

March 2019 Newsletter

MCS Family Night at TCAT



MCS families are invited to explore and learn about career certifications that are available during the TCAT Family Night on Thursday, April 4, 2019 from 5-7 p.m.

This hands-on, behind the scenes tour of Smyrna TCAT is reserved for MCS families and guests. The event includes demonstrations on: Thermo Imaging Camera, Borescope, Virtual Reality Welder, 3D Printer, Auto Mechanics Display and Robotics.

Additionally, sixteen programs will be on display including building trades, collision repair, cosmetology, surgical tech, and sterile tech.

Representatives from TCAT, Hiset, Motlow and MTSU will also be available to make the tour complete.

TCAT Smyrna is located at
663 Ken Pilkerton Drive, Smyrna, TN 37167

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration is May 2 and 3 for the 2019-20 school year at your zoned school.

All children entering kindergarten must be five years old on or before August 15, 2019.

To register new students parents should bring:

1. Your child's Official Birth Certificate
2. Tennessee Dept. of Health Certification of Immunization
3. Proof of Physical within the last year
4. Verification of Your Address. This must be a current utility bill with your name and address on it. (Example: Water, Electric, Gas)



MCS Gifted Academy Graduates

Congratulations to the nineteen teachers who received the Tennessee Employment Standard for Gifted Teaching on Saturday, March 16.

The Middle Tennessee State University/Murfreesboro City Schools Gifted Academy, sponsored by The Jennings and Rebecca Jones Foundation, aims to expand the MCS Gifted program by equipping teachers with tools to identify and engage gifted students. Over one hundred MCS teachers have received the Tennessee Employment Standard for Gifted Education.

The 2018-19 graduation class of the Gifted Academy includes: Lauren Moore, Jessica Piety, Luke Dickerson, Hannah Blanks, Luke Hill, Melissa Horn, Taylor Witsaman, Shawntessa Wilson, Elizabeth Evans, Teresa McCarthy, Amanda McBryar, Rachel Matthews, Jessica Jacobs, Gabrielle Howell, Laura Payne, Traci West, Heather Konyar, Jacquese Johnson, and Taylor Thornton.



MCS Student Art Show at the Frist



The inaugural MCS Art Show at the Frist Art Museum features artwork created by students from kindergarten through sixth grade.

Two art pieces per grade level will be displayed from March 21 through April 7.

On Saturday, April 6, from 2:00 until 4:00, the Frist will be holding a reception for the student artists, their parents, teachers, and friends. Remarks will be given in the auditorium at 2:30.

Admission to the Museum Gallery will be free that day; however, parking at the Frist will cost \$6.00 (with validation of admission). Join MCS students at the Frist Art Museum, located at 919 Broadway, in Nashville.

2019 MCS Art Show at City Hall

Artwork from Murfreesboro City School students is now on display in the City Hall rotunda for the 29th Annual MCS Student Art show.

The exhibit is free and open to the public between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding observed holidays.

An award reception honoring the students will be held on Tuesday, April 23 at 4:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall.



2019 Earth Day Contest



Murfreesboro City Schools is a proud sponsor of the 2019 Murfreesboro Earth Day Celebration. Students across Murfreesboro City and Rutherford County are invited to participate in the Student Poster Contest as part of the 2019 Murfreesboro Earth Day Celebration.

For additional details, click [here](#)

Winners will be announced during the Earth Day Celebration on April 27.

Pre-K Applications Now Available

Pre-K

Applications are now being accepted at all Murfreesboro City Schools between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. on March 4-March 22 and April 1-April 15 for MCS Pre-K. Applications will also be accepted at the MCS Central Office on March 13th and March 20th with translators available to assist with the application process. The MCS Pre-K program is funded by a grant for low income or at-risk children who are zoned for a city school. Students must be 4 years old, but not yet 5, by August 15, 2019 to qualify. Comprehensive instructions and applications can be found [here](#).

