

FROM SUPERINTENDENT DR. MYERS

Superintendent Update: May 15, 2015

Quote for the week: “Character is the architecture of the being.”—Louise Nevelson

Matter of the Heart

Numerous men and women throughout history have spoken at length about the importance of having an upright character, especially for those who serve in any type of leadership capacity. A simple search on the topic of character and leadership yields thousands of books, speeches, and quotes. Character is so important to us that we even recognize it as one of the principal requirements of trust, and trust is the essential prerequisite for all meaningful relationships.

Most people would never consider following someone with a past filled with dubious moral or ethical choices. Unfortunately, there appears to be a general incongruity in our society between what we say we value, and what people actually allow. Far too often the media is filled with sordid stories about the ignoble actions of people who are our society’s supposed “role models.” The daily media seems filled with scandalous stories that involve major sports figures, political leaders, religious leaders, and business executives. Stories such as a highly talented (and well paid) football player involved in illegal dog-fighting, a state governor accused of trying to sell a seat in the Senate, and even the former chairman of the NASDAQ stock exchange pleading guilty to stealing billions of dollars from thousands of investors in a “ponzi” style scheme. It is almost as if the unspoken message has become, “It’s okay to do what you want as long as you don’t get caught.” Every one of the activities cited above is really nothing more than a character issue.

What is Character?

A person’s character is who they really are. We all think about a lot of things we would be ashamed of if they were available for all to know. Abraham Lincoln once said, “Character is like a tree and reputation like its shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing.” My reputation is what others think of me, which may or may not be true, but my character is who I really am. Your character is the real you in the sense that you cannot separate what you do from who you are.

Everyone has a “public” face and a “private” face. Most of us tend to act with better behavior around others than we do in private. Have you ever noticed sophisticated video surveillance equipment? It’s not that I would do anything wrong, but just knowing the cameras are there results in my thinking, “I need to watch what I am doing because someone could be watching me.” Stories abound of people being caught on camera committing rueful acts. It is sad but true that video cameras reveal what we all know: that a person’s real character is

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Special dates of interest:

- * Regular Board Meeting May 21– 6:00pm
- * Graduation– 8:00 PM, Bomber Stadium
- * Memorial Day– No school– May 25th
- * Retirement Reception-May 26th, 4:00pm in the Dunbar Lobby

who they are when they think no one is looking. The British writer and politician Thomas Macaulay (1800-1859) once said, “The measure of a man’s character is what he would do if he knew he never would be found out.”

Character is the aggregate of a person’s ethical and moral qualities, and it is demonstrated through the choices we make. So a person of good character is someone who acts morally and ethically upright. Undoubtedly, we are all a mixture of both good and bad, so we are not saying that to have “good” character a person never makes any missteps. Rather, he is someone who is always striving to take the moral high road and, when he recognizes he has done something wrong, does what is necessary to get back on track.

The list of “high value” character traits (those virtues we esteem) is extensive, and includes such things as integrity, courage, honor, honesty, and fortitude. Certainly there is a list for us which would incorporate the distinguishing qualities of love, grace, mercy, forgiveness, and humility.

The type of character you have is your choice. This is why it was once said that, “Your character is the sum total of your life choices.” If we make poor choices, such as stealing, lying, or laziness, then we have poor character. We may not have a choice regarding the situations we are confronted with, but we always have a choice concerning how we respond to those situations. When dealing with frustrating or disappointing circumstances, we can respond with anger or with patience. The choice is always ours to make, so our character is always a matter of our choice, and thus it is our responsibility.

News for the week:

I enjoyed traveling to Kindergarten to observe middle school students performing skits for Kindergarten students. It is so very encouraging to observe our older students mentoring our younger students. Thanks to Mrs. Hamby and Ms. Czeschin for allowing me to be included in such a fun experience.

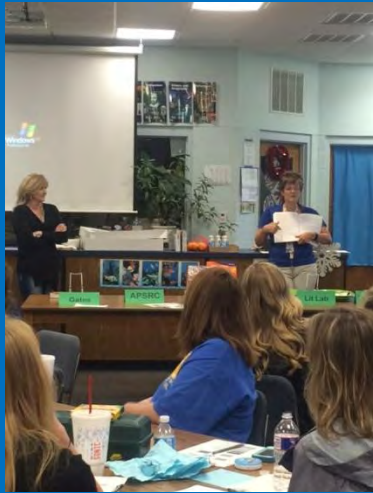


The Live Link for the MHHS Graduation for next Friday will be on the front page at this website:

HometownTV.net

Next week there will be a page for the event and there will be a front page banner as well so that the Live Streaming Link will be the first thing visitors see when they go the site.

