



Superintendent Update: May 2, 2014

Quote for the week: “Light is the task where many share the toil.”—Homer

I wrote last week concerning sailing against the wind. Metaphorically speaking, the idea was to keep going even if the wind is in our face and moving forward is difficult. As the quote stated, “we must sail”...even if it is against the wind! We can’t drift and we can’t anchor. Thinking in the terms of facing a difficult future due to obstacles and problems, my mind takes me to the students, parents, and employees of Vilonia and Mayflower Schools.

The two communities of Vilonia and Mayflower have been presented with a major setback due to the tornadoes which occurred last Sunday evening. As of this writing, I do not believe either school was back in session. I am certain Vilonia has a school that was demolished. Education as they know it in their communities will not be the same for some time. It is likely normalcy will not return this spring.

What to do? I believe the quote from Homer describes what to do. The task ahead for Vilonia and Mayflower will be much lighter if “many share the toil.” You may be like me and wonder just what can be done from Mountain Home. Here are some ideas which could make a difference and allow us to share in the toil.

- Children and/or school employees could write encouraging notes to either school or both schools.
- Colleagues could contact friends or acquaintances in either school to see if there are physical needs which could be collected and sent/delivered.
- Monetary donations could be sent to the Red Cross or mailed directly to either charitable organizations or churches in their communities.

I heard a mother on television say, “we don’t want sympathy, but we do need prayers and support.” The support our school/community might offer doesn’t have to be a big thing. It is amazing what a simple note of encouragement might mean to our colleagues in those schools. We are a caring and benevolent school community. I have no doubt that many, many people in Mountain Home have already reached out to our friends in Vilonia and Mayflower!

News for the week:

Welcome aboard to Amy Butler who will be directing the work of Federal Programs. Amy takes over for Dorothy Cook. If any of you have been working with Dorothy, you now know who you will be working with directly in the future. Just as Dorothy, Amy will wear many hats in covering the needs of the district office.



I really enjoyed the annual basketball awards banquet on Tuesday evening. Coach Huskey, Coach Leonard and their staffs do a tremendous job of honoring our team. It is always especially touching to hear their words of encouragement to our departing seniors. We had tremendous leadership from our seniors this year. Seniors are:

Cole Ford
Amanda Davis
Derek Curtis
Briana Leonard
Jamie Stone
Tanya Jones
Michael Wehmeyer
Hannah Gaines
Hayden Hall



We had a wonderful Strategic Council meeting on Wednesday! The entire meeting consisted of our students presenting their “work” to the adults. I believe our adults were super impressed with the performance of our kids. The best marketing strategy of Mountain Home Public Schools is simply to allow the public to see what great kids we have. They are smart and very well rounded after attending school 13 years in MHPS! We had everything from a recorded Reader’s Theatre performance from Kindergarten to a wonderful presentation from high school students concerning a collaborative event with our community.





Please come out to our big C-3 event Saturday morning at David's Trail. The event supports local charities and raises funds for each of our schools.

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

Next week we will be celebrating Teacher Appreciation Day on May 6th please show the teachers your appreciation for all their hard work. Nurse Appreciation Day is May 7th; let us take a moment to thank our school nurses. We appreciate all of the faculty and staff for the work you do every day for our students.

Enjoy this [Simple Truths](#) video.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Lonnie



Author Gordon Korman and Superintendent Lonnie Myers

A P S R C

The following newsletter continues the series about tech tools and apps for dyslexia. [Click here to read this newsletter](#)

The following newsletter is about protecting student privacy. [Click here to read this newsletter](#)

Upcoming Testing

April 14-May 30: CTE EOC Exams

May 13-14: Algebra I EOC

May 5: AP Chemistry and AP Environmental Science @ 8:00 am

May 7: AP Calculus AB @ 8:00 am

May 8: AP English Lit and Comp @ 8:00 am

May 13: AP US Govt @ 8:00 am

May 14: AP US History @ 8:00 am

May 15: AP World History @ 8:00 am

PARCC Answers Rick Hess' Three Practical Questions

A few weeks ago Rick Hess [wrote a column in Ed Week](#) with three questions for the two test consortia. The questions were about test reliability, given a) variation in testing conditions, b) use of varying testing devices (laptops, tablets, desktop) and paper vs. pencil, and c) the long testing window. Jeff Nellhaus, director of policy, research and design for the PARCC assessment and the architect of the MCAS, Massachusetts' highly regarded assessment, responded.

