



Superintendent Update: February 28, 2014

Quote for the week: “Human beings strive for understanding and mastery, and tend to be motivated when they effectively learn something they value.”—Raymond Wlodkowski

We had another great week in the Mountain Home School District. Following are just a few of the many good things that happened:

Mountain Home was 1 of 5 school districts in the state to receive an online-learning grant. We received \$12,500. Thanks to Dorothy Cook, Darla Deatherage, and Dr. Gigliotti for doing the writing. The first time award will help our school system to offset student tuition costs for online, or digitally delivered, courses. The money comes at a good time as we gear up to comply with Act 1280 of 2013. The law requires students in the Class of 2018—next year’s ninth-graders-- and all subsequent classes to complete at least one digitally delivered course to be eligible for high school graduation.



We awarded the “Big Heart” award to Cindy Burg at Mountain Home High School Monday morning. Both Cindy and Kristyn will choose \$250 worth of books to be used at their school for whatever they choose. We also awarded the “Teacher’s Heart” award to Kristyn Goodwin at Hackler Intermediate School. As we awarded the Big Heart Award to Cindy, there were several adults and students present. It was a good time to have a “teachable moment” with the students and remind them the importance of having a big heart as one works in any situation. It is very true that we must successfully learn content such as English, Math, Science and Social Studies but it is equally important that each and every team member of a team is most respected when he/she puts the needs of others ahead of their personal needs. Congratulations to Cindy and Kristyn...two of the most unselfish, cheerful, and effective employees in our District. We couldn’t do it without you! It is always so obvious how much the employees are loved by their colleagues. If you ever need a huge lift, come with us one day as we deliver these awards.



Last night, the 7th thru 12th grade bands held their winter concert at Dunbar. The students that qualified for all-region bands were recognized. What a talented group of students led by directors, Rachel Bryant 7th, Jill Chentnik, 8th, Chris Davis 9th and Tom Chentnik 10th -12th. Good job everyone!



Cindy Perrin's student's performed the first act of *The Hysterical History of the Trojan War*. I was honored to be present at the at 12:15 performance today. The performance was held in the classroom. Some parents were present and the students were outstanding. Congratulations to Ms. Perrin and her talented students!

Please enjoy this [video](#) and have a great weekend everyone,

Lonnie

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Friday, Feb. 28, 2014

On-Line Learning Funds: The Walton Family Foundation of Bentonville in partnership with AR Public School Resource Center (APSRC) provided funding for grants for on-line learning. Mountain Home Public Schools is one of 32 districts that are recipients of the grant. MHPS will receive \$12,500.00 for on-line learning. The grant award is coming at a time as we prepare to comply with Act 1280 of 2013. The law requires students in the Class of 2018 and all subsequent classes to complete at least one digitally delivered course to be eligible for high school graduation.

HUB Meeting with AR Public School Resource Center (APSRC): The APSRC HUB meeting has been **rescheduled** for Monday, March 17 from 9:00-2:30 in the central office board room. We WILL NOT meet on March 3.

The topic is: Leadership – The plan for 2014-15

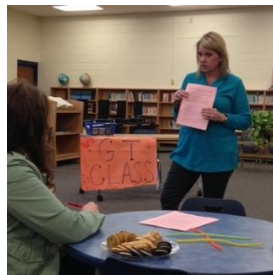
Personnel and Professional Development

Licensed Staff Questionnaire: The deadline to turn in the questionnaire is on March 3. This questionnaire has replaced the document called Intent Letter. Thank you for completing the questionnaire.

Keyboarding Training - The Melbourne Co-op will offer training on June 16, 17, 18th for teachers who wish to add the 5th and 6th grade keyboard certification to their license.

Gifted and Talented Education Program (GATE):





Marsha Partney



Cristy Neighbors
Beth Kratochvil



Kristi Nelson

On Tuesday, Feb. 25 GATE hosted a training with the topic of creativity. GT Teachers did an outstanding job of presenting ways to develop creativity. The training is open to school and community stakeholders. GATE provides training two times a year on a variety of Gifted, Talented, and Creative topics. The next training will be offered in the Fall. For more information please contact Dr. Gigliotti at 870-425-1201.

