



# Children First!

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## **MLK Holiday**

Metro Nashville Public Schools will be closed Monday, Jan. 21 in celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

## **Free Tax Return Preparation Assistance at MNPS Community Career Center**

Davidson County residents who are eligible for an IRS Earned Income Tax Credit refund can receive free tax-return preparation from the Community Career Center, a division of MNPS.

Tax assistance is available by appointment only. Taxpayers should bring identification, W-2 forms or other income statements, and Social Security Cards of all dependents. Returns will be prepared at the Sam Levy Neighborhood Network Center at 302 Foster Street, which is located in East Nashville.

Returns are filed electronically, and most tax-payers should receive their refunds within three weeks. To make an appointment, call (615) 298-6752.

## **Student Board Member Elections Held**

Friday, Jan. 18, MNPS students serving on the Student Advisory Council campaigned to serve as student members of the School Board. Candidates prepared a brief presentation explaining their background, why they should be elected to the council, what changes they would strive to make to the school district, and leadership experience. Questions from the audience initiated passionate discussions ranging in topic from improving grades and graduation rates to creating a sense of family in the schools. Two students will be elected and sworn in at an upcoming Board Meeting.

## **Nashville School for the Arts Auditions**

Auditions for Nashville school of the Arts will be held from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21, and 4 – 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22. Makeup auditions will be held Wednesday, Jan. 23. Hundreds of students are expected to audition. NSA officials will conduct a student by student evaluation Thursday, Jan. 24 selecting roughly 200 students for the upcoming school year. Selections are made based on the students' auditions, interviews, or essays, and current openings at the school. A second round of auditions will be held in early spring, but a specific date has not been set.

## **Glencliff High School Receives \$1,000 USD Grant**

Suzanne Link, Service-Learning Coordinator and the students of MNPS, Glencliff High School have been approved to receive a \$1,000 USD grant on behalf of Special Olympics and the Mattel Children's Foundation. The \$1,000 USD grant will be used by the Youth Leaders at Glencliff to promote sensitivity awareness.