

# January 2020 Newsletter

## Congratulations to MCS Teachers of the Year!

Murfreesboro City Schools is proud to announce the 2019-20 Teachers of the Year. Teachers from each school were nominated for the prestigious education award given by the Tennessee Department of Education.

Twenty-six teachers were chosen for the honor based on their commitment to teaching excellence both in and outside of the classroom. From those 26 teachers, two educators were selected as System-level honorees and will represent MCS at the regional level.

The 2019-2020 MCS System-level Teacher of the Year recipients are: Rachel Bjork from Northfield and Teresa McCarthy from Discovery.

Discovery School Kelley Kleppinger Teresa McCarthy

John Pittard Elementary Deborah Collier Molly Oliver

Cason Lane Academy Shay Wilson Latasha McFarland

Salem Elementary Kinsey Johnson Cynthia Martin

Overall Creek Elementary Sara Brown Christy Honey

> Scales Elementary Kimberly Hix Isormari Pozo

Bradley Academy Abbey Sanders Regan Clark Erma Siegel Elementary Brandy Cheatham Margaret Lane

Reeves-Rogers Elementary Renee Maurtua Danielle Johnson

Black Fox Elementary Kim Gambill Meredith Patrum

Northfield Elementary Judy Gritton Rachel Bjork

Hobgood Elementary Terri Guess Corynn York

Mitchell-Neilson School Heather Konyar Curry Beverly Sanford





## Thank you School Board Members!

January 27-31, 2020 is School Board Appreciation Week in the State of Tennessee. This is a great time to focus on the crucial role an elected school board plays in our communities and schools. Board members are extraordinary people who voluntarily tackle the enormous job of governing our school district. Their actions and decisions affect the present and future lives of our children.

MCS is proud to honor Butch Campbell, David Settles, Wes Ballard, Roseann Barton, Becky Goff, David LaRoche and Amanda Moore.

School Board Appreciation Week





## **Bradley Academy Shines**

Bradley Academy Drama Club recently attended the national Junior Theater Festival in Atlanta and performed Annie JR as their showcase.

Sixth grade student, Markell Waobikeze, won Outstanding Performance by an Individual for his role as Daddy Warbucks. Only ten individuals out of over seven thousand performers receive this prestigious award.

Way to go, Bradley students!



#### **Farmers Grow at MCS**

#### **Buddy Bench at Discovery**

The MCS Farm to School program continues to grow. Through a national grant from the USDA Farm to School program, MCS has now acquired 27 additional hydroponic tower gardens and added three additional farmers to the Farm to School Team. The tower gardens are located in or near the school dining rooms and food harvested from the towers will be served in the school cafeterias. Outdoor greenhouses will also soon be packed with new seedlings including lettuce, radishes, cabbage, broccoli and other vegetables.



Congratulations Discovery School on collecting over 500 pounds of bottle caps and lids for their Buddy Bench recycling program. The plastic bottle caps were turned into two outdoor benches. This program was sponsored by the Discovery PTO.





## MCS SHOUT OUT!

MCS Bus Drivers, Donna Burke and Rhonda Rivera, knitted over 75 hats for students and people here in the Murfreesboro community. Thank you both for your generous efforts!





# **Over 1,000 Books Collected**

MCS is excited to announce that Barnes and



Noble Booksellers collected over 1,000 books for BOB the Book Bus over the holidays.

Thank you to all the customers and staff that made this great collection happen. BOB is on the road weekly delivering books to students and families.

## **Dates to Remember**

January 31 - No School for students February 8 - Teacher Job Fair February 17 - Presidents' Day (Day Out for All) February 25 - Regular School Board Meeting February 25 - MCS Art Exhibit Begins at City Hall Rotunda March 9 - MCS Music Festival March 13 - No School for Students March 19 - Math Madness at Patterson Park March 25 - MCS Art Show Reception at City Hall March 26 - Asian Cultural Night at Black Fox March 26 - 'Boro Book Battle at Hobgood

#### In the News

BOB the Book Bus Receives 1,000 New Books From Local Retailer

2020 Excellence in Education Gala

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State of the Schools

MCS Special Olympics

Chef Academy at Northfield

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