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Savvy Weekly

Check the district website each week for Savvy. Keep on sending the information so that others can be "in the know"...

If you have information that you would like to see in this newsletter, please send an email to ljarratt@marshall.k12.ky.us or call 527-8628.

Heroes = Teachers

"Where are the heroes of today?" a radio talk show host thundered. He blames society's shortcomings on education. Too many people are looking for heroes in all the wrong places. Movie stars and rock musicians, athletes, and models aren't heroes; they're celebrities. Heroes abound in public schools, a fact that doesn't make the news. There is no precedent for the level of violence, drugs, broken homes, child abuse, and crime in today's America. Education didn't create these problems but deals with them everyday.

You want heroes? Last year the average school teacher spent \$468 of their own money for student necessities--workbooks, pencils--supplies kids had to have but could not afford. That's a lot of money from the pockets of the most poorly paid teachers in the industrial world.

Schools don't teach values? The critics are dead wrong. Public education provides more Sunday school teachers than any other profession. The average teacher works more hours in nine months than the average 40-hour employee does in a year.

You want heroes? Visit any special education class and watch the miracle of personal interaction, a job so difficult that fellow teachers are awed by the dedication they witness.

There is a sentence from an unnamed source which says, "We have been so anxious to give our children what we didn't have that we have neglected to give them what we did." What is it that our kids really need? What do they really want? Math, science, history and social studies are important, but children need love, confidence, encouragement, someone to talk to, someone to listen, standards to live by. Teachers provide upright examples, the faith and assurance of responsible people.

You want heroes? Then go down to your local school and see our real live heroes--the ones changing lives for the better each and every day!

YOU are somebody's hero!

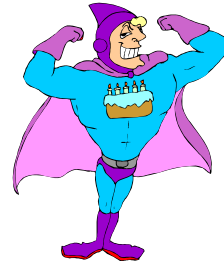
--from an email sent to me by Brenda Gidcumb (South Elementary)

“Hero” Nominations

After reading “Heroes = Teachers” on the previous page, there must have been names and faces of teachers who vividly appeared in your mind. Who is your “hero” in the teaching profession? Please submit his/her name along with a brief

description of why you think of them in that way. Submit now by clicking on the hyperlink below:
ljarratt@marshall.k12.ky.us.

Keep those “Extra Mile” nominations coming also...



Cal’s Coats at Benton Middle

The Benton Middle School Student Government collected Cal's Coats for Kids. In all BMS brought in 725 coats. They came in second to Calloway County. BMS did win the Extra Effort award for bringing in the most coats per student, averaging 2.9 coats per student. Marty Walsh's class brought in 105 coats. The student government involved Benton Elementary in their efforts and Diana Ealey's class brought in 58 coats. This is a big event for the students at Benton Middle, and they do a wonderful job every year.—submitted by Todd Anderson and Chris Harvey (Benton Middle)

More Babies on the Way...

Three Central Elementary teachers are expecting babies: Bridget Powell, Dana Whited, and Alyson Holbrook. Also, Allison Adamson (speech/language pathologist) is expecting her first child. It sounds as though Savvy will keep busy just with birth announcements for the rest of the year! This is wonderful—and job security for school district employees...

Note of Thanks

I want to express my gratitude for the many kind expressions of sympathy in the loss of my Mom, Esther Fisk. We appreciated the visits, calls, cards, flowers and commemorative contributions; most of all, your prayers. Your words of encouragement will long be remembered.--Lanny Fisk and family (retired, MCHS)

Sympathy

The faculty and staff of Benton Middle School would like to express its sympathy to one of their students, Ally Lathram, in the tragic death of her father, Scott Lathram. Scott is also survived by twin sons, Zach and Eli, who are sophomores at MCHS.

Vicki Dowdy's (Calvert Elementary) mother, Pauline Edwards passed away on October 26th. She was also the mother-in-law of Danny Davis (maintenance/facilities director).

MC-bay

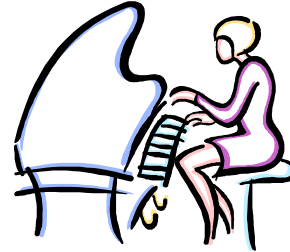
NOTE: MC-bay is for district employees only! The item will appear in two consecutive newsletters. Only home phone numbers may be submitted.

