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## Message from the Superintendent

Greetings,

I hope your summer is off to a great start! We just completed another school year and celebrated the graduation of 19 students from the MSB Class of 2022 with a beautiful commencement ceremony on June 6.

I want to congratulate our graduates, their families, and the staff that have worked with them and watched them grow and flourish over the years. Some of these graduates have been with us since preschool, while others have attended our school for just a few years. As they move on from MSB as young adults, we wish them success and hope for a bright future.

While our seniors have left us, many underclassmen are back on campus for MSB's summer programs. Throughout July, we offer several summer programs, some are sports-focused, and others are STEAM-based (photos right), as well as instructional programs. Not only do these programs enrich learning, but also teach essential life skills from cooking to reading. Enjoy the pictures on the back cover and follow us on Facebook to see more.

These programs are not only fun but are crucial for enhancing and retaining skills taught during the school year. Your support makes programs like these possible.

Thank you,

*Robert Hair*

Robert Hair, M.Ed.  
Superintendent



Student learning to make and bake dog treats



Student working through a coding exercise

## Save the Date

Saturday, April 29, 2023

For the annual See Beyond Festival

More Food Vendors, New Games, Live Music,  
Bigger KidZone, Craft & Vendor Fair, Blind Sports,  
New Taste Tests



## Summer Program Previews



A student is introduced to a guide dog

sitting with a guide dog

tie dying a t-shirt

A student reads to a shelter cat

A student wears large gloves as she prepares to tie dye

To see more summer fun follow us on Facebook @msb1853



## CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2022

Graduates from left to right & top to bottom; Tamika English, Calvin Bradford, Desmond Dove, Krystian Williams, Michael Brooks Jr., Donnell Byrd, Ryshawn Hyman' El, Lily Tanenholz, Clarice Hall, Lashai Richardson, Lyric Wharton, Aiah Lebbie, Geena Sharp, Alana Kendrick, Tyler Brodsky, Germaine March, Jr., Avantay Champion, Samuel Hejeebu

# Class of 2022 in Pictures



Seniors went back in time on their class trip to Medieval Times Creative staff brought the action to the classroom for a student who couldn't travel



Prom Queen & King Clarice Hall & Calvin Bradford Seniors meet their dates and pose on the red carpet at the pre-prom festivities



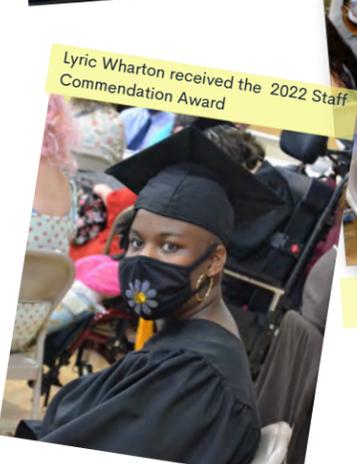
Students (and staff) dressed to impress for the Hollywood themed prom Seniors and their dates dance the night away



**"BE COURAGEOUS, BE BOLD, AND BE YOUR BEST BECAUSE YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU PUT YOUR MIND TO."**  
- LASHAI RICHARDSON, MSB SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT (PHOTO LEFT)



Kristian Williams receives the B. Franklin Newcomer Award from Maureen Bisesi, Director of Residential Services



Lyric Wharton received the 2022 Staff Commendation Award

Calvin is all smiles as he walks across the stage to receive his certificate



David Jacobs II won the 2022 Staff Commendation Award



Families decorated tables to celebrate their grad

# MSB TEACHES MARYLANDERS TO "SEE BEYOND"



On Saturday, April 30, 2022, The Maryland School for the Blind opened our campus to the public for the first time in over a decade. The turnout was incredible, highlighting just how interested Marylanders are in learning more about the blind and low vision community. It is estimated that there were more than two thousand people in attendance!



Attendees from all over the state tried their hand at blind sports including beep baseball, blind soccer, lacrosse, and goalball. (Above)



A popular sensory game was identifying the ingredients in the sweet and savory food taste tests.

## 2022 See Beyond Festival attendees gained a new perspective on blindness and low-vision.

"The event's primary goal was for people to feel empowered and know that if they lost their vision, they too could adapt and continue to live life to the fullest," said Superintendent Rob Hair.

Crowds of children and families gathered at the Kid Zone for the free balloon animals and crafts. MSB's accessible playground was a big hit; many families were surprised at how challenging the playground is.

**The purpose of the See Beyond Festival was to showcase that blind and low-vision students are people who can see less, not do less.**

To make the world accessible for blind and low vision students, you can make adaptations without losing the challenge of games, sports, and competitive activities.



Miss Dee the Clown drew long lines with her free balloon animals.



The weather was perfect, and attendees young and old alike enjoyed sensory activities offered throughout the day.

**Special Thanks to Our Generous 2022 See Beyond Festival Sponsors:**  
Lewis Contractors, Penney Design Group, Marshall Craft Associates, Chase, Maury Donnelly and Parr, SIG, Cigna, T. Rowe Price, Ruff Roofing, PK Law, Chubb, Sons of the American Legion Detachment of MD, Lions Club District 22A, SC&H Group, Parker Flavors

The slide and obstacle course kept kids engaged all day long. Happy families said they couldn't get their children to leave the playground.



Guests were entertained by the music of the Sound Storm Band (top left) and MSB's student drummers. (bottom left)

Over 40 local crafters and vendors were selling their products to happy and hungry shoppers! (Right)



One of the most exhilarating experiences for attendees was running without sight (wearing light-blocking eye shades) on our guidewire track sprint lanes.