



MALVERN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Home of the Leopards

“Where PASSION, PRIDE, & EXCELLENCE are expected.”

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I hope everyone's New Year got off to a great start! Not only is it hard to believe it is 2018, it is hard to believe we are in the third quarter of the school year! It will not be long before we will be graduating the Class of 2018. Below are a few highlights from this month.

January “Students of the Month” were recognized at the school board meeting this past month. Each student received a certificate of appreciation, a \$25 gift card to Walmart, and a Malvern Leopard gift bag (sponsored by the Malvern Leopard Foundation). Congratulations to the following recognized students!

January – SOM:

Fisher Adams – Kindergarten
Kiasha McAdoo - 3rd Grade
Eric Rodriguez – 6th Grade
Viktoria Jergenson – 9th Grade
Eryka Williams – 12th Grade

William Burks - 1st Grade
Travin Tidwell - 4th Grade
Tessa Lewis – 7th Grade
Avery Alpe – 10th Grade

Isabelle Browning - 2nd Grade
Alyssa Deaver – 5th Grade
Brandi Kish – 8th Grade
Zaedren Newborn – 11th Grade

January is School Board Appreciation month each year across the state of Arkansas. At our January board meeting, members were recognized for their hard work and effort for the betterment of our students! During the meeting, groups of students from each building gave presentations about their favorite class, program, or part of their school. The student presentations were awesome! Students showed a lot of poise while presenting and a lot of PRIDE in their school! The evening with the students concluded with a group picture with the school board members. If you have the opportunity, please take time to shake their hand or send a text/email to thank the board members for all they do for our district! Members include: President Connie Bane, Vice President Kevin Carr, Secretary Brian Coston, Don Rash, Deborah Smith, Jesse Clark, and Travis Worthington.

Due to inclement weather in January, the district closed school three days. Fortunately, the state has changed the law to allow schools to have five Alternate Method of Instruction (AMI) days. Schools do not have to make up the days if the school chooses to require students to complete a packet of assignments sent home by teachers. These packets are required for each grade level throughout the district. If students complete the assignments on days the district is closed, students are counted as present for that day. Due to ice and snow earlier this month, the district has already used three of the five allotted AMI days. Hopefully, the district will be able to avoid any additional inclement weather this school year.

Annually, students from each of our campuses participate in the MLK Essay Contest which is sponsored by the Malvern Martin Luther King Organizing Committee. The following students were awarded for their entry. MES/WIS: 1st Place: Mark'ela Hughes, 2nd Place: Brylie Smith, 3rd Place: Travin Tidwell. MMS: 1st Place: Audrey Carr, 2nd Place: Dacey Cross, 3rd Place: Aeila Saling, and Honorable Mention: Kayla Graham. MHS: 1st Place: Princess Welch and 2nd Place: Christina Harris. CONGRATULATIONS to all these students!

The district had a good night at the Malvern/HSC Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet held on Thursday, January 18th. Each year awards are presented to community members who go above and beyond in their field or for the community. Young Person of the Year was presented to MHS Senior Christina Harris and Educator of the Year was awarded to MHS Principal Jennifer Shnaekel. Congratulations to both these LEOPARDS!

As always, thank you for your continued support of our schools,

Brian Golden, Superintendent
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