

FROM SUPERINTENDENT DR. MYERS

Superintendent Update: February 20, 2015

Quote for the week: “A man’s character is like a tree, and his reputation like its shadow; the shadow is what we think of it, the tree is the real thing.”—Abraham Lincoln

Character is a pattern of behavior, thoughts and feelings based on universal principles, moral strength, and integrity – plus the guts to live by those principles every day. Character is evidenced by your life’s virtues and the “line you never cross.” Character is the most valuable thing you have, and nobody can ever take it away.

Why Character is Important

Character in life is what makes people believe in you and is essential both for individual success and for our society to function successfully. Each individual must do his or her part every day by living a life of **integrity**.

Integrity is adhering to a moral code of honesty, courage, strength and truthfulness – being true to your word. When you don’t exhibit integrity, other people get hurt. But you hurt yourself even more.

When we cheat, our “success” is false. When we break a promise, we are showing that our word is meaningless. When we lie, we deceive others and lose their respect.

All of those examples destroy our reputation and break the **trust** others have in us. Without our good reputation and trustworthiness, our relationships fail.

Relationships and Success

Relationships are the foundation for success in life.

For example, when we destroy the relationships with our friends, we will have no friends. We will be isolated and alone.

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Special dates of interest:

- * March Board Meeting March, 20th
- * Spring Break March 23-27



Noah Nelson received the National Merit Scholarship Award— he was recognized at the School Board Meeting Thursday night by Dr. Myers and the school board.

If a student promises not to cheat, but does, he is taking unfair advantage to put himself ahead of others without deserving it. He can ruin his reputation, his academic record and his job prospects forever.

When a businessman makes a promise to customers and doesn't deliver, he destroys his relationships with his customers. His customers go elsewhere and his business fails.

By breaking our relationships, we break the foundation for **success** in our life. What is true success? For example, who is more successful? Someone who is famous and makes a great deal of money, or someone who has no fame, makes little money, but is a great parent? Today, in school, is too much emphasis being placed on "good grades" and "high test scores" – so much so that are these things, rather than good character, how we define success?

Conclusion

Our good character is the most important asset we have. It takes a lifetime to build but can be lost in an instant. Once lost, it is difficult to regain. Our true character is revealed when no one else is looking. Often, people decide to act based on short term gain, or an easy fix to a problem and end up doing the wrong thing.

The old adage "you are what you do" is true. Failure to consider the long term consequences of our acts can be disastrous. By study and focusing on the importance of character, we will be guided by principles, moral strength, and integrity to do the right thing. Nothing is more important for true success in our life.

These thoughts have been encouraging to me. As I think about Abraham Lincoln and the dark hours, days, weeks, months, and years he struggled through during our nations Civil War, I am motivated by his character. He could not have made it physically, mentally, socially or spiritually if he did not have strong character. I do not consider my character in the same league as Abraham Lincoln, but oh to aspire to be that good! I can only imagine our world filled with men and women of character and how much better it would be.

Not to beat ourselves up if we do not live up to the standards of Abraham Lincoln! We can forget about those mistakes of the past and move forward in building stronger character within ourselves. I want to be a better person and I bet you do too.

Have a great weekend.

Lonnie

Congratulations to Lane Alexander for winning the Individual Wrestling Conference Championship in the 113 pound weight class. Congrats also to the following teams: boys' and girls' swim - third in conference; boys' bowling - third in conference; and girls' bowling - fourth in conference. Making All-Conference in bowling were Troy Kill and Chelsea Donaldson.

Good luck to these teams at their upcoming state competition!



MOUNTAIN HOME KINDERGARTEN UPDATE

February 20, 2015



Remember when we wear short sleeves and jump with balls in our hands and don't wear coats?

It's called SPRING – we want it to come soon!!!



But in the meantime.....



we keep learning



Nelson-Wilks-Herron Newsletter



Leah Cotter, Principal

Monday, February 23, 2015

Rita Persons, Asst. Principal

BMI ASSESSMENT

A revision of Act 1220 passed by the Arkansas General Assembly in 2003 requires that all public school students in even grades have an annual Body Mass Index (BMI) assessment. Our school will be doing heights and weights on **SECOND GRADERS** beginning the week of **Feb. 23rd**. This information will then be sent to the Arkansas Center for Health Improvement where the BMI will be calculated. The results will be sent to parents in a confidential health report with an explanation of what the BMI means and the health effects associated with obesity. The following internet sites may help answer some of the questions you have about the process.



