



Academic Awards

The 22nd Annual Academic Awards Banquet for third year recipients was held last Friday with 142 CMCSS seniors earning the prestigious awards. First and second year recipients will be honored at their high school awards events. The Banquet is hosted by the Education Foundation and sponsored through the generous donations of community businesses, organizations and individuals. Turn to the last page of the newsletter to see the list of donors.



End of School Year Clarifications

There have been numerous questions concerning the use of personal leave on May 26, 27, and 31. Please review the following excerpt from the Memorandum of Agreement with CMCEA.

Article XVI.C.2.c - Personal leave may not be used on days preceding or following a holiday or vacation period.

Article XVI.C.3 – Personal leave may not be used on in-service days or staff development days except in the case of an emergency.

Based on one or both of these articles, personal leave is contractually not applicable for these days. A negotiated change to the teachers' contract would be required to have this flexibility.



CMCSS on Facebook

Be sure to check out and “like” the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System facebook page to keep up to date on news in CMCSS.

Safety Minutes

Click here to learn the latest from the Safety Department.

http://www.cmcss.net/documents/safety/safetyshorts/safetyshort_201103.pdf



Education Foundation Presents \$25,000 for Model Classroom Tech

Education Foundation Board Member Jimmy Dunn presents a \$25,000 check to School Board Chairman Jimmie Garland for model classroom technology.

Ready to put a spring in your sing?

Northeast High School Spring Choral Concerts are this weekend with the featured program: “All You Need Is Love —Love Is All You Need”

Tonight’s show is at 7 p.m. and Sunday is at 2:30 p.m. Admission: Adults \$5, Students \$3. NEHS Theatre, 3701 Trenton Road, Clarksville, TN. This is a 2-hour show. Highlighted will be their Concert/Competition Music, The Beatles, Kelly Clarkson, Motown, The Supremes, The Temptations, It’s My Party, Chapel of Love, more 60’s, Tap, Hip-Hop, 4 student accompanist, 3 student conductors, solos and more! Get ready to be entertained by the Exit One Show Choir, Concert Choir, Men’s Choir, and Women’s Choir.

CUSTOMER FEEDBACK

From: Barbara Richardson, Teacher, Clarksville High Department
Commenting on: First Aid

The hard drive on my laptop crashed after school on Feb. 28. I took it to First Aid and they took the time to look at it right away and were able to fix it. We have become so dependent on technology, a day without my computer, makes it hard to complete the tasks I need to complete. They were so nice and made the process seem easy and painless. I will be forever grateful for the wonderful service I have received from the Technology department

From: Phyllis Hermantin, Bookkeeper, Moore Magnet Department
Commenting on: On-Site Clinic
Cindy Norman, at the Montgomery Central site, is AWESOME! Not only does she truly care about her patients, she follows up with them. Each time I have visited, she had reviewed my chart before I got there so she knew my history. We need more caring providers like Cindy!

Congratulations are in order for the three 2011-12 Teacher of the Year recipients:



Category 9-12: **Chandra Stokes,** Clarksville High School

Ms. Stokes has been selected as our district's Teacher of the Year 9-12. She has taught Cosmetology 25 years at Clarksville High School. Chandra serves as the Career Technical Education departmental chairperson, and is an active member of the leadership team at Clarksville High School.

Chandra believes that by creating an atmosphere of high expectations through model learning, praise, and continued practice, her student experience an environment of continuous and effective learning. Her desire is that every one of her students become successful and significant members of society.



Category 5-8: **Martha Shelton Durrett,** Richview Middle School

Ms. Durrett has been selected as our district's Teacher of the Year 5-8. She has taught for 30 years, and has been at Richview Middle School for the past 11 years teaching Special Education grades 6-8. She has been CMCSS Teacher of the Year in 2000 and 2005, and chosen as CMCSS Distinguished Classroom Teacher in 2006, 2007 and 2010.

Outside the classroom, Ms. Durrett serves as an advocate by actively supporting and participating in causes which promote educational values. Inside the classroom, she demonstrates a collaborative approach to teaching and learning. Her approach is to facilitate student understanding through hands-on instruction that focuses on student ownership for their learning. Shelton believes that by working together diligently and consistently, students have power to replace the minus of disability with the plus of capability.



Category PreK-4: **Cynthia Rogers,** Norman Smith Elementary School

Mrs. Rogers has been selected as our district's Teacher of the Year PreK-4. She has taught for eight years at the elementary level and her tenure is highlighted with numerous awards and honors, including Fox 17 Top Teacher 2007, Who's Who among Teachers 2007 and CMCEA Green Apple Award 2004.

Mrs. Roger's commitment to teaching and learning goes beyond the walls of her individual classroom. She is a teacher leader in her building and has provided staff development in her schools on STEM and TCAP teaching strategies. She was selected as the model teacher this year at Smith for Explicit Instruction, so that her peers could observe her daily instructional practice of that strategy. Cynthia Rogers believes that all students can learn and that her job is to do whatever she can to make that happen.

School Board Recognizes March Points of Pride



The NEMS Electric Eagles FLL (First LEGO League) team placed sixth place overall out of more than 60 teams in the Tennessee State FLL Championships held in December at Tennessee Tech University.

This is the first time this team has ever competed; they won second in Teamwork points, second in Presentation/Research points, and they were in the top eight in Robot Design and Robot Performance.

