



April 18, 2015

Quote for the week: “Leadership is the quality to translate vision into reality.”—Warren Rennis

News for the week:



What a week this has been. On Thursday, April 17th, we were honored with visits from Senator Johnny Key, Representative Karen Hopper, and Mr. Gary Newton, President and CEO of ArkansasLearns. Our legislators and Mr. Newton delivered checks of more than \$25,000 to Pinkston Middle School and Mountain Home Junior High School. This money was a performance based reward for the students at those schools finishing which finished in the top 20% and top 10% respectively. I am very proud of these students obviously, but I am proud of every teacher, administrator, and staff member of every school because they prepare these students for success at those schools and high school. If one looks at our performance in the district, one would discover that our students tend to improve as they move up through the system. This is what good teaching does. It helps students increase their achievement as they learn more and more each year.

We had our regular board meeting on Thursday evening. It was a long evening, but a very productive one! Kindergarten students lead the Pledge and sang us a song from their spring program.





We honored our Library Media Specialists at the meeting. Really they honored us! Each board member and superintendent received a gift of a book which had either been heavily used or damaged. A nice story with each book was presented, laughter during the presentation occurred and appreciation was shared both from and to our wonderful media specialists. Devona Pendergrass was presented a very nice framed copy of her article *Dewey or Don't We* which was printed in the national magazine *Knowledge Quest*. I shared with the audience just what an honor it was to be published nationally and it is good of Devona to share that honor with her colleagues in Mountain Home.



Two Odyssey of the Mind teams were present at our board meeting. Both teams are state champions and both teams will be going to World Championship competition in Ames, Iowa. Congratulations to Pinkston OM for a great year. Our high school OM team finished 4th in state competition. We are proud of all our OM competitors.

Our board also approved the purchase of band bleachers to be installed at Bomber Stadium. The bleachers will seat 240 people. It will be exciting to hear our band demonstrating their awesome sound to the home bleachers next year. We have an amazing band and now they will play for the home stands! As we move our band students to those bleachers located on the end of the stadium towards the *Hanger*, we will free up seats in the home bleachers which will allow for a much more comfortable seating arrangement there as well.

Becca Camp and Dr. Gigliotti presented a school calendar for 2014-15 and it was approved unanimously. The start date **for students** will be August 20, 2014. **The start date for teachers is August 13th.**

For me personally, the most exciting part of our meeting was devoted to three of our schools presenting a proposal to become “Schools of Innovation” in the state of Arkansas. This presentation was bold and exciting. I am very hopeful the Arkansas Department of Education will approve these plans, but we will not know until May or June if we are approved. The innovation will be geared towards more curriculum offerings, presented in innovative formats and engagement of students to improve their academic performance. The end result would hopefully be reducing the achievement gap among one or more groups of students by accelerating learning experiences for academically low-achieving students while increasing all



student learning through the implementation of highly rigorous standards for student performance. **Innovation simply means a new or creative alternative to the existing instructional and administrative practices that is intended to improve academic performance and learning for all students.**

The board passed Policy 6.2 addressing **Relations with School Support Organizations**, tabled Policy 6.4 **Volunteers** and passed the Mountain Home Public Schools Volunteer Handbook. Policy 6.4 will be reviewed by our school attorney.

I am so proud of our board for taking on this agenda which contained the largest body of work ever presented at one meeting in my four years in Mountain Home. We are fortunate to have board members who devote themselves so thoroughly to the work of our school district.

The Mountain Home High School EAST Initiative students have created a Pilot News program entitled "Bomber News Network" and will air on your Hometown Television station 26.1 Digital Antenna and Suddenlink channel 22 in the Mountain Home area this Thursday at 6:00pm. Be sure to check out these talented kids who created this newscast from scratch.

And for those that want to watch it online right now.... [here it is!](#)

Have a great weekend everyone!

