

MHPS WEEKLY UPDATE

MOUNTAIN HOME PUBLIC SCHOOLS

FROM SUPERINTENDENT DR. MYERS

Superintendent Update: January 15, 2015

Quote for the week: “Children are the living messages we send to a time we will not see.”—John H. Whitehead

Maybe you've wondered to yourself, what is the best way to educate children for the future and be confident that when we are no longer around, the world will be a better place because of our children's contributions. In my opinion, if I have to answer it, then I say emphatically the difference will be on how the parents and educators did from the first setting for the children's early childhood development and continuing throughout the K-12 experience. This is because experience in childhood has always made an impression and influenced children's development into adults.

The first setting for the early childhood development is hopefully built around a good family environment for children. To realize this, of course, we must begin by fixing the attitude and behavior of all of us who are parents. Provide a good role model to be emulated by the children. It is unlikely that our children will develop into good and responsible people if the behavior of us as adults does not reflect that same good and responsible behavior. If we force and pressure children into doing as we say as opposed to loving and nurturing the child, then the child will feel pressured and stressed. This method is not likely to work. I certainly understand children must have discipline, guidelines and limits, but I stand on loving and nurturing as the best avenue to gaining trust and commitment from children in order for them to become obedient and constrained within responsible parameters.

If the children are happy with us as parents and educators, children definitely want to pay attention and listen to us. However, if an educator imposes their will, and harms the personalities of children because of the desire for confrontation, then the educator's credibility will be broken in the eyes of the child. A classroom must be loving, nurturing, and encouraging just as the home must be the same.

Love and compassion are the keys to the smoothness of most actions taken as school officials. Not hatefulness or attitude! Giving a good family environment (both at home and school) to the children is the best way to educate children.

I had the privilege of working with four of our high school students on Wednesday of this week. These students were amazingly articulate as I had conversation with them about what their perceptions of a good school were. As they described to me their experiences at each level of our system, it thrilled me to hear them speak of the “growing up experience” in our

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Special dates of interest:

- * School board meeting— January 15th 6:00pm

school system. As Makenzie Mohler described her experience she said, “In Kindergarten we were one big group and learned our ABC’s and how to follow directions in order to succeed in Kindergarten. As we progressed in the system we gained more freedom, independence and opportunities to grow intellectually and personally. Teachers nurtured and prepared us for school and life at each of our schools. By the time we were seniors, we became confident and prepared as individuals to be college ready, career ready and innovative ready (independent thinkers). Obviously, the parents, grandparents and guardians of our students play a very important role in student success as well, but it was very encouraging to hear these young adult students speak with such love and respectfulness about the role their teachers played in their success.



“Children are the living messages we send to a time we will not see.” We may not see these students (and their peers) in the future, but I am completely confident they will be a living message in which we can be very proud! Congratulations to our students, teachers (all educators/school employees), board members, community, parents, grandparents and guardians who have absolutely given me such pride in our school system. Our graduates will be leading citizens in our community, state, nation and in many instances internationally. Proud to be a Bomber! Every Student-Every Time!

Have a great weekend!

Lonnie

Dear Community members:

Our superintendent has recently announced his resignation.

The board recognizes that selecting a superintendent is one of its most important functions. Therefore, the board is interested in gaining input from constituents and staff of the school district before selecting that individual.

If you wish to participate in this process, you are asked to attend a meeting tonight, January 15th, at 6:30p.m. located at Dunbar Auditorium. The attendees will be introduced to the consultant employed by the board to assist them in the search. The consultant will present an overview of the search process and criteria for the board's consideration.

If unable to attend the meeting you may complete the survey online at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MHF6MH7>

If you have any questions, please contact Marissa Byler at 425-1201

Sincerely,

Ben Strider, President, Board of Education

Mountain Home Public Schools



Nelson-Wilks-Herron Newsletter



Leah Cotter, Principal

Monday January 12, 2015

Rita Persons, Asst. Principal

RECREATIONAL YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

L.C. Sammons Youth Center is now taking registration for the Recreational Youth Basketball League. The league will be grades K-4th with girls and boys 1st & 2nd and 3rd & 4th and Kindergarten playing Co-Ed. Registration will end January 28th.

