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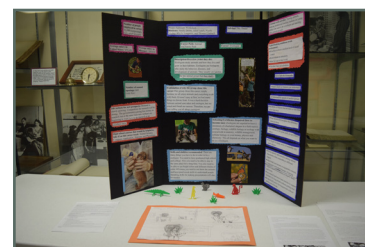
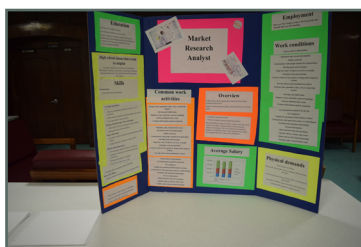
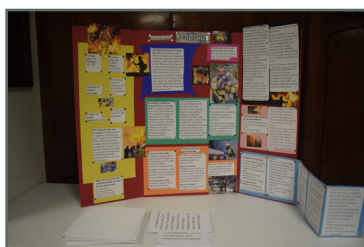
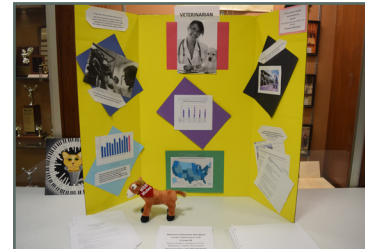
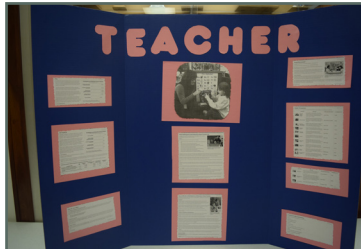
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MSB's first annual Career Awareness Week culminated in a Career Fair on Nov. 18, in which students presented group projects focusing on a career of their choice in an assigned field of work. MSB students worked for several weeks researching their career and presented the information they collected and interpreted in a paper, a poster board, and group speech.

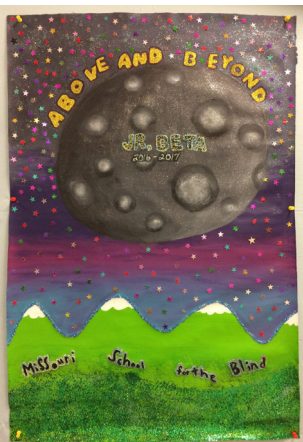
The group presentation was scored and two teams tied for first place. One First Place team presented on the zoologist career, and consisted of middle schoolers Noelle Dobbs, Jalan Leach, Thomas Lambliia, Khylie Longmire and Nicole Motley. The other First Place team presented on the art director career and consisted of 11th graders Nicole Cox, James Rodgers, Tiondra Pollard, and Dionna Towns.

Karen Nelson and Elton Thomas, of Lighthouse for the Blind - St. Louis, were kind enough to speak to MSB students about preparing for successful careers and what employers are looking for in good employees. MSB appreciates Karen and Elton for taking time out of their busy schedules to help make our career fair a great success!

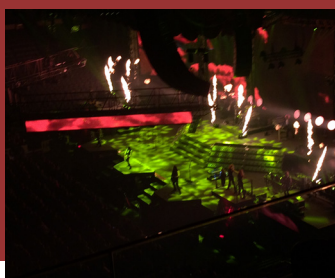
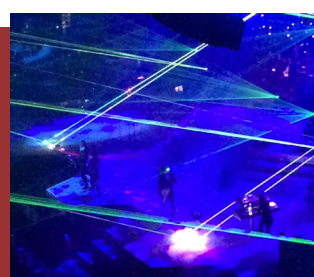


Wrestling & Cheer

MSB Wrestling & Cheer season has begun! The Mules have attended meets at both Tennessee School for the Blind and Illinois School for the Visually Impaired. At Tennessee, Zyshaun Cross-Williams won 3 matches and lost 2, Chloe Deremiah won 1 and lost 3, Lee Smith lost 2, and Heather Thaller lost 3. At Illinois, Chloe and Heather both lost 2 matches.



MSB Jr. BETAs took 1st place in T-shirt Design, 3rd place in Talent and 3rd place in Language Arts at the Missouri State Convention. MSB student Anastasia Gray will represent Missouri in the National BETA Convention in Florida this Summer!



RESIDENCE LIFE

Trans-Siberian Orchestra

Classroom Spotlight

Caroline Kenny
High School Ungraded



Caroline Kenny, MSB's High School Ungraded teacher, uses a SMART Table to teach her students math, counting, and matching while helping improve their fine motor function. Her students are grade 9 through age 21 and have other handicaps in addition to vision impairment.

The SMART Table allows students with low vision to solve puzzles, match shapes and colors, and complete math problems with a mix of sound, image, and touch. Students with no vision can complete the same assignments with minimal assistance from an instructor. Students can work independently at the SMART Table or in a group of up to four, which makes the table excellent for the development of both team and independent work skills.

Caroline's students enjoy using the SMART Table and she always makes sure she gives each student a turn during a lesson. What's the students' favorite part? The victorious fanfare the table plays at the successful completion of a lesson!

Outreach

The first session of Project VIISA (Vision Impaired In-Service in America) Course II, Preschoolers With Visual Impairments in Center-Based Settings was hosted in Chesterfield, Mo. at Hampton Inn & Suites on Nov. 2-4. VIISA Course II provides in-service training to early intervention & early childhood personnel serving young children, ages three to five, with blindness & visual impairments in Missouri. The first session included twelve participants from all over the state.

A few topics covered during the first session of VIISA included medical aspects & implications of eye conditions, addressing vision needs in a preschool classroom, emergent literacy, social skills, daily living, listening skills as well as tactile & Braille readiness. Participants took part in multiple hands-on experiential activities while wearing a blindfold or low vision simulation goggles; they identified & colored tactile pictures, shopped in a pretend grocery store & constructed a bead craft from directions with made-up words to understand the challenges for students who lack visual experiences. Participants also created object concept books with braille text & tactile objects that they can use with their students.

Those who attended are required to complete 5 assignments with children who have visual impairments between the first & second sessions of VIISA Course II. Assignments come in daily & demonstrate that the information presented at Session One was both relevant & useful. The second session of VIISA Course II is currently scheduled for March 22-24 2017 & will also be held in Chesterfield, Mo.



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**MSB CALENDAR OF EVENTS****December**

22	Christmas Extravaganza - 1 p.m.
23	Early Dismissal - 1 p.m.
26-Jan. 6	Winter Break - No School
January	
9	Classes Resume
16	MLK Jr. Day - No School
18	Wrestling & Cheer @ IN
19	Q2/S1 Ends
24	10:00 Q2/S1 Awards Ceremony 10:30 QuizBowl Finals
27-29	Wrestling & Cheer @ KY

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