



Superintendent Update: January 17, 2015

Quote for the week: "In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."—Martin Luther King Jr.

News for the week:

The January School Board meeting was a busy evening. We honored National Board Certified teachers Linda Thrasher, Chris Davis, Cristy Curtis and Jennifer Seaman. Each of these individuals has worked diligently to improve themselves professionally and there is not a more rigorous program than National Board Certification. Congratulations to a wonderful group of professionals!



We honored the Mountain Home School Board in recognition of their work. Please see attachment of the Press Release which was sent to the press.

The School Board approved an agreement between MHPS and the City of Mountain Home for the use of the city's baseball and softball fields. Those fields include the Lester White Baseball Field, Clysta Willett South #1, Keller Park Fields #1 and #2. This agreement is another example of the wonderful working relationship between the city and our school district.

Our board also approved a recommendation to accept a bid for fiber optic cable which will run from Pinkston Middle School to the recently acquired facilities across the street from PMS and referred to as the new Auxiliary Services buildings. This cable will provide internet services for that facility which is planned to house food services and FIRST Robotics in the near future.

Mr. Wes Henderson presented a resolution for local support of our Facilities Master Plan & Partnership Program. This is a required update to let the state know what we have in mind in term of facilities. At this time there are no plans to build new buildings; thus this approval is done primarily to meet the required submission rules.



Becca Camp presented 3 calendars recently prepared by PPC and CPPC. The calendar will be included in this update and available on the website. The calendar approved will include student contact days on the first three days of what was our original spring break. The last two days will remain a shortened version of spring break. Please see the revised calendar (attached).

Please enjoy this [Simple Truths video](#)

Have a great weekend,

Lonnie

Mountain Home School District
2013-2014 School Calendar

August 12	District Wide In-Service (1day)
August 13-15	Teacher In-Service (3 days)
August 16	Teacher work day
August 19	First Day of School for Students
September 2	Labor Day (No School for students)
October 15	First Quarter Ends (41 days)
October 16	Second Quarter Begins
October 17	(Early dismissal) Parent-Teacher Conferences (2pm-8pm)
November 25-29	Thanksgiving Break (No school)
November 25-26	Teacher In-Service (2 days) (no school for students)
December 23-Jan 3	Christmas Break (No school)
January 3	Teacher In-Service (1 day)
January 17	Second Quarter Ends (44 days)
January 20	Third Quarter Begins
February 6	(Early dismissal all students) Parent-Teacher Conferences
	K-9thgrades (2pm-8pm)
	No conferences for 10th 12th grades
March 24-26	School In Session
March 26	Third Quarter Ends (48 days)
March 27-28	Spring Break
March 31	Fourth Quarter Begins
April 18	School In Session
May 1	(Early dismissal all students) High School Registration/Conferences
	10th-12th grades (2pm-8pm)
	No conferences for K-9th grades
May 26	Memorial Day (School in session)
May 27-30	School In Session
May 30	Last Day of School (45 days)
June 2-June 9	Possible Make Up Days
June 10	Make up Day for High School (or first day not used in June)

First Quarter- 41 Days
4 Teacher In-Service Days
1 Teacher Workday

178 Instruction
7 Teacher In-Service Day
1 Teacher Work Day
2 days (12 hours) self-selected PD

Second Quarter- 44 Days
1 Parent/Teacher Conference Day
2 Teacher In-Service

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Teacher In-Service scheduled for April 18 will be made up per building principal decision

Third Quarter- 48 Days
1 Parent/Teacher Conference Day
1Teacher In-Service

191 Total Teacher Contract Day
Flex Days: 11/25/2013, 11/26/2013, and 1/3/2014

Fourth Quarter- 45 Days

AUSTIN SNYDER T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER



Austin is a 6th grader at Pinkston Middle School in Mountain Home. He was diagnosed with Osteosarcoma in his left femur in September 2009, and has had multiply surgeries since then. In December 2013 he was diagnosed with AML leukemia. He is currently at St Jude's Children's Hospital receiving treatment. Please support Austin and purchase a T-shirt. T-shirts are black with a yellow and white design. A special thanks to The Cotton Company for designing the shirts!

