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TCAP Testing Continues Next Week

TCAP Testing continues next week with test dates scheduled for Monday, April 14, and Tuesday, April 15. It is imperative that all students not only participate in these tests, but give their best effort. The results of our statewide testing give teachers and administrators a direct indicator as to how well our students are learning academic standards. Please support your child to do his or her very best by ensuring he or she is in school and on time. Please make sure your child gets plenty of rest and has a good nutritional breakfast each morning.

MLK Wind Ensemble Recognized

The MLK Wind Ensemble has been selected, for a second time in less than five years, to perform for the Tennessee Music Educators Association State In-Service. The students will perform April 17, at 11 a.m. in the Nashville Convention Center. The MLK Wind Ensemble is considered one of the top performing ensembles in the state and is under the direction of Rod Hill, J. Ashley Jarrell and Marsha Hartwein.

Congratulations to these fine students for this recognition of their hard work.

Meigs Middle Magnet School Wins First in State Latin Competition

Tuesday, April 1, Meigs Latin students competed in the Midstate Latin Tournament, which was held at Martin Luther King High School. A dozen schools, including Hume-Fogg and Martin Luther King, participated. Meigs and MLK were the only schools with middle school participants. Meigs students placed in the top five in eight academic contests. They also placed in the top five in creative and graphic arts.

Overall, Meigs finished 1st place for the first time in the history of Meigs. This is a tremendous accomplishment considering the students compete against high schools with multiple levels of Latin. Congratulations to the Meigs Latin students as well as those from Hume-Fogg and MLK who competed in this event.

Maplewood Air Force Junior ROTC “Exceeds Standards”

Congratulations to the Air Force Junior ROTC instructors and cadets of Maplewood Comprehensive High School, who earned an overall unit assessment score of “Exceeds Standards.” This is the highest rating attainable during their unit evaluation which was held March 4.

In addition to the group rating, four Maplewood students were presented with Top Performer Awards for outstanding academic, community and leadership skills. Those students recognized include Cadet Channara Tep, Cadet Brandon LaPointe, Cadet Tommy Percle and Cadet Oscar Rangel. All recipients were honored with ribbons and certificates for setting solid examples.

Also to be commended are Lt. Col. Martha Shaffer and M.Sgt. Christia Thornton, instructors of the Maplewood Air Force Junior ROTC program. The instructors created a dynamic and supportive learning environment, established an excellent community outreach and provided outstanding leadership in administering the cadet centered citizenship program.

Hillsboro’s 4th Annual Festival of the Arts

Thursday, April 24, Hillsboro High School will hold its fourth annual Festival of the Arts. Festivities will begin at 6 p.m. in the Hillsboro High School Auditorium, featuring performances by The Hillsboro Chamber Orchestra and Concert Band, Drama and Vocal Students and the Sophisticats.

A Reception for The Visual Arts will be held from 6 – 8 p.m. in the small gym during and following the auditorium performances. This reception features art works created by Hillsboro Visual Arts and Photography students using a wide variety of media. Hors d'oeuvres will be served by students of the Hillsboro Culinary Arts Program and Musical Entertainment will be performed by Hillsboro students. Admission is \$3 for students and \$5 for adults.

Glenclyff Elementary Gets a Visit from the Mayor

Wednesday, April 9, Glenclyff Elementary got a special visit from Mayor Karl Dean as part of Kids on the Move Day. The Mayor participated in jump rope activities with 4th graders during the P.E. class. Kids on the Move Day is part of the National Public Help Week Celebration.

MLK High Wins State Science Olympiad Competition

Congratulations to Martin Luther King Magnet High School for winning first place in the state Science Olympiad competition. The students will now advance to the national competition in Washington, D.C. in late May.

Eighteen high school teams from across the state participated in this event. Science Olympiads are rigorous academic interscholastic competitions that consist of a series of team events, which students prepare for during the year. Teams are composed of 15 students who split up to compete

in 23 different events ranging from written tests on such topics as astronomy, ecology and herpetology to building competitions of boomilevers, robots and electric vehicles.

The MLK high school participants were Ridwan Rahman, Xiao-Yu Qi, Danika Wellington, Dallas Simons, Yufan Yan, Evan Chaudhuri, Keith Hime, Gainer Phay, Jinyan Cao, Charlie Xie, Xuexia Jiang, Calvin Patimeteeporn, Collen Leng, Yichuan Wang, and Feiran Hao.

MLK also had a middle school team that had qualified to participate in the state competition. The middle school team was made up of Alexa Romersa, Lucas Testin, Nick Testin, Ben Gu, Merkle Moore, Matthew Brisbane, Keheira Henderson, Evan Byron, Lauren Lu, Aaron Broder, Ian Price, Jenny Zheng, Shanna Rucker, Ranine Haidous, and Busra Gungor. The middle school team placed 8th at the state competition.

Trash Art Awards Ceremony

Saturday, April 12, Metro Beautification and Environment Commission and Metro Public Works invite the public to attend the Trash Art Awards Ceremony at East Park Community Center. The ceremony begins at 10 a.m. Participating MNPS schools include: Creswell Elementary Design Center, Croft Middle Design Center, Gra-Mar Middle, Granbery Elementary, Julia Green Elementary, Una Elementary and Whitsitt Elementary.