Happy belated Mother’s Day to all the strong and courageous moms out there! Your character is an inspiration to all of us. Our children are much better because of great moms.



Mountain Home Public Schools

May 15, 2015

Laurie Cramton and Karyn Jones presenting on May 1, 2015 - Teacher In-Service

Congratulations Senior Class of 2015!

Vertical Alignment

By: Dr. Gigliotti, Assistant Superintendent

On Friday, May 1, 2015, teachers in grades 1-9 attended in-service training. Mathematics Vertical Alignment Committee Members met at Pinkston Middle School to discuss curriculum. English Language Arts Vertical Alignment Committee Members met at Mtn. Home Junior High. Teachers worked together to determine 3-5 keys skills students need to know before they enter a particular grade level. Then teachers collaborated to determine the 3-5 keys skills students need to know at each grade level. The in-service also included a common language/vocabulary across the district. Thank you to facilitators and the entire faculty for your hard work.

The Continuum of Student Achievement provides a visual aid for the common language across the district.

Student Achievement Continuum



Endorsement	Board and District Personnel
Instructional Resources	APSRC, Gates Curriculum Maps, Engage NY, My Math, ECM, CGI, Comprehensive Literacy, Textbooks, Novels, Literacy Lab
Curriculum	The combination of instructional resources the teacher chooses to use based on student needs
Standards	Common Core, AR Frameworks, Next Generation Science
Assessment	PARCC, Iowa, Benchmark, Qualls, Dibels, Formative, Summative

On May 1, Cheryl Gall, AR Public School Resource Center Facilitator met with faculty across the district to discuss English Language Arts in all content areas. The meeting was held at Nelson Wilks Herron.

Thank you to the faculty and staff for your commitment to teamwork and student achievement.

Calendar of Events

Monday, May 18 – 3:30 pm Curriculum Committee Meeting in the Central Office Board Room

Committee members will be voting on recommendations for Social Studies, Science, and CTE Instructional Resources.

Friday, May 22, 2015 – 8:00pm Graduation – Bomber Stadium



**You are invited to celebrate
with those that are retiring
this year...**

**We will have a Retirement
Reception on**

Tuesday, May 26th

at 4:00 p.m.

In the Dunbar Lobby



**Sharon Dibble
Cecil Floyd
Jane Ann Knowles
Michele McWilliams
Fay Nail
Marjorie Rosenkotter
Debra Zwicker
Bill Simpson
Donna Powell
Barbara Penrose
Debbie Adams
Linda Pierce
Eloise Dwyer
Dr. Lonnie Myers**

Retirement has been a discovery of beauty for me. I never had the time before to notice the beauty of my grandkids, my wife, the tree outside my very own front door.

And, the beauty of time itself. ~ Author Unknown

Mountain Home Kindergarten

April 27th began the last 26 days of school. Some classes are celebrating with a End of the Year Alphabet Countdown. Check out some of the days we've had so far.



Like "C" for Chalk Day.



Like "G" for GAME DAY



And we can't forget "J" for jump-rope day. Every good teacher needs to instruct how it's done. We are no exception at the kindergarten.

Pinkston Middle School



Week ending 5.15.15



Kaitlyn M. 7th

May 14th is the last day of after school tutoring and May 21st is the last day of before school tutoring!

 **Pinkston**  **Box Tops News** 

One final Box Top Challenge of the 2014-2015 school year. From now until May 29th we will be collecting box tops. Bring them in bags, attached to paper or any way you can get them here because for every 10 box tops that you enter you will be put in a drawing and 2 people will either win a \$15 Hastings gift card OR a \$15 iTunes gift card given away the last Monday of this school year! No entry is too small and even teachers have a chance. Make sure you put your name and advisor on each entry. Put them in the box top drop boxes or take them to Ms Knowles in the library. Thank you for all your hard work this year. Pinkston's TOTAL so far this year is \$1,326.00!!!! WOOHOO keep up the good work☺

-Candice Maestri Box Top Coordinator



Van Gogh lines the halls at Pinkston Middle School



Pinkston Staff shared their college colors this week! This created a great opportunities to discuss post-secondary options and goals with students!



