

### FROM SUPERINTENDENT DR. MYERS

Superintendent Update: August 22, 2014

Quote for the week: "Our brightest blazes of gladness are commonly kindled by unexpected sparks."—Samuel Johnson

Good afternoon everyone and welcome back on this first week of school. We had a cooler than average summer, and here's hoping you enjoyed every minute of it. I'm delighted to be starting my fifth year here in Mountain Home. Thank you for the encouragement you give me as I am out and about in our community. I am touched because so many wonderful people care about our students and their success.

I've been working with all the principals and our wonderful support staff to make sure that everything is ready for the start of the new school year, and it's certain to be a good one. We have a fantastic school system, and I'm proud to be a part of it. Yes, times are tough in this economy, and they have been for some time now. But we've shown that we have the ingenuity to make the most of what we have. We are a team, enriched by each individual's efforts and committed to each other's success. Collegiality and improvisation characterize our daily work. Let us work together to ensure that every student learns. We can do this by setting high expectations, continuously assessing our progress towards them, and focusing on results.

In a culture of collaboration, let us take initiatives to propose changes for the good of the school. John Fitzgerald Kennedy said, "Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future." The Children are the future - we must never lose sight of this. That's not to say we don't have some important educational traditions. We do, and we are anchored by them. But change is inevitable. I'd like to quote King Whitney, Jr: "*Change has a considerable psychological impact on the human mind. To the fearful it is threatening because it means that things may get worse. To the hopeful it is encouraging because things may get better. To the confident it is inspiring because the challenge exists to make things better.*"

Let us not feel threatened and fearful, but rather encouraged and inspired by hope and confidence. Let us have confidence in our principals and teachers as they are professionals, and I have the utmost respect for what they do and the difference they make.

In this culture of collaboration, let us remember the importance of honest and open communication, and work to maintain it. Let us recognize and appreciate each other's efforts and dedication. We greeted our students this week. May they, years from now, remember that we created for them an atmosphere of caring and compassion and humor. Our employees have vision and direction, expertise and enthusiasm, and they

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#### Special points of interest:

- \* Bomber Fest August 22nd
- \* School Board Election September 16th
- \* Regular Board meeting September 18th

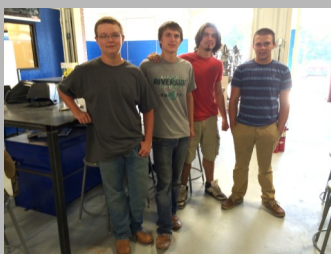
Career and Tech Education  
welding class-



Rick Hastings– Instructor



Dawson Henderson, Ryan  
A, Cole Anderson and  
Patrick Morris



Tyler Brison, Kholden  
Denny, Tristan Messier and  
Mason Mooney

have this administration's support and gratitude. They are what make us great. Our professionals, our parents-guardians, our students and our community are that which moves us forward. You all are the soul of this organization and I thank you all and welcome you back for another year.

Our students have the opportunity to take concurrent Career & Technical Education (CTE) classes. These students (*see Left column*) are in the welding program at ASUMH while also attending MHHS Career Academies. The impact this program and other CTE programs at ASUMH will have on our students is tremendous. I want to extend a special thanks to Dr. Robin Myers (ASUMH), the Mountain Home School Board, MHHS, and the Mountain Home Education Foundation for working together to make this happen for our students.

So proud of former Lady Bomber stand-out and current LadyBack runner, Samantha Mohler! She is on the **Women's SEC All-Freshman Team**.

Please enjoy this video- [Jarrett Krosoczka: Why lunch ladies are heroes](#)

Thank You and Welcome Back!

Lonnie

I hope to see everyone at Bomberfest tonight!

*Dr. and Karen Myers, Dr. G. and Wes Henderson  
cooked lunch for the Central Office staff on  
Tuesday...*





# Mountain Home Public Schools Highlights

8.22.2014

## EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

### MHPS Weekly Highlights

by Dr. Gigliotti, Assistant Superintendent

#### STUDENT SERVICES

The first week back to school is an exciting time for everyone and the world of Student Services and Transportation are certainly not exceptions to that excitement! Sorting through addresses to make certain that students are in the correct district and which bus gets them home does not stop during these first few days of school. Janelle Arana and several of our bus drivers did a great job getting information to parents, teachers, and students regarding bus stops, routes, and shuttles. It is simply amazing that even on the first day of school all students were home and buses were returned to the bus garage by 5:30 p.m. That certainly isn't to say there weren't any bumps along the way but considering that over 2,000 students were transported on the first day (many who had no idea where they live) it

was amazing. A tremendous thank you needs to be given to our drivers, teachers, administrative assistants, principals, and parents for helping students arrive home safely!