Lonnie



Mrs. Hackler reading to students at Hackler Intermediate School during her birthday celebration

Pinkston Middle School

Week ending 4.18.14

Pinkston Middle School Honored

Pinkston Middle School was honored April 17, 2014 by the Arkansas Department of Education, Gary Newton, CCE President and CEO of Arkansas Learns, Representative Karen Hopper, Senator Johnny Key, Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Leigh Anne Gigliotti, Superintendent Dr. Lonnie Myers, and Mountain Home School Board Members.

Pinkston Middle School performed in the top 20% of all Arkansas Schools on the 2013 Benchmark exams.

We are so proud of our students and extend a thank you to all the teachers, support staff, parents, community members, and school board members for their endless support!



May 12, 2014 at 5:30 – 6th Grade Parent Meeting!

Pinkston Sixth Grade Parents:

To assist you in the academic decision making that is best for your child, Pinkston Middle School has set up an incoming 7th grade registration night on May 12th at 5:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in the Pinkston cafeteria. At this meeting, you will be receiving information and forms to register your child for 7th grade. We will tell you more about the Arkansas smart core and core curriculums as well as the graduation requirements for each curriculum. You will also learn more about the options your child will have as a seventh grader. The meeting will last no more than 45 minutes; however school personnel will stay to answer any specific questions that parents may have regarding their child.



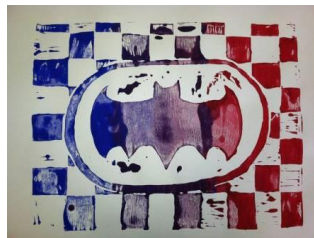
Way to go Buzzer Hogs!



The Pinkston Middle School “Buzzer Hogs” quiz bowl team recently earned 2nd place status at the regional Quiz Bowl tournament! Congratulation to the Buzzer Hogs and their sponsor, Mrs. Nelson!

Congratulation EAST@Pinkston

Recently the Pinkston EAST program was declared a superior program by the EAST Initiative! Congratulations to our EAST students and Mrs. Dunavan!



Taylor H. 7th Grade



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:

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

May 1 Progress Reports early dismissal 2:10

April 23 – Benchmark Carnival

April 28th Girls Free Physicals @ BRMC 6:00

April 29th Boys Free Physicals @ BRMC 6:00

April 30 – Gordon Korman author visit!

May 5 – Seventh Grade Literacy Event

May 12 – 6th Grade Parent Meeting – 5:30 PM



**Watch for ways to support our OM
kids heading to World Finals!**

Mountain Home Kindergarten Newsletter

April 18, 2014

Word of the Month-Purpose

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE NO FLIP-FLOPS on P.E. DAY



We love to wear flip-flops in the spring, but they are not the best shoe to wear in p.e. Our p.e. coaches would appreciate you sending your child with tennis shoes on the day they have p.e. Thanks so much!!

We are getting ready to Perform for You!



Ms. McWilliams is working with our students to perform the music program SWAMPED. Our performance will be the evening of May 15, 2014 at Dunbar Auditorium. The times are as follows:

- **5:30 p.m.** – Goettler, Newton, Pitchford, Owens, Gross, Rowlett
- **6:30 p.m.** – Henderson, Rogers, Crecelius, Kasinger, Powell and Curtis

- **7:30 p.m.** – Shy, King, McLean, Sallee and Ducker

Baxter County Master Gardeners

The Master Gardeners will be sponsoring a Farmer's Market featuring children's activities planting seeds and a fun hat and adult activities between 8:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. on Saturday May 3rd. If you need more information please find at: www.baxtercountymg.com

Upcoming dates:

April 19 – Easter Egg Hunt at Eastside Baptist – **(10:00 – 2:00)**

April 22 – Single Mothers Job Skills Conference at ASUMH **(8:30-4:00)**

May 1 – Early Dismissal – **(one hour earlier)**

May 2 –Registration for Kindergarten for 2031-14 No School

May 3 – Mr. and Miss Springtime –Pre register by April 22 – more information in the office.

