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- Headsprout Training:** Kindergarten and interested SPED teachers will be trained on Headsprout on October 20, 2009, at the Northeast Region office from 3:30 – 5:30. Teachers who plan to attend must register in AVATAR for course # 4006.4915. First grade teachers interested in getting additional support in Headsprout may attend “Using Headsprout” at the Northeast Region office on October 19, 2009 from 3:30 – 5:30. The course # is 1961.2671.
- Learning Express Training:** Attached to the memo email are the training dates for teachers who administer the Learning Express Formative Writing Assessment.
- Juror Reception/Training from Judy Jackson:** Juror leaders (preferred business or adopter representative) from every school are asked to attend a juror reception/training at the TLA on October 15, 2009, beginning at 5:00 PM with the reception. The training (Dr. Hamer, training video) will begin promptly at 5:30 PM.
- Theft and Vandalism from Joyce Woods:** As of October 1, 2009, MCS has had theft and vandalism losses of \$60,000. The entire 2008-2009 school year's losses were \$140,000. If you are one of the schools that had a break-in, theft or vandalism, you know how this impacts your students' academic progress. Attached to the memo email are some helpful hints on how you can reduce the risk of break-in and/or property loss.
- Indoor Environmental Quality Plan from Joyce Woods:** Your Indoor Environmental Quality Plan reports are due to the office of Risk Management no later than January 30, 2010. It is important to note that the IEQ is a part of your audit requirements. Ms. Woods sent you two attachments to assist you in preparing these reports in an email dated September 30<sup>th</sup>. Let's attain 100% on-time submission of these reports for our region.
- Fall Student Exhibition:** We have two student exhibitions under our belts, so the expectations for high-level student work and presentations are immense. I trust planning is well underway in your buildings and you have made the necessary improvements in the process that gives students choice and ownership in the project. **The date of the Fall Student Exhibition is November 12, 2009.**
- M2 (Squared) from District Mathematics:** Cohort II is getting underway for this year's Memphis Mathematics (M2-Squared). Attached to the email is a list of Cohort II students for the NE Region. Some of the students have already confirmed their participation via Confirmation Forms and perhaps others need some encouragement to do the same. Please give this information to your counselors or whoever is heading up this initiative at your school. This needs to be communicated effectively for maximum participation. In addition, communicate the need for more teachers to apply. The district is expecting an increased enrollment in the program this year.
- Calendar Math Online PD:** *(All teachers should have participated in this PD by now. 100% fidelity of implementation should now be a reality in every classroom. If this is not the case in your school, this is a very important PLC agenda item until 100% is realized).* You have received a welcome letter and instructions for logging on to this Calendar Math PD. Make sure your teachers are taking advantage of this resource. Our walkthroughs have revealed some inconsistencies in implementation and delivery of the curriculum. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Suzanne Thomas at the Bond Building.
- Out of Town Travel Advisory:** Principals, do not plan more than one out-of-town PD opportunity from July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010. Tennessee Principals' Association (TPA) is not counted against you. If you are a member of any board requiring more than one meeting a year, you should not plan to attend other conferences.



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10. **Behavior Corner from Angeletta Giles:** Northeast Team! This year our emphasis is on becoming **Specialists in Behavior**. Each week I will be sending articles or websites for us to research best practices in order to sharpen our skills and be excellent at our craft. My hope is that you will review the material and share it with the faculty/staff weekly (I have attached an example from Ms. Bradshaw at Cypress). These are key interventions that will address problems you might be having in your buildings. This can be done via email, newsletter, hand-outs presented in faculty/team meetings, or an article you print and place in their mailboxes. Access the following link, <http://www.indiana.edu/~safeschl/index.html>, to research some Behavior Management Tips you would like to share with your faculty/staff.

## ➤ NorthEast News

1. Congratulations to Mona Pezeshki, a 12<sup>th</sup> grader at Cordova High School, for being named Commercial Appeal's Academic All-Star for the week of October 11, 2009.
2. Congratulations to Michelle Hernandez, a fifth grader at Berclair ES, and Yidan Zeng, a tenth grader at White Station HS, for stellar 1<sup>st</sup> Place performances in the Teton Trek Art Contest sponsored by the Memphis Zoo. Be on the lookout as their art work will be displayed at the Zoo and in bus terminals around the Memphis area.
3. Congratulations to Douglass HS for being selected as a focus school for developing Response to Intervention (RTI) processes for high schools. Lead the way Red Devils!!!

**SEND US SOME NEWS FROM YOUR SCHOOL!!**

## Coming Up.....Important Dates

Thursday, October 15	Juror Reception/Training at TLA beginning at 5 PM
Monday, October 19	"Using Headsprout" additional support training for 1 <sup>st</sup> grade teachers at the NE Region office (PDMS # 1961.2671)
Tuesday, October 20	Headsprout training for Kindergarten and interested SPED teachers at the NE Region office from 3:30-5:30 (PDMS # 4006.4915)
Tuesday, October 20	<b>Parent Assembly Meeting at TLA from 5:30 – 7:30</b>
Wednesday, October 21	Issue Report Cards for 1st Reporting Quarter
Tuesday, September 29	High School Redesign Grant Meeting at BOE in Room 260 at 3:30
Monday, October 12	Workshop on Behavioral Intervention for HIV/STD and Teen Pregnancy Prevention from 8:00 – 11:30 in the TLA Multi-purpose Room
Saturday, October 17	PSAT Test (All High Schools)
Saturday, October 17	High School Redesign Roll-Out (Craigmont HS and Kingsbury HS)
Thursday, November 12	Fall Student Exhibition
Tuesday, November 17	<b>Parent Assembly Meeting at TLA from 5:30 – 7:30 (National Parent Involvement Day)</b>
Tuesday, December 15	<b>Parent Assembly Meeting at TLA from 5:30 – 7:30 (Culture Celebration)</b>
January 4-15	DIBELS Benchmark Dates
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# Northeast Region 3

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January 27- May14  
Tuesday, February 16  
Tuesday, March 16  
Tuesday, April 20  
Tuesday, May 18

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