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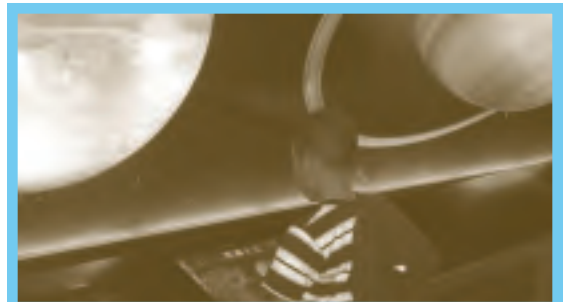
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## PUBLIC EDUCATION NEEDS COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & LEADERSHIP

# COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS MAKE GOLD STARS SUCCESS

When PENCIL began coordinating GOLD Stars in the fall, we had no idea just how many organizations would step up to help out. GOLD Stars, which stands for Greater Opportunities for Learning Daily, is a before-and-after school program that provides both a safe haven and academic and enrichment opportunities for students at Cole, Glenview and Napier Enhanced Option



*Adventure Science Center brings science to life for GOLD Stars participants*

Elementary Schools, as well as Donelson and Wright Middle Schools.

As participants in the program, students are being exposed to fun and educational activities provided by organizations such as the Nashville Symphony and Adventure Science Center. The symphony works with all five schools to educate and expose students to music by providing informational sessions and on-site performances. Students are able to observe instruments in a small setting and even get to test out a few.

Second Harvest Food Bank provides healthy snacks to all five sites each afternoon, while Tennessee Nutrition & Consumer Education Program works primarily with the two middle schools, coordinating activities that teach healthy eating habits. Adventure Science Center visits all five of our sites providing hands-on workshops. GOLD Stars participants can also be paired with tutors. 🍷

*The coordinated efforts among these incredible organizations are providing an exciting opportunity for students who have extended school hours. Thank you to everyone who helps make GOLD Stars a success!*

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# SHARE YOUR LOVE OF READING WITH STUDENTS

**READ ME WEEK: FEBRUARY 23-27**



PENCIL is again teaming up with Book'EM and Comcast to promote Read Me Week, a fun annual event where the community can share the love of reading with students. Book'em has been the producer of Middle Tennessee's Read Me Week for 20 years.

## WHAT IS INVOLVED IN ADOPTING A SCHOOL FOR READ ME WEEK?

You will be assigned a school that is participating in Read Me Week. You will recruit volunteers to read at the school during the week of February 23-27. Your group may be interested in doing other things for the school (i.e., give treats to students and/or teachers, donate books, help with other activities planned by the school.) Please work this out with your school contact.

## Time in the classroom

Plan for about 15 - 20 minutes, depending on length of book and interaction with children.

## Wear something readable

A nametag will do, but readable clothing is better. Wear your work clothes if they say something about your profession. 📖

*For more information, please email Martha Ann Pilcher (volunteers@bookem-kids.org), call 615-834-READ. Read Me Week materials will soon be available on our website: [www.bookem-kids.org](http://www.bookem-kids.org)*

# LP PENCIL BOX GEARING UP FOR SPRING

Whew! The fall semester was busy and thanks to our generous donors, the in-kind donation value has already exceeded the total for 2007. That's amazing! We are stocked and ready for spring shopping, which means we are in need of volunteers to assist in the afternoons from 2-6 p.m. Monday - Wednesday.

## WANT TO MAKE A DONATION OR VOLUNTEER?

Contact Ulli Heregger at 974-0438 or [uheregger@pencilfd.org](mailto:uheregger@pencilfd.org) 📖



*Thanks to students from Pope John Paul II for your help at LP PENCIL Box!*



*Thank you Alcoa for volunteering at LPPB!*



## MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- ◆ Paper towels
- ◆ Tissue
- ◆ Hand soap
- ◆ Hand sanitizer

# VOLUNTEER IN '09

It's a new year and it's time for resolutions. Why not make yours one that's not only beneficial to you but to a young person? Volunteer! This is a great time to explore volunteer opportunities in Nashville public schools through PENCIL Programs. We have begun to set training dates for our new volunteers so choose the program that meets your interest and give us a call today!

Become a **Math Partner** and work with elementary and middle school students once a week. Help them learn and develop and appreciation for mathematics (Contact: Debby Gould, 242-3167 x 235).

Become a **Reading Partner** and help elementary and middle school students become fluent readers. You will tutor students one-on-one, once a week, or read aloud to a classroom (Contact: Ann Johnston, 242-3167 x 232).

