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MNPS Graduation Dates Finalized

MNPS has issued a final list of all **high school graduation dates** for 2008.

Graduation dates, times and locations are:

Antioch	5/16/2008	6 p.m.	Belmont University Curb Center
Cohn Adult	5/19/2008	4 p.m.	Cohn Adult High Auditorium
East Magnet	5/17/2008	1 p.m.	Belmont University Curb Center
Glencliff	5/18/2008	4 p.m.	TPAC-Jackson Hall
Harris-Hillman	5/16/2008	12:30	Harris-Hillman Commons Area
Hillsboro	5/19/2008	6 p.m.	David Lipscomb
Hillwood	5/22/2008	6 p.m.	David Lipscomb Allen Arena
Hume-Fogg	5/20/2008	7 p.m.	Sommet Center
Hunters Lane	5/21/2008	6 p.m.	Tennessee State University Gentry Center
M. L. King	5/20/2008	6 p.m.	TPAC
Madison	5/16/2008	11 a.m.	Madison Church of Christ
Maplewood	5/20/2008	6 p.m.	Tennessee State University
McGavock	5/18/2008	3 p.m.	Municipal Auditorium
MNPS Middle College	5/16/2008	6 p.m.	Clement Auditorium Clement Hall
Johnson	5/15/2008	6 p.m.	Johnson School Commons Area
NSA	5/14/2008	7 p.m.	Grand Ole Opry House
Overton	5/19/2008	7 p.m.	Belmont University Curb Center
Pearl Cohn	5/18/2008	2 p.m.	Tennessee State University Gentry Center
Stratford	5/19/2008	6 p.m.	Tennessee State University
Whites Creek	5/24/2008	10:a.m.	Tennessee State University Gentry Center
MNPS Adult Education	6/14/2008	1 p.m.	Woodmont Church of Christ

Ready, Set, Swim!

Three high schools will soon reopen their indoor swimming pools to students and the public.

Glencliff, Pearl-Cohn and Whites Creek swimming pools are in the final stages of renovation.

Once open, MNPS employees, students and the Nashville public will be able to visit the pools for

general swimming, a variety of swim lessons and aerobics classes, Red Cross training, special team programs and a Dive-In Movie Night. Pools can also be rented out for private parties.

Aquatics summer day camps for children grades 1-9 will begin at the end of May. Children can be enrolled for one week or the full 11 weeks of summer camps. Each week will be centered on a different theme; some weeks children will be taken to visit area water parks. If you would like more information about summer camp, visit <http://www.mnps.org/Page33039.aspx>.

MNPS Aquatics Department takes great pride in these newly renovated pools. They will be cleaned on an hourly basis, led by the highest trained staff of lifeguards and coaches in the area and will offer the best deals in town. For more information about any of the programs offered, visit <http://www.mnps.org/Page31716.aspx>.

Mrs. Tennessee 2008 Visits Hillwood

Amy Hodes, Mrs. Tennessee 2008, was recently the special guest of **Hillwood's Freshman Academy**. She was the featured speaker at a morning assembly, where she discussed setting goals, dreaming big dreams and not letting anyone or anything get in the way of achieving those dreams and goals. Amy shared personal stories that showed students they can overcome difficult situations if they have the right attitude, are willing to work hard and believe in themselves. Afterwards, she signed autographs, posed with students for pictures and spoke privately with students touched by her story. At the invitation of one of the freshmen, Amy made a special trip back to Hillwood that same afternoon as a guest at the Freshman Academy Talent Show.

Amy will be competing for Mrs. United States in July.

Henry Maxwell Elementary Mini Society

The fifth grade students at **Maxwell Elementary** are currently participating in a two week long economics unit called Mini Society. Mini Society is an experience-based economics unit, which means that economics is taught through the actual experience of the learners. This helps teachers create an environment where students can set up and open their own business within the society. Students are required to produce a product to sell, and then set up a shop to sell to classmates and teachers on Market Day. Among the lessons learned are how to buy a license to open a business, how to lease space, in this case, a table, as their place of business, and how to market their products. This unit helps children understand economic concepts such as scarcity, opportunity cost, inflation, competition, supply and demand, and monopoly. The students will open their businesses at "Maxwell Mall" Friday, March 28, at 10 a.m. in the front of Henry Maxwell Elementary School.

