

Murfreesboro

City Schools

March 2017
Newsletter

Lights! Camera! Action!

The Oscars came to Patterson Park! With red carpet interviews and golden statues, Murfreesboro City Schools' Extended School Program kicked off its first Lego Stop Motion Movie Maker Awards.

Each movie was made using a suite of tools that professional stop-motion animators use. For a full list of winners, please visit the MCS website.

Great job to all of the participants!



Murfreesboro Earth Day & Contest



Murfreesboro City Schools is a proud sponsor of the 2017 Murfreesboro Earth Day

Invention Convention Winners

Congratulations to Erma Siegel's students on winning the 2017 Invention Convention!

Fifth grade Erma Siegel students, Kameryn Galland, Skye Roberts, and Erin Higgins, are headed to the National Invention Convention set for June in Washington, D.C. The trio received first place in the 5th Grade "Make Life Easier" category with an E-Z Swing Suit during MTSU's 25th Annual Invention Convention. In total, fourteen MCS students received ribbons or trophies for their 2017 creations.

The E-Z Swing Suit allows students with balance issues to be supported in a traditional swing utilizing a vest that is hooked to the swing's chains.



With over 340 entries, Murfreesboro City School students brought home multiple awards including:

- * First Place, 5th Grade Make Life Easier: "E-Z Swing Suit" by Kameryn Galland, Skye Roberts and Erin Higgins, Erma Siegel Elementary
- * State Farm Excellence Award, 5th Grade Make Life Easier: "Teacher's Pet" by Rachel Ashby and Zeina Ahmad, Northfield Elementary
- * State Farm Excellence Award, 6th Grade Games: "Surviving Ancient History" by Zachary Jones, John Pittard Elementary
- * Best Presentation, 4th Grade Games: "Jungle Run" by Harrison Zolt and Austin Bragg, Erma Siegel Elementary
- * Best Presentation, 5th Grade Games: "Laser Race" by Taylin Rischer, Kyleigh England and Marisa Phanthavongsa, Erma Siegel Elementary

Celebration. Students across Murfreesboro and Rutherford County are invited to participate in the Student Video Contest as part of the 2017 Murfreesboro Earth Day Celebration.

Do you have an idea to help save the bees? Have you created a bee sanctuary? Do you have a cool way to increase knowledge about bee decline? Form a team and complete a project that encompasses the theme "Nothing would sting more, than bee extinction". Winners will be announced during the Earth Day Celebration on April 22.

Click [here](#) for more information

MCS Summer Camps

MCS is proud to offer these summer camps for students in addition to the many activities offered through the Extended School Program.

Boys to Men Camp - May 30 - June 9
8:00a.m.-2:00p.m. Registration - \$25, due by Friday, May 19th Limit - 25 students (MCS students only) Rising 5th & 6th graders
Campsite - Reeves-Rogers Elementary.

Free breakfast and lunch for all participants!

The camp will offer hands-on learning opportunities as well as expose participants to activities related to life skills, sports and leisure, positive peer relationships and career choices. For additional information, please call Greg Lyles at 615-893-2313 or greg.lyles@cityschools.net.

G.E.M.S. Girls Camp - May 30 - June 9
8:00a.m.-2:00 p.m. Registration - \$25, due by Friday, May 19th Limit - 25 students (MCS students only) Rising 5th & 6th graders
Campsite - Reeves-Rogers Elementary.

Free breakfast and lunch for all participants!

Girls Empowered & Motivated for Success is being offered to inspire nurture, and expose girls to enrichment activities that build self-esteem, character, and leadership. Fun and exciting activities just for girls. For additional information, please call Greg Lyles at 615-893-2313 or greg.lyles@cityschools.net.

Camp Boro - June 5 - June 9
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Campsite - Scales Elementary

Camp Boro is a week-long summer camp experience for MCS special education comprehensive development students in grades kindergarten - 6. Camp Boro will include special events, visitors, games, arts, activities and so much more for students with

* Best Presentation, 6th Grade Make Life Easier: "The Help N Sweeper" by Robbie Daniel, Scales Elementary
* Champion, 5th Grade Games: "Compounding" by Emilio Gomez Garcia, John Pittard Elementary
* Champion, 6th Grade Games: "Build a Band" by Wyatt Murphy, Scales Elementary

Kindergarten & Pre-K Registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2017-18 school year will be held on May 4-5, 2017. All children entering kindergarten must be five years old on or before August 15, 2017. Click [here](#) for additional information.

Applications for the MCS Pre-K program will be accepted April 3-13 at any Murfreesboro City School between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. or April 17-28 at Oakland Court Preschool from 8:30-3:00 p.m. Children must be 4 years old, but not yet 5 years old, on August 15, 2017 to qualify for preschool. Click [here](#) for additional information.

Preschool and kindergarten are wonderful years to grow socially, emotionally, physically and intellectually. We are honored to welcome you and your child to Murfreesboro City Schools.



If I Had a Hammer House Build at Hobgood



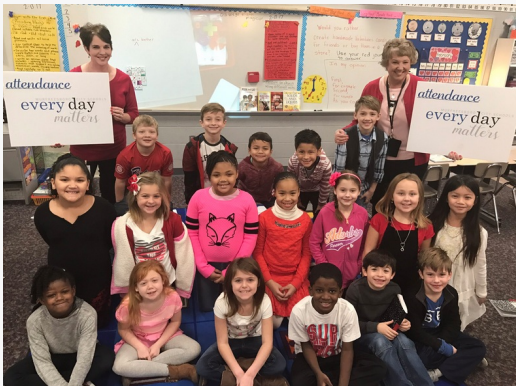
special needs.

For more information, contact Melissa Snyder at Melissa.snyder@cityschools.net or 615-893-2313.



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

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



United Way Offers Free Tax Assistance

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free tax help to people who generally make \$64,000 or less. IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals.

For more information visit www.yourlocalvita.org or call (615) 971-8678.

In the News.....

[Students Receive Top Awards](#)

[Two Murfreesboro City Schools chosen as Model of Demonstration School](#)

[Murfreesboro City Schools Students Design Their Dream Home](#)

Sounds of hammers and drills echoed in the Hobgood Elementary gymnasium as 25 fifth-grade Murfreesboro City Schools students put math skills to practical use for Hammer Build.






The hands-on project is part of "If I Had a Hammer," a curriculum based in hands-on applications of fractions. Over a three-hour period, the students - with help from a few tall adults - built a full-size playhouse on the gym floor.

All 12 schools are scheduled to participate in the build starting next week.

Dates to Remember

- March 23 Me & My Family Night
Cason Lane Academy
- March 23 Fine Arts Night at JPE
- March 27 Spring Break Starts
- March 29 Oakland's Mansion Day Camp
- April 6 Boro Book Battle
- April 13 Art Show Reception at City Hall
- April 14 Good Friday (No School)
- April 21 Read to Bee at Patterson Park
- April 22 Earth Day
- May 25 Last Half Day for Students

Stay Connected:

-  Visit our website
-  Follow us on Twitter
-  Like us on Facebook
-  View flyers at Peachjar
-  Watch videos on Vimeo

Murfreesboro City Schools
2552 South Church Street, Suite 100
Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37127
lisa.trail@cityschools.net

