

Marion School District Newsletter

Home of the Marion Patriots

May 2019 Overview



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Quote of the Month

"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."

~Benjamin Franklin~

ONE PATRIOT COMMUNITY



MSD Foundation thanks Robert Thorne and the Arkansas Kennel Association for its \$5000.00 donation and its commitment to excellence in education as it supports the Marion School District.

Pictured L to R: MSD Supt. Dr. Glen Fenter, Tyler Ginn- First Community Bank, Robert Thorne, and David Fogleman- Chairman, MSD Foundation

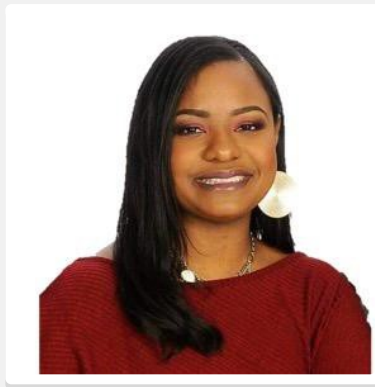


Welcome To The Marion School District



New MJHS Administrator, James Scott

Marion School District has two new administrators, one heading to Marion Junior High School (MJHS) and the other to Herbert Carter Global Community Magnet School (HCGC). The new additions to the district are an experienced husband and wife duo with outstanding backgrounds in education. James Scott will replace Elmer West next school year as the principal at MJHS. West is moving to the central office as the new director of HR and compliance. Mr. Scott has been in the education field for 14 years. He spent seven years as an elementary teacher for the Pine Bluff School District and later became an elementary assistant principal for the Stuttgart School District. He has spent the last five years with the Westside Consolidated School District in Jonesboro, where he served as PreK director, elementary and middle school principal. "James is one of the bright up and coming stars in the administrative ranks of our state," said MSD Assistant



New HCGC Administrator, Chuneke Scott

Chuneke Scott is an additional assistant principal at Herbert Carter Global Community Magnet. Mrs. Scott is currently an assistant principal at Trumann Elementary School. HCGC principal Adam O'Neal said he is excited to have her on his staff next year. "HCGC is thrilled to have her," said O'Neal. "She comes highly recommended, has a great story, and a set of experiences and background that will make her the perfect person to come aboard the HCGC administrative team. We are blessed to have her and I cannot wait for next year to get started so that she will have an opportunity to make an impact for our students." Mrs. Scott has over 16 years of experience in education as an elementary teacher, an instructional facilitator and an administrator. She received a BSE in Early Childhood Education from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff as well as an MSE in Curriculum and Instruction with additional licensure in Educational



New Instructional Facilitator, Ruby McFarland

Ruby McFarland is a new addition to the Marion School District for the 2019-2020 school year. She will be serving the district as an Instructional Facilitator, who will encourage and help guide our district teachers in best practices to strengthen student instruction. Mrs. McFarland comes to us from the West Memphis School District where she served them for 32 years as an educator and literacy coach. She has expressed that she is very excited about joining our team of facilitators and being a part of the wonderful vision MSD has for students and the community at large.

Superintendent Hugh Inman.” We could not be more excited about him joining our team”

Leadership from Arkansas State University.



What's Happening At MHS

2019 Senior prom “Sparkle Soirée” is a wrap. The seniors had a wonderful time celebrating the end of the year creating one last memory before graduation.



What's Happening At MJHS

The James H. Carter Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society inducted 48 MJHS students during ceremonies at the school on May 2, 2019.



What's Happening At MJHS 7th Grade

The 7th Grade Experience is always promoting literacy. They had a great time with Bingo For Books Library Media Center!

MHS Band Creates Beautiful Music With Disney

<https://youtu.be/FUESm87CRqM>



*To All Who Courageously
Walk That Thin Blue Line,*



**Thank
you.**



*The Marion
School District
Is A Proud
Supporter Of Our
Law Enforcement
Officers.*



GREAT THINGS THAT HAPPENED THIS MONTH AT HCGC

HCGC 6th Graders Take On Washington DC

Sixth grade students took an amazing trip to Washington DC and got the opportunity to see many wonderful things. To see pictures of their amazing trip visit their Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/HCGCmagnet>

HCGC Parents Help Beautify Their Campus

Global parents and teachers came together on a Friday afternoon to plant Crepe Myrtles for our wonderful school. This is one of many projects Global has done to beautify their campus. They have also planted many tulips and other plants to create a campus they are very proud of.



GREAT THINGS THAT HAPPENED THIS MONTH AT MST

5th Grade Is Explosive!

MST fifth graders built and conducted paper volcano experiments to study chemical change and how different things react. They had a blast! They also conducted experiments such as coke vs. mentos and made their own slime!

ASU Mid-South Brought The Stars to 3rd Grade

MST 3rd graders got to experience "Earth's Wild Ride" planetarium show in their very own gym! Thanks to ASU Mid-South for bringing their mobile planetarium for our 3rd graders to enjoy!



GREAT THINGS THAT HAPPENED THIS MONTH AT VPA

And That's A Wrap!

Our amazing Encore teachers celebrated the cast, crew, and dancers of "On the Radio". Such a great celebration for an awesome group of kids! A HUGE thank you goes to the amazing parents that brought in food and drinks, set up the party, cleaned up, served our kids and have just gone above and beyond for us this year. We may have to keep your kids at VPA forever!

EDUCATION: THE KEY TO SUCCESS

VPA 6th graders had the opportunity to visit and tour ASU Mid South. They viewed facilities and learned about the different programs our local campus offers. We cannot wait to see all of the amazing things our students accomplish!

Thanks to Ghost Town Blues Band for making guitars and working with the 6th grade GT class! An experience they will NEVER FORGET!

https://youtu.be/raeb_TVsj4E



Books & Breakfast Challenge!

Marion School District won first place in the Books & Breakfast Challenge! Marion Junior High School increased its March breakfast participation by a whopping 155.5% over last year, and the district as a whole increased its participation by an impressive 74%. They won a \$1,500 cash prize for the child nutrition department and three boxes of books for their students. The Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance could not have provided these awards without the support of our partners: No Kid Hungry, Arkansas Department of Education, Arkansas Humanities Council, Midwest Dairy, AETN



2019 MSD Teachers of the Year

Every year each campus selects one of their own that exemplifies excellence in education.



Marion School District and HCGC Teacher of the Year

Mr. Zac Zachary has been named Marion School District's and Herbert Carter Global Community's Teacher of the Year. Mr. Zachary teaches art to every student at HCGC and it's his first year in the Marion School district. He has expressed that out of his nine years teaching, this year at Marion has been by far his best year ever. He said being nominated by the amazing teachers at HCGC is beyond anything he's ever asked for. Everything he's done inside and outside of the classroom has been in the best interest for the students and to make things better as a community. If you visit the HCGC campus you will see many of Mr. Zachary's artistic contributions throughout the buildings on the walls.



VPA Teacher of the Year

Mr. Barry Bates was chosen by the Visual and Performing Arts magnet as Teacher of the Year. Mr. Bates expressed his success was really a team effort because his fellow teachers worked together not against each other. He said this inaugural year of VPA has been the easiest because of his colleagues. What challenged him the most this year was learning how to teach kindergarten through third grade, but he prevailed with his team. He said "there is a magical element at our school. [The teachers] rely on the arts to teach the core subjects." He appreciates the incorporation of the arts at VPA and how it relates to the world we live in and making it a little brighter for it.



MHS Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Farrah McFarland has been voted Marion High School's Teacher of the Year. She teaches AP Statistics, AP Calculus, and Pre-Calculus. This is also Mrs. McFarland's first year back in the classroom after several years as the high school's Instructional Facilitator. She didn't realize how much she missed being with students until this year. She said her subjects are very demanding but she has the best students and loves them. She has grown so much this first year back and doesn't foresee herself being out of the classroom anytime soon. She was honored to be chosen by her peers because "there are so many great teachers here are MHS."



MJHS Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Becky Adkins, Science teacher, has been named Marion Junior High School's Teacher of the Year for the second year in a row. She has been with the Marion School District three and half years. She has said she is honored to work with so many dedicated teachers in her building. "It truly takes all of us to make our school successful." She is very proud to work for a district that provides each student an equitable, real world education. She enjoys being a part of a district that prides itself of its high standards, engaging and rigorous curriculum, and equipping students with tools to become career and/or college ready. She is thankful for the opportunity to be a teacher at MSD and enjoys teaching her students and watching them make connections with the world around them. She hopes to continue to make learning safe and engaging for years to come. She is proud to be a Marion Patriot.



MST Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Scotta Allen, Math teacher, has been named Marion Math, Science and Technology Magnet's Teacher of the Year. This is Mrs. Allen's first year teaching 6th grade and said it has been the most amazing year teaching out of her 8 years with MSD. She never thought about being teacher of the year, but has felt like this year she was doing something exceptionally right with the students. Mrs. Allen said her 6th grade team is amazing in trusting her to do what she loves in her curriculum. Not only has her team been amazing, but her MST family is positive and phenomenal. Mrs. Allen is honored being chosen by her peers and wishes everyone could be teacher of the year with her.

Shaka Bogan leaves the Patriots to become a Razorback

Marion's Shaka Bogan won the 110m hurdles at the 5A State Track Meet & the Meet of Champs this month. The Patriot record setter signed a Track Scholarship with the University of Arkansas. He also won the State Indoor 60 meter Hurdles and set a state record in January.

To read and watch the full story on Shaka Bogan click [HERE](#)





eSports had an outstanding first year

eSports had an outstanding first year . . . Sam Carver reported the following results:

Our League of Legends team (The A Team) finished the regular season with a record of 5-3 and tied for #16 in the state. They continued on through the state playoffs making it to the quarter finals and the top 8 teams in the state, out of 64 teams that participated. We were knocked out by the Searcy Lions who went on to compete in the championship game.

Members of this team:

Keegan Krause
Steve Chen
Joshua Burns
Maggie Su
Cody Howton
Brandon Lewis
Jodie Hamlin

Our first Rocket League team (Total Blowout) finished tied for #13 in the regular season with a record of 5-3. They were knocked out in the first round of playoffs by Shiloh Christian School.

Members of this team:

Trevion Reed
Cameron Sullivan
Mitarius Jacobs
Abbigail Nemenz
Alexandria Jenkins

Our second Rocket League team (Top Tier Scorers) finished tied for #6 in the regular season with a match record of 6-2. They made it to the second round of playoffs before losing to Lakeside High School.

Members of this team:

Jevoncea Hayes

Quincy Bedinger

Trenton Knighten

Andrew Fraley

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

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 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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