Mountain Home Public Schools



Superintendent Update: January 24, 2014

Quote for the week: "If you would thoroughly know anything, teach it to others."—Tryon Edwards

January 27-31 will be Austin Snyder week in the Mountain Home School District. Each school site will be participating in a casual dress week with funds collected going to support the family as they spend time in Memphis, TN looking after their son. You are probably seeing fundraisers on Facebook and throughout various media outlets concerning other efforts to support Austin and his family. Check out other opportunities on the update today to see if there is an area where you may find you can serve Austin and his family.

I believe it is important to find ways to serve our fellowman. The thoughts I share below were on my mind and I hope the thoughts may touch some of you. Teaching children to be servants is a very valuable lesson as well, in my opinion. By pointing children toward altruism before they become inclined not to do so "helps kids discover their talents, hone their skills and begin to believe in themselves (Maciness, 2012.)"

Aspects of Servanthood

It's never too early to being cultivating servantlike traits. If we start by teaching and modeling basic kindness, we lay a foundation for communicating the value of work and charity. Some worthwhile aspects of servanthood to teach include

- **1. Empathy and compassion**: Around the time they start talking, children are capable of empathy. When psychologists studied young children whose parents were physically or emotionally hurt, they observed that the kids either sought to solve the problem or offered comfort and kindness to the parent. It's critical that we nurture this inherent concern for others.
- **2. Work ethic**: We are frequently warned against idleness in literature, with assertions that it leads to ruin. Work is not a punishment but a means by which we develop character. People who comprehend the purpose of work and who find satisfaction in a job well done are most likely to behave in ways that will improve their world.
- **3. Volunteering, serving and giving**: In today's economy, our time and money do not have to be all our own. We are stewards of our community. People who understand and act on this principle set themselves up to receive abundant blessing.
- **4. Discernment in Servanthood**: Compassion must be tempered by wisdom. Kids need to recognize that even if *their* motives are pure, another person's may not be. There are ways they can protect themselves while giving their time and money as wisely as possible.



My ultimate goal as a father was to develop a heart of servanthood within myself and to pass that legacy down to my own children. Possibly other fathers and mothers have thought about this as well. The earlier kids see those hands at work, the greater chance we have of equipping them for a lifetime of compassion and service.

This school and community amaze me as it continually steps up to support those who have great needs. I am hopeful the Snyder family will receive the needed support at this time. Thank you everyone!

Enjoy this Simple Truths video.

Lonnie



Pinkston Middle School student Chase Blum was selected as a finalists and placed second in the Most Innovative Product category at the 2014 Y.E.S. for Arkansas Business Expo held in Little Rock last Friday. Congratulations to Chase and all the students that competed!

Mountain Home Public Schools GATE Update January 2014

GATE Personnel create a newsletter twice each year. Our last newsletter was released in May 2013. Newsletters can be found at http://bombers.k12.ar.us/gate/gate_update.htm



Happy New Year!

The GATE Program began in Mountain Home 27 years ago. Through the years, our GATE Program has evolved from an academic program to a diverse program that meets the academic, creative, affective, and developing talents of identified gifted and talented students. The GATE Program is different from other gifted education programs because it is not "limiting". The GATE Program is student centered.

<u>Odyssey of the Mind (OM)</u>: On Saturday, March 1, OM Students compete in Pocahontas, AR for Regionals. Good luck OMers! The teams are supervised by Mrs. Becca Camp, OM Coordinator.

News from Mrs. Partney, GATE Teacher Grades 3-5, & 8-12

Third grade GATE students at Hackler Intermediate are actively engaged in the student-selected unit for second and third quarters. The GATE third graders wanted to "Walk Like Egyptians" through an in-depth study of Ancient Egypt. We have books, videos, and additional hands-on activities to enhance our learning. The students are making an Ancient Egypt History Pocket Book as we continue our study on everything we need to know to become an "Elementary Egyptologist".







Fourth grade GATE students at Hackler Intermediate continued their in-depth study of the Human Body that we started as third graders. We will be finished with this unit in February.

We have made models of the systems, watched videos and simulations, and had two fantastic guest speakers to further our knowledge of the Human Body. Were extremely fortunate to have Dr. Michael Camp, Cardiologist and Dr. Louis Elkins, Vascular Surgeon as our guest speakers! I think we may have some budding pre-medical students in the GATE classroom!

