



April 2010

Mount Clemens Community School District

# Connector

## MEDICAL BIOSCIENCE ACADEMY FALL 2010

Mount Clemens Community School District has partnered with Michigan State University's College of Osteopathic Medicine to launch the only Medical Bioscience Academy in Macomb County. This program encourages student interest in health-related careers and guides them to career options in the medical field including: Medical Assistant, Nursing, Nurses Aide, Pharmacist, Pharmacy Technician and Physician.



Students attending the Medical Bioscience Academy follow a prescribed four-year course sequence with courses in Anatomy & Physiology, Microbiology, CPR/Health, Medical Terminology, Nutrition & Foods and Medical Research. The students will maximize the number of Advanced Placement (AP) courses resulting in exceeding the minimum graduation requirements established by the Michigan Department of Education.

Clinical learning experiences will occur on the Mount Clemens Secondary Campus under the guidance of Michigan State University's College of Osteopathic Medicine and off campus at Mount Clemens General Hospital and other health institutions in Macomb County. Academic studies with "real world" applications and workplace learning experiences will prepare students for post-secondary education and today's job market through career exploration, professional guest speakers, career-related curriculum and coursework, employer mentoring, job shadowing, field trips, internships and career fairs.

**Construction on the brand new Medical Bioscience Academy in the Mount Clemens High School Secondary will be completed for the 2010—2011 School Year.** The architect's rendering is displayed on page 3. For more information contact Kathy Zuzula at (586) 461-3746 or stop by the Mount Clemens High School's College and Career Resource Center.

## SMALL LEARNING COMMUNITY FALL 2010

Mount Clemens Secondary Campus' **Small Learning Community (SLC) allows ninth-graders to take their core classes separate from the 10th – 12th grade students in a brand new facility for the 2010—2011 School Year.** Utilizing student centered teams of academic teachers, a defined mission and personalized goals, our students excel in the ninth grade. Studies show Small Learning Communities significantly decrease the number of freshmen who fail one or more classes or spend time out of school for disciplinary reasons. Ninth-graders want to impress the older kids and sometimes act out. In our current Small Learning Community Mount Clemens High School Freshman are walking into class; ready to start learning.

Academics are the primary reason behind the SLC. Today's freshmen face a tougher curriculum than the current juniors and seniors. The Michigan Department of Education mandates the Graduating Class of 2011 and beyond include four years each of math and English, three years each of social studies and science and two years of a foreign language. There is no room in the curriculum for failure.

Teams of teachers work with the same group of students, coordinating classes to cover similar materials. For example, a math class on measurements will coincide with a science class experiment using measurements. Smaller communities improve student participation, they are able to focus, speak freely and ask questions without the added pressure of upperclassmen in the classroom. Courses in the Small Learning Community include: English, Algebra I, Introduction to Physics, Introduction to Chemistry, Molecular Biology, World History, Spanish I, Career Explorations, Technology I & II, 2D Art I, 3D Art/Design I, Marching Band, Jazz Band, Concert Band, Physical Education I, Strength Training I and Swimming I. For more information call the Mount Clemens High School at (586) 461-3400.

**The faculty and staff of the Mount Clemens Ninth Grade Small Learning Community look forward to working with you and your child to make the 9th grade year their best year.**

The mission of the MOUNT CLEMENS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS is to teach ALL students so that they achieve beyond expectations and meet the challenges of a diverse and rapidly changing world.