Arkansas Center for Health Improvement: www.achi.net
Arkansas Department of Health: www.healthyarkansas.com
Healthy Arkansas: www.arkansas.gov/ha/



If you do not want your child participating in the BMI assessment, please send a written refusal to the school nurse prior to Feb. 20th.

Car Riders Reminders:

- Car line is over at 3:30 p.m. and all car riders **MUST** be picked-up by **NO LATER** than 3:45 p.m.
- By state law **NO CELLPHONE** usage and **NO SMOKING** is allowed at anytime in car line!



THANK YOU!

Thank you Dr. Brad Coleman, DDS for donating tooth necklaces to NWH.



PLEASE SEE BACK ALSO!

Important Dates

Feb. 27th.....	Deadline To Order Yearbooks
March 2nd-6th.....	Reading Is Fun Week
March 5th.....	Early Dismissal 2:00
March 5th.....	Parent/Teacher Conferences 2:00-8:00
March 20th.....	Can Do Club Day

NWH YEARBOOK SALE!

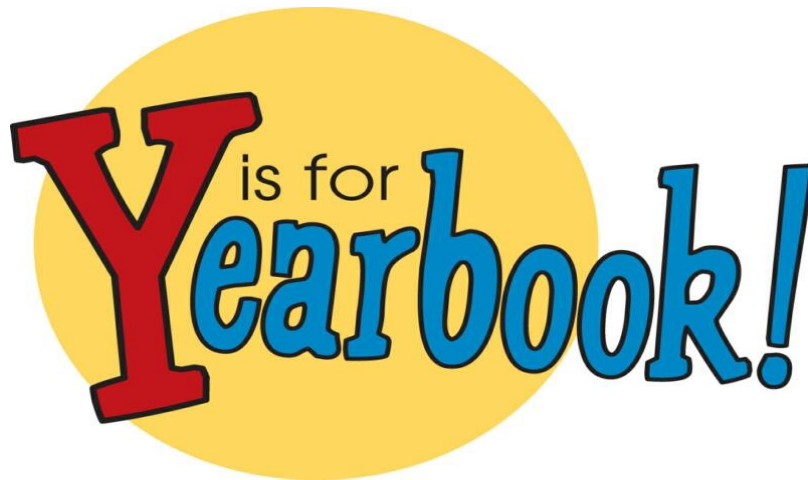
LAST WEEK TO ORDER!!!

Yearbooks on sale now through **FEBRUARY 27TH!**

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

For more information call NWH office at: **870-425-1251**
Order forms are also available in the Nelson-Wilks-Herron office.



Parent Reminders

- Due to safety concerns, party invitations are not to be handed out at school.
- The office and/or teachers cannot provide parents with names, addresses or phone numbers of students.
- Gift items are to be delivered to the school only after 2:00 p.m. on school days.
- Due to safety concerns, balloons are NOT permitted on the school bus.
- *Please* stay within snack guidelines when sending snacks on child's birthday, unless it is an approved snack day!



HACKLER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

“Share the Love” Food Drive was a success. Hackler students collected over 6,000 food items for the North Arkansas Food Bank and Back Pack Food 4 Kids Program. A big **Thank you** to all parents, grandparents, students, teachers, friends, and everyone who donated food items.



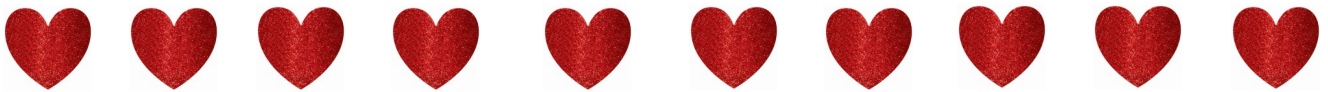
The totals for winning classrooms were as follows:

3rd Grade collected 1,721 items. Mrs. Whiteaker's class collected the most in third grade with a count of 276 items.