Upcoming Events

March 17 – HUB Meeting at Central Office 9am-2:30

March 17 – 3:30 District Curriculum Committee Meeting at Central Office



Northcentral Arkansas Education Service Cooperative

www.naesc.k12.ar.us

MARCH 2014 UPCOMING EVENTS

Please register for these events at www.escweb.net/ar_esc/ (SESSION ID # in ESC Works)

- March 06:** NAESC Roll Out of Literacy Design Collaborative and Math Design Collaborative for Cohort 3 – 9:00-12:30 – CIV – NAESC Distance Lab (209741)
- March 06:** NAESC Child Nutrition – 1:00-4:00 – CIV (206428)
- March 11:** NAESC Instructional Leaders Meeting – 9:00-12:00 – Mark Gipson (209599)
- March 12:** NAESC Teacher Center Committee Meeting – 9:00-12:00 – Mark Gipson (209600)
- March 12:** NAESC Transition for Preschool sped to school age – 11:00-3:00 – Belinda King & Pam Pounders (211567)
- March 17:** NAESC APSCN FMS Salary Negotiations, Personnel Budgeting & Contracts – 9:00-12:00 -Vicki Canard(211484)
- March 18:** NAESC eSchool Attendance Training – 9:00-3:30 – Sandy Harber (212394)
- March 19:** NAESC eSchool Discipline Training – 9:00-3:30 – Sandy Harber (212398)
- March 19:** NAESC Math Design Collaborative (MDC) – 8:30-3:30 – MDC Team
- March 20:** NAESC eSchool Medical Training – 9:00-3:30 – Sandy Harber (212403)
- March 20:** NAESC Literacy Design Collaborative (Midland) – 8:00-3:00 – LDC Team
- March 21:** NAESC eSchool Cognos Training – 9:00-3:30 – Sandy Harber (212411)
- March 21:** NAESC Literacy Design Collaborative (I.C.C.) – 8:30-3:30 – LDC Team
- March 21:** NAESC ELLA Year Two (2013-14) – 8:30-3:30 – NAESC Literacy Room – Sharon Walker

July 30 – NAESC Win-Win Classroom Management 9:00-12:00 at UACCB in Batesville (205253)

July 31 – NAESC Win-Win Classroom Management 9:00-12:00 at Dunbar Auditorium in Mtn. Home (205254)

A P S R C

This week's newsletter reports on the results of two National surveys on Principals about Common Core. [Click here to read this newsletter](#)

This week's newsletter continues our series about the Common Core State Standards. [Click here to read this newsletter](#)

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Got Resources?

ADE has provided the following resources at [thinktechnology](http://thinktechnology.wikispaces.com/) free to Arkansas Teachers.

<http://thinktechnology.wikispaces.com/>

Click on ADE Resources then scroll down to the glog and a table with information concerning the use of each resource.

Upcoming Testing

March 11-12: 11th Grade Literacy

March 17-21: Elda

March 31-April 4: Iowa Test, Grades 1, 2, 9

April 7-11: Benchmark, Grades 3-8

April 22-23: Geometry EOC

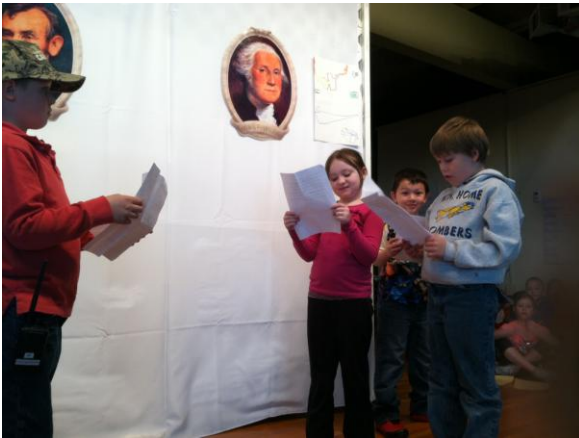
April 29-30: Biology EOC

May 13-14: Algebra I EOC

NELSON-WILKS-HERRON

Mrs. Teegarden's Class Presents...

The Museum
Abraham Lincoln's Ballard
The Truth About George Washington



Mrs. Teegarden's class had a great time bringing "history to life"!

Congratulations!



