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MSB Open House 2018 a Huge Success!

MSB welcomed students, families, alumni, Lions Club members and the greater MSB community to Open House on Sunday, March 18. MSB Open House is an annual event that allows the public to visit the school for an evening of delicious food, tours, demonstrations, a silent auction and student musical program. Every year, there is something different to experience at MSB Open House.

This year, guests were invited to visit each classroom to see our students and teaching staff in action. There were also opportunities to see the newly-remodeled Health Center, visit the Library Media Center, visit our sports and fitness facilities, learn about the Missouri Instructional Resource Center For The Visually Impaired (MIRC) and Missouri Statewide Parent Involvement Network (MoSPIN), and try out Orientation and Mobility skills with white canes and occluders that emulate different visual acuities and eye conditions, .

Guests and staff were welcome to dine in the Multipurpose Room in the MSB Annex. The menu consisted of basil roasted chicken, Caesar and garden salads, assorted rolls, roasted eggplant stacks, Bermuda blend vegetables, garlic roasted potatoes, fruit and cheese display, and a cupcake bar all expertly prepared by MSB Food Services and served with the help of volunteers from the Harris-Stowe State University women's soccer team.

Following dinner, Lions Clubs Districts 26-M2 and M3 held a business meeting during which they presented several donations to MSB Superintendent Geoff Barney. These donations, unless otherwise designated by the donor club, will go into the MSB Student Activity Fund to support extracurricular activities, sports teams travel expenses, educational field trips and fun activities on campus. We at MSB want to sincerely thank everyone who helped make Open House 2018 a great success!



Below: Elementary Choir performs for Open House crowd



Below: MSB students & family celebrate Open House. L to R: Nikki Motley, Charles Grady, Neil Grunig as Mo the Mule, & Charles' mother Kara

Above: Supt. Barney accepts a donation from Lions Club Dist. 26-M2 Gov. Joe Deter



Above: MSB Concert Ensemble performs for Open House crowd



3rd Quarter Awards

On March 23, MSB celebrated students' academic and athletic achievements in the 3rd Quarter Awards Ceremony, followed by QuizBowl Finals. The following students earned their respective awards:

Honor Roll

Malikye Baston, Sirria Brooks, Shelby Burchett, Nikki Cox, Chloe Deremiah, Noelle Dobbs, Trinae Edwards, Charles Grady, Anastasia Gray, Neil Grunig, Lexi Kaibel, Thomas Limbach, Khylie Longmire, Alison Miller, Nikki Motley, Robert Mull, Kiwan Sanders, Savanna Smith, Dionna Towns and Allie Wolk

M.U.L.E.S. (Moving Up – Learning Experience and Skills)

Daegan Archie, Kenia Cazares, Nishaad Dean, Hunter Hall, Vivian Helmig, Michael Johnson, Ali Lyon, Lucius Meyer, Kelton Ramsey, Kadence Scott, Heather Thaller, Wayne Watson, Nautica Wheeler and Tyrone White

Scholar Athlete

Malikye Baston, Nikki Cox, Chloe Deremiah, Noelle Dobbs, Neil Grunig, Lexi Kaibel, Thomas Limbach, Nikki Motley, Kiwan Sanders and Dionna Towns



Above: Wrestler Kiwan Sanders presents Superintendent Mr. Barney with NCASB 2nd Place Wrestling Team Trophy



Above: Cheerleader Nautica Wheeler presents Superintendent Mr. Barney with NCASB 4th Place Cheer Team Trophy



Above: Students compete in the QuizBowl Finals. L to R: Neil Grunig, Allie Wolk, Nautica Wheeler, Lexi Kaibel, Charles Grady, Noelle Dobbs, Anastasia Gray, Thomas Limbach, Alison Miller, Robert Mull & Zyshaun Cross-Williams

Things have been busy as the 3rd quarter winds down and 4th quarter begins! The elementary classrooms have been learning a new character trait each week. So far they have learned how to be respectful, courteous and kind. Each week they produce a creative way to display the character trait. This has been displayed in producing songs and role play situations. A couple of weeks ago, I brought an iPad to class to record the scenarios and songs created by Mrs. Griffin's class. As a reward for the students' hard work and great behavior all year, we plan to have a viewing party to enjoy the compiled songs and skits as a class in May. The students' understanding and creativity is impressive and we all look forward to seeing the finished product! Here is an example of an original song created by Allie Wolk, a 4th grader in Mrs. Griffin's class:

Counselor's Corner

with Andrea Barnes, School Counselor

Cool to Be Nice

It's cool to be nice, cool to be nice
Cool, cool, cool, cool, cool to be nice
No teasing please, no teasing please
No, no, no, no, no teasing please
No bullies please, no bullies please
No, no, no, no, no bullies please
Cauuuuuse, it's cool to be nice (clap clap)
Cool to be nice (clap clap)
Cool, cool, cool, cool, cool to be nice (clap)!

MSB Hosts MO Regional Braille Challenge

On Feb. 14, children from all over the state of Missouri visited MSB to compete in the annual Missouri Regional Braille Challenge. Top winners from regional competitions such as this will go on to compete at the National Braille Challenge in Los Angeles this June. Eight MSB students placed in their respective divisions; a total of twenty-six students competed at this year's Missouri Regional Braille Challenge. Great job, Mules!