This week, Rick Hess posted the response: [Three Answers to Rick Hess's Questions](#). In this post Hess writes, "I'm pleased to report that, in the last couple days, I've received serious responses from thoughtful executives at PARCC and SBAC. Today I'll be publishing a response from PARCC's Jeff Nellhaus and tomorrow I'll publish one from SBAC's Joe Willhoft."

Jeff Nellhaus writes that "Rick Hess raises legitimate questions about how variation in the testing conditions will impact the validity and reliability of the results of PARCC and Smarter Balanced assessments," and proceeds to answer those questions.

May 2, 2014

MHHS CAREER ACADEMIES

FFA Brings Home First & Second Place Awards



The Mtn. Home FFA Ag Communications Team won 1st Place at the State CDE Contest Held at the University of Arkansas on April 18th. They will compete at the National FFA Convention in late October held in Louisville, Kentucky.

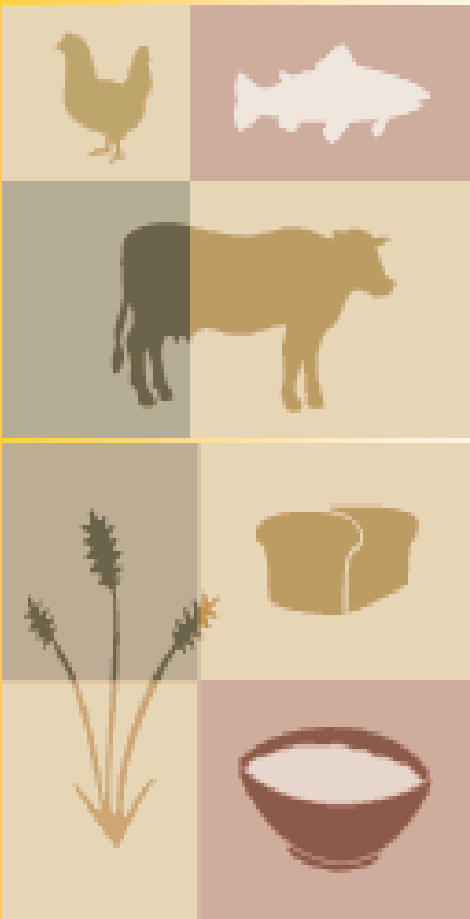
Team members L to R- John Paul Reese, Jamie Boelkens, and Amanda Martin.





The Mtn. Home FFA Agronomy Team finished 2nd in the State Contest on Friday April 18th at the University Of Arkansas.

Team members L to R- Macie Kelly, Bryce Rohr, Carson White, and Mason Smith.



The Mtn. Home FFA Farm Business Management Team finished 2nd in the State Contest on Friday April 18th at the University Of Arkansas.

Team members L to R- Sara Ross, Jacob Settles, Logan Armstrong, and Hunter Myers.

ACME Wins the Race on Academy Celebration Day



ACME Celebration Day was a huge success. The students spent the morning in Dunbar with awards being presented, Mr. and Miss MHHS, and the year-in-review video. The awards presented by ACME were for Top Senior ACME Girl – Katie Kellum, Top Senior ACME Boy – Michael Lambert, and Top ACME Teacher – Mr. David Rodriguez.

The students spent the first part of the afternoon at a car show provided by local car enthusiasts. This was a real “hit” with the ACME students. They saw some old classics, beautiful Corvettes and Mustangs and many others. Students could also purchase tickets for the Charity Donation Drawing with all proceeds going to BRMC Foundation. There was \$172 raised for this charity.