FEBRUARY 26TH HAS BEEN PROCLAIMED ARKANSAS ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION DAY BY GOVERNOR MIKE BEEBE. JOE GRABOWSKI ATTENDED A PRESENTATION AT THE CAPITOL ON FEBRUARY 20TH HONORING ALE PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE STATE. THE CPS CREATING PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS CLASSROOM FOR NWH WAS RECOGNIZED AS A MODEL PROGRAM. THE NWH FAMILY IS TO BE COMMENDED FOR THE TEAM APPROACH NECESSARY FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN IN THE CPS CLASSROOM.



WHILE AT THE STATE CAPITOL WE WERE ABLE TO TOUR THE HOUSE, SENATE, AND TREASURY. NOTICE THE SMILE ON MY FACE AS I HELD \$120,000.

BOX TOPS PARTIES

Mrs. Roberson's 1st grade class and Mrs. Nunley's 2nd grade class were treated to McDonald's Happy meals for bringing in the most Box Tops during December and January.



Thank You for Your Support

We would like to thank the following individuals/businesses for helping fund the 1st grade Horse Tales Literacy Project:

Tim Walker (Larry Black Real Estate)

Rob Williams (Shawnee Boats)

Dr. Rob Connor (All Creatures Veterinary)

Orthodontics Specialists of the Ozarks

Kyle Davidson (First Federal Bank)

Dr. Brad Coleman (Coleman, DDS)

McDonald's

Also, thank you Bonnie Smith for bringing this program to our 1st graders at NWH!

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

February 27, 2014

AROUND OUR SCHOOL

- If your child is a car rider, please make sure they are picked up by 3:30.
- February 28th is the **last day** to order a yearbook online. Go to www.interstate.com/yearbook and use code **410069**.
- We will have regular school days on March 24th, 25th, & 26th. School will start at 8:00 a.m. and will dismiss at 3:10 p.m. These are make up snow days.
- No school on March 27th & March 28th for Spring break.
- Spring pictures will be taken on April 3rd. Proofs will be sent home and you will be able to order online.
- Report cards will go home on April 3rd.



Hackler Intermediate Spring Book Fair
Monday, March 3-Friday, March 7
8:00-3:00 each day. Closing at 2:00 on Friday
Family Night: Tuesday, March 4th from 4:30-6:00



We accept cash, checks, and credit cards if the cardholder is present.

Parents may come shop with their students during the student's library time, lunch (but they must be back to class within the 30 minutes allotted lunch time) or during the Parent Night. Parents will NOT be able to get them out of class or another special class to shop.

On-Line Book Fair is currently open through March 14th.

Go to bombers.k12.ar.us then click Hackler Intermediate, then click Library/Media Center, then click On-line Book Fair link.

**Benchmark Testing will begin April 7th and last through April 11th.
Please do not schedule any appointments during this week.**

AUSTIN SNYDER UPDATE

Austin is doing great!! He is off all oxygen assistance and breathing on his own. We moved from 3rd floor ICU to 2nd floor inpatient leukemia floor. Austin was in ICU for 47 days. Austin will continue to work on getting stronger everyday to go to transplant. Keep Austin in your prayers and thank you for all the support and prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS HACKLER STUDENTS ELK'S POSTER CONTEST WINNERS



Students pictured are: Dakota Sandoval, Katie Claire Stewart, Tori Robb, Kinsey Raley, Laykin Swetnam, Jessica Meyer, Madison Roderick, Kaylee Anderson, Dyllon Popp, Goeffrey Mahmud, Nicole Castellani, Sophie Kleppe, Gabby Gross, Sarah Godfrey. Not pictured: Grace Hilvert, Carlie Corales, Olivia Wham.



DEUTSCHE KLUB-WOHLTÄTIGKEITSVERANSTALTUNG

Translated: German Club Fundraiser



GAPP (German exchange group from Mountain Home High School) will be holding a Walk-A-thon on Saturday, March 8th, 2014 at Bomber Stadium. The 23 students traveling to Germany are each walking 215 miles during the next few weeks (distance to Germany divided by 23 students) to earn donations to help with the cost of the trip. Come support our Mountain Home High School German students. Enjoy a taste of Germany in our concessions stand and the German Club bake sale. Activities will be planned so bring the whole family!

