

FROM SUPERINTENDENT DR. MYERS

Superintendent Update: August 29, 2014

Quote for the week: “When you make a mistake, don’t look back at it long. Take the reason of the thing into your mind and then look forward. Mistakes are lessons of wisdom. The past cannot be changed. The future is yet in your power.”—Hugh White

The start of school has been wonderful and next week we get into full swing. Thanks to everyone for being so professional and helpful during the warm temperatures and always hectic early activities.

We have a scheduled visit from the Career & Technical Education division of the Arkansas Department of Education on Wednesday, September 3rd. This is a normal visit made to each school in the state, but we are super excited this year. Not only do we get to show our own programs, but we also are in the enviable position of showcasing our partnership with Arkansas State University Mountain Home (ASUMH). I know the state department will be excited for us as we being this exciting adventure. Many people have been supportive of this partnership between MHPS and ASUMH. We are certainly appreciative of each and every supporter.

Our fall sports schedule is in full swing with volleyball, golf, cross country, and tennis already having started and football opening with Harrison at Harrison on Friday evening. The start time for the Harrison game is 7:30. School is super fun when all of our kids are involved in the many activities we have offer in Mountain Home. We look forward to seeing our parents and other supporters at the activities.

Each year I have participated in the “Fun Run” hosted by our Cross Country teams. I appreciate Coach Blades for providing an opportunity for adults to participate in a run on the cross country course at our high school. It is always hot and always hard for me, but it has come to define the “start of school” for me personally. I wouldn’t miss it for the world.

Have a super weekend!

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Special dates of interest:

- * Fair Parade September 10th
- * School Board Election September 16th
- * School Board Meeting September 18th



Mountain Home Public Schools Highlights

8.29.2014

GATE NIGHT AT LC SAMMONS YOUTH CENTER TO WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

MHPS Weekly Highlights

ACCOUNTABILITY & ACCREDITATION

by Dr. Gigliotti

Student Enrollment for K-12:
3976

Accountability and accreditation reviews occur this fiscal school year by the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE).

ADE will review K-12 policies and procedures on October 16, 2014. ADE will determine if the district is in compliance with standards for accreditation. Some administrators plan to attend training on Sept. 5 at the Melbourne Educational Cooperative in preparation for the on-site review.

GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION (GATE)

On August, 12, students, parents, guardians, and teachers met for a back to school event for new students at the Youth Center.

MHPS provides enrichment classes to a total of 198 identified students in grades 3-12. This school year, Mrs. Cristy Neighbors teaches at Nelson Wilks Herron and Mtn. Home Junior High. Mrs. Marsha Partney teaches at Hacker Intermediate and Mtn. Home High School. Mrs. Kristi Nelson teaches at Pinkston Middle School. We are looking forward to an exciting school year!

For more information about GATE visit:
<http://bombers.k12.ar.us/gate/index.html>



Curriculum Highlights

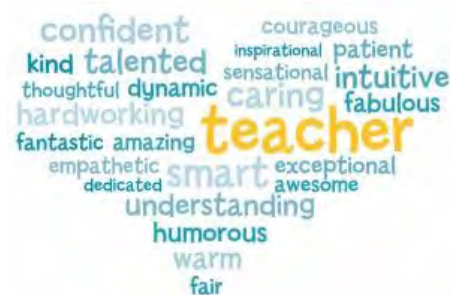
Ms. Darla Deatherage, Curriculum Specialist shares her perspective on curriculum highlights across the district.

