

Marshall County  
School District

# SAVVY

Great Schools, Great People

Faculty & Support Staff Newsletter

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## Gender Gap?

Did you know that there was this much difference?

Certified staff (369)  
80% female  
20% male

Classified staff (293)  
86% female  
14% male

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## Thanksgiving, November 25th

### What I love most about Thanksgiving is...

...spending time with my family and my relatives that I don't get to see very often. I also enjoy eating lots of homemade food.—

**Jonda Cox (lab manager, North Middle)**

...spending time with my family. Like many families, we don't get together as much as we would like, because of our busy schedules. On Thanksgiving Day, we make it a point to spend the day with our families and just enjoy our time together.—

**Patsy Steele (secretary, Special Services Building)**

### To me, Thanksgiving is...

...being thankful for blessings I have received. It is a special time for being with family and friends. —

**Sue Duncan (cafeteria manager, Jonathan Elementary)**

...taking time to appreciate all the "little things" sometimes taken for granted (especially friends and family members).—

**Pam Griffith (instructional assistant, Benton Elementary)**

...taking the time to remember how truly fortunate and blessed we all are.—

**Gavin Thompson (principal, South Elementary)**

...a time of sharing and celebration for family and friends of being together and enjoying good food and sharing good times.—

**Teresa Barrett (computer lab manager, Sharpe Elementary)**

...a time to reflect on all of the blessings that we have with our family and friends.—

**Mike Casteel (Central Office)**

### My favorite memory of Thanksgiving is...

...not just one particular holiday event, but the collective memories of a lifetime spent gathering family together.—

**Cecilia Curtis (Benton Middle)**

## Let's Hear from the New Kids on the Block

I asked the teachers who are in their first year in the Marshall County school system what their impressions were after their first few months on the job. Some of these teachers have taught other places, while others are in their first year of teaching. This is what some had to say...



"My first thoughts upon teaching at North Marshall can be summed up in just a few words. I've taught nine years and I still say to myself, "WOW! This is how education should be! This is what it's all about!" I am enjoying myself tremendously, and I was afraid the joy of teaching had been lost to me. For those of you teachers out there who's been in Marshall for some time, trust me, this is one top-notch place. Be thankful and proud!"—submitted by **Sheila Robinson (North Middle)**



"I have been teaching and coaching for 18 years. Included in those years are 10 in New Mexico, 3 in Kentucky, 5 in Georgia. In those 18 years I have never worked at a school that used block scheduling. I love it! I have never worked at a school where the kids didn't lock their lockers. How refreshing! I have never worked at a school with as well a thought out design. We could have every sport having a home game at once and everybody would have a good parking space. I have never worked at a school where I knew what the counselors did all day. These folks actually do stuff! There's much more I'm impressed with. I'm glad to be here. ☺"—submitted by **Kim Alderdice (MCHS)**



"I am excited about my choice to become a teacher. I have had the luxury of enjoying a few careers. But I believe that if there is such a thing as a calling, I have truly found it. To be here at MCHS has only made this adventure even more rewarding. I have been a part of this community for six years now, and I could not imagine teaching anywhere else. Thank you to all of you who have and will continue to help me as I grow in my teaching abilities. But special thanks go to my two closest mentors, Stacey Bradley and Trina Merrick. Thanks for answering all the

questions!!!"—submitted by **Tericka Dye (MCHS)**



"Coming to Marshall County to teach was a goal my husband and I have had for a couple years. He is from here and we knew this was where we wanted our children to

attend school.

Unity is a word that I think describes the atmosphere in this school district. The teachers, staff and administrators are unified and work together to make Marshall County Schools the best they can be. I am impressed by the amount of support that teachers receive here. As a new employee, I not only feel welcome, I feel appreciated. I see myself retiring from Sharpe Elementary in the next 20 years or so. The pride that teachers, staff, and administrators feel in this district is reflected onto the faces of the children we teach everyday.

I love seeing Mr. Knight and others from the Board Office in our schools on a regular basis. This helps teachers have a relationship with the administrators whom they don't regularly come in contact with. I was dumbfounded when Mr. Knight came into my classroom the first time and actually knew my name and that I was a special education teacher. I don't know how he keeps up with everyone, but it's a nice touch.