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 or call 527-8628.

Baldwin console piano, light cherry wood. Great shape, owned it for 20 years. Asking \$1,000. Contact Ledonia Williamson (MCHS) at 527-5679.

1994 Chevrolet Suburban, black. 189,000 miles. Will sell for \$4,950. Contact Kathy Clark (MCHS) at 527-7104.



Note: This is not Ledonia! Her hair would never be blonde, her dress would never be that short (more than 4 inches from the knee), and her...well never mind...it's not her!

Think Change

"Every season is a season of change...the chance to seed the dreams of a better tomorrow."

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One day at the beginning of school in the cafeteria a kindergartener asked her teacher, "Is this the only restaurant in this place?"

One of the little kindergarten girls was trying to tell me something. It didn't come out right and she said, "The reason I couldn't say that is because I'm Spanish." I said, "You aren't Spanish." She said, "Yes I am." I said, "No, you are not Spanish." Still trying to convince me she said, "Well, I'm from Indiana." —submitted by Diana Hobgood (Central Elementary)

Girl: "Too bad you flunked your History Test. How far were you from the right answer?"

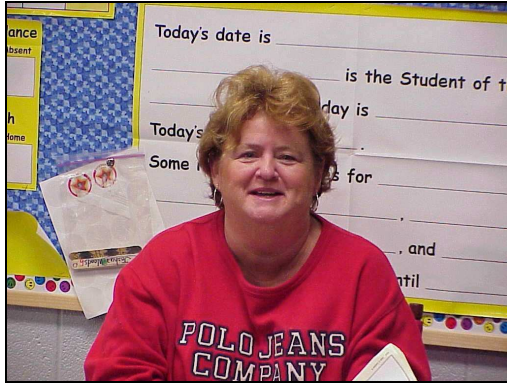
Boy: "Two seats!"

Question: What do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

Answer: A teacher!
—submitted by Chris Harvey (Benton Middle)

"I told the students that if they completed a sheet that wasn't assigned they would be compensated for their work. The confused looks on their faces told me they didn't know what 'compensate' meant. So I asked if anyone knew what the word meant. One boy raised his hand and after I called on him he said, "Isn't that when you can't go to the bathroom?"—submitted by Paige Edwards (North Middle)

Spotlight



Dawn Lampley

Teacher, Sharpe Elementary

Family: three (3) sisters who are teachers; dad was a high school teacher and coach; from a family of educators
High School: 1973 graduate of South Marshall High School
College: Murray State University and Western Kentucky University
Major: double major in Elementary and Special Education
Years experience: 1st year at Sharpe (2nd grade); previous 7 years at Calvert Elementary (Special Education); 20 years in Washington and Marion counties
Hobbies and Interests: reading (all types of books) and sports (spectator)
Favorites book: The Last Breed (Louis L'Amour)
Favorite movie: The Pelican Brief, The Big Chill
Favorite TV show: Law and Order
Favorite food: steak and shrimp
Favorite actor: Sean Connery
Favorite sport: high school basketball and all levels of football
Favorite quote: "Human beings, by changing the inner attitudes of their minds, can change the outer aspects of their lives."-- Patricia Neal....I was fortunate to attend one of her motivational speeches at a conference.



Dee Dee Taylor

*Instructional Assistant, North Middle
Cheerleading Coach*

Maiden name: Miller
Husband: Craig Taylor (16 years)
Son: Tanner, 13 years old
Daughter: Tori, 10 years old
High School: Marshall County HS
College: Murray State University
Years experience: 4 years at North Middle, previous 3 years at South Elementary
Hobbies and Interests: reading, shopping, teaching Sunday School at New Harmony Baptist Church, coaching cheerleading, coaching softball, being with my family and helping my husband (occasionally) at Hutchen's BBQ (we own it!)
Favorites book: Mother's Wisdom Devotional
Favorite movie: Steel Magnolias
Favorite TV show: Desperate Housewives
Favorite food: Hutchen's BBQ of course!
Favorite actor: Matthew McConaughey
Favorite sports: Watching Tanner play football and Tori play softball
Favorite quote: -" Wise men talk because they have something to say, fools talk because they have to say something."