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Antioch Town Meeting on later HS start times

The Antioch Cluster Parent Group, comprised of parents from all seven Antioch cluster schools, are hosting an Antioch Town Meeting, allowing students in the Cane Ridge and Antioch clusters the opportunity to voice their opinions about the proposed time swap of middle and high school start times. The Town Hall Meeting will take place in the Antioch High School Auditorium on Wednesday, Feb. 24, at 6:30 p.m. Councilman Duane Dominy will be moderating the event, and students will lead the discussion. All community members are welcome to attend and provide feedback.

MNPS will be taking the next year to study the possibility of moving the high school start time to 9 a.m. This would also change the middle school start time to 7:30 a.m., and the elementary start time to 8:15 a.m. Parents who would like to share their thoughts on the switch can do so by emailing customerservice@mnps.org.

Ask & Enroll Nights for Open Enrollment

MNPS Student Assignment Department will be hosting a series of Ask & Enroll Nights to assist families in learning which schools have open seating and how to apply. Open Enrollment runs the entire month of March. Students can apply to any of the zoned schools that have open seats. The Ask & Enroll Nights will be held from 5 – 7 p.m., Thursday, March 4, at John Early; Monday, March 8, at Antioch Middle; and Tuesday, March 9, at Stratford High. Parents can also visit or call the MNPS Customer Service Center Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. For more information and to see a list of schools included in this year's Open Enrollment, visit www.mnps.org.



Pre-K Registration starts March 1

The MNPS Pre-K application process is right around the corner. Parents interested in submitting an application for a child can do so Monday, March 1 – Friday, March 5. Applications must be picked up at and turned in at school sites. For more information, including required forms and immunizations as well as a list of Pre-K programs, visit www.mnps.org.

Chamber praises school progress

The Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce released its 17th annual Report Card of Metro Schools this week. The report praised the improvements of district schools under the leadership of Dr. Jesse Register, and offered several key recommendations for further improving the public education system. To view the report, visit www.mnps.org.

Celebrating CTE Month – Maplewood teacher makes history



T.J. Williams, the first African American female automotive teacher in the school district, knows how to motivate and inspire her students. Teaching students about brake systems, steering and suspension, and car electronics is second-nature for the 28 year automotive veteran. Williams graduated from Nashville Auto Diesel College and has experience in everything from diesel school bus mechanics to automotive store supervision. For more on Williams and her students are doing, visit www.mnps.org and click on **PROGRAMS >> SUBJECT AREAS AND COURSES >> CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION**.

Williams is being recognized as part of the state's proclamation that February is CTE Month. Next week, we'll see why students at Cane Ridge are taking math and science to a new level!

Hillsboro students to meet with global leader

Monday, Feb. 22, Hillsboro High School's Advanced Placement (AP) Human Geography students will head north to sit in on Archbishop Desmond Tutu's Presidential Lecture at Murray State University. Archbishop Tutu, whose own granddaughter will be among the Hillsboro students in attendance, will discuss his global leadership in forging a more peaceful world, a topic directly related to the students' current analysis of Political Geography and peace/conflict.

To make this rare learning experience even more meaningful, Murray State University has planned a day of different activities for the students. From campus tours to sessions on studying abroad, the students will learn about the experiences and opportunities available at MSU. They will also get the opportunity to speak with admissions representatives about the application process and learn about scholarship possibilities. AP Human Geography teacher Christian Sawyer and parent chaperones will accompany the students.

A native of South Africa, Archbishop Tutu has spent his life as a public servant, both in education and in the ministry. In 1984, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his tireless work to support justice and racial conciliation in South Africa.

McGavock, Hillwood and Whites Creek represent at regional HOSA competition

More than 40 students from McGavock, Hillwood, and Whites Creek high schools put MNPS on the middle Tennessee HOSA (Health and Occupational Services of America) map with their outstanding performances at the 2010 HOSA competition. The students competed individually and in teams in everything from dental spelling to sports medicine. Highlights include first place wins by McGavock students Logan Shirley and Greg Smith in Medical Math and First Aid/Rescue Breathing, respectively; first place wins by Hillwood students Trinh Le in Dental Spelling, Hani Nofal in Nutrition, Rose Pierre in Physical Therapy, Courtney Mercer in Sports Medicine, Jocelyn Miller in Prepared Speaking, Stephanie Austin and Ana Antunovic in Community Awareness Team (for their project on Infant Mortality), T.J. Allison, Shivani Pandya and Ashley Baker in Medical Reading Team, and Ebonee Lee and Maria Ramirez in Health Education Team (the pair spent a day teaching classes on calcium, exercise and bone health at H.G.Hill Middle School); and first place wins by Whites Creek students Amber Pryor in Emergency Preparedness, Morgan Everett in Medical Photography, Josh White in Researched Persuasive Speaking, LaToni Turner in Extemporaneous Speaking, Johnny Bond in Emergency Preparedness, and Kaitlyn Carter in Job Seeking Skills.

These students are all enrolled in health and science academies at their individual schools. These academies are part of the district's high school improvement plans. They provide students the opportunity to study rigorous curriculum in relevant settings. McGavock students are led by teachers Danielle Nikolaiczky and Michael Ebert, Hillwood students are led by teachers Jana Myrick and Dina Stark, and Whites Creek students are led by teacher Lora Hickman. Congratulations to all students and teachers!

The wonders of Vitamin C!

It helps form the connective tissue that holds your body together; it keeps capillaries healthy and prevent bruising; it helps gums stay healthy; and it aids in iron absorption. What is it? Vitamin C! Found in most fruits and vegetables, Vitamin C plays an important role in your overall good health. To give your body a Vitamin C boost, go for the oranges, grapefruits, or their juices; these fruits have a high content of Vitamin C. This tip is provided by the MNPS Food Services Department.

Two Metro principals complete Superintendents Academy

Madison Middle School Principal Dr. Nancy Meador (pictured left) and Napier Enhanced Option Elementary Principal Dr.



Sharon Williams (pictured right) recently completed the Prospective Superintendents Academy hosted by the Tennessee School Board Association, the Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents, and the Niswonger Foundation. The program is designed to build high quality leaders for the state's education systems.



The Academy provides 16 days of training designed to help those with experience in such fields as education, business, military, government or public service acquire the unique knowledge and skills necessary to manage a school system. Courses were taught by top educational leaders from across Tennessee,

and sessions covered subjects including school finance, school law, board relations, technology, personnel, and facilities management. Upon completion of the program, candidates receive certification from the Academy's independent review board consisting of educators and business leaders. Candidates are evaluated for their work product, portfolios, class participation, and a final oral presentation. Congratulations Dr. Meador and Dr. Williams!

Cane Ridge teacher to present at national conference

Cane Ridge teacher LaTricia Adams has been selected to present *Exploring the African Diaspora in the Spanish Classroom* at the 2010 American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP) Annual Conference Program. The conference, now in its 92nd year, will be held July 10-13, at the Hotel Presidente Intercontinental in Guadalajara, México. Adams' sessions will be in accordance with more than 200 other sessions and seminars designed to deliver professional development and networking opportunities.

Three schools recognized for outstanding character education

Stanford Elementary Montessori, Ruby Major Elementary, and Granbery Elementary have been recognized by the State Department of Education as models for improving attitudes and behaviors in their schools. The schools regularly incorporate character education across the curriculum. Representatives from the schools presented program details, along with strategy and outcomes, to the state in this annual competition.

Quilts, books, and families warm hearts in Goodlettsville

Thursday, Feb. 25, parents of Goodlettsville Elementary students are invited to Quilts, Books, and Families Warm Our Hearts, the school's 1st grade family night. School staff will be celebrating the 1st graders' studies of the art and history of quilt-making. Visitors will see student-made quilts, as well as antique quilts; they can visit the Storytime Café for a snack, or join in with the Rockin Readers! The fun begins at 5 p.m.

Hillwood students bake cakes for Bellevue

A unique and thoughtful service learning project is bridging the gap between middle and high school and also creating a strong community bond. This school year, Bellevue Middle School's counseling program and Hillwood High School's culinary arts program have partnered each month to provide a "birthday table" for the students at Bellevue. Each month, BMS donates cake mix to Hillwood's culinary arts students, who in turn bake, decorate and deliver cupcakes to Bellevue Middle School for all the students who have had a birthday that month. The benefits of this program are enormous. The middle schoolers feel special on their birthdays, they get an opportunity to meet a senior from Hillwood, and they get a glimpse of one of the career-based academies now offered at Hillwood. High school culinary arts students are getting hands-on learning opportunities, and they are building strong relationships and giving back to one of the middle schools in their community.



S-U-C-C-E-S-S ... Success! At the city spelling bee

MNPS students had a great showing at the recent area spelling bees. In the **2010 Metro-Kathryn C. Mitchell Spelling Bee**, first place was claimed by Donna Gunn, Isaiah T. Creswell Arts Magnet School and second place was awarded to Aditya Srivastava, H. G. Hill Middle School. Meanwhile, at the **2010 Davidson County Spelling Bee**, first Place honors went to a student from Davidson Academy, and second place was awarded to Dezha Sexton, Wright Middle School. Congratulations!

Apollo students featured on Fox

Students and staff at Apollo Middle School were recently featured by the local Fox affiliate. The school has formed a unique partnership with David Lipscomb University for a special conflict management training series. Students are learning how to deal with their emotions positively. At the end of the program, 40 Apollo students will be trained peer conflict leaders. They will assist the administration in making positive and lasting changes at the school. To see the report, visit http://www.fox17.com/newsroom/special_reports/vid_274.shtml.

John Early awarded beautification grant

Congratulations to John Early Middle School for being awarded a \$3,500 school beautification grant from Home Depot. The funds will be used for landscaping and to purchase furniture for the school's main atrium and hallway.

Pearl-Cohn students prove they are future business leaders

Last week student members of the Pearl-Cohn Chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) celebrated national FBLA week as well as CTE month with a wide variety of activities. Students participated in "pledge day" where they had to recite the FBLA pledge to staff members in order to earn their FBLA pledge button. They also teamed up for a scavenger hunt, provided assistance to teachers for "Helping Hands" day, and sharpened their business skills by running a Valentine's Day message and candy delivery service. Students raised money to donate to Haiti relief efforts by hosting a "Blue Jeans for Haiti" day where the student body was allowed to wear jeans to school by making donations. The week was capped off with a celebratory luau for all the hard work and with a community service project at Second Harvest Food bank on Saturday, Feb. 13 (pictured to the right).



Antioch students headed to state competition

Several Antioch High students competed and placed in the recent Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) District Competition which was held Feb. 12 in Clarksville. Many of the students will now advance to the state competition which will be held this April.

The Antioch winners are:

Sakile Gordan	Illustrated Talk	Silver
Kadijah Lockhart	Illustrated Talk	Silver
Kimberly Kinnard	Illustrated Talk	Silver
Mycolya Thompson	Illustrated Talk	Bronze
Na'Tasha Gordan-Brown	Illustrated Talk	Bronze
Dominique Braden	Career Investigation	Gold
Niecy Eubanks	Job Placement	Gold
Brianna Barnes	Focus On Children	Gold
Brittany Grant	Focus On Children	Gold
Marlyn Botros	Creed	Gold
Clayressa Lawrence	Interpersonal Communication	Silver
Shalonda Hamilton	Interpersonal Communication	Silver
Amber Victory	Interpersonal Communication	Bronze
Angel Nim	Interpersonal Communication	Bronze
Kaneshia Johnson	Interpersonal Communication	Bronze

Hunters Lane teacher headed to East Asia

Margo Buschek, social studies and geography teacher in the International Baccalaureate Programme at Hunters Lane High School, has been selected by the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA) to travel to East Asia this summer. Buschek will gain firsthand knowledge of Eastern Asia that she will bring back and share with colleagues and students.

The NCTA is funded by the Freeman Foundation and is a multi-year initiative designed to encourage and facilitate teaching and learning about Asia in world history, geography, social studies and literature courses.

Head Middle recommended for accreditation

Head Middle Magnet School recently completed the accreditation process with a two day visit from a Quality Assurance Review Team. The team spent two days at the school -- Wednesday, Feb. 17 and Thursday, Feb. 18. At the conclusion of the visit, the Quality Assurance Review Team recommended to the AdvancED Commission that Head Middle Magnet School of Math and Science be awarded accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI) as a quality school. Congratulations!



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