Registration fee is \$45.00 with a \$5 multi-child discount. Games begin the week of February 16-21 and run until March 28th. Registration forms are available on the web at:
www.mountainhomeparksandrec.com

For more information, call the L.C. Sammons Youth Center at **424-7275**

Parent Reminders

- The school asks that all student's names be placed on lunch boxes and coats in order to assure that every student receives the correct lunchbox/coat both for lunch and for taking home.
- All non-staff members are asked to please check in/enter and exit through the office at all times.
- Excuses for absences **MUST** be presented within 5 school days of the absence.
- Classroom snacks or food provided by parents **must be prepared by facilities that have been approved by official state health inspectors and must not be a Food of Minimal Nutritional Value.** PLEASE SEE HANDBOOK FOR DETAILS.
- Transportation calls must be called in by 2:00 p.m.



PLEASE SEE BACK ALSO!

Important Dates

Jan. 5th.....Third Quarter Begins
Feb. 16th.....Teacher In-service (No school for students)
Feb. 28th.....Deadline To Order Yearbooks

NWH YEARBOOK SALE!



Yearbooks on sale now through **FEBRUARY 28TH!**

Full color, soft back yearbook only **\$15.00**

To order visit: www.wingard.inter-state.com/yearbook and enter code: 755213
Or return envelope with cash, check or money order payable to:
Nelson-Wilks-Herron Elementary.

Form more information call NWH office at: 870-245-1251

Order forms are also available in the Nelson-Wilks-Herron office.

Inclement Weather Slips



Inclement weather slips last week in the students backpacks. Please complete and return them as **soon as possible** if you have not already returned it!

Form more information please contact NWH office at: 870-245-1251

LOST & FOUND

Parents and students please check the Lost and Found, located in the in the NWH cafeteria. There are lots of coats and several pairs of glasses unclaimed.





Hackler Intermediate School



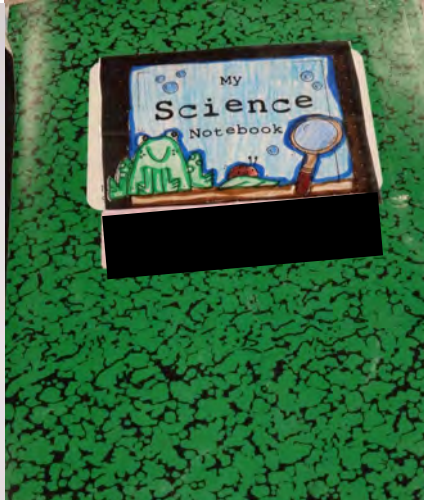
Meet Mr. Owl

Thank you Arkansas Game and Fish Commission for providing the funding to purchase the owl pellets we used in the science investigations.

In Ms. Penrose's science classes, students were anxious and excited to begin class. The topic for today's lesson was owl pellets. You can learn a great deal about an owl by their diet. The students prepared their science journals before the dissecting actually began. The first step was observation about the pellet and what they saw before they got to break into the pellet. After the observation, the time had come to dip their pellet into water to loosen it up and begin the dissection. Ms. Penrose explained the pellets has been thoroughly sanitized before coming to the school so it was safe to dig into the experiment. After the dissection of the pellet, students discovered the diet of an owl. Owls usually swallow their prey whole and that allows the food to be identified. Students discovered skulls, bones, feathers, and some other unidentified objects. I am sure the students will be just as eager to share with family members what they learned today about owls in science class.

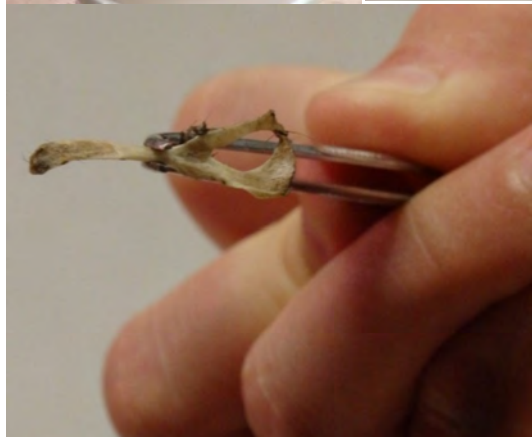
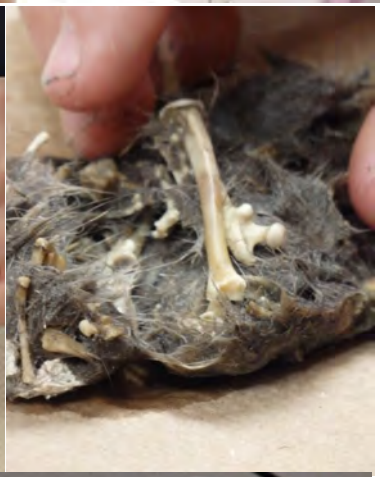
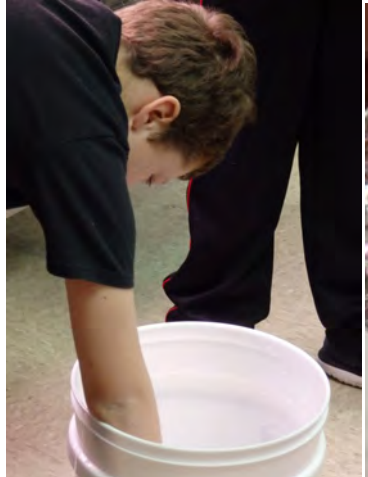
SCIENCE