Fifth grade GATE students at Hackler Intermediate chose to do an Independent Study Unit for second and third quarters. Each student was allowed to self- select a topic of interest to research and report on. The students must research multiple sources; prepare a research paper, and an additional project for display of their learning. We anticipate the possibility of having a "Project Fair" for parents and community members in order for us to demonstrate our "Expertise" as a result of this study.

Elementary Quiz Bowl tryouts will begin shortly for the 4th and 5th grade GATE students who are interested. More information will be forthcoming.

GATE students meet once per month at MHJH with Mrs. Partney, GATE facilitator, to discuss affective needs and college and career preparedness. We will be taking a field trip to Crystal Bridges Art Museum on February 10, 2014 to view the special exhibit from the artist, Georgia O'Keefe as an enrichment opportunity. Mrs. Partney will be preparing lessons on Organizational Skills and Executive Functioning for the remainder of the year to equip our GATE students for the remainder of their High School years. Those credits are counting NOW! A high GPA can get you scholarships... keep your GPA at 3.5 or above for the BEST scholarship opportunities!

The GATE students at MHHS meet with Mrs. Partney, GATE Facilitator, once per month for college and career planning. The Juniors and Seniors traveled with Mrs. Partney to University of Arkansas at Fayetteville for a campus visit. The students toured the campus, ate on campus, and toured the newly-remodeled "Honors" dormitory. The students met with campus advisors and attended a presentation by the Honors College administration.

Each meeting, we also spend time discussing classes, ACT test dates and scores, PSAT information, and a variety of topics regarding colleges and degree programs.

The sophomores will have a field trip this year as we try to find one interesting and affordable. It will be planned this spring.

News from Mrs. Cristy Neighbors, GATE Enrichment:



Pictured: Laiken Smiley, Alison McBride, Lathe Parks –Mrs. Arki's 1st Grade

NWH Great Group students recently completed a community service project called "Be A Friend, Not A Boss". The 1st and 2nd graders made Bossy Posters for display. The posters encouraged their community of fellow schoolmates to use good character and show kindness to one another. The students learned the importance of accepting responsibility for one's own actions and appreciating the differences in others.



NWH 2nd Grade Enrichment students received <u>Eight Keys to a Better Me</u> books from community members: Sheriff Montgomery, Jackie Conner, Sally Gilbert, Beth Carter and Shelly Hughes. Students learned the importance of good character and the role they play in making their community and world a better place by practicing: Honesty, Respect, Patriotism, Kindness, Courage, Responsibility, Awareness of Feelings and Positive Self-Worth. Thank you to the 2nd grade students, teachers, parents and community members for making NWH a positive, promising environment!

News from Mrs. Kristi Nelson, GATE Teacher Grades 6-7-

Young Entrepreneur Showcase (Y.E.S.) - The Arkansas Economic Acceleration Foundation (AEAF), an affiliate of the Arkansas Capital Corporation in Little Rock, has announced the finalists of its ninth-annual business plan competition for elementary, middle, and junior high school students in grades five through eight. Congratulations to Chase Blum for championing to the level of state Y.E.S. Finalists! Thank you to Mrs. Nelson for mentoring Chase.

The teams will now compete in the 2014 Y.E.S. for Arkansas Business Expo, which will begin at 10:00 a.m. Friday, January 17, at Park Plaza Mall in Little Rock. Judges will be on hand during the expo to select first- through fourth-place winners in the following categories: Best Business Plan, Most Innovative Product, Best Marketing Piece, and Best Retail Booth Display. The winners will be announced by representatives of the AEAF at Park Plaza at approximately 1:00 p.m. The foundation awards cash prizes of \$1,100 to the advisors of the four top teams; and cash prizes of up to \$1,000 for all students who are members of the top three teams and a trophy for each of the top three teams. All students are recognized with a medal.

Since the AEAF created the Y.E.S. for Arkansas in 2005, more than 1,700 fifth- through eighth-grade students, plus their teacher advisors, have participated in the business plan competition. The AEAF has awarded more than \$21,000 in cash prizes.

The Arkansas Capital Corporation established the AEAF in 1999 as a private, non-profit corporation dedicated to education-based initiatives that promote and foster the development of innovation and entrepreneurship within Arkansas. With broad support from the state's business community, AEAF's purpose is to nurture people and ideas to generate future Arkansas entrepreneurs.

For more information about the GATE Program, please contact:
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Marsha Partney, GATE Teacher
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2465 Rodeo Drive
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870-425-1208
870-425-1316 fax

Training Opportunity:

NURTURING CREATIVITY AT HOME

When: February 25, 2014 Where: NWH Library Time: 5:30-6:30

This training is for students, parents, teachers, staff and stakeholders.