***It's Always Something* Essay Contest**

Teens who have faced the experience of helping a family member or friend deal with cancer, or who have lived with cancer themselves, are invited to enter an essay contest, *It's Always Something*, sponsored by Gilda's Club Nashville and Nashville Public Television. The contest, which is open to all 9th-12th grade students, offers a \$2,000 Grand Prize. The entry deadline is April 1, 2008. For full contest details, visit <http://www.gildasclubnashville.org/>.

Are You Smarter Than a Fourth Grader?

The week of March 24, **Tusculum Elementary** will be hosting an "Are You Smarter Than a Fourth Grader?" game in conjunction with one of the school's Pencil Partners, Publix. This is to

get the students ready for TCAP. The school is doing the same with third graders. Publix will be the contestant. The kids came up with the questions that they believe may be on the TCAP test. Tusculum will have classroom winners as well as individual student winners. Publix is donating prizes for all of the winners.

Congressional Art Competition Correction

The deadline to enter the Congressional Art Competition is **Monday, April 21**, not May 2008 as previously published.

Tom Joy Elementary Gets a \$1000 Grant

March 13, 85 **Tom Joy Elementary** third graders went to Chattanooga and enjoyed a wonderful day at the Tennessee Aquarium thanks to a \$1,000 Target Field Trip Grant and extraordinary community support.

In the fall the third grade teachers at Tom Joy Elementary applied for the grant and won. The grant, along with donations from several businesses in the Tom Joy neighborhood including Prince's Chicken, Cantrell's Barbecue, Lil Cee's Soul Food, M & M Motors, Pinnacle Financial, Bomar Construction Co., Hayes & Associates LLC, and Stansell Electric, allowed the third graders to travel to Chattanooga for an exciting day at the aquarium. The Madison Kroger and the Goodlettsville Publix contributed snacks for the trip. Tom Joy would like to say thank you to all the community businesses who contributed to this special day.

Spring Sales Tax Holiday Moved

The **Spring Sales Tax Holiday** has been moved from this weekend to the weekend of April 25-27. Tax exempt items are:

- School and school art supplies with a price of \$100 or less per item;
- Clothing with a price of \$100 or less per item; and
- Computers with a price of \$1,500 or less.

An important note for parents: standard school attire will be back during the 2008-2009 school year. This Spring Tax Holiday will be a great opportunity for parents to purchase clothes for next school year and save money.

For more information about the Spring Sales Tax Holiday, visit www.tntaxholiday.com. This website lists exempt items, a retailer's guide and frequently asked questions.

Southern Hills Needs Summer Youth Volunteers

Southern Hills Hospital is currently accepting applications for the Summer Youth Volunteer program. Youth volunteers provide supplemental support to hospital staff, patients and families in sharing their time and talent. No fees or charges are required of participants in the volunteer program. Benefits of volunteering with Southern Hills include: giving to the community, gaining experience in healthcare, adding substance to college applications, improving skills and responsibility level and a chance to make professional connections. Students interested in applying can attend a free pizza and information session Wednesday, April 16 from 4 – 5:30 p.m. in the Southern Hills Main Entrance Conference Center. To reserve a spot at the informational meeting, students should call MedLine at 342-1919.

Middle Tennessee Science and Engineering Fair

The Middle Tennessee Science and Engineering Fair was held March 12-15 at Austin Peay State University. Fifty four students from MNPS participated in the event. Students honored at the event include:

