#### Superintendent Update: February 7, 2014

Quote for the week: "Free the child's potential, and you will transform him into the world."—Maria Montessori

In reading the work of Dr. Ben Carson, I have paraphrased an article written about his thoughts on unleashing a child's potential. He shares that today's young people are sometimes actually afraid to try new things because they think they will fail. He goes on to share that life is a risk. Not everything we do will be successful. We have to teach teens how to learn from their failures. Thomas Edison learned 999 ways a light bulb did not work before he found a way to make it work."

It was mentioned that we should encourage people to stop comparing themselves to others and to focus on their gifts. He described success as using your gifts to elevate other people. In many instances teens feel the pressure of trying to fit in with the "cool" people. Sometimes the "cool" people aren't the best influence on our lives. Dr. Carson described peers as sometimes being people who encourage errors, rudeness and poor decision making.

"The human brain is incredible," said Dr. Carson. "We shouldn't be thinking about what we can't do, we should be thinking about what we can do. We are living in a society of some people who are filled with superficial knowledge. Instead of studying over time to learn, people tend to wait until the last minute trying to cram everything in their head the night before a test. Why settle for the minimum? We need to teach our teens to do the best they can do and allow their life to be utilized in their sphere of influence."

Using Dr. Carson's thoughts and changing some of the wording, let us consider the following acronym.

- Talent Use the talents you have been given to reach your maximum potential.
- Honesty When you are honest in all things you do not have to cover tracks from the past.
- Insight Seek insight from others wiser than you.
- Nice Think of others first. Be nice to every single person you encounter for a week.
- Knowledge Leave no stone unturned in an endeavor to gain wisdom and understanding.
- Books Turn off television and computer and read. Reading exercises your mind.
- In depth learning Stop the superficial learning. Recognize that the opportunity to learn is a gift. It is through learning that individuals are able to utilize their talents to the fullest extent possible.
- Gifts Use our gifts to positively influence others.



# Mountain Home Public Schools 2013-2014

#### News for the week:

Coach Benji Mahan's resignation was officially accepted. We wish Coach Mahan well as he becomes a member of the Fayetteville High School coaching staff.

We had another difficult week in terms of weather. I appreciate the patience of our students, parents and staff as we attempt to navigate a path forward. I am confident we are all hopeful for nice weather in our future! Please enjoy this <u>video</u>.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

#### PROCLAMATION

#### TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS: Arkansas's highest priority is to provide all of our children with an excellent education, and school counselors help to maximize the learning opportunities and experiences for all students, helping to ensure that they receive the first-rate education they deserve; and
- WHEREAS: Comprehensive developmental school counseling programs are considered an integral part of the educational process that enables students to achieve success in school; and
- WHEREAS: As vital members of the education team, school counselors seek to identify and utilize community resources that can enhance and complement comprehensive school counseling programs and help students become productive members of society; and
- The mission of school counselors is to do the best job they can for the WHEREAS: students under their guidance and care. Academic success alone isn't enough to ensure that today's students are prepared to be tomorrow's adults; there must also focus on social, personal, and emotional development; and
- WHEREAS: School counselors work with teachers and other educators to help students explore their potential and set realistic goals for themselves. They also help parents develop ways to further the educational, personal, and social growth of their children;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE BEEBE, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim February 3 through 7, 2014, as

NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK IN ARKANSAS

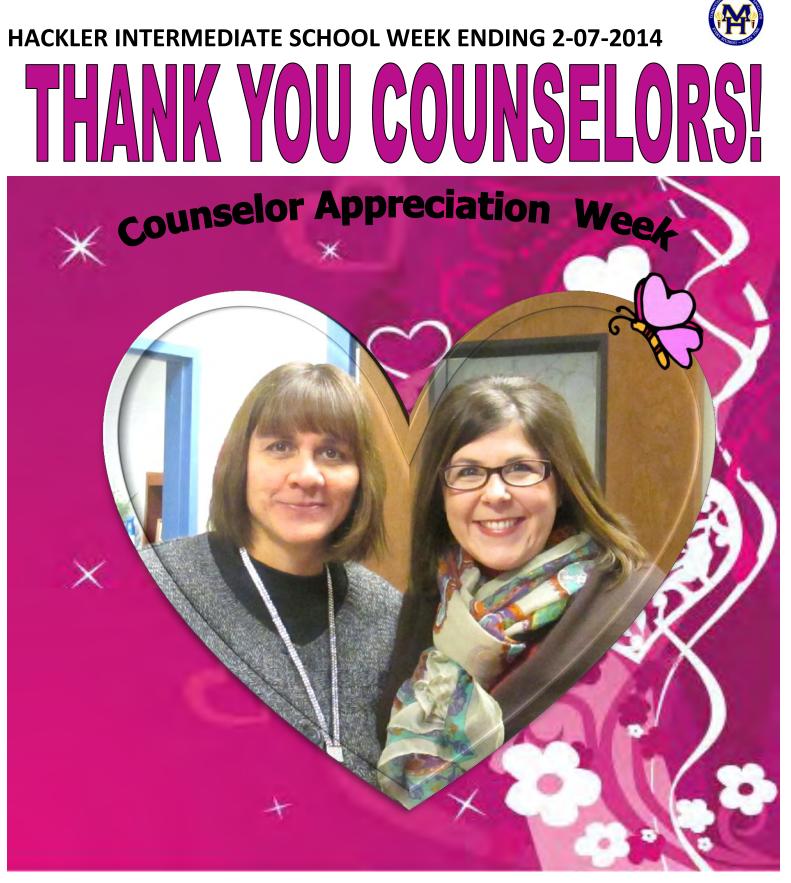
across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to recognize school counselors employed in public and private schools throughout Arkansas for their significant contributions to our children's futures.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, in the year of our Lord 2014.

MIKE BEEBE, GOVERNOR

ARY OF STATE





# Terry Berry & Kristyn Goodwin

Mrs. Kristyn conferencing with Mrs. Kincade.

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Students are making thank you cards for Ms. Berry and Mrs. Kristyn Get adult help Get friend's help stop the rumor

Ms. Berry in guidance class with 5th grade students.



You are always there when we need someone. You motivate our students to be better individuals today, tomorrow, and long into the future. If someone asked, "What are your counselors worth?" Hackler would simply say: "Priceless!"

# **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

February 7, 2014

<u>Where</u> <u>Individual</u> <u>Learning</u> <u>Develops</u>

#### AROUND OUR SCHOOL

- All lunch charges need to be paid as soon as possible. If you have any questions, call Mrs. Debbie at Food Service 425-1225.
- Deliveries made on Valentine's day will be distributed to students after 2:00 p.m.. This is in accordance with the handbook on page 20. Also, items taken on the bus will need to be contained as to not block the driver's view or security cameras. The school is not responsible for lost or damaged deliveries at school or on the bus.
- February 28<sup>th</sup> is the last day to order a yearbook online. Go to <u>www.inter-state.com/yearbook</u> and use code 410069.

## **NOTES FROM NURSE WENDY**

4<sup>th</sup> grade students will have their height and weight taken during their scheduled PE class the week of February 13<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup>. This is for the state mandated BMI (Body mass index) screening. If you do not want your child to participate, please send a note to the homeroom teacher before their scheduled PE day.

Smoked Pork Butt Fundraiser Extended Date Due To Weather

The smoked pork butt is prepared by Randy Barnhill. Forms and money are due to the Pinkston Middle School office by February  $10^{th}$ , 2014 and pick up by February  $15^{th}$  between 2:00 - 4:00 at MHJH car loading area. The forms are available in the front office at Hackler Intermediate School.

#### 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE VALENTINE'S DANCE

The 5TH GRADE dance will be held on Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m in the cafeteria at Hackler Intermediate School. ONLY 5th grade students may attend.

If you would like to bring a store bought treat for the students to enjoy during the dance, you may drop them off in the front office. We will also need paper products, decorations and can drinks.

#### THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING AUSTIN SNYDER FUNDRAISERS

Hackler Intermediate School raised over \$2000 for the Snyder family.

The Annual Band Pancake Supper is scheduled for next Thursday, February 13, from 5:00-7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Tickets are \$5.00 for all-you-can eat pancakes, sausage, and drinks. Various band ensembles will perform throughout the evening. Tickets are available from junior & senior high band students and will also be available at the door.



#### HATS FOR HEART

On Friday, February 14th, students can pay \$1 to wear their favorite hat. All proceeds go to the American Heart Association.



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!

#### The 2014 Elks Arkansas State Hoop Shoot Competition

On February 1<sup>st</sup>, Hannah Pfeifer of Mountain Home, Arkansas won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 12 to 13 year old girls' division by hitting 21 of 25 free throws. Addison Yates of Mountain Home won 1<sup>st</sup> Place and Lauren Loving of Mountain Home won 2nd Place in the 10-11 year old girls. Dodge Harris of Mountain Home won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 10 to 11 boys' division by hitting 19 of 25 free throws. There were a total of 6 local area children sponsored by Mountain Home Elks Lodge #1714 that competed in the Elks State Hoop Shoot Competition. The state winners will advance to the regional contest in Paris, Tennessee on March 8, 2014. The regional winners will advance to the National Hoop Shoot Contest in Springfield, Massachusetts on April 10-13, 2014.

From left Mike Muldoon State Hoop Shoot Chairman; Hannah Pfeifer 1st place, Mountain Home Elks #1714; Reese Gardner 2nd place, Jonesboro Elks #498; Paige Penn 3rd place, Highland Elks #2539; Jim Edgar Elks State President.





(From left) Mike Muldoon State Hoop Shoot Chairman; Colton Rose 1st place, Highland Elks #2539; Sundquist Church 2nd place, Fort Smith Elks #341; **Dodge Harris 3rd place, Mountain Home Elks #1714;** Jim Edgar Elks State President

10-11 year old girls- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Addison Yates 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Lauren Loving Both of Mountain Home



# Mountain Home Community, You are invited to the Bomb Squad Robot Reveal

# February 18, 2014 7pm-8pm ASUMH- Vada Shied

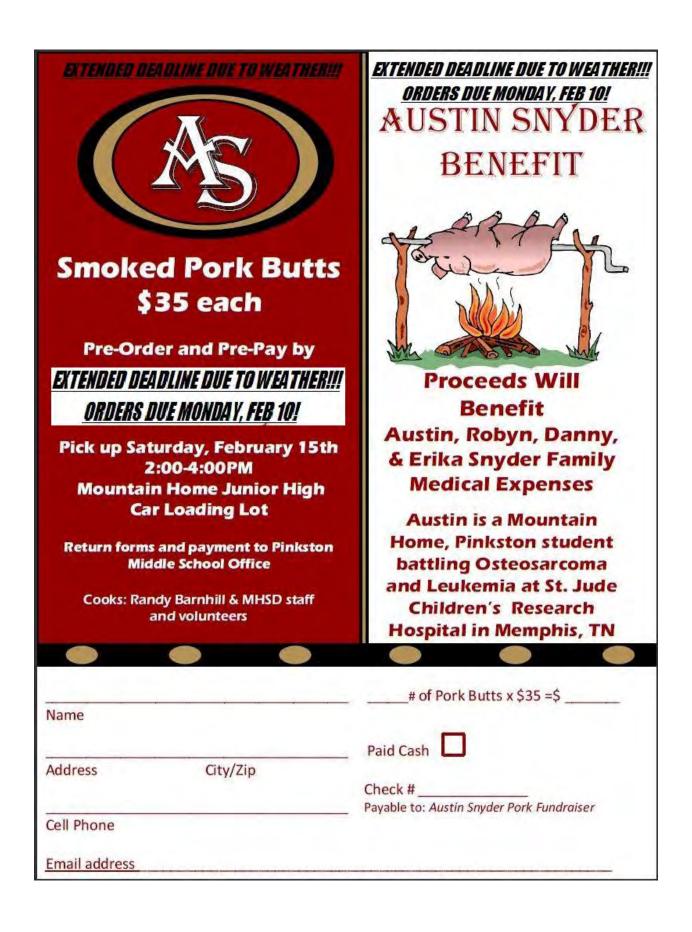


Come join us for the revealing of the 2014 competition robot! Admission is free and open to the public.

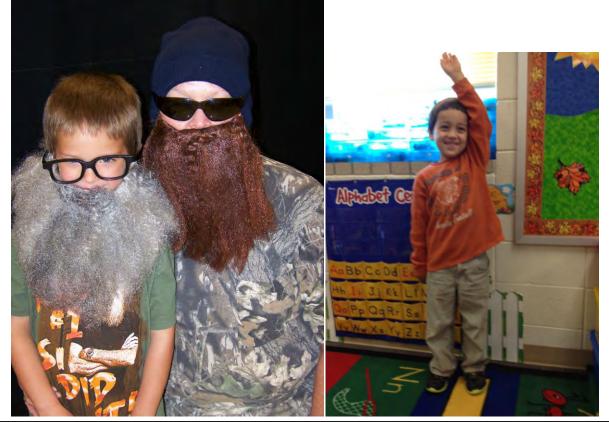


Support our 2014 season Ask us about our VIP Reception Contact: Jackie Meissner (870)405.9848

> For more information visit @frcteam16 f Bomb Squad baxterbombsquad.com



Mountain Home Kindergarten - It's the place where we ask the hard questions.....



Who's behind the glasses? Who's ready to come to school?



What do you want to be when you grow up?

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#### Mountain Home Kindergarten February 7, 2014

Words of the Month

#### GOODDEEDS

**Fund Raising for Austin Snyder**: Mrs. King's class won the pizza party for collecting the most pennies for Austin! After a final count, the Kindergarten raised \$2809.83 for the Snyder family. [If you missed out, you can continue to make donations to the First Integrity Account in the name of Robyn Snyder, and we are still collecting pennies in the office.]

**Spring Soccer Sign-ups** with TLSA are now open until February 15<sup>th</sup>. Spring registration is for those who did not play in the fall with TLSA. Ages for spring are U4 (under 4)-U14 (Under 14), and the player must have turned 3 on or before August 1, 2013. To register, visit <u>www.twinlakessoccer.com</u> and follow the registration link or register in person on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> or February 8<sup>th</sup> at the L.C. Sammons Youth Center from 8 a.m.-11 a.m. or on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at Jay Chafin State Farm from 12:30-4:00 p.m. For more information or questions, go to the website or call Stacy Helmert at 870-404-4809.

**DONUT DASH 5K** The Mountain Home Parks & Recreation L. C. Sammons Youth Center will be hosting its inaugural Cooper Park Donut Dash 5K at the L. C. Sammons Youth Center, Cooper Park for the entire community on Saturday, March 15, 2014. For more information, please contact the L. C. Sammons Youth Center at 424-7275 or email jhughes@cityofmountainhome.com.

<u>Yearbook</u>- Due to the inclement weather, yearbooks will be available to order online until Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. No orders will be received after this time! Yearbooks are available for \$13 or \$15 to have your child's name put onto the front. Ordering is easy! Visit <u>www.inter-state.com/yearbook</u> and enter the code: 402848

#### Friendly Reminders:

- **February 27-March 7** Read Across America/RIF/Seuss Week/Book Fair
- **February 21** deadline to order a yearbook on-line
- March 4-8 Rhea Lana's Children Consignment at Baxter County Fairgrounds –for more information call or text 870-321-5630

# Light Em' Up

# Date: Tuesday, February, 11th

The Mountain Home Bomber Belle Dance Team invites you to participate in Lighting Up the Gym for Austin. Wear your Cancer Chemo Assassin shirt or <u>anything</u> that glows in the dark for S1 off admission to the game. The Belles will be performing a tribute dance to one of Austin's favorite songs!! XL7TV and MHHS EAST will be videotaping the event for the family.

Time: Halftime of the 6:00 girls' game Location: MLKS Gymnasium

Austin Snyder Tribute . .



Seniors Kaycee Grissum and Adam Persenaire were selected by the student body as the 2013-2014 Sweetheart Queen and King. Congratulations!

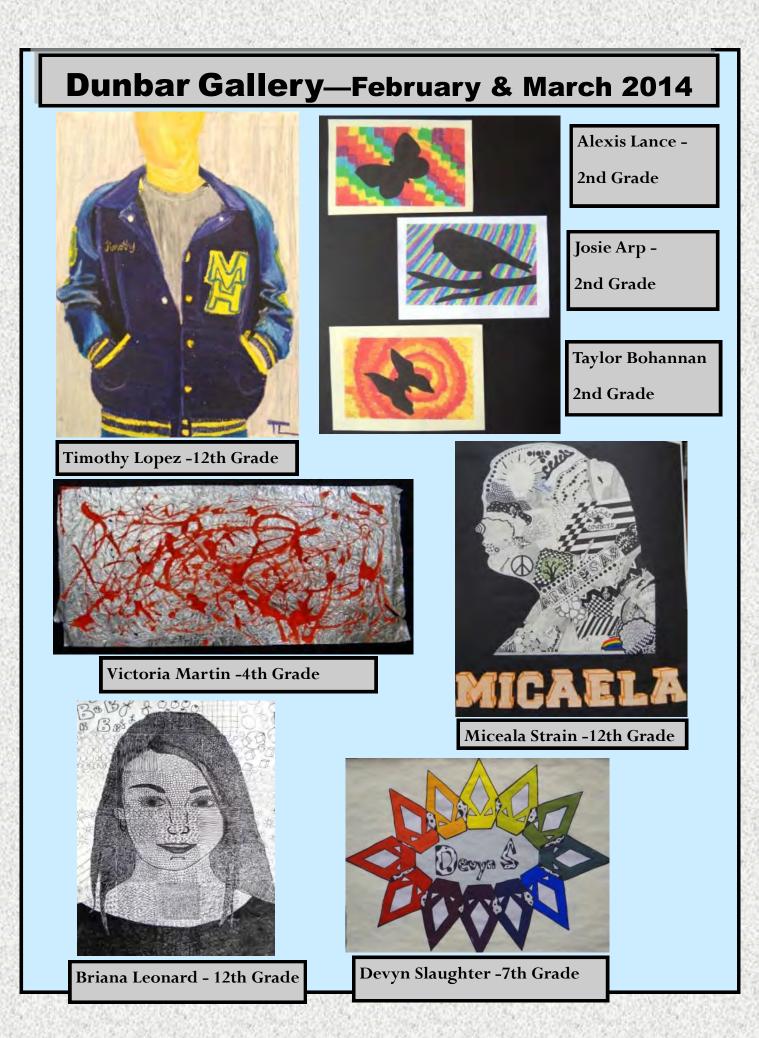


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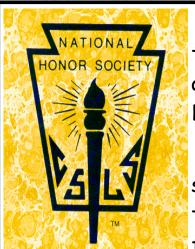
# FBLA District VI Conference Winners



