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## SLC Late Arrival Day

Monday, Nov. 10, students attending the 12 MNPS high schools implementing Smaller Learning Communities will have an SLC late arrival day. The high schools affected are: Antioch, Cane Ridge, Glencliff, Hillsboro, Hillwood, Hunters Lane, Maplewood, McGavock, Overton, Pearl-Cohn, Stratford and Whites Creek. Students enrolled in these 12 high schools will report to school 2 ½ hours late, with the school day beginning at 9:40 a.m. Buses will still run for all students; they will simply run the routes 2 ½ hours later than normal school days. Therefore, if a student normally catches the bus at 6:30 a.m., he or she should expect to catch it on an SLC late arrival day at 9 a.m.

## Metro Schools revises 2009-2010 Calendar

The MNPS revised school year calendar is available for you to review. The new calendar includes several adjustments recommended by the administration to better accommodate the need for professional development with the needs of families to arrange their schedules when students are not in school.

There was a slight change in version sent last week this is the most accurate calendar. To view calendar click <http://www.mnps.org/Page2304.aspx>

### **Paragon Mills will be host site for Hands on Nashville Community Health Fair**

Hands on Nashville will host a Community Health Fair, Sunday Nov. 9, from 1:30-4 p.m. at Paragon Mills Elementary, located on 260 Paragon Mills Road. The fair is free and open to the public. The Community Health Fair will provide area residents and families with resources to encourage healthy living.

- Services and education being offered will be:
- Free Eye Exams by Optometrists
- Free Screening for blood sugar
- Free Screening for high blood pressure
- Free information from Health Assist Tennessee
- Free Information from Bridges to Care
- Free Information from other Health Agencies

If you have any questions contact Josh Corlew at Hands on Nashville, 615-298-1108 ext. 111 or Mary Holland Paragon Mills at 615-333-5170 ext. 2122.

### **Overton High School wins Good Sports Recycle Challenge**

Recently, MNPS, Metro Beautification, ORS Recycling, Metro Public Works, Mayor Karl Dean, and the Tennessean teamed up to encourage and support school recycling for the first Good Recycling Challenge, and Overton High School was the winner. During the week of Oct. 20-24, Overton and McGavock High Schools were challenged to collect as much as recycling as possible. QRS Recycling presented an award of \$200 to Overton High School and an award of \$100 to McGavock High School.

### **Inglewood Elementary School helps fight tobacco**

Oct. 30 fourth grade students from Inglewood Elementary School participated in Tar Wars<sup>®</sup>, an anti-tobacco education program for kids from the American Academy of Family Physicians. Tar Wars<sup>®</sup> focuses on information about the short term effects of tobacco usage, the reasons people use tobacco and how tobacco advertising influences the use of tobacco products.

Andrea Carey, from the MNPS office of Coordinated School Health, presented the interactive lesson to the students. Inglewood's participation makes their students eligible to participate in the accompanying state and nationwide Tar Wars<sup>®</sup> poster contest. Winners at the state level are will compete for monetary prizes ranging from \$50 to \$175 and a grand prize of an all expense paid trip to Washington, DC, in July to compete in the National poster contest. Good Luck Inglewood!

### **Mt. View Elementary participates in "JA in a Day"**



Oct. 25, HSBC Bank USA employees took over the entire fourth grade class at Mt. View Elementary School, implementing a learning program called "JA (Junior Achievement) in a Day." The fourth graders received five lessons in one day on topics of business, resources and the economy. The lessons were all designed to include hands-on activities, group interaction and classroom discussions.

Junior Achievement of Middle Tennessee aims to enhance the education of K-12 students through classroom programs that focus on

the free enterprise system, workforce readiness, and entrepreneurship.

**AHS Dance Department will perform “October 32<sup>nd</sup>”**

Antioch High School Dance Department will perform “October 32<sup>nd</sup>,” Friday, Nov. 14, and Saturday, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m., in the Antioch High School auditorium. You may purchase tickets in advance for \$5 each or \$8 at the door.