Owl Pellets Lab



Owl Pellet Sequencing

1	2nd	2
3	4th	4



Hackler Intermediate School Newsletter

965 West Road, Mtn. Home, AR 72653 ~ Phone 425-1288 / Fax 425-1290

Principal: Sondra Monger



Mrs. Cassy Barnhill, Assistant Principal
Mr. Kevin Roach, Assistant Principal

Mrs. Kristyn Goodwin - Counselor
Ms. Mary Beth Wyatt - Counselor



Around Our School

January 15, 2015

- ◆ Remember to pre-order your yearbook. Orders may be placed online until February 27, 2015 at www.inter-state.com/yearbook and the code is 754783. Yearbooks will be handed out in May before school is out for the summer.
- ◆ Inclement weather forms went home last Thursday. Please make sure you return that form to your child's teacher as soon as possible.
- ◆ Parents, if the temperature is above 32 degrees, students will go out for recess. Make sure they have a coat, hat and gloves with them when they come to school.



Attention Parents of Tutoring Students



Parents mark your calendar, these are the tutoring dates for the remainder of the school year. No Monday tutoring on February 16, 2015. This is a teacher in service day and no school for students.

January	February
19	2
21	4
26	9
28	11
	18
	23



Make up for a missed Monday will be March 2
Make up for a missed Wednesday will be Feb 25



NOTES FROM NURSE WENDY



It is that time of year when colds and flu seem to be making the rounds. Please stress to your child the importance of washing their hands and keeping them away from the eyes, nose, and mouth area.

**CONGRATULATIONS
DECEMBER BOX TOPS WINNERS**



HARMONY JONES

BLAKE CERNY



They won movie tickets for two.

Please tape your unexpired Box Top\$ to this sheet. If you can, trim and peel excess backing from the Box Top\$. Remember to turn in your Box Top\$ at least once a month to help your class compete for prizes. Thank You for helping our school!!!

Student's Name _____

Teacher's Name _____

Mountain Home Junior High

We are the Champions!

The **Junior Lady Bombers** returned to win their second Nettleton Christmas Tournament championship!

If you have not had a chance to watch these young ladies play, you are missing out on a real treat! Not only are they outstanding on the court, they maintain a **3.8 GPA team average**. GO BOMBERS!



Front L to R: Kacie Enders, Sydnie Zimmer, Hannah Pfeifer, Riley Walker, Payton Huskey.
Back L to R: Coach Brenda Yancey, Ashlin Schlafke, Kara Smelter, Maly Tabor, Chloe Keeling, Madeline Collins, Courtney Green.

Coach Josh Low not pictured.

Students in Hickey's 9th grade English I classes have been participating in reader's theatre with the text The Miracle Worker. Below, Randi shows the class how to spell the name "Helen" in sign language.