*-Adopted on July 8, 1991 by the Mount Clemens Board of Education*

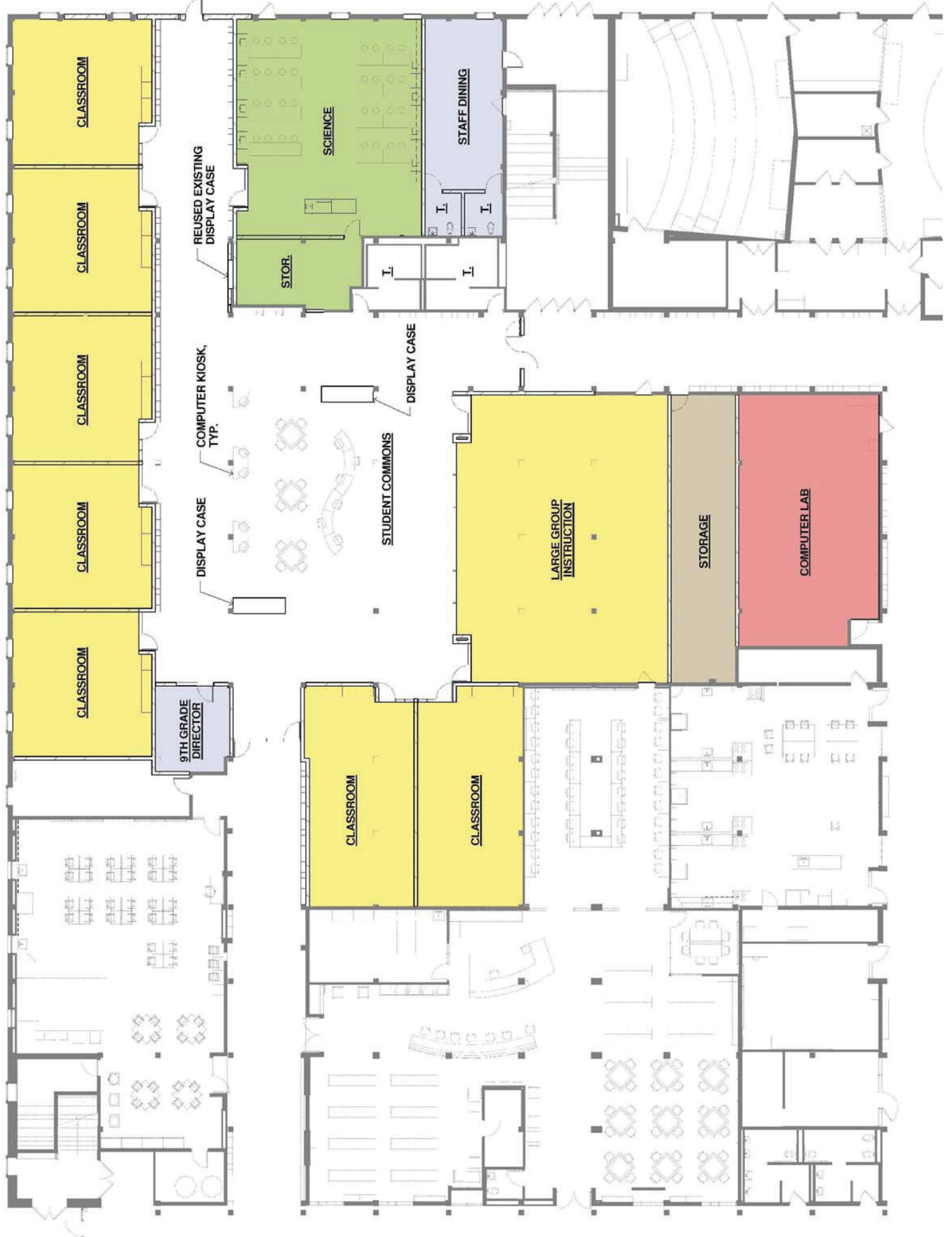
# MEDICAL BIOSCIENCE ACADEMY

# MOUNT CLEMEN



# 9TH GRADE SMALL LEARNING COMMUNITY

# S HIGH SCHOOL



# 2010 TEACHERS

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**Ann Tocco** has taken on the challenge of teaching a 4th /5th Grade Class at Seminole Academy and succeeded. Ann developed a classroom environment in which the students feel that they are part of a community. Everyone works together, helping themselves and others achieve.

Student success is foremost in her mind. Mrs. Tocco has high expectations for her students. She sets fair, obtainable goals and all the students know what her expectations are. By targeting the different learning styles of her students, Mrs. Tocco makes the accommodations needed for students to achieve.

At the end of every day she gives each student a “high five” or a handshake while walking out the door. By the end of the year many are giving her hugs. Mrs. Tocco has been a student council sponsor and assisted with Seminole Academy’s Fall Harvest and Daddy/Special Person Daughter Dance. She has also been a mentor teacher for the past five years.