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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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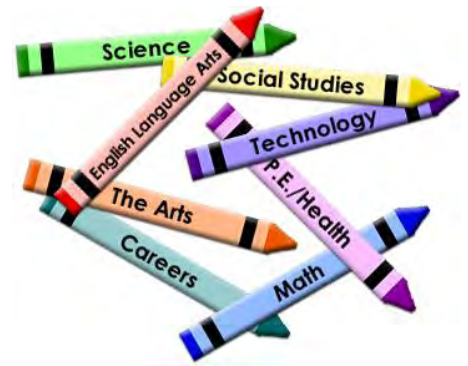


Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment

by Darla Deatherage

To the right is a link for the APSRC Advantage Summer 2014 issue entitled *A Crossroad in Arkansas Education*. There are some interesting articles concerning Bloomboard, an Interview with Senator Johnny Key, PARCC information, APSRC Fall Conference information and much more. Please check it out!

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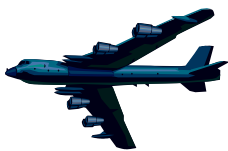


Mountain Home Junior High

The new kids on the *BLOCK!*

Block Scheduling

MHJH teachers have gotten a taste of the benefits of block scheduling—and they love it! Both faculty and students alike are adjusting nicely to the new flexible scheduling, and can already see some of the benefits of implementation. We look forward to success this year!



From the Principal's Office



Mr. Ron Czanstkowski, Principal



Mr. Brent Bogy, Assistant Principal

Creating a warm environment in Coach Fulcher's Advisory!



Parental Involvement

Coach Taylor and the MHJH Football coaches appreciate the parents who helped cook for Bomberfest!



TECHNOLOGY

Shelli Jones cultivates a great learning environment in her Computer Applications class.



In Harvie Beaver's science classes, the students conducted a lab called *Pass the Bottle*. The objective was to determine the X axis, Y axis, dependent, independent, title of dependent, title of independent, and number increments.



Mrs. Hickey's drama classes shared happy, scared, proud, and sad memories. Students will use these memories **to connect** with characters they will play in the future. Each group had a **student facilitator** to guide them through the activity.



Drama students engaged in a **relaxation exercise** to help them to concentrate and make connections.

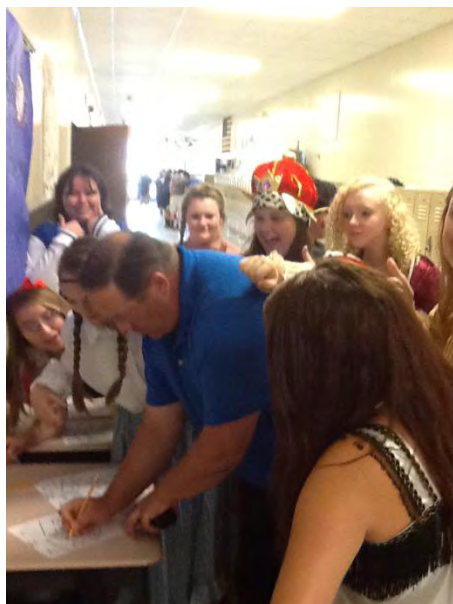


MHJH CLUB FAIR

Jacquie Albright's FFA Members share information about their club with interested prospects.



Students signed up for the **MHJH Performing Arts** at the Club Fair. **Asst. Principal Brent Bogy** signed up as an honorary member.



Kathy Lawrence's students collaborating and brainstorming in her Child Development class

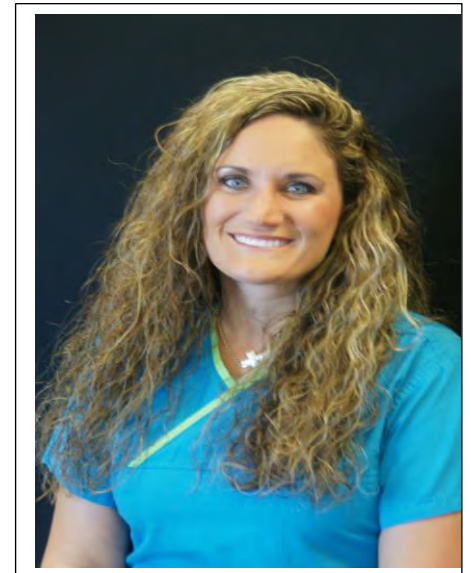


Taking a “brain break” ...Students in Kathy Lawrence's Child Development and FACS classes play the pencil game this week and enjoy some collaborative learning activities!



