New York this summer.

The students attended workshops on dance, music, artistry, and acting. Students were able to meet and watch Broadway performers including "Timon" from The Lion King.

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New Greenhouse at Discovery

The newest greenhouse in Murfreesboro City School's grant-funded Farm to School program is now at Discovery School. Gardening allows students to learn about basic plant structure and life cycles with a hands-on perspective.

Murfreesboro City School's Farm to School program began in 2015. MCS students have gained access to healthy, local and regionally sourced foods as well as education opportunities such as school gardens, tower gardens, cooking lessons and farm field trips.

The Farm to School approach is a nationwide movement that helps students understand where their food comes from and how their food choices impact their bodies, the environment and the community.

Cason Lane Academy and Hobgood Elementary currently have working greenhouses. Future greenhouse sites include Overall Creek, Northfield, Reeves-Rogers and Erma Siegel Elementary.



