

FROM SUPERINTENDENT DR. MYERS

Superintendent Update: April 24, 2017

Quote for the week: “The child must know that he is a miracle, that since the beginning of the world there hasn’t been, and until the end of the world will not be, another child like him.”—Pablo Casals

Each child deserves to have educators who help nurture his or her talent. I believe that every child possesses talent. While one child has the potential to become an acclaimed actor, another excels in mathematics and yet another bears the potential to achieve a breakthrough in medical research. Yet another student may have an aptitude to work in the technical or agriculture vocation. I believe that schools should not produce uniformed graduates but help each student to discover and grow their unique talent as much as possible given the standardized approach we often take. This is why I believe providing opportunities for students outside the classroom provide as much preparation for success in the adult world as the academic often does.

Today’s schools are struggling to identify and develop individual talent to its maximum and at the same time nurture well-rounded personalities that are able to work creatively across cultures and disciplines.

There are schools that provide highly specialized educators with the ability to identify and develop additional student talents. However, they can offer very little beyond their specialization. Parents who select schools offering specializations in subjects such as music, athletics and experimental science consciously place emphasis on nurturing talent while often sacrificing a certain academic level in other subjects.

On the other hand, there are outstanding generalist schools that successfully develop students in a wide range of subjects and fields. While these schools are successful in identifying a student’s talents, they are unable to develop a specific talent to its maximum potential.

To develop a child’s individual potential and at the same time foster a well-rounded personality development, a high level of resources and instructional support is needed that often goes beyond the capabilities of a single school. Opportunities must be provided outside the classroom and outside the school.

Mountain Home Public Schools value specialization (Health and Human Services-HHS) and promotes cross-disciplinary collaboration, where teachers take as much of an interest in students in other academies such as Communications-Arts-Business (CAB)s as they do in their own. Students take courses across the academy line at our school and thus are exposed to all different learning styles and teaching styles. The unique system of Career Academies closely allows for teachers to rely on colleagues within the network and help strengthen the others’ programs. It also allows for students and teachers to collaborate between schools within our school district. For example, today (Friday) our high school ACME students

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Special dates of interest:

- * Regular Board Meeting May 21– 6:00pm
- * Memorial Day– No school– May 25th
- * Last Day of School June 3rd

The Fine Arts Department honored their students designated as Achievers!



(Agriculture, Construction, Manufacturing & Engineering) worked with Nelson-Wilks-Herron 2nd grade students on ACME Derby (similar to Pinewood Derby) Competition. These high school students had helped elementary design, construct and decorate small race cars to enter into the intra-school competition. These students learned, had a blast and also possibly discovered a talent within them that previously had been undiscovered.



A motivating learning environment

Each school works closely with parents to assure optimal care of their children and establish how to best develop and apply their talents and strengths. Within the school system, all children have the advantage of studying with highly talented peers, but each unique in their own individual talent.

The system structure in Mountain Home Public Schools and the additional time devoted to subjects and activities such as the Pinewood Derby that the children enjoy will create an atmosphere that promotes healthy competition, providing results-oriented and motivated learners.

Mountain Home Junior High

Wednesday is Earth day and we are ready here at the Junior High. We have planted flowers, vegetables, and sensory plants. We are using rain barrels to collect water in order to be environmentally conscious. A big Thank you to Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Dement's students for working so hard!















January/February/March Volunteer Report

3899.75Hours

Kindergarten

January hours – 10 volunteers, 62 hours

February hours – 15 volunteers, 78 hours

March hours – 15 volunteers, 65 hour

Volunteers helped teachers with copies, class room activities, Box Tops, and special student activities.

NWH

January hours – 25 volunteers, 556.25 hours

February hours – 25 volunteers, 395.5 hours

March hours – 25 volunteers, 504 hours

Volunteers helped teachers with classroom activities, copying, and preparation of materials, snack pack distribution, and Box Top counting. Volunteers had a great time helping with the *I Can* clubs and watching the kids learn new activities and crafts including learning to ride a bike.

