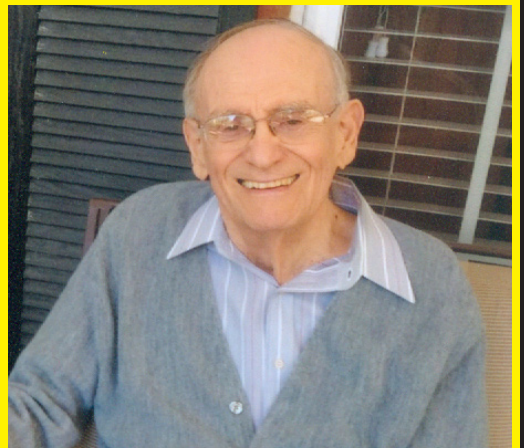


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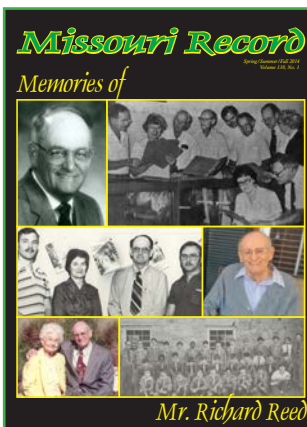
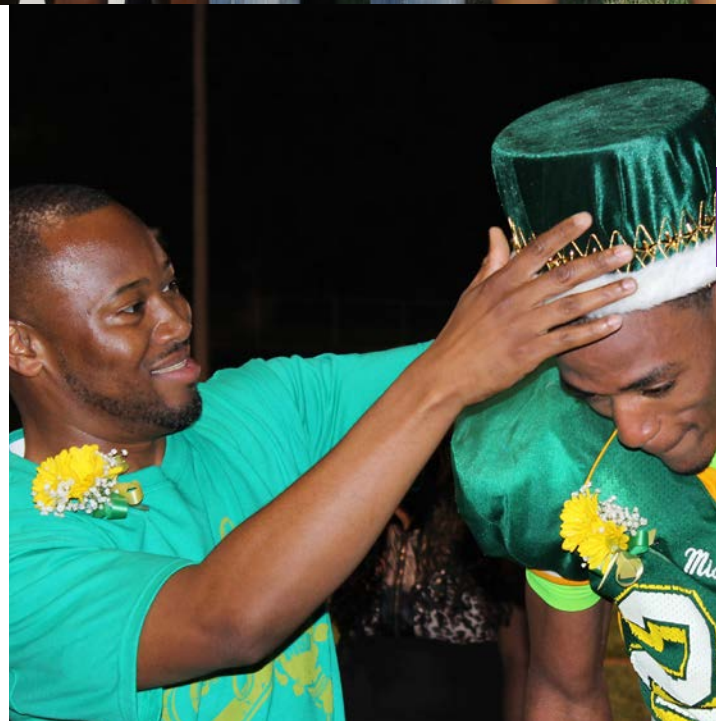
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Message from Superintendent



Missouri School for the Deaf Has New Superintendent

Mr. Ernest E. Garrett III was selected to be the new superintendent of the Missouri School for the Deaf. He began this position on July 1, 2014. Previously, he held the position of Executive Director of the Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing for three years. Mr. Garrett is a native of St. Louis, Missouri. He earned an Associate of Arts degree and dual Bachelor of Arts degrees from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in 2003 and a Master of Science degree and a Master of Social Work degree from Gallaudet University in Washington, DC. He is completing work on a research doctorate in management with a specialization in leadership and organizations change from Walden University at this time. He is the founder, owner and therapist for Garrett LCSW & Consulting, L.L.C. in Jefferson City, MO.

Mr. Garrett is a past president of the National Black Deaf Advocates Inc. and received their 2009 Advocate of the Year Award. He also was honored with the 2011 Lasting Impression Award from Special School District of St. Louis County where he was a school social worker for several years.

This is a position he also held at the Wisconsin School for the Deaf.

Mr. Garrett serves statewide as a member of the Relay Missouri Advisory Committee, the Missouri Deaf-Blind Technical Assistance Project Advisory Committee., the Missouri Newborn Hearing Screening Standing Committee, and Missouri Department of Mental Health Deaf Advisory Council. Nationally, he is a Board Member for the National Association of State Agencies for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and an Advisory Board Member for the Described and Captioned Media Program.

Mr. Garrett has participated in and led a variety of opportunities on campus to get to know and work with students, their families and staff from a motivational address at the opening of school workshops to recent homecoming activities that included accepting the Ice Bucket Challenge as a highlight of the pep rally.

MSD Eagles are Soaring on Wings of Excellence!

By: Ernest Garrett III

The Missouri School for the Deaf is a unique institution with chief responsibility for educating our deaf and hard of hearing children, along with providing a spectrum of outreach services throughout the state of Missouri. Meeting the academic, social, and emotional needs of each deaf and hard of hearing child is a challenge; at the same time, it is rewarding for those members of our faculty, staff, and related service providers who sincerely believe that MSD is not just a job; it's a calling – a calling to serve. From the standpoint of providing exemplary educational services to our deaf and hard of hearing children and youth, we are united in our belief that preparing MSD's Eagles to succeed in today's rapidly changing, technologically so-

phisticated, knowledge era is an expectation – one that bears repeating.

Discussions about “the way we do things around here” are necessary in order to understand the internal social architecture of MSD. Setting clear expectations and then establishing – and rewarding behaviors that promote high achievement are necessary tasks to propel the MSD learning community towards higher levels of achievement. As your new superintendent, I am learning how things are done around here so that I can make decisions that are data-driven, strategically sound, and also make good business sense. Ultimately, such decisions must be made in the best interests of our deaf and hard of hearing children and youth. Please share the achievements of our children and youth with my office. Please share your professional and personal achievements as well. Let's promote a culture of achievement in which we inspire ourselves and each other through our own stories that contribute to the overall good of MSD.

If the choice was yours, would you send your child to a good school or to a great school? I suspect that a great school would be a more viable option. One of the things that I like to talk about is what we can do to make MSD a great school. A school where the minds and the hearts of our MSD Eagles can soar above the barriers that society sometimes imposes on people with disabilities. We have too many living, breathing examples of successful, influential, and contributing deaf and hard of hearing persons in all walks of life to believe that MSD does not produce greatness. As we move forward with the strategic planning process, we will demonstrate a clear expectation for greatness in all things that we do at MSD, from keeping the school clean and presentable to sustaining academic rigor and producing graduates who are prepared to meet the demands of 21st century America.

Message from Superintendent

To be loyal, as defined by dictionary.com, is to be “faithful to one’s oaths, commitments, or obligations.” When I accepted the position of Superintendent at the Missouri School for the Deaf, I made a commitment to supervise and provide leadership to MSD staff in the design, development, execution and evaluation of a systemic plan to educate students and accelerate improvement of student outcomes, meet residential responsibilities, and improve outreach outcomes for deaf and hard of hearing students and their families. Each day I am on the campus, I see fine examples of loyalty from the students, alumni, administration, faculty, support and related services staff, and from all corners of our nearly 90 acre campus. Let’s continue to demonstrate loyalty to our students and to each other. Why? Because our students deserve the best from us as loyal and dedicated members of the MSD learning community; the best from us in terms of educational programming; and the best from us in terms of fostering their academic, social, and emotional development.

For those of you who were able to attend the MSD pep rally on September 19, 2014, I hope that you will agree with me that it was an excellent demonstration of MSD Eagle Spirit by everyone involved. The level of enthusiasm that I witnessed was Exciting! Exhilarating! Exemplary! The ice bucket challenge that I participated in was a great opportunity to demonstrate my enthusiasm – and for a good cause, too (Child First Campaign). As you sojourn in the halls of MSD as teachers and staff, please seek out ways to share your enthusiasm with the students so that they, too, can reach into their own reserves to apply enthusiasm in everything they do as an MSD Eagle.

