

October Newsletter



Name the School

The New Elementary School Naming Contest is now open. To submit a name suggestion, please visit <http://bit.ly/mcsnametheschool> or email your name suggestions to lisa.trail@cityschools.net with the subject line: School Naming Contest.

For additional information, please visit the MCS website at <http://www.cityschools.net/new-school>.

'BORO INTERNATIONAL
Saturday, October 20, 2018
Cannonsburgh Village
11a.m. - 4p.m.

A Multicultural Celebration
Performances, Food, Vendors,
Games, Children's Activities
Free Admission

Presented by Murfreesboro City Schools
in partnership with
MTSU and Cannonsburgh Village

for questions contact
tena.bailey@cityschools.net

'Boro International

'Boro International will be held from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm at Cannonsburgh Pioneer Village. This free family friendly event offers activities for all ages and celebrates the growth, diversity and culture of our community. Enjoy food, music, cultural displays, and vendor booths.

A Taste of Latin America

featuring Latin food, dances, art and activities for children and family.

Saturday, October 20, 2018
Patterson Park
10 am - 2 pm

Symphony Orchestra 11 am
Bring your family and friends to celebrate Latin traditions!

Taste of Latin America

'Taste of Latin America will be held from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at Patterson Park. The Murfreesboro Symphony Orchestra will perform at 11:00 am. This free event offers food, dancing and activities for all to enjoy!

Discovery School Named National Blue Ribbon School

Discovery School at Bellwood is one of only six schools in Tennessee and 349 schools nationwide recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education as a National Blue Ribbon School for

2018.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes public and private elementary, middle, and high schools based on their overall academic excellence or their progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups.

Discovery School won its first National Blue Ribbon Award in 2012.



2018
NATIONAL
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SCHOOL
OF EXCELLENCE

Discovery School



Farm to School Month - October

Murfreesboro City Schools Farm to School Program enriches the connection students have with fresh, healthy food and allows students to experience the growing cycle of their food first hand. The program is currently funded through a grant with the State of Tennessee. A farmer educator oversees activities in the school gardens and acts as an active resource to teachers and staff.



Through Farm to School, students are introduced to healthy eating habits, farm fresh local foods and curriculum based educational opportunities ranging from experiments with in-school tower gardens to farm field trips. Students work in raised bed gardens and greenhouses throughout the district as they participate in hands-on science, history and math lessons.

Eight greenhouses are operating across MCS including new greenhouses at Reeves-Rogers and John Pittard Elementary.

Cookin' to Build

Stop by the Murfreesboro Square on Saturday, November 3rd to listen to MCS students perform at the 11th Annual Cookin' to Build hosted by Habitat for Humanity.

- 11:00 – 11:30 – Cason Lane Choir
- 11:30 – 12:00 – Scales Steel Drums
- 12:00 – 12:30 – Discovery 1st & 2nd graders
- 12:30 – 1:00 – Northfield Drumming Ensemble



City School Foundation Grant Winners

The City Schools Foundation is proud to announce \$63,319.96 in grant funding will be awarded to MCS teachers in October. The

Foundation asks educators from Murfreesboro City Schools to submit proposals for funding that will help them acquire resources not ordinarily provided by taxpayer dollars.

Grants were submitted anonymously and judged solely on their merit by a six-member committee. The funding for grants ranged from A Hands on Approach to Teaching at \$264 to Do You See What I See at \$9,999 with eight grants receiving over \$2,000 in disbursements.

"The creativity of grant requests this year allows our committee to preview some of the new TN programs that are growing and expanding throughout the state. It's inspiring to see how teachers are using hands-on learning opportunities to enhance the classroom. The range of requests from technology and science to the arts were outstanding and there is nothing more exciting than funding these requests allowing them to blossom and take shape." says Kevin Grisham, City Schools Grant Committee Chair.



Read20

read **20**
every day
MURFREESBORO CITY SCHOOLS

October 21-27 is Read Aloud to a Child Week. The simple act of reading with a child every day has a lasting positive effect on children, families and communities. When we read, talk and play with a purpose with children from birth, their minds grow strong and bright and build the necessary skills for success in school and life. Remember to read with your child for at least 20 minutes every day.



School Safety Officers Recognized as STARS

A group of sixteen School Safety and Education Officers (SSEO) with the

Murfreesboro Police Department received STARS Awards in September for going above and beyond in their jobs as City employees.

The City recognized the group of Public Safety employees in the Murfreesboro Police Department for demonstrating exemplary service in the job they perform daily to keep Murfreesboro City Schools safe. Mayor Shane McFarland recognized the Public Safety employees during the Sept. 20, 2018, meeting of the Murfreesboro City Council with the STARS award for Outstanding Performance: "Succeeding Through Attitudes Reflecting Service Excellence."

THE MOBILE HEALTH UNIT

The Mobile Health Unit is back!

The bus will be parked at Murfreesboro City School locations to provide a variety of health services for our students, employees, and families.

WHEN

WALKINS WELCOME
9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

SEPT 4 – ERMA SIEGEL
SEPT 11 – MITCHELL-NEILSON
SEPT 18 – CASON LANE
SEPT 25 – BRADLEY
SEPT 26 – NORTHFIELD
OCT 9 – JOHN PITTARD
OCT 16 – HOBGOOD
OCT 23 – OVERALL CREEK
OCT 30 – DISCOVERY
NOV 13 – SCALES
NOV 20 – REEVES-ROGERS
NOV 27 – BLACK FOX

SERVICES PROVIDED

ANNUAL PHYSICALS
SPORTS PHYSICALS
SICK VISITS
IMMUNIZATIONS

 Saint Thomas
Medical Partners

 Ascension

 Murfreesboro
City Schools

Insurance

The Mobile Health Unit is part of Saint Thomas. Most major insurance accepted and financial assistance is available to those that qualify. There may be a co-pay or other fees involved. Financial aid through Saint Thomas is available. Information is provided regarding financial aid upon request or you may visit <https://www.sthealth.com/patients-and-visitors/financial-assistance> for more information.

For additional questions, please contact Sara Walker
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The Mobile Health Unit will be at Murfreesboro City School locations to provide a variety of health services for students, employees, and families.

For more information please contact
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Calendar of Events

October 20- 'Boro International & Taste of Latin America

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November 1 - Parent/Teacher Conference (Day Out for Students)

November 6 - Election Day (Day out for Students)

November 21- November 23 - Thanksgiving Break

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