Be a **Mentor** and help a 9th-grade student become more confident in their abilities and in themselves. PENCIL is working with Pearl-Cohn and Maplewood High Schools to place mentors that will spend an hour a week with a student (Contact: Jessica Ziegler at 242-3167 x 262). 🏠

# HOT TOPIC HOLIDAY SPIRIT



Students at the International Newcomer Academy at Metro Schools were treated to a special gift over the holidays. Our friends at Hot Topic raised the funds to fill a backpack with goodies including a school uniform, candy, and stuffed animal, for every student in the program.

This is the second year employees at Hot Topic, have collaborated with

PENCIL to provide holiday bags to students who need them. This year, PENCIL selected the Newcomers, many of whom are refugees placed in the academy to adjust to Western culture and make an easier transition into the classroom. Many have had no formal schooling and speak very little English. And for most, this was their first holiday in the states. Thanks again, Hot Topic! 🏠

# JTG GOES TO D.C.!

In December, 5 award-winning JTG students took a trip of a lifetime. Jacob DeMoss (Dickson High), Monique Dillard (Whites Creek), Shandon Jenkins (Pearl-Cohn), Rachel Smith (Antioch) and Precious Smith (Stratford) each produced winning essays describing how the opportunity to attend the 12th Annual National Student Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. would help to shape their futures. Not only did they get to attend the Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) event, this was the very first time three of these students stepped foot on a plane!

The conference was packed with informative meetings and good times for over 400 students from across the country. The students were able to meet Miss America 2008, take a twilight tour of D.C., and participate in various leadership sessions. Congratulations to these incredible JTG students! 🏠

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...to Tennessee Titans Linebacker, David Thornton, who took time out of his busy schedule to visit and provide an inspirational speech to the Jobs for Tennessee Graduates students at Stratford Comprehensive High School.



# BUSINESS LEADERS BECOME “PRINCIPALS” FOR A DAY



*MLK Magnet students provide a warm welcome to principals and their guests*

One hundred and thirty business and community leaders were given the rare opportunity to spend a day in one of our city's public schools with exclusive access to the principal. As participants in this year's Principal for a Day, these leaders were invited to learn more about public education: the needs, the challenges, the successes and improvements. A collaboration between PENCIL and Metro Schools, Principal for a Day allows guests to take part in various activities at their

participating schools to better understand how students are educated today. The ultimate goal is to encourage future participation and involvement in the school. Some “principals” sat in on district meetings, toured classrooms and many were able to welcome students at the start of school.

“The teachers were incredibly engaging and the students appeared genuinely interested,” said Francie Hunt, director of Stand for Children, who spent her day at Cole Elementary. “I loved seeing their academic and art work decorating the building. It felt very inviting.”

Guests joined their principals at a luncheon at the new Martin Professional Development Center, where they were treated to performances from Martin Luther King, Jr. Magnet, Nashville School of the Arts and Antioch High School students. Thank you to Hunter Atkins and The Bank of Nashville for sponsoring the event again this year. And thank you to all of our participants! We appreciate the time you took to learn more about our public schools. 🌟

## PENCIL IT IN!

### Reading Partners Orientation

PENCIL Foundation  
Jan. 28, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

### Informational Lunch for Business and Faith-Based Organizations

Learn how you can become a PENCIL Partner! RSVP to 242-3167; PENCIL Foundation  
Feb. 18, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

### Read Me Week

Feb. 23-27

### Metro Schools Spring Break

Mar. 16 - 20

### PENCIL Board of Directors Meeting

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Mar. 10

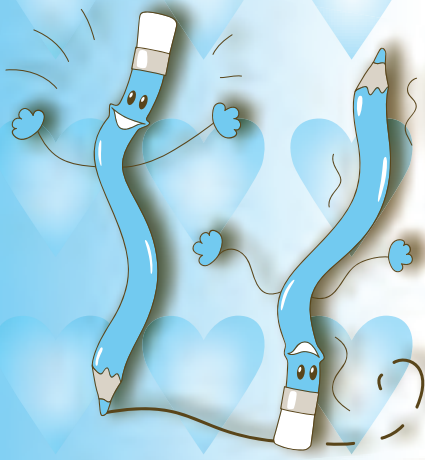
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## HAPPY NEW YEAR, MCMURRAY MIDDLE!

McMurray Middle School started the New Year off with a little help from one of their newest PENCIL Partners, Ozburn-Hessey Logistics. This donation will help cover costs such as school uniforms, after-school transportation, and library books. Thank you, OHL! 🌟





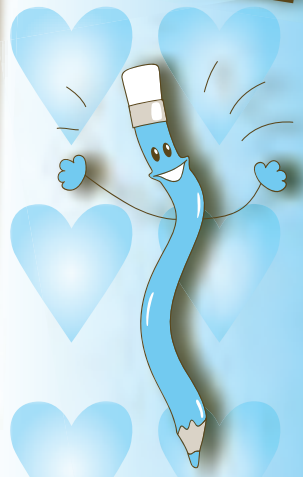
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