They represented Northeast Middle and CMCSS well as top-notch students as well as students of character and integrity. The team members who competed included: Gavin Cobb, Justin Doane, Tyler Hagemann, Devan Iturrian and Timothy Kirby from eighth grade; Kyle Brooks, Dalton Claxton, Jacob Kenton, Keya Patel, Alexis Wade-Rivas from seventh grade. Student coaches were Fiala Bumpers and Lily Joiner. Teacher coaches were Polly Kopp and Whitney Joiner. Team members unable to compete included: Paul Campuzana, John Gibson and Nathaniel Harris from eighth grade and Nathaniel Lawhon-Thompson, Katelyn Mitchell and Akshar Patel from seventh grade.



The Montgomery Central cheerleaders competed in the National High School Cheerleading Championship Feb. 13. For a third year, the cheerleaders placed first place in their division, small varsity non-tumbling, bringing home another white jacket, gold medal, trophy, and banner. The squad competed against 10 other teams across the nation.

In order to attend the competition, the cheerleaders competed at both state and regionals, winning and receiving a bid from both. The squad members include: Ciara Anderson, Leighana Morrison, Harley Rose, Miranda Downing, Charlsie Morrison, Crystal Scott, Shayla Perry, Devin Paulus, Katie Boyce, Bailey McMahan, Kylie Eastin, Nicole Lynn. They are coached by: Keri Lehman, head coach, Paige Walker, assistant coach.



Kenwood High School junior Ali Kingston spent her recent snow days working on a speech about the 19th Amendment: her work paid off. On Saturday, Jan. 22, Ali competed in the American Legion's high school oratorical contest and won first place.

The district-wide competition was held at Gallatin High School. Snow kept many students away, but not Ali, who was driven to the contest by her grandmother and mom. Her speech coach, Amy Jackson, rode with them for support.

Not only did Ali have to deliver a memorized 8-minute speech about one of the constitution's amendments, she also had to be prepared to give an extemporaneous speech on any one of four other amendments chosen by the contest officials.

She now is the winner of the Middle Tennessee Division and competes Saturday, March 5 at the state competition. Results of that will be known by the night of the Board meeting.



STEM Integration Pilot Schools are deserving of this month's Point of Pride. Moore Magnet Elementary, Kenwood Middle and Kenwood High School faculties, administrators and staff have joined together to work in concert toward a common goal of improving academic instruction and teaching strategies for science and math.

The principals of these three schools, Kim Smith, Bart Dixon and Hal Bedell, have served as leaders in this STEM integration pilot and are representing those amazing teachers who have done extraordinary work over the past few months. They have opened up their schools and made significant impact on the teachers and students. They have put in motion what will become a district-wide culture of integrating science and math.

Policy Changes and Updates

These are the new or updated policies since January 2011. You can find them at <http://www.cmcss.net/iso/adminpolicy.htm>

INS-A050	Service Animal Policy	New	1/10/2011
HEA-A001	Communicable Diseases	B	2/21/2011
HEA-A002	Emergency First Aid Kit	C	2/21/2011
HEA-A005	Medication Storage	C	2/21/2011
HEA-A006	Medications Disposal	C	2/21/2011
HEA-A007	Glucagon Administration	C	2/21/2011
HEA-A009	Use of Automated External Defibrillators	A	2/21/2011
HEA-A010	Admissions Requirements Policy	B	2/21/2011
HEA-A011	Medication Administration	A	2/21/2011
HUM-A055	Registered Sex Offenders	A	2/21/2011
HUM-A057	Compensation for "Off the Clock Work"	A	2/21/2011
INS-A051	Isolation & Restraint for Students Receiving Special Education	IR	2/21/2011
RSK-A001	Employee Safety Policy	C	2/21/2011
INS-A021	Advanced Placement & Honors Program	C	2/28/2011
INS-A022	Honors & Distinguished Honors Diploma Pro.	A	2/28/2011

Call for Participants - Leadership Development I (August 2011 – April 2012)

Leadership Development I provides essential introductory leadership and management training to select Certified and Classified employees who have demonstrated interest and aptitude for broadening their leadership skills. The program covers a broad range of leadership topics to include personal leadership, interpersonal communication, team development skills, organizational change, and facilitative leadership.

Certified and Classified employees interested in participating in the 2011-2012 Leadership Development I program should contact Pat Donahue at pat.donahue@cmcss.net or Susan Jones at susan.jones@cmcss.net for complete information.

Principal/Supervisor recommendation is required for participation in this program. Application deadline for the 2011-2012 Leadership Development I Course is Friday, April 28.

COMMUNITY

Spring Break at the Library

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Public Library is offering Spring Break activities for students. Click here to learn more.

<http://www.cmcss.net/newsletter/20110310/missbindergarten.pdf>

Time for Fishing

The School System Employees' 20th Annual Bass Classic tournament will be held Saturday, April 16. The location will be Dyers Creek Boat Ramp in Dover and begin at 5:45 a.m./safe light to 2 p.m. weigh-in. Registration starts at 5 a.m. Entry fee is \$50 per team/boat. A big fish pot is included with entry fee. For more details or information, contact Steve Davis at 931-338-9586 or Dennis Eads at 931-206-1146.

YMCA Offers CMCSS Staff and Families a Day of Fun
Click here for details.

<http://www.cmcss.net/newsletter/20110310/trythey.pdf>



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