My husband (Stephen, Benton Middle) and I are both delighted to be here. We even lost a month's salary to come here!"—submitted by **Leslie Flatt (Sharpe Elementary)**



"I forgot how difficult it is to be the new kid on the block. There are new lessons to learn and new people to meet. It's great to be back home and I'm slowly learning how things work around here."—submitted by

**Laura Herndon (Benton Middle)**

# MC-bay

NOTE: MC-bay is for district employees only! The item will appear in two consecutive newsletters. Only home phone numbers may be submitted.

Include your name, school/site, home phone number, description of item and price.

To submit an item, send an email to [ljarratt@marshall.k12.ky.us](mailto:ljarratt@marshall.k12.ky.us) or call 527-8628.

- ☆ Want to buy: good used high chair. Contact **Evelyn Lane (bus garage)** at 527-0944.
- ☆ 2 kid's battery-powered cars; one is a Ford truck, the other is a Jeep. Good condition. \$100 each. Contact **Chris Harvey (Benton Middle)** at 252-1367.
- ☆ Free to a good home: five white rabbits with brown ears and a few brown spots. They were born earlier this fall. Call **Nina Hendricks (South Middle)** at 851-4362.

## Sympathy

Pam Myers, who was a bus driver in Marshall County for over 20 years, passed away on November 10<sup>th</sup> after a struggle with Lou Gehrig's disease. She was 55. Diagnosed in March of 2003, it was then that she was no longer able to drive. She is survived by her husband, Sammy, and her two grown sons, Dan and Ben, both graduates of MCHS.

Also, **Jason Fite's (MCHS)** grandmother, Norma Fite, passed away Monday morning. Formerly from Wingo, she was a Calvert City resident. Her funeral was yesterday.

Jerry Brown, the husband of **Florence Brown (Jonathan Elementary)**, passed away Tuesday after a lengthy illness. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

## Old Wood Items for High School Art Class

MCHS offers a Spring semester art class entitled Surface Design. Students are taught faux painting, wallpapering, refinishing wood, etc. The class needs some old wood items that people want to discard...chairs, small tables, picture frames, etc. If you have any items that fit this description, please contact **Sharon Brown (MCHS)**.

**DO MORE**  
Do more than exist – live.  
Do more than touch – feel.  
Do more than look – observe.  
Do more than read – absorb.  
Do more than hear – listen.  
Do more than listen – understand.  
Do more than think – ponder.  
Do more than talk – say something.

(from The Voice of Truth International)

--submitted by Jo Beth Appleton (secretary,  
Calvert Elementary)

## Wedding Announcement

**Ginger Topper (bus driver, lunch cashier at MCHS)** will marry Steve Peck on Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Lakeland Baptist Church in Calvert City. Everyone is invited to attend.



# Spotlight



## **Lisa Champion**

*Teacher, Benton Elementary*

**Maiden name:** Jameson  
**Husband:** Johnie  
**Sons:** Jake (18), Justin (15)  
**High School:** Livingston Central High School  
**College:** Murray State University  
**Years experience:** 9 years, last 6 years at Benton Elementary  
**Other work experience:** 5 years as a dental assistant  
**Hobbies and Interests:** reading, shopping, travel  
**Favorite book:** Suzanne's Diary to Nicholas  
**Favorite movie:** The Notebook  
**Favorite TV show:** Survivor  
**Favorite food:** anything Mexican  
**Favorite actor:** Tom Hanks  
**Favorite sport:** baseball  
**Favorite quote:** "The best thing you can do behind a friend's back is to pat it."  
**Something you should know about me is...**When my youngest son was a baby, I came up with an idea for a combination stroller/car seat. When we submitted the idea for a possible patent, someone else had already applied for the same idea. In less than a year they were on the market. The moral of the story is, if you get a good idea, move fast!



## **Sunetta Barrett**

*Health Care Aide, Calvert Elementary*

**Maiden name:** Tucker  
**Husband:** Gene (22 years)  
**Sons:** Joel (35), Beau (18)  
**Daughter:** Mandy (12)  
**Daughter-in-law:** Andrea  
**Granddaughter:** Isabella  
**High School:** Wingo HS--I'm a transplant from Graves Co. but now my blood runs ORANGE!  
**College:** PCC, Associate Degree Registered Nurse  
**Years experience:** 7 years  
**Other work experience:** 10 years at Western Baptist in OB and Labor and Delivery. I stayed home after Beau was born and started working at Calvert City Elementary when Mandy started school.  
**Hobbies and Interests:** Running with my kids, and I don't mean track! I love watching sports and being an active fan! I also love to read!  
**Favorite book:** To Kill a Mockingbird  
**Favorite movie:** Gone With the Wind  
**Favorite TV show:** ER  
**Favorite food:** Shrimp  
**Favorite actor:** Denzel Washington  
**Favorite sport:** Soccer  
**Favorite quote:** -"Not everything that can be counted counts and not everything that counts can be counted."—Albert Einstein

# Kenneth Shadowen Performing Arts Center Schedule of Events

Date	Event	Time
Dec 2	Sharpe Elementary music program (Vicki Madison)	7:00 pm
Dec 6	Preschool Headstart music program (Andrea Dripps)	7:00 pm
Dec 7	MCHS Band concert (Mike Colvett, Ronnie Payton)	7:00 pm
Dec 9	"A Victorian Christmas"—MCHS Fine Arts (Sharon Brown, Elaine Shurley)	7:00 pm
Dec 13	Benton Middle Band and Choir concerts (Ronnie Payton)	7:00 pm
Dec 18	Handel's Messiah—Marshall County Commission for the Arts (George Milam)	7:00 pm

--submitted by Randy Stafford (MCHS)



## Bicycle Request

The Calvert/Sharpe Family Resource Center is looking for a bicycle for a 5<sup>th</sup> grade boy. If you can help with this in any way, please contact Carol Coplen, director, at 395-4869 or email her at [ccoplen@marshall.k12.ky.us](mailto:ccoplen@marshall.k12.ky.us).



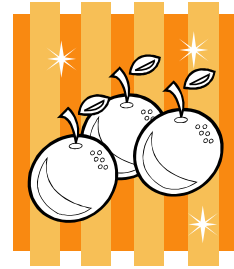
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Stephen Flatt (Benton Middle) recently helped the student government raise money for the Lion's Club telethon. After receiving the most votes for the ugliest legs contest, he was fortunate enough to get to wear a dress to school. He's so tall, it was hard to get a full length picture...--submitted by **Susan Duke** (secretary, Benton Middle)



# Annual MCHS Band Fruit Sale

Below is a detailed breakdown of our annual fruit sale. Please email your order to Mike Colvett (MCHS) at [mcolvett@marshall.k12.ky.us](mailto:mcolvett@marshall.k12.ky.us). You may also call the band room at 527-1578 to place an order. Leave your name, phone number, and detailed order on voice mail.



The scheduled delivery date is the week of December 6-10. You will be contacted when the fruit arrives and you may pick yours up at the band room. Also, please pass this information along to any of your friends or family who might be interested in purchasing fruit. If you have any other questions, please call or email.

Michael Colvett  
Director of Bands  
270.527.1578

**November 29<sup>th</sup> is the last day to order!**

Type of Fruit	# of pieces	Cost	# of pieces	Cost	# of pieces	Cost
Navel oranges	Large box (80)	\$22	Small box (48)	\$14		
Red grapefruit	Large box (40)	\$22	Small box (27)	\$14		
Tangelos	Large box (125)	\$22	Small box (64)	\$14		
Juice oranges	Large box (125)	\$22	Small box (64)	\$14		
Red delicious apples	Bushel (100)	\$30	½ bushel (80)	\$18	¼ bushel (40)	\$11
Golden delicious apples	Bushel (100)	\$30	½ bushel (80)	\$18	¼ bushel (40)	\$11

## Gift Boxes of Fruit



**\$23**  
12 Navel oranges  
12 Red grapefruit  
12 Red delicious apples



**\$18**  
*Fruit Mixture*  
Navel oranges  
Red grapefruit  
Red and golden delicious apples



**\$18**  
*Apple Mix*  
Red and golden delicious  
Granny Smith apples

**\$12**  
*Gift Basket*  
(wrapped in plastic, orange and blue ribbons)  
Tangelos  
Apples  
Oranges

