

MHPS WEEKLY UPDATE

MOUNTAIN HOME PUBLIC SCHOOLS

FROM SUPERINTENDENT DR. MYERS

Superintendent Update: March 20, 2015

Quote for the week: “All that really belongs to us is time; even he who has nothing else has that.”—Baltasar Gracian y Morales

My time this week was spent very wisely. I traveled to Hot Springs Wednesday evening to enjoy dinner with our EAST (Environmental & Spatial Technology) kids. If you haven't visited an EAST program at our high school, junior high, or middle school, please do so soon. These kids are amazing in the projects as they harness technology for the betterment of our school and community.

Thursday evening was our board meeting. It was a fun evening as we enjoyed hearing from Tom Chentnik about music in our schools, Beth Ivens about art in our schools and Dr. Gigliotti concerning recent awards given to Jeff Kincade and Guy Berry College & Career Academy (GBCCA). We have so many positive students, teachers and employees actively involved in making a difference for our school and community. We always have so much good happening each day! I encourage everyone to find the good things we do to discuss and share with others as opposed to finding problems to discuss which are usually insignificant when compared to our awesome students.

The board approved our legislative audit. Ann Harned, Tammy Small, Lisa Lind and Loretta Allen do a tremendous job with our school business financials. We also have wonderful financial assistants in each of our schools! The following were the best few words a school business manager, superintendent and board can hear. “There were no findings on the financial statements or federal awards.” Fiscal responsibility is challenging in our world of education these days and rarely does everyone agree with how money is spent. I am proud that our board, school district and employees place a great deal of emphasis on being accountable for our taxpayers' contributions to the education of our students.

Friday afternoon I taught 1st graders to tie a necktie and also to fish. I can do a tie much better than I can fish, but the young men were just wonderful. I certainly have renewed my appreciation for elementary teachers. Those young folks require lots of energy!

Saturday evening will complete a great week as I will speak to the National Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC). Those young people are an impressive group! Our Senior Chief Troy Peel has done an outstanding job of recruiting young people into the program. We started the year with 45 Cadets and have grown to 130. The Cadets competed in Branson against 19 teams. They beat every Navy team in 3 of the 4 events and the Color Guard placed 5th out of 19 teams. The Cadets are heavily involved with community projects and I am very proud of all of them. I am especially appreciative of Senior Chief Peel for bringing such energy, enthusiasm and hope to our young people. He is an incredibly passionate leader!

Have a great spring break!

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Special dates of interest:

- * Spring Break March 23-27
- * Regular Board Meeting April 16th– 6:00pm

In Photo: Mr. Jeff Kincade, Guy Berry College Career Academy Director and Dr. Leigh Anne Gigliotti, Assistant Superintendent

Guy Berry College and Career Academy and Mr. Kincade, Director received the Innovative Opportunities Award from the AR Association of Alternative Education and the Arkansas Department of Education for 2014-15.

The Arkansas Association of Alternative Educators and Arkansas Dept. of Education recognized Guy Berry College and Career Academy (GBCCA) and Mr. Kincade for providing innovative opportunities and positive outcomes for students. This has been made possible by the vision, commitment, problem solving and ability to inspire of Mr. Jeff Kincade. Some examples include the use of a drug/therapy dog, aquaponics, a mentor program, green house, and motivating each student to reach their individual goals.

GBCCA and Mr. Kincade received recognition during the Thursday, March 19, 2015 Mountain Home Public School Board Meeting. Thank you to Mr. Kincade and the entire team for all you do to support students and the community.

Congratulations!



and

Mountain Home Kindergarten

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Every day we do math



And every day we do literacy



Occasionally we take time out of the normal to have a scavenger hunt and decipher clues....



And once in a great while we find where the leprechaun has been. ☺ Oh Yeah....Kindergarten is an awesome place to be.

Hackler Intermediate School Newsletter

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

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

March 19, 2015

- ♣ Due to adjusting the quarter dates due to missed snow days, report cards will go out on April 2.
- ♣ No school March 23 through 27 for Spring Break.
- ♣ We have missed 4 days due to snow. School will be in session for students on April 3 to make up one day and the other three will be added to the end of the school year. The last day of school is June 3rd.
- ♣ Please make sure to advise the front office if your mailing address has changed. Please send a note if you have had an address or contact number change since the first of the year.
- ♣ Lunch charges should be paid in full ASAP. If you have any questions concerning charges or payment arrangement call Mrs. Braunagel at 425-1225.



Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Testing



This test will take the place of Benchmark testing. The test will be given during your child's regular school day. Please do not schedule any doctor appointments during the following dates if possible:

- * 4th grade PARCC testing: March 19,20,30,31, April 1.
- * 3rd grade PARCC testing: April 2,3,6,7,8.



Community Opportunities

- First Baptist Church is having an Easter Extravaganza at 400 Club Boulevard, Mountain Home on Saturday April 4th at 10 a m – 1 p m. There will be egg hunts every 30 minutes.
- Blue Crush Volleyball Clinic be held at the LC Sammons Youth Center on Tuesdays beginning April 7 through May 12 at 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm. Registration forms are in the front office. For more information call Jay Sabella at 404-6865.

Trivia question: Which of these occurs in March, a solstice or an equinox?

Spring Time Is Here!

It is that time of the year when the weather is changing. Mornings are still a little cool then the temperature warms up throughout the day. Students need to dress in layers to accommodate the temperature change. Please see the Personal Appearance section of the handbook located on pages 18 and 19 for a complete list of dress codes. Some of the most important are listed below:

- The length of shorts should be measured by standing straight up with arms to your side and your shorts should be finger tip in length.
- No spaghetti straps. Straps should be the width of a dollar.
- Flip flops may be worn; however, it is recommended to have an extra pair of shoes with you in case your flip flops break.
- Shorts are recommended under dresses or skirts.
- Tennis shoes are needed on physical education days.

Reminder: If your child has borrowed any clothing/shoes from Nurse Wendy, please return them ASAP.

Happy Spring !!!!!!!



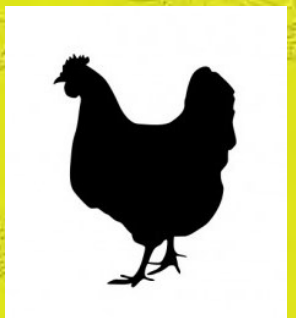
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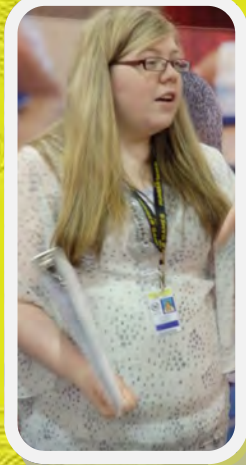
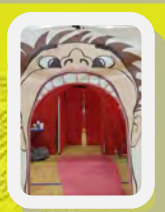
Trivia answer: Equinox . An equinox is when day and night are the same length. In the northern hemisphere the vernal equinox occurs in March. In the southern hemisphere is the autumnal equinox.



Hackler Intermediate School

Hackler Intermediate welcomes Arkansas Farm To You. This program is a University of Arkansas division of Agriculture Research and Extension. This program is brought to Hackler 4th grade students and paid for by our local County Extension Office. This exhibit allows students to follow food from the farm to the market and through the body. Students learned about the link between agriculture, nutrition, good hygiene, physical activity, and food. Mountain Home High School students from FCCLA helped with the presentation. What a wonderful way to show agriculture up close and personal. Thank you Mrs. Kim Fowler & Cathy Beckham and the FCCLA students! GREAT JOB!





**Thank you Mountain Home Extension Office
For making a difference in the lives of Hackler students!**

GBCCA NEWS



For our March Mentoring session, Mr. Jeff Quick, Executive Director of the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas, spoke to the students about good grocery shopping habits and how to shop for best nutrition while staying within their budgets.

SHOP WELL
EAT WELL
EAT WELL



Mr. Quick involved the students throughout the presentation, as he asked questions, offered advice, and told stories to illustrate what to look for when shopping and what to avoid.



GBCCA



**GBCCA
STUDENTS
WORK
ON
FAFSA
AND
ASUMH
APPLICATION
PROCESS**

**ALLISON HAUGHT
AND
SHERRIE HUGHES
FROM ASUMH
WORK
WITH STUDENTS
AT
GBCCA**



GBCCA

2015 TEEN GIRLS GO TO COLLEGE DAY!



Congratulations to
PAYDEN QUARLES
GBCCA CNA Scholarship winner!



