

Murfreesboro City Schools

January 2017
Newsletter

Inclement Weather

For school closing information, please be sure phone numbers and information in parent portal is correct. The initial information regarding inclement weather closings will appear on Twitter @MCScommunicates and Facebook @MurfreesboroCitySchools, followed by WGNS, City TV, Nashville media and an all-call to parents. ESP will follow the inclement weather policy posted on the ESP website homepage.

Black Fox Elementary addition approved

The Murfreesboro City Council approved a request by Murfreesboro City Schools for a \$2.26 million construction project including a 10-classroom expansion of Black Fox Elementary School. The addition is slated to open Fall 2017.

School Board Appreciation Week

Meal Sites OPEN!



Attention Parents

Winter Weather Update

Inclement Weather Meal Sites Open for Children

When school is out for snow or other inclement weather, several cafeterias across Murfreesboro City Schools will be open to children age 18 and under for free lunch and snack.

Cafeterias will be open at:

- Black Fox Elementary - lunch served 12-12:30, snack served 3:30-4
- Bradley Academy - lunch served 12-12:30, snack served 3:30-4
- Hobgood Elementary - lunch served 11-11:30, snack served 2:30-3
- Mitchell-Neilson Elementary - lunch served 12-12:30, snack served 3:30-4
- Northfield Elementary - lunch served 11-11:30, snack served 2:30-3
- Reeves-Rogers Elementary - lunch served 12-12:30, snack served 3:30-4
- Scales Elementary - lunch served 11-11:30, snack served 2:30-3

plus

- Patterson Park - lunch served 12-12:30, snack served 3:30-4

For additional information, visit cityschools.net

ESP Snow Day Sites Open 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- Black Fox (also serving students from Discovery)
- Bradley (also serving students from Hobgood)
- Mitchell-Neilson (also serving students from Erma Siegel)
- Northfield (also serving students from John Pittard & Reeves-Rogers)
- Scales (also serving families from Cason Lane & Overall Creek)

Please visit cityschoolsesp.net for details.

Free meals will be available to children 18 years of age and under without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age or handicap.

African American Cultural Celebration

School Board Appreciation Week is January 22-28. Murfreesboro City Schools benefits tremendously from the hard work and dedication of our school board members who work to better our school system and community. As advocated for students, these elected officials devote their time, resources, and expertise to strengthen our education system. They make decisions affecting policy, budgeting, and district goals. Please join us by saying thank you to our school board members during Tennessee's School Board Appreciation Week. MCS Board Members include: Butch Campbell, Nancy Rainier, Wesley Ballard, Jared Barrett, Phil King, David Settles, and Collier Smith.

School Counselors Week



The week of February 6-10 is School Counselors Week. This week aims to bring public attention to the unique contribution of professional school counselors. Counselors work with teachers, parents, social workers, and many others to address the academic, personal and social development needs of all students. They refer students and families to community agencies that can help them meet their food, housing, and legal needs, as well as address other challenges they may be facing. Counselors help remove barriers to learning

**AFRICAN AMERICAN
EXPRESSION**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 26TH
4:00-7:00 P.M.
PATTERSON PARK
521 MERCURY BLVD.**

Join us as we celebrate the art, cuisine and culture of our African American Community

Inventions
Local Heroes Wax Museum
Apollo Theater
Art Show

Join MCS at Patterson Park Community Center on January 26 at 4 p.m. for the African American Cultural Celebration. The celebration dubbed "The African American Expression " will explore the varied experiences of our African American Community through a delicious soul food tasting, beautiful art gallery, enriching community partner expo, and a live wax museum featuring local heroes! Bring your entire family and come enjoy this

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 excited to partner with at John Pittard, Bradley, and Mitchell-Neilson schools.

and helping students succeed. Remember to thank a school counselor during this week!

Excellence In Education

The City Schools Foundation will host the 10th Annual Excellence In Education Celebration Friday, February 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. John Floyd will be honored at the event, which will also spotlight Cason Lane Academy. John is an advocate for education and was a founding member of The City Schools Foundation. Funds raised from the event go towards Teacher Grants and Parity Funding for Murfreesboro City Schools. Individual tickets are \$250 and can be purchased by contacting the MCS Communications Department.



MURFREESBORO CITY SCHOOLS 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 out on 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 preK, can predict lower test scores, poor attendance and retention in later grades.

MCS wants to help our 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!

The first step is realizing that Everyday Matters.

In the News.....

[You Cant Teach a Hungry Child](#)

[Using Math to Teach Gifted Children](#)

[How to Have a Good Day](#)

Dates to Remember

Jan. 22	School Board Appreciation Week
Jan. 26	African American Cultural Night
Feb. 2	Student Half Day
Feb. 3	Excellence in Education

Feb. 6	National School Counselor Week
Feb. 20	President's Day (No School)
March 9	Student Half Day
March 20	Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School)
March 27	Spring Break Starts
April 14	Good Friday (No School)
May 25	Last Half Day for Students

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