

FROM SUPERINTENDENT DR. MYERS

Superintendent Update: May 1, 2015

Quote for the week: “We fought hard. We gave it our best. We did what was right and we made a difference.”—Geraldine A. Ferraro

Every once in a while I think of someone with whom I have had a change of heart concerning how I felt about that person’s contributions to our society. Former Vice-Presidential candidate Ferraro is one of those individuals. She ran with Walter Mondale in 1984 and of course lost that bid for the White House. I had not been a supporter as evidenced by the fact I named my son Reagan! As time has passed, I now know Geraldine Ferraro was a brave and compassionate leader. I think the fact that she began her career as a school teacher intrigued me. Ms. Ferraro ran for other offices and served as an ambassador ([United States Ambassador to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights](#)) but my inspiration comes from her last service to society where she acted as an informal advocate for other patients as she was losing her battle with Multiple Myeloma. She started her career serving and she ended her life serving. She fought hard even in the midst of her battle with terminal cancer.

I hope you enjoy the poems below about giving our best and fighting through the tough times just as Geraldine Ferraro decided to do.

Giving Our Best

Poet: [Julie Hebert](#), © 2012

Every day that we are alive,
We should be asking ourselves whether we,
Are we giving our best to each day,
This is something we may not all see.

See each day we are given is a gift,
And to waste it would be very wrong.
But our lives are just that,
Ours to do with and hope our life's long.

But that's just it, our lives may not be long,
And come to an end before we are ready.
Don't be that person, who [regrets](#),
Live your life full and steady.

Close your eyes and go to sleep,
Knowing you've conquerd your day.
You'll [life](#) will be very [successful](#),
And you'll be happy to look back when you're gray.

Comfort Zone

Poet: [Julie Hebert](#), © 2012

We all have a [comfort zone](#),
In which we all retreat.
When times get tough it's hard to not
Feel like you are beat.

So when you feel this time approaching,
And your comfort zones in view.
Stop and think about what you're feeling,
And see if what you're feeling is true.

It's good we all have a spot,
That makes us all feel good.
But sometimes we may use that spot,
When it's not necessary that we should.

So next time you feel the need,
To stay in your comfort zone.
See if all you really need,

Is some confidence of your own.

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Special dates of interest:

- * Regular Board Meeting May 21– 6:00pm
- * Memorial Day– No school– May 25th
- * Retirement Reception-May 26th, 4:00pm in the Dunbar Lobby
- * Last Day of School June 3rd

News for the week:

Mountain Home School District was on the receiving end of a wonderful gift last Monday evening. Brand and Lani Hasselwander (Automotive Services, Inc.) and Rob and Nicki Finley hosted the ribbon cutting of the 1.2 million dollar athletic complex which had been previously gifted to Mountain Home School District. This complex will serve our kids in Mountain Home for generations to come. It is the best indoor baseball/softball facility in the state for young people.



Press Release:

Press release for the Auto Services Company, Inc. and Rob and Nicki Finley Sports Complex

On Monday April 27, 2015 Mountain Home Schools celebrated the official ribbon-cutting of the Auto Services Company, Inc. and Rob and Nicki Finley Sports Complex.

This 1.2 million dollar facility has over 18,000 sq ft under roof. "The wall-to-wall synthetic grass makes it the perfect practice facility for the rainy winter/spring days that we have just experienced" says Bobby Bevel MHHS girls softball coach. The new state-of-the-art facility has fully programmable Baseball/Fastpitch softball video pitching simulators. This same machine is used by many of the major league baseball teams to give a realistic look to hitters to see an assortment of pitches they may face in their next game. The building was designed to have the ability to break up into seven different practice areas or it can have one complete infield.

Funding for the new practice facility was a joint effort between Rob and Nicki Finley who donated the building and Auto Services Company Inc. who provided the money for the complete renovation. The gifts were made to the Mountain Home Bomber Booster Foundation, a nonprofit charity designed to help the MHHS upgrade their sporting facilities. "The new indoor complex exceeded our expectations" says Gary Pitts, board member MHBBF.

The overall vision of the MHBBF is to provide quality facilities for our youth and give them a safe place to exercise and play their sporting events. "I know Coach Tejek is excited about our next project in which we hope to be able to provide an on-campus baseball and softball fields. We are currently working with donors to help fund this project. I am hopeful we will be able to have a groundbreaking ceremony soon on that project. We just need to secure a few more donations." Brad Hasselwander, President MHBBF.

On Saturday, May 2, MHHS will host an open house with food and live demonstration of the complex between 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM everyone is invited to tour the new facility. The facility is located at 411 West Wade Street.



It was once again a great pleasure to deliver the “Heart Awards” on Thursday morning. Melissa Green was presented the Teacher’s Heart Award. Mrs. Green

is described as a teacher who “spreads love, cheer and sunshine among students, teachers, staff and administrators.”

Wendy Blount received the “Big Heart” award. It was said that “Nurse Wendy goes above and beyond to make sure all of our Hackler students and teachers are well cared for. Wendy is a team player and works very hard to build relationships with students and staff. She is professional and does a great job meeting the medical needs of everyone in our building way to go Wendy!!!”



May 1, 2015

MHHS CAREER ACADEMIES

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE
MOUNTAIN HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT

Fine Arts Festival

*Mountain Home 8th -12th grade art students will have
artwork exhibited*

*Mountain Home High School Gym
Tuesday, May 5, 2015
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Free Admission*



Fine Arts Festival-MHHS Gym



Art IV Student Michelle Last



Art IV Student Summer Webers

MHHS FBLA

2015 State FBLA Leadership Conference

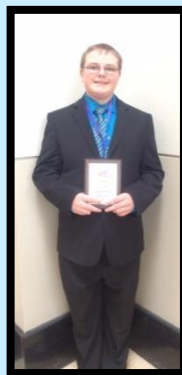


Samantha Shelley earned Leadership Level of Business Achievement Awards. This award focuses on local, district/regional, state, and national involvement; advanced business skills; and community leadership.

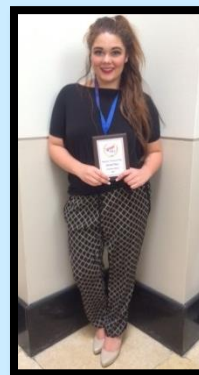
MHHS FBLA Competitors Placing 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Advance to NATIONAL LEVEL Competition in Chicago, IL June 27 - July 3, 2015. CONGRATULATIONS to ALL FBLA State Competitors



1st Place Management Information Systems:
Nathan McGehee, Sydney Allen, Branden McMaster



2nd Place Accounting I:
Brandon Fry



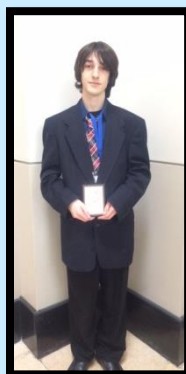
2nd Place Business Financial Plan:
Megan Chaney



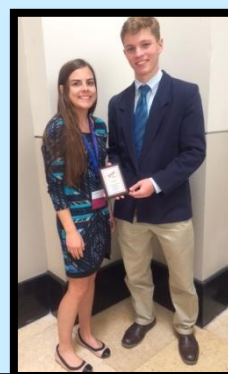
3rd Place Business Law:
Kayla Maupin



3rd Place Agribusiness:
Ashlyn Tuberville



4th Place Desktop Application & Programming:
Joshua Francis



4th Sports & Entertainment Mgmt:
Zoe Parsons, Jordan Womack



5th Place E-Business:
Samantha Shelley, Alexis Ungerank

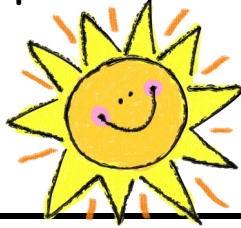
Hackler Intermediate School Newsletter

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

April 30, 2015



- ◆ Progress reports are in today's red folders.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Make sure the front office has your correct mailing address and contact numbers so that your child will receive their homeroom teacher letter the first of August.
- ◆ 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.



Annual Hackler 5K Coming May 30th

Hackler is hosting our 4th Annual Hackler Healthy Kids 5K on Saturday, May 30th. The 5K will start and finish at Hackler. Packet pick up and race day registration will start at 7:00 a.m. The race will begin at 8:00 a.m. Wells Fargo is paying the registration cost for all Hackler students that participate in the 3.1 mile run/walk. Each participant will receive a Hackler Healthy Kid t-shirt. The cost for students from other MH schools, parents, grandparents, friends and neighbors will be \$20 pre-registered;\$25 day of race.

It is very important to teach our kids about healthy lifestyles in hopes to reduce the percentage of type two diabetes in children the age of our students here at Hackler Intermediate. We encourage parents, grandparents, guardians, friends and family members to join along side Hackler students, staff, teachers, administrators and our sponsors in participating in the 2015 Hackler Healthy Kids 5K.

All students participating must fill out a registration form with a parent's signature.

Forms are available in the front office at Hackler Intermediate School.

Money raised from this event will go to

Repell Diabetes Center at BRMC and David's Trail.



Community Opportunities



- **Open House at the Auto Services, Inc / Finley Family Sports Complex will be Saturday, May 2 from 2:00—4:00 p.m. This is an indoor practice facility (former Riverlake Bowling Alley)**
- **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 call 870-321-0225 or 870-421-2643.**
- **Night with your Knight, a Mother / Son Ball, is on May 8, 2015 & the Father Daughter Ball is Saturday, May 9, 2015. Tickets for these events are available online only at mounthomechristianacademy.com or contact The Academy at 424-6622.**



Hackler Intermediate School

McHackler Night at McDonald's

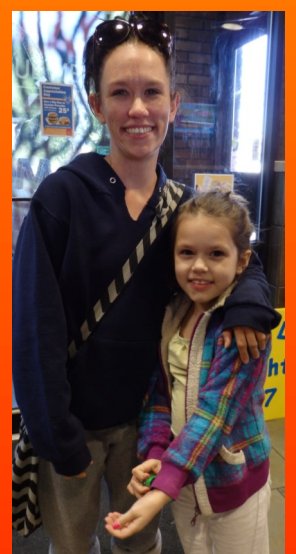
Every year, Laura Newth and Mountain Home McDonald's allows Hackler teachers and staff to tie on an apron and get to work for the evening. The Hackler staff takes orders, greets customers, delivers food, dumps trash, and cleans off tables. A crowd of hungry kids and their parents dined inside, and the drive thru was bumper to bumper. 20% of the sales for the evening will be going to the Hackler teachers that worked during McHackler night for their classroom students. It was a very busy night from beginning to end. This year was the most successful year so far. Laura Newth delivered a \$900 check to Sondra Monger.

Also, Mrs. Monger added a little competition for the evening. Teachers earned points based on student participation and McDonald's cookie sales. The top three teachers with the most points won a Chrome book to use in their classroom. It was an AWESOME night at McDonalds.

Thank your Laura Newth and McDonald's!!!







We love our Hackler family!

NELSON-WILKS-HERRON ELEMENTARY

Teaching Kids to Save



Thank you 1st Integrity Bank for bringing this program into our 2nd grade classes. You are never too young to start saving!!

Bringing Reading to Life

This week Mrs. Edwards' students are studying about emergencies in Reading. The students are reading the story "A Trip to the Emergency Room". Mrs. Mandy Pender, from Baxter Regional Medical Center, and her gorilla friend, Tommy Trauma, came and talked to the students about what happens in the emergency room. The students got to look at x-rays, pictures inside the emergency room, listen to each other's heartbeats, and participate in a fake emergency. The students received pencils, their own plastic gloves, and an emergency activity booklet. This week the students will also listen to guest speaker, Jayson Edwards, from Baxter County 911, and be required to learn their address and an emergency phone number.





Big Heart Award



Melissa Green, NWH Art Teacher, received the Big Heart award today from Dr. Myers. Congratulations Mrs. Green and thank you for all your years of dedication and service to our district and all the students' lives you have touch over the years.