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October 23rd is end of the 1st Quarter
 October 24th is Campus Beautification Day
 October 27th is Boise National College Fair
 October 29th is Boise National Christian College Fair
 October 30th is Fall Harvest Tech Party
 November 4th & 5th are Parent-Teacher Conferences
 November 4th is Professional Dress Day
 No school on November 6th
 November 14th is the school's rummage sale
 November 17th is Tech-X-Sperience
 Early Release on November 25th
 No school on November 26th
 No school on November 27th

From the Principal

On Tuesday, October 20th MTCHS was able to have Jim Everett, CEO of the Treasure Valley YMCA, come speak to a group of students at lunch. His talk is part of a series of "Leadership Luncheons" that Dr. Kituku and I have organized this year for MTCHS students. All students are welcome to attend and we have had good turn-outs so far. Our goal is to expose successful community leaders and effective leadership principles to our students. I was inspired by Jim's talk and he hit on several powerful ideas. I would like to share a couple of thoughts with you this month. Jim talked about the importance of persistence. More important than intelligence or talent is the learned behavior of persistence; though, some researchers would argue that the attribute of persistence is "hard-wired" into the individual at birth. Regardless, persistence to a positive end must be developed. Over the years MTCHS has dealt with the perception that it is "too hard" for the average student. We have a higher grading scale, and we hold our students accountable for the completion of their school work; this is true. However, the reality is that any student with average intelligence and exceptional persistence can flourish at MTCHS. Thomas Edison, the greatest inventor in American History, is quoted as saying it would take a matter of a few weeks to invent the bulb. In reality, it would take him almost two years of failed attempts, new discoveries and prototypes before he would find success. It is said he tried over 6,000 different carbonized plant fibers, looking for a carbon filament for his light bulb. What if he would have quit? I tell students all the time that the power to succeed or to fail is in their hands. In the age of instant gratification, we are still trying to help our students understand the power of persistence. Have a great month.

Upcoming Construction

Beginning on Monday, November, 2nd, traffic flow to and from MTCHS and other schools on our educational campus will be affected by construction that will begin just north of the school. Joint School District #2 is subdividing the vacant property just north of MTCHS and MMACHS and intends to sell it sometime in the future. Due to the road excavation, grading, sewer/water extension, trenching and paving, a section of East Leigh Field Dr. will be closed for about three weeks. This road closure will create greater traffic on East Heritage Lane, the entrance and exit to MTCHS. Meridian Medical Arts and Pathways Middle School students and parents also use this entrance for access to their schools. Please be patient during this time period as we work together to maintain a safe environment for all the students on our campus. Please also remember that the posted speed limit on the entire educational campus is 10 mph. Please see the map for further explanation.

Please see Page 3 of the Newsletter to see a map of the detours.

Student Government Election Results

Congratulations to our new Student Government officials and class representatives!

President: Kyle Haugland
Vice President: Brice Wilkerson
Secretary: Rick Anderson
Treasurer: Dane Snow

Senior representatives:

Rick Anderson
Brice Wilkerson
Gabby Wheeler
Brandon Hurt

Junior Representatives:

