



8th Grade Transition Day

On Friday, April 29, 311 8th grade students from all of the Monroe County Public Schools ascended on ASCC Campus for a day of Transition information to help them more easily move from Junior High to High School, making wise choices.

The day started with a welcome from Superintendent Ryals as the students arrived at ASCC. Dr. Sykes, ASCC President, welcomed the students to the campus and said a few words of inspiration. Al Etheridge of SAWDC spoke to the students on Career Cruising. Skip Fields spoke to the students about CHOICES and how his landed him in prison for 20 years. He encouraged the students to examine who/why choose as friends. A video was viewed—METH Zero Tolerance. This video shows the impact drugs have on a person physically, as well as mentally.

Following the video, Peter Mitchum from the 35th Judicial Task Force spoke to the students about what he sees in his job and how he catches those that sell/abuse drugs. After a break, Caroline May and Jake Jensen from Auburn University spoke to the students about standing up to Bullying. After a concert from Expose the students enjoyed lunch at the Eagle's Nest and then headed back to school armed with a little more knowledge and a lot to think about.



Radio Spots

The recent spots are:

- 2011 Valedictorian & Salutatorian
- MC Honor Band
- Duke TIP 7th Graders
- Jr. Civitan's Group at EHS
- National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Day
- MJHS Best Robotics Competition

Newsletter Spotlight

Special points of interest:

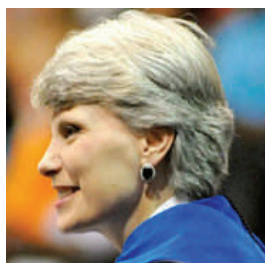
- 8th Grade Transition Conf.
- Grants
- T-shirts offered
- Superintendent change
- Shadowing Opportunities

Grants—A grant request was written to Alabama River Cellulose in March for \$20,000 for projects including Shadowing Project, Wouldn't It be Cool, two school mini grants and Choice Bus Project. On April 25, MCEF received a check. Many thanks go to ARC and Peggy Jaye for working on this with us.

T Shirts Offered

As we prepare for the 2011-2012 school year to begin, MCEF will be offering a t shirt for sale for students, teachers, and parents. Shirts will be white with the MCEF logo on the front. Principals have approved the shirt as a school SPIRIT Shirt. These will be sold by order form, then printed. Shirts will be sold for YS-AXL \$10 and 2 & 3XL for \$12. Let Susie James know if you are interested, we'll get you a shirt also.

Superintendent—With regret we announce that Superintendent Melanie Ryals retired on June 30. We greatly appreciate Mrs. Ryals service both to the system and the Foundation. 11 applicants were interviewed and Dr. Kathy Murphy of Troy has accepted the position. She will began serving Monroe County System on July 1.



She brings much energy and knowledge to the job. We look forward to working with Dr. Murphy. A reception will be held Thursday, July 7 from 4-6pm at the MCBOE Resource Center. Please welcome her to the community and the offer her your support!

Shadowing Program—It is not too late to get your business signed up for the Shadowing Program. We will begin recruiting students in September to gain true understanding of the work in varied fields of study. Students would follow you (or employee) around for several days, a day, or several hours at your convenience. Let us hear from you.

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