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Chief Serpas Addresses Students

Monday, Oct. 27, Nashville Police Chief Ronal Serpas will address the 3rd and 4th grade students at Glenciff Elementary in a special assembly for Red Ribbon Week. Red Ribbon Week is an anti-drug awareness campaign celebrated nationwide each year. Chief Serpas will speak to the students about making good choices. The assembly will take place at 9 a.m.

Charter School Interviews

The MNPS Charter School Committee will hold interviews with all 2008 charter school candidates Wednesday, Nov. 5, from 2 - 5 p.m., at the Martin Professional Development Center, Room 2. The Martin Professional Development Center is located at 2500 Fairfax Avenue, Nashville.

Thurgood Marshall Official Opening Celebration

Tuesday, Oct. 28, students, faculty and community of Thurgood Marshall Middle School will celebrate the school's official opening. The celebration will begin at 10:30 a.m. Special guests will include: Interim Director of Schools Chris Henson, Mayor Karl Dean, Nashville Councilman Sam Coleman, and Metro School Board Representative Dr. Joann Brannon.

Thurgood Marshall was named for the late Thurgood Marshall who devoted his life to law and fighting for the rights of African Americans. Thurgood Marshall Middle school can serve up to 1,000 students. Their mascot is the Mariner, school colors are Purple and White.

Halloween Football Games Moved

MNPS high school football games originally scheduled for Halloween night, Friday, Oct. 31, have been moved to Thursday, Oct. 30. Games include:

- Antioch at Glencliff, 7 p.m.
- Whites Creek at East Literature (JV only), 7 p.m.
- Shelbyville at Hillsboro, 7 p.m.
- Overton at Hillwood, 7 p.m.
- Hendersonville at Hunters Lane, 7 p.m.
- Maplewood at Stratford, 7 p.m.
- Gallatin at McGavock, 7 p.m.
- Pearl-Cohn at Station Camp, 7 p.m.

Glencliff Band Honored

Congratulations to Glencliff High School Band who recently won “Best Color Guard” in Class AA at the Tennessee Small Band Championship. Glencliff’s Drum Major also won “Best Drum Major” at the Blue Devil Invitational at Lebanon and “Best Drum Major” in Class AA at the Tennessee Small Band Championship.

Glencliff High Band will also be hosting the 18th annual Colt Classic Marching Invitational this Saturday, Oct. 25, with 15 bands from all three divisions of the state competing.

Hunters Lane IB Meeting

Thursday, Nov. 13, Hunters Lane High School is hosting a dinner and informational meeting for parents and students interested in learning more about the school's International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program. The event, which is free and open to everyone, will begin at 6 p.m. in the Hunters Lane High School Cafeteria. Parents of 7th - 10th graders are especially encouraged to come and learn about this world-recognized, pre-university course of study. For more information, contact Tom Jackoboice at 860-1401 ext. 1807 or Thomas.jackoboice@mnps.org.

MLK Students Up for Advanced Placement (AP) Awards

Martin Luther King Magnet School students made quite a mark in recent AP exams. Sixty-four students at MLK earned AP Scholar Awards by completing three or more AP exams with scores of three or higher; 28 students qualified for the AP Scholars with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams; 44 students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams; and 15 students qualified for the National AP Scholar Award by earning an average grade of 4 or higher on a five-point scale on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams.

The College Board’s AP Program provides motivated and academically prepared students with the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school, and to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both, for successful performance on the AP Exams. About 18 percent of the 1.6 million students worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to also earn an AP Scholar Award. Congratulations to all of these students at MLK for their outstanding achievement.

Hume Fogg Site of Visit by *Last Child in the Woods* Author

Monday, Nov. 10, at 6 p.m., Richard Louv will be at Hume Fogg High sharing his expertise on reconnecting children with nature. Louv, author of *Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Natural Deficit Disorder*, is taking his book across the country hoping to remind children and parents of the positive impact unstructured play outdoors has on healthy child development, creativity, and cognitive functioning while improving health risks such as ADHD, child obesity and stress. This visit is sponsored by Metro Parks and Recreation. Louv presents an exciting new body of scientific evidence and offers practical suggestions for parents, teachers, urban planners, and anyone concerned about the future of our children and our environment. Immediately following the program, Louv will be present for book signings.