We hope to see you there!

WE WANT FEEDBACK FROM STUDENTS, PARENTS, TEACHERS AND ALL STAKEHOLDERS!

To provide feedback, please complete a GATE Survey.

Visit: http://bombers.k12.ar.us/gate/survey/survey_index.htm



Support Austin Snyder





Holly's Drawing for Diamond Cluster Necklace

Tickets on sale starting Monday, January 27

El Chico

Tuesday January 28th eat at El Chico

10% of your ticket will go to the Snyder family You must say that you are dining for Austin. 4:00 PM to close for dine in or carry out -

House of Pizza

Thursday January 30th Eat at House of Pizza!
10% of the proceeds go to benefit the
Austin Snyder family

Smoked Pork Butt

Prepared by Randy Barnhill – Forms and money due to a Mountain Home School office by January 31, 2014

Bake Sale

Feb. 1 @ MH High School Gym from 8-12

Baked donations can be dropped off at Ozark Eye Center from 12-2 on Friday

Celebrating Home Fundraiser

Order due to Pam Dicks (870-405-1297) by February 15, 2014 www.celebratinghome.com

Snyder Benefit Dinner

Sponsored by Kirby and Cindy Childress Date and Location TBA

Look for handmade Austin bracelets at all of these events including Mountain Home sporting events!



Smoked Pork Butts \$35 each

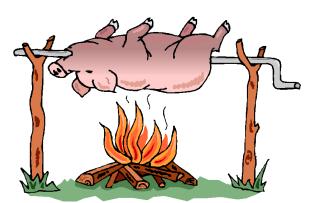
Pre-Order and Pre-Pay by
Wednesday, February 5th
(forms available at Mountain Home
Public Schools)

Pick up Saturday, February 15th 2:00-4:00PM Mountain Home Junior High Car Loading Lot

Return forms and payment to Pinkston
Middle School Office

Cooks: Randy Barnhill & MHSD staff and volunteers

AUSTIN SNYDER BENEFIT



Proceeds Will
Benefit
Austin, Robyn, Danny,
& Erika Snyder Family
Medical Expenses

Austin is a Mountain
Home, Pinkston student
battling Osteosarcoma
and Leukemia at St. Jude
Children's Research
Hospital in Memphis, TN

		# of Pork Butts x \$35 =\$
Name		
		Paid Cash
Address	City/Zip	
		Check #
		Payable to: Austin Snyder Pork Fundraiser
Cell Phone		
Email address		

It's a celebration of HONOR!



The Mountain Home Junior High Performing Arts presents the ninth grade CELEBRATION OF HONOR on Tuesday, January 28,a t 9:30 in the morning, at Dunbar Auditorium. The musical showcase features songs from the 1930s and 1940s, including Glen Miller's showstopper *In the Mood*. There will also be a guest BRANSON PERFORMER who will entertain the crowd. Come and enjoy the musical extravaganza. Admission is free.

Putting it together... Bit by bit!





The musical *Annie* takes place in the heart of the Great Depression. Two songs from this play will be featured in the musical showcase.



Pinkston Middle School



Week ending 1.24.14

Congratulations Chase



Chase competed at the 2014 Y.E.S. for Arkansas Business Expo and was awarded second place for most innovative business! Great job Chase!

Congratulations BAND!

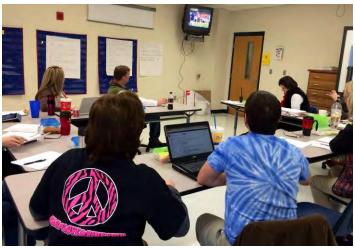
The following 7th grade students made the Junior High All-Region Band! Dylan Kimbriel, trumpet made 1st band, Keaira Davis, clarinet made 2nd band, Anthony Fiebig, Tuba made 2nd band and Brian Griesi, percussion is an alternate. These students will be attending the All-Region Clinic here in Mountain Home on January 24th and 25. We are very proud of all the students!!



PINKSTON STUDENT PHOTO CONTEST

EAST students are hosting a photography contest. This contest is supporting EAST and their trip to conference. There is a \$2 entry fee to participate in the contest. Entry forms are available in the main office and library. Please turn your photo into the library by February 7th. The photos will be judged and showcased. There will be one winner for every category and one overall winner chosen by student vote! This is an event for students and staff. Thank you for all your support!