Hackler

January hours - 27 volunteers, 260 hours

February hours - 23 volunteers, 178 hours

March hours - 28 volunteers, 200 hours

Activities/duties included helping teachers with copies, office help, book fair, delivering weekly snack packs and printing weekly newsletters.

Pinkston

January hours - 66 volunteers, 12 hours

February hours – 12 volunteers, 53.5 hours

March hours – 12 volunteers, 95.5 hours

Volunteers helped with Book Fair for a week and a half. They were busy with Pasta Night which raised around \$5,000 to be used for a new movie screen, projector, and sound equipment in the cafeteria. They also helped the 6th grade Science teachers by hanging the Earth's Layers down the hall. Volunteers participated in the weekly reading program, made copies, worked on yearbook sales, distributed snack packs, worked the candy gram table/delivery, worked the Austin Snyder popcorn-cookie-drinks fundraiser, created hall decorations, and worked book fair.

Junior High

January hours – 4 volunteers, 13 hours

February/March hours – volunteers 2, hours 20

Volunteers made copies, assisted teachers, monitored lunch hall duty, read testing materials, helped with athletics/concessions.

High school

January hours – 52 volunteers, 480 hours

February hours – 44 volunteers, 354 hours

March hours – 84 volunteers, 573 hours

Volunteers made copies, assisted with athletic events, and assisted with band events

Pinkston Middle School



Week ending 4.24.15



Kaylee A. 6th Haley W. 7th



Dr. Gary Barrow, French Horn and Trumpet instructor at Arkansas Tech University, recently hosted French Horn Day at ATU. We are proud of our students that participated in this event. Thank you to Ms. Bryant and Mrs. Chentnik for their commitment to our students' educational experiences!



*Students at Pinkston Middle Celebrated EARTH day.
Students were introduced to different ways to conserve
and preserve our environment.*

Congratulations Pinkston Middle School

2015 Wildlife of Arkansas Student Art Exhibit

We are pleased to announce the students that placed in the, 2015 *Wildlife of Arkansas Student Art Contest*. Many schools across the state of Arkansas entered the student art contest. Three students from Pinkston Middle School placed in the state competition.

The students from Pinkston that placed are as follows:

6nd Grade:

1st Cadence Farham **Deer at Dawn** (Pinkston Middle School)

7th Grade:

1st Claudia Carter **Duck in a Pond** (Pinkston Middle School)

3rd Leah Jackson **The Deer** (Pinkston Middle School)

Art Exhibit Opening Awards Ceremony: Witt Stephens Jr. Central Arkansas Nature Center, Little Rock

Time and Date: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Friday, May 1, 2015

2015 Wildlife of Arkansas Student Art Exhibit will be at the following locations:

May 1 - 29	Witt Stephens Jr. Central Arkansas Nature Center, Little Rock
May 30 - June 25	Forrest L. Wood Crowley's Ridge Nature Center, Jonesboro
June 27 - July 31	Janet Huckabee Arkansas River Valley Nature Center, Fort Smith
Aug. 1	AR Governor's Banquet, Bryant Community Center
Aug. 2 – Sept. 2	Governor Mike Huckabee Delta Rivers Nature Center, Pine Bluff



Thank you Pinkston P.I.E

We appreciate all the things you do for our school!

Sowing Seeds and Growing Happiness!