Pinkston Middle School @Pinkstonmiddle **EAST at Pinkston @AdunavanEast**
7th Grade Promise @deniselauerman
DARE @campfield10 **Pinkston Media Center @pmslibrary12**

Pinkston Middle School

Norfolk Fish Hatchery Field Trip



Thank you to our friends at:

- US Fish and Wildlife
- AR Game and Fish
- National Park Service
- US Army Corp of Engineers



Hackler Intermediate School Newsletter

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

Principal: **Sondra Monger**

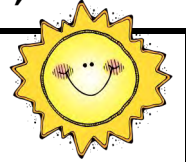
Mrs. Cassy Barnhill, Assistant Principal
Mr. Kevin Roach, Assistant Principal



Mrs. Kristyn Goodwin - Counselor
Ms. Mary Beth Russell - Counselor

Around our School

May 14, 2015



- ◆ DARE graduation is May 19, 2015 at 6:30 in Dunbar Auditorium.
- ◆ NO school on May 25, 2015, to celebrate Memorial Day.
- ◆ LAST day of school is Wednesday, June 3, 2015, and students will receive report cards.
- ◆ 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.

School and Community

- Mr. & Miss 2015 Red White & Blue Festival Pageant, June 20, 2015 at Dunbar Auditorium. Send in payment by May 20 and receive Early Bird Special.
- Friends of the North Fork & White River Crooked Creek Clean-up and Crawfish Boil Sunday, May 17th, 2015 12:30 p.m.
- 3rd Annual Cotter Booster Club 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament, Saturday May 30, 2015 at the Cotter High School Gym.
- MH Lady Bomber Volleyball players and coaching staff will be hosting the 3rd Annual Junior Elite Volleyball Academy on Saturday, May 30, 2015 at MHHS.
- 2015 "Smash Fest" 4 on 4 Volleyball Tournament, Saturday, June 13, 2015 at MHHS.
- Girl's Ozark Mountain Basketball Camp June 4th - 6th. MHHS Gyms and Junior High Physical Education Facility.
- Mountain Home Boy's Basketball Camp June 8th - June 11th.
- Twin Lakes Literacy Council and David's Trail Book Drive May 30 at the Hackler 5K.
- The Hackler 5K is May 30, 2015 at 8:00. Registration is on the back. Every student that participates will need a form filled out and get a parent signature. Wells Fargo will sponsor all Hackler students.

Information for all these events are available in the front office.

**The 4th Annual Hackler Healthy Kids 5K
May 30, at 8 a.m.**

**Packet pick up and Race Day registration begins at 7 a.m.
Start Line and Finish Line @ Hackler Intermediate School**

All the proceeds raised will go to:

Reppell Diabetes Education Center at BRMC, David's Trail & Literacy Council

Last Name: _____ **First Name:** _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Sex:** M _____ F _____ **Age on 05/30/15:** _____

Teacher (If they are a Hackler student) _____ **Grade** _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____ **Zip:** _____

Email Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

Shirt Size (please circle): Adult S M L XL or Youth S M L

Cash \$ _____ .00 Check # _____ (Make checks payable to H I S)

ENTRY FEES:

- Hackler Students Entry Fees will be paid for by Wells Fargo Advisors
- Adults and other family members cost is \$20 pre-registered; \$25 day of race

5K entries received by May 20 will receive a t-shirt on race day.

All 5K entries received after this date will be given a coupon on race day for the t-shirt, which may be picked up at a later date.

Release: I know that participating in racing either as a walker or a runner is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter this race unless I am medically able and properly trained. I agree to abide by any decision of a race official relative to my ability to safely complete the race. I assume all risks associated with participating in this race including, but not limited to, falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather, including high heat and/ or humidity, the conditions of the road and traffic on the course, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts, and in consideration of your accepting my entry, I, for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release Hackler Intermediate School, and all sponsors, their representatives and successors from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in the race even though liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons named in this waiver. I grant permission to all the foregoing to use any photographs, motion pictures, recordings, or any other record of this event for any legitimate purpose.

