MT Athletics and Murfreesboro City Schools partner for Education Day

Several thousand students expected to participate

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - The Department of Athletics at Middle Tennessee and the Murfreesboro City Schools are proud to announce that the two institutions are partnering together for 'Education Day' on Tuesday, Dec. 4.

The MT women's basketball program is scheduled to play in-state rival Austin Peay early in an 11:00 a.m. contest. The early time allows the 12 Murfreesboro City Schools to bring thousands of students to cheer on the Blue Raiders. This game will be part of MT's "Pack the House" challenge.

"It's going to be an exciting day for our team and fans," said women's basketball head coach Rick Insell. "When you go back to the grass roots, it's about the young people. It will be great to see 5,000-7,000 students seeing a Blue Raider game for possibly the first time. It also gives an opportunity for our fans to take lunch and spend time cheering on our program. This will create a great atmosphere for the women's game."

MT Director of Athletics Chris Massaro anticipates the excitement is not only good for the young men and women, but for creating a buzz for the game.

"It's a win-win situation for Middle Tennessee and the City Schools," noted Massaro. "We are excited to be part of this field trip. I think it will have real value for the school kids. I can't wait to hear them screaming for the Blue Raiders. It'll be an exciting day when we play Austin Peay."

The Murfreesboro City Schools are looking forward to the partnership with Blue Raider Athletics.

"We are very excited about this opportunity for our children," said Dr. Linda Gilbert, Director of Murfreesboro City Schools. "For many of our students, this will be the first time they are on a college campus. And this event will provide a chance for multiple conversations to occur across our

classrooms about what postsecondary education means. We are blessed to have a strong partnership with MTSU and delighted to extend that partnership with this event."

Middle Tennessee's Athletic Department plans to accommodate the young children with various activities throughout the game.

Murfreesboro City Schools is a proud district committed to the academic and personal success of each child. With its unique focus on prekindergarten through sixth grade learning, Murfreesboro City Schools is creating a vision that embodies the highest levels of collaboration, professionalism, and excellence.

Men's and women's basketball combo pack season tickets are just $199. Women's season tickets are also sold individually for $100. Season tickets for Middle Tennessee women's basketball games are on sale now by calling the MTSU Ticket Office at 1-888-YES-MTSU or purchasing online.

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