Missouri Regional Braille Challenge winners:

Apprentice Group 1

1st place: Shianne Ramsey
2nd place tie: Carter Clay & Cheston Wilson

Apprentice Group 2

1st place: Alison Miller (MSB)

Apprentice Group 3

1st place: Malikye Baston (MSB)
2nd place: Nikki Motley (MSB)
3rd place: Charles Grady (MSB)

Freshman Group 1

1st place: Allie Wolk (MSB)
2nd place: Luke McKeon

Freshman Group 2

1st place: Ali Lyon (MSB)
2nd place: Hannah Tracy
3rd place: Jessica Johnson (MSB)
Honorable Mention: Mary Hefty

Sophomore

1st place: Austin Schwan
2nd place: Nathan Deed
3rd place: Kailey Couch
Honorable Mentions: Anna Koepke & Tyler Groves

Junior Varsity:

1st place: Richard Tienter
2nd place: Claire Wright

Varsity

1st place: Lydia Olmstead
2nd place: Sam Doman
3rd place: Lexi Kaibel (MSB)
Honorable Mentions: Chloe Deremiah (MSB), Heather Thaller (MSB), Seyoon Choi

Raffle Winner:

Heather Thaller (MSB)

MSB Jr. Beta Head to State Conference, Gray Earns 1st Place

The MSB Jr. Beta Club attended the Missouri Junior Beta Club Convention in Poplar Bluff, Mo., on March 8-9. Club member Anastasia Gray won 1st Place in the Math DII 6th Grade contest and will represent Missouri at the National Beta Convention in Georgia this June! The club also competed in various arts and crafts, academic and oratory, and talent contests.



Above: Anastasia shows off her 1st Place award



Left: Noelle Dobbs as The Enchantress from "Rapunzel" in MSB Jr. Beta's submission to the Living Literature contest.

Right: Anastasia Gray as the title character from "Rapunzel" in MSB Jr. Beta's submission to the Living Literature contest.



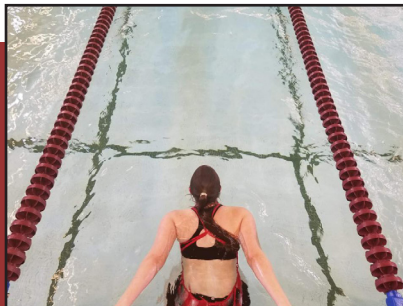
Left: Neil Grunig as Prince Charming from "Rapunzel" in MSB Jr. Beta's submission to the Living Literature contest.



Above: MSB Jr. Beta strikes a pose for "Living Literature" contest, reenacting a scene from "Rapunzel"

2018 Swim and Forensics Season Begins

The MSB Mules traveled to Illinois School for the Visually Impaired in Jacksonville, Ill., on Thursday, March 22 for a swim and forensics meet. Awards were not given out at this meet, but times and other data were collected to use at the Conference Meet that will be held April 27-28 at Ohio State School for the Blind in Columbus, Ohio.



Photos: MSB Mules in the pool for a swim meet at Illinois School for the Visually Impaired in Jacksonville, Ill.



Residence Life



Above & below: MSB students & staff enjoy snow skiing adventures at Hidden Valley Ski Resort in Eureka, Mo.



Outreach

MO Instructional Resource Center Hosts SSD TVIs for APH Product Demo

Yvonne Ali, Supervisor of the Missouri Instructional Resource Center at MSB, hosted several Teachers of Students with Visual Impairments (TVIs) from the Special School District of St. Louis Region 3 for a demonstration on products from American Printing House for the Blind. Every other year, the group visits MSB to view these products, experience and discuss amongst themselves how items might be used in teaching their students, and have the opportunity to ask Ms. Ali any questions about the products and their uses. To learn more about the Missouri Instructional Resource Center visit msb.dese.mo.gov/outreach-services/mirc.html or contact Yvonne Ali at Yvonne.Ali@msb.dese.mo.gov

While at MSB, the TVIs also visited the Professional Development Lending Library housed in the MSB Library Media Center. Missouri professionals who work with students with a visual impairment may borrow from the Professional Development Lending Library any materials on topics related to the development and education of students with visual impairments. To learn more about the Professional Development Lending Library, visit msb.dese.mo.gov/library-media-center/professional-development-lending-library.html or contact MSB Librarian Mary Dingus at Mary.Dingus@msb.dese.mo.gov



Above: MIRC Supervisor Yvonne Ali, center, shows an APH product to a visiting group of TVIs



Above: MIRC Supervisor Yvonne Ali, second from left, shows APH products to a visiting group of TVIs

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Calendar of Events**April**

2-6	Spring Break -- No School
12	Swim & Forensics in Indiana
19	Earth Day Celebration at Cliff Cave Park
25	MSB Speaker Series: Braille Bears
27	10:30 a.m. StL Symphony -- Bruckner 4
27-28	Swim & Forensics Conference in Ohio
29	Swim & Forensics Teams return from Ohio
30	State & District Testing through 5/11/18

May

10	6:00 p.m. Prom @ Genesis Banquet Center
13	Mother's Day
14	Truman holiday Observed -- No School
17-24	Capstone Program Trip to New Mexico
28	Memorial Day -- No School
30	11 a.m.-1 p.m. Library Cat Club Luncheon
31	11 a.m. Awards Banquet @ Genesis Banquet Center 7 p.m. Commencement @ MSB

June

1	Last Day of School -- Early Dismissal @ 1 p.m.
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