“October 32<sup>nd</sup>” is what happens between Halloween and Christmas. The program was choreographed by Michelle Burlingame, French Foreign Language teacher.

**Overton High School competes in “Taste of Elegance”**

John Overton High School Culinary Arts Team was the only MNPS to participate in the Tennessee Pork Producers Association “Taste of Elegance,” Oct. 27, at the Manchester-Coffee County Conference Center in Manchester, Tenn. Overton’s team, consisting of David Wright and Makarious Daniel, won first place in the *Best Table and Display* competition and third place in the *Cooking* competition.

Each team had to develop a main entrée recipe utilizing a center cut pork loin or tenderloin. Teams also had to incorporate a “Pick TN Product” while cooking.

**Martin Luther King wins first Cross Country title**

Martin Luther King, Jr., Magnet School won first place in the Class A/AA cross country meet at Percy Warner Park Steeplechase course. This is MLK’s first-ever state title in cross country. Joseph DeHarde passed several runners in the last 150 yards of the race to help the Lions win. Congratulations MLK!

**4<sup>th</sup> annual Rocket Blast will be held at Ruby Major**

Ruby Major Elementary School will host their 4th annual Rocket Blast, Friday, Nov. 14, from 5 - 8 p.m. This event is free and dinner will be served.

Also during the evening there will be a Silent Auction from 5 - 7:30 p.m. and a live auction at 7:30 p.m. The Silent Auction will include items such as hotel getaways, golf foursomes, Adventure Science Center tickets, Nashville Shores tickets, theme baskets, restaurant gift certificates, destination packages, and more. The Live Auction will have items such as an autographed guitar from Kenny Chesney, limo ride, six tickets to a Predators game, autographed poster of MCA recording artist Josh Turner, an autographed Gold Fiddle from Charlie Daniels, and much more.

For more information contact the PTO of Ruby Major Elementary at (615) 232-2203.

**Neely’s Bend Middle School will host a Spaghetti Dinner/Forensics Night**

Neely’s Bend Middle School will host a Spaghetti Dinner/Forensics Night, Tuesday, Nov. 11, from 5:30 – 7 p.m. The \$4 spaghetti dinner will include food, drink and dessert. For children under 12 the dinner is \$3.

During dinner Mrs. Parrish’s eighth grade Forensic class will perform several forensics pieces. The performances will be:

- Forensics Class: “Heaven’s Grocery Store”

- Otis Nunes: “I Am the Best”
- Robert Morris: “What It Was Was Football”
- Ashley Cashman: “The Button”
- Valeria Espinoza: “Phenomenal Woman”
- Mckay Matthews: “Please God, I’m Only Seventeen”
- Kanisha Watkins: “Karen”
- Danyi Ravelo: “Death of an Innocent”
- Brandy Flenoy: “You Don’t Live on My Street”

### **Glencliff High School shadowing at AT&T**

Nov. 12, seventy-five Glencliff High School students will be shadowing AT&T employees with the assistance of the Junior Achievement program. The students will be split up into two groups, one will go to the downtown office and the other group will go to the Brentwood office. Students will be served lunch.

### **MNPS Students tour Music Row**

Thirty-nine MNPS students recently participated in the Junior Achievement’s 11<sup>th</sup> annual Music Row Job Shadow Day program. The program allows Middle Tennessee high school students the opportunity to explore all the components of the music industry. The students’ day began with a question-and-answer session at Rocketown with Jack Gavin, drummer and road manager for Tanya Tucker. Gavin also gave the students a tour of a million-dollar tour bus.

Fourteen companies around Nashville participated, including veteran companies Compass Records, Curb Records, Haber Corporation and Word Entertainment. First-time participants included Sony/ATV Nashville, Still Working Music and NSAI.

### **Percy Priest Third Graders Tour the World**



Oct. 30, third graders at Percy Priest Elementary went on a whirlwind world tour, visiting six of the seven continents.