The last thing I want to comment on is the MSD Eagle strength that is needed to create and sustain whole system improvement. As I mentioned earlier, we live in a rapidly changing,

technologically sophisticated world. The knowledge, values, and skills and abilities that were needed to survive in the 20th century are simply not enough for the 21st century knowledge era in which we live. This will require our people at all levels of MSD to upgrade our knowledge, skills, and abilities so that we can provide innovative instruction, transform our curriculum, and use technology to enhance the core and supporting processes of our beloved institution. We need to use our collective strength to move forward with the strategic planning process, one that will allow us to transform and transmogrify MSD into an institution that provides a high-quality education; offers a rigorous curriculum; and is perceived and believed to be a viable institution in which to educate Missouri’s deaf and hard of hearing. Decision-making that is data-driven; instructional best practices that are research-based; and social/emotional behavior interventions that strengthen our students’ ability to cope in today’s complex society must permeate “how we do things around

here.” Let’s use our strength in the service of improving academic, social, and emotional outcomes for our MSD Eagles. Why? Because it’s not just a job. It’s a call to higher expectations; a call to achievement; a call to institutional greatness; a call to sustained loyalty; a call to persistent enthusiasm; and last but not least, a call to unwavering strength!

E - Expectations

A - Achievement

G - Greatness

L - Loyalty

E - Enthusiasm

S - Strength



Alumni News

Interesting Articles from the October & November, 1933

Missouri Record

Vocational: For the last two weeks Walter Kiser, Frank Leas, Noel Hargus, Millard Ashe and Lester Motter have been making mattresses for the girls. Mr. Williams told them that the girls needed them. They have made about 13 mattresses. They worked hard and fast to finish them.

Vocational: This is only part of the story from the Barbering Department and it is about "Courtesy and Refinement": Mr. Carl Smith, Barber instructor, told his class about the Secrets of a Successful Barber. It is about "Courtesy and Refinement." It means that we must be polite and also must smile at our patrons when they come in, and say to them some good news. If any of my patrons wants me to do the work in a certain way I must do what he wishes, if I can. That will lead the other customers to come in our shop. When I have finished with the patron I must say, "Thanks" and "Come again" with courtesy.

*MSDAA Board &
General Meeting*

*Saturday, January 10,
2015*

*Board Meeting:
Farquhar Library 8:00am*

*General Meeting:
Ingle Auditorium 1:00pm*

Alumni News: Everette Rattan (picture below), better known as Silent Rattan of wrestling fame, attended the Home-Coming game between our school team and the Kentucky School team. (MSD lost to Kentucky 7 to 18.) His appearance has changed considerably since his last visit to Fulton two years ago. Now he has two cauliflower ears instead of one and the hairs on top of his dome of thought are considerably fewer, due no doubt to his opponent's frequent use of said dome as a brush on the wrestling mat. He wears a size 18 collar and still has wasp-like waist. Everette says he averages ten victories to every defeat. This proves he is still a near champion. His greatest ambition is to wrestle the welter-weight crown from the champion, Jack Reynolds, of Cincinnati, Ohio. So far his attempts have not been successful. As Jack is past forty and our hero is still a kid, there is still hope for him. That weekend more than 160 alumni and former students registered, not counting those who live in Fulton.



Obituaries

Harvey Johnson age 86 entered into rest Thursday, January 16, 2014. He was born Tuesday, November 22, 1927 in Riverton, Iowa. He was the last of the six children of the late Henry and Ina Johnson. He graduated from the Missouri School for the Deaf in 1947. He worked at the Assemblies of God Gospel Publishing House for 38 years.

Harvey was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers- Walter and William, three sisters- Edna, Elsie and Amie, and a son- Kevin. He is survived by his son, Melvin Johnson and his wife, and grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.

Emma Blanche "Tootie" Babb age 90 entered into the arms of her Heavenly Father Monday, April 21, 2014. She was born July 28, 1923 to the late Benjamin Harrison and Emma Blanche Jones Hazel. She moved to Sikeston with her family at age of 14. Emma enrolled and attended the Missouri School for the Deaf. After graduating from MSD, she resided in Sikeston and Charleston. She married Elmer Jewell Babb on October 15, 1948.

Emma was very active with her children and her Charleston community throughout her life. She was affectionately known as "Tootie", was a member of the Charleston Country Club, the Ladies Golf Association, Women's Bowling Association and member of the First Baptist Church of Charleston, Missouri. More than anything Emma enjoyed spending her time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She is survived by her three sons- Joseph, William, David and their wives, and grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, and her parents, one brother- Wesley Hazel and two sisters- Bonnie Strickland and Helen Hazel.

Superintendent Garrison Retires

By Margilee LaBorde

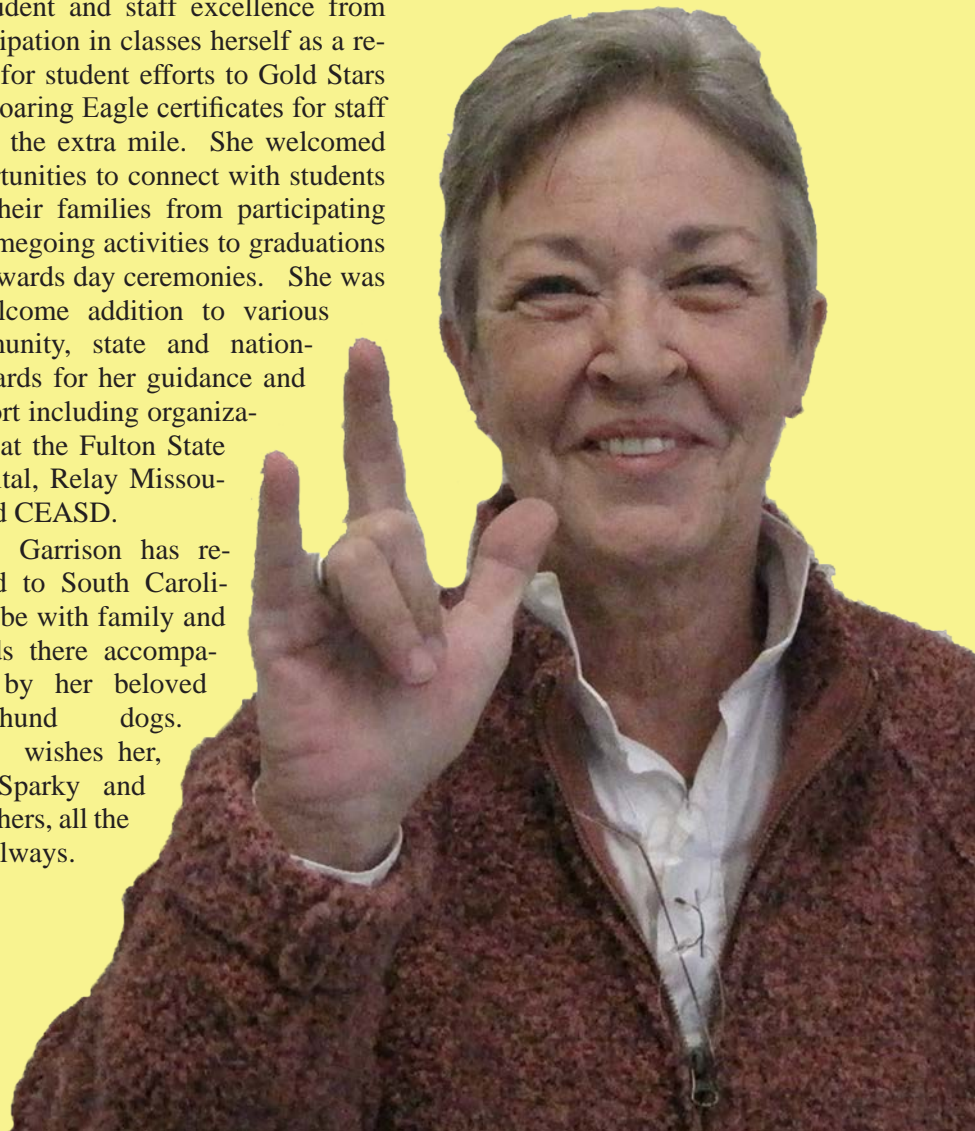
Dr. Barbara Garrison retired in December of 2013 after almost 12 years as the superintendent of the Missouri School for the Deaf. She had served more than 44 years as a deaf educator and supporter with roles as a teacher, vocational rehabilitation counselor, interpreter instructor and director of programs for Goodwill and for the South Carolina School for the Deaf in outreach. She was the first female superintendent at MSD.