Co-Teach Professional Development for Pinkston teachers and MHJH teachers



Teachers gathered to hear a variety of strategies used in co-teaching classrooms.

Throughout the session teachers were able to discuss the different strategies as they may best serve their students.

Thank you to Mrs. Allyson Dewey for organizing this event for teachers.

Students helping Students

Students in Mrs. Cathy Beckham's teacher intern class came to Pinkston to work on math skills with 6th and 7th graders. Pinkston thanks all of the kids and Mrs. Beckham for their time to come and work with us on our math facts!

We can't wait for the HS kids to come back ©



EAST @ Pinkston making School BETTER!



Students from EAST @ Pinkston can be seen all over school doing big and little things for students, teachers, and staff. We appreciate their dedication to our school and to each other. Way to go EAST!!

ACT Prep Class

ACT Prep class will be held at the Pinkston Cafeteria on Sun., January 26, 2014 from 2-5 p.m. and Sun., February 2, 2014 also from 2-5 p.m. This class is being offered to prepare students planning to take the ACT this year through the DUKE TIP program and to help prepare all students that will be taking it in the next couple of years. Members of the National Honor Society at MHHS will be leading the class for Pinkston students. There will also be a parent session on January 26, 2014 from 2-5 p.m. regarding important information about planning for colleges & universities, scholarships and other financial aid resources, etc. Please return the form to the main office if your student plans to participate in this class so that enough ACT Prep books can be ordered. If you have questions regarding this class, please feel free to contact Rebekah Cruse or Heather Hatman at 425-1236.



Vincent L. 7th

Mackenzie D. 7th

Pinkston Choir "American Idol Concert" Jan 30th at Dunbar





Pinkston Middle School @Pinkstonmiddle
EAST at Pinkston @AdunavanEast
7th Grade Promise @deniselauerman

Pinkston Choir @Pinkstonchoir

DARE @mandeelove32

Pinkston Media Center @pmslibrary12

Upcoming Events for Pinkston Middle:

All Region Band Clinic – January 27-28, 2014

Pinkston Choir American Idol concert – January 30, 2014

Parent Teacher Conferences – February 6 from 2:00-8:00

Early Dismissal – February 6 – 2:00 PM

NELSON-WILKS-HERRON Thank You!



Principal Cotter recently accepted a monetary donation from Ms. Sally Rae for the NWH Needy Kid's Fund as well as some hats and gloves for our students. Thanks Ms. Sally!



We would like to thank Chris Schwartz from The American Legion Hut for the bag of hats, gloves, and scarfs. Mrs. Sabo, NWH Counselor, said, "What perfect timing considering all the cold weather we are having!"

Robots

Imagine that you have a milk carton, a cardboard tube, a tin can, an egg crate, and a jar. Can you invent something using these recyclables? Mrs. Teegarden and Mrs. Going's classes did! Students showed their creativity by making their own robots at home. Students also wrote a report and presented their robots to their classmates.

Students also read a story entitled <u>Rose Robot Cleans Up</u>. This is a story of Rose who likes to collect items that have been thrown away. Her parents are upset at how much "junk" she is collecting. They tell her she must clean her room, so Rose makes a robot from her treasures to clean up the room for her.

Furthermore, in science, these classes also studied about the importance of recycling and its benefits for our planet. Students discussed how scientists can make a lot of different things using recyclables. They also read a nonfiction story explaining what happens to a bottle once it's recycled.

Check out these pictures of their robots!







HHIS CAREER ACADEMIE

Outstanding!



MHHS EAST student Damien Snooks entered the Tech Olympiad competition in hopes to win one of ten Golden Help Tickets available for the onsite Tech Olympiad competition on March 21st at the EAST conference. He correctly answered the "Help ticket" and received a spot to compete in the onsite competition. Congratulations Damien!





MHHS FRENCH STUDENTS WILL BE HOSTING A 5K FUND-RAISER WITH THE MAJORITY OF PRO-CEEDS GOINGTOTHE STUDENT QUEBECTRIP SCHEDULED FOR THIS SUMMER!

