



Children First!

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NO SCHOOL Monday

Monday, Oct. 13, MNPS schools will be closed for parent/teacher conferences. Students will return to classes, normal time, Tuesday, Oct. 14.

Fox Features MNPS Students

Fox 17, WZTV, has recently begun a new segment in their morning news that features MNPS schools and students. Each week, Fox will select one school who will then select five students to read the week's lunch menu. The segment can be seen weekday mornings between 5 and 7 a.m.

McGavock Students Invite Media to School

McGavock High seniors recently invited the local news media to a special forum to discuss news reporting. A special thank you is in order for Ben Hall, investigative reporter for NewsChannel5; Anne Marshall, reporter at Channel 4 News; Melissa Penry, education reporter at News2; and Karen Brown, executive producer at News 2, for participating in the forum, candidly answering student questions, and explaining to the seniors how the news reporting process works.

The meeting was called after recent news reports left students feeling misrepresented. Through this educational forum, students were able to share their concerns regarding accurate and fair reporting, the sharing of good news, and to learn exactly how the news reporting process works. Students spoke passionately about the good things happening at McGavock, asked intelligent questions to the media panel about what drives the decision making process in newsrooms and how to make their voices heard.

School Lunch Week

Oct. 13 – 17 will be National School Lunch Week in Tennessee. Governor Phil Bredesen declared this a week to recognize the vital role school lunch programs play in students' lives. School systems across the state will provide fun activities to educate Tennessee's children about healthy, nutritious lunches.

One fun activity students can participate in is the "Vote for School Lunch 2008," a campaign designed to raise awareness of the nutritional value of different school lunch options. With children's nutrition a prominent US health concern, the "Vote" campaign also serves to educate parents and students on the nutritional programs available in schools. Students may vote at www.VoteForSchoolLunch.org before Oct. 17.

Primary Years Programme (PYP) Training

Forty-seven MNPS educators recently attended Primary Years Programme (PYP) training sponsored by the International Baccalaureate (IB) Organization. Among the trainees were teachers and administrators from Bellevue Middle, Brick Church Middle, Eakin Elementary, Goodlettsville Elementary, Harpeth Valley Elementary, Hillsboro High, Hillwood High, Hunters Lane High, J. T. Moore Middle, Julia Green Elementary, Old Center Elementary, Percy Priest Elementary, West End Middle, Westmeade Elementary, and Bransford Avenue. The PYP is the IB programme for young students, ages 3-12. Stakeholders at Julia Green Elementary and Eakin Elementary Schools are considering the feasibility of becoming candidates for PYP authorization at these two Hillsboro Cluster schools.

Crieve Hall Opens New Gymnasium/Playroom

Crieve Hall held a ribbon cutting for the new gymnasium/playroom Thursday, Oct. 9. Prior to receiving the new gymnasium, P.E. classes have been conducted in a portable or outside, depending on the weather. Dr. Greg Patterson, a former principal of Crieve Hall and current Associate Superintendent of Elementary Schools, gave a speech dedicating the new addition. Children and teachers were also taken on a tour through the gymnasium. The addition also houses a P.E. office, boys' and girls' restrooms, a custodial closet and staff restroom. The new gym and playroom is a beautiful and much needed upgrade for the Crieve Hall building, which is more than 55 years old.

Pennington Elementary Chosen to Host National Step Up for Kids Day

Pennington Elementary was recently chosen to host *Step Up for Kids Day*, a national project to raise awareness of children's issues. All 50 states hosted similar events that taught the importance of children's health, safety and overall well-being. Some of the activities included: National Guard Drug Trailer, Fire Department Safety Trailer, Dept. of Health "Toothfairy," face painting, cookie decorating, coloring books and much more."

Charter School Application Review

The MNPS Charter School Application Review Core Committee will begin meeting to review Charter School Applications. The dates are Monday, Oct. 6, Monday, Oct. 13, and Monday, Oct. 20. All meetings will be held at the Martin Professional Development Center from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. In addition, the MNPS Charter School Application Review Core Committee and the Specialized Area Committee members will meet Tuesday, Oct. 7, Tuesday, Oct. 14, and Tuesday, Oct. 21, at the Martin Professional Development Center from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

“Education as a Civil Right”

The Greater Nashville Alliance of Black School Educators (GNABSE) is sponsoring an educational forum titled “Education as a Civil Right” Oct. 18, from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m., at The Church of Christ at Jackson Street, 1408 Jackson Street. GNABSE is a member of the National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE). NABSE is the nation's premiere non-profit organization devoted to furthering the academic success for the nation's children - particularly children of African descent. Now in its 36th year, NABSE boasts an outreach to more than 10,000 preeminent educators including teachers, administrators, superintendents as well as corporate and institutional members.

Maplewood Participates in Presidential Debate

Maplewood Comprehensive High School was selected to participate in the Presidential Debate by lending their views to Washington D.C. political based network, C-SPAN. C-Span's *Washington Journal* producer, Scott Peterson held an assembly for all U.S. Government, History and Economics classes the morning of the Belmont debate. The students also toured the C-SPAN bus. This visit was coordinated by Maplewood Economics teacher, Ms. Marci Garner.