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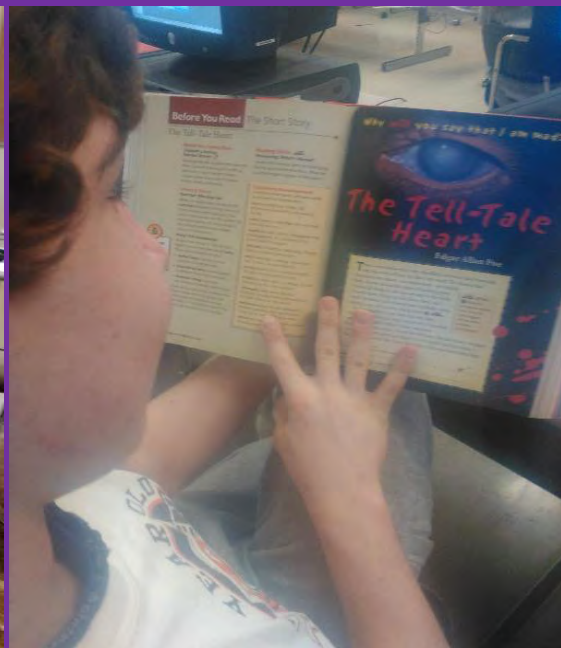
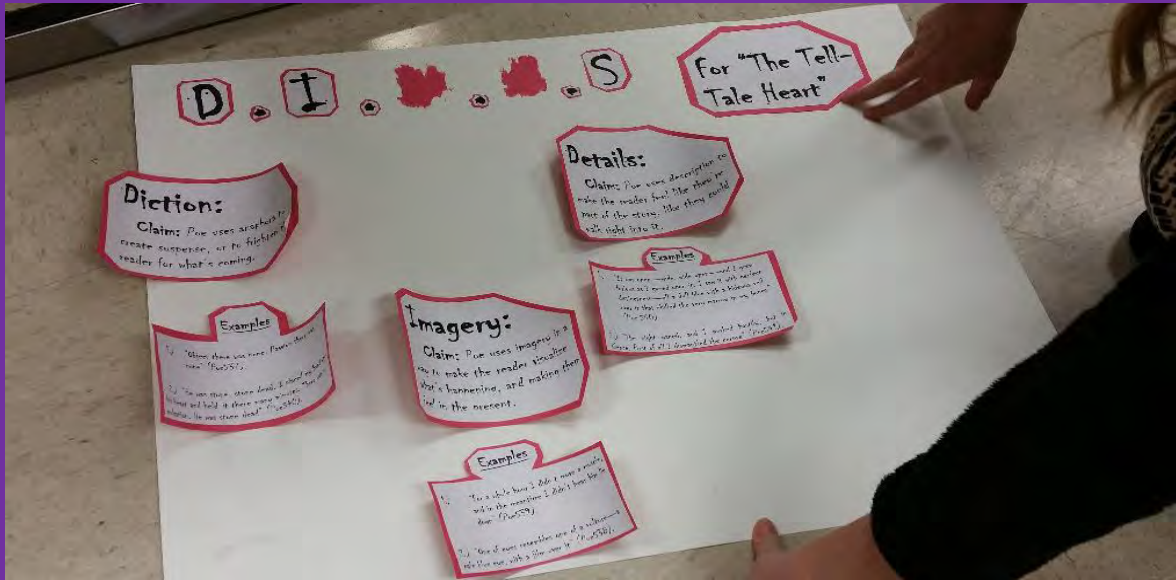
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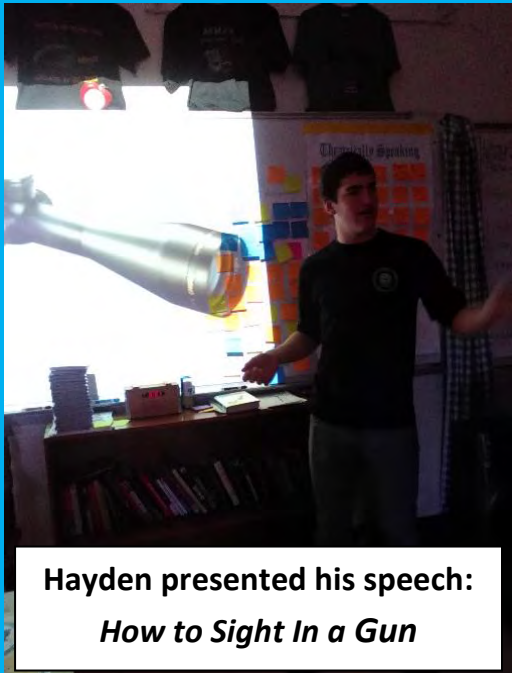
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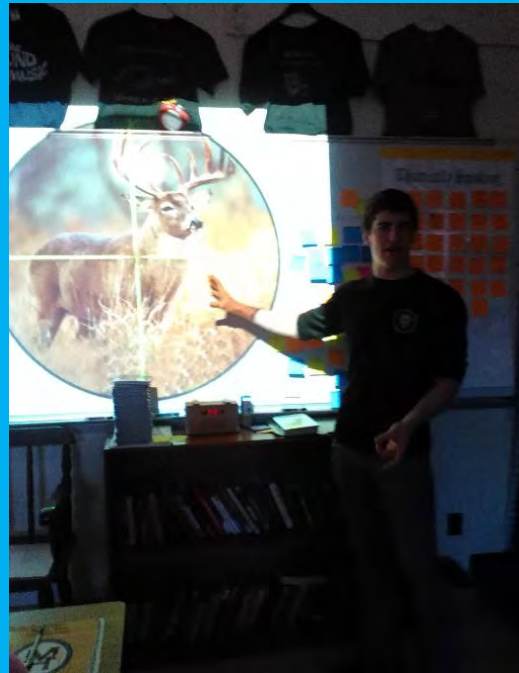
In 8th grade, Hickey's Pre-AP students analyzed **"The Tell-Tale Heart"**, by Edgar Allan Poe and made claims about his **diction, imagery, details, language, and syntax**. Evidence was cited from the text to support these claims. Here are some works in progress. **Stay tuned next week for final projects!**