Mrs. Tocco emphasizes the fact that if you are kind to one another you will get along, live well together and care about each other. This is evident in her classroom where the students consistently engage in one rule, “Be Kind”.

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**Geraldine O. Rainey**, Second Grade Teacher at M.L. King Jr. Academy, takes her job to teach every student and make them succeed very seriously. She delivers high quality instruction in a safe nurturing environment and in return gets high quality work from her students. Mrs. Rainey’s room is child centered and students know that within the walls of their classroom, they are safe and it’s a place where they can learn.

Her communication with her children is vivid and outgoing. For the past two years, her students performed choral readings for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Program. Her students stood out because they were prepared, knowledgeable and spoke clearly from memory

Mrs. Rainey has a loving heart that cares about every child who passes through her class. You can often find Mrs. Rainey tutoring a child after-school. She is passionate about making a difference in her life and her community. She lives in the community where she teaches and she makes it clear that the children are what are most important to her.



**Rebecca Stout** is an amazing Kindergarten Teacher at George Washington Academy. Through the use of songs, chants and physical movements, Mrs. Stout’s students transition from one activity to the next with ease and excitement. She makes simple instructions understandable, enjoyable and memorable for the children.

Mrs. Stout has made a commitment to all of her students that they will achieve at their level. She maintains a classroom that incorporates all styles of learning and keeps the environment light and fun so that engagement is constant.

She is a part of the school improvement team as well as a union representative for the teachers. She has also mentored several student teachers.

Adopting families is something she does every holiday season. In doing this, she provides families at Washington Academy with food, clothing and gifts. Mrs. Stout has organized a Toys for Tots program.

# OF THE YEAR



**Melissa Rissman**, a Mathematics Teacher at Mount Clemens Junior High, has one goal in mind: increasing students' understanding of mathematical concepts and helping them apply that understanding in real-world situations. Mrs. Rissman's students experience mathematics in a concrete and engaging manner.

In one hands-on exercise the students in her class utilized math concepts and the new food pyramid to calculate their food calorie intake for a week, shedding light on the nutritional value of food. Her techniques allow mathematical equations to come to life for her students. This increases the level of engagement of her students dramatically.

Mrs. Rissman has an excellent rapport with her students which is rooted in respect and dignity for the individual. She instills in her students respect for themselves first and foremost, followed by respect for others. She relishes the opportunity to have a positive impact on the life of her students outside of the classroom. She serves as a mentor and coaches Junior High Volleyball.

She maintains a supportive environment for students, parents and colleagues. She is extremely detail oriented and requires excellence from all of her students. She is truly a professional and team player.



**Donna Schultz** is a Special Education Pre-School P.O.H.I. Classroom Teacher at Alexander Macomb Early Learning Center, a learning environment that serves a diverse group of physically handicapped children with various cognitive and verbal abilities. Mrs. Schultz's classroom is inviting and arranged so that all of the children with varying physical abilities can navigate the room and move to the different areas (calendar, table activity or play) fairly easily for optimal learning.

She works on each child's academic, language, self-care, dressing, toilet training, and fine and gross motor skills throughout the day. She gives the children the opportunity to succeed on their own so they can do extremely well at home. Mrs. Schultz is enthusiastic and encouraging with her students. She uses different inflections of her voice to keep children on task. She and her staff implement sensory and oral motor exercises recommended by the children's occupational therapists.

She is a supporter of the POHI Program, facilitating the raffle for the annual P.O.H.I. Dinner Dance fund-raiser. Above all, Donna is professional and an asset to the Mount Clemens Community School District.

**Stephen Claerr** never misses an opportunity for instruction in his High School Science Classes. He used his study hall to kick off a recycling program where students reduced the Mount Clemens Secondary Campus' 'carbon footprint' while increasing student awareness of recycling.

It is not uncommon to enter Mr. Claerr's classroom and find students engaged in scientific pursuits that involve movement, teamwork, reading, writing, speaking, and listening. This demonstrates his consistent effort to make abstract scientific concepts more tangible and meaningful for students of all abilities. His fun-loving, enthusiastic personality engages students in learning through creative activities.