Signature (by guardian if participant is under the age of 18) _____



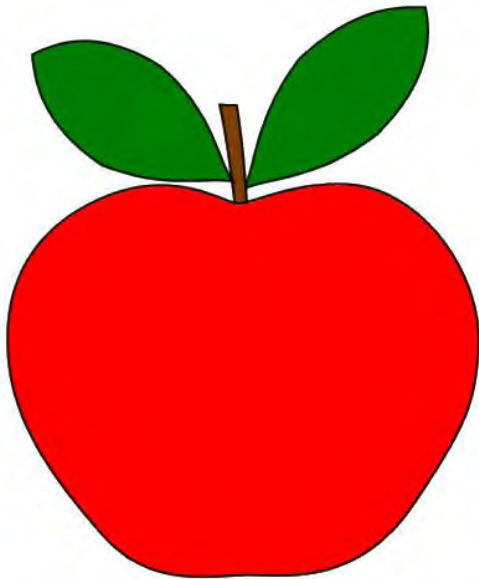
NELSON-WILKS-HERRON ELEMENTARY

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon





On Thursday, May 7th, Shenna Estes, NWH Volunteer Coordinator, and NWH volunteers treated our teachers and staff members to a picnic lunch. We appreciate our teachers and for all they do!



A Heart of Service



Addison Farris, a 2nd grader from Mrs. Bell's class, collected \$117.72 for the Fair Haven Children's Home. Addison and her grandmother talked about how they could help the Children's Home and decided to raise money. Addison gave all her allowance she had been saving, along with some help from grandparents, and donated the money to the Springfield Thrift Shop. The Thrift Shop is collecting money to save the Children's Home.

NWH Book Fair












The "Under the Sea" book fair this week at NWH has been a huge success! We appreciate all the volunteers who worked the book fair and for all the parents and grandparents who have visited. Now our students will have lots of books to read over the summer!!



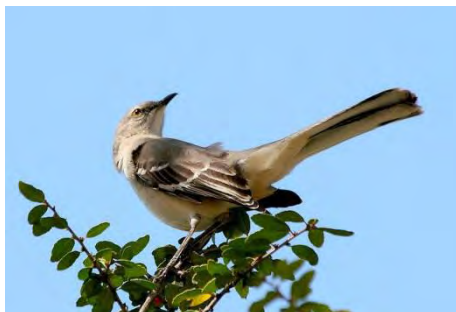
THE 30TH ANNUAL ARKANSAS WEEK- May 18-22, 2015



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
What to Wear	Denim Day	Arkansas Cap or Visor NO silly hats!	Pins or buttons Everyone will get an Arkansas pin	Arkansas T-shirt	Class Spirit- Each teacher will tell their class what color to wear.
What is happening? First grade	SCHOOL WIDE EVENTS Opening Assembly *Magician *Hills and Holler-music *Kicks and Flips dance	*First Aid with Bob Harris *Hatchery with Trey Anderson * Bull Shoals with Stewart Taylor	*Bull Shoals with Julie Lovett * Milkmakers with Suzanne Mell *Animals with the High School Students * Water Safety with Kathleen Payne	*Sherriff- 8:00-10:30 * Fish Aquarium Department * Crystals with Mrs. Becky * Trees with Judi Nail	SCHOOL WIDE EVENTS 8:30 Razorback Readers Recognition and Principals Challenge Assembly
What is happening? Second grade		*Cheese making with Rachel Klessig * Bull Shoals Park With Julie Lovett * Native Americans with David Rodriquez *Diamonds with Sheena Estes	*AR Symbols with Lauren Jarrett *ZUMBA with Jeanette Byes *Bull Shoals Park with Stewart Taylor *Quilts with Patsy Ellsworth	* Fish Aquarium *Arkansas Dinosaurs with Angela Chandler * Water Safety with Kathleen Payne *Master Gardeners With Karyn Tipton *AR minerals with Pat Ramsey	 Dinner on the Grounds 

Second grader recess: 10:15-10:30 & 1:45-2:00

First Grade recess: 9:30-9:45 and 2:30-2:45



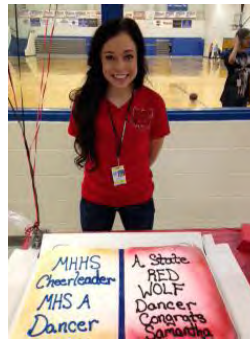
Congratulations to our following athletes who have signed National Letters of Intent to further their career at the collegiate level:



Annabelle Nagel – soccer at Williams Baptist. Pictured: Janet Wood, AD; Jeff Obert, head coach; Annabelle; and Frank Brewer, assistant coach.



Jesse Wheat – wrestle at Central Baptist College, Conway



Samantha Shelly
Dance at Arkansas State University



Lane Alexander – Track and Cross Country at Southern Arkansas University, Magnolia. Pictured: Lane and his Cross Country teammates.



Troy Kill – Bowling at Lindenwood. Pictured: Front row: Troy, Coach Chaseton McCarthy, sister Katelyn Kill; back row – his bowling friends.



Sydney Blevins
Soccer at Hendrix