The students finally got the opportunity to culminate our year-long project. The 2nd grade students came over from Nelson-Wilks-Herron for our Pinewood Derby race. This was an exciting time by both the high school students and the 2nd graders. The top teacher cars belonged to Mrs. Kathy Gonten, Dr. John Bouck, and Kraigen Partee (Mrs. Sheila Partee’s young son); the top high school cars were Ben Rodriguez, Keith Petty, and Caleb Burnley. The overall top 2nd grade students were Carly Hardin, Abby Lindsey, and Aidan Sanders.

The plans are to make this an annual event for ACME and 2nd grade classes.



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Building a Path
to Success



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Mr. & Miss MHHS Nominees, Finalists, and Winners



The Class of 2014 marks the 59th Mr. and Miss MHHS. This event is sponsored through a partnership between the Future Business Leaders of America and the Mountain Home Education Foundation. Mr. and Miss MHHS candidates were nominated by their high school teachers. This year, 21 female seniors and 19 male seniors were interviewed for this prestigious award. The top 10 female and 10 male candidates returned for a 2nd extensive interview.

The 21 Miss MHHS candidates (top 10 finalist are in bold) were: **El-Noor Akhter**, Racheal Arp, Sara Banter, Laura Boelkens, Olivia Covington, **Carly Dibble**, Olivia Dyer, Abigail Fowler, **Kaycee Grissum**, Lindsey Harrison, Nell Holleman, **Kate Hutchinson**, **Briana Leonard**, Heather Morgan, Nicole Plumlee, Carrie Porter, Heather Pyszka, **Katy Strider**, **Alaina Tuberville**, Monica Vasiloff, and **Eliska Wurfel**.

The 19 Mr. MHHS candidates (top 10 finalist are in bold) were: **John (Jack) Baran**, Travis Chism, **Grant Conner**, Cole Frazier, **Jack Guo**, **Kaden Harris**, Matthew House, Thomas Lynch, **Hunter Myers**, David Osswald, Adam Persenaire, **Kedrin Rayburn**, Jon Paul Reese, **Bryce Rohr**, **Kyle Stephens**, **Steven Switzer**, Evan Webb, Michael Wehmeyer, and **Nick Wilhite**.



Nominees are pictured to the left.



Finalists are pictures to the right.



Pictured left to right bottom row: El-Noor Akhter 1st Runner Up Miss MHHS, Alaina Tuberville 2nd Runner Up Miss MHHS, Miss MHHS Kate Hutchison

Back row: Grant Conner 1st Runner Up Mr. MHHS, Steven Switzer Mr. MHHS, Bryce Rohr 2nd Runner Up Mr. MHHS



**Class of 2014 Mr. and Miss MHHS
Steven Switzer and Kate Hutchison**

The MHHS FBLA Chapter would like to extend a special Thank You to our community members that served on the interview team for:

Class of 2014 Mr. and Miss MHHS.

We would also like to extend a special Thank You to the Mtn. Home Education Foundation for their continued support in funding the scholarships for Mr. and Miss MHHS, 1st Runner Up, and 2nd Runner Up.

Americanism Essay Winners



Mr. Curtis Grant from the Twin Lakes of the Ozarks branch of The Fleet Reserve Association presented two MHHS students with awards for writing essays on Americanism. Senior Nell Holleman and Sophomore Hannah Lundry both received second place honors in this year's essay contest. Holleman and Lundry are seen here with Grant and their English teachers, Jennifer Seaman



Pictured above with Mr. Curtis Grant is Nell.

Pictured below with Mr. Curtis Grant is Hannah.