MHHS FRENCH CLUB

g'AMOUR

5K RUN



WHEN: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2014

WHAT TIME: REGISTRATION AT 7:00 AM; RACE BEGINS AT 8:00 AM

WHERE: REGISTRATION AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PARKING LOT ON

SPRING STREET, MOUNTAIN HOME; RACE WILL BE CONDUCTED

THROUGH COOPER PARK

ENTRY FEES: - \$25 PER PERSON OR \$40 FOR TWO IF SIGN UP TOGETHER

BEFORE OR ON THE PRE-REGISTRATION DATE FEBRUARY 3RD

(\$30 PERSON AFTER FEBRUARY 3RD UNTIL MORNING OF RACE)

PRIZES: -PLAQUES TO TOP FEMALE AND TOP MALE RUNNERS

-MEDALS TO FIRST PLACE WINNERS IN ALL AGE CATEGORIES

-RIBBONS FOR 2ND AND 3RD PLACE RUNNERS IN ALL AGE

CATEGORIES

CONTACT CHRISTY LAWRENCE FOR MORE INFO: 870-706-0721 OR claw-rence@mtnhome.k12.ar.us

RUNNERS WHO ARE PRE-REGISTERED ARE GUARANTEED A T-SHIRT. T-SHIRTS WILL BE ON SALE THE DAY OF THE RACE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS.

LOOK FOR REGISTRATION FORMS IN YOUR EMAIL!

MHHS & Pinkston EAST Students Collaborate with XL7-TV



MHHS & Pinkston EAST students met this week to discuss working with our local television station to begin development of a MH Public School Broadcast. Students brainstormed topics that would be news worthy for students in the district. EAST will keep you informed of their broadcast plans and the date of their first broadcast as the information becomes available. Stay tuned!

MHHS Extracurricular Events

January 24-	Band All-Region Clinic @ Dunbar
January 24-	French Club Chili Supper @ Century 21 LeMac Realty from
	4-7 pm
January 24-	Lady Bomber & Bomber Basketball @ home
	vs. LR Central 5:00 pm
January 24-	Wrestling –Greenbrier Invitational @ the
	Conway Expo Center
January 25-	Band All-Region @ Dunbar
January 25-	Swim @ Hendrix College
January 25-	Wrestling- Greenbrier Invitational @ the
	Conway Expo Center

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

January 23, 2014

- Report cards are coming home today. Look for them in the red folder.
- If you have changed your telephone number or moved to a different address, please notify the front office. It is very important that we have a way to reach you in case of emergency or concerns about your child.
- Make sure you pay your lunch charges as soon as possible. If you have any changes in your income and need to apply for free or reduced lunches, notify your child's homeroom teacher and one will be sent home.
- Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for February 6th. Check with your child's teacher about conference times.

Revised school calendar

January 20 February 6	Third Quarter Begins (Early dismissal all students) Parent-Teacher Co K-9 th grades (2pm-8pm)	nferences
	No conferences for 10 th 12 th grades	
March 24-26	School In Session	
March 26	Third Quarter Ends (48 days)	
March 27 20	Spring Break	
March 27-28	Spring Break	
March 31	Fourth Quarter Begins	- 1

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 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)

December Box Top Winners:

May 26

3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
Camille Pitchford	Jacob Lewis	Hollie Collins
Kelsey Roach	Sydney Chipps	Robert Stacey
Trinity Trivitt	Tatum Smith	Claudia Davis
Ky Bickford	Kaden Abasolo	Jon Alt
Cody Lance	Parker Adamson	
Haley Franks	Kaiden Reese	RELITED S
Caleb Foster	Callista Melton	Son alex
Jasmine Dollar	Ashlan Tilley	V .
Masen Walker	Lydia Juber	
Brooke Bayless	Kristin Tate	

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January Box 1 op winners:				
3rd Grade:	4th Grade:	5th Grade: Jacob		
Trinity Trivitt	Harlie Holmes	Dickinson		
Isaiah Kemp	Conley Ulman	Robert Stacey		
Brooke Liles	Georgia Burnham	Hollie Collins		
Sarah Freeland	Taylor Schumacker	Meah Young		
Kearstyn Ford	Aiden Tilley	Josie Kelly		
Makela Allen	Jadyn Drewry	Myia Treat		
Shaylee	Isabel Beller	and the same of th		
Victor Gibbs	Christa Annaleigh Salik			
Ky Bickford	Kegan Wood	a ford		
Mica Kirby				

This annual event will be for all $5^{\rm th}$ grade students attending Hackler Intermediate School. The dance will be held on Friday, February $14^{\rm th}$, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m in the cafeteria.

If you would like to donate any store bought snacks you can begin bringing them to the front office anytime. Please send a note to your child's teacher if you would like to chaperone the dance.

We will also need a clean up crew at the end of the night.