4th grade collected 3,096 items. Mrs. Sherry's class collected the most in the fourth grade with a count of 701 items.

5th grade collected 1,287 items. Mrs. Adamson's class collected the most in the fifth grade with a count of 236 items.

The class winners will be treated to a Happy Meal party compliments of Laura Newth and McDonalds.



Hackler Intermediate School Newsletter

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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

February 19, 2015

- * 2014-2015 yearbook can be ordered online until February 27 at www.inter-state.com/yearbook and the code is 754783. Don't delay—order today!
- * Please pay your lunch charges as soon as possible.

Attention Parents of Tutoring Students

Next week will be the last week for tutoring.
Monday, February 23rd and Wednesday, February 25th



"Feel The Love" Food Drive Results: Over 6000 food items!

Congratulations to the following classes:

3rd Grade - Mrs. Whiteaker's class - 276 items

4th Grade - Mrs. Sherry's class - 701 items

5th Grade - Mrs. Adamson's class - 236 items

The winning classes will have a Happy Meal Party compliments of McDonald's
of Mountain Home and Laura Newth on Monday, February 23rd.



Attention 4th grade art students/parents

4th graders are working on a project that requires a photo of a favorite family pet. We will be cutting it out and putting it on a project. If you do not have a photo of your family pet, then ANY photo or picture of an animal will work.

LET IT SNOW!