Pinkston

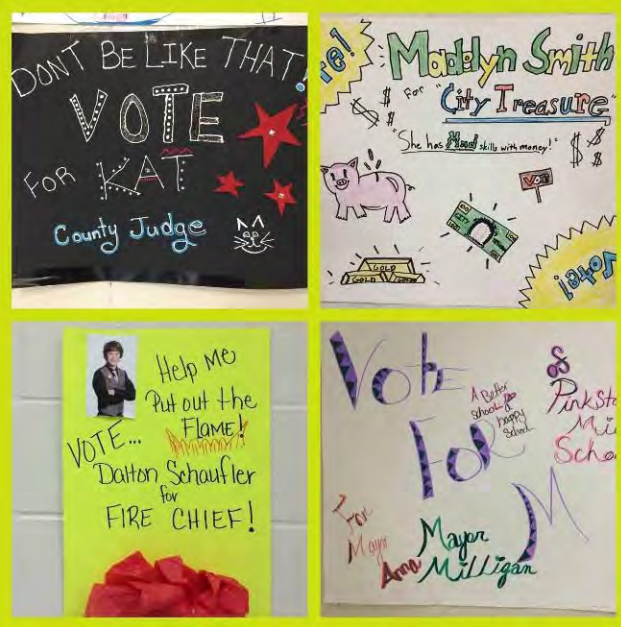


ClassWorks: Making instruction more efficient and engaging kids to curriculum in a different way. The mini Regional Meeting was held in Bald Knob this past week. We were honored with a special invitation to learn and share with other colleagues from around the state of Arkansas.



Thank you Mountain Home Fire Department for coming to Pinkston Middle School and sharing important information about fire safety!





Student Government Day

6th Grade students participated in Student Government Day this past week. The event is sponsored by the Kiwanis of Mountain Home. We appreciate their continued dedication to our youth! At the end of their county and city official shadowing, students gave speeches at the Kiwanis luncheon with their elected officials in attendance.

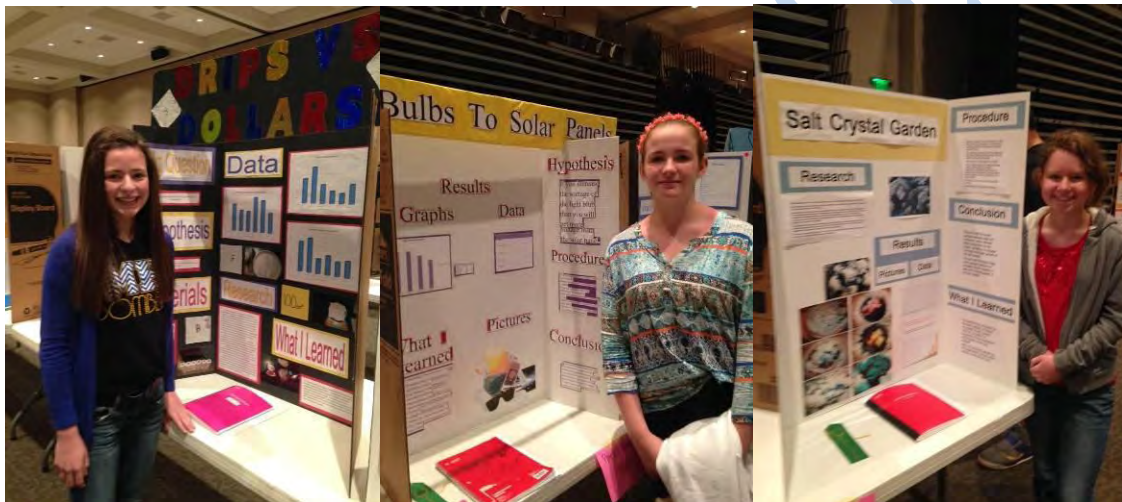


Congratulations to Ethan!

Ethan was honored at the Donald W. Reynolds Governor's Cup Luncheon this past week for his participation in the Y.E.S. entrepreneurial event this past winter. Ethan was a state overall first place winner. We are proud of you Ethan!!



Pinkston's Quiz Bowl Team, "Buzzin' Bombers" hit the road this week to compete. Zoe, Lauren, Sarah, Gage (Captain), Luke, Josie, and Olivia brought home 3rd place! Congratulations Quiz Bowl!!



Congrats to our three 7th grade students that represented Pinkston Middle School today in Batesville for District Science Fair.