During her time here a number of programs received her strong support. These included vocational training including expansion of work study opportunities, implementation of Experiential Education programs in the dorms, connections to Puppies on Parole (who could every forget Sparky), establishment of a weather station on campus as another technology and science connection, every other year cultural explorations with MSD and other Missouri deaf students, and recognition



of student and staff excellence from participation in classes herself as a reward for student efforts to Gold Stars and Soaring Eagle certificates for staff going the extra mile. She welcomed opportunities to connect with students and their families from participating in homegoing activities to graduations and awards day ceremonies. She was a welcome addition to various community, state and national boards for her guidance and support including organizations at the Fulton State Hospital, Relay Missouri, and CEASD.

Dr. Garrison has returned to South Carolina to be with family and friends there accompanied by her beloved dachshund dogs. MSD wishes her, and Sparky and the others, all the best always.



Campus Staff News

Retirees



Barbara Garrison
Superintendent
11 years



Patty Atterberry
Nurse
25 years



Jeff Rice
Custodian
24 years



Joyce Dignan
Residence Advisor
15 years



Dawn Culbertson
Middle School Teacher
30 years



Susan Anderson
Head Nurse
30 years



Christine Williams
Senior Account Clerk
20 years

155
Years of
service



Richard Dennis Reed

By Tom Bastean

Richard Reed passed away on November 27, 2013. He was born December 10, 1927 to the late John S. Reed and the late Ruth (Nanney) Reed in Chicago, Illinois. He was married to Marthada (Thompson) Reed on July 17, 1959. She survives at the home.

Richard is also survived by cousins, Mrs. Donna (Nanney) Browning of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Mrs. Rilla Hickerson of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Jean Helms of McAlester, Oklahoma.

He was a graduate of Lincoln High School in Lincoln, Nebraska. He served in the United States Army from 1946-1947 as a member of Headquarters Company, 11th Airborne Division in Sapporo, Japan. He attended the University of Nebraska, in Lincoln and graduated in 1951.

Friends, former students, and past and present staff of MSD surprised Richard and Mathada with a 50th Wedding Anniversary Party in the summer of 2009.

From 1952 until 1959, he taught at the Missouri School for the Deaf in Fulton, Missouri. He taught at the primary school level in Stark Hall (now-

New Staff



Ernest Garrett III
Superintendent



Mellissa Smith
Administrative Assistant



Paloma McClelland
Cosmetology



Vernon McNece
Culinary Arts

New RA's
Scott Clymer
Cleve Farrell

Sara Jerles
EmmaLee Turnage

New Teacher Aide
Tyler Folster

New Custodian
Gloria Richmond



Richard 1 year old with his parents, both were deaf, 1928.

Stark School). Some of our alumni remember him teaching rhythm class using small drums, tambourines, marimbas, and cymbals.

He entered the graduate program at Gallaudet University 1959-1960 earning a master's degree in Deaf Education. From 1960-1963, he taught at the Rochester School for the Deaf in Rochester, New York.

From 1963 until his retirement, Richard was again a member of the staff of the Missouri School for the Deaf. He served in various roles: first as a reading teacher in the Advanced Department (High School) up to 1971, then was appointed principal of Rice



Richard Reed smiling for picture at his wedding anniversary.



Richard second from right with his army paratroop buddies.

Hall (Middle/Junior High) until retirement, and was also editor of the Missouri Record from 1968 to 1991. He was also the editor of Notes and Notables and the school's alumni newsletter from 1968 until 1991. Richard was co-author, with Claire Bugen, of a book on language teaching titled A Process Approach to Developing Language with Hearing-Impaired Children in the mid 1970's. He received the Truman L. Ingle Award in 1988.

With the founding of the MSD's Burney Fishback Museum by Superintendent Lloyd A. Harrison, Richard and his wife Marthada, became active in the work of the museum until 2002 as co-directors. From the time of the founding the museum, Richard never lost interest in the history of the Missouri School for the Deaf. With the influence and support of resources that shared recollections of MSD, he was led to becoming the author of Historic MSD: The story of the Missouri School for the Deaf, published in 2002. Richard and his wife dedicated themselves to preparing for the publication of this historic look at MSD.



Mr. Reed as principal in 1979.



Richard in middle with his 2 cousins, 1932.

All the artifacts and recollections mentioned in this publication were gathered from a variety of resources such as alumni, friends of MSD, and MSD publications. To this day, there remains a wealth of artifacts which need to be posted. Regretfully, there is not much room to put everything on display. It was Richard and Marthada who organized the Fishback Museum the way it is today.

In 2002, Richard was honored by the Laurent Clerc Culture Fund Committee of the Gallaudet University Alumni Association with the Alice Cogswell Award, an award recognizing valuable service on behalf of deaf citizens.

Richard was a member of the Gallaudet University Alumni Association, the Missouri School for the Deaf Alumni Association, the Missouri Association of the Deaf, the Fulton Chapter of the Mo.A.D., the National Association of the Deaf, the MSD Foundation, the



Mr. Merklin, Mrs. Reed, and Mr. Reed as class sponsors 1964.

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National Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, and the Fulton Breakfast Lion's Club.

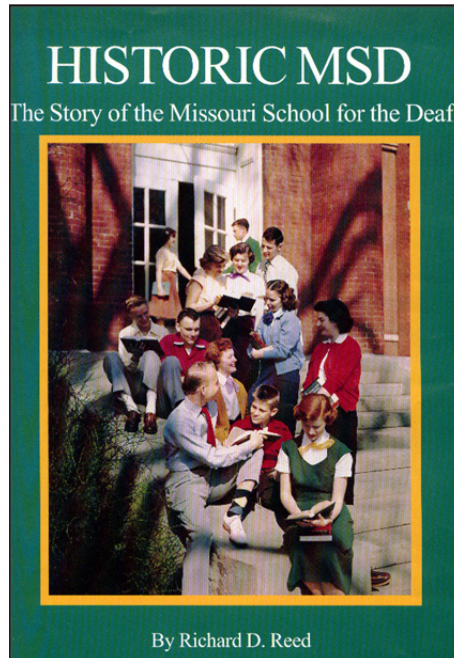
Richard was a long time scoutmaster at MSD. He had a great amount of enthusiasm, energy, and dedication to the MSD Boy Scouts. He prepared them for Fulton's Annual Christmas Parade, assisted with fundraising projects (for many of the boys to be able to participate in camping), led hikes and many scout projects to earn badges, and took several troops to the Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico for annual Boy Scout Jamborees. While he resided in an apartment on the MSD campus, many boy scouts who stayed on campus on weekends would ask him to go hiking. With the approval of his wife Marthada, he went along. There were many good memories of hiking days with him. All the former boy scouts were grateful and



Front Row: Frankie Morrisk and John Miller. Middle Row: Owen Durnell, Billy Walker, Camp Guide Philmont, Mr. Richard Reed, and Bobby Huffman. Back Row: Edgar Long, Alfred Deuel, Mac Kindred, Tommy Walker, and Bill Hatfield.



Mr. Richard Reed interpreter at Churchill Memorial in 1978.



really appreciated how dedicated he was to the MSD Boy Scouts.

Here are comments from Jack Gannon '54 our notable alumnus: "Richard with the help of his wife, made significant contributions to the field of Deaf History and helped our nation better understand Deaf people. They worked tirelessly to make Missouri School for the Deaf history among the best documented, cared for, and presented anywhere. Through their efforts the Missouri School for the Deaf was able to co-host, with William Woods Uni-



After a canoeing class, Richard Reed moving the a canoe out of MSD pool in 1976.

versity, a beautifully detailed presentation of national and local Deaf history with the installation of Gallaudet University's History Through Deaf Eyes exhibition in 2001. Richard not only made Missouri's history available to those who came to see it; he made sure Missouri's story is known beyond our state borders. Long and strong ties to the Deaf community and schools that serve deaf children inspired Richard to dedicate time and energy to documenting Deaf experiences. He seemed to love the work, and we are all richer for his many gifts of history, memory, and life.

The contributions of Richard Reed are memories and will always live with those of us who knew him throughout our lifetime. "



Richard and Marthada Reed sitting out in their patio at Tiger Place, Summer of 2013.

FOSC Draws Campers to Missouri's Outdoors

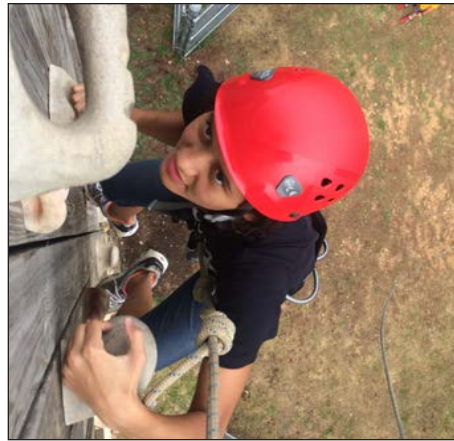
By Ron Danuser

The 13th annual Missouri Department of Conservation's Family Outdoor Skills Camp once again drew families from across Missouri to introduce them to the abundance of recreational opportunities the state offers.

As it has been for the past several years the camp was held at the Bartle Scout Reservation near Osceola. The event is open to any family with a deaf or hard of hearing child. The cost is free and includes all meals and lodging in cabins. During the two days, campers are offered a diverse array of classes to attend, each intended to introduce them to a different outdoor pursuit. This year classes included archery, fishing, canoeing, BB rifles/target shooting, skeet shooting, nature crafts and the rock wall. A total of 103 campers attended this year.

Since its inception MSD has been an active and ardent supporter of the camp. From providing interpreters, to staffing activities, MSD has been with the camp every year for 13 years. For the past 6 years we have been responsible for running the camp's climbing wall and rappelling tower, lifeguarding at the pool, and helping facilitate communication.

In addition to the classes families



MSD Student Elizabeth makes her ascent to on the climbing tower.

can take, an abundance of social time (meals, open pool in the evening and a root beer float social) allows families to network and share experiences and allows their children time to make new friends. Another unique feature of the weekend is the Perseid meteor shower. The camp's location, and subsequent lack of light pollution makes it a prime locale for viewing the annual meteor shower. However this year it was eclipsed by a super moon which loomed large and full over the dense forest of the Ozark Highlands.

If you'd like more information, or to make a reservation to attend the 2015 FOSC, visit their Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Family-Outdoor-Skills-Camp-for-Deaf-Hard-of-Hearing-Children/135372206649887> or e-mail to ron.danuser@msd.dese.mo.gov



L to R; Ron Danuser, Jamie Studer, Sydnee Kuster, Amber Carter, Cherise Santoriello, Cleve Farrell and Ron Hickson

Deaf Awareness Week

By Luis Rivera III

The Deaf Awareness Week program was held on Friday, September 26, 2014, where the students from the American Sign Language class and Deaf Studies class performed storytelling and skits to the students and staff in the Ingle Auditorium. Among the storytelling and skits, here were some highlights:

- Deaf Studies class students Franklin and Melissa explained what the Deaf Awareness Week meant, explaining that the purpose is to spread the awareness to everyone about how important the Deaf Culture is to us.



Terrell tells the numbers story about a storm.

- Deaf Studies class student Terrell gave a wonderful number 1 through 15 story about a storm.
- Deaf Studies class student Anaida performed what her freshman year was like, through the number 1-13 story.
- Deaf Studies class student Dakota showed how proud he is to be an American by doing the A-Z story about the American Pride.



Jessie tells the numbers story about remembering our soldiers.



- Deaf Studies class student Jessie performed the numbers story detailing about how important it is to remember our soldiers.

The entire ASL class and Deaf Studies class students gathered to perform the numbers 1 - 12 story about the Wild West.

Not only that, but also they performed the A through Z story detailing the Deaf Awareness Week.

Teacher in Charge Jennifer Dignan performed a story using the handshape “five” detailing about education.

During the week before the Deaf Awareness Week, short vlogs were shown to the entire MSD campus, showcasing famous Deaf people throughout history such as the first MSD Superintendent’s father Kerr.

As part of the Deaf Awareness Week event, MSD wanted to honor Herbert Case (alumni of MSD) and his wife Norma for their faithful attendance to MSD sports events over many years.

At the end of the Deaf Awareness



Madonna, Joseph, and Melissa performed on our Eagle Song.

performance, magnets were provided to the students and staff. In addition, everyone gathered for a picture before returning to their respective classrooms, et cetera.



Anadia and her class was telling Wild West storytelling in numbers. Jessie was waiting for his turn.

This event turned out to be successful and everyone enjoyed it very much. Many thanks to the Deaf Awareness Committee members Debbie Burnaman, Jennifer Dignan, Sharon Egbert, and Luis Rivera III for putting this event together, and of course, we could not do this without the students who gave wonderful storytelling and skits!



Jennifer gave Herb Case (alumni of MSD) and his wife Norma a quilt that MSD students made. They were honored at our Pep Rally at MSD.

Multicultural Book Donations

By Virginia Johns

Two years ago Carol H. Rasco, national president and CEO of Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) along with Westminster’s Kappa Kappa Gamma young woman’s organization were going to visit and donate 45 multicultural books to the library at Stark Elementary. Weather canceled that trip. However both parties were able to make it on a nice Fall day (September 25, 2014). They posed with the books they mailed. We all enjoyed having Carol describe the selection of books that was donated to us. She worked hard to get many excellent multicultural books for the children in our school.



Virginia Johns pictured with Carol H. Rasco and the Westminster College Kappa Kappa Gamma group showing some of the books that were donated.



An evidence of Herb Case (alumni of MSD) and his wife Norma at one of many sports games.

MSD Parents' Organization

By Jeff Patridge

It was another busy school year in 2013-2014 for the Missouri School for the Deaf Parents' Organization, better known as the MSDPO. While the requests for support from students and staff increased, the organization continued to meet those needs. Support provided during the year included:

- Purchase of shirts for the September and December Red Cross Blood Drives sponsored by the MSD National Honor Society and the Student Council. These drives topped their collection goals for the first time ever, and helped earn a scholarship for one graduating MSD Senior.
- Purchase of shirts for the Music in Motion team that performed at the St. Louis Rams game in November.
- Purchase of special commemorative shirts to honor the Boys Basketball team that repeated as champions of the 2014 Great Plains Schools for the Deaf Basketball Tournament.



- Purchase of supplies used by students to build a float they entered into the Fulton Jaycees Winter Holiday Parade.
- Purchased the second place trophies for the Great Plains Schools for the Deaf Basketball Tournament hosted by MSD in February.
- Sponsored the MSD football team preview in the annual Mid-Missouri Pigskin Preview.
- Donated the prizes for the MSD Student Talent Show in April.
- Made a donation to the Senior

- Class of 2014 to help fund a special event during their Senior trip.
- Awarded the “Eager Eagle Awards” to students at the year-end awards ceremonies.
- Donated the book Historic MSD by Richard Reed to all graduating seniors.
- Joined the Missouri School for the Deaf Alumni Association in awarding a \$500.00 scholarship to the 2014 salutatorian.
- Joined the Missouri School for the Deaf Alumni Association in awarding a \$500.00 scholarship to the 2014 valedictorian.
- Honored MSD staff during Staff Appreciation Week by purchasing two cakes.

We were able to provide this support, thanks to the continued generosity of everyone that purchased the MSD Cookbook and other items during our special sales promotions, and at our Fall and Winter Homecoming booths. Everyone helped to make this one of our best years ever.

Our efforts were also helped by the continued growth of the Box Tops for Education program. In 2011-2012 (our first year in the program) we earned \$215.00. In 2012-2013 we earned \$263.30. In 2013-2014 we had our



MSD Parents' Organization President Jeff Patridge, Monique Tabb, Salutatorian Andrea Crouch, Valedictorian Courtney McCarty and MSDAA President Kim Shuller

best year yet! We earned \$478.20, almost surpassing our goal for the year of \$500.00. We are looking for even greater support in 2014-2015 as we try to top our goal of \$750.00. Please continue to collect those Box Tops. With your help, I know we can reach it!

If you are interesting in finding out more about the organization and our activities or would like to join us, visit our Facebook and website. You can find us on Facebook under “Missouri School for the Deaf Parents' Organization” or on the web at www.msdpo.org.



2014 graduates holding their copy of Historic MSD, by Richard Reed.

Student Service

Student and Outreach Services

By David Kingsbury

The Student and Outreach Services Department is excited to announce our new mission statement for the Resource Center: The Resource Center on Deafness endeavors to provide a comprehensive range of programs and services to Missouri's deaf and hard of hearing children, their parents, and their schools from birth until high school graduation in order to maximize their educational achievement and psychosocial development. We have also implemented a new slogan: Identify » Intervene » Invest.

The Resource Center provided over 2,300 major services to support Missouri's Deaf and Hard of Hearing children last school year, which is an increase of about 10 percent over the previous year. Our new mission statement and slogan will help guide our efforts to improve the quality, availability, and access to our services across the state as well as focus our public relations efforts to improve awareness of the programs and services we provide. We expect this to lead to further growth over the next few years, allowing us to increase the positive effect we have across the state.

We are also excited about improving our ability to provide information to parents and educators. We have launched a new website with updated descriptions of our programs and services, expanded online resources, and a detailed technical support section. We are in the process of redeveloping our library of print, media, and electronic



resources on topics that support early intervention, education, and other developmental needs of deaf and hard of hearing children, and we hope to begin making these materials available across the state in spring 2015.

Letter from a Parent

By Wendy O'Banion

When you are told as a parent that your child has a hearing impairment, you don't realize all that goes along with it. You are bombarded with people telling you that you need to look into hearing aids, speech therapy, and cochlear implants. Then you have the audiograms that you can't read or understand. But wait...your child can't hear...now you have to go out and learn a new language just to communicate with her! At this point I felt as though I was drowning. I don't think I would have made it through all of it without the help of the Families First program.

I have a parent adviser who comes to my home to help me with all of the things that come along with being a parent of a hearing impaired child. She helped me realize that there is no perfect solution, it is trial and error. She makes sure that I have the material I need to make an informed decision on what is best for Kari and her education.

When I was told that Kari's hearing loss would be progressive I wanted to look into Missouri School for the Deaf. With the help of our parent advisor, we set up an appointment time to go and tour the school. We were welcomed with open arms. They treated us like they had known us forever. Because of that tour and all the things we had learned, I had decided that Kari would attend MSD and had hoped she would find her place in the school.

Before Kari started going to school, she never really communicated. She isolated herself. As much as I tried to make her feel like everyone else, Kari

knew she was different. The first year she attended Missouri School for the Deaf...it was like my little girl had found her voice. She would come home and tell me stories about all of her new friends. She finally found a place where she is just like everybody else.

Reading is one of the hardest things for a child with a hearing loss but because of the staff at MSD and Kari's hard work, she is a first grader reading at a third grade level. I know that this school is the best place for my child to be. They will make sure she has the skills and confidence she needs to be a successful adult.

I consider myself lucky to have found Families First. This program has helped me find my way through all of the chaos that comes along with being in unfamiliar territory. They have made me see that it's okay to be scared and it's okay to have questions and its okay to need help because they will make sure I have the tools to be the best parent and advocate I can be for my child. My parent adviser is Terry and she has become a part of my family and I know that we are a part of hers. We have created a bond that will last a life time. Being a parent of a child that has a hearing loss has its challenges and its rewards. Families First has helped me with the challenges so that I can enjoy the rewards.



Life at the Elementary Cottages

By Sandra Hudgens and Melissa Wrhen

Spring of 2014 found the Stark Elementary kids staying busy with a variety of activities. From trips to the local parks on bikes for play and cooking activities, to creek walks for rocks to paint, and travel trips to Kansas City for fun adventures.

Fulton opened a new park last Spring and the kids enjoyed biking to it to check out all the new equipment. Our youngsters love cooking anytime they can. A couple of the dishes that we made this year were pizzas and pretzels.

This year everyone enjoyed going to Kansas City - twice. Our first trip included going to the Science Center and then out to eat at Fritz's Railroad Restaurant. The kids loved visiting both. At the Science Center they could touch and experience all the exhibits that were offered. Kids rode a zero gravity bike that was great fun. All enjoyed climbing the huge tree that acted as stairs for them. The restaurant was themed as a railroad station. Our food was delivered by a train that traveled around the room and dropped our food to our tables as it reached us.

Everyone enjoyed a trip to Columbia to catch the Lego Movie without knowing that in a couple of weeks they would be going to Kansas City again to Lego Land itself! What a blast!



John Dzurick instructs Brayden where to go at the bike rodeo at the Stark Cottages.



Elementary students present Fulton's Garrett Animal Shelter with money collected from their Penny War Community Service Project.



Kids hang on while the RA's give them a spin on new equipment at the "Round-about" park.

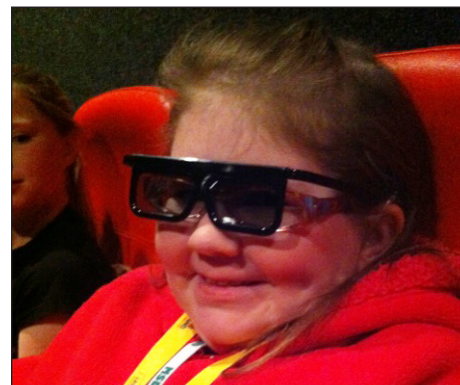
We saw a 4-D movie and rides, along with a climbing trail for all to climb through. We all enjoyed the displays made of Lego's such as Wizard of Oz, downtown Kansas City with a light control to change it from night to day, Kauffman Baseball Stadium and the Kansas City Race Track.

The Elementary kids also enjoyed doing a community service project this Spring that benefitted the animals at the Garrett Animal Shelter. The two cottages (girls and boys) competed against each other in Penny Wars. The idea was to collect as many pennies as possible for points. When you collect silver coins, it deducts points from your totals. Each week the kids returned from home all excited with pockets full of both so they could add points to their team and deduct points from the other team. This continued for about a month as well as the students asking the campus staff for donations. In April when the deadline was met, the coins were counted and we had close to \$80.00 to donate to the animal shelter just across the street from KCA. The shelter can always use new bowls, leashes, chew toys, blankets

and other small items that our donation went towards.

Mr. Dzurick has been busy working hard and planning a bike rodeo for the students so they can practice their biking skills. Some of the events include weaving and maneuvering between 6 carefully placed cones. The idea was to NOT hit them! Another event was to measure stopping ability and just how close to the line you could get, making tight turns, not crossing the lines when doing a figure 8, and crawling along like a turtle! Who thought you would want to go slow on a bike!

Life in the elementary cottages are far more than video games and TV. Whether we travel by foot, bike, van or bus we always have a great time wherever we go. Our RA's are to be commended for going the extra mile to make sure we have all the things we need to have a good time - by setting up/breaking down activities, keeping our money separated, having our meals ready while we were gone from campus, still keeping up with us - to make our trips all worthwhile and fun.



Natali enjoying the 4-D movie at Lego Land!

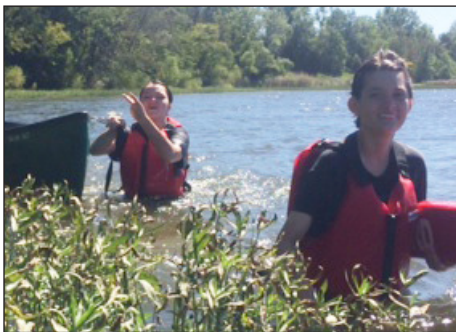
Student Life

2014 Experiential Education Adventure Race

By Ron Danuser

MSD's Experiential Education program hosted the second annual ExEd Adventure Race as its kickoff event of the 2014-2015 school year. The race pitted teams of two against the clock with the best time claiming victory. Along the course, teams paddled canoes across the lake and back, ran a one mile foot race and along the way answered trivia questions pertaining to astronomy, geology, math, and history. Answering these questions correctly gained a deduction in their overall time. Answering incorrectly resulted in a time penalty.

The race returned to Little Dixie Lake Conservation Area and was greeted with warm temperatures and high winds. As the canoes were unloaded, the grill started and the participants briefed, the stage was set for a fun afternoon of friendly competition. When the race started, it quickly became apparent the winds were going to be an obstacle unto themselves to overcome. Last year not a single canoe overturned. This year 6 of 8 turned over. There is an old African proverb that says 'Smooth seas do not make a sailor'. One of the fundamentals of experiential education is that we all learn best not when things go right, but when things go wrong, and on this day many lessons were learned. Not only



Alex and Madonna take the long way back to the starting line.



Half the returning champion team, Benson, donning his honorary Superman cape.

about keeping a canoe afloat but about team work, perseverance, comradery and tenacity. Despite setbacks, being wet, hungry and fatigued every single team completed the race and each with a smile.

Our returning champion (half of last year's winning team) attempted to defend his title and was honored with a flowing red Superman cape to wear throughout the race. However, cape or no, he was unable to obtain the repeat title as his was the first boat to overturn. This year's winners were Trey and Scotty (1st place) Lamont and Noe (2nd place) and Stequan and Joseph (3rd place).



L to R; Noe and Lamont (2nd place), Scotty and Trey (first place) and Joseph and Ste'Quan (3rd place).

MSD's Experiential Education Continues Biking Quest and Sets Higher Goals

By Ron Danuser

The Experiential Education program continues with its goal of engaging and exposing students to challenging experiences that allow for learning, reflection and growth. To that end, we look forward with great anticipation to the 2014-2015 year to complete a long awaiting project and begin a new long term quest.

Two years ago an intrepid group of students and staff completed a bike ride along the Katy Trail, affectionately dubbed the 'Katy 100'. The weekend trek began Friday evening at the North Jefferson City trailhead and ended late Sunday with our arrival at St. Charles, resulting in 103 miles and thus completing roughly half the Katy Trail's 237 miles. This year we plan on finishing the odyssey with two separate weekend treks. Completing such a milestone entails all the principals we seek through Experiential Education; physical and engaging challenge, acquiring new skills that are readily applied, and challenging pre-conceived limitations and breaking through them

and walking away with a changed notion of who they are and what they can do.

In looking ahead we've had a goal dropped in our lap by none other than Governor Nixon. Last year he and the first lady started the 100 Missouri Mile initiative after Missouri was selected 'Best Trail State' by American Trails, a non-profit organization focused on America's hiking, biking and riding trails. The initiative challenges individuals or groups to complete 100 miles of hiking, running, biking or riding on Missouri's trails. We within the Experiential Education program are looking to set the high goal of completing a 'Missouri 100 Triad', a goal of our own design, to complete 100 miles of biking, 100 miles of hiking and 100 miles of paddling on Missouri's rivers and streams. It is a lofty goal but one that is eagerly anticipated by our students.

Was that a Drill???

By Sandy Hudgens

No, this wasn't a drill. The students and staff welcomed the month of October this year with a Tornado Warning causing those on campus to take cover for protection should a tornado come this way. About 4:45pm the skies started changing colors and we could see the rain coming and the clouds rolling in. RA's turned on the weather stations and local news on the TV's to stay alert to what was going on. At 4:55pm the alert went out that it was in fact a tornado warning and all should take shelter. The students of the cot-



Local TV channel giving tornado warning info.



Staff and students taking shelter from storm.

tages reacted appropriately with the staff responding as well. While RA's peeked at the radar on TV they kept the kids informed of what was going on. Students and staff across campus at Tate and Kerr Halls had taken cover in their shelter area. At 5:50pm the call came in that it was all clear and we could now go about our evening which meant the kids could finally go for dinner! They were hungry but were very patient and understood the severity of the situation.



Residential Advisor EmmaLee making sure Myia doesn't fall while roller skating.



Cristin and Brianna making a mess at one of their many dorm activities after school.



Staff and High School Kids will always be kids! Enjoying a cool trip to the new water park in town.

Student Life



2014 Youth Deer Hunt

By: Allen Leroux

Another successful youth hunt has come and gone. The kids had a great time, even though they all didn't get a deer. We did have 3 students that were lucky enough to harvest deer, Cristin, Kayla, and Jordan. Many of the other kids that went got to shoot at a deer, but unfortunately missed. Their spirits remained high as they became determined to get another chance. There were 7 students in total along with 4



Delaniza helped cook dessert at the camp.



Cristin is proud of her deer.

parents. This weekend wasn't all about hunting for deer. The kids and staff got to socialize with good friends, learned about nature, and even helped hunting staff in preparing a bon fire and BBQ. Late Friday night the kids were invited to a hay ride to some of the neighboring houses around the conservation area. The towns people of Iconium were very welcoming, and had spooky Halloween decorations. The kids awoke to a frosty Saturday morning, but were anxious to see some deer. Saturday night the kids had the option to make different crafts including bracelets and dream catchers. They later joined together for another bon fire where they made smores! All of our kids showed good respect towards others and had outstanding behavior while at the hunt. After the hunting on Sunday we gathered for one last meal together at the Lone Star Lodge. There we took a group photo, and were handed out any deer heads or mounts from the previous year. There were sever-

al hugs and fond farewells from the guides and staff. On the bus ride back the kids were excited and even talking about wanting to come back next year. Sydnee Kuster, Jesse Schmidt, and Allen Leroux were the staff on duty. The staff had as much fun as the kids, and showed great teamwork in making sure all tasks were taken care of. We are already looking forward to next year!