May 3- The Community Charity Challenge Partnership Presents 5K Walk/Run –for more information

bshipman@mtnhome.k12.ar.us

May 7- TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

May 15 – Nurse Appreciation Day

May 15 – Spring Programs – Dunbar Auditorium

May 16 – Field Trip to the Donald W.
Reynolds Library

June 2 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

GBCCA NEWS

APRIL MENTORING
WAS SUCH FUN!



GUY BERRY GIRLS ENJOYED
PRESENTATIONS BY
BETTY LUMBERT
&
CANDACE KING

GUY BERRY BOYS WERE
TREATED TO A
PRESENTATION BY NAEC
JAY JONES & KONNIE COLEMAN



WE LOVE OUR MENTORS
AND APPRECIATE THEIR
DEDICATION TO OUR STUDENTS!

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MHHS CAREER ACADEMIES

MHHS Quiz Bowl Places Third in State Tournament



The Mountain Home High School quiz bowl team placed third in the AGQBA state tournament last Saturday, April 12th. The team had a great year, coming away with first place in the Ozarka College Invitational Tournament, first place in the MSU Interscholastic Competition, third place in the AGQBA regional tournament, and third place in the state tournament. In addition to their success as a team, Noah Nelson has been selected to play in the Arkansas All-Star tournament. Congratulations to Noah and the Bomber quiz bowl team!

MHHS Career Academies FBLA Attends State Leadership Conference



Mountain Home High School Career Academies FBLA Co-Sponsors, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Branham were pleased with the results from the 2014 FBLA State Leadership Conference held in Little Rock, AR April 7th and 8th, 2014. Five of the German G.A.P.P. students attended the 2014 FBLA State Leadership Conference with MHHS FBLA Chapter. MHHS FBLA was represented well with 53 members attending and competing at the state level.

Placing in the top 5 are: **4th Marketing Team** Kedrin Rayburn, Keeven Scott, and Will Sandvos and **4th Website Design** Mitch Potter. If someone in 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place isn't able to attend, the 4th place winners will have the opportunity to attend national competition.

Advancing to National Competition in Nashville, TN June 29 thru July 2nd are: **2nd Parliamentary Procedures Team** Bryce Rohr, Carson White, Zac Norwood, Tiffany Johns, and Macie Kelly, **2nd Public Service Announcement Team** Chloe Bell, Julien Leedham, and Hannah Millard, **2nd Business Presentations Team** Ashlyn Tuberville and Hunter Myers, and **1st Emerging Business Issues Team** Bryston Hickman and Reece Hickman.

Congratulations to all of the participants, those who placed, and those going forward to Nationals!

MHHS Civics Students Visit the State Capitol & Clinton Library

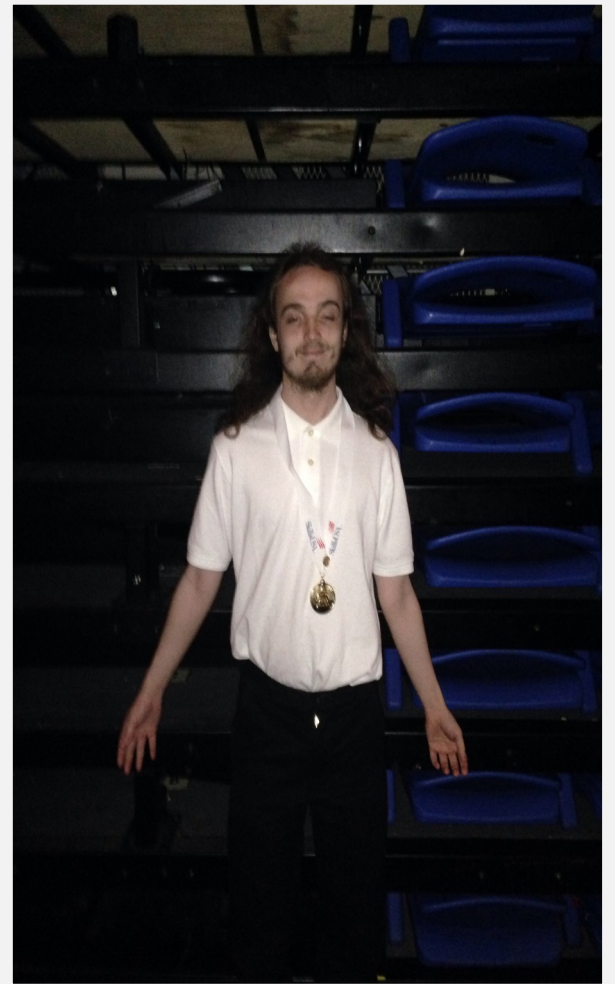


Twenty-seven 10th through 12th grade students from Mrs. Thrasher's civics classes toured the Little Rock Capitol building (pictured below) and visited the Clinton Library (pictured above) on Thursday, April 10.



SkillsUSA Competes in Hot Springs and Brings Home Gold

SkillsUSA competed at the State competition in Hot Springs this week. SkillsUSA is a national nonprofit organization serving teachers, high school, and college students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations, including health occupations. Mr. Carpenter brought Chris Selvaggio and Michael Rose for welding; Michael Lambert and Jimmy Kenzora for electricity; Grant Stewart for plumbing; B.J. Davenport and Ralph Love for carpentry. Mr. Young brought Brandon Wilber and Johnny Woods to compete in computer maintenance. Johnny Woods won a gold medal in computer maintenance. This qualifies him to compete at Nationals this summer in Kansas City. Congratulations Johnny!



Arkansas Young Artist Competition – April 16, 2014



Winners included, (photo front left to right) Shayla Wells, 4th Oils Abstract, 2nd Pen & Ink, 3rd Fiber Arts, and Shayla was awarded an AYAA Scholarship; Kat Binns, honorable mention Charcoal, and 4th Sculpture On-Site, Kyra Nugent, 3rd Sketchbook & 3rd On-Site Marker; Linda Meyer, 3rd Watercolor Expressive & received a scholarship offer from Memphis College of Art; (back row) Amanda Martin, 1st Pencil Expressive; Francesca Zaccone, 2nd First Year Pen & Ink & received a scholarship offer from Memphis College of Art; Faith Serrano 1st Fiber Arts, and Not Pictured: Monica Vasiloff received 4th place in Fiber Arts.

There were nearly 1200 artists who participated. Three MHS students served as state officers this year and were responsible for helping set up and conduct the convention. They were Steven Switzer, Grant Conner, and Monica Vasiloff. Four students were elected to serve in 2015 including Kjersti Vaag, Kyra Nugent, Summer Webers, and Bethany Maskell. Students were allowed to enter up to five pieces of art in a variety of categories and compete in an on-site category. 4th place in Fiber Arts.



Grant Conner Working the Sound Booth .



Officers working the registration table (Steven Switzer & Monica Vasiloff).



AAVA Convention in Little Rock



New Officers: (Steven Switzer introducing the new officers: (Steven at the podium, then left to right – Kjersti Vaag, Kyra Nugent, Summer Webers, & Bethany Maskell)

MHHS Extracurricular Events

April 18th — Track—Lil Bomber Relays

April 18th — FFA State Judging @ Fayetteville

**April 19th — MHHS Baseball vs. Springdale & Rogersville @
Springfield Parkview**



COMMUNITY YARD SALE!

You Can Help!

- **Rent a 12' x 16' space which includes an 8' table to sell your yard sale items! Cost is only \$25 per space! Checks can be made payable to MHHS. Deadline to rent space is April 21st.**
- **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 26th.**
- **Spread the word!**



DATE: Saturday, April 26th 2014

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 2014 trip to
Quebec!**

Your support is appreciated!

Contact person: Christy Lawrence

870-706-0721 or

clawrence@mtnhome.k12.ar.us



In the spring of 2013, the MHHS Career Academies was presented with an opportunity to teach their students about the concept of giving back to their community. They partnered with the C-3 Charities and together sent the message to the entire MHPS student body to be more active, outside and on David's Trail. Students were given the opportunity to pledge to any charity of their choice which raised money for the charity, the school, and the MHHS Career Academy Program.

A special thanks to Wells Fargo for giving us this opportunity.

The C-3 Community Charity Challenge partners have once again collaborated in efforts to raise money and teach our children the concept of giving back. The 2014 charities that make up our C-3 team are:

- BMRC Community Houses
- Library Foundation
- David's Trail
- Hayden Padgett Safe in His Arms Foundation
- Mountain Home Christian Clinic
- Twin Lakes Community Foundation

A special thanks to Mountain Home Chamber of Commerce who is helping with great support in making this event a success.

On Saturday, May 3rd, 2014, we will be hosting our First Annual C-3 Community Charity Challenge 5 K Run/Walk. All proceeds from this race will go toward the C-3 Charities.

To be part of this scholarship run, we ask that you donate to the C-3 Community Charity Challenge. Your contribution will directly give back to our community and our C-3 Charities. Your donation is tax deductible. The funding levels are as follows:

Community Level: \$300 and up Charity Level: \$200 to \$299 Challenge Level: \$100 to \$199

Your name will be represented as a Community Level, Charity Level, or Challenge Level on the back of the First Annual C-3 Community Charity Challenge 5 K Run/Walk t shirt.

Thank you for supporting our Mountain Home Public School District and our C-3 Community Charity Challenge Charities. Please send your contributions to MHHS Career Academies c/o 500 Bomber Blvd, Mountain Home, AR 72653. You may make your contribution check payable to MHHS Career Academies. You will receive a form with the foundations/s tax ID number for your tax deduction. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 870-425-1215.

Sincerely,

Brigitte Shipman

MHPS Academy Coordinator



The C³ Community Charity Challenge Partnership Presents:

The First Annual C³ 5K Race/Walk

Saturday, May 3rd Start Time: 8:00 am

Race Held: David's Trail

REGISTRATION: \$25

Pre-Registration Deadline: April 25th (to ensure shirt on day of race)

Please Circle Shirt Size: YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL AXXL

(Coupons will be given for T shirts for registrations received after April 25th)

Awards will be given for 1st-3rd place in each of the following 5K age groups: 13 & under; 14-18; 19-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50-59; 60 & up. Each child 12 and under will receive a "fun run" medal.

Spirit Runner: If you cannot participate, but would like to support the C³ Event, you can register as a spirit runner and receive a

T shirt. Registration \$25

Circle one: 5K Runner/Walker.....Spirit Runner.....

Name _____ GENDER: M F Age _____

Phone _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email address _____

******Release**** I agree by signing that I am in good health and I do hereby for myself, assume all risks associated with running and volunteering in the race. I, and anyone acting on my behalf, release and forever discharge the sponsors and all those involved and manning this event, from all claims of any kind arising as a result of my participation in this event.**

Participant Signature _____ Date _____

Guardian Signature (if under 18) _____ Date _____

Make checks payable to C³ Event and mail along with entry form to: MHS, 500 Bomber Blvd, Mtn. Home, AR 72653.

For more information call Brigitte Shipman or email me at bshipman@mtnhome.k12.ar.us.

Please mark which charity should receive your \$25 entry fee:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---|
| _____ BRMC Community Houses | _____ Hayden Padgett Safe in His Arms Foundation |
| _____ Library Foundation | _____ Mountain Home Christian Clinic |
| _____ David's Trail | _____ Twin Lakes Community Foundation |

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

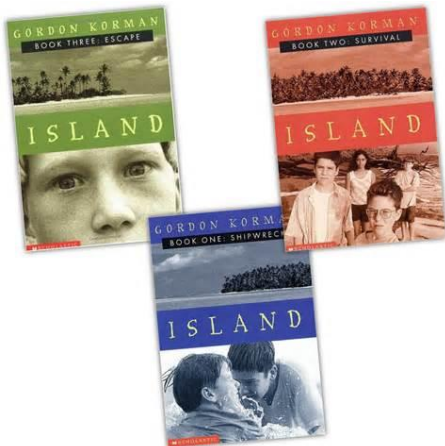
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Around our School

- Friday will be a regular school day.
- Ask your child if they received an overdue book statement from the Hackler Library. Payment for lost books will need to be made before the last day of school.
- Please pay lunch charges as soon as possible. Your child's lunch balance should be zero by the last day of school. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Debbie at Food Service, 425-1225.
- Teacher Appreciation Week is May 5th through May 9th.
- Last day of school is June 2nd.
- Report cards will not be handed out on the last day of school. They will be available to be picked up June 9th through June 20th. Report cards not picked up will be put in the regular mail.
- Mrs. Kara Morris' art room is in need of about 50 clean, empty, plastic, ketchup bottles to use for paint storage. Please either drop bottle off in the office, or send them with your child.

GORDON KORMAN IS COMING TO HACKLER!

THURSDAY, MAY 1st, 2014



**Bring your Gordon Korman books to get autographed.
(Limit of 2 books)**



Easter Eggstravaganza

Saturday, April 19th, at First Baptist Church, from 10am till 2pm ~ FREE!
Egg hunts every 30 minutes, food, games, classic car show, pony rides, inflatables, face painting, and giveaways. In case of rain, all activities will be moved inside.

Mr & Miss Springtime

Dunbar Auditorium, Bomber Blvd., Mountain Home High School
Saturday, May 3, 2014, at 3:00 p.m. Entry forms must be delivered or postmarked no later than **Tuesday, April 22, 2014.** Entries submitted after **April 22, 2014,** will be charged an additional \$10 fee. Entry forms are available in the Hackler Intermediate School front office. For more information, call **870-488-5103** or **870-404-7211.** Enter early and get your name on the official pageant program.



DAVID'S TRAIL GEO-EGG ADVENTURE!

Email: Kenziejm.davidstrail@gmail.com for the coordinates for the adventure.

Where: Trail between Robinson Point, Bidwell and Panther Bay Parks.

Who: Everyone, all you need is a GPS device and a spirit of adventure.

What: The Easter bunny has placed Geo-eggs along the trail. You can put the coordinates in your GPS device and find the eggs. When you find an egg log it in the book, take the small treasure and replace it with a small treasure you bring. There are golden tickets with special instructions for bigger prizes. Please put the egg exactly where you found it so we can find it for maintenance. Please resist temptation to hide in another place. This would change the coordinates of the egg.

When: During the months of March and April.

2nd Annual Cotter Booster Club 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

Saturday, April 26, 2014 at Cotter High School Gym

3-point and Free Throw contests will be held throughout the day!

Divisions: 1-2 grade, 3-4 grade boys or girls (\$30/per team)

7th grade, 8-9th grade, 10-12 grade for boys or girls (\$50/per team)

Adult Men's or Women's Divisions (\$50/per team)

Entry forms available in the front office or call

Tracy Adams 404-6297 / Lorie Martin 405-9368



Entry deadline is Wednesday, April 23rd. If you can't get your form to us by then, please call 404-6297 to notify that you will attend.

NELSON-WILKS-HERRON

Egg Hunt Fun!







NWH Family Literacy Event

NWH Library celebrated National Library Week this week by hosting a family event on Thursday, April 17th to promote reading. Close to 30 families attended. The goal was to make parents aware of resources that were available to them through the libraries and parent center for free. Mrs. Neighbors did an enrichment activity on storytelling and the families made puppets for a folktale to retell at home. Mrs. Human, NWH Librarian, sent home a goody bag filled with information on ideas to help promote reading at home. They also received free books and gift certificates to the book fair.

Thank You!

Michael Risk, DDS
Stephen Vester, DDS
Randy Simpson, DDS

Thank you for donating tooth necklaces for our students.