UPWARD Soccer sign up at East Side Baptist Church. Last date to sign up is March 15th at www.esbcmh.com or go by the church office for registration. Spring practice begins the week of March 17th. Upward is for players 4 years old through 6th grade. Any questions call East Side Baptist Church office at 425-3689.



Pinkston Middle School

Week ending 2.28.14

Congratulations Pinkston Choir!



Congratulations to the Advanced Choir and Ms. Tara!! They received all superior ratings in performance and a perfect score in sight reading at Choral Performance Assessment.

GREAT JOB LADIES! We are so proud of you 😊

Excellent Job Pinkston Band!

Congratulations Ms. Bryant and the 7th grade band on a wonderful winter concert. We appreciate your hard work and dedication 😊



A special thank you to Mr. David Martin for securing an Arkansas flag and the United States of America flag from the Arkansas State Capitol. Mr. Martin requested and delivered both flags to Pinkston Middle School this past week. We are proud to fly them over Pinkston Middle School!
Thank you Mr. Martin!



Pinkston Students' Art Work

Pinkston Students Present

Three students from Pinkston Middle School participated in the Community charity Challenge (C3) kickoff event last Thursday, February 20, 2014. Amilea, Simon, and Jared showcased the Donald W. Reynolds library and the Library Foundation as Pinkston's C3 partner.

You're Invited!

COMMUNITY CHARITY CHALLENGE (C-3)

Thursday, February 20 • 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Dunbar Auditorium

- Check Presentations for 2013 Charity Recipients
- 2014 C-3 'Kick-off' with all schools represented
- Grades K-12

Baxter Regional Medical Center Community Houses
David's Trail
Hayden Padgett Safe In HIS Arms Foundation
Library Foundation
Mountain Home Christian Clinic
Twin Lakes Community Foundation

Students learning the benefits of helping others through philanthropy





Pinkston Pasta Night



Thursday – March 6, 2014

**Pinkston Middle School
Cafeteria**

5:00 – 7:00 pm

TICKETS: Adults \$5.00

Students \$3.00

Children 5 & under eat FREE

(1 – 5 year olds must be present – no take out)



Entertainment & Special Activities

Basket Raffle



Book Fair



Choir Singing



Band

Art Display

Literacy Fair



Wingard Photography will also be available to take family photos!!



Haley S. 7th



Jordan G. 7th

Pinkston Pasta Night

Thursday, March 6th



Pinkston Middle School is a great place to be! Post acts of kindness that you see or that you do #pinkstonkindness

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:

March 3-10 – Pinkston Book Fair

March 6 – PASTA NIGHT!

March 19-21 – EAST conference

March 27-28 - Spring Break

MOUNTAIN HOME JUNIOR HIGH

Students in the 9th Grade Keystone classes recently had the opportunity to listen to a presentation by Mrs. Brigitte Shipman (Mountain Home Public Schools Career Academy Coordinator) regarding the Career Academy Concept at Mountain Home High School. The students were able to have any of their questions answered during this time as well. MHJH would like to thank Mrs. Brigitte Shipman for helping our student make good decisions as they transition to the high school building next year!

Students in the 9th Grade Keystone classes also recently had the opportunity to visit with a student panel from Mountain Home High School. This is also a very important day for our kids as they get to ask the older students all kinds of questions about the life of a student during grades 10 – 12. MHJH would like to thank MHHS and their student panel for helping our student out in this very meaningful way!

Mrs. Brigitte Shipman



MHHS Student Panel



Self Realization is the current **theme** of the ninth grade **Common Core** unit at MHJH. Since completing Ayn Rand's *Anthem*, Mrs. Hickey's 9th Grade English I students have been engaged in **readers theatre** with Gibson's classic, *The Miracle Worker*, a play about the life of **Helen Keller**, and how Annie Sullivan helps her learn to **communicate** with others, while **discovering herself**. Below are pictures of the students discussing and debating the author's use of **dynamic characters**, **irony**, and **symbolism** in the play.



The MHJH drama students in Mrs. Hickey's class practiced a breathing activity called *Push the book out*. Here, they learn how to use their abdomen to hold up the **heavy textbook**, while singing sustained notes with no additional breath. This activity helps with **air control** in both singing and speaking.