Ashlynn, Olivia, and Maddi – #PinkstonProud

Ashlynn – 1st Place Consumer Science

Olivia – 2nd Place Physics-Electricity



Pinkston Middle School @Pinkstonmiddle

EAST at Pinkston @AdunavanEast

7th Grade Promise @deniselauerman

DARE @campfield10

Pinkston Media Center @pmslibrary12

Upcoming Pinkston Middle School Events

- April 22 – 6th Gr Student Gov. Luncheon
- April 23 – Progress Reports
- April 23 – 7th Gr Health Classes to Health Fair
- April 24 – 7th Gr Promise Trip
- April 30 – 4th Quarter Progress Reports

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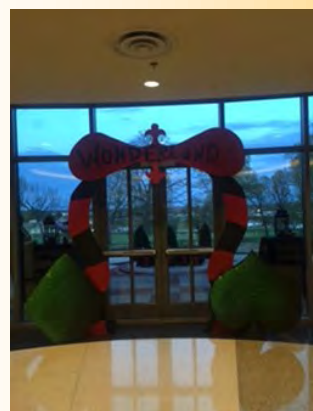
MHHS CAREER ACADEMIES

AN ENCHANTED EVENING MHHS PROM 2015



MHHS Junior and Seniors celebrated Prom April 11, 2015 at the Vada Sheid Center on the ASUMH campus. Seniors Spencer Wilbur and Kaylea Yeakley were crowned 2015 Prom King and Queen.

Photo booth pictures can be viewed at
www.laradaniellephotography.co



BOMB SQUAD



RECYCLE rush

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

FIRST Robotics Team 16, the Bomb Squad competed against 54 other teams at the Midwest Regional in Chicago, IL. Teams came from four different states, Turkey and Israel. When they arrived in Chicago on Wednesday they went directly to the Museum of Science and Industry. The team split up and enjoyed the massive museum and its interactive exhibits. From there they went to the UIC pavilion, met with their trailer, and unloaded their robot and various tools to the pit area. They competed in practice matches the next day, after spending several hours reconfiguring their robot with new attachments that were built before the event to make them more competitive.

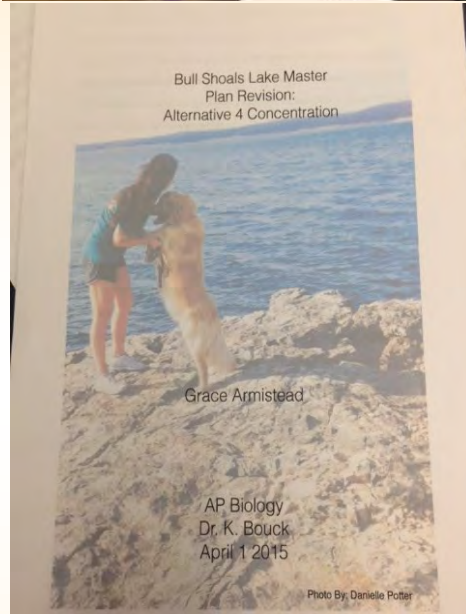
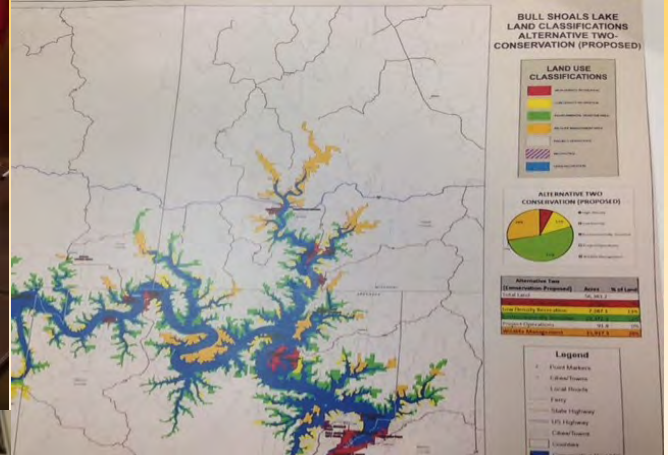
The Bomb Squad competed in the first qualifying matches of the competition, finishing the day in the 17th position with an average score of 84 points. They finished the qualifying matches in the 8th position with an average score of 103.64 points.

