



# MSDB Happenings



Jr. Nad  
by Brenda LeMeiux



This year we have several of enthusiastic, energetic youth that show their passion to broaden their knowledge, and learn what Junior National Association of the Deaf is all about. The objectives of Jr. NAD are to provide teens opportunities for growth and development, training in good citizenship, training in leadership, teamwork, and an opportunity to contribute to the development of their school and community. The organization is open to MSDB students from 7<sup>th</sup> grade to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. There is a yearly membership due. We arrange monthly meetings, fun activities, discussing and expanding their knowledge in deaf cultures and deaf community, and fund raising projects. Last fall Jr. NAD members did a fundraiser by selling mini Quick & Easy Cookbooks in order to raise money for different activities and workshops in the future. Here is a web site on Jr. NAD if you are interested in learning more about it: <https://www.nad.org/youth/junior-nad/>

## Olweus Field Day activities



Parachute activity

“Pieing” the Principal (top)

Egg Race with Shannon Newth

## Reminders

MSDB Spring Program will be live streamed at this url:  
<http://stream.vision.net/MSDB>


*Eat at MacKenzie River Pizza the third Tuesday of the month to support the MSDB foundation!*

*Fuddruckers is fundraising with us the first Wednesday of the month. Please go to:*

<http://www.msdb.mt.gov/foundation.html#donate> to locate the required ticket with your payment.



## Upcoming Events for the April/May!

Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat/Sun
24	25	26	27 Spring Arbor Day program at 1:00 	28 PGS Art for DHH 10 am - 12:30 pm	29/30 Seniors leave on Senior Trip
1 SKC Day with Salish Kootenai College	2 EOS perform off campus (PM)	3	4 PGS Art for VI (tentative)	5 VI Games (PM), Seniors return late	6/7 VI Games
8 EOS to Conrad (PM)	9 EOS perform off campus (PM)	10	11	12 Travel Home EARLY OUT	13/14
15 Travel Return School in Session	16	17 MS/HS special assembly -Tech Safety	18 Cottage Student Council Blood Drive	19 PROM this evening	20/21



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## VI Technology Job Shadow, By Jennifer Briggs

Recently Anthony, a sophomore student went to OverHere Consulting on a job shadow. "Bringing technology into sight" is OverHere's job shadow. In other words OverHere consulting helps visually impaired and blind people use technology to help them to become more independent and give them a sense of purpose. OverHere Consulting LLP is an assistive technology training company specializing in adaptive technology for the visually impaired individual. Anthony followed Travis Stevenson and Ed Warrell where he watched them create music for the background of various video games. Designing web pages was another task Anthony was able to experience. OverHere consulting is an amazing company that collaborates with various businesses in the Great Falls area including the following: MonTech, Montana Independent living project, BLVS, MSDB, National federation of the blind of Montana, Montana Association for the Blind, as well as Montana Talking Library. In addition to working with these companies OverHere consulting also works with individuals in spite of their finances and needs.

Another neat experience that Anthony had was shadowing Josh and Trevor Hughes, two brothers who developed their own video game design company known as Team Kaizen. Not only did these two brothers develop their own company they did so with Trevor experiencing medical issues. They knew they needed to find a way to pay for Trevor's growing medical bills so creating their own company was a solution to their problem. These two brothers through their creative energy surmounted obstacles and in spite of these obstacles achieved great success. They were very gracious and generous to let Anthony be the first one to experience their three dimensional video game designed for visually impaired individuals. Anthony was able to hear the game all around him as though he was in the game. It is neat to see how technology can enrich the lives of visually impaired people. Anthony learned a lot and had a great time!

Students ENJOYED the Animal Wonders traveling Zoo!



## Letter Home



April Showers Bring May Flowers



## Anthony Cox at his Job Shadow to OverHere Consulting