Dell Computer Recycling Event

Saturday, April 12, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Dell Computer will hold a free recycling event on the Dell Nashville Campus, near Nashville International Airport.

Items that can be recycled include: any make or model of computers and related equipment, including desktops, laptops, monitors, printers, scanners, keyboards and mice; gaming consoles and mobile entertainment devices are also accepted. Items not accepted include: televisions, stereo equipment, cell phones, appliances, etc.

Participants should remove all data from their computer's hard drive and any removable media such as disks, PC cards, flash drives and CD-ROMs. The drop off is free. The first 1,200 participants will receive a tree sapling ready for planting.

Eakin 4th graders Headed to Junior Achievement's Bizz Town

Eakin School's 4th graders will attend Junior Achievement's Bizz Town in April. Teachers and volunteers will receive mandatory training and curriculum materials. The students will be working in teams learning how to apply for jobs, develop business plans, use a check book, elect a mayor and run a town. In addition to the four classroom teachers, 12 more volunteers will attend the event. This is the second year Eakin has attended the Junior Achievement's Bizz Town.

Maplewood Student Receives Dell Scholarship

Congratulations to Channara Tep, a senior at Maplewood High, for being selected to the Dell Scholars Program, a national scholarship that reaches out to underserved students. As a Dell Scholar, Channara has been awarded a \$20,000 Dell Scholarship. Channara is the only Nashville recipient of the scholarship and one of only three Tennessee students selected as a Dell Scholar. Channara will use his scholarship to attend Belmont University in the fall.

The Dell Scholars Program enables underserved students with financial need to achieve their greatest potential through higher education. Since 2004, \$14 million in college scholarships have been provided, with 250 scholarships will be awarded annually. For more information about the Dell Scholars Program, visit www.dellscholars.org.

MET C.A.M.P.

The MET Singers, part of Glenclyff Community Education, will host MET C.A.M.P. July 28 – August 1, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily. All rising 4th through 12th graders are invited to attend. Mini MET will also be offered for rising 2nd and 3rd graders that same week, Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. – noon and Friday noon – 5 p.m.

MET C.A.M.P. classes may include: Choral Expressions, Sight Reading: Recorder Consort, Tech 10: Vocal Mentoring, Ensemble: Orff Instrumentarium and Inspiration Point: Guest Artists. The camp will be led by Nashville choral directors and retired music educators. Enrollment is limited, so please register early. For more information and a registration form, visit www.choralartslink.org.

The MET Singers were recently the featured choir during a concert at Fisk University's Chapel. The group performed selected works by composer John Wesley Work, III.

Antioch Debate Team Invited to Nashville Law Firm

Antioch High's Debate Team has been invited to present to Waller Landsen Law Firm Friday, April 18. The team will present opposing arguments on *Resolved: The Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 Will Successfully Mitigate Economic Downturns Over the Next Year*. Students will also be served lunch.

The funding for the debate is an initiative of the Nashville Alliance for Public Education. Waller Landsen has been a major partner with Alliance in funding the debate endowment that makes debate travel and competition possible. While congratulations are in order for the Antioch Debate Team, MNPS would like to extend a special thank you to the Alliance and Waller Landsen for their support of this opportunity for Metro students.

Pearl-Cohn Hosts Special Olympics

Pearl-Cohn High recently hosted the 38th Spring Games for Special Olympics Nashville. More than 300 athletes participated in the games, which enlisted the help of 300 volunteer workers.

A special thank you is in order for the Pearl Cohn Marching Firebirds who added extra excitement to the games, Coach Bell for his help during the games and Mike Gilmore who made sure the facilities were in prime shape.

MNPS to Honor Teachers/Principals of the Year

Metro Schools' **Teachers of the Year** will be honored at a celebration Monday, April 14. The annual event will culminate with the naming of three overall district recipients of district Teacher of the Year honors, as well as recognition of the three Principals of the Year. The list of finalists include: **Wanda Anglin**, Nashville School of the Arts, Government, U.S. History, Psychology, A. American Studies, 17 years experience; **Cindy Leake**, Hume-Fogg Magnet, Algebra I, Pre-Calculus, 11 years experience; **Amy K. Cate**, John Trotwood Moore Middle, Spanish/IB

Coordinator, 5 years experience; **Cindy Tarkington**, Antioch Middle, Sixth Grade Language Arts/Reading, 11 years experience, **Scott Hale**, West End Middle, Band, 8 years experience; **Melissa Brock**, Kirkpatrick Elementary, Literacy Leader, 10 years experience; **Robby Yates**, Lakeview Elementary, Second Grade, 11 years experience; and **Pamela Pedigo**, Old Center Elementary, Fourth Grade, 9 years experience.

Sports Hall of Fame Induction April 15

The **MNPS Sports Hall of Fame** will induct 12 new members at a luncheon planned April 15. The Hall of Fame was established in 2005 to honor, preserve and perpetuate the names and accomplishments of outstanding athletes and other sports personalities who are native to Davidson County or who have competed in Davidson County Schools, Nashville City Schools and Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools. This year's inductees are Tommy Bolton, Austin Denney, Jimmy Edwards, Dianne Frierson Fowler, Roy Herald, Ronald Lawson Sr., John Mitchell, Harold Rice, Margaret Sexton Gleaves, Tommy Squires, David Vaughn Jr., and Porter W. Williams.