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### Mules Celebrate Holidays with Community Groups

On Thursday, December 20, MSB celebrated our annual Christmas Extravaganza with staff, students, family, community members and special guests from Eureka Lions Club, First Capitol Lions Club, Maplewood Lions Club, and United Workers for the Blind. Lions club and UWB members brought many gifts to donate to MSB students, and the students performed a wonderful program for our guests and families. On Monday, December 17, members of the Meramec-Arnold Elks Lodge visited MSB with dinner and presents for our residential students. In turn, the Elks were treated to a Christmas pageant by the MSB students before everyone got to eat and have a special visit with Santa Claus. Thank you to everyone who helped make the holidays the most wonderful time of the year!



Left: Left to Right, Allie Wolk, Savanna Smith, Vivian Helmig, Trinae Edwards and Anastasia Gray perform on stage of the Elks Lodge guests



Left: Left to Right, Thomas Limbach, Neil Grunig, Kiwan Sanders, Malikye Baston and Charles Grady prepare backstage for their Christmas Extravaganza performance

Right: Nathan Brown, center, opens presents with his Elks friends at Residential Christmas party



Right: Neil Grunig, center, poses with Eureka Lions Club members at Christmas Extravaganza



### Wrestling & Cheerleading Teams Place at Conference Meet!

The MSB Mules traveled to Illinois School for the Visually Impaired for the 2018-2019 NCASB Conference Wrestling and Cheerleading Meet. The cheerleading team placed 3rd in the cheerleading competition and the wrestling team placed 5th in the wrestling tournament. Here are the individual wrestlers' awards in their weight classes: 1st Place - Malikye Baston, 1st Place - Neil Grunig, 3rd Place - Chloe Deremiah, 5th Place - Thomas Limbach.



Above: the cheer team poses with their medals and trophy. Back row, L to R: Coach Bea Cusumano, Khyllie Longmire, Lexie Kaibel, Rylea Gammon, Coach Carlie Lee, Coach Maggie Cimarolli. Middle Row: Ravin Roper, Dionna Towns, Mia Bussell. Front row: Anastasia Gray, Noelle Dobbs, Leigh Friend



Above: the wrestling team poses with their medals and awards. Left to Right: Thomas Limbach, Coach Ken Anderson, Neil Grunig, Coach Terrel Copeland, Malikye Baston

## 2nd Quarter Awards Recipients

### Honor Roll

Malikye Baston	Trinae Edwards	Jalan Leach	Robert Mull
Sirria Brooks	Rylea Gammon	Thomas Limbach	Ravin Roper
Nathan Brown	Charles Grady	Khylie Longmire	Kiwan Sanders
Mia Bussell	Anastasia Gray	Daniel Matheny	Savanna Smith
Chloe Deremiah	Neil Grunig	Alison Miller	Zyshaun Williams Cross
Noelle Dobbs	Alexis Kaibel	Nicole Motley	Ali Wolk

### M.U.L.E.S.

(Moving Up, Learning Experience & Skills)

Shelby Burchett	Lucius Meyer
Nishaad Dean	Kelton Ramsey
Leigah Friend	Dionna Towns
Hunter Hall	Wayne Watson
Vivan Helmig	Logan Wilson

### Scholar Athlete

(Both played a sport and made Honor Roll)

Malikye Baston	Khylie Longmire
Noelle Dobbs	Nicole Motley
Anastasia Gray	Kiwan Sanders
Neil Grunig	Zyshaun Williams
Thomas Limbach	Cross

## Residential Launches Work Training Program

MSB is pleased to announce this year's new Residential Work Training and Experience Program! This program was created with the goal of helping students learn through training and gain work experience to enhance their future career success. The Residential department achieves this by working collaboratively with Rehabilitation Services for the Blind (RSB), local school districts, and area employment vendors to coordinate work training experiences for MSB students.

The program consists of two-hour classes held weekly for 15 weeks, job exploration, resume design and development, and job placement after completion of the course. Students learn about career planning, job readiness, and interviewing skills. RSB career counselors instruct the students in transition-to-work skills including the qualities of a good employee, communication, enthusiasm and attitude, and professionalism. Students also learn about healthy workplace relationships including how to treat co-workers, building professional relationships, team building, and how to be a good team member.

The ultimate outcome of this program is to encourage individual growth through work experience to help students reach independence and career satisfaction. The first class of the program has just finished their fifteen-week course, and we at MSB are so excited to watch them reach their true potential and share their progress with you in the coming months!



Above: MSB students participate in the weekly job training class under the instruction of RSB career counselors.

# Extracurricular Activities

MSB Boys take 3rd and Girls take 4th in Goalball Conference



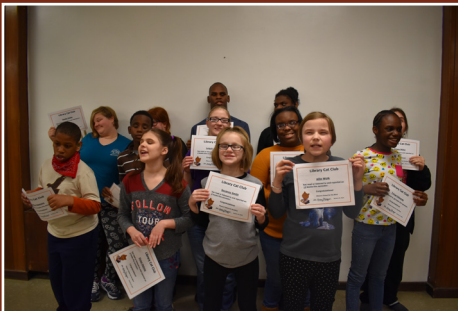
Above: MSB girls goalball team present their 3rd place trophy to MSB Superintendent Geoff Barney



Above: MSB boys goalball team present their 4th place trophy to MSB Superintendent Geoff Barney



Above: MSB Intramural Sports Team pose with their medals at the Special Olympics Bowling Tournament on January 17. Each member won either 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in their tournament category



Above: Library Cat Club members who met their 1st semester reading goals were invited to attend the Lasagna Lunch Party on January 16. The following students met their goals: Sirria Brooks, Noelle Dobbs, Trinae Edwards, Leigah Friend, Vivian Helmig, Daniel Matheny, Alison Miller, Robert Mull, Kelton Ramsey, Kiwan Sanders, Savanna Smith, Dionna Towns & Allie Wolk

## MSB Beta Club win Awards at State Convention

The MSB Beta Club traveled to Springfield December 7-8 for the State Beta Club Convention. The Mules won 4th place in Show Choir and Club Trading Pin Design and 5th place in Performing Arts Group. Nathan Brown won 5th place in Jewelry Design.



Above: Jalan & Noelle present Club Trading Pin award to Asst. Superintendent Joy Waddell



Above: Nicole & Khyllie present Performing Arts Group award to Asst. Superintendent Joy Waddell



Above: Neil & Malikye present Show Choir award to Asst. Superintendent Joy Waddell

## Counselor's Corner with Melissa Lampe, School Counselor

January is a very exciting month because students work together on their presentations for the MSB Career Awareness Fair!

Students work in groups and are assigned a "Career Path" by the Counselor. Each group decides on a job from their "Career Path" and researches the education, training, skills, abilities, common work activities, salary, work conditions, physical demands, and helpful high school courses for the job.

The groups will present their research on a poster display and give an oral presentation. Groups are judged based on a rubric and the creativity they use in designing their poster display and oral presentation.

The MSB Career Awareness Fair is a great way for students to learn about different careers and use real life skills such as public speaking to express their knowledge on a career. Good luck to all the groups!

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## MSB Calendar of Events

February	
1	10:00 AM Career Awareness Fair
13	Missouri Regional Braille Challenge
15	Lincoln Day (Observed) - No School
18	Washington's Birthday - No School
March	
13	MSB Speaker Series: Independent Living
15-16	Swim & Forensics @ Ohio
20	Swim & Forensics @ Illinois
22	10:00 AM 3rd Quarter Awards & QuizBowl
April	
11	Swim (only) @ Indiana
18	Earth Day Celebration
22-26	Spring Break - No School



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