All proceeds will benefit Austin Snyder

Make Checks out to: Robyn Snyder Benefit Account for Austin Snyder

Orders due by: January 24, 2014

Size	Quantity	Price	Total Amount
Youth S (6-8)		\$15.00	
Youth M (10-12)		\$15.00	
Youth L (14-16)		\$15.00	
Adult S		\$15.00	
Adult M		\$15.00	
Adult L		\$15.00	
Adult XL		\$15.00	
Adult XXL		\$17.00	
Adult XXXL		\$18.00	
Adult XXXXL		\$19.00	
Total:			

Name: _____ Grade _____ School: _____

If you would like to make a monetary donation a benefit account has been set up at Integrity First Bank, 502 Hickory St, Mountain Home, AR. The name of the account is: Robyn Snyder Benefit Account for Austin Snyder.

Order Forms and Checks should be sent to Pinkston Middle School. Attention: Lara Case

THANK-YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

MOUNTAIN HOME KINDERGARTEN



Take a look at some of our Terrific Kids! These students were nominated because they have displayed Terrific Character Traits, like doing good deeds for others, listening well, following directions and getting their work done on time. Teachers nominate different students each month.



Mountain Home Kindergarten

January 17, 2014

Word of the Month

Friendship

VOLUNTEERS

We LOVE our volunteers who we couldn't do without! They have provided over 1321 hours of their personal time so far this year (that's 165 days☺). We are so very thankful!

BOXTOP UPDATE

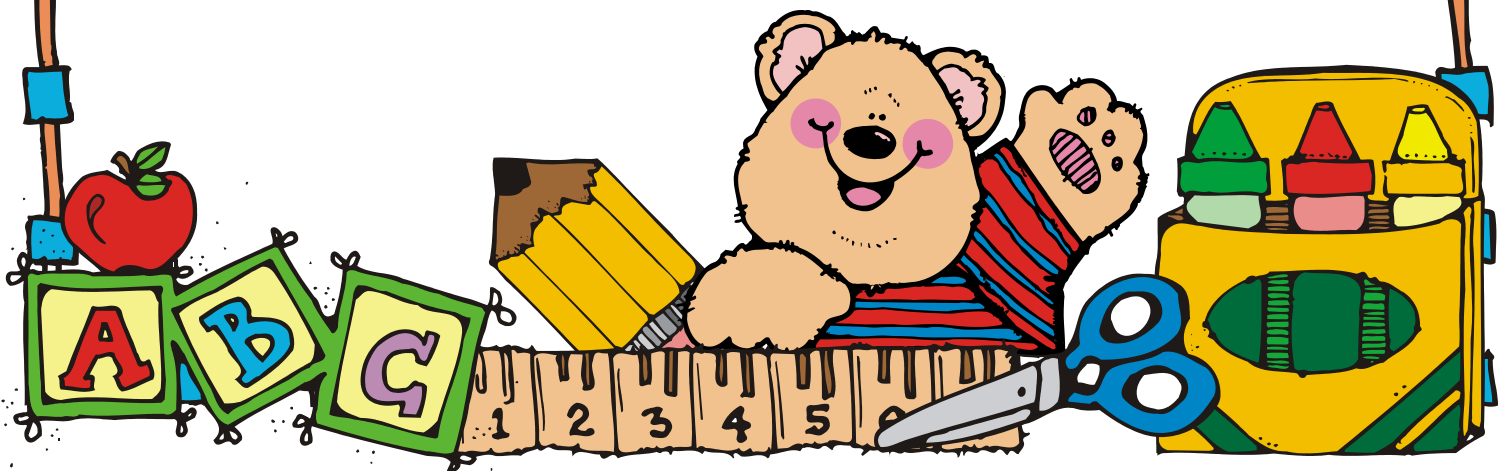
We received a check for over \$800.00 for the box tops collected so far this year. It's amazing what a little cardboard cutout can do! Thanks again to each of you that takes the time to collect for box tops. We will be using this money to pay for the t-shirts for our spring program as well as buy balls and other items for the playground activities.