Event	<u>Competitor(s)</u>	<u>Placed at</u> <u>District</u>
Accounting II	Timothy Lopez	3rd
Agribusiness	Jon Paul Reese	3rd
Business Ethics	El-Noor Akhter, Monica Vasiloff, Heather Morgan	1st
Business Math	Drew Strickland	3rd
Business Presentation	Hunter Myers, Ashlyn Tuberville	1st
Desktop Publishing	Jayden Phillips & Evan Hestley	3rd
Emerging Business Issues	Bryston Hickman & Reece Hickman	3rd
Hospitality Mangement	Megan Chaney, Isabella Gregory, Abigail Prestwood	1st
Introduction to Business	Beth Cobb	1st
Job Interview	Nick Wilhite	2nd
Marketing	Kedrin Rayburn, Keeven Scott, Wil Sandvos	1st
Parliamentary Procedure	Bryce Rohr, Carson White, Zac Norwood, Macie Kelley, Tiffa- ny Johns	1st
Public Speaking I	Kayla Maupin	1st
Website Design	Sam Reagan & Mitch Potter	2nd
Talent Show	Jacob Baldwin, Megan Chaney, Andrew Frazier, Branden McMaster	1st
Who's Who in FBLA	Hunter Myers	Highest Honor

Placed at District NOT advancing to State		
Business Law	Anthony Finley	5th
Personal Finance	Genevea Milholland	5th

#### Megan Chaney was elected as FBLA District VI Treasurer



On January 26th, the high school chapter of National Honor Society sponsored a workshop for 6th and 7th grade students who are participating in the Duke Talent Identification Program (DUKE TIP).

On Saturday, February 8th, the middle school students are scheduled to take the ACT--a test often taken by much older students as a requirement for college entrance. The workshop provided Na-

tional Honor Society members an opportunity to offer much-needed encouragement to the middle school students and to share tips on taking the ACT.

National Honor Society sponsors Pinkston ACT workshop for academically talented students.



Merci A big thanks to all of you who supported the MHHS French Club Chili Supper! We raised \$800 which will help our students go to Quebec this summer! Please look for additional fund-raisers for our trip-The French Club is sponsoring a 5K Run on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> Christy Lawrence MHHS Art/French Teacher

### **MHHS Extracurricular Events**

February 7– All-State Choir @ Jonesboro

February 7/8– All-State Jazz/Orchestra @ Jonesboro

February 8 - MHHS Basketball @ Marion starts @ 4:00 JV

February 8 - FFA—ALD @ Hot Springs



# **Pinkston Middle School**



# Week ending 2.7.14

# Donald W. Reynolds Library

Students, Simon, Amelia, and Jared attended a special meeting at the Donald W. Reynolds library to hear about the Library Foundation from Mrs. Bobbi Brown, Teen Library from Mr. John Dyer, and Community Outreach coordinator, Kim Crow-Sheaner. The partnership between Pinkston Middle School and the library is being created through the Mountain Home School District's C3 program. This meeting was one of the initial steps to create a more meaningful partnership between the library and Pinkston Middle School. We are excited to see what possibilities are out there for us all!



http://www.baxtercountylibrary.org/



Students at Pinkston Middle School enjoy their science experiment! Science teachers at Pinkston Middle School ensure that all students learning styles are addressed through a variety of experiments and technology.



#### Super proud of our Bomber Bulletin authors! Good job Ava and Luke 🙂

# **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 7<sup>th</sup>. (deadline extended!! Get those photos entered!!) 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!

# Pinkston Middle School supports Austin Snyder!







Pinkston Middle School @Pinkstonmiddle EAST at Pinkston @AdunavanEast 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Promise @deniselauerman Pinkston Choir @Pinkstonchoir DARE @mandeelove32 Pinkston Media Center @pmslibrary12

#### **Upcoming Events for Pinkston Middle:**

February 13, Band Pancake Supper

February 27 – Band Concert @ Dunbar

March 6 – PASTA NIGHT!