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Important Dates:

March 11 & 14
Students/Teachers **Report** to School

March 15 - 18 - Spring Break

March 21 - 25 - Pre-K Registration

March 28 - April 1
Kindergarten Registration

Saturday, March 26 -
Parent University
TSU Main Campus
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 26 -
Youth Safety Summit,
Martin Center, 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 9-
Parent University
Glencliff High
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

April - May - Online Gateway Testing

April 13 - 20 - TCAP Achievement Testing Grades 3-8

*June 1 - Last day of School (pending)

**Please watch for calendar updates from MNPS*

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Metro Schools introduces Six New Magnet Schools

Plans are moving fast as Metro Schools prepares for the fall 2011 opening of six new magnet schools. The schools will offer theme-based instruction in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), Entertainment Industry and Music Business, and Museum studies.

Families who want to be the first to enroll their children in these exciting new programs have a golden opportunity in March to take advantage of the only year these schools will be available through open enrollment. After their opening year, the schools will be included in the annual lottery process used for other magnet programs. Since the schools will also have students zoned to them, the district expects demand to soon exceed the available openings as more people learn about the new opportunities at these schools.

Before applying, families should remember that transportation for all open enrollment and magnet schools is the responsibility of the family, unless the student lives in the school's zone.

Museum Magnet Schools

Robert Churchwell Elementary - PreK-5
John Early Middle School – grades 6-8
(Direct pathway to Hume-Fogg Academic High for students meeting entrance requirements)

Churchwell and John Early will leverage partnerships with Nashville museums to develop the magnet curriculum, provide enrichment opportunities to students and professional development for staff.

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Schools

Hattie Cotton Elementary – PreK-4
Bailey Middle School – grades 5-8
Stratford High School – grades 9-12

Hattie Cotton, Bailey and Stratford will provide a STEM curriculum for students to follow from kindergarten through 12th grade. University partnerships with each school's STEM program will provide opportunities for enrichment and collaboration to both students and teachers. The faculties from all three schools will work together throughout the year to review curriculum and instructional methods.

Entertainment Industry and Music Business Magnet

Pearl-Cohn High – grades 9-12

In Music City, the entertainment and music business industries offer many opportunities for partnerships that will support this thematic magnet. Pearl-Cohn will partner with universities offering degree programs in these fields, as well as local businesses and organizations, to provide instruction by university staff, training and real-world experience to students, and professional development to faculty.

Open Enrollment is March 1-31

More than 30 schools, including our six new thematic magnets, are available for Open Enrollment beginning March 1. Applications for Open Enrollment can be found at schools, online at **www.mnps.org** and at the Customer Service Center located in the Central Office at 2601 Bransford Avenue.

The application deadline is March 31 and all applications must be returned to the Customer Service Center or submitted online at **www.mnps.org**. Seats are filled on a first come basis as students' applications are received. Visit our website at *www.mnps.org* for a list of schools available during Open Enrollment.

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More than 99% of MNPS teachers are Highly Qualified

Along with involved parents, students learn best when they have a great teacher. Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools is committed to hiring and keeping the best teachers for our students. Currently, 99.65% of MNPS teachers are Highly-Qualified in their subject area through No Child Left Behind guidelines. This high percentage is helping us get closer to reaching our district vision of providing every student with the foundation of knowledge, skills and character necessary to excel in higher education, work and life, and to providing an excellent teacher for every child, in every classroom every year.

If you would like to learn more about MNPS teacher qualifications, either district-wide or at a specific school, visit the Tennessee Department of Education website at www.state.tn.us./education and click the 2010 Report Card link. You may also contact your child's school if you have additional questions.

Metro Schools' Report Card shows progress, challenges

This year, all Tennessee school districts faced the challenges of increased academic standards, higher benchmarks for student proficiency, and the change to using a single year's test scores to determine school status -as opposed to a three-year average as in past years. Despite these hurdles, our students made significant gains, including jumps in high school writing assessment scores, meeting K-8 benchmarks in reading and math, and a nearly 10% jump in graduation rates – all the way up to 82.9%.

While we did not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) under the No Child Left Behind Act, our status remains Restructuring 1-Improving. Our unchanged status from 2009 is due to a Natural Disaster Appeal, granted due to the May flood.

We missed targets for some sub-groups of students and subjects: K-8 African-American students did not make AYP in math, and high school students with disabilities and limited English proficiency did not make AYP in reading/language arts. We are pleased with the gains made by our students last year and are working for continued improvement. We know how our students performed in this first year of the new standards and tests and are now better equipped to continue implementing our *MNPS Achieves: First to the Top* transformation plan.

For full Report Card data, visit this webpage: http://www.mnps.org/Page78976.aspx.

Metro Schools' Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) status

A. Z. Kelley Elem.	Good Standing	Donelson Middle	Target
Alex Green Elem.	Target	Dupont Elem.	Good Standing
Amqui Elem.	School Improvement 2	Dupont Hadley Middle	Good Standing
Andrew Jackson Elem.	Good Standing	Dupont Tyler Middle	School Improvement 1
Antioch High	School Improvement 2 - Improving	Eakin Elem.	Good Standing
Antioch Middle	Restructuring 1	East Literature Magnet	Good Standing
Apollo Middle	Restructuring 2	Fall-Hamilton Elem.	Good Standing
Bailey Middle	School improvement 2	Gateway Elem.	Good Standing
Bellevue Middle	Target	Glencliff High	Restructuring 2
Bellshire Elem.	Target	Glencliff Elem.	Target
Big Picture School	Good Standing	Glendale Elem.	Good Standing
Bordeaux Elem.	Target	Glengarry Elem.	Good Standing
Brick Church Middle	School Improvement 2-Improving	Glenn Elem.	Good Standing
Buena Vista Elem.	School Improvement 1	Glenview Elem.	Target
Caldwell Enhanced Option	Good Standing	Goodlettsville Elem.	Good Standing
Cameron Middle	Reconstitution Plan 1	Goodlettsville Middle	School Improvement 1
Cane Ridge High	Good Standing	Gower Elem.	Good Standing
Carter Lawrence Elem.	Target	Gra-Mar Middle	School Improvement 2
Chadwell Elem.	School Improvement 1- Improving	Granbery Elementary	Good Standing
Charlotte Park Elem.	School Improvement 1- Improving	H.G. Hill Middle	Good Standing
Churchwell Elem.	Good Standing	Harpeth Valley Elem.	Good Standing
Cockrill Elem.	Good Standing	Haynes Health/ Medical	Target
Cole Elem.	School Improvement 1	Haywood Elem.	Target
Cotton Elem.	School Improvement 1 -Improving	Head Middle	Good Standing
Crieve Hall Elem.	Good Standing	Henry Maxwell Elem.	Target
Croft Middle	Good Standing	Hermitage Elem.	Good Standing
Cumberland Elem.	Target	Hickman Elem.	Good Standing
Dan Mills Elem.	Good Standing		
Dodson Elem.	Target		

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Si usted necesita información adicional o si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor comuníquese con el director de su escuela o llame al 615-259-INFO (4636).

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Congratulations to our teachers who have achieved National Board certification. Members of the Board of Education recognized them for this prestigious honor at the Feb. 8 Board meeting. Shown with School Board Chair Gracie Porter and Director of Schools Dr. Jesse Register are Karen Boles, Carol Drake, Kenneth Fox, Jillian Frantz, Brittney Hannah, Elizabeth Hosea, Stacy Klein, Melissa Kurras, Brenda Pollack, Betty Roberts, Molly Sehring, Melissa Sexton and Sharon Smith.

Get ready for Fall 2011!

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Registration
In Metro Nashville Public Schools

Pre-K Registration March 21-28
Kindergarten Registration March 28- April 1

Call 259-INFO (4636)
or visit www.mnps.org for information

Parent University plans two spring conferences to help parents, help children

Nashville's Parent University will host two spring conferences Saturdays, March 26 and April 9. Families will choose from a variety of workshops on topics ranging from how they can help their child prepare for testing, how to help with school and homework, how to spot and respond to various types of bullying, and wellness information (nutrition, medical and mental health, etc.). Local organizations and agencies that support families will be there with booths to share important resources available to parents.

The March 26 event will be held on the main campus of Tennessee State University, located at 3500 John Merritt Blvd. The April 9 event will be held at Glencliff High School, located at 160 Antioch Pike. Both events will last from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., and will follow the same schedule. The events are free to families and parents of MNPS students and will include childcare for children ages 3 and up. Children under 3 may attend workshops with their parents.

Make sure you get the message

Metro Schools uses an automated call system to tell families of important information from the district, as well as from their school. This system is used for school closings, important deadlines, key meetings and, in the event of an emergency, to provide updates.

If you are a parent and have not been receiving calls, please contact your child's school and ask staff to check the contact information in your child's record to ensure it is current.

AYP School Status continued ....

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Hillsboro High	Good Standing
Hillwood High	Target
Hull-Jackson	Good Standing
Hume - Fogg High	Good Standing
Hunters Lane High	Target
I. T. Creswell Middle	Target
Inglewood Elem.	Target
Isaac Litton Middle	School Improvement 2
J. E. Moss Elem.	Good Standing
Jere Baxter Middle	Restructuring 2
Joelton Elem.	Good Standing
Joelton Middle	Target
John B. Whitsitt Elem.	School Improvement 1- Improving
John Early Middle	School Improvement 2
John F. Kennedy Middle	School Improvement 1
John Overton High	Target
John T. Moore Middle	School Improvement 2
Jones Paideia Magnet	Good Standing
Julia Green Elem.	Good Standing
KIPP Academy	Good Standing
Kirkpatrick Elem.	Target
Lakeview Elem.	School Improvement 1 -Improving
Lead Academy	Good Standing
Lockeland Elem.	Good Standing
Madison Middle	Good Standing
Maplewood High	Good Standing
Margaret Allen Middle	Corrective Action
M.L. King Jr Magnet	Good Standing
May W. Shayne Elem.	Good Standing
McGavock Elem.	Good Standing
McGavock High	Restructuring1-Improving
McMurray Middle	Target
Meigs Middle Magnet	Good Standing
MNPS Middle College	Good Standing
Mt. View Elem.	Good Standing
Napier Elem.	School Improvement 2
Nashville Diploma Plus	Good Standing
Nashville Global Academy	Good Standing
Nashville School of Arts	Good Standing
Neely's Bend Elem.	Good Standing
Neely's Bend Middle	Target
Norman Binkley Elem.	Good Standing
Old Center Elem.	Good Standing
Paragon Mills Elem.	Target
Park Avenue Elem.	Good Standing
Pearl-Cohn High	School Improvement 1
Pennington Elem.	Good Standing
Percy Priest Elem.	Good Standing
Robert E. Lillard	Good Standing
Rose Park Math/ Science	Good Standing
Rosebank Elem.	Target
Ross Elem.	Target
Ruby Major Elem.	Good Standing
Shwab Elem.	Target
Smithson-Craighead Academy	Good Standing
Smithson-Craighead Middle	Good Standing
Stanford Elem.	Good Standing
Stratford High	School Improvement 2
Stratton Elem.	Good Standing
Sylvan Park Paideia	Good Standing
Thomas A. Edison Elem.	Good Standing
Thurgood Marshall Middle	Target
Tom Joy Elem.	School Improvement 1
Tulip Grove Elem.	Good Standing
Tusculum Elem.	School Improvement 2
Two Rivers Middle	Good Standing
Una Elem.	Target
W. A. Bass Middle	Target
Warner Elem.	Target
West End Middle	School Improvement 2
Westmeade Elem.	Good Standing
Whites Creek High	Restructuring 1 -Improving
William Henry Oliver Middle	Target
Wright Middle	Restructuring 1

What's happening in Metro Schools

Do you want to stay informed about Metro Schools' district and school events? Sign up for *Children First!*, a weekly electronic blog that is updated everyday with MNPS news and information, with a recap of information available each Friday afternoon.

If you would like to receive this update via email, go to www.mnps.org and click on *Children First!* in the left-hand column of the home page. This will redirect you to the *Children First!* page where you can read the current and past posts, as well as subscribe to future updates.

Do your best on the test!

Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) tests are given to students in grades 3-8 each spring while students taking high school courses take End of Course (EOC) exams. TCAP tests are timed, multiple choice assessment's that measures skills in Reading, Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. Both TCAP and EOC tests are important to students and help determine how schools and our district are classified under the federal No Child Left Behind law. To help students do their best on the tests, we have compiled this list of testing tips.

Preparing for the Test

- Use past homework assignments, class notes and available materials to review for the test.
- Take practice tests, which are available on the Tennessee Department of Education website:
  - For TCAP: http://state.tn.us/education/assessment/ach_samplers.shtml
  - For EOC: http://www.tn.gov/education/assessment/sec_samplers.shtml.
- Mark your calendar now to remember test days.

On Test Days

- Get a good night's rest.
- Eat a healthy breakfast.
- Arrive at school on time.

Test Taking Do's and Don'ts

DO read and pay careful attention to all directions.

DO read each passage and accompanying questions.

DO read every possible answer.

DO skip difficult questions until all other questions have been answered. Return to unanswered items if time permits.

DO check your work. After completing the test, use any remaining time to check your answers.

DON'T expect to find a pattern in the positions of the correct answers.

DON'T make uneducated guesses. Try to get the correct answer by reasoning and eliminating wrong answers.

DON'T spend too much time on any one question.

DON'T second guess yourself. Only change an answer if you are sure the first one you picked was wrong.

DO keep a good attitude and think positively!

For more test strategies, visit:
http://www.tn.gov/education/assessment/doc/tsteststrategies.pdf.

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