

## April 2019 Newsletter

### 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.

### 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)

Stop by your zoned school during normal school hours on May 2nd or 3rd. Find out more by visiting [New Student Registration](#).



### Pre-K Registration

Applications are now being accepted at the MCS Central Office for the traditional Pre-K program. This program is for low income or at-risk children who are zoned for a Murfreesboro City School.



### Choice School Applications Due

MCS is pleased to have three controlled choice schools as options for our students and parents. Please feel free to contact the school principal for additional details or

- Children must be 4, but not yet 5, by August 15, 2019.
- The program is for low income or at-risk children.
- Families must live in the city limits of Murfreesboro.

[Click Here](#) for additional information.

visit the school website. Controlled choice enrollment is limited.

- Bradley Academy – Arts Integrated School
- Hobgood Elementary – STEM School
- Mitchell-Neilson – Leadership Academy

Controlled choice schools have a limited number of openings. Applications will be accepted through April 26, 2019. Visit [cityschools.net](http://cityschools.net) for additional details.

## Congratulations Sarah Chumney!

Murfreesboro City Schools is proud to announce that Sarah Chumney (Cason Lane Academy) has been selected as a Teacher of the Year Region-level finalist for the Mid Cumberland Region. Mrs. Chumney is one of 27 finalists from across the state who will move forward in the State Teacher of the Year selection process.



## Congratulations Don Barch!

Overall Creek Principal, Don Barch, received the 2019 Tennessee Excellence in STEM Leadership Award! This award recognizes a school-level, district, or regional leader with a proven track-record of developing effective STEM programs. The awardee supports and encourages teachers and schools to continually infuse STEM teaching strategies and embrace classroom innovation.

“Tennessee’s successes in advancing STEM learning for students are due to the combined efforts of strong teachers in the classroom and innovative leaders and advocates that place STEM at the top of their priority lists,” said Wes Hall, Executive Director of the TSIN. “We are privileged to be able to recognize the efforts of these amazing individuals and the contributions they have made to expanding STEM throughout the state.”

## Congratulations Dr. Linda Gilbert

Dr. Linda Gilbert who has shaped generations of children and educators in Murfreesboro has been named the recipient of the 2019 ATHENA Leadership Award.

Nominated by United Way of Rutherford & Cannon Counties, Gilbert was honored at the ATHENA Award ceremony, which celebrated the accomplishments of all 16 ATHENA nominees

and seven Young Professional nominees from the Rutherford County community.

The ATHENA Award recognizes an individual who excels in her profession, gives back to the community, and helps raise up other leaders, especially women.



## Reeves-Rogers Wins 2019 Chef Academy

Congratulations to the Reeves-Rogers Junior Chef team for winning the Chef Academy Finale. The winning dish: sweet and sour chicken with rice and mixed vegetables. Great job Chefs!

## 2019 Festival Choir



Over 300 students participated in the 2019 MCS Festival Choir on Friday, March 8. The concert showcased students from across the district including performances from John Pittard's Steel de Boro and the Northfield Elementary African Drumming Ensemble.

## Boro Book Battle

Students from across the district competed against one another in a quiz-bowl-style tournament to test their knowledge of books on the Volunteer State Book Award list. Librarians from the participating schools presented Boro Book Battle criteria to students grades 4-6 at the beginning of the school year. Teams were formed from those students who expressed interest in participating in the reading competition.

Congratulations to: Scales and Overall Creek - 3rd place tie; John Pittard - 2nd place; Discovery School - 1st place win.



## Special Olympics

MCS athletes excelled in the 2019 Special Olympics held on April 5 at MTSU. Students competed in the 50-yard dash, wheelchair races, softball throws, and long jump.



## Congrats to Bradley & Mitchell-Neilson

The Tennessee Valley Authority, in partnership with Bicentennial Volunteers Incorporated, and Murfreesboro Electric awarded Bradley Academy and Mitchell-Neilson Elementary almost \$10,000 for STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) education projects.

Bradley Academy's grant, Augmented Reality Sandbox, written by Abbey Sanders and teammates, allows students to create topography models by shaping sand, which is then augmented in real time by an elevation color map, topographic contour lines, and simulated water. It will be used for various lessons including Water Cycle, Geography and Earth Science.

Mitchell-Neilson's grant, Catching Wind and Other Alarming Ideas, created by Robyn Trowbridge, allows third grade students to investigate conductors and insulators, schematic diagrams, and circuits in a system and then plan, create, and improve their own alarm circuits. Fourth grade students will study mechanical engineering systems such as mechanical pencils and egg beaters. Students will use their mechanical engineering knowledge to design windmills and sailboats.





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](http://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.

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## Calendar of Events

April 19 - Good Friday (Day Out for All)

April 23 - Art Show Reception at City Hall

April 27 - Science Olympiad

April 27 - Earth Day

May 2 & 3 - Kindergarten Registration

May 6-10 - National Teacher Appreciation Week

## In the News

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