In Speech class, Hickey's students presented "How To" speeches.



Hayden presented his speech:
How to Sight In a Gun



Jakob explained how to
use bull riding equipment,
while Aaron assisted.

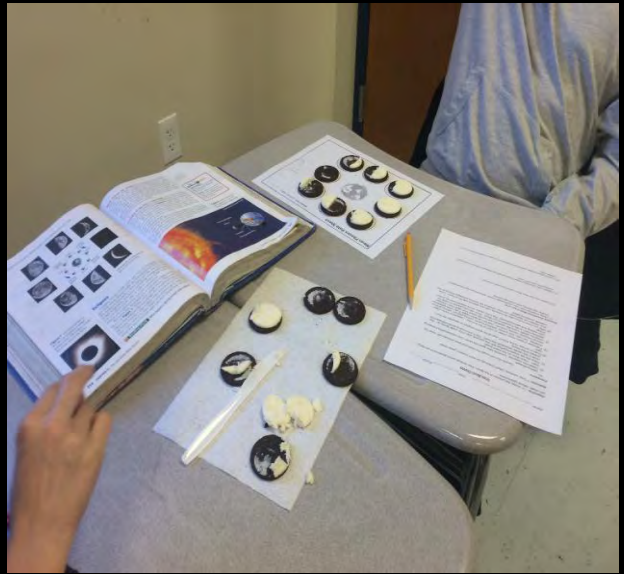
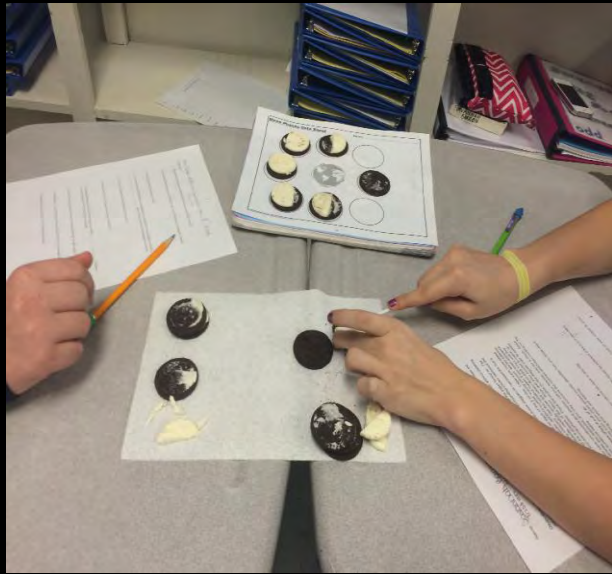
FFA NEWS

State FFA President Bryce Rohr spent the day in the Mountain Home Public School District. He visited several agriculture classes at MHJH and the high school to kick off the start of the semester and present his *Going All Out* FFA speech.



Mrs. Dement's students studied the many phases of the moon—with yummy Oreos!

