

# Marion School District Newsletter

*Home of the Marion Patriots*

June 2019 News



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## Quote of the Month

*"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world" – Nelson Mandela*



**Ashley Tew, Art teacher at Marion Junior High School has successfully completed the Arkansas Declaration of Learning program.**

Ashley Tew, Art teacher at Marion Junior High School has successfully completed the Arkansas Declaration of Learning program. Governor Asa Hutchinson, keynote speaker, personally recognize Ashley on stage for her accomplishments. The Arkansas Declaration of Learning program is very competitive. Educators selected for the 2018-19 program began with a week-long intensive training led by state and national partners during June 2018. During the training, participants learned to use historic art and objects in their classroom and school libraries to bring the subjects they teach to life. During the school year, they developed dynamic unit and lesson plans – and launched a civic engagement project – that helped engage students in active learning and illustrated the importance of civic engagement. Ashley did an outstanding job in the program, and we are looking forward to recognizing their achievements. She was 1 of 28 across the state to complete this program. This program also highlights the excellence of education in Arkansas. Arkansas is the pilot state for this national program which brings object-based learning and national resources to classrooms and

school libraries. The initiative is led by the U.S. Department of State's Diplomatic Reception Rooms in partnership with the Arkansas Department of Education, Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, the William J. Clinton Presidential Library, the Clinton Foundation, and the Central Arkansas Library System. In 2019-20, the program will expand to other states and launch a national website. The units, lesson plans and civic engagement projects created by Ashley will be featured on this website and used by educators across the country.

Congratulations Ashley Tew for personifying excellence in education and representing the Marion School District. We are proud you are a part of the Patriot family.

picture L to R: Ashley Tew, Marion Art Teacher and Sandra Halley, Marion Director of Facilitators.



## What's Happening At MHS

Congratulations to Coach Gray and our AP Computer Science students for receiving College Board's AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award for attaining high levels of female student representation in AP Computer Science in 2018. (Awarded to 685 out of 18,000 secondary schools) Thank you Coach Gray for your dedication to our students in this subject area. It is such an honor to see our students exposed to this important field and to see them so prepared for their AP exam. Thank you for all you do for our kids!



## What's Happening At MHS/MJHS

Marion High School & Marion Junior High School putting on one awesome basketball camp for future Patriot players. The MSD players welcomed young students in the community to create a bond of sportsmanship and friendship while teaching basic basketball skills. Students and parents loved this experience and didn't want it to end.



## What's Happening At MHS/MJHS

2019 Cheer Camp was a huge success! MSD junior high and high school cheerleaders sponsored a camp to show young ladies in the community what it takes to be a MSD cheerleader. They created special memories for these young Patriot cheerleaders.



## GREAT THINGS THAT HAPPENED THIS MONTH AT HCGC

### HCGC Welcomes it's New Students

Parent packets are ready for parents to pick up. These packets let parents know what to expect in the 2019/2020 school year. There will be uniform information, parent/student/faculty expectations, and a supply order form. Other summer activities will be on the calendar for everyone to attend and get to know the HCGC family.



## GREAT THINGS THAT HAPPENED THIS MONTH AT MST

### We are excited to announce MST is going to SPACE CAMP!!

Everyone at MST can't wait for space camp and they want as many of their students to go. A parent meeting has been set for September 3 at 6pm. Be there to get ALL of the important information about space camp.



## GREAT THINGS THAT HAPPENED THIS MONTH AT VPA

### Report Cards Are Ready!

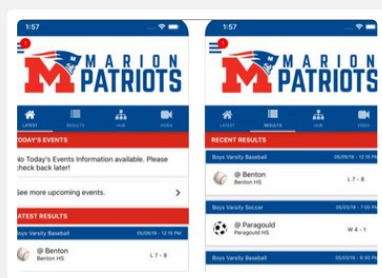
Parents you may pick up report cards at the VPA office from 8 to 3 Monday through Friday. If you have any questions give them a call at 870-735-4588

## Marion Patriots Sports

## MSD Building Towards Strong 2019



## Marion spring football 2019



### MSD Patriot Athletics Creates New App

Downloaded and stay on top of what's happening with your Marion Patriot teams. Click [HERE](#) for the app. CI



### MSD Patriots are University of Memphis 7on7 Champs!

The Patriots put on a show at the Memphis Football 7on7. See the full story [HERE](#) by Tyler Bennett



### MSD Football Represents at Camp

These young men did a great job today at the Alabama OL/DL camp. They got a lot of praise from a lot of coaches about how well they act and how well they are Coached. It is a testament to them for paying attention to detail and being Coachable.

## Share The Good Stuff

If there are good things happening in your classroom or building, we want to hear about it. Here are a few examples:

- Exciting field trips
- Guest speakers
- Interactive lesson plans
- Students or staff with remarkable personal stories

- Favorable academic data
- College signings, academic scholarships
- Planned professional development

Send your good stuff with pictures and/or video to Jonnett Gammill at [jgammill@msd3.org](mailto:jgammill@msd3.org)

## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Marion School District Newsletter will be disseminated monthly. If you would like your news included in the next edition, please shoot an email to [jgammill@msd3.org](mailto:jgammill@msd3.org) with "newsletter" in the subject line. When submitting news, keep in mind the 5 W's: who, what, why, when, and where. Attach photos and video with your copy.

The deadline to submit information is the 21st of each month.



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