Thank you to

Schliemann Center for Women's Health Education

Arkansas State University—Mountain Home

Baxter Regional Medical Center

This was a terrific day

for our girls!



March 20, 2015

MHHS CAREER ACADEMIES

BOMB SQUAD

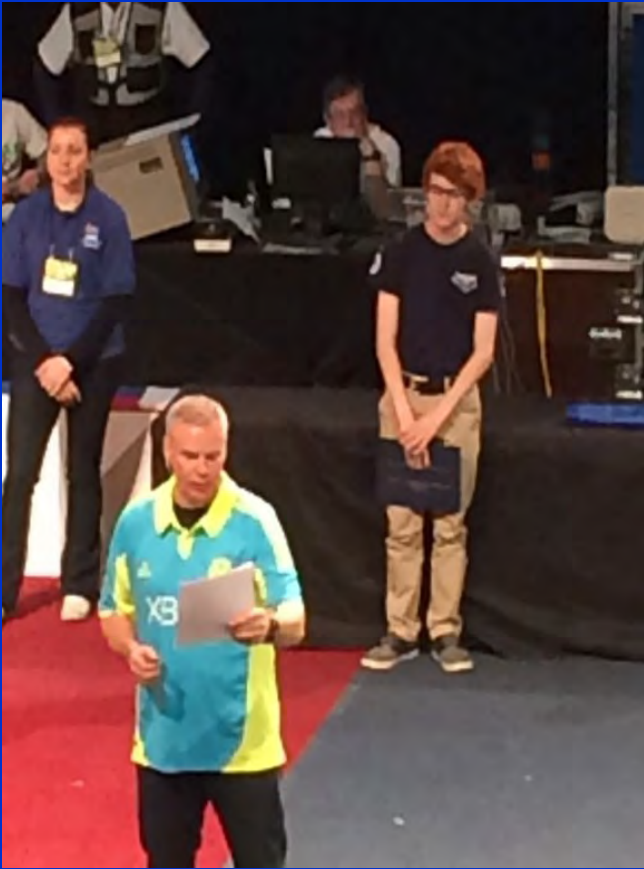


FIRST Robotics Team the Bomb Squad competed at the Arkansas Rock City Regional last week in Little Rock, AR.

Despite the snow there were 57 teams present representing 10 different states and one Canada province. Recycle Rush is a complete different game format with no “winners” in each qualification match. Qualification matches account for average score and that was how the rankings prior to elimination tournament are produced.

At the end of qualification matches the team averaged 69.8 placing them 13th going into alliance selection. They were selected by the third ranked team 2386 The Trojans from Burlington, Ontario sponsored by Eaton and team 3487 Spectrum from Houston, TX. In quarterfinals the alliance averaged a score of 87 points but unfortunately they needed an average score of 97 to advance to semi-finals.

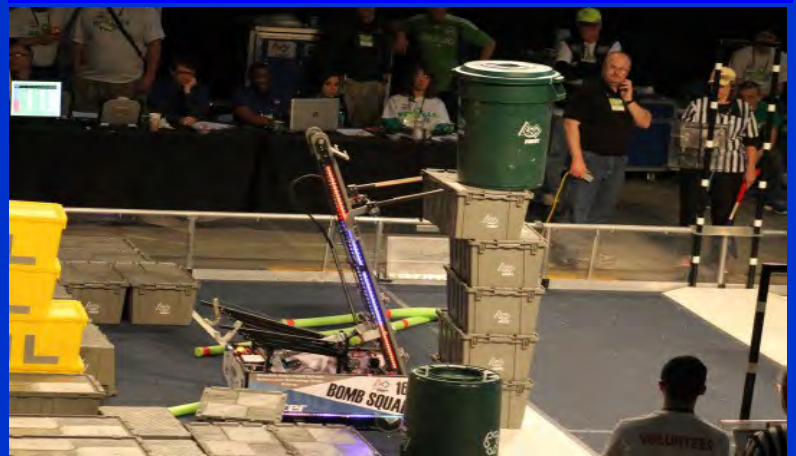
Andy Marts, founding mentor of the Bomb Squad (20 years), received the Woodie Flowers Finalist Award at the regional. This award recognizes one mentor for their dedication and passion for FIRST and STEM.



Jonathan White, junior student member, received the Dean's List Finalist Award at the regional. This award recognizes two student team members for their contributions to the team.

Both Andy and Jonathan advance to the Championship level and could receive an award at the World Championship in St. Louis scheduled April 22-25th.

The team will compete next at the Midwest Regional in Chicago, IL April 1-4th. You can keep track of the Bomb Squad on their Facebook, Team 16: Bomb Squad, or their twitter FRC 16. They will also have their matches stream on their website



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Arkansas Rock City
Regional
Little Rock, AR
March 4-7

Midwest Regional
Chicago, IL
April 1-4

World Championship
St. Louis, MO
April 22-25

COMMUNITY YARD SALE!



You can help!

-Rent a 12' x 16' space which includes an 8' table to sell your yard sale items! School clubs and community members are welcome to rent a space! Cost is only \$20 per space! Checks can be made payable to MHHS.

Deadline to rent space is April 20th. First come, first serve!

-Donate your quality, gently used or like new items to the MHHS French Club to sell.

-Shop the MHHS French Club space on Saturday, April 25th.

-Spread the word!

**Date: Saturday, April 25,
2015**

Time: 8:00 AM– 4:00 PM

**Location: Mountain Home High
School Cafeteria**

*Mountain Home High School French
Club*

is hosting an indoor
community yard sale as a
fund-raiser for the summer 2016 trip to
Québec!
Your support is greatly appreciated!

Contact person:

Christy Lawrence

870-706-0721 or

clawrence@mtnhome.k12.ar.us

Pinkston Middle School



Week ending 3.20.15



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Congratulations to the Pinkston Middle School Select Choir!

The select choir performed at CPA last week and was awarded a superior rating. In addition to the music that they prepared for their assessment performance they were asked to perform a piece of music at first sight "sight reading" and were again commended for their musical ability. The select choir is directed by Mr. Paul Swearingen.





Olivia presented art work to the Mountain Home School Board this past Thursday.

The Pinkston art teacher is Mr. Steve Hargett.

EAST
initiative

Each spring, more than 2,500 students, teachers, parents and community and business leaders attend the EAST Initiative's largest training event of the year, the national EAST Conference. This three-day event allows attendees to network with other students, share stories and ideas, showcase and celebrate work from the past year and experience an expo-style environment, concluding with a formal banquet.

Students from Mountain Home School district including Pinkston Middle School, MHJH, and Mountain Home High School attended EAST conference 2015 last past week. There are many photos posted on Twitter @PinkstonMiddle as well as photos posted from kids and parents. The Baxter Bulletin @bbnews is planning a story about EASTcon15 as well!

Congratulations to our HS EAST for earning a superior rating, Courtney Crawford for Tech Support Olympiad Runner-Up, Mountain Home School District for Overall Signature Design, and Pinkston Middle School for Winning World of Tomorrow Competition with Nature's S.O.S. World of Tomorrow team: 6th graders Brandon, Jackson, Dawson, and Lawson

***A special thank you to our EAST facilitators, Mrs. Dunavan, Mr. Luttrell, and Ms. Meissner!
Thank you also to Mrs. Jones and Mr. Walk for their mentoring support!***

We are providing links that you can go to for more information as well as pictures from EASTcon15.

EASTinitiative | environmental and spatial technology

To learn more go to: <http://www.eastinitiative.org/>

For more information on EAST conference 2015 go to

<http://www.eastconference.org/>





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Pinkston Middle School @Pinkstonmiddle

EAST at Pinkston @AdunavanEast

7th Grade Promise @deniselauerman

DARE @campfield10

Pinkston Media Center @pmslibrary12

Upcoming Pinkston Middle School Events

- March 20 – 3rd Quarter Ends
- March 13 – 3rd Quarter Ends
- March 19 – Report Cards go home
- March 23-27 – Spring Break
- April 3 – Report Cards go home
- April 15 – 6th Grade CSI event ☺



LIBRARY

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Give to the Library on Arkansas Gives Day April 2

1. Go online to www.ArkansasGives.org Thursday, April 2 from 8 am to 8 pm
2. Select Baxter County Library Foundation
3. GIVE!
4. The more you give, the more bonus dollars the Library receives

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