Austin Snyder Benefit

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. The family has been staying with Austin in Memphis, and it is taking a toll on their bank account.

In times like this it is remarkable how our community including, our Hackler kids and other Mountain Home students, are pitching in to help families in need. Listed below are ways you can help out also:

- Hackler 4th graders: Joia Traver, Annie Norcross, Paris Magness, Ella Claire Breashears, and 5th grader, Braydee Haworth asked Hackler administrators if they could raise money for Austin. The girls have made rubber band bracelets and they will be for sale during lunch the week of January 27,2014 throuth January 31, 2014. They are \$1 for single width bracelets and \$2 for wide bracelets. Please send money with your student to help support this student driven fund raiser.
- There will be a Bake Sale on Saturday, February 1st from 8:00-12:00 at Mtn. Home High School Gym to benefit Austin Snyder & family. If you would like to help with the bake sale or donate baked goodies, please contact April Dover at 425-7963, or email april3@centurytel.net. We would appreciate any baked items you would like to donate. Thank you!!
- Come and dine on January 28, 2014 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at El Chico Café in Mtn. Home and 10% of the sales wil to the family. Tell your server you are "eating for Austin."
- Austin Snyder Fundraiser at House of Pizza, 40 Plaza Way, Ste. 26,Mtn. Home, AR, Thurs., Jan. 30th 10 % of all the sales that day go to Austin and his family!! Dine-in or carry out! Call 870-492-2351 for to go orders!

BACKPACK BENEFIT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, 2014 at Baxter County Fairgrounds Educational Building 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Free Admission - FUN activities for all ages

Help us alleviate hunger & food insecurity for Mountain Home School Children

Food Concessions offered by: Knights of Columbus * Arena Sports Grill *Pizza & More



HACKLER KIDS ARE AWESOME!

HACKLER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL WEEK ENDING 01-23-2014



HACKLER STUDENTS ARE

GETTING

W.I.L.D

Where Individual Learning Develops





Learning is happening at Hackler!

Athletic Friday Focus - 1/25/14



Congratulations to Alix Adams for signing a National Letter of Intent to play softball for Mineral Area College in Park Hills, MO. Pictured with Alix are her step-mom, Tracy, her two sisters Lauren (who is currently on scholarship at Mineral Area as well), Ashley, and Coach Guemmer. This is great exposure for our high school as well as very rewarding for Alix who has worked very hard to get to this moment.

We will host Little Rock Central this afternoon at the Hangar. The junior varsity games begin at 5:00 followed by the varsity girls at 6:00 and varsity boys about 7:30. Little Rock Central girls are ranked in the top five in the state in Class 7A.

The Lady Bomber basketball team has won two conference games in a row – over Cabot and Jonesboro; the wrestling team won a 4-team match at Jonesboro; the Lady Bomber swim team won a 7-team meet at Cabot; and the bowling team defeated Melbourne.

Next week, we will travel to North Little Rock on Tuesday for conference basketball games. Also next Tuesday, we will host a Wrestling match at the Hangar. Next Wednesday, we will host Norfork in bowling at Driftwood Lanes – we have some really good bowlers – everyone is invited to attend. Next Friday, we will host our final Friday night conference game against West Memphis. This will also be Sweetheart Royalty night.

Go Bombers, Janet Wood, AD





This week's newsletter is the second in a series about the Common Core State Standards. Click here to read this newsletter

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.

OT Students help Pinkston Students with their Multiplication Facts

A big THANK YOU to Mrs. Beckham's OT students. Last month these high school students tested 6th grade students on their multiplication facts. Then Mrs. Beckham (a former 4th grade math teacher) worked with her high school students on strategies to help the sixth graders become more effective and efficient in their multiplication facts. Way to go!!!!



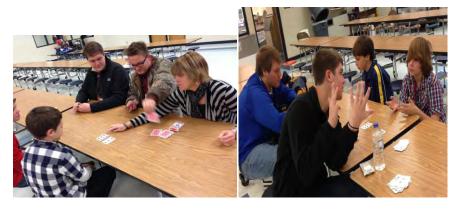












Cheryl Gall from APSRC was here Thursday, January 23rd to talk with a representative of teachers in our district that do not teacher Literacy or math. She was able to give them information concerning CCSS and their responsibility and some great resources. If you didn't get to attend, you can access the information at www.achievingbychanging.com

Click on Hub Meetings Click on January

Password: THINKABC (all caps)

Then you can download all resources, powerpoints and videos from yesterdays meeting.