HATS AND GLOVES

We have accumulated some nameless jackets, hats, gloves and lunchboxes in our lost and found basket! Please make sure your child's name is in their coats, jackets, etc. Please feel free to come by to look for items your child may have lost. Thank you!

Friendly Reminders:

- ✚ **January 20** - Report Cards go home
- ✚ **February 6** - Parent/Teacher Conferences (2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.)
- ✚ **February 14** - Valentine Parties (please watch for information from your child's teacher on the time)



NELSON-WILKS-HERRON

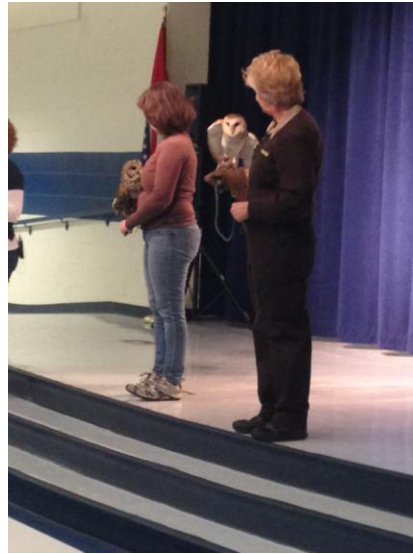
SchoolStore.com Rewards



Congratulations Bennett Foster! Bennett is a 1st grader in Mrs. Davis' class. He shared the SchoolStore.com fundraising website for Nelson-Wilks-Herron with his friends and family. Bennett is pictured with Mrs. Persons and Mrs. Cotter with his Xbox 360 he won as a reward for all the shopping his friends and family did on-line with SchoolStore.com.

Eagle Awareness Program

NWH Student enjoyed the Eagle Awareness Program that was held on Wednesday, January 8th in the cafeteria. We truly appreciate Julie Lovett, Park Interpreter, for bringing this program to us every year!





HACKLER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL WEEK ENDING 01-17-2014

WELCOME MTN HOME ROTARY CLUB

Each year members from the Mountain Home Rotary Club visit Hackler to give every third grade student a dictionary of their very own. They also take time to share some awesome features in the dictionary. The third grade students were amazed by the information the Rotary members shared. Students began looking in their dictionaries discovering new words immediately. Mrs. Dibble, a third grade teacher, shared a story about her daughter Carly, who is a Mountain Home Senior. Carly still has her dictionary and uses it all the time to help her with homework.



Rotary Members are: Sonny Delgado, April Fowler, Kriss Yunker, Elton Kirby, Sharon Edwards-Stevens, Bob Heist, Mary Kirby, Todd McCoy, Emily McCoy, Larry Nelson, Brenda Nelson.



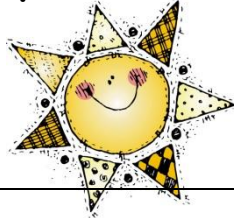
THANK YOU FOR THE DICTIONARIES!
MOUNTAIN HOME ROTARY CLUB - LEAVING A LEGACY OF LEARNING

Hackler Intermediate School

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

Principal: **Sondra Monger**

Asst. Principal: Kevin Roach
Asst. Principal: Cassy Fowler



Counselor: Terry Berry
Counselor: Kristyn Goodwin

Where Individual Learning Develops

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF MR. ROBERT HACKLER

As many of you know, Mr. Robert Hackler passed away on December 25, 2013. We are deeply saddened and will greatly miss him walking the halls of Hackler. Mr. Hackler loved our Hackler GEMS and regarded them as HIS kids. We look forward to working with Mrs. Hackler in continuing to provide an exceptional education for Hackler students while honoring his legacy.