It starts with the letter “K” for Kindergarten.
Then it all just goes to numbers.....

**Mountain
Home
Kindergarten**



We have five great new faces in all new places at the Mountain Home Kindergarten....Holly Morrison (Top Left) is our new speech teacher, Kellye Conly (top middle) is our new Kindergarten Classroom teacher, Amanda Blum (top right) is our new special education teacher, Sara Trivitt (bottom left) is our new Creating Pathways for Success teacher and Trisha Andrews (bottom left) is our new half-day nurse. We are thrilled to have each one of people in their new position here at the MHK!



First we make new friends....



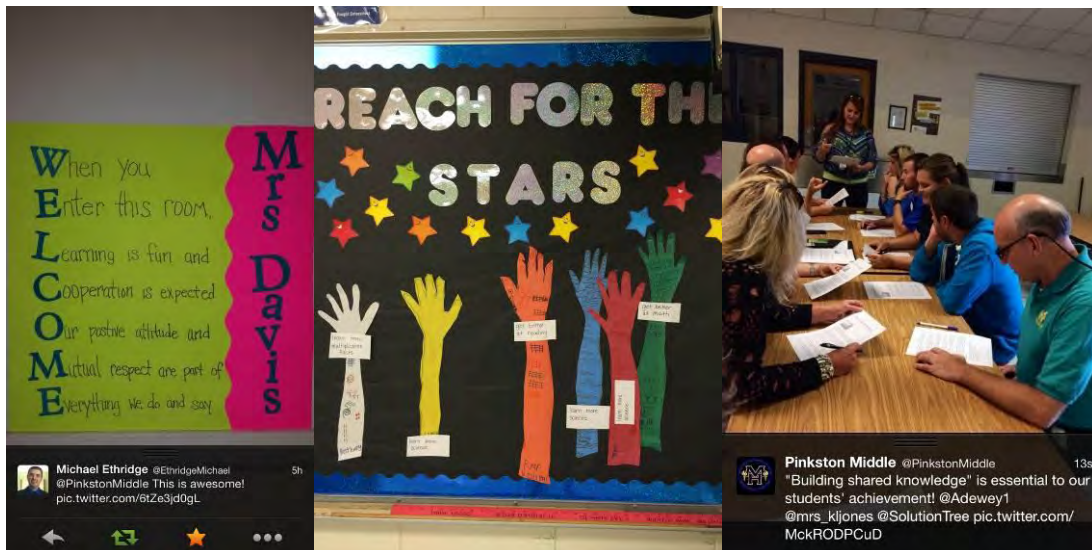
Then we try new things....

Pinkston Middle School



Week ending 8.29.14

Teachers spent a lot of time preparing their rooms, bulletin boards and training so that students can be successful each and every day!



Pinkston Middle School welcomes 6th and 7th graders for the 2014-2015 school year!



Welcome Officer Campfield to our DARE program!



Thank you for helping keep our school safe and traffic flowing smoothly!

7th Grade Literacy-Social Studies create cave illustrations:



EAST @PinkstonMiddle are getting started on their 2014-2015 projects!



6th Grade Science students learn about science lab safety:



Pinkston Middle School @Pinkstonmiddle EAST at Pinkston @AdunavanEast

7th Grade Promise @deniselauerman

DARE @campfield10

Pinkston Media Center @pmslibrary12

Guy Berry College & Career Academy

kicks off 4th year!

We welcome two new staff members!



Meet Kyle Tardiff

Mr. Tardiff is teaching our 9th-12th grade Science classes, Oral Communications class, and overseeing student Community Service.

Meet Mollie Morgan

Mrs. Morgan is teaching our 7th-12th Keyboarding and Computer Applications classes, as well as continuing as the MHEF Director.



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Meet 2014 GBCCