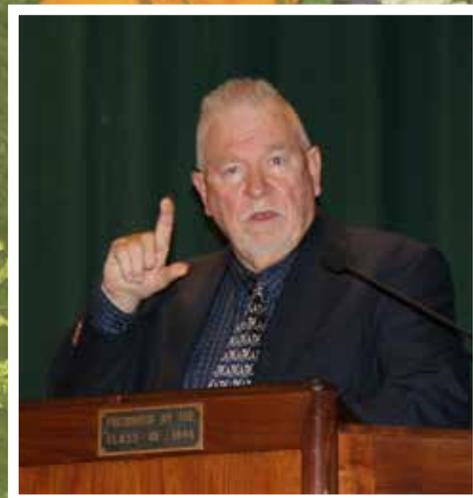
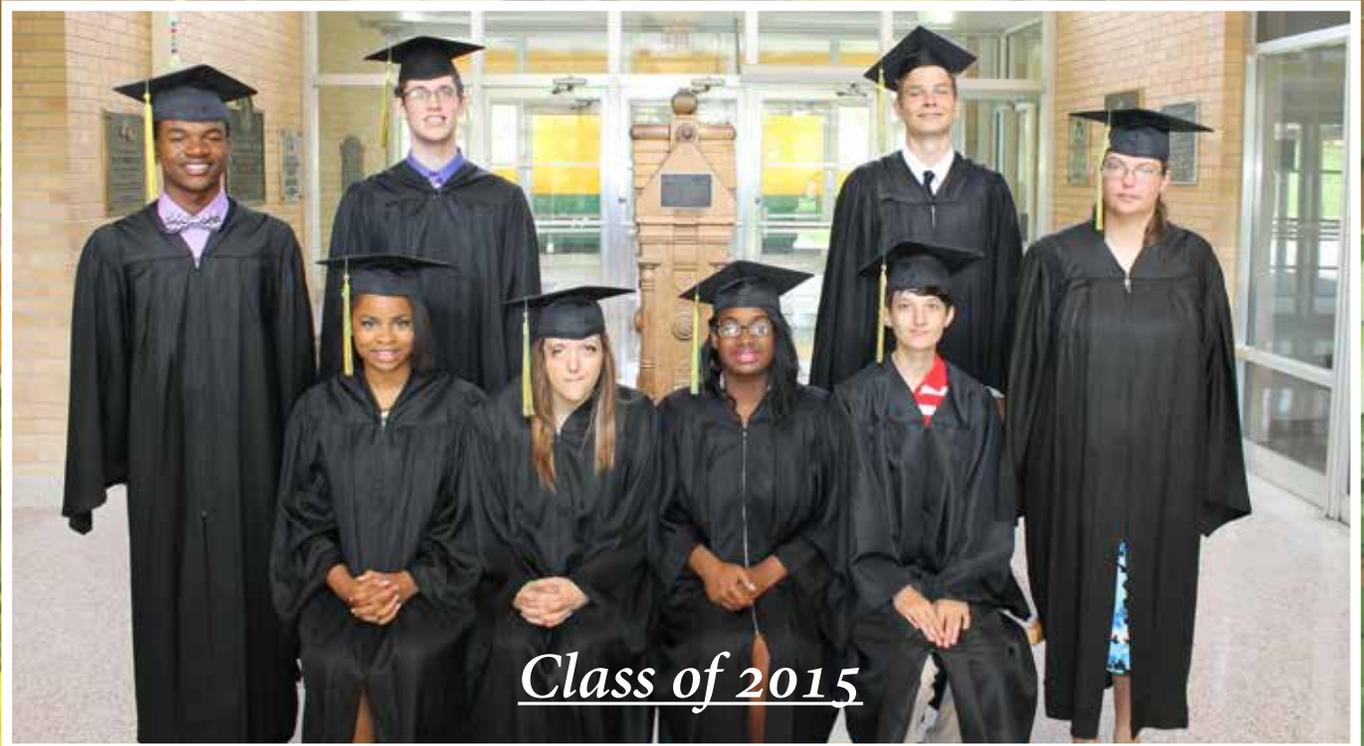


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Cover designed by Heather Dunn and MSD's Digital Imaging Department. Top: Class of 2015. Left: Superintendent Ernest Garrett, III presenting award to commencement speaker, Keith Nolan, Maryland School for the Deaf teacher and military advocate. Right: Paul Miller, MSD Board of Advisor Vice President opening the commencement.

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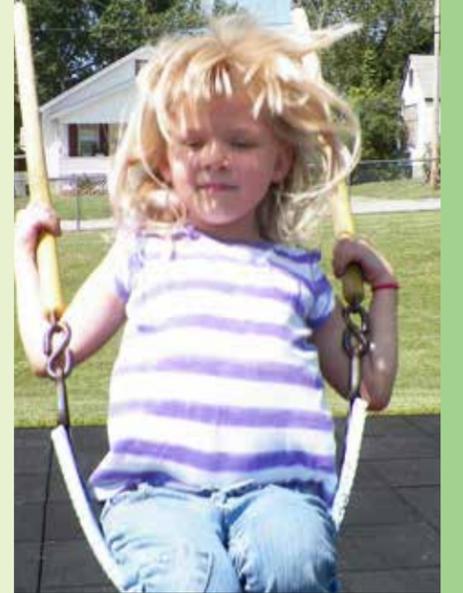
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Superintendent's Message

Superintendent Reflections

By: Ernest Garrett, III

As we move ahead to spend time with our family and friends and close out the month of November 2015, I want to share a few things with the faculty and staff at our beloved Missouri School for the Deaf. First, I continue to be thankful to have this opportunity to serve as your superintendent. Nearly 1 year and 6 months later, I continue to see the rich possibilities that we have to offer and believe strongly that we must, can, and will achieve a stronger MSD, a place where our children and youth can grow and prosper and obtain a high quality education to compete in today's rapidly changing world.

Second, I recognize that many of our people are overwhelmed with the changes that have taken place and in reviewing the feedback from the suggestion boxes, chatting with individual staff, and also, reviewing the MSD surveys, I want to assure you that I am taking your concerns very seriously and that I am committed to focusing on solutions. To that end, one thing that I want to do differently going forward is to strengthen our communications during the changes and make certain that we have processes in place to allow for feedback about changes so that people have the opportunity to participate in the decision-making process and express any issues that could become barriers to effecting positive change. For those of you who are uncomfortable with using the suggestion box, another suggestion is to send an email to msd-communications@msd.dese.mo.gov.

Third, I would like to reiterate that we all have a purpose here and I am very grateful for the dedicated and talented staff that we have on board, for your many contributions to this school and for sharing your knowledge with our students so that they can achieve at higher levels. Please know that each and every one of you is very important to not only me as a superintendent who wants to retain and recruit high quality staff, but also to our students who are hungry for knowledge, for role models to give them a hope for a better tomorrow, and for the opportunity to obtain employment so that they can take care of themselves independently. Now, more than ever, the role and function of teachers is expanding and changing to accommodate for the diverse needs of student learners. I'd like to admonish all of the staff – no matter what your position is at the school – to stay tuned, stand ready, and keep focused!



Above: White House Arrival Ceremony Honoring His Holiness Pope Francis. Right: Program book.

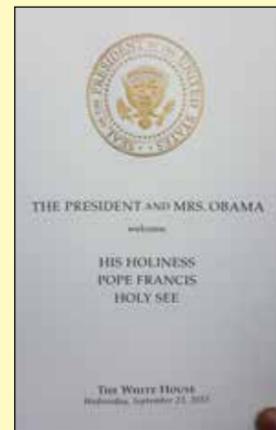
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The Office of the Superintendent continues to review data from the 2015 survey that was done in September. At my next opportunity to address the staff in person, I will go over the data with you. In the meantime, I will work with the Superintendent's Cabinet to ensure that feedback is considered and incorporated where appropriate. I am pleased with the survey responses in terms of the number of responses we received and that people were quite forthcoming in their responses. This is the only way that change can – and will happen – for the better. Also included is our Board of Advisors, who is actively involved with the creation of our vision, mission, and organizational strategies. This is an ongoing process and we appreciate all of the responses that were received from the staff in regards to the rough draft mission, vision, and motto statements that the Board of Advisors developed. We will continue to obtain feedback on this. We will soon celebrate 165 years of MSD's history and there is no better time than now to clarify our purpose and then to go forward with a sense of direction, united and moving in excellence!

SUPERINTENDENT TRAVEL

The superintendent's travel is winding down with the year coming to an end, but I do want to share with you that I had the opportunity to attend a couple of special events:

- 1) *While I was in D.C. this past September, I also attended the White House Arrival Ceremony Honoring His Holiness Pope Francis. The experience was amazing and I was proud to represent the Missouri School for the Deaf on this historic occasion. A link to the article can be found here: <http://www.newstribune.com/news/2015/sep/27/school-deaf-official-gets-chance-see-pope/>*
- 2) *Last but not least, a gentleman whom I greatly admire and has been a tremendous role model for me and countless others, celebrated his 70th birthday in Little Rock, Arkansas last month. I am including for your viewing pleasure of not just a photo of me with him (the first Black Deaf Male to obtain the Ph.D. degree), but also a photo of Dr. Shirley Allen, Ph.D. (the first Black Deaf Female to obtain the Ph.D. degree). Dr. Glenn Anderson is a member of my dissertation committee and, also, he was on the committee for Lucille Blackwell's thesis. It is really a small deaf world!*



Other travels by the superintendent included the following:

- *National Black Deaf Advocates Conference (August, 2015) "The State of Education*

Superintendent's Message



Superintendent Garrett and Dr. Glenn Anderson, Ph.D.

- *of Black Deaf Children: Progress or Stagnation?" Missouri Council of Administrators of Special Education (MO-CASE) Conference: "Reinvent – Unifying General and Special Education" (September, 2015)*
- *Relay Missouri Advisor Committee Meeting (October, 2015)*
- *Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting (October, 2015)*
- *Missouri Annual Interpreters Conference, hosted by Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (October, 2015)*
- *Described & Captioned Media Program, Advisory Board Meeting (November, 2015)*

WHAT IS NEXT?

As I mentioned in my last Missouri Record Article, I still have one-on-one interviews that I need to complete, specifically for Teacher Aides, our Related Services Providers (Home-School Coordinators, Speech Language Pathologists, Educational Interpreters, etc.), and I am still committed to doing those interviews. In addition, analyzing the results for the MSD Staff Survey, and working with our Board of Advisors to keep moving forward with the work of strategic planning – as well as making sure that we communicate much more effectively in the days ahead, are essential tasks before me. The reality is that the day-to-day management of an educational institution like the Missouri School for the Deaf – like any other school, is fraught with a myriad of challenges (and opportunities). Rest assured that now, just as before, I have the same goal as you all do, and the same positive outlook on our MSD Eagles:



E – Expectations
 A – Achievement
 G – Greatness
 L – Loyalty
 E – Enthusiasm
 S – Strength

Onward and Upward!



Top: Superintendent Ernest instruct the Class of 2016 what they need to do at the pep rally. Bottom: The Class of 2016 signed "MSD Rock Stay"



Left: National Black Deaf Advocates Conference. Above: Superintendent Garrett and Dr. Shirley Allen, Ph.D.

Alumni News

Alumni News

By: Tom Bastean

The Missouri Record:

Interesting Facts from November 11, 1933

*Football Game Down Springfield, Missouri.
M.S.D. Loses to Powerful Springfield, 30 to 0.*

October 28, the Parrots (MSD's first mascot) lost their fourth straight game of the season when the powerful Springfield High School took the long end of the game by the score of 30 to 0. Our boys played their best game of the season, their tackling and blocking could be no better. The Springfield newspapers wrote several good comments about the losing team, praising our sportsmanship and fighting spirit. This was the first time a school for the deaf or team made up of deaf boys or girls ever invaded the section and a larger crowd attended the game.

The score at the end of the first half was 6 to 0. During the second half the Parrots showed the strain of the long trip in a truck and Springfield scored four more touchdowns.

After Springfield made its first touchdown, M.S.D. marched, by straight football, steadily down the field to Springfield's 12-yard stripe, only to lose the ball on downs. It was our greatest threat.

Late in the fourth quarter Captain Duke receiving a bad pass from center on a punt formation, did some fast thinking and dashed 32 yards before he was downed. It was one of the outstanding plays of the game.

The M.S.D. line-up was as follows: Ends- Williams and Moore; tackles- Rossell and Bowman; guards- Campbell and Hartler; center- Sears; quarterback Boggs; halfbacks- Sesser and Whitaker; Fullback- Duke (Captain). Substitutes: Haynie for Williams; Birchall for Moore; Ziden for Hartler; Gambino for Duke; Rupard for Bowman.

Questions: What transportation did MSD use to travel to Springfield? **Answer:** See article above – paragraph 2. In a truck.

Questions: What was MSD's mascot in 1933? **Answer:** See article above. The change to Eagles came in the fall of 1937, when Burton Moore became the football coach.

*****Attention*****

MSD Alumni Meeting

Saturday, January 23, 2016

Ingle Auditorium

Time: 9:30 am

In talking to the football team about the old name Parrots, he pointed out that parrots "have no particular qualities of fighting spirit or stamina, two very important attributes of team play." The players agreed and chose the name Eagles.

Facts from the American History from December 9, 1933:

A Silversmith and A Dentist

Paul Revere, who made the famous "Midnight Ride" was the most noted silversmith in America, while he lived. Some of his engravings and silverware may be found in art museums. He made fancy picture frames for pictures painted by John Singleton Copley, who was then America's most noted painter. Though he was a great friend of Copley, Copley's father-in-law was the British agent who received the ship of tea which was destroyed in the "Boston Tea Party" of which Paul Revere was a leader.

Paul Revere was also a dentist.

In the battle of Bunker Hill, General Joseph Warren was buried without a marker. When his body was taken up, Paul Revere identified it by the artificial tooth he had once made for the general.

Remembrance of Alumni:

Zachariah Renke, 30, of Tebbets, Mo. passed away August 8th, 2015, while traveling out of state. Zach was born on January 30, 1985. He attended the New Mexico School for the Deaf in Santa Fe, New Mexico until his family moved to Missouri in 1998. He enrolled the Missouri School for the Deaf from Fall 1998 until he graduated in 2004.

Zach is deeply missed by his family including his parents Roy and Lillian Renke, sister Camille Renke and brother Nathanael and sister in law Riana Renke, his grandparents Larry and Priscilla Stotts, and Robert and Millie Renke; and his relatives.

He worked at Backers Chip Factory, Caldwell Hardwoods, and volunteer at the Jefferson City Animal Shelter. He attended Moberly Community College and then Missouri Welding Institute in Nevada, Missouri. He proudly became a Master pipefitter and structural and custom welder with certificates in ARC, MIG & TIG types of welding. Zach loved working hard with his hands, creating, and learning new skills.

Zach loved fishing especially trout fishing. He also loved working with animals and livestock. He was always eager to assist others any way he could and regularly stopped along roadways to help strangers change tires. He attended church with other deaf people.

Charles Clark, 72 of Park Hills, Missouri passed away September 6, 2015 at St. Louis University Hospital. He was born July 1, 1943 in Pattonsburg, Missouri. Charles graduated from the Missouri School for the Deaf in May, 1963. While student at M.S.D., he participated in track, basketball, and was manager for the football team. While student at M.S.D., he was involved in these following activities: Literary Society, Jr. National Association of the Deaf, Tate Hall Student Officer, and Track.

He is survived by his children, Timothy Clark, Tamara (Jeffery) Ligue, Elizabeth Reiter, Christa Helm, Rebecca (Kenny) Smith, and Deborah Clark and ten grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Charles is also survived by one brother, William Clark.

Alumni News

Sandy Sloat Becomes 1st Deaf Female to Graduate in Truck Driving

Sandy Sloat (MSD Class of 1999) originally set out to obtain a welding credential at Amarillo College and is only one class removed from doing just that, but before proceeding on to that particular outcome, she took an altogether different track.



Sloat, 34, just became the first completely deaf female (second deaf student) to graduate from AC's Truck Driving Academy. She graduated on May 4 with a sterling 90-percent average and now has designs on a career behind the wheel of a big rig.

"I still plan to finish welding, but I think it will be more of a hobby," Sloat said through her interpreter, Kristen Thomas, of AC's disability Services. "I have always liked to build and repair things, but I needed to have a Class B license for welding and it just made sense to me to go after the Class A license, so I did. I just didn't expect to like it so much.

"Truck driving I think can be a great profession, and I really like to travel."

For the record, long distances have never been a deterrent for Sloat, who was not only a member of the women's cross country team at Gallaudet University, but represented the U.S. by turning in a fifth-place finish in the marathon event at the 2005 Deaflympics in Melbourne, Australia.

It's been about 10 years since she received her bachelor's degree in biology from Gallaudet, yet three of her cross country times still are listed among the top ten all-time records at her alma mater. Of course now she has an additional alma mater, one the St. Louis,



Sandy Sloat is climbing into the truck and getting ready to load trailer.



Sandy Sloat wants to say hi to everyone in her truck.

MO., native selected because she has family in the Amarillo area. "Everyone at AC has encouraged me throughout this process," Sloat said. "The teachers are great, and Kristin has been very helpful as my interpreter. It is difficult for deaf people, especially deaf women, because we get the most basic, lowest-level jobs, like cleaning jobs.

"I came here because I wanted to be a welder instead of a welder's helper. Now it looks like I'm going to be a truck driver. The perceptions of society are not always fair, but I'm showing that women—even deaf women—can do things that perception says we can't."

May 5, 2015



Both pictures: Sandy is showing her driving skills and proud of her success in the driver program.

Campus Staff News

146 years of Services



Harold Siebert
14 years
Assistant Business Manager/
Business Manager



Margilee LaBorde
32 years
Teacher/School Supervisor/
Curriculum Supervisor/
Assistant Superintendent



Joan Carrington
31 years
Adaptive Behavior Specialist



Bettye Smith
24 years
Residential Advisor



Charles Braxton
18 years
Residential Advisor/Assistant
Dorm Director



Luke Hegadorn
27 years
Food Service Manager

Retirees



Cheryl Jobe
Home School Coordinator



Sandra Keasler
Teacher



Dawn Barnes
Elementary Secretary



Donna Adams
Director of Student Affairs



Christopher Daily
Assistant Superintendent



Lauren Jacobs
Registered Nurse



Tamora McGowan
Food Service Manager



Jeaneal Alexander
Director of Student Services



Cameron Thorbergson
Teacher Aide



Robert Adams, Jr.
Residential Advisor



Sonya Stark
Residential Advisor



Donna Galbreath
Residential Advisor



Judy Kraft
Cook



Marsha Finger
Cook



Laura Rudder
Cook

New Staff

Campus Staff News

Passing of MSD's Former Administrative Secretary & Assistant

By Nancy Carr — Niece and former instructional staff



Marilyn Voris Niblack Griffith passed away at age of 83 Monday, June 15, 2015 at Lenior Woods in Columbia. She was born on November 12, 1931, the seventh child of James "Jake" and Fay D. Niblack. Marilyn married Frank Pooley Griffith at the First Baptist Church in Fulton, Mo. He preceded her in death on August 18, 2008.

Marilyn was hired April 17, 1951 as Academic Secretary. She had held the position of secretary for 42 years at MSD. She was Business Office Secretary and Administrative Secretary. The Administrative Secretary was later changed to Administrative Assistant. She was known as the walking file cabinet. Her work was always completed and ready for the next day.

When thinking of her career, three words come to mind: Integrity, Discipline, and Teamwork.

Integrity: Marilyn was honest, dependable and trustworthy. She was one, from early on, showed she was reliable and took responsibility seriously. She loved her job and was one who did not watch the clock but gave her all to her work.

Discipline: She was always there. She was one who came early and stayed late. Her staying late was intentionally and planned because all the phones will stop ringing after work hours and she had her opportunity to complete her assignments. She was honest and dependable in every part of her work. Marilyn had so much in her mind about MSD- she was actually a walking file cabinet and could come up with any aspect of MSD's life in a flash.

Teamwork: She was a team player. She can be an excellent candidate for Sportsmanship Award. She was always pleasant and you could hear a laugh and joy in her voice. Her approach to the Deaf was always warm and greeting. A person would be hard pressed to think of a time upon entering her office that she did not greet you with a smile. If you had a question about ANYTHING relating to MSD, you just asked "MG". She knew the facts and if she didn't, she'd find you the answer. She has a passion for excellence! Marilyn was a brilliant advocate for MSD.

This short narrative written by Marilyn in May 2000 for her Class of 1950, Reunion Memory Book:

Since leaving high school, I continued to work for Cecil Stock at his lunch counter in Sault's Drug Store. I then worked for a short period at the State Department of Welfare. With the help and guidance of Cecil, I began working at

the Missouri School for the Deaf in April of 1951 and retired from MSD in December 1993. My entire work experience was enjoyable and rewarding. I am indebted to many- my family - my friends - my bosses - and all those with whom I worked, and my classmates for positive influence on my life. Although all those years of working were happy and enjoyable, I looked forward to retirement - "knowing" that in retirement I would be bored and looking for things to do! This was the surprise of my life--it didn't happen. I have yet to find someone retired who is bored and looking for something to do. It's really great! I have done nothing spectacular, at least, nothing I can recall! I have, however, been truly blessed by people I have known; and, I have known the VERY BEST!--including the members of the Class of 1950 -- my thanks to all.

Another written by Marilyn---
which shows her respect and gratitude:

Some of the best advice I ever received came from Cecil Stock, I worked for Cecil when I was in high school. He operated a lunch counter and soda fountain in Sault's Drug Store on the north side of East Fifth Street, he encouraged me to apply for a job at MSD. One day he told me Truman Ingle wanted me to come out for an interview, and to call and make an appointment. I did, and a few weeks later started to work in April 1951. I told Cecil I would work there for a year or so, and then do something else. Before I realized it, IT was forty-two years later!

Marilyn loved her job at MSD and that was evident- she was a friend of all. She entered the Gates of Heaven she was likely met with- "A Job Well Done" and a long deserved rest for Marilyn.



Marilyn Griffith (1950's)

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Class of 2015



Benson Goodwin
Mexico



Danna Harvey
Springfield



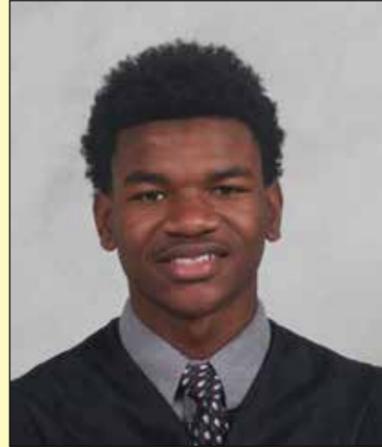
Joyla Ingram
St. Louis



Azara Mcker
St. Louis



Nicole McInvale
Pittsburg



Jeffery Porter, Jr.
St. Louis



Trey Thornton
St. Louis



Alexandrea Venable
Perryville

5th Annual Deaf Awareness Week

By: Allison Thorbergson

On Friday, September 25, 2015, students and staff were invited to an assembly and activities recognizing the 5th Annual Deaf Awareness week at Missouri School for the Deaf, which always occurs on the last full week of September. The committee, consisting of Mrs. Jennifer Morales, Mrs. Sharon Egbert, Ms. Debbie Burnaman, Mr. Luis Rivera III and Mrs. Allison Thorbergson, planned a fun day that involved honoring Mr. and Mrs. Frank "Tuffy" and Wilda Morris.

Throughout the week leading up to the program at Ingle Auditorium on Friday, the committee put up comics from "That Deaf Guy" by Matt Daigle, had students tell deaf jokes on the announcements. We also sent out "did you know...?" tidbits via email.

During our program we had our traditional Eagle song by our high school students, Melissa and Madonna. We had a short skit with Ms. Sherry Lococo's 1st grade students using our Superintendent Garrett's tag line "MSD STRONG STAY!". Our Middle School drama class consisting of Brianna, Sara, Natali, Avere, Kayla and Cristin (under the direction of Ms. Debbie Burnaman) acted out a deaf joke about a deaf horse. We also had our High School Deaf Studies students; Ste'Quan, Chris and Madonna perform ABC and number stories.

time here at MSD. We also gave them a photo frame with the senior portraits of both Mr. and Mrs. Morris.

After our program, we set up groups that would go to the Museum, the Gym and Vocational Building to Mr. Vernon McNece's Culinary Arts classroom. While in the Museum, the students were involved in a scavenger hunt using the QR reader to find things that were in the museum. At the Gym, the students played several games that are common in Deaf Culture and while the students were at Mr. McNece's classroom, they put frosting on cookies that were shaped as the "I Love You" handshake!



Mr. and Mrs. Frank "Tuffy" and Wilda Morris and three daughters.

We recognized the importance of honoring our MSD alumni who have been a huge asset to the Deaf Community in Fulton, Jefferson City and Columbia, Missouri. The committee put together a gift basket that involved two scarves for Mrs. Morris, a CD with two PowerPoint presentations of their



Top: a gift basket for Mr. and Mrs. Morris. Right: senior portraits of both Mr. and Mrs. Morris.



Jennifer Morales with elementary Isabella and Rebecca.

Student Services

Families First Program Training

By Jeaneal Alexander

“Families First” is MSD’s home-based, early intervention program and serves families with children who are deaf or hard of hearing ages birth through eight years old. There are 43 Parent Advisors currently serving 100 families throughout the state of Missouri. The first half of the training for four new Parent Advisors was held October 23rd through 25th and the second half will be held on November 20th through 22nd. The SKI-HI Curriculum is utilized for the trainings. The Parent Advisors share information with families in the following areas:

- Early Interactions
- Using natural environments, routines and play to learn language
- Literacy
- Hearing Aids
- Cochlear Implants
- Deaf Culture
- Parent Support
- Visual Communication Systems
- Language through Audition
- Communication Methodologies
- Special Needs
- Transition to school

Anyone interested in services through the Families First Program can contact the MSD Resource Center at (573) 592-2543 V/TTY or ff@msd.dese.mo.gov.



Portable dental equipment set up in Vocational Conference room

Dental Check-Ups for Students

By Becky Payne

Those of us who work in the Vocational building on the MSD campus, noticed something happening in the Conference room in December. Upon closer examination and after speaking with Lauren Jacobs, MSD’s Registered Nurse, we found that the Community Health Center of Central Missouri was paying our students a visit. They are a portable dental unit that travels in a 4 county area in central Missouri giving free dental care to students in need. This unit serves Callaway, Cole, Osage, and Moniteau counties and provides comprehensive cleaning and x-rays, fillings, simple extractions, and sealants for students who live in the counties they serve. They were on the MSD campus for 2 days and served 12 students. Their dental unit is completely portable. They have 3 dental chairs and all the equipment and supplies necessary to benefit the students they serve. They are funded by State and/or Federal grants. This is a new program at MSD and we are not sure if they will visit us once per year or once per semester. We want them to know that we welcome their work and send a big thank you to Community Health Center of Central Missouri and the dentists and staff who travel with them!



Community Health Center of Central Missouri dentist working on a student.



Community Health Center mobile unit.

Student Life



Annual Youth Deer Hunt

By: Allen Leroux

It was another exciting youth hunt season for MSD! On Friday, October 30th, six students made the trip to Osceola, MO. Some kids had gotten to go the previous year, but for a couple, this was a new experience. For new high school student, this would be his only year due to age restrictions. This would also be the first time for middle school student, Connor. Both Colten and Conner were on the edge of their seats with excitement the entire time. From the moment they stepped off the bus, they were welcomed with open arms. Representatives from the Department of Conservation and The Boy Scouts of America were waiting to greet both MSD and KSD groups. The weather didn’t hold up well, as this hunting weekend was very wet and rainy. Once our students were off the bus, they wasted no time finding their hunting guides. From there, we proceeded to the rifle range. All of our students, including the two new hunters, shot very well. Everyone hit their targets straight on the very first time. From the range, we drove back to camp where students and staff settled into our cabins. Friday night, was our annual BBQ followed by Dutch oven cobblers. Everyone got so full and sleepy from the food and rain. We all decided to turn in a bit early. That was a good idea, since 5 AM came quickly! Saturday morning came and all of our hunters sprang out of

bed. After breakfast, everyone paired up with their guides and went to their deer blinds. It continued to be cold and rainy Saturday morning as a shot rang out from a distance. First deer down was by Jordan. He was very pleased that he would have deer meat to bring home to his family. The rain finally stopped around lunch time, but so did everyone’s luck. At lunch everyone sat around telling stories of the deer that got away, or how they just missed it. Several hunters took a small break and made crafts such as necklaces, bracelets, and tie-dye pillow cases. Later that afternoon, everyone was back out in the blinds. When everyone came back for dinner, we learned that Kayla had a shot at a deer, but they couldn’t find it due to the sun going down. That night everyone gathered for a wagon ride around the camping area where the kids got to trick or treat. As soon as the night was over, our hunters were eager and determined to get to bed so they could go get their deer the next morning. Sunday morning was a success for two more hunters. Kayla got another shot and got her deer. Sara was able to get her first deer ever! Kristin didn’t get a deer this year, but was happy her friends did. Kristin still holds the record for biggest deer at the hunt. Colten wasn’t upset that he didn’t get a deer. He plans to go hunting with his family in the future. Connor had a blast hunting this weekend he is already preparing for next year. In the end fellow staff member Sydnee Kuster and I enjoyed taking these hunters on this trip. Sara, Kayla, Christin, Jordan, Colten, and Connor all represented MSD very well. Sunday, after lunch, we said our goodbyes and see-you next-years. When our students returned to campus, the kids had wonderful stories to tell their friends and staff.



Jordan pretending to eat deer heart.

High School

Culinary Bowl 2015

By: Vernon McNece, Culinary Arts Instructor

The long weekend of March 5th to 8th, 2015 presented a unique and exciting opportunity for six lucky MSD student culinarians. Those bright, young chefs were able to shine their culinary skills among the other deaf culinarians who are their peers. Missouri School for the Deaf participated, for the first time, in the 6th annual Culinary Bowl at Texas School for the Deaf. A culinary showcase competition, founded by a culinary instructor at the California School for the Deaf, Riverside, bringing several Deaf schools together to compete with each other to create their best dishes. In addition to the schools mentioned, California School for the Deaf, Fremont also participated in the Culinary Bowl.

Representing Missouri School for the Deaf's Culinary Team were; Cody, Noe, Benson Goodwin, Danna Harvey, Joyla Ingram, and Chris. The team was coached by the MSD Culinary Arts instructor, Vernon McNece. The theme was a fusion cuisine, Asian-Southwest, including required ingredients for each course; quail for appetizer, flank steak for entrée, and dessert was to be a custard-style with mango. The students brainstormed recipe ideas, came up with presentation ideas, and collaborated to create unique culinary dishes for the competition. The following dishes are what MSD Culinary Team conjured up:

- Appetizer – Grilled Quail Canapés with Poached Quail Egg and Asian Citrus Gastrique Sauce
- Entrée – Grilled Flank Steak with Asian Vegetable Tian and Chipotle Gorgonzola Cream Sauce
- Dessert – Mango Flan with Curry Crème Anglaise

Even though, MSD Culinary Team gave their best, they won second place in Kitchen Organization, Safety and Sanitization, and Teamwork. California School for the Deaf, Riverside brought home the Championship trophy for the first time in 5 years, a title defended by CSD Fremont. MSD Culinary Team received many compliments on how great

they did, despite their first time in the competition. One of the coaches commented, "You all did really great for a team entering this competition for the first time! You are going to scare us next year!"

The weekend is not all about the student culinarians throwing down their cooking gauntlets, competing against the high standards of the culinary world, nor the bragging rights for which dishes the judges were the most impressed with, but the opportunity for the future Deaf student culinarians to meet their peers and network. The students also have had the opportunity to meet a professionally-trained chef, who is Deaf and learn the art of canning from his workshop. They also have had their hands on the fine arts of sugar craft, sculpturing masterpieces out of sucrose, taught by award-winning Executive Pastry Chef at the Hilton Hotel in downtown Austin. The students also met with a Deaf restaurateur who owns and operates a crepe eatery, on the outskirts of Austin. On the final night, the Culinary Bowl weekend wrapped up with an all-you-can-eat dinner, serving Texas-sized portions, at a barbecue place, just a char-crusted rib bone's throw away from the city limit, Salt Lick BBQ.

Despite not winning in any food category, MSD Culinary Team showed their best behavior throughout the weekend. The chairperson and several coaches complimented on how impressed they are with MSD's excellent attitude, with a touch of warm Midwestern friendliness. They also remarked that MSD is now welcomed to every Culinary Bowl competition and they hope to have the opportunity to visit MSD when we decide to host our own Culinary Bowl weekend.

Some of the students on the team look forward to returning to next year's competition, which will be held in Southern California, hosted by California School for the Deaf, Riverside during the weekend of March 17th to 20th. Meanwhile, they've got a lot of preparation to do if they want to bring home the Championship, and most important, once-in-a-lifetime memorable experience!



The Culinary Bowl team: Left to Right: Coach Vernon McNece, Dana, Cody, Joyla, Benson, Noe, and Chris.

High School

High School News

By Sarah Neumann

The high school has had an exciting start to the year. Our fall has been full of educational opportunities, many of them in class and some in special locations. At the beginning of October the entire high school participated in Hands Across the Capitol to mark the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Not only did the students learn about a significant piece of legislature that impacts all of their lives and hear speakers whose work and lives are reflective of ADA, they also met Mr. Opeoluwa Sotonwa, Executive Director of the Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing. Before the event began they were also able to take advantage of their location and take in some state history. What an incredible amount of unique learning experiences our students were able to get out of the day!



Aerial view of Hands Across America at Missouri State Capitol in Jefferson City.

The Culinary Arts students had another fantastic learning experience in September when their teacher, Vernon McNece, arranged a visit to the Columbia Area Career Center (CACC) in Columbia, MO. The students got to explore the advanced culinary arts program at CACC as well as observe the classrooms and kitchens for both baking and culinary arts. While visiting with the assistant director of CACC and Chef Harlan, the culinary arts instructor, the students also met a student in the program with Deaf parents. This young man was able to sign with our students and staff, guiding them around the CACC and answering students' questions about his experience in the culinary arts program compared to their experience with culinary arts at MSD. The staff is looking forward to offering more enriching educational experiences to our students in the months to come, including some new semester courses to be offered during the coming spring semester. More on those next time!



Mr. Opeoluwa Sotonwa, Executive Director of the Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing speak with MSD students.

38th Annual High School Speech Contest "How My Best Brings Out the Best in Others"

On Nov. 11, after weeks of brainstorming, writing, revising, rewriting, and practicing, the big day finally arrived. It was time for eight high school students to put their efforts on stage as participants in the Optimist Club Communication Competition. Fulton Optimist Club has been sponsoring the Communication Competition for 38 years, and MSD is proud to be a part of that history. Pat Brauner, Lee Fritz, and Larry Johns were on hand to represent the Optimist Club and present certificates of participation to all the contestants: Madonna, Avalon, Anaida, Noé, Delanzia, Kara, and Melissa. After some fantastic speeches addressing, "How My Best Brings Out the Best in Others" the judges' scores were tallied and three students were awarded medals. In third place was Anaida, second place was Delanzia, and first place was Noé. All three are now eligible to compete in the next level of the Optimist Club's Communication Contest, which includes a \$2,500 scholarship opportunity for the winner. A big round of applause goes out to all the students who participated and gave their best – you bring out the best in one another by your example!



Optimist Speech Participants with Optimist Representative.



Optimist Speech Contest Winners: Left to Right: Noe, Delanzia, and Anaida.

High School

Red Cross Blood Drive

By Becky Payne

At our first Red Cross blood drive for this year, we were able to collect 28 units of blood. This exceeded our goal of 25 units. We are thrilled about these numbers! Why is this a big deal? Because the American Red Cross has a new Scholarship program for high school students. The scholarships are awarded based on the total number of units collected during the designated year. If we collect more than 70 units this year, one of our graduating Seniors can earn a \$500 scholarship. The great part is that we don't have to compete with other schools. All we have to do is collect the 70+ units of blood and have one of our Seniors fill out a scholarship application – and we get the scholarship! We are hosting 3 blood drives during the 2015-2016 school year. So, we are on track to earn a scholarship. Our next drive is on January 15, 2016 at Harrison Gym from 8:00 AM until Noon. If you are in the area, please stop and give blood. You not only help someone with a medical need, but you will also help us earn a scholarship for a student.

Also, we should mention that the MSD Parent's Organization has purchased t-shirts for us to give to everyone who attempts to give blood. They design the shirts, have them printed, and deliver them to us. All we have to do is give them away. Isn't our Parent's Organization the absolute best?



Local Food Drive

During this holiday season, our Stu-Co kids wanted to do something to give back to our community. We decided to sponsor a food drive, with the items collected going to our local SERVE food pantry. On November 11th, we took neon green door hangers and put them on doors in our community. The hangers asked for non-perishable food items, said we would be back to pick them up on November 16th, and thanked the giver(s) for helping us to assist those in our community who are in need. When we went back to pick-up the donations, we collected over 148 lbs. of food. We are definitely located in a giving area of Missouri. Thanks to everyone who participated!

Veteran's Day Program

On November 11th, the high school Student Council sponsored a program to educate our students about Veteran's Day and why we celebrate it as a holiday. We invited a guest speaker, Sarah Kohl, who is a Sergeant First Class in the United States Army, stationed at the Ike Skelton Training Site in Jefferson City, Missouri. Ms. Kohl is also the mother of our middle school student, Cristin. Sarah did a fabulous job telling us about Veteran's Day and some personal experiences that she has encountered during her time in the Army. The students who attended were very appreciative of Ms. Kohl's service to our Country and very attentive to the information she shared. Please don't forget to always thank our Veterans for protecting us.



High School

High School Science Fair

By Gary Bonsall

Friday, November 20 marks another successful Science Fair. This annual event requires students to put in a lot of time researching, developing experiments, keeping data, and learning the terms and concepts necessary to offer presentations to a panel of three judges. Our judges this year were Art Dignan, Brad Vickers, and Pat Adams; we extend our heartfelt thanks to them for taking time out of their schedules to help us out. As always, they did a superb job.



Taking first place this year is Chris for his self-built Hex-bugs. Chris took the motors out of several electric toothbrushes and applied them to a variety of larger brushes to make them move around under their own power. One of his creations wasn't even a brush; he built the "bug" as well. Congratulations, Chris.



Tied for second place are Melissa with her Elephant Toothpaste, and Anaida with her walking water. We also have a tie for third place that goes to Cheyenne with her presentation on Global Warming, and Cory with his presentation on Energy Drinks. Congratulations to these four students as well.

Science Fair is always time consuming and it brings out the best in our students. They begin selecting projects and devising experiments to prove or disprove their ideas near the opening of school and bring their conclusions all to fruition in mid November. As the big day closes in, they work more frantically and usually end up tweaking their projects over and over until they have them just as they want them.



The large turnout of spectators is always appreciated and this year the crowd was such that we ran well beyond our allotted time. That was a good thing. Once the crowd thinned, everyone pitched in to dismantle their displays and get the place back to normal; also a good thing. Actually, it was all good; if you didn't make it this year, please plan to attend the next one. We think our students will be able to impress you.



Science Fair Winners: Left to Right: Jack Gardner (Teacher), Chris, Anaida, Melissa, Cheyenne, and Cory.



Middle School

Middle School Student Council News

By Jennifer Morales

The first election of Student Council officers for the 2015-16 school year was a difficult one because there were three ties in three different positions. After discussing with staff, it was decided to re-do the election. The second election was another close call with some students losing by just one vote. Our new President for this school year is Sara, Vice-President: Kayla, Secretary: Brianna, Class Representatives: Conner and Cristin.

We have a lot of plans for this year which include two different trips to Missouri Association of Student Councils District and State convention, community service, visit a nursing home, host school parties, and create plans to improve student learning experiences.

We attended the district convention on Friday, October 30th, which was held at Mexico High School. The students enjoyed a fun and encouraging presentation by Yahya Bakkar.



Stark Middle School Science Fair

By: Kathy Meyer

Where can you find Gak, electrical circuits, a spin dryer and a capacitor in one place? The 2015 Stark Middle School Science Fair! The students enjoyed making and carrying out experiments with their creations. The five steps of the scientific method were learned by all: Observation, Hypothesis, Experimentation, Results and Conclusion. The students not only carried out their experiments to test their hypotheses, but they also made creative science fair boards to display their findings.

This year's science fair had a Magic School Bus theme, complete with Miss Frizzle (Sarah Neumann) as one of the esteemed judges. Two captioned episodes of the Magic School Bus were showing throughout the event. This was provided for the younger students who may not have seen an episode of the Magic School Bus.

Congratulations to the following winning projects at the 2015 Stark Middle School Science Fair: First place went to Jordan with "Super Battery Car". Second place to Sara with "Red Hot Trick" and third place was awarded to Conner with "Playing with Parallel Circuits".



Elementary

Eagle Friend Party

By Charlene Allison

This year the Eagle Friend Welcome Back party was great - just like all the Eagle Friend parties. It's nice to walk in a room and see your Eagle Friend's face light up because he/she is happy to see you. It's a good time and a great opportunity to spend some time with your eagle friend; playing, talking, and eating. Sometimes your eagle friend will give you a gift - usually something like a picture or a craft item that he/she made. I love that part because I take it back to my office and hang it up and treasure it.



Eagle Friend Party - Welcome Back!

By Laura Smith

When asked about her thoughts on the recent Welcome Back Eagle Friend party, one teacher was full of praise. "It is a positive interaction between students and adults. The students are out of the classroom setting socializing with adults; deaf and hearing alike. The party was a good experience for the students as well as the adults".

When a student's Eagle Friend is not able to attend the party, it is heartwarming to see the other adults pick up the role. No student is left unattended during the parties.

At this time we have 23 students involved in the program. For a couple of students this year will be their 5th year with the same Eagle Friend. Life time relationships are and have been made.



Sports



Ste'Quan being crowned King at Fall Homecoming



Selena being crowned Queen at Fall Homecoming



Dr. Dee Peneston, Cheyenne, Noe, Queen Selena, King Ste'Quan, Avalon, Cody, and Superintendent Ernest Garrett, III.

Fall Homecoming 2015

By Jamie Danuser

MSD's 2015 Fall Homecoming was greeted with a beautiful warm day and welcoming crowd. Playing host to Arkansas School for the Deaf, the Eagles prepared for a weekend full of volleyball, 6 Man football, the royal court and the many reunions that take place as alumni return to their alma-mater.

The new 6 Man football team played with a high intensity and nearly non-stop action. In the end the Eagles prevailed and came away with a hard fought and nail biting win of 62-60 over the Arkansas Leopards.

The girls proved just as suspenseful as they played through a full 5 sets against Arkansas. Each set was won by no more than 5 points which kept the crowd hanging on every point. At the conclusion of 5 sets the lady Eagles won 2 out of 5 sets and the lady Leopards came away with a hard won victory. The MSD Homecoming Court consisted of Selena, Avalon, Cheyenne, Noe, Ste'Quan and Cody. Senior Selena was crowned Homecoming Queen and Junior Ste'Quan was crowned King.



Sports



GPSD Volleyball trip to New Mexico

By Debbie Burnaman

Missouri School for the Deaf High School volleyball team got the opportunity to fly to New Mexico on October 8th. We traveled there for GPSD (Great Plains Schools for the Deaf) volleyball tournament, hosted by New Mexico School for the Deaf. Half of the MSD team had never experienced flying on the airplane and they enjoyed the experience a great deal. We enjoyed viewing beautiful landscapes from the air. The environment, climate and structure of Albuquerque and Santa Fe were amazingly beautiful. We were also able to tour the NMSD campus. Our MSD team played well through the tournament by winning two out of three matches against New Mexico and one out of three matches in the games against Oklahoma, Kansas, and Iowa. We didn't come home with a trophy, but we thoroughly enjoyed the trip.



MSD Volleyball team poses for pictures on New Mexico Campus.



Waiting to be boarded at the airport



One of few volleyball games at New Mexico School for the Deaf.



New Mexico School for the Deaf Campus



Looking out window of airplane



Sports



Football 2015

By Jamie Danuser

MSD football was faced with and triumphantly rose to an enormous challenge for the first time in the long history of MSD football. The challenge was to switch from Eight Man to Six Man football. Six Man football was created in 1934 as a means to allow smaller schools to retain their football programs during the Great Depression. Today Six Man remains popular with smaller schools, primarily in the Mid-West and provides for a fast, action filled game. In Six man football all players are eligible receivers, the quarterback cannot run the ball and to gain a first down, the ball must be advanced 15 yards instead of the traditional 10 yards in Eight man football.

With a team of 8 tenacious and resilient players, the Eagles utilized their speed and determination to capture a record of 6 wins and only 1 loss. Their one loss came at the hands of the Oklahoma School for the Deaf Indians during their first game. With lessons learned the Eagles came back and suffered no further losses the remainder of the season. It is with great excitement the Eagles look forward to another winning year in 2016!



Highlights

Joseph – 29 Touchdowns , 87 Tackles, 901 Rushing Yards

Ste'Quan – 28 Touchdowns, 1129 Passing Yards

Scotty – 8 Touchdowns, 68 Tackles, 15 Sacks

All three players have been nominated for the All American Team through the National Deaf Interscholastic Athletic Association (NDIAA).



MSD Football Record

2015-2016

MSD	25	VS	Oklahoma	38
MSD	62	VS	Arkansas	60
MSD	50	VS	Kansas	12
MSD	71	VS	Wisconsin	12
MSD	54	VS	Iowa	0
MSD	89	VS	Illinois	21
MSD	43	VS	Tennessee	2



Sports

MISSOURI SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

2015 -2016

Basketball SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
12/15	New Bloomfield	Home	6 PM
1/5	Higbee	Away	6 PM
1/12	Illinois SD	Away	4:30 PM
1/13	North Callaway	Away	6 PM
1/14	Prairie Home	Away	6 PM
1/20	Jamestown	Home	6 PM
1/22	Iowa SD	Home	6 PM
1/23	KSD vs ISD	Home	10 AM
1/23	Kansas SD*	Home	5:30 PM
1/30	Arkansas SD	Away	10:00 am
1/30	Oklahoma SD	Away	6 PM
2/2	Chamois	Away	6 PM
2/8	Wentworth Military Academy	Away	6 PM
2/11-14	GPSD Basketball	Away	TBA
2/16	Calvary Lutheran	Away	5:30 PM

**(Homecoming/Senior Night)*

Winter sports Award: March 10, 2015

Check sports website often for additions to the schedule or schedule changes <http://msd.dese.mo.gov/sports/>