Mr. Hackler graduated from Mountain Home High School in 1950, received his Bachelors of Education Degree and Masters in Counselor Education Degree in 1966 from the University of Arkansas. Mr. Hackler began his teaching career as a mathematics teacher in Mountain Home High School in 1954. Mr. Hackler spent 26 years working in public education with an additional 16 years as a member of public education boards.



In 2010, Hackler Intermediate School was named in honor of Robert and Evelyn Hackler.

Around our School

- We are no longer taking yearbook orders in the office. However, you may order online until February 28, 2014 at www.inter-state.com/yearbook and use code 410069.

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**Thank you for
sending in your box tops!**



**We received a check for \$3000 to
use toward upgrading our playground
equipment for Hackler students!**

Supplies Needed

Fifth grade art classes at Hackler will be creating a found object piece for the next unit. Please send in any items that we can use such as: any broken or worn out school/office supplies, gears, small lids, bottle caps, buttons, springs, kitchen utensils, clothes pins, etc. Anything that is small enough for students to attach to about a 6"x6" surface (possibly a little larger).

-Thank you, Mrs. Morris, 3rd & 5th grade Art Teacher

Good News Club starts up again on January 21, 2014.

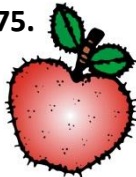
ENROLLMENT FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE FRONT OFFICE

A new enrollment form is not needed if you attended before the Christmas break.

L.C.Sammons Youth Center

- The Mountain Home Parks & Recreation Youth Basketball League is now open for registration. Registration will take place at the L.C. Sammons Youth Center on Saturday, January 11th from 9-12. If you cannot make that registration time you may bring by your registration anytime during business hours at the Youth Center. Registration will close January 17th.
- Games will run February 1st through March 15th. The registration fee is \$45.00 with a \$5 multi-child discount. The athletes will have a total of six games with an End of the Season Party. Registration forms are available on the web at www.mountainhomeparksandrec.com.

For more information, email jhughes@cityofmountainhome.com or call the L.C. Sammons Youth Center at 424-7275.



Apples for the Students



Collect register receipts from Town & Country Discount Foods, Mountain Home, and you can help our school earn free educational awards!

Educational technology changes daily! That's why Hackler Intermediate School is taking part in the Town & Country Apples for the Students program that will help us earn needed educational awards without dipping into tight school budgets. Thanks to the Town & County Apples for Students program, we can receive computers, software, sporting goods, audio-visual aids, science items, books and other teaching tools FREE in exchange for Town & Country register receipts. Receipts dated between September 1, 2013 and March 30, 2014 are valid. When you shop at Town & Country Discount Foods, save your receipts. Better yet, don't just save your own receipts – ask your friends and relatives to save theirs too! Turn them in each week. We are counting on your participation in this effort to help enhance the educational environment at Hackler Intermediate School through the Town & Country Apples for Students program.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING HACKLER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL



Mountain Home Area Reading Council Presents: The Rigors of Writing



When: Monday, January 20, 2014

Time: 5:00pm

Where: Donald W. Reynolds **Library**

Topic: Common Core Rigors of Writing

Professional Development Hours

Contact Marjorie Rosenkotter
(mrosenkotter@mtnhhome.k12.ar.us) for more
information



TRAVELING WITH TRANSPORTATION

After more days off than originally anticipated during Christmas break, we are back with the regular routine of busing students. Generally, kids seemed anxious to get back to school even though most would say NOT!

The new 30 passenger bus for Route 28 has been delivered and is in service. Bill Simpson, the driver is very pleased with this. We anticipate the other two buses approved by the School Board will be delivered in the next couple of months.

It is time once again to have the State-mandated school bus evacuation drills for this semester. Janelle will be in touch with the buildings to arrange a time for these drills. The State mandates that each child be given instruction on how to evacuate a school bus in case of an emergency. At some time or other, each student will be on a school bus so everyone needs this instruction. We appreciate Principals working with us to get these drills completed before March 15.

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MAINTENANCE MATTERS

The Christmas break and the first week of January found all of the maintenance men and custodians busy clearing snow and ice from around the buildings. At this same time numerous paint jobs were completed at the Senior High and Junior High.

