

Marion School District Newsletter

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Quote of the Month

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



Let the Journey Begin for the MSD Interventionists

Let the Journey Begin!

To meet the dyslexia law and under the instruction of Nancy Coffman-Trainer (Director of Shelton Academic Reading Approach), the Marion School District has sent seven interventionist to become Certified Academic Language Therapists. The type of therapy the MSD interventionist will provide is therapeutic for students with dyslexia. AR Code § 6-41-602 (2014) requires districts to provide training for interventionists.

The Shelton Academic Reading Approach (SARA) an IMSLEC and IDA accredited course utilizing structured, multi-sensory language instruction based on the Alphabetic Phonics approach for teaching reading, handwriting, spelling, comprehension and written expression for students with specific language disabilities, such as dyslexia and related disorders. SARA also introduces participants to concepts related to the identification of a student with specific language disabilities. SARA utilizes the Take Flight: A Comprehensive Intervention for Students with dyslexia program developed at Texas Sottish Rite Hospital.

MSD certified interventionists will complete a 200 hour course over the next two years. Upon completion of the two-year course and the practicum, seven certified interventionists will be eligible to sit for the Alliance National Registration Exam and gain national certification throughout the Academic Language Therapy Association (ALTA) and refer to themselves as Certified Academic Language Therapists (CALT).

Pictured Above L to R:

Elizabeth Creel, Amber Jones, Sheree Love, Emily Stewart, Nancy Coffman-Trainer - MS, CALT, QI(Director of Shelton Academic Reading Approach), Mallory Cupples, Patricia Wilson-School



MJHS TEACHER, MHS ROBOTICS MENTOR WAS 1 OF 24 MENTORS OUT OF 300 APPLICANTS SELECTED TO ATTEND THE 2019 AIR FORCE/FIRST ROBOTICS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Krisma Smith, MJHS teacher, MHS Robotics Mentor was 1 of 24 mentors out of 300 applicants selected to attend the 2019 Air Force/FIRST Robotics Leadership Program. Of the 21 states represented, Ms. Smith was the only mentor in the state of Arkansas selected. This year, Ms. Smith and Mr. Mouritsen are reviving our district's robotics team. We are extremely honored and proud to be apart of a once and a lifetime opportunity. The 24 mentors selected were flown to the Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio where they were trained exclusively on being effective leaders and teaching STEM/STEAM practices in their classrooms. The mentors were given private guided tours of the base including the research labs and the National Air Force Museum. Any students (7-12th) interested in joining Robotics can speak to Ms. K.Smith (MJHS) ksmith@msd3.org or Mr. Mouritsen (MHS) dmouritsen@msd3.org.



What's Happening At MHS

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ALL teachers are back to school

2019-20 School year kicked off with a faculty/staff breakfast Friday, August 2, 2019. Premiere Bank gave away a lot of door prizes to an excited crowd after breakfast. Faculty and staff made their way to the MPAC to be introduced to new employees to the district. The MSD Foundation Board gave away several prizes of their own to boost morale. Needless to say there were many happy faculty and staff on their first day back to work.



GREAT THINGS THAT HAPPENED THIS MONTH AT HCGC

HCGC Welcomes it's New Students

Open house will be Thursday, August 8th from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Please drop in to meet your child's teacher, visit with their classmates, and check out their new classroom. If you purchased a school supply kit, it will be available for pickup during open house.



GREAT THINGS THAT HAPPENED THIS MONTH AT MST

MST Welcomes it's New Students

Open house will be Thursday, August 8th from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Please drop in to meet your child's teacher, tour the campus, learn valuable information about school policy and expectations, complete paperwork, and get ready for the first day of school.



GREAT THINGS THAT HAPPENED THIS MONTH AT VPA

VPA Welcomes it's New Students

Open house will be Thursday, August 8th from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Please drop in to meet your child's teacher, tour the campus, learn valuable information about school policy and expectations, complete paperwork, and get ready for the first day of school.

Marion Patriots Sports



MSD Foundation is excited to announce it's 3rd annual tournament

Marion School District Foundation is excited to announce our 3rd Annual MSD Foundation tournament fundraiser which will be held on Saturday, August 17th at The Marion Golf and Athletic Club . This is a wonderful opportunity to help our student athletes and athletic department. All proceeds from the tournament will go towards The Marion School District Foundation to help fund our local student athletes. We are asking local businesses and individuals to be a MSD Foundation sponsor.

Your sponsorship will make Marion School District Foundation tournament a success, and more importantly, it will allow MSD Foundation to raise needed funding for expenses needed for Marion school athletic programs.

The deadline has been extended. Call Bartt Vaughn TODAY! Click the link for contact information.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0ByP5NIq2ZcFtZHd3bkFveE9iM3M3djdwRmJRUFoM0p3NzhB/view?fbclid=IwAR3i5oQAsUbuo0->



MSD Lady Patriots want you to gear up for the 2019 season

Support your Lady Pats with the cool attire they have available in their fundraiser. Click the link for the coolest attire, both volleyball and other! You can buy online, pay online, and it ships directly to you!

<https://www.b-unlimited.com/collections/marion-high-school>



MSD Cheer sweeps awards

Marion High School

Team Awards:

Rally Routine Champion

Game day Champion

Spirit Stick

Bid to Nationals

Individual Awards:

Pin-it Forward Leadership

Award: Meredith Whited

All-American:

Tatum Brown (11)

Jayla Harper (12)

Kellie Dukes (11): Top Camp

All-American

Star Jumper

Clancey Percy (12) Finalist

Alex Moyes (11) Finalist

Baylee Trammell (11) Finalist

Ally Phillips (10) Finalist

Gabby Gill (10) Finalist

Madison Chesney (10)

Winner

Kellie Dukes (11) Winner

Rachel Gaines (12) Winner

Star Tumbler:

Emily French (10) Finalist

Avery Cook (10) Finalist

Sarah Hood (11) Finalist

Kamryn Shelton (11) Finalist

Rachel Gaines (12) Finalist

Gabby Gill (10) Winner

Kellie Dukes (11) Winner

Clancey Percy (12) Winner

Star Stunt Finalist:

Madison Chesney, Sarah

Hood, Jayla Harper, Kamryn

Shelton (Finalists)

Gabby Gill, Ally Phillips,

Clancey Percy, Rachel

Coleman (Winners)

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 or Tyler Bennett at tybennett@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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