#### INSTRUCTION

Arkansas Public Resource Center and MHPS will host four (4) Hub Meetings this school year. Vertical Alignment Facilitators attend Hub Meetings to provide feedback and assistance to faculty and staff in assessment, instruction, and curriculum. The Hub Meetings will be held at Central Office from 9:00-2:00pm on Sept. 30, Nov. 12, Jan. 20 and Feb. 17.

2014-15 is the instructional resource adoption year for:

English as a Second Language ESL, K-12  
Career and Tech Education CTE Business Ed, 9-12  
CTE Career Guidance, 9-12

CTE Intro to Finance, 9-12  
CTE Marketing, 9-12  
Social Studies, AR History K-12

#### DISTRICT VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Welcome back to school! We encourage parents, guardians, and community members to get involved and sign up to be a volunteer. Go to: <http://bombers.k12.ar.us/volunteers/index.html> sign up today!

#### Curriculum Highlights

Ms. Darla Deatherage, Curriculum Specialist shares her perspective on curriculum highlights across the district.

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#### Technology Highlights

Mr. Keith Alman, Technology Director provides a weekly update on technology and a fast fact for technology across the district.

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## Curriculum Highlights

by Darla Deatherage

### Educator Resource: Achieve the Core

This week, we wanted to highlight a valuable PARCC-related resource for educators, [Achieve the Core](#). This website launched by [Student Achievement Partners](#), shares free, open-source resources to support Common Core implementation at the classroom, district, and state level.

[Achieve the Core](#), houses materials such as lessons, writing samples and professional development tools by

role, subject and grade level. Available resources also include the most recent edition of the K-2 and 3-12 standards in English language arts (ELA) and literacy for history/social studies, science, and technical subjects as well as for K-8 mathematics.



## Technology Highlights

by Keith Alman



The new school year is off to a running start here in the technology department. Our newest addition is a brand-new updated email server. Many of you have noticed glitches and outages over the last few days. These were caused by the transition to the new system. Last week I previewed the new web interface, so if you haven't seen it take a look. Go to our web page and click on Employee Web Mail. There are still a few tweaks to be made, but the major overhaul is finished.

A big thanks to all those who attended the PD sessions presented by Harry Dickens last week. As always, Harry was a big hit and made quite an impact on our faculty and administration. Special thanks to Mrs. Devona Pendergrass for getting this set up and getting 30 copies of Harry's books to give away at the end of the sessions.

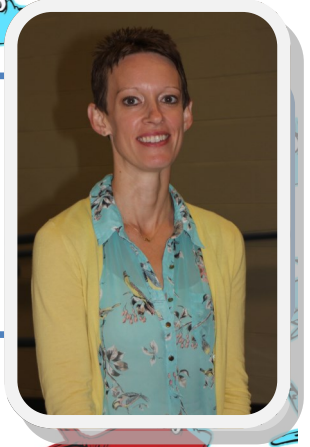
Fast fact: Andrew Churches, who co-authored the books mentioned above, lives and teaches in Auckland, New Zealand. This partnership showcases the collaborative possibilities featured in the books!



## HACKLER WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE HACKLER FAMILY

**Mary Beth Wyatt / Counselor**

Mary Beth graduated from Mountain View High School and is a native of Calico Rock. She graduated from ASU, then earned her Master's in Professional Counseling at Harding. This year starts her 15th year in education. She has two daughters, Kennedy 12 years old and Karsyn 9 years old.



**Tracy Webers / Fourth Grade Teacher**

Tracy was born in Missouri. She has lived in Missouri, Iowa, Oklahoma and Arkansas. She is married and has 3 children.. Bryan is her step-son ; Summer is her baby girl who is a senior; Ty is her very tall 14-year-old. She graduated ASU with my bachelor's degree in P-4. She worked in Bakersfield, MO as the 2nd grade reading teacher and early childhood special education teacher before coming to Hackler.



**Chrissy Pickers / Para Professional**

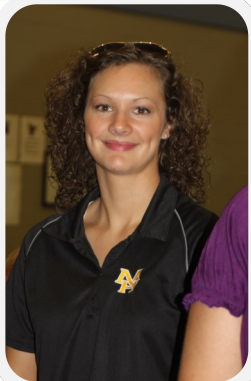
Chrissy was born in Memphis, home of one great musician, and comes to us from a music town in AR, Mountain View. She is a graduate of South Haven High School and attended the University of Phoenix. We are so glad to have Chrissy as our paraprofessional at Hackler.



**Deputy Danielle Campfield / DARE teacher**

Danielle teaches Drug Awareness Resistance Education to all 5th grade students. She has worked at the Baxter County Sheriff's department for 7 years and is married with two children. She attended ASU-MH.



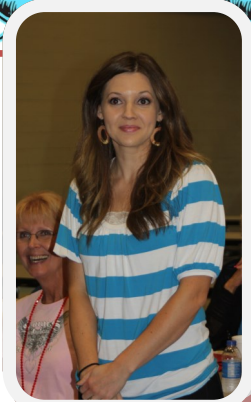


### Brooke Rogers / Physical Education Teacher

Brooke was born in Harrison but she is a true Bomber. We welcome this former Bomber back to Mountain Home. She graduated from the University of Arkansas where she worked with the women's basketball team for 3 years. She will be teaching Physical Education at Hackler and sharing coaching responsibilities for the high school and junior high cheerleaders. Plus her basketball skills will be in use as she is assistant 7th grade girls basketball coach.

### Michelle Clark / 4th Grade Teacher

Michelle is a Mountain Home Graduate and comes to us from Ellendale Elementary in Barlett Tennessee where she was a Kindergarten teacher. While there she also taught second grade and served as an Interim Librarian. She attended the University of West Florida and earned her Florida professional Teaching certificate. Michelle also has teaching license for Arkansas and Tennessee. She is married to Robert Clarke.



### Daniel Rodely / Physical Education Teacher

Daniel was born in Jonesboro and graduated from ASU. His first coaching position was an intern with – we do forgive you Daniel, the Auburn Football team. Daniel loves the outdoors and all sports but tries to live his life in the order of faith, family, and football. We are thankful to have Daniel working with our students at Hackler as our Physical Education teacher. He will also share his love of football as high school assistant football coach.



### Renea Hawkins / Speech-Language Pathologist

Renea comes to us from Molokai Community Health Center in Kaunakakai, Hawaii where she was a Speech-Language Pathologist. She was the Speech-Language evaluator at UAMS, St. Anthony's Health Care and Conway Therapy Services. She has taught a total of 12 years in Arkansas and 3 years out of state. Renea attended Arkansas State University at Beebe and the University of Central Arkansas with a Master of Science in Speech Language Pathology degree. She is the proud parent of two daughters.

# Hackler Intermediate School Newsletter

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

Principal: **Sondra Monger**

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



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

Date: 08/21/2014

## Welcome Back Students!

We hope everyone had an awesome summer and your ready to get back in the swing of learning! Our theme this year centers around Dr. Seuss. The teachers and staff have worked hard all summer getting ready for the upcoming school year. So grab your hat, it's going to be a stupendous year here at Hackler Intermediate School.

- ◆ Make sure to communicate through the assignment book and your homeroom teacher any transportation changes.
- ◆ 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students that are not picked up in the car loading area by 3:30 will be escorted to the front office for you to pick up.
- ◆ Please pay all lunch charges by the end of each month.

### Notes from Nurse Wendy

- ◆ Any student with an immunization exemption needs to bring a copy of the exemption to Nurse Wendy.
- ◆ If your child wears flip-flops to school, please send another pair of shoes for recess and physical education or in case they break.
- ◆ If your child has food allergies, a new certification of disability needs to be on file. Please call Nurse Wendy if you need a copy of the certification sheet to be completed and signed by your physician.



### LUNCH TIMES FOR HACKLER STUDENTS

3rd Grade: 11:50—12:20

4th Grade: 11:05—11:35

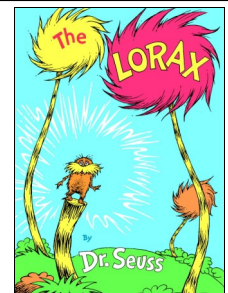
5th grade goes to lunch by teams:

Rubies: 12:40—1:10

Adamson, Cooper, Markowski, Budolfson, Harris, Mahmud)

Pearls: 1:00—1:30

(Swearingen, Goeke, Villiger, Wilhite, Roper, Caldwell)



### Community Opportunities

- \* First Lego League (FLL) Season kickoff and parents information meeting to be held Thursday, August 28th, 2014 at the Sheid Center on ASUMH Campus. For more information call Sarah Thomas 404-8235.
- \* Baxter County Fair Queen Pageant Saturday, September 6th, 2014 at 6:00 pm in Dunbar Auditorium. To register go to [www.baxtercountyfair.org](http://www.baxtercountyfair.org). For more information call Vicky Williamson 492-6544.
- \* Baxter County Fair Carnival Tickets will be sold Monday, September 8th and Tuesday, September 9th only. Watch for more information coming in upcoming newsletter.
- \* Creative ARTS workshop starting September 22nd, 2014. Registration forms available in front office.

SMILES start HERE 😊

# Mountain Home Kindergarten

