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Mayor Dean to begin term with educational focus

Karl Dean will continue his campaign commitment to education with a mayoral town hall meeting Monday, Sept. 24, on the first day of his term as Nashville's new mayor.

The 90-minute meeting, which is open to all Metro parents, students, teachers and citizens, will begin at 6 p.m. in the auditorium of Pearl-Cohn High School. It is the first in a series of regular town hall sessions Mayor Dean will hold in school clusters across the city.

Everyone is encouraged to bring their ideas, questions, and concerns to Mayor Dean. Representatives of Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools, the Metropolitan Board of Education, and the Metropolitan Council, along with members of Mayor Dean's staff, also will attend to listen and answer questions.

Titans continue partnership with Metro public schools

The Tennessee Titans kicked off their "Titans Tuesdays" with defensive back Michael Griffin visiting students Sept. 19 at DuPont-Hadley Middle School. The 2007 first-round draft choice was welcomed by an enthusiastic and thunderous roar as he entered the gymnasium to greet more than 600 students and faculty for the school-wide assembly.

Griffin talked to students about growing up in Austin, Texas, his favorite subjects in school and what a typical day in the life of an NFL player is like. He told the students to make good decisions, stay active and believe in themselves. Griffin also encouraged the students to get outside and be active as part of the NFL's Play 60 Campaign and WHAT MOVES U program in conjunction with the American Heart Association. For more details, visit http://www.titansonline.com/news/newsmain_detail.php?PRKey=5066.

School mixes generations to create spirit of success

Students at Stratton Elementary hosted 112 special visitors during the school's Grandparents' Day celebration Sept. 7. The elder generation – which included several great-grandparents – came from as far away as Memphis to eat lunch with their grandchildren and participate in activities prepared by their teachers. Most of the guests also read books to all the children in the class and created their own "masterpieces" during art. All the grandparents received a certificate of appreciation and an invitation to next year's event.

College scholarship opportunity

The Nashville Chapter of International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) believes a solid education is necessary for the information age. To support this tenet, the group is offering a \$750 scholarship to a 12th-grade student who plans to enroll in an office administration or business program through a community college or an accredited institution. More information is available in the attached brochure.