He has a quick wit and a booming voice. His youthful demeanor and genuine interest in his students enable him to establish a comfortable relationship with his students. Because he truly cares about his students, he takes time to get to know his students beyond the classroom and frequently attends games, events, and social activities to remind them that his interest in them goes beyond his classroom door.





## Superintendent's Corner

Dear Friends,

I am certain that you are aware of the dismal condition of Michigan's economy. It is very likely that you, your family, and people you know have been personally touched by the difficult times we face. Likewise, school districts are also struggling with the harsh realities that the economy has had on the funding of K-12 education. Consequently, the Mount Clemens Community School District is bracing and preparing for a projected \$2.1 million budget deficit for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

In an effort to provide a healthy educational program for our students, we will:

- Maximize general fund dollars to ensure Mount Clemens students are provided the best educational program possible;
- Be fair to our employees so they can prepare for the impact the reductions may have on them personally and professionally; and
- Develop contingency plans to compensate for the impact of changes in the day-to-day operations of our district.

Without an immediate recovery of Michigan's economy or a significant structural change in the funding of K-12 education, districts throughout our state face budget deficits of unprecedented proportions. We need to urge our elected officials to face the realities of the day and make the necessary decisions that will create a better future for Michigan.

There seems to be general agreement that:

- Strong public schools are crucial to the recovery of Michigan, and
- Schools need adequate, stable and equitable funding to provide students with a 21<sup>st</sup> century education.

I will continue to keep the Mount Clemens Community School District informed. Your interest and support is greatly appreciated as we navigate through these troubling times.

Warm regards,

Dr. Charles P. Muncatchy

### Mount Clemens High School Spring Musical

Friday April 30 @ 7:30 P.M. - \$7.00  
Saturday May 1 @ 7:30 P.M. - \$7.00

Children's Matinee  
Saturday May 1 @ 2:00 P.M. - \$5.00



Mount Clemens High School Large Auditorium

## Macomb County Sheriff's Explorer Program

Deputy Twomey and Sergeant Rojem from the Macomb County Sheriff's Office met with high school students interested in joining the Sheriff's Explorer Post 2565 to expand their interest in law enforcement, forensic science or community service hours.



Sheriff Explorers meet on a regular basis with officers who speak about various aspects of Law Enforcement, including crime scene investigations, the canine unit and accident investigations. "Hands On" law enforcement is experienced through a limited job shadow program including riding in a patrol vehicle.

Participants often volunteer for civic and community projects such as traffic and crowd control, child fingerprinting and Halloween student patrols. For more information go to [www.macombcountysheriffexplorers.com](http://www.macombcountysheriffexplorers.com).

## Volunteer Recognition Night



Mount Clemens Community School District is pleased to have the opportunity to honor everyone who volunteers in our schools, athletic programs and district activities and at our Second Annual Volunteer Recognition Night.

Please plan to attend the **Golden Apple Awards** on Thursday, May 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Mount Clemens High School Large Auditorium. The awards ceremony promises to be an exciting night with paparazzi, performances, gifts and a grand prize that will make the evening even more memorable for one lucky attendee. For more information contact Crystal Combs, Community Engagement Coordinator, at 586-461-3749 or [combs-leesc@mtcps.org](mailto:combs-leesc@mtcps.org).

## Mount Clemens Battling Bathers



To find up to date information on the Mount Clemens Community School District go to our new Facebook page, **MOUNT CLEMENS BATTLING BATHERS**. Media blasts including upcoming district-wide events, student, athletic, teacher, staff and parent news will be documented on our page. This new media tool will generate awareness of our district, help us connect with our families and build relationships within our community.