Admission is free, and seating is available on a first come, first serve basis. Free parking will also be available in the Metro Library Garage. For more information, contact the Warner Park Nature Center: (615)352-6299, or email wpnc@nashville.gov.

Judge Visits Girls at Cumberland Elementary

Nov. 14, at 2 p.m., Judge Angelita Blackshear Dalton will speak to the 3rd and 4th grade girls at Cumberland Elementary School. She will share the importance of staying focus and working hard.

Judge Dalton graduated from Whites Creek High School, which is in Cumberland Elementary School's cluster. Before being elected to serve as Davidson County General Sessions Court Division III Judge in 2006, Dalton was an assistant prosecutor for the Davidson District Attorney General. Judge Dalton is the first elected African-American female judge in Nashville.

DuPont Tyler Celebrates the Month of the Young Adolescent

The students, faculty, and staff of DuPont Tyler Middle School have been celebrating “Month of the Young Adolescent” throughout the entire month of October. Events students have participated in include:

- EXPLORE testing for 8th graders;
- College Day: students dressed in their favorite college gear;
- Mental Health Awareness Week;
- “Brown bag” lunch forums for parents about the development needs of middle school students;
- “Readers are Leaders” Week -- DuPont Tyler students walked to Tulip Grove Elementary to read stories to the younger students;
- School Spirit Day and a pep rally;
- “Red Ribbon Week” led by our School resource officer;
- Civic Responsibility Week: -- All students participated in a mock election; and
- A special performance by the “Sheltered Reality” percussion group for students with no discipline referrals during the first nine weeks of school.

In addition, students raised money for the Captain Pierre Piche Memorial Scholarship Fund at MTSU. Captain Piche, the husband of DuPont Tyler Principal Cherish Piche, was killed in action in Iraq in 2003. Each day at lunch, students dropped their spare change into a bucket for their grade level. The total amount collected was \$1,317. Seventh graders collected the most money, with a total of \$436. The 7th graders were awarded the school “spirit stick” and will be treated to a “Boogie with the Boss” party Friday, Oct. 31.

Martha Vaught Cafeteria Scores a PERFECT 100!

Congratulations to Martha Vaught Middle School cafeteria staff for passing their health department inspection with flying colors. Under the direction of Peggy House, food service manager, Martha Vaught received a perfect 100.

Each year MNPS cafeterias get a health inspection twice during the school year. Items that are reviewed include food storage, food temperatures, sanitation, housekeeping, food preparation area, hazardous chemicals properly stored, etc. MNPS average scores are higher than the average for Nashville restaurants, but a perfect 100 is difficult to receive and deserves recognition.



Mt. View Elementary celebrates National School Lunch week

Cafeteria Manager Dianne Carney and the cafeteria staff celebrated National School Lunch Week with the students at Mt. View Elementary School. The cafeteria was decorated and the staff dressed in the lunch characters costumes to get the students more involved in healthy eating and learning. The students even participated in a soccer game.

National School Lunch Week in Tennessee is a vital role in school lunch programs and in students' lives. School systems across the state provided fun activities to educate Tennessee's children about healthy, nutritious lunches. The USDA School Lunch program provides more than 600,000 meals to Tennessee students each day. Every school in Tennessee is served by the National School Lunch program, providing more than 111 million meals to Tennessee students each year.



Haywood Elementary Teacher Named Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year!

Congratulations to April Reynolds, kindergarten English Language Learners teacher at Haywood Elementary, for being named Wal-Mart's Teacher of the Year! Reynolds was nominated by an apparent fan and was selected by a committee who reviewed all nominations. She will receive a plaque and a \$100 gift card. Haywood Elementary will receive a \$1,000 check that will go toward a program selected by Reynolds, and all teachers at Haywood will receive goody bags from Wal-Mart.

Family Science Night at Cane Ridge High School

Tuesday, Nov. 11, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., the Vanderbilt Center for Science Outreach will hold a special Family Science Night at Cane Ridge High for the Antioch and Cane Ridge cluster middle schools. The schools invited include: Antioch Middle, Apollo Middle, Kennedy Middle and Marshall Middle. All MNPS science teachers are also invited to attend.

The Family Science Night offers more than 50 hands-on science activities for students and their families. The activities are presented by science undergraduate, graduate, and post-doctoral fellows from several local universities and colleges. The evening provides an opportunity for children and their parents to work together conducting simple, inquiry-based, age-appropriate, hands-on science activities; observe scientific demonstrations; and talk with scientists to find out more about the latest developments in science, math, and engineering. The night is designed to stimulate excitement and build interest in science among middle school children and their parents, while involving parents in the educational process. It also provides an opportunity for scientists to share their knowledge and passion

for science, promote careers in science, and infuse science research into the community. For more information, visit www.scienceoutreach.org/family_science_night.php.

Glengarry Celebrates International Day

Glengarry Elementary will be celebrating International Day Friday, Oct. 31, in recognition of its diverse student body. Each class at Glengarry has chosen one of its representative countries to study. That Friday, students will dress in their country's traditional dress and participate in an opening ceremony that will begin at 8:15 a.m. Students will then go to their classrooms to prepare for visiting classrooms. Each class will host an activity that teaches about the country they have studied. Other classes will visit to learn about other countries.

Hume-Fogg Presents *The Sound of Music*

Nov. 6 - 8, Hume-Fogg Theatre Department presents Rogers and Hammerstein's hit musicals *The Sound of Music*. The Sound of Music touches the lives of all ages, with some of the most memorable songs ever performed on a live stage, including: "My Favorite Things," "Do-Re-Mi," "Climb Every Mountain," and "Sixteen Going on Seventeen."

Show times are Thursday, Nov. 6, and Friday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 8, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students, \$8 for general admission, and \$10 for reserved seating.

Brick Church Students Get Inspiring Visit

Earlier this week, students at Brick Church Middle got a surprising and inspiring visitor – Tennessee Titans linebacker Stephen Tulloch. Tulloch's visit was part of the school's monthly awards ceremony in which students are honored for good grades, attendance and behavior. Tulloch spoke to the students about the importance of a good education, overcoming adversity, setting goals, and reaching for their dreams. Tulloch also surprised the students when he announced that all who made straight A's on the first grading period report card would be getting tickets to an upcoming Titans game. To help the students set their first big goal, Tulloch announced that all students who make straight A's on the next grading period report card will also get tickets to see the Titans play.

MLK Student Covers the Presidential Campaign

On the eve of the presidential election, Aaron Broder, a 10th grade student at Martin Luther King, Jr. Academic Magnet, will participate in a webcast via phone to recap his experiences on the 2008 presidential campaign trail. Broder, a Kid Reporter with Scholastic News, will join seven of his fellow Kid Reporters to celebrate and reflect on many months of hard work reporting for Scholastic News.

The webcast will be Monday, Nov. 3 at 11 a.m., and classrooms around the country will be able to watch and send in their questions. The entire webcast will also be available for download at 2:30 p.m. the same day.

Broder has covered many campaign events and met many people including John Edwards, Mitt Romney, Mike Huckabee, Bill Richardson, Ron Paul and Al Gore. He also interviewed Green Party candidate Ralph Nader and covered Tennessee native Fred Thompson's candidacy. Most recently, Aaron reported live from the second "town hall-style" Presidential debate held at Belmont University.

Broder first applied to be a Kid Reporter through a Scholastic News magazine in his classroom, and he was chosen based on an essay, a cover letter and his enthusiasm for learning how to write the news. For more information on how the Scholastic News program, or if your child is interested in

applying to be a Kid Reporter, visit www.scholastic.com/news or pick up a copy of the latest Scholastic Magazine.

Nashville Alliance Presents \$5,000 to Cane Ridge and Thurgood Marshall

Earlier this week, the Nashville Alliance for Public Education presented checks for \$2,500 to Cane Ridge High School and Thurgood Marshall Middle School. The donations, made by Gaylord Entertainment Company, will be used to start band programs at both schools.

This is the first school year for Cane Ridge and Thurgood Marshall. On behalf of both schools, thank you to the Nashville Alliance and Gaylord Entertainment for your generosity and support.



Other Upcoming Events

- Oct. 25 McGavock & Overton HS Marching Bands compete at Contest of Champions at MTSU
- Oct. 27 Two Rivers Beginning Band and Strings Concert, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 30 Glengarry K-2 Program, 6:30 p.m.
Apollo 5th Grade Beginning Band Concert, 7 p.m.
Oliver Beginning Band 1st Performance, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 31 McGavock Marching Band BOA Super Regionals, Atlanta, GA



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