Fischer Farms

By: Dorm Staff

The dorm students went to Fischer Farms to ride on hayride, walk in the corn maze, petting animals, cook hot-dogs and marshmallow over the fire. The students liked to walk through the corn maze in the dark.



The Elementary/Middle students enjoy the hayride.



Cooking hotdogs and marshmallow over the fire.

Speech Competition Winners at MSD

By Lucille Blackwell

During the 2013-2014 school year, MSD students participated in an annual Optimist Speech competition. The theme was "How My Passion Impacts the World". Students wrote speeches in Language Arts classes. Topics ranged from concern about Water Resources, the effects of bullying, to how Music helps someone stay positive. Students competed in high school and middle school levels on campus. Winning students were then eligible for the District level competitions. Cody, Chris and Melissa represented MSD at District Optimist Club conferences. Cody participated in the competition held in St. Louis (Eastern Division). He won first place and a scholarship for \$2,500. Chris AND Melissa participated in the competition held at the Lake of the Ozarks (Western Division). Melissa won first place and a scholarship for \$2,500. All three students were transported to the competitions by their parents and interacted with Optimist Club members. The Fulton Optimist Club has been supporting Missouri School for the Deaf student speech competitions for over 30 years. They have helped many MSD students with scholarships and awards.



Cody
Eastern Division Winner



Melissa
Western Division Winner



Publication and Press classes at Walsworth Pre-Press Plant.

Walsworth Publishing

By: Heather Dunn

On October 29, Bobby Morris, Jr. and Heather Dunn took their Printing and Publication classes to Brookfield, MO to visit Walsworth Printing Company. Walsworth prints a variety of books including yearbooks. Since we print our own yearbooks at MSD, we wanted to see how their operations work. First, we went to Pre-Press Plant to see how the pre-press processing works. While we were there, we visited their museum, where we were able to see how the art of printing has changed through the years. Bobby and Heather saw several things that they remembered from long ago, because it was done in a similar way at the MSD print shop. Our printing classes went to Walsworth 20 years ago, and they remembered there were so many workers there. Now, many things are automated so they don't have many people working at pre-press, compared to our visit 20 years ago. We also saw a variety of ideas for changes that we could make to our yearbook. After touring the Pre-Press Plant, we went to Marcline Park to eat lunch. While at the park, we saw a tribute to Walt Disney. The students learned that we were visiting the town where Walt Disney grew up. After lunch, we went to the Walsworth printing plant. We saw their off-set and web presses. We also toured the binding area. We saw how they die-cut the cover - which was fascinating - the kids all agreed. We learned many things and came home with lots of new ideas for printing in our own MSD print shop.



We saw an old Color Key at museum.

MASC District

By: Heather Dunn



Missouri Association of Student Councils had their yearly district meeting this year on October 24, in Paris, MO. Paris is a very small town, so it was a BIG deal when 900 Student Council kids from all over our North-eastern district descended on the Paris High School. Student Council sponsors Becky Payne, Jennifer Dignan, and Heather Dunn decided to take 18 students to the district meeting to help them understand more about what High School Student Councils are all about. While in Paris, we listened to motivational speakers and the students went to group discussions with other students, while the sponsors went to District Business meeting. We learned some strategies to help us with growing our Student Council into a larger group. All of the students were excited on the way home and are looking forward to the State Meeting in Kansas City, in March of 2015.



All Students who attended MASC District meeting.

Stark School

Stark News

By Sarah Neumann

Stark School is happy to welcome some new teachers to the building, although not all are new faces. Jason Freeman, former Stark aide has become the latest addition to the middle school teaching staff, and we're thrilled to have him with us in this new role! In October, Victoria Brooks came onboard to join our elementary teaching staff. Both new teachers are great additions to the Stark school community.

New and seasoned teachers alike have rolled up their sleeves and jumped right into the business of learning this year. If you were walking the halls, you would see everyone hard at work with everything from probability and the Constitution, to arithmetic foundations and parts of speech. With so much learning going on, we have hardly stopped to take a break for any special learning activities the first month of school! We did find time for an amazing presentation from service coordinators Shauna Morgan and Allison Thorbergson addressing the 6 key words at Stark: respect, responsibility, cooperation, peacefulness, kindness, and safety. The students (and staff!) had great fun putting together short skits to represent each word.

There are plenty more of those valu-



Rebecca, Isabella, and Annabella on a hayride with their pumpkins.



Jordan went through maze.

able learning activities on the horizon as fall progresses. Books will be everywhere at Stark school: Kappa Kappa Gamma members brought books (and masks!) for the elementary students



Allison Thorbergson works with students on one of the 6 key words.

in September, Book Fair is coming in October, we celebrate RIF (Reading is Fundamental) in November, and our amazing library staff has been busy making books come to life all over the walls of Stark's library. In addition to reading all about pumpkins and fall,

the younger Stark students got some hands-on experience at a pumpkin patch in early October. Each student brought a pumpkin back to school for days of pumpkin-related learning, including weighing and measuring their pumpkins – some of which looked bigger than the students who carried them in! The older Stark students are eagerly awaiting their turn for a similar pumpkin patch experience, just as everyone is looking forward to the learning opportunities that will present themselves in the months to come.



Sara and Brianna on a hayride.



Stark school students and staff

24th Annual GPSD Basketball Tournament At MISSOURI!!!

MSD Boys GPSD Champions!

For their second consecutive season the MSD Boys basketball team are back-to-back championship title holders of the GPSD Basketball Tournament. Senior guard Nick Jones scored a game-high 25 points on 11-of-23 shooting from the field in the Eagles' 53-46 victory over the Minnesota State Academy of the Deaf Trojans in the championship game of the 24th annual Great Plains School for the Deaf Tournament on Saturday on the MSD campus. Missouri girls finished in 6th place. See more tournament results below.

GPSD 2014 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT and CHEERLEADING COMPETITION AWARDS

Sportsmanship:
Girls-Wisconsin
Boys-New Mexico

3 Point (G/B)
Girls-Minnesota
Boys-Minnesota



All Tournament team members from MSD.

Free Throw (G/B)

Girls-Minnesota
Boys-Minnesota

First Place

Girls-Minnesota
Boys-Missouri

Second Place

Girls-New Mexico
Boys-Minnesota

Third Place

Girls-Wisconsin
Boys-Iowa

Consolation

Girls-Oklahoma
Boys-Wisconsin

Cheerleaders

First Place.....Minnesota

Second Place.....Oklahoma

Third Place.....Arkansas

Spirit Stick winner - Tie

Kansas & Oklahoma

All-Tournament Cheer Team:

Arkansas	Jewel Brandon
Kansas	Lilibeth Munoz-Rivera
Minnesota	Megan Hatfield
	Ashley Wulf
Oklahoma	Montrell Adams
Wisconsin	Kalu Cha

All-Tournament Girls Team:

Kansas	Tiffany McCallum
Minnesota	Tabitha Anderson
	Emilia Beldon
	Jessica Rademacher
Missouri	Avalon Saxton
New Mexico	Kimberly Herrera
	Amberly Luna
Oklahoma	Haley Runnels
Wisconsin	Kori Koss
	Anna Dorst

All-Tournament Boys Team

Iowa	Dakota Meyer
Kansas	Randy Ahtone
Minnesota	Tommy Ellenbecker
	Sam Ellenbecker
Missouri	Nick Jones
	Trey Thornton
	Joseph Allen
Oklahoma	Alex McCool
	Kentrell McCoy
Wisconsin	Tanner Evans



MSD basketball boys team showing they are 2 time consecutive year champions of 2014 GPSD tournament.



Elizabeth puts up a shot against Arkansas School for the Deaf at GPSD.



GPSD Track & Field

Wisconsin School For The Deaf

Third place finishes were the results of the boys and girls teams at the Great Plains Schools For The Deaf Track and Field meet. Trackster, Nick Jones posted a new GPSD record in the 400 Meter Dash of 51.11. Other highlight results include:

Elizabeth Harrison first in the high jump (4-6) and 400M Dash (1:08.99); second in the Long Jump (12-4.75) and 200M Dash (30.51)

Madonna Moore first in the 3200M Run (16:38.46)

Ste'quan Scott third in the 3200M Run (13:30.41)

Nick Jones first in the Long Jump (19-11.50), 100 M (11.62), and 200M (23.27)



Team Scores

Girls

1. Minnesota131.50
2. Wisconsin106.50
3. Missouri96
4. Kansas73
5. Arkansas.59
6. Oklahoma.52
7. Iowa31
8. Metro 0

Boys

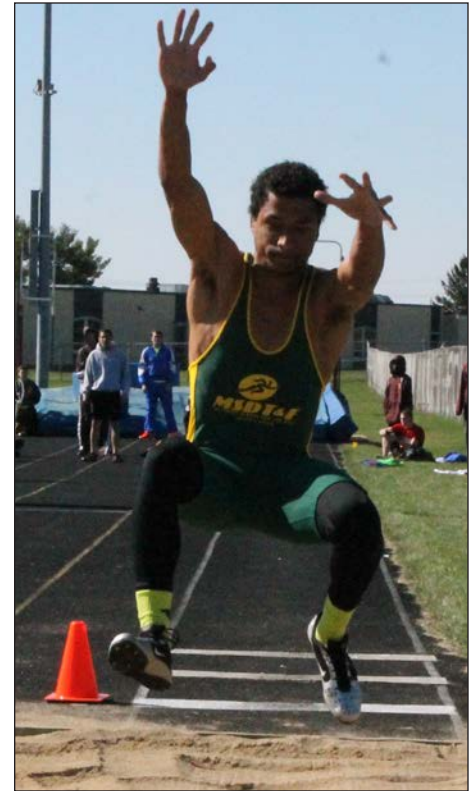
1. Minnesota.148
2. Wisconsin90
3. Missouri89
4. Oklahoma.80
5. Kansas54
6. Iowa51

Farewell To A Champion Nick Jones

By: Ella Washington

The first time I saw Nick he was in elementary school. He was busy running away from a Stark Aide on the playground because he wasn't ready to stop playing. As I watched him from the PE office window, darting side to side to avoid the grasp of the Aide, I thought "This kid is going to be a great athlete!"

In the school year of 2010-11 Nick was a freshman in High School and thus began to show his athleticism for playing football, basketball and



track. He excelled in all sports. However, it was through track and field that he earned the respect and recognition from Class 1 athletes and coaches in the state of Missouri and across the nation.

Freshman year Nick advanced to Sectional track and field meet, held at Centralia high school. He qualified in the 100M Dash-200M Dash-400M Dash and Long Jump. Unfortunately while competing in the long jump, he pulled his hamstring muscle and was unable to advance to State in his other events except the 100M Dash, which he had competed and advanced prior to his injury. In spite of his injury, Nick placed 6th (11.69) at the State meet.

In 2013, Nick qualified in the 100M Dash, 200M Dash, 400M Dash and Long Jump. He became the State champion in the 100M (11.22) and 200M Dash (22.41); runner-up in the 400M Dash (51.36) and third in the long jump (21-00.05). This one-man team representing Missouri School For The Deaf, scored 34 points to give MSD boys the fourth place trophy at

the State Track and Field meet.

Track and Field in 2014 was no different. Nick competed in the Berg-See-ger Track and Field meet in Danville, KY placing first in the 100M (11.11) setting a new meet record, 200M (22.77), 400M (51.51) and Long Jump (21-08) another new meet record. At the Great Plains Schools for the Deaf Championship Track and Field meet held at Wisconsin School For The Deaf, Nick defended his championship titles in the 100M-200M-400M and Long Jump.

May 24, 2014, Class 1 State Championship Finals. Nick would suit up in his Missouri School For The Deaf track uniform for the final time. He defended his 100M champion title (11.24), and placed second in the Long Jump (22-00.50) a career best, 400M (50.73) his career best 50.46 was ran in the preliminaries the day before; and 200M (22.89)*. Again Nick represented MSD honorably, totaling 35 points and



Joseph, Jeff, Avalon, and Joyla had the honor of dumping two ice buckets on our new Superintendent during Pep Rally.



2014 Fall Homecoming Court: JR. Noe, SR Azara, (King) JR. Joseph (Queen) Sr. Joyla, SR Jeff, and JR Sammi.

giving MSD boys a 5th place finish at the State Track & Field meet.

Thank you Nick Jones for the humble and quiet way you represented your school. You have made us MSD Proud! We wish you the very best in your post-high school endeavors.

* Class Record: C 22.15 1980 Larry Rogers, MO School for the Deaf

2014 Fall Homecoming

By Ella Washington

Special thanks to Lucille Blackwell and Luis Rivera for chairing the Fall Homecoming Committee. As always, you two along with your committee members, did a excellent job! Other members of the committee included: Susan Peterson, Gary Bonsall, Shanda Collins-King/Queen; Paloma McClelland and Angela Russell - Decorations; Sandy Hudgens, Ron Danuser, Jamie Studer - Dance; and Heather Dunn, Bobby Morris Jr., Ella Washington - Program, and our dynamite Media Department.

Students' and teachers got into the homecoming spirit by participating in the class dress up competition: Monday - Mad Scientist Lab Coat Day, Tuesday - Animal Activist Day, Wednesday - Twin Day, Thursday - Red Carpet Day, Friday- Green & Gold Day

To culminate Spirit Week our cheer-

leaders, Azara, Danna and Cheyenne with the cheer sponsors, Jamie Studer and Nicole Spiess, led MSD staff and students in a Pep Rally in Harrison Gym. Superintendent Ernest Garrett III brought the students to their feet as he led them in a chant..."MSD STANDS PROUD FOREVER!!!" Then the crowd followed the dancing Eagle (Levi Williams), clapping and dancing to the drumming of Stark Aide, Josh Davis to McClure Field. When the crowd arrived, Superintendent Garrett had a surprise for them...He talked about Child First Campaign and why he was accepting the challenge from the Superintendent of Mississippi School for the Deaf... then after making sure his hearing aids were in a safe place... he took the ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE! Joseph, Joyla, Avalon and Jeff had the honor of dumping two ice buckets simultaneously on our new Superintendent Ernest Garrett. Superintendent Garrett demonstrated great sportsmanship for a great cause.

The enthusiasm generated by Superintendent Garrett, carried over to Saturday morning, September 20th the Lady Eagles volleyball team lost their match to the Lady Jackrabbits of Kansas School for the Deaf; 13-25, 8-25, 18-25. The JV team lost their match; 6-25, 12-15. However, both teams gave their best efforts. Later that evening the Eagles football team soared onto McClure field to take on the Jackrabbits. Many alumni, parents and friends attended the event. The Eagles and the Jackrabbits played good hard football. The Eagles won the game 52-20.



2014 Fall Homecoming Queen Joyla recieved her crown by Supertintendent Garrett III while King Joseph look on.