Mount Clemens High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team

# Spring Athletic Schedules



Boys and Girls Varsity Track		
Thurs. 4/15		@ Dakota Novice
TUES. 4/20	4:30	SOUTH LAKE
Sat. 4/24	11:00	@ Warren Woods Tower Invitational
Tues. 4/27	4:00	@ Lakeview
Sat. 5/01	9:00	@ Algonac Muskrat Classic
Tues. 5/04	4:00	@ Marysville
Fri. 5/07	3:00	@ Sterling Heights Invitational
TUES. 5/11	4:30	LAKESHORE
Sat. 5/15	10:00	@ Dakota Invitational
TUES. 5/18	4:30	LAMPHERE MADISON HEIGHTS
Fri. 5/21		Regional @
Tues. 5/25		Division @ Marysville
Fri. 5/28		County @ Warren Mott
Sat. 6/05		State @ Grand Rapids

Girls Varsity Tennis		
MON. 4/12	4:00	STERLING HEIGHTS
Wed. 4/14	4:00	@ Utica
MON. 4/19	4:00	ANCHOR BAY
Tues. 4/20	4:30	@ Lamphere Madison Heights
Wed. 4/21	4:00	@ Centerline
MON. 4/26	4:00	WARREN MOTT
Wed. 4/28	4:00	@ Marine City
Thurs. 4/29	4:00	@ South Lake
Sat. 5/01	8:00	City Tournament Mount Clemens & L'Anse Creuse
Mon. 5/03	4:00	@ Clintondale
Tues. 5/11	11:00	MAC Tournament
Thurs. 5/13	4:30	@ Armada
SAT. 5/15	8:00	BATHER INVITATIONAL
MON. 5/17	4:00	RICHMOND
Thurs. & Fri. 5/20 & 21	8:00	Regional Mount Clemens, L'Anse Creuse & L'Anse Creuse North
Fri. & Sat. 6/4 & 5	8:00	State Tournament Jenison

Girls Junior Varsity Tennis		
Mon. 4/12	4:00	@ Sterling Heights
FRI. 4/16	4:00	DAKOTA
Mon. 4/19	4:00	@ Anchor Bay
Tues. 4/20	4:30	@ Madison Heights Lamphere
Fri. 4/23	4:00	@ Romeo
Mon. 4/26	4:00	@ South Lake
WED. 4/28	4:00	MARINE CITY
THURS. 4/29	4:00	CENTERLINE
Wed. 5/12	4:00	@ Warren Cousino
THURS. 5/13	4:30	ARMADA
Mon. 5/17	4:00	@ Richmond
Sat. 5/21	8:00	JV Tournament

Boys and Girls Middle School Track		
Mon. 5/03	4:30	@ Wolfe
Mon. 5/10	4:00	@ Warren Woods
WED. 5/12	4:30	WILKINSON
Mon. 5/17	3:45	@ Clintondale
WED. 5/19	4:00	KELLY
MON. 5/24	4:30	PAGE
TUES. 5/25	4:30	CLAWSON

Girls Varsity Soccer		
MON. 4/12	4:00	EAST DETROIT
FRI. 4/16	4:00	DAKOTA
Fri. 4/23	4:00	@ New Haven
MON. 4/26	4:30	CENTERLINE
Wed. 4/28	7:00	@ Warren Fitzgerald
Fri. 4/30	4:30	@ Madison
MON. 5/3	5:00	MARINE CITY
Wed. 5/5	6:00	@ Marysville
Fri. 5/7	4:00	@ Algonac
MON. 5/10	4:00	NEW HAVEN
Wed. 5/12	4:30	@ Center Line
THURS. 5/13	7:00	WARREN FITZGERALD
MON. 5/17	5:30	ROSEVILLE
WED. 5/19	4:30	MADISON
Fri. 5/21	4:30	@ Marine City
Mon. 5/24	5:30	Warren Woods Tower Macomb CC
WED. 5/26	4:30	MARYSVILLE

Boys Varsity Baseball		
MON. 4/19	4:00	LINCOLN
WED. 4/21	4:00	ROSEVILLE
Fri. 4/23	4:30	@ Lakeview
MON. 4/26	4:30	MELVENDALE ACADEMY
WED. 4/28	4:30	SOUTH LAKE
FRI. 4/30	4:30	CENTERLINE
Mon. 5/03	4:00	@ Warren Fitzgerald
Wed. 5/05	4:30	@ Clintondale
MON. 5/10	4:30	NEW HAVEN
Wed. 5/12	4:00	@ Lincoln
FRI. 5/14	4:30	CLAWSON
Mon. 5/17	4:30	@ South Lake
WED. 5/19	4:00	WARREN FITZGERALD
Fri. 5/21	4:30	@ Madison
SAT. 5/22	11:00	PARKWAY CHRISTIAN
MON. 5/24	4:30	CLINTONDALE
Wed. 5/26	4:30	@ New Haven
6/1, 4 & 5		District @ Clawson
Sat. 6/12		Regional @ Bishop Foley
Sun. 6/19		State @ Battle Creek

Game dates/times subject to change.