Whites Creek AFJROTC Celebrates Air Force 61st Birthday

Cadets of the Whites Creek Air Force JROTC Unit (TN-943) recently gathered after school to celebrate the 61st Birthday of the United States Air Force. Sept. 18, 1947, President Harry S. Truman signed an executive order, making the Air Force a separate branch of military service. Whites Creek celebration activities included remarks by Lt. Col. Karon Uzzell-Baggett, professor of Aerospace Studies, AFROTC Detachment 790; a small rocket

launch, by Cadet Robert Hose; and a paper airplane competition, which was won by Cadet Raymond McGee. At the conclusion of the activities, cadets and staff sang “Happy Birthday” and “The Air Force Song.” Refreshments were provided to the cadets and guests courtesy of the unit and Taco Bell. Currently, four Air Force JROTC units are located in Metro-Davidson County Public Schools. For more information about AFJROTC, contact Major Roosevelt Williamson, Senior Aerospace Science Instructor, 299-9335, Ext. 2.

Cane Ridge Partners with Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc.

Cane Ridge High School has established a partnership with Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc., (ABC) supporting its Architecture and Construction Career Academy. Cane Ridge currently offers students career pathways in Concrete Management, Electrical and Carpentry through its Architecture and Construction Career Academy. ABC will be supporting Cane Ridge and the Academy by providing apprenticeship opportunities for Cane Ridge students, materials and supplies, teacher compensation to support adult night classes and student testing fees for industry certification. Cane Ridge construction teacher, Harold Cunningham, is a certified testing facilitator, and Cane Ridge will be a North America Technician Excellence (NATE) and ESCO industry certification testing facility.

Good Sports Recycle Contest

Metro Public Works and Metro Beautification have partnered with McGavock High and Overton High to implement the Good Sports Recycle Contest. The goal of the contest is to promote recycling in schools and communities. The contest will take place the week of Oct. 20 - 24. At the end of the week, the school with the most tonnage of recycling per student will receive a \$200 check from QRS Recycling. The runner up school will receive a check for \$100 from QRS Recycling. The winner of the contest will be announced during halftime of the McGavock – Overton football game, Friday, Oct. 24. Additionally, recycling containers will be provided at the football game to encourage recycling by spectators during and after the game.

Nashville Child Health Week Block Party

Saturday, Oct. 11 from 1 -5 p.m. AmeriChoice by UnitedHealthcare presents “*Nashville Child Health Week Block Party*” hosted by Grace M. Eaton at 1708 Pearl Street (one block off Charlotte Avenue and Fisk Street adjacent to the Revitalized John Henry Hale Homes). The public is invited to attend and get a variety of services for children, grandchildren and extended family members. Some of the offerings include:

- FREE TENNderCare health check-ups by TENNderCare and United Neighborhood Health Services;
- A variety of fun activities for children;
- Live entertainment which includes: Gospel Recording Artist, ADIGE, S.T.A.R.S. with Grace (Nashville) "Saints Taking A Righteous Stand just for Him," The Cedar Grove Praise Dance Troop featuring Angela Boyd, and a host of other great talent;
- Great food; and
- Other vital information to promote healthy and safe lifestyles.

Agencies who will be participating include: Metropolitan Development Housing Agency, Metropolitan Health Department, Metro Social Services, Senior Services from Secure Horizons by UnitedHealthcare, Glover Benefit Group, Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools, Affordable Housing Resources, Inc., Matthew Walker Comprehensive Health Center, Inc., SunTrust Bank, TN Voices for Children, SunTrust Bank, Community Career Center division of MNPS, CoverKids Meharry, and a host of other vendors.

Litton Middle School gets beautiful with the help of Home Depot

Litton Middle School was recently awarded a \$4,300 gift certificate from Home Depot. With the help of the certificate and more than 100 volunteers the school received landscaping makeover of the entire campus, 12 portables were painted, construction of a new shed was built for lawn equipment storage, and gardening tools were donated. Oct. 20, Home Depot will become an official Pencil Partner for Litton Middle School.

Other Upcoming Events around the District

- Oct. 11 Overton presents “Inherit the Wind,” 7 p.m.
McGavock HS Marching Band & Overton Marching Band at APSU Mid-South Invitational
- Oct. 12 Overton presents “Inherit the Wind,” 3 p.m.
- Oct. 13 NO SCHOOL – Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Oct. 14 Gower Elementary Choir Performance at Board of Education Meeting, 5 p.m.
- Oct. 15 Overton Fall Choral Concert, 7 p.m.
The Met: HD Live in Schools Teacher Workshop, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 16 MLK Senior High Band Concert, 7 p.m.
Alex Green 1st Grade Performance, 6 p.m.
DuPont Elementary 3rd Grade “Reuse-Recycle – Go Green,” 6:30 p.m.
Dodson Elementary 2nd Grade Program “A Tribute to the Olympics,” 6 p.m.
- Oct. 17 Oliver 8th Grade Band Night at Overton HS



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