The installation of the sheet rock and texturing of the wall at the new Food Service Offices at the Auxiliary Services Building was completed. Those offices and the warehouse will be very nice when completed.

We did the set-up and take-down for various sporting events along with the monthly State-mandated inspections. The metal from the old canopies which came down during the storm was taken to the recycle center. The weekly run picking up cardboard around the district was made with the cardboard taken to the recycle center.

Several of the men along with Mike Walker and Wes Henderson ran the wet vac machines cleaning up major floods at Pinkston and at the Senior High. This was due to the storm that first week this month. Many ceiling tiles had to be replaced. Wet insulation had to be removed from the attic along with plaster ceilings. Carpets had to have the water removed and cleaned in the north end offices. At Pinkston this was all due to a frozen water line in the attic that serves a water fountain below in the hallway.

An additional frozen line burst at the Senior High old gym which flooded the old dressing rooms. Jeff McLean continues the work of repairing the plumbing in this area.

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APSR C

This week's newsletter is the first in a series about the Common Core State Standards. [Click here to read this newsletter](#)

Cheryl Gall will be Thursday, January 23rd to work with subjects areas that are NOT math and literacy. Please talk to your vertical team facilitator about your questions and concerns so that he/she can bring them to the meeting. Cheryl will be diving into the responsibility that all subjects have to the common core standards. Meeting will be in the HS library.

On January 30th, at Central Office, McGraw-Hill, Houghton Mifflin and Pearson will be here to showcase their science and social studies products. Beginning this year, there is no longer a preferred list from the state department. As educators we are now able to look at all available materials from any company to make a choice for instructional materials.

Upcoming Resources For Next Generation Science Standards

Classroom Assessment Tasks are a vision of integrating science, engineering and mathematics in classroom assessment. Teachers across the disciplines are collaborating to write sample tasks that blend content, practices and concepts from both the NGSS and the Common Core State Standards. Early 2014

NGSS Accelerated Pathways are course models that provide examples of how the NGSS can be tailored for accelerated students. Created by Advanced Placement teachers, these models help schools and districts to envision pathways for students intending to take AP science courses in their junior year. Early 2014

The EQuIP NGSS Rubric will help educators and education leaders identify high quality, NGSS-aligned instructional materials, and provide feedback to improve existing materials, through a criterion-based, peer-review process. Early 2014

NGSS Evidence Statements will provide educators with additional detail on what students should know and be able to do. Model content frameworks will build on these statements and offer further clarity on implementing the NGSS in the classroom. Early 2014

The Science Standards Comparison Toolkit will help teachers and administrators consider the differences in purpose and content between different sets of standards. Early 2014

The NGSS data portal will let users search and view the NGSS to meet their individual needs for display on computers and mobile devices. This flexible resource will eventually allow users to tag and share resources. Summer 2014

To be notified when resources become available, please sign up for the NGSS newsletter at www.nextgenscience.org.

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MHHS CAREER ACADEMIES

Congratulations!



On Tuesday, January 7th, Hannah Lundry and Kaylee Nelson competed at FCCLA District STAR Events in Searcy. They won second place in the Entrepreneur event which allows them to progress to the state competition in Conway on Thursday, February 20th.



FBLA Secretary, Megan Chaney was named Athlete of the Week!

Help us travel to
French-speaking
QUÉBEC, CANADA!



MHHS FRENCH STUDENTS
WILL HAVE A

CHILI SUPPER

TO RAISE FUNDS FOR
SUMMER 2014 TRIP
TO QUÉBEC

WHEN: FRIDAY, JANUARY 24TH

TIME: 4-7 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 INTO GO CONTAINERS

PLEASE PRE-ORDER BY MONDAY, JANUARY 20TH BY EMAILING CHRISTY LAWRENCE
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 Second Quarter Final Exam Schedule

January 16 – Even Day Finals

January 17 – Odd Day Finals

January 23 – Report Cards out to Students