Go to [www.mtcps.org](http://www.mtcps.org) for updates.



**District Champions** Coach Kurt Wilson was proud of the Mount Clemens High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team, as it won the program's first division and district title in eight years. The Bathers dominated district play before entering the regional round for the first time since 2002. They soundly defeated their first three playoff opponents by an average of 21 points in the Class B district hosted at Mount Clemens High School.

Mount Clemens began the playoffs by topping Marine City High 70-43 in a district opening-round game March 8. The Bathers then beat St. Clair High 61-38 in a March 10 semifinal before besting Richmond High 56-43 in the March 12 district final. **CONGRATULATIONS BATHERS!**

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**District Calendar**

<b>04/21/2010</b>	<b>Board of Education Meeting</b>
<b>05/03/2010</b>	<b>Teacher Appreciation Week</b>
<b>05/05/2010</b>	<b>Early Release Wednesday</b>
<b>05/19/2010</b>	<b>Board of Education Meeting</b>
<b>05/20/2010</b>	<b>Volunteer Recognition Night</b>
<b>05/26/2010</b>	<b>Classes A.M. Only, Grades K-12</b>
<b>05/31/2010</b>	<b>No Classes, Grades K - 12</b>
<b>06/02/2010</b>	<b>Class of 2010 Commencement</b>
<b>06/08/2010</b>	<b>Classes A.M. Only, Grades K - 12</b>
<b>06/09/2010</b>	<b>Classes A.M. Only, Grades K-12</b>
<b>06/10/2010</b>	<b>Classes A.M. Only, Grades K-12</b>
<b>06/16/2010</b>	<b>Board of Education Meeting</b>

**OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL**

**Actual Ballot Language**

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance.

What the Renewal of the Non-Homestead Operating Millage Means to  
 The Mount Clemens Community School District:

1. Non-Homestead Operating Millage vote will be held on **May 4, 2010**.
2. Legally, the district is entitled to levy and collect 18 mills on non-homestead property (commercial properties).
3. Financially, it represents \$4.5 million dollars a year to the school district, or 20% of the district's total revenue.
4. It means we can concentrate on providing instructional programs for our students.

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Before & After School Programs • Breakfast and Lunch Program • Fully Accredited

**Mount Clemens Community School District**  
**2010 - 2011 Full Day Kindergarten Registration**



- Highly Qualified Teachers
- Small Class Sizes
- Full Day Program for 10 Years

**George Washington Academy**  
 8:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
 196 North Rose  
 George Loder, Principal  
 (586) 461-3800

**M.L. King Jr. Academy**  
 8:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
 400 Clinton River Drive  
 Sharon Gryzenia, Principal  
 (586) 461-3100

**Seminole Academy**  
 8:15 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
 1500 Mulberry  
 Janice Hooks, Principal  
 (586) 461-3900

Library Skills • Music • Art • Physical Education

**Statement of assurance of compliance with federal laws**

It is the policy of the Mount Clemens Board of Education that no person on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age, marital status, lack of English skills, or disability be excluded from participation and be denied the benefits, or be subjected to discrimination under program or activity and in employment; further, the Mount Clemens Board of Education strictly adheres to provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and all Michigan Department of Education policies and regulations prohibiting discrimination. Lack of English skills will not be a barrier to admission of participants.

For more information regarding this assurance, please contact:

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**Section 504**  
 Ms. Yvonne McQueen  
 Director Special Education  
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 Mount Clemens, MI 48043  
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**Mount Clemens Community School District**  
**is a School Wide Title I District**

Low K - 3 Class Sizes • Free Full-Day Kindergarten • Computer Classes • Title I Reading Lab • Research-based, New Aligned Curriculum