A Reception Honoring Fine Arts Achievers



On April 22, 2014 the fine arts department faculty honored the second class of Fine Arts Concentration Achievers. A Fine Art Concentration Achiever is any senior who has earned 4 credits in any of the four fine arts areas including instrumental and vocal music, theatre, and visual art. This year there were sixty-nine seniors who completed at least one area of concentration plus four who achieved two concentrations including, Carrie Porter, Bailey Smith, McKenna McCain and Linda Meyer.

We wish to thank Neilla and R. Scott Flanagin for serving as guest speakers. Mr. & Mrs. Flanagin were former teachers at MHHS and have since pursued many creative endeavors since retiring from Mountain Home Public Schools. They designed the mosaic river piece, “Journey” featured in the hall of the Donald W. Reynolds Library and will participate in The Art Odyssey Artist Studio Tour this May.

We would also like to thank Assistant Principal Lindsey Blevins and Dr. Lonnie Myers for attending and presenting graduation cords to our seniors.

**Fine Arts Students Receive
Concentration Achiever Awards and Cords**



Twenty-one Seniors (pictured above), present at Tuesday, April 22nd reception, received their Instrumental Fine Arts Concentration Achiever Awards and cords for graduation. Pictured below are those students who received the Theatre Fine Arts Concentration Achiever Awards and cords as well.





Pictured above are the Seniors who received their Visual Arts Concentration Achiever Awards and cords. Seniors, pictured below, received the Vocal Music Concentration Achiever Awards and their lilac colored chords to be worn at their 2014 graduation!



The Great “Tapesby”

Students in Ms. Pierson’s Pre-AP English III class *really* got familiar with some of the characters from Fitzgerald’s classic, *The Great Gatsby*. Students chose a character to “track” throughout the novel knowing that they would ultimately do a body diagram of that character

What’s a body diagram? I’m glad you asked. It is where each part of the body represents a characteristic of a person. For example, a heel would represent a weakness (think Achilles heel), the eyes represent how someone views the world, the shoulders represent the weight that the person has to bear (think “he’s got the weight of the world on his shoulders”), and so on. Students were to mark down key areas of the text that included their character so that they could look back and find quotes to fit each part of the body diagram. BUT, the fun didn’t stop there .

Students then worked in groups to compose a character analysis essay AND to make their character “come to life” by making a tape body. Each group chose a person to act as their “model” and then Saran wrapped them—one limb at a time. After the Saran Wrap, they applied tape. LOTS AND LOTS OF TAPE. Then, someone would carefully make an incision to cut the limb out of the tape. Once done, they would tape over the incision and bam—a human body part was created. They took all of the body parts and assembled it to create their character—Frankenstein style. They had to position and decorate the tape body in a way that clearly represented their character.

This is Ms. Pierson’s first year teaching, so this year was really an experiment with much trial and error. We’ll let you be the judge of how the bodies turned out. One thing is for sure though: Ms. Pierson’s room is not the place to be if you scare easy. Having 13 tape bodies around can be pretty creepy.



Also, before anyone panics, students were NOT allowed to tape one another’s heads—Ms. Pierson decided that she’d like to keep her job (and keep her students alive). SO, the theatre department was nice enough to let us borrow mannequin heads to tape. Thanks,
Mrs. Maupin

Hackler Intermediate School

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Principal: **Sondra Monger**

Asst. Principal: Kevin Roach
Asst. Principal: Cassy Fowler



Counselor: Terry Berry
Counselor: Kristyn Goodwin

Where Individual Learning Develops

April 24, 2014

Around our School

- Spring picture proofs are being sent home today in Thursday folders. Orders for pictures are due to the homeroom teacher by Monday, April 28th.
- Progress reports will go home on May 1st, 2014.
- 4th grade music program will be May 19th, 2014. The first performance will begin at 6:00 pm for the following classes: Pope, Martin, Norcross, Hardin, Coddington & Kincade. The second performance will begin at 7:15 for the following classes: Sherry, Madison, Strider, Penrose, Collins, & Belk.
- 5th grade DARE graduation will be May 20, 2014 at 7:00 in Dunbar Auditorium.
- 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 19th. Report cards not picked up will be mailed June 20th.