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TEACHER NAME: _____



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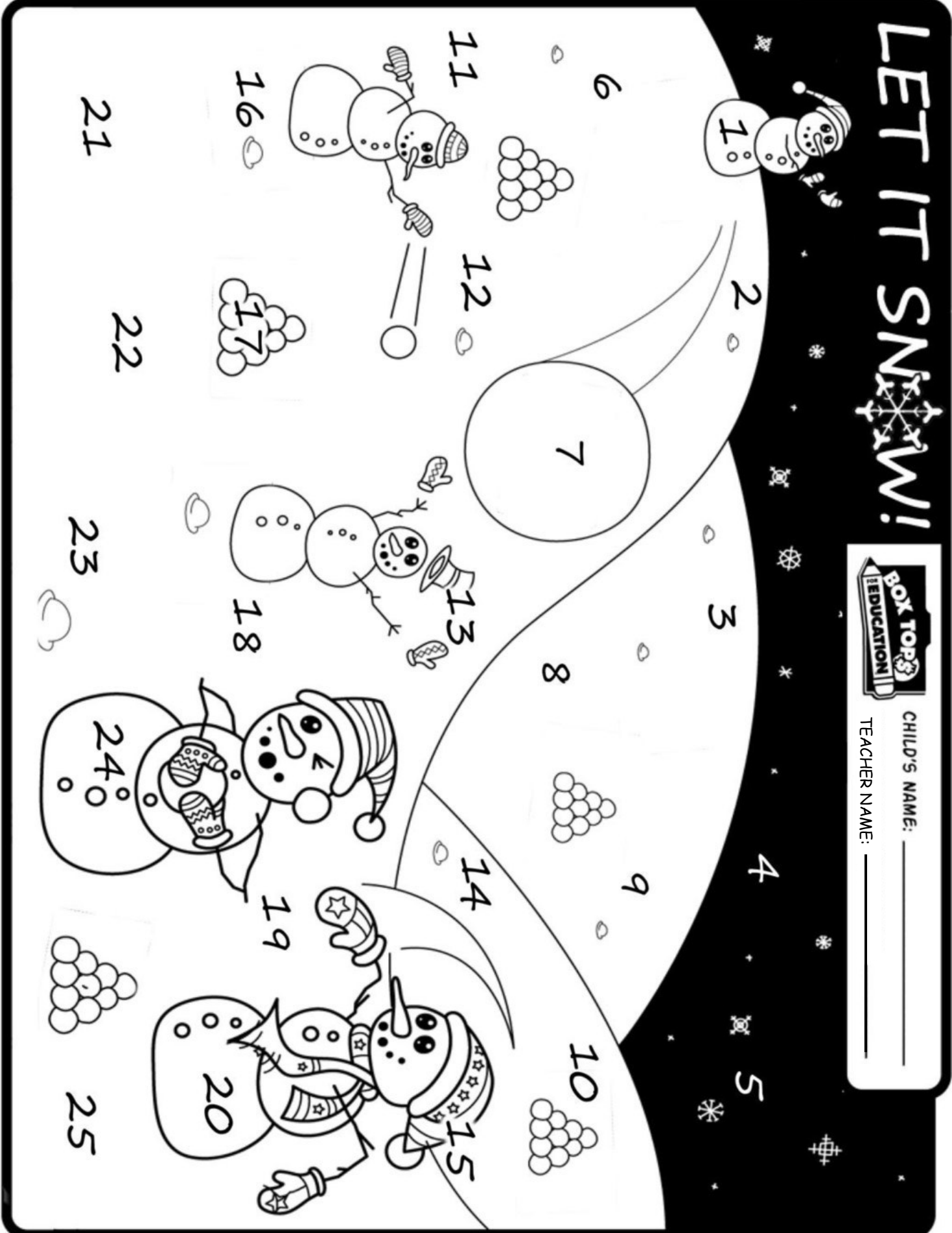
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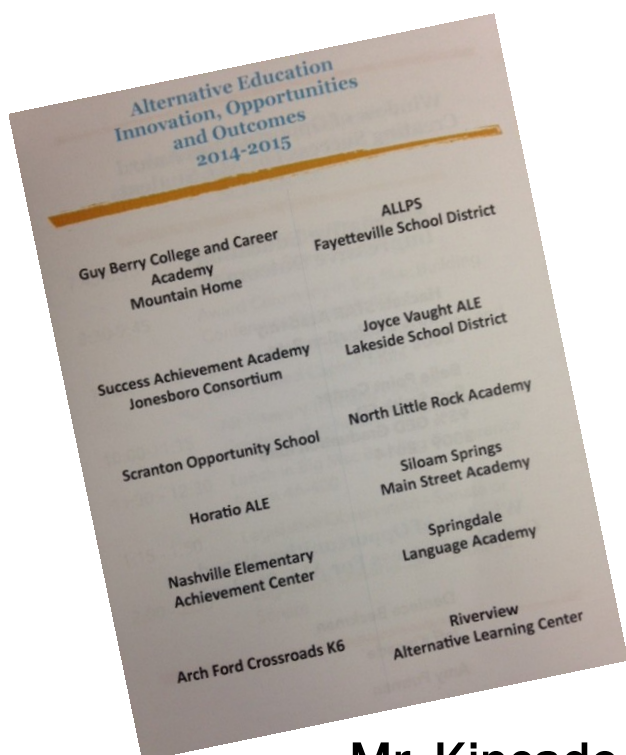
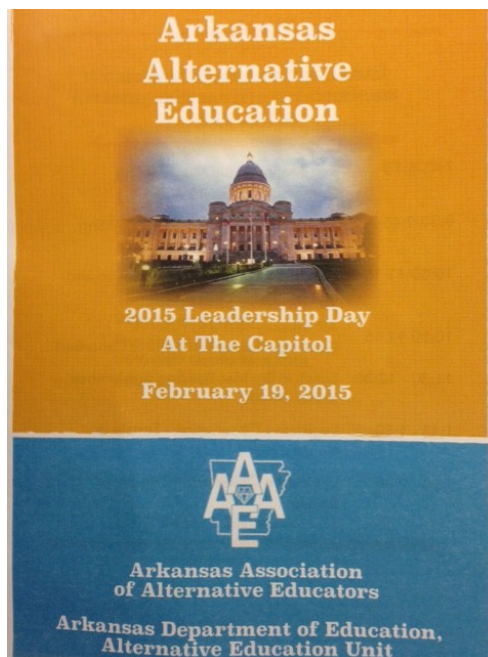
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GBCCA HONORED

as an INNOVATIVE PROGRAM

providing good opportunities for students!



**Mr. Kincade received the
“Windows of Opportunities—Creating
Success for ALL Students”
Award!**

Students
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State Capitol
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