Integrated Preschool

MCS is also accepting applications for peer models in the MCS Integrated Preschool Program – a separate program from Pre-K. These classes are special education classes for children ages 3-5. Peer models serve as role models and peer helpers to children with special needs. The integrated preschool classroom is a structured teaching environment where special needs children and peer models learn together. For further information regarding the Integrated Preschool contact the Special Education Department.

Choice School Applications

Murfreesboro City Schools (MCS) is pleased to have three controlled choice schools as options for our students and parents. Our choices include the following content focuses:

- **Bradley Academy** - Arts Integration
- **Hobgood Elementary** - STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics)
- **Mitchell-Neilson School** - Leadership

These campuses are part of a strong portfolio of schools within our district.

For more information click [here](#)



All MCS students are invited to join the summer camp fun.

- **Soccer Camp** in conjunction with Murfreesboro Soccer Club (June 3-7 and June 10-14) is a unique opportunity for students to learn the fundamentals of soccer while actively improving foot skills, speed and agility. This camp is hosted at Overall Creek.
- **Camp Big Shots** (June 10-21) is a two-week summer camp organized specifically for active adventures. Certified teachers are involved with the two-week camp and teach a variety of skills including archery, woodworking, coding, and robotics. Campers also enjoy field trips to Nashville Shores and canoeing the Harpeth River. Mitchell-Neilson will serve as the host site.
- **Archery Camp** (June 24-28) will be hosted at Black Fox and features two certified archery instructors. Students enrolled will learn the basics of archery including how to handle a bow

and arrow and shooting techniques.

- **Makerspace Camp** (June 24-28) hosted at Discovery School allows students to use their imagination to build, design and create. This camp includes a trip to the Adventure Science Center in Nashville.
- **Drone Coding and Aerial Photography** (June 24-28) hosted at Overall Creek will teach students to write the code that controls a drone and the fundamentals of drone photography.
- **Edible Education** (July 8-12 at Mitchell-Neilson) (July 15-19 at Northfield) focuses on providing age appropriate hands-on cooking instruction for students.
- **KinderCamp** (July 15 -19) is open to children pre-registered for kindergarten at MCS and focuses on preparing upcoming kindergarteners for the transition to elementary school. Students attending KinderCamp will get the full ESP experience during the week of camp.
- **Girl Scout Camp** with the Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee (July 15-19) features outdoor activities and teaches students how to earn badges while learning about the origin of Girl Scouts. Girl Scout Camp will be hosted at Discovery School.

For detailed information about the summer camps, including appropriate age ranges, grade levels and costs associated with individual camps, please visit www.cityschoolsesp.net.

Transportation to and from camp is not provided. However, payment plans are available for all camps.

The ESP program is open from 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. during summer months.

Calendar of Events

- March 18 - May 3 - City Hall Art Show
- March 21 - April 7 - Frist Art Show
- March 25 - March 29 - Spring Break
- April 4 - MCS Family Night at TCAT
- April 4 - News 2 Weather University at Black Fox
- April 5 - Special Olympics
- April 9 - Free Tennis Clinic
- April 11 - Book Battle
- April 13 - Adventures in Agriculture
- April 19 - Good Friday (Day Out for All)
- April 27 - Science Olympiad
- April 27 - Earth Day
- May 2 & 3 - Kindergarten Registration
- May 6-10 - National Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 24- Last Day for Teachers and Students

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TENNIS CLINIC

Tuesday, April 9
Grades K - 6th
registration - 4:00 p.m.
clinic - 4:15 - 5:30 p.m.

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TENNIS

Murfreesboro City Schools in partnership with MTSU Blue Raider Tennis is offering a FREE Tennis Clinic for MCS students. MTSU Tennis coaches and players will work directly with students during the clinic. This clinic will have activities for beginner or intermediate students.

Register online at <http://bit.ly/mcsapriltennis> by April 5.

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