Congratulations to Hackler's Insha Haider and Laney Stout



The girls represented the 3rd & 4th grades in the 53rd Young Arkansas Artists Exhibition at the Arkansas Arts Center!
Laney's art was voted as one of Arkansas's top 5 for 4th grade by art teachers throughout the state. Laney's art will travel around the state for exhibition and be on display at the Children's Hospital in Little Rock for part of the year.

GREAT JOB GIRLS!

GORDON KORMAN IS COMING TO HACKLER!

THURSDAY, MAY 1st, 2014



Gordon Korman is a Canadian American author of more than 75 books for kids and young adults. He wrote his first book when he was 12 years old. The title of his first book was *This Can't Be Happening at McDonald Hall*. He became a published author at the age of 14.

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

TICKETS LIMITED
On Sale April 10

3rd Annual
FATHER
Daughter
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TICKETS: \$20

Tickets Available **ONLY ONLINE** at
www.MountainHomeChristianAcademy.com

Ages	Times
3-5	1:00-2:30 pm
6-8	3:30-5:00 pm
9-11	6:00-7:30 pm
12-82	8:30-10:00 pm

Dress Attire:
Daughters: The Prettiest Dress in Your Closet
Fathers: Wear Something to Impress Your Daughter
Proceeds to Benefit Mountain Home Christian Academy

For more information, contact Robin (870) 404.6378 or Jinger (870) 405.3272

Volley BALL

SUMMER CAMP
Cooper Park Youth Center

Open to ages 9 & up

Blue Crush Volleyball

April 30 - June 25th on Wednesdays from 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm
& May 1st - June 26th on Thursdays from 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm.
For more information contact Jay Sabella, 870-404-6865.

2014 CHEER FUSION XTREME

ALL STAR CHEER AND DANCE TEAM EVALUATIONS
JOIN THE "CFX FAMILY"! ALL AGES AND LEVELS!
****PLEASE ATTEND THE EVALUATION TIME BELOW**
BASED ON YOUR AGE AS OF AUGUST 31, 2014**

Monday, May 5th Ages 4-8 5:00-6:00
Tuesday, May 6th Ages 9-11 4:30-5:30
Thursday, May 7th Ages 12-18 4:30-5:30



No previous competition team experience necessary!
We offer All Star Prep Teams and All Star Cheer and Dance for all ages and levels. Teams will be formed based on age and skill level. Complete tryout packet is available prior to evaluations. Please email ktharris@suddenlink.net for complete packet. Packet includes guidelines, competition fees, tuition, parent/athlete contract and 2014-2015 schedule.

HACKLER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL WEEK ENDING 5-2-2014



Great Week at Hackler

The last day of school is quickly approaching, and even though we had several snow days, and the calendar has been extended, it has been an awesome year!

Hackler has the best volunteers, and we do not tell them often enough how very thankful we are to have them helping us through out the school year. There is never a request too big or too small for our volunteers. They eagerly jump in and work till the task is completed.

With volunteer appreciation week falling during benchmark testing week, we celebrated our appreciation for them with a luncheon provided by the teachers and staff on Thursday, May 1st. This was a time to reflect on the year, fellowship with them, and tell them personally "thank you for all you have done".



Thank You!

Hackler Welcomes Gordon Korman

Gordon Korman came to Hackler Intermediate School on May 1st, to visit with our students and to share his life as an author. Gordon wrote his first book at 12 years old and has written over 85 books in his career. The students listened very intently as he shared his own story and what inspired him to be an author. Hackler students have read several of his books and loved them.



We love being at Hackler!

Pinkston Middle School

Week ending 5.2.14



Gordon Korman visited Pinkston Middle School

Students sat in awe when Gordon Korman read to them from his new book *The Hypnotist Book 1*. Periodically, he would stop to tell students how he developed the character in his mind or how he questioned himself as the author to develop the plot. After students heard Korman speak, they were able to have him sign their Gordon Korman books!