Going into alliance selection for the elimination tournament a lot of strategy was talked with other teams. They were picked by the third seeded team 2194 Fondy Fire, from Fond du Lac, WI and with team 2358 Bearbotics from Lake Zurich, IL. Before beginning the quarter-finals the team began what they referred to as “Cheesecaking”, this is where the team took parts from their robot and adapted them to fit onto their alliance partner’s robot. 2358, Bearbotics received the team’s ramp, and later in the matches, they added Bomb Squad’s old double container grabbers. With this awesome alliance they went up again some high scoring alliances and had a few robot issues along the way, but the alliance end the competition in 3rd with an average score 123.6.

The team won the Entrepreneurship Award sponsored by Kleiner Perkins Caufield and Byers, which is given to the team with the most comprehensive business plan to scope, manage and achieve team goals. The Bomb Squad will compete next at the FIRST World Championship April 22-25. You can watch them compete live on their website www.baxterbombsquad.com and follow them on their twitter: @frcteam16 and Facebook: Team 16: Bomb Squad.



Project Based Learning in Action



Project Based Learning in Action, A Community Connection To enhance their study of ecology, Students in Dr. Karla Bouck’s AP Biology are conducting a real world study of Bull Shoals Lake. The Army Corp of Engineers is in the process of reevaluating the Master Plan for Bull Shoals Lake; the last plan was revised in the early 1970’s. Dr. Karla Bouck is a member of the water quality focus group whose goal is to assess alternative land classification proposals and their impact on water quality. Students were given the same information as the water quality focus group. Students discussed the issue, conducted research into the issue, and wrote a term paper making their recommendations to the Army Corp. The papers were read by Army Corp Project Directors and given great reviews; they have requested copies of the papers. We hope to visit some of the sites by land or boat as the next step in the project. Students are excited to attend Community Outreach Meetings that will be held by the Army Corp in August.



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

Interscholastic Team Finishes First Overall

Congratulations to our team for placing first overall in the Interscholastic Contest at Missouri State University West Plains! An estimated 500 students from 18 area high schools in Missouri and Arkansas participated in the academic event. The competition tested students' knowledge in a variety of subject areas ranging from agriculture, science and math, to speech, history and English. Competition was held in three divisions based on school size, with first, second and third place winners announced in each division. First, second and third place winners overall also were named.



NCWIT Award



Courtney Crawford received the National Center for Women in Information Technology (NCWIT) Aspiration in Computing Award at the University of Arkansas.

As part of an effort to encourage more young women to choose a career in technology, The [National Center for Women & Information Technology](#) (NCWIT) seeks to recognize high school women with outstanding achievements and aspirations in computing and technology through the [Award for Aspirations in Computing](#).



ACME

Students in Mrs. Pugsley's AAP had the opportunity to visit the Forrest L. Wood visitor center and Ranger Boat Factory with their mentor, Charles Hubbard. Students were not only given a tour of the factory, but had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Wood. Mrs. Pugsley and her students would like to thank Charles and Misty Hubbard for their generosity and dedication as mentors for the past three years!



ACME

Mr. Rucker's ACME Geometry Class enjoyed applying their knowledge of "angles of Polygons" by solving various problems at nine different stations that were set up around the classroom. One station had a partial polygon that was made from tinker toys, and the students had to figure out how many sides that regular polygon would have if it were completed. There were interactive stations involving the Ipad and the Smartboard. One station involved Mr. Rucker's eighth grade science project---yes he still has it. The students had to find the measure of each angle of a 32 sided polygon that is on the project. Skills honed and discovered from this activity will lead into our next project will be for the students to find the square footage of a decagonal house and to come up with a design for the rooms of that house.