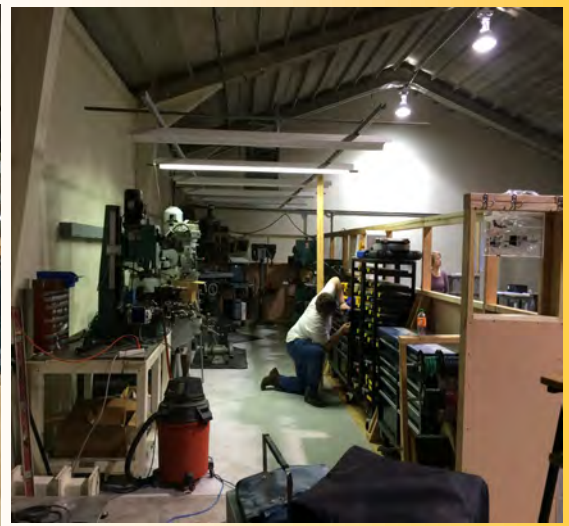




Jan. 16, 2015

MHHS CAREER ACADEMIES

FIRST Team Bomb Squad Jan. 3rd Reveal—Recycle Rush



The FIRST team, Bomb Squad, has kicked off their build season. This year's game was revealed on Jan 3rd and is called Recycle Rush. The Bomb Squad will have until Feb 17th to create, design, and build a robot. This year teams will work together to create tall stacks of totes, place recycling containers on top, and complete the stack with litter (aka, a pool noodle)

The team has been working diligently on getting their new space, the Bomb Shelter, ready for Recycle Rush and have been prototyping and strategizing for this season.

Be sure to save the date for the official 2015 robot reveal on Feb 17th!

**Help us travel to
French-speaking
QUÉBEC, CANADA!**



MHHS FRENCH STUDENTS

WILL HAVE A

CHILI SUPPER

TO RAISE FUNDS FOR

WHEN: FRIDAY, JANUARY 30TH

TIME: 4-8 PM

WHERE: CENTURY 21 LEMAC REALTY

(ACROSS FROM MCDONALD'S)

**HOW MUCH: \$5 FOR BOWL OF CHILI AND A DESSERT; BOTTLES OF
WATER AVAILABLE FOR \$1**

CHILI CAN BE EATEN ON PREMISES OR PLACED IN TO GO CONTAINERS

**PLEASE PRE-ORDER BY WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26TH BY EMAILING CHRISTY LAW-
RENCE AT clawrence@mtnhome.k12.ar.us**

OR PURCHASING A TICKET FROM A FRENCH STUDENT

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO MHHS FRENCH CLUB



**MERCI
(THANKS)
FOR YOUR
SUPPORT!**



MHHS FBLA Pecan Fundraiser

Pecan Halves 3 left 16oz \$12

Pecan Medium Pieces 16oz \$12

Dark Chocolate 1 left 12oz \$10

Milk Chocolate 1 left 12oz \$10

~~Cinnamon 10oz \$10~~

~~Pecan Carmel Clusters 10oz \$10~~

SOLD OUT



Tornado Bus Safety Plan

EAST students working on their project Tornado Bus Safety Plan, spoke with MHPS bus drivers this week about their project. They received lots of positive input on how to take their project to the next level.



EAST students developing the Tornado Bus Safety Plan: Rosella, Peyton, and Mercedes.

Students visit with the MHPSD bus drivers and Mr. Henderson.



EAST students visit with Mrs. Arana at our district's transportation building.



Medical Anatomy & Physiology

Pictured here is Kennedy Robinson.



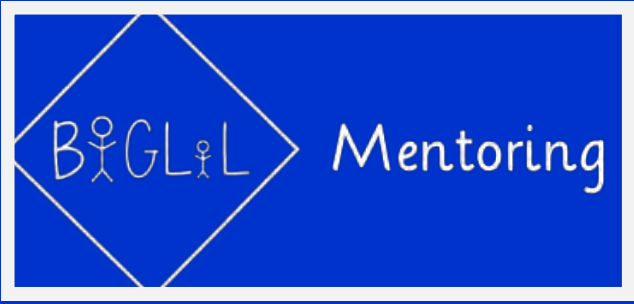
Students in Nurse C's Medical Anatomy and Physiology class test muscle stamina and strength. Students are learning about the muscle system.

Pictured here is Paige Allen .



Pictured here is Nathan Johnson.

Students pressed the scale between the palms of hands and class recorded the amount of pressure applied by the pectoral muscles. Then they had to press their hands together in front of their chest for 1 minute and repeat 3 times. They documented trends in the amount of pressure.)



BigLil EAST Project in Full Swing



The BigLil EAST project is in full swing. There are 18 pairs of girls and they have been meeting to build positive characteristics and relationships. Last week they participated in an Acting class directed by Mrs. Maupin and the MHHS Thespian Troupe.

Thanks to the Schliemann Center For Women's Education for hosting us. You can find more information about the BigLil project at:
www.biglilmentoring.weebly.com