Thanks to Ms. Knowles for arranging the visit of Gordon Korman to Pinkston Middle!

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.



Three EAST students presented at the Mountain Home Public School Strategic Council meeting this past week. The students were able to share with the council their project of reporting and broadcasting with Mr. Gill at XL7



Students Helping Students

Students from Pinkston Middle School paid to wear their PJs to school this past week to help OM raise money for their World Finals trip! The event raised more than \$500! Way to go Pinkston kids!



7th Grade Promise students created a 3D dorm room to simulate what they would like to have as a dorm room when to go to college. The dorm rooms are on display in the library and will be critiqued by Pinkston teachers for an overall innovative creation of a 3D dorm room. Great job kids and Mrs. Lauerman!



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:

- May 5-9 – Teacher Appreciation Week ☺
- May 5 – Seventh Grade Literacy Event
- May 8 – Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- May 9 – Hooked on Fishing event
- May 12 – Spring Pictures
- May 12 – 6th Grade Parent Meeting – 5:30 PM
- May 13 – Band Concert
- May 13 – Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
- May 16 – 7th Grade “Transition Trip” to JH
- May 19 – Promise Trip
- May 22 – 5th Grade “Transition Trip” to Pinkston!
- May 28 – 6th Grade Government Day
- May 30 – 7th Grade Field Day
- June 2 – Last Day for Students



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

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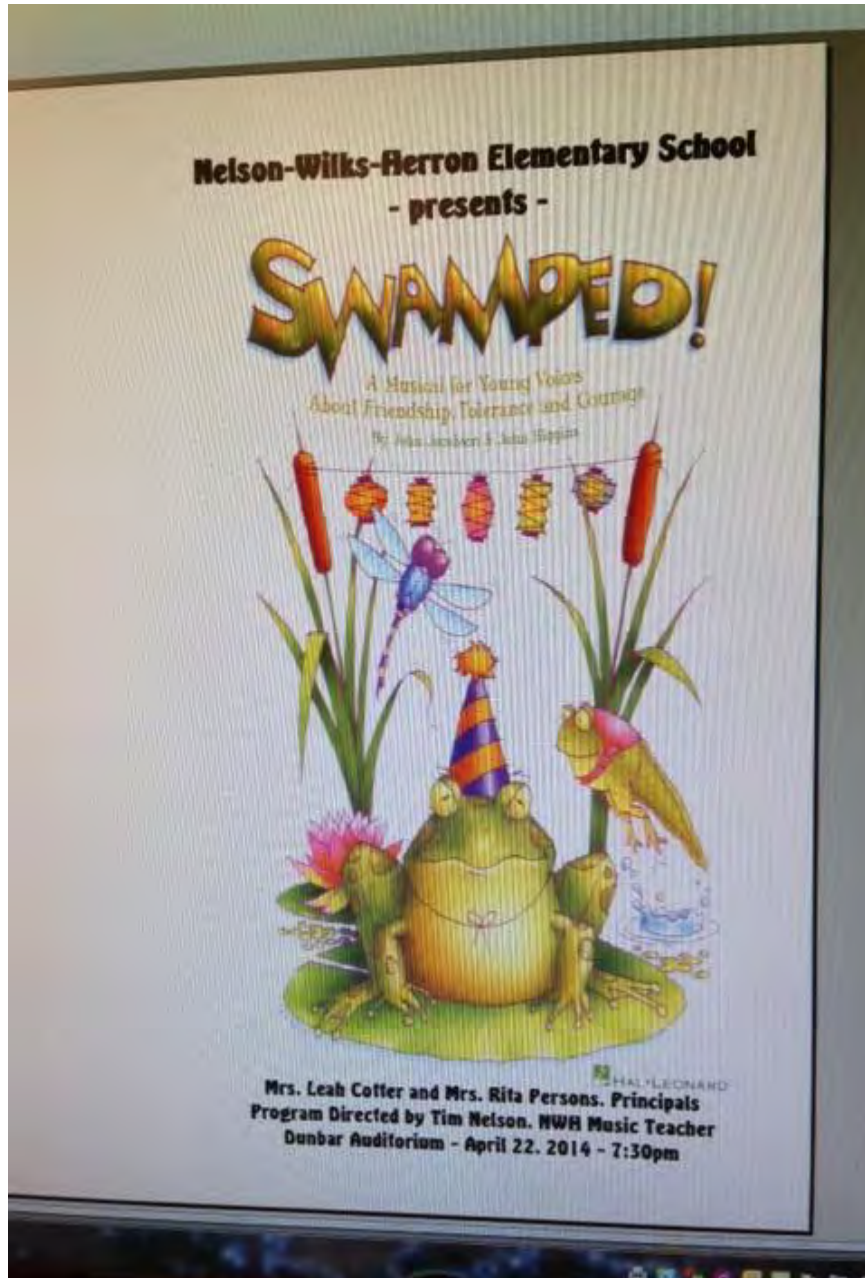
**MAY
5TH-9TH
MON-FRI