MHJH 9th Grade student, Ransom Lavedas, presented a student-driven proposal to all 9th Grade teachers this week. Many of the students in Mrs. Kathy Lawrence's Family and Consumer Science (FACS) classes wanted to have a cooking competition much like the TV cooking competition shows. Ransom's proposal from the students was well-received by the teachers. These classes are going to proceed with the competition in the coming weeks.



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MHHS CAREER ACADEMIES

Orientation to Teaching Interns at Pinkston Middle School



Students from Orientation to Teaching I and II partnered with students from Pinkston Middle School for approximately three weeks helping with multiplication facts. These high school students created lesson plans for this activity and worked with the Pinkston students to reinforce these multiplication facts using numerous games and activities. The Pinkston students were given a pre and post test to track their progress during this time. The scores improved tremendously for these sixth and seventh graders during such a short amount of time. Way to go Pinkston students, and great job to all the high school students that participated!

MHHS EAST Project - National Service Project Finalist

On Tuesday, February 25th, MHHS EAST was notified that the Bomber Fitness Trail project has been selected as one of the six National Service Project Finalists. During the EAST Conference in Hot Springs next month, Cody Willer and Bryan Bagwell



(pictured) will present their project in a live session to the judges. The winners will be announced at the EAST Conference banquet. We are very proud of Cody and Bryan and wish them the best at the EAST Conference!



MHHS FFA Presents to the Mountain Home School Board



The Mountain Home High School FFA led the School Board and attendees in the pledge of allegiance to open the meeting held February 20, 2014.



Pictured L to R: Mr. Grissum, Kaycee Grissum, Macie Kelly, James Daniel Brown, Carson White, Zack Martin, and Zac Norwood.

Macie Kelly and Carson White spoke to the Board about how the FFA organization works and how the organization moves forward with the many changes in agriculture.



Pictured L to R: Macie Kelly and Carson White.



MHHS Quiz Bowl Wins NAEC Tournament



The Mountain Home High School Quiz Bowl team won first place in the annual North Arkansas Education Co-operative tournament last week at Ozarka College in Melbourne. The team went 5-1 for the day, defeating Cedar Ridge in the final round to claim first place. They will play in the regional tournament in Lake Hamilton on March 8th. Members pictured below include: (Back Row, L to R) Evan Webb, Lucas Dooley, Travis Chism, Zach Miller, Jonah White, Charli Partney, Tommy Zulker, (Front Row, L to R) Noah Nelson, Skylar Ronna, and Heather Morgan.

Mountain Home High School Career Academies Earns Jostens National Yearbook Design Recognition