- Middle School Grand Prize Winner: Trophy and Cash Award, Jyotishka Biswas, Meigs Magnet School;
- Alternate Middle School Grand Prize Winner: Trophy and Cash Award, Allen Cooper Sudbrink, Martin Luther King, Jr. Magnet; and
- High School Grand Prize Winner: Trophy and Trip to ISEF, Charlie Liu Xie, Martin Luther King, Jr. Magnet. The high school grand prize winners are awarded an all expense paid trip to the 2008 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) May 11-16, 2008.
- US Navy Winners include: 1st Place High School Charlie Liu Xie, Martin Luther King, Jr. Magnet; and
- 1st Place Middle School, Jyotishka Biswas, Meigs Magnet School.
- U.S. Public Health Service Award: Certificate, Maximilian H. Carter, West End Middle School
- SSP Middle School Program Participation in National Competition, Allen Cooper Sudbrink, Martin Luther King, Jr. Magnet; Rohan Nag, Martin Luther King, Jr. Magnet; Lauren Ashley Brewer, Martin Luther King, Jr. Magnet; Jyotishka Biswas, Meigs Magnet School; Garrett Lee Christians, Martin Luther King, Jr. Magnet; Jiahe Gu, Martin Luther King, Jr. Magnet;
- Adventure Science Center: 1st Place: One Day Pass to ASC, Brianna Joy Bartelt, Meigs Magnet School; Nathan A. Wellington, Rose Park Magnet School
American Society of Civil Engineers 1st Prize: \$75.00, Bursa Gungor, Martin Luther King, Jr. Magnet
- Dept. of Economic and Community Development Energy Division Top Middle School Energy Project: \$50.00, Owen Wallace LeGrove, Meigs Magnet School;
- Elizabeth Wayt Math Award: \$100.00 , Jiahe Gu, Martin Luther King, Jr. Magnet
Sigma Xi Best Science Project: \$100.00, Charlie Liu Xie, Martin Luther King, Jr. Magnet
- The Society of Automotive Engineers 2nd Place: \$50 Savings Bond, Lauren C. Lu, Martin Luther King, Jr. Magnet
- The Tennessee Academy of Science 1st Place: \$85.00, Charlie Liu Xie , Martin Luther King, Jr. Magnet
- The Tennessee Society of Professional Engineers 1st Place: \$100.00, Owen Wallace LeGrove, Meigs Magnet School
- 600 6th Grade 2nd Place: Plaque, Owen Wallace LeGrove, Meigs Magnet School;
3rd Place: Plaque, Jake Andrew McCoy, Meigs Magnet School
- 700 7th Grade 1st Place: Plaque, Allen Cooper Sudbrink, Martin Luther King, Jr. Magnet; 2nd Place: Plaque, Rohan Nag, Martin Luther King, Jr. Magnet; 3rd Place: Plaque, Lauren Ashley Brewer, Martin Luther King, Jr. Magnet; Honorable Mention: Certificate, Jeewar M. Kokov, Martin Luther King, Jr. Magnet
- 800 8th Grade 1st Place: Plaque, Jyotishka Biswas, Meigs Magnet School; 2nd Place: Plaque, Garrett Lee Christians Martin Luther King, Jr. Magnet; 3rd Place: Plaque, Jiahe Gu, Martin Luther King, Jr. Magnet; Honorable Mention: Certificate,

James M. Clute, Martin Luther King, Jr. Magnet; Honorable Mention: Certificate, Alexa Mary Romersa, Martin Luther King, Jr. Magnet

- 2000 Biochemistry 1st Place: Plaque, Charlie Liu Xie, Martin Luther King, Jr. Magnet
- 14000 Team Projects 1st Place: Plaque, Bianca J. Mabemere, Martin Luther King, Jr. Magnet; 2nd Place: Plaque, Dominique A. Beasley and Kira Renee Leander, Martin Luther King, Jr. Magnet

Boyscout Navigator's Scholarship Recipients

The Navigator's program, sponsored by the Boy Scouts, has given 43 scholarships to MNPS AVID students. Three of those students have received \$25,000 scholarships and 40 have received \$1,000 scholarships. The three \$25,000 recipients will be honored at a luncheon in downtown Nashville Wednesday, March 26. The scholarship recipients are:

\$25,000 Recipients: Hillwood High School, Nivella Okot; Stratford High, School, Amanda Oldham; Whites Creek High School, Dorian Trotter

\$1,000 Recipients:

Glenclyff High School

Anakaren Reyes
Claudia Caballero
Mardiana Lara
Diana Vasquez
Glenclyff High School, Linda Waters

Hillwood High School

Ann-Drea Yvonne Thomas
Brandon Mathis
Ismail Muallem
James Lobasco
James Sharp
Jazmine L. Clark
Kenneth Offutt
Lashan Allen
Lashanda Allen
Marsenio Rayford
Mia Godbolt
Amber M. Hyde

Maplewood High School

Alaina Cox
Ashanti Farmer
Brittaney Hayes
Eric Willingham
Frances Leggs

Janai Cooper
Kristen Williams
Larry Elliott Jr.
Rrico Antwan Sanford
Sharhonda Mays
Tyra Washington
Harvey Taylor
Tonesha Talley
Channara Tep
Phone Sengbouttarath
Rachel Danielle Faulk

Pearl Cohn High School Jessica Swinger

Stratford High School Keyaira Jenkins
Lucretia Williams-Southall
Midou Michaud
Stacia Booker

Whites Creek High School

Kierra Stanton
Kristopher Cecil
Selina Whitehead
Tawnee Jones
Donyelle McCord