Katie Facer
Caleb Ham
Rob Kleffner
Dane Snow

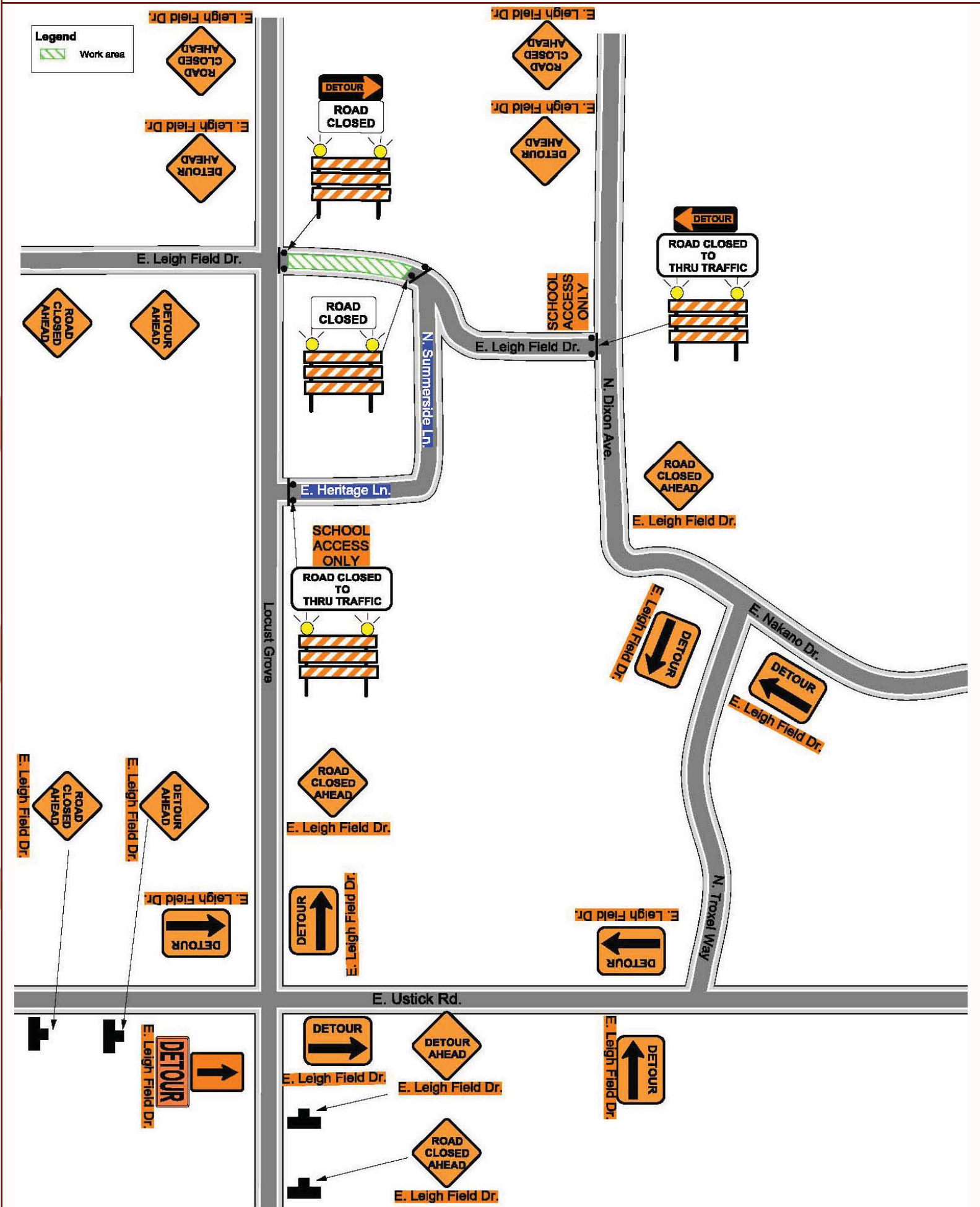
Sophomore Representatives:

Ajdin Masic
Connor Spies
Kameron Hayes
Tim martin

Freshmen Representatives:

Dusty Bates
Ethan Sorensen
Jeremy Woods
Tyler Sampson

Construction Detours



Key Club Information

Key Club is starting the school year well. The club had great member turnout during the September meetings and we are encouraging all members to actively participate in Key Club by attending all meetings. Due to problems in the past, members who decide not to attend meetings will be revoked of certain privileges. We are also expecting members to arrive no later than 11:35 so we can promptly begin our meetings. When attending the meetings, please be respectful to your officers and be prepared to talk about Key Club projects and fundraisers. Key Club has a busy year ahead and we are eager to start our first fundraiser, so be on the lookout for our flyers. Key Club will be given a new face this year! Be prepared for change.



National Honor Society News

Congratulations to the new members of The National Honor Society. MTCHS will have the annual induction ceremony for new members of the National Honor Society on November 12th starting 6:30 p.m. The ceremony will take place in the multipurpose room. Family and friends are invited. The new members are: Jacob Biggs, Jake Fullilove, Joseph Hall, Oscar Marshall, and David Tijerino.

The National Honor Society is sponsoring a team for Rake-UP Boise on November 14th. We have a yard for 15 people. I have 15 NHS members that have signed up, but I will take names for the waiting list. The list is on my office door.

The National Honor Society is also involved in Adopt-A-Highway for Locust Grove between Ustick and McMillan roads. We have done two of the four events this fall and will schedule two for the spring. Please check the calendar for these dates in the spring. We schedule when the weather starts getting nice enough for an outside event such as this.

SkillsUSA Information

In SkillsUSA, things have been moving right along. We have been preparing for our first Tech Party of the year on October 30th. Everyone is working hard to make this Tech Party super fun, and we are still looking for sponsors to assist with prizes to make this Tech Party amazing. If you are interested in sponsoring, please contact Mrs. Becky Torek at the school.

All the Officers and some members of Skills went to the annual SkillsUSA Fall Leadership Conference at Renaissance High School. Fall Leadership was a big success and many of our participants learned a lot about leadership and how to apply it in our Chapter. Everyone learned something new about different leadership qualities, and now we are expecting more than ever at our local Chapter.

As October is ending, our annual Rummage Sale is coming up. We are accepting donations for the Rummage Sale. If you are interested in donating tech gadgets such as old computers, laptops, DVD players, MP3 players or any other technical gadgets, the person to contact is Mr. Dennis Beebe. The donations can be in working conditions or non working condition. If the gadget is not working, please bring in a week before the sale, giving us time to revive it. All donations made for the Rummage Sale are tax deductible.

As you can see, there's a lot going on and another exciting year of SkillUSA is starting!

Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences

The first academic quarter ended today. Quarter one grades will be finalized and available to parents during parent-teacher conferences on November 4th and 5th. For those parents who don't attend conferences, a copy of their student's report card will be mailed to their residence. Conferences times are:

5-8 pm on November 4th

1:30- 4:30 on November 5th

5:30-8:30 on November 5th

There are no conferences on Friday November 6th . There is no need to set a specific time for conferences with individual teachers. Parents meet with teachers on a first come, first served basis. We also respectfully ask our parents to keep conferences to 10 minutes for each class as others will be waiting in line. If more time is desired or needed, parents can schedule another meeting with teachers through Mary Helen Green, our counselor. I encourage all parents to attend fall conferences. We will see you then.

Important Dates for Recruiting New Students for 2010-2011

MTCHS parents: if you know current 7th or 8th grade students who enjoy computer technology, electronics technology, and would benefit from a smaller learning environment, please pass this important information on to them and their parents. Word of mouth from our community is always the best advertising we do. This information and much more can be found on our website: www.mtchs.org

The first Tech-X-Sperience for 7th-8th graders will be on November 17th from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Sign-up on our website after October 27th.

The technical pathway teachers, Mr. Eyerman, Miss Richtsmeier, Mrs. Torek and Mr. Beebe will be visiting classrooms at the middle schools during October, November and December in order to show students what these pathways are about and potential careers they can have with the skills learned in these pathways.

Mrs. Green, the counselor, will have a breakfast and information session for 8th grade counselors here at MTCHS on December 10th.

Mrs. Green will also visit the middles schools in January during advisory period to talk with 8th graders about the school and the application process. Look at the School Calendar for specific dates and school names.

The 8th Grade Information Night for parents and students will be on January 12th from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

The Application and Supporting Documents must be received at MTCHS by 2:30 p.m. on February 5th

The Lottery Drawing for incoming freshmen will be on February 11th.

Other grade level applications are will be added to the waiting list for that grade level on the day they are received throughout the year.

H1N1 Flu Update

During the month of October MTCHS has had an increased absence rate. Traditionally our absence rate is about 4% daily and it has averaged nearly 10% this month. About ten students a day are reportedly staying home with flu-like symptoms. The Medical Arts Charter is experiencing similar attendance rates this month as well. As you may know, the Swine Flu vaccine is in short supply and the District is no longer administering the vaccine in schools because of the shortage. The Central District Health Department will reschedule school-based clinics as soon as more shipments of the vaccine arrive. However, these vaccinations will take place at the district elementary schools first. Vaccinations for the H1N1 Flu may become available at the high schools later this fall depending on supply. Some parents and students are concerned about the number of absences due to Swine Flu. Rest assured that if your son or daughter surpasses the allotted absence hours due to the Swine Flu (or any other illness), the school will take this into consideration. Please review our attendance policy on page 11 of our handbook for clarification. If you have questions about attendance please contact Chris Housel at MTCHS.