BOMBER YEARBOOK FEATURED IN 2014 JOSTENS LOOK BOOK

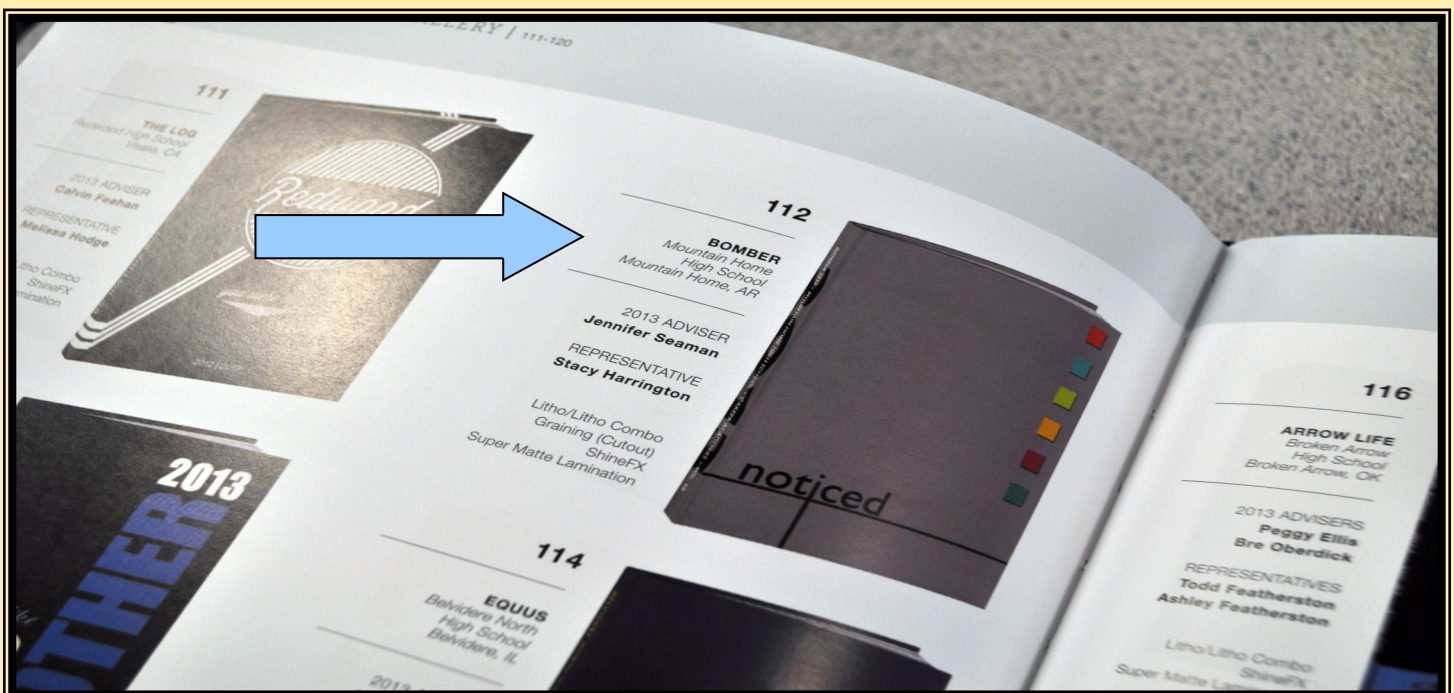
The Mountain Home High School Career Academies yearbook, *The Bomber*, has been recognized for excellence and featured in the 2014 Jostens *Look Book*, celebrating the best-of-the-best in yearbook design and coverage. The Jostens *Look Book* is a collection of spreads and photos from outstanding yearbooks and their creative themes, cool covers, dazzling designs, relevant coverage, storytelling copy and action-packed photography. Along with design excellence, the annually published *Look Book* honors the important role well-crafted yearbooks play in helping schools chronicle the experiences, stories and achievements most relevant to students and that academic year.

The *Bomber* was created by the 2012-2013 yearbook staff under the direction of Jennifer Seaman, yearbook adviser.

“Our 2013 yearbook cover was featured in the *Look Book*,” Seaman said. “The yearbook editor Brandi Tilley and co-editor Annie Sacry worked with a Jostens plant artist to create the cover, and we were very proud of the results. Receiving national recognition is just icing on the cake.”

The *Bomber* was one of only 426 yearbooks selected from approximately 3,000. The 2014 panel of judges, comprised of nationally recognized scholastic journalism professionals and award-winning yearbook advisers, selected the best examples of yearbook spreads and covers to make up the 352-page 2014 *Look Book*.

“Yearbooks are unique, limited edition books created by students to capture the stories and events for all of the school’s students and Jostens is proud to celebrate the yearbook tradition and the 426 yearbooks selected for the 2014 Jostens *Look Book*, said John Dalke, editor. “Today’s yearbooks are very sophisticated in terms of visual presentation and the relevant and inclusive content that is featured.”



**MHHS Medical
Procedures Students...
Preventing the
Transmission of
Infectious Diseases!**



Students in Nurse C's 5th Hour Medical Procedures class demonstrate the correct procedure for hand washing. Students are studying the ways to prevent the transmission of infectious diseases.



And the “Big Heart Award” goes to...Cindy Burg!

Cindy Burg was presented the “**Big Heart Award.**” This award is presented to an individual that displays the qualities of a big heart and inspires others by their actions. Ms. Cindy has a “**BIG**” heart and you will experience her smile and her inspiration every time you enter the front office at MHHS. We are so excited Mrs. Burg was chosen for the “**Big Heart Award!**” She is so deserving of this recognition!

Congratulations Cindy Burg!



Pictured: Dr. Gigliotti, Cindy Burg, and Dr. Myers



Pictured: Cindy and Alec Burg

MHHS Extracurricular Events

**February 28- MHHS Bomber Basketball @ W. Memphis
5:00 pm**

February 29- State Swim Meet @ UALR