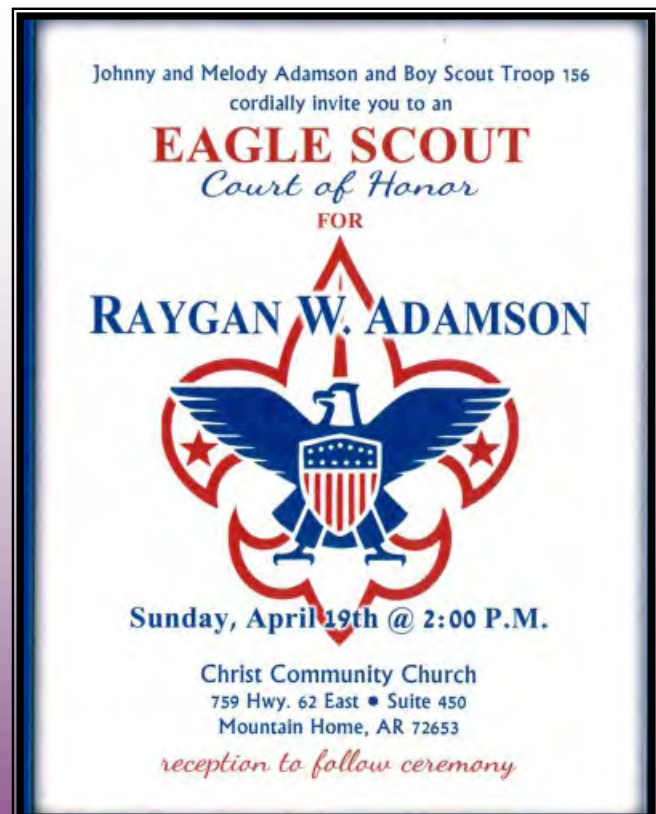
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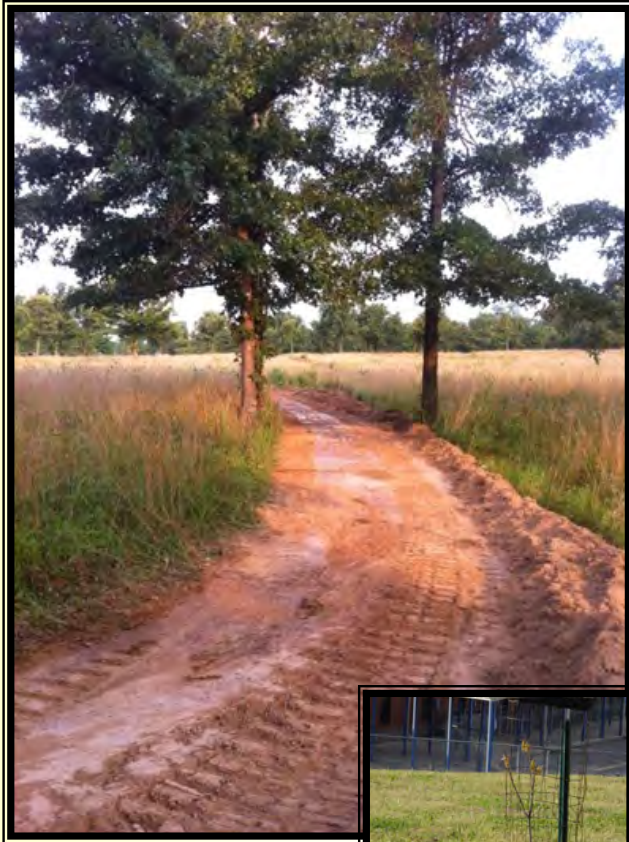
Our focus this week is Raygan Adamson. Raygan is the son of Johnny & Melody Adamson, a member of Boy Scout Troup 156, and a sophomore at Mountain Home High School. Melody, Raygan's mom, is a fifth grade teacher at Hackler Intermediate School. On Sunday, April 19th, Raygan received the highest achievement ranked award, The Eagle Scout Award.

