

Murfreesboro

City Schools

November 2016 Newsletter - Happy Veteran's Day

Newell Named Principal of the Year for Middle Grand Division.



Robin Newell, principal of Mitchell-Neilson Schools was named the Principal of the Year Winner for the Middle Grand Division.

Each year a public school principal earns the distinction as Tennessee Principal of the Year. This award is given for merit worthy service in education and outstanding leadership that causes overall improvements in their school. Nominees must have a minimum of three years' experience as a principal and a minimum of five years' experience in the Tennessee public schools.

Nine finalists represented each Center of Regional

MURFREESBORO CITY SCHOOLS
every day matters

Murfreesboro City Schools wants you to know that coming to school on time, every day is important.

If children don't show up for school regularly, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills. They miss the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers.

Chronic absenteeism in kindergarten, and even preK, can predict lower test scores, poor attendance and retention in later grades.

MCS wants to help our students stay on track and build good attendance habits. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college and at work.

Let's work together to reach our goal of making sure our students are at school on time and ready to learn!

The first step is realizing that Everyday Matters.

Community Outreach

Excellence (CORE) region in the state, with three finalists in each Grand Division, West, Middle and East. Grand Division winners and the Principal of the Year were selected from this group and announced on Oct. 25, 2016, during the department's LEAD Conference.

Discovery Robotics

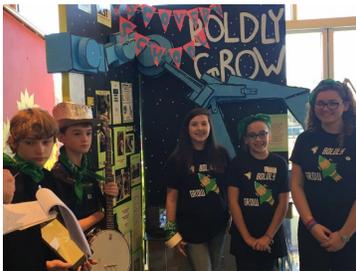


Discovery School placed 3rd place Overall BEST award for the third year in a row at the Music City BEST Robotics Competition.

The team earned high marks in several areas including placing 1st in engineering design notebook, Founders Award for Creative Robot Design, Best t-shirt design and TVA Award for Safety.

Preparation for the competition requires dozens of hours worth of work including after school and weekend work.

Awesome job Discovery!



American Education Week

Parent Class



The Murfreesboro City Schools Outreach Department begins their informative parent assembly series on November 14, 6 pm at Discovery School. This series is open to all MCS parents and will be held.

Part one will focus on Intensities of Gifted Children. This session is designed to help families better understand the emotions of gifted children and offer strategies to help kids cope with their feelings and passions.

Licensed Family Therapist Robbie Robinson Hutchens will lead this session. She specializes in the unique needs of gifted children.

Questions regarding the series or workshop should be directed to Outreach Coordinator Jolene Radnoti 615-893-2313 or jolene.radnoti@cityschools.net.

Foundation Grant Reception

The City Schools Foundation is proud to announce \$52,774.76 in grant funding has been awarded to Murfreesboro City Schools teachers for the 2016-17 foundation grant cycle. 27 grants were awarded to far-reaching and engaging grants focused in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math.



November 14-18 is American Education Week. This week honors and recognizes the contributions of all individuals involved in making sure children receive a quality public education. The week-long celebration highlights the importance of bringing together educators, parents, students, and communities in a unified effort to build great public schools.

Discovery School Applications Available

The Discovery School at Bellwood is now accepting applications for the 2017-18 school year. A parent information meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 15 at 6 p.m. for parents interested in learning more about the admission process. Application deadline is Friday, January 6, 2017.

Discovery School was created to serve high achieving students. At Discovery School, students quickly learn the basics and then move deeper into the curriculum. Students also enjoy enrichment activities and use school electronics to enhance the learning experience. In addition, students are offered unique opportunities for learning through partnerships with MTSU and other organizations.



Darlene Thomas	Erma Siegel
Dr. Kristy Mall	Discovery
Meredith Gilliland	Hobgood
Jessica Jacobs	Scales
Meredith Davis	Scales
Amber Kelly	Scales
Lisa Bowe	Scales
Luke Hill	Overall Creek
Shae Miga, Iliana Senior, Tonya Cannon	Reeves-Rogers
Micky Brooks & Trent Cheeves	District-wide
Kelly Adams Harris	Northfield
Tara McCamey	Erma Siegel
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Lea Bartch	District-wide
Meri-Leigh Smith	District-wide
Cindy Cliche	District-wide
Anna Buchholtz	Cason Lane
Beth Carter	Reeves-Rogers
Neely Embree	Mitchell-Neilson
Debbie Hickerson	Cason Lane
Felicia Jackson	Cason Lane
Rachel Slough	Scales
Sarah Chumney & Taba Karna	Cason Lane
Michelle Eaton	Erma Siegel
Rachel Prater & Jennie Bucaro	Mitchell-Neilson
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Bess Turner	Discovery

For more information visit their school [website](#).

MCS receives ACE's Grant



Murfreesboro City Schools has been awarded a \$200,000 grant from the Department of Children's Services to address Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) such as household dysfunctions, neglect or abuse. The services funded by this grant will promote prevention of ACEs by educating school staff, parents, and community partners regarding childhood trauma and the impact of ACEs on a child's physical and social development.

As a protective factor against ACEs, this program will enhance social connections within the family and greater community by providing targeted and intensive small group intervention for students who are identified at-risk and then linking the students to available school-based and community services. Likewise, parents will receive parent training and support and be linked with community partners to build positive social connections.

By promoting the prevention of ACEs and the mitigation of the impact of adverse childhood experiences, the services and programs funded by this grant will improve academic success, improve physical and emotional health, increase parent-child interactions, and strengthen social connections for students within the Murfreesboro City Schools and their families.

Cason Lane Beta Club

Cason Lane's Junior Beta Club students are leading the charge towards excellence. Recently chartered, the club consists of 20 fourth and fifth grade students who promote the ideals of academic achievement, character, service, and leadership.

This year they will promote the school-wide expectations of respectfulness, responsibility and reliability by participating in community service activities such as helping a needy family during the holidays, raising money for children who struggle with Leukemia and Lymphoma and helping students with special needs.

Academically, students meet or exceed grade level expectations. During the upcoming Junior Beta Club competition, four Cason Lane students will be compete in the categories of Social Studies, Math, Language Arts, and Poetry.

Students will be honored during the Student Induction Ceremony in May where they will receive certificates and celebrate their successes.

Great job Cason Lane!



Achievement Announcement!

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Congratulations to Mrs. Dianne Hall for being named Girls on the Run (GOTR) Coach of the Year of Middle Tennessee. Mrs. Hall has been working very hard with girls grades 3-6 as the Overall Creek GOTR coach.

The after school program uses running to celebrate girls, build self-esteem and promote healthy living.

Successful Socktober



Over 150 pairs of socks along with paper plates, silverware, paper towels were collected by Cason Lane Academy during their Socktober drive.

In the News.....

[Bradley Academy Celebrates World Peace Day](#)

[Bradley Academy Hosts Bess](#)



Congratulations! Scales students took home awards at the Soils Conservation District (RCSCD) Annual Dinner and Awards. Jack Slifka - 1st place winner in the 4th-6th gr. poster contest "We All Need Trees." Jack's poster will now go on to the state competition. Aiden Eisenga also won 3rd place in the competition.

Camp Boro News



Every student deserves a summer camp experience, however, not all camps are designed with special campers in mind. Camp BORO, a collaboration between ESP and the Department of Special Education, will host it's 2nd annual camp this summer June 5th-9th at Scales Elementary. Volunteers will be needed. Please mark this date and contact [Melissa Snyder](#) for additional details.

Dates to Remember

- Nov. 10 Northfield Holiday Luncheons Begin
- Nov. 11 [Veteran's Day](#)
- Nov. 11 Cason Lane Veteran's Day Program
- Nov. 11 Mitchell-Neilson Veteran's Day Program
- Nov. 14 Parent Session Part 1 @ Discovery

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MTSU Holds Tennis Clinic for MCS Students

- Nov. 14 American Education Week Begins
- Nov. 15 Discovery Holiday Luncheons Begin
- Nov. 18 Bradley Holiday Meal
- Nov. 18 Northfield Royal Run Fun Night
- Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Break
- Nov. 28 Basketball Tournaments Begin
- Dec. 2 Cason Lane Choral Performance Downtown Square
- Dec. 19 Winter Break Starts
- Jan. 4 Students Return to School

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