Each classroom, along with the school library, was transformed into a foreign land. Teachers dressed in native costumes and shared information about the culture, customs, geography, wildlife, and history of that continent. Students used passports, complete with photos and stamps, to record their travels. The students visited Japan,

European countries including Greece and the Netherlands, and Australia. Other stops on the world tour included Antarctica, Africa and South America. The third grade students will visit many of these foreign lands again in December, for a study of holiday customs around the world.

### **Goldstars After School Programs are a success**

The Goldstars After School Program, funded by the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Grant is off to an excellent start at Cole, Glenview, Napier Enhanced Option, Wright and Donelson Schools. There are 240 student participants in grades 2 - 8 with 24 educators on staff. Through the after school program, students receive assistance in homework and use specific skills from ThinkLink Reading and Math tests.

The PENCIL Foundation is currently orchestrating the enrichment component of the program consisting of activities conducted by the Adventure Science Center, Tennessee Consumer and

Nutritional Educational Council, Nashville Symphony and the Belmont University Science Department.

### **Percy Priest fourth graders display artwork in Green Hills**

Original artwork by fourth grade students at Percy Priest Elementary School will be on display at the Green Hills Public Library, Nov.12-30. The exhibit is part of Percy Priest's *Tigers Around Town* series of community art shows. Each year, artwork by Percy Priest students is displayed in various locations, including Maggie Moo's, Davis-Kidd Booksellers, and the Green Hills library.

After reading *Skippy Jon Jones* by Judy Schachner and studying some self-portraits by other artists, the fourth grade students created sculptures designed to depict their alter egos.

### **Gateway Elementary holds "Gator Showdown"**

Gateway Elementary School celebrated learning with a "Gator Showdown," Oct. 30. Each class creatively demonstrated a learned standard/objective in a variety of ways. Students demonstrated skills in speaking and listening, math, social studies, writing, reading, language, art and physical education. During this event Cornerstone Church presented the school with a brand new microwave oven. The "Gator Showdown" of learning will be repeated three more times during this school year.

### **Head Magnet Student Council Members Help Feed the Homeless**

Head Magnet School seventh and eighth grade council members assisted Spruce Street Baptist Church in their mission to feed the homeless every Tuesday. This event began 18 years ago and continues to serve the homeless community today. Four Head Magnet school students, accompanied by the students council sponsor, work with Spruce Street church members feeding more than 80 people each Tuesday, working in the food line and cleaning up after each meal.

### **Glenciff High School will host Health Fair and Screening**

Glenciff High School will be hosting "LIVE IT" Pre-Holiday Health Fair and Screening, Nov. 12 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. The "LIVE IT" program will provide free health screenings for blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes, and more. Translators will be available and childcare will be provided. This event is free and open to the public.

### **Other Upcoming Events**

- Nov. 9           Harambee Festival Centennial Park, 1:30 p.m.
- Nov.10           SLC High School Late Arrival
- Nov. 11           Overton Guitar Concert, 6 p.m.
- Nov. 11           Glendale Kindergarten Mother Goose program, 8:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 12           Glenciff High School Pre-Holiday Health Fair and Screening, 5:30 -7:30 pm.
- Nov. 13           Hume-Fogg Academic High School Band Concert, 7 p.m.
- Nov. 13           Alex Green 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Program, 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 13-14       East Literature Magnet School Play, Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- Nov. 13-15       Hillsboro High School Theatre Department presents *Cinderella*, 7 p.m.
- Nov. 14           MNPS Middle School Honors Band Concert, 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 14-15       Antioch High School Dance Department presents "October 32nd," 7 p.m.



To request an accommodation, please contact your building principal or department head. (Interpreters for the deaf or hard of hearing must be requested forty-eight [48] hours prior to the event.) Questions or concerns may be referred to the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools Customer Service Center, 615/259-4636.

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