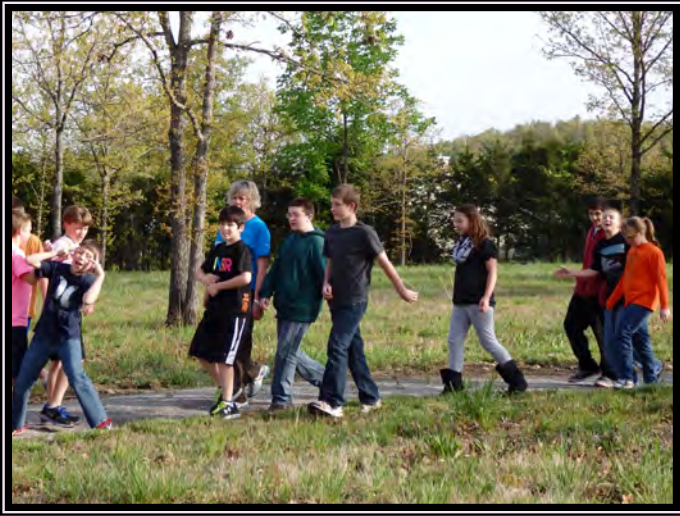
Raygan met with Mrs. Monger to talk about a service project he could do that would benefit the students and the community at large. The project he chose was playground improvements and a multi-purpose trail. The playground improvements were games being painted on the concrete, such as hopscotch and four-square. The trail is a quarter mile crushed limestone trail for teachers, students, and the community to use. Raygan also identified trees along the trail. This project allowed Raygan to use his management and leadership skills, which is one of the requirements in achieving his Eagle Scout Award.

Thank you Raygan for impacting Hackler students, teachers and our community.

Congratulations on achieving your Eagle Scout Award!







Thank You



Raygan

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

April 23, 2015

- ◆ Progress report will go home April 30 , 2015.
- ◆ NO school on May 1, 2015, due to Teacher In-Service.
- ◆ Teacher appreciation is May 4 through May 8.
- ◆ DARE graduation is May 19, 2015.
- ◆ NO school on May 25, 2015, to celebrate Memorial Day.
- ◆ LAST day of school is TUESDAY, June 3, 2015, and students will receive report cards.
- ◆ Pay all lunch charges as soon as possible.
- ◆ Contact Mrs. Steiner or Mrs. Reding for the cost of lost library books.
- ◆ Attention 5th grade parents: 5th grade students have received band forms about beginning band next year. Please fill out the form and return it even if you mark “no”.
- ◆ Beginning band signups will be in the Pinkston band room. Pearls’ sign up night is April 28 from 3:30-7:00pm, and Rubies’ sign up night is April 30th from 3:30-7:00. Students must be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or grandparent during the sign up process. If you have any other questions please email Ms. Bentley at sbentley@mtnhome.k12.ar.us



Teacher Appreciation Week May 4-8

Parents, Grandparents, and Guardians:

If you would like to help out with Teacher Appreciation, you may send monetary donations in an envelope marked teacher appreciation to the front office by April 28th.

What a great opportunity to simply say, “Thank you”. It has been an awesome year at Hackler Intermediate School.

Thanking you in advance,
Cheryl Wilber, Co-P.I.E. Coordinator
Hackler Intermediate School



McHackler Night at McDonald's was a big success!

Thank you parents, grandparents, families, and friends who came out to support our school and our teachers on McHackler Night.

A GREAT time was had by all!

Also a big THANK YOU
goes out to
Laura Newth &
Mountain Home McDonald's

A collection of colorful, stylized flowers in shades of pink, orange, purple, and blue, arranged around the central text.

Community Opportunities

- **Ball for Ryan 3-on-3 Memorial Basketball Tournament at the Mountain Home High School Gymnasium on May 9th at 9:00 am. Registration forms are available in the front office. If you have any question you can contact 870-321-0225 or 870-421-2643.**
- **Ozark Football Association Free Football/Cheer Camp, May 30, 2015. Leading the camp will be former Pittsburg Stealer Steve Conley, former Razorback, Muskie Harris, semi pro players and area high school coaches. For more information call 870-321-1677 or email ozarkfootballassociation.com.**
- **Register for Summer Celebration at First Baptist Church. The summer camp runs from June 8 through August 7. This camp is for students who have completed Kindergarten through sixth grade. For more information call the Christian Life Center 870-425-5421.**





I “must-ache” you if you are staying fit, working hard and doing your best? We are at MHK!



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