8:00-4:00
EACH DAY!**



NELSON-WILKS-HERRON

First Grade Music Programs



First graders performed their Spring musical on Tuesday, April 22nd.

Congratulations!!

Mr. Tim Nelson, NWH Music Teacher, and all the first graders did an excellent job!

Fancy Nancy



Mrs. Roberson and her 1st grade students dressed-up “fancy” like Fancy Nancy and read Fancy Nancy books today. Fancy Nancy was scheduled to visit NWH today; however, she was sick and could not make it. Fancy Nancy did send the NWH students a special video message at the following link: <http://youtu.be/36e7MaCMLUI>

Thank You!

Dr. Simpson, DDS recently donated toothbrushes to NWH.

Bull-Shoals State Park Field Trips



It's that time of year! All 1st grade classes have visited Bull-Shoals State Park for their end of the year field trips. The 2nd grade classes will be going on their field trips the week of May 12th. We appreciate Julie Lovett and the rest of the park staff for hosting us every year.



Save the dates!

NWH Book Fair

May 12th-16th

MAINTENANCE MATTERS

Meyer Roofing has finished installing the new gutters at Nelson Wilks. With some additional gutter work at the Senior High and the Junior High Agri building, we will be about completed with the repair of the damage caused by the storms earlier this year.

This week Harold installed the suspended ceiling in the bathroom in the Robotics area of the Auxiliary Services building. He also hung the bathroom door and completed the trim work. Eric and Mike Walker removed from Guy Berry the three phase electrical panel that was being used by the Robotics team. This panel was then reinstalled in the new Robotics area.

Twenty eight Dogwood trees were planted by the Game and Fish workers at the new Rain Garden at Hackler. A new exterior door was installed at the Alumni House on the Pinkston campus. The maintenance men have also started painting at this building.

The mowing crew is out in full force. The guys always stop by the front office and say that we are mowing. So if you are asked to move your vehicle, you should do it as our insurance will not cover any vehicles damaged by thrown rocks.

Several buildings had requested tables be delivered for various events.

Looks like a nice weekend. Hope all enjoy it.

Monday	05/05/14	Soccer vs. Rogers Heritage (Away) 5:00 G/B
Tuesday	05/06/14	Baseball vs. West Memphis (Away) 4:00 V/V Softball vs. West Memphis (Away) 4:30 V/V
Wednesday	05/07/14	HS Cheer Banquet 6:00 @ First Presbyterian Church
Thursday	05/08/14	HS Track 6A State Meet @ Russellville
Friday	05/09/14	Soccer vs. West Memphis (Home) 5:00 G/B <i>Senior Night</i> Softball vs. Rogers Heritage (Home) 5:00 V/JV <i>Senior Night</i>
Saturday	05/10/14	

Go Bombers!!!