

# Murfreesboro

City Schools

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## **MCS 2016 Teachers of the Year**

(Murfreesboro, TN) Murfreesboro City Schools is proud to announce the 2016 Teachers of the Year. Teachers from each school were nominated for the prestigious education award given by the Tennessee Department of Education.

The 2016 System Level recipients for Murfreesboro City Schools are:

- Julie Parish – Kindergarten Teacher at Reeves-Rogers Elementary
- Meredith Gilliland – Fifth Grade Teacher at Hobgood Elementary

Building Level Teacher of the Year recipients include:

| <b>School</b>            | <b>K-4</b>       | <b>Grades 5-6</b>  |
|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Black Fox Elementary     | Deeann Stephens  | Sanita Smith       |
| Bradley Academy          | Stephanie Turner | Rebecca Few        |
| Mitchell-Neilson School  | Rachel Prater    | Matt Clarady       |
| Scales Elementary        | Beverly Soapes   | Xan Laskco         |
| Hobgood Elementary       | Cheri Purdie     | Meredith Gilliland |
| Cason Lane Academy       | Carrie Smith     | Elizabeth Shepherd |
| Erma Siegel Elementary   | Rachel Haynes    | Angela Pope        |
| Overall Creek Elementary | Jennifer DeFere  | Luke Hill          |
| Discovery School         | Jenny Newsome    | Charlotte Young    |
| Northfield Elementary    | Mary Orcutt      | Kelley Ruth        |
| John Pittard Elementary  | Spring Harris    | Kenne McWhorter    |
| Reeves-Rogers Elementary | Julie Parrish    | Erin Lebo          |

“It is a pleasure to recognize and celebrate exceptionally skilled educators,” says Linda Gilbert, MCS Director of Schools. “These recipients are passionate about their work and the children they serve. They personify the definition of an exemplary educator.”

Teacher of the Year nominees are selected by their peers and must meet selection criteria. An important qualification in being selected as Teacher of the Year is the ability to inspire learning in students of all backgrounds and abilities. The teachers will be honored on March 15.

The Tennessee Teacher of the Year program is designed to promote recognition, respect and appreciation for teachers, to stimulate interest in teaching as a career, and to encourage public involvement in education.

Murfreesboro City Schools is a district of twelve schools committed to the academic and personal success of each child. For additional information about the 2016 Teachers of the Year or other programs, please visit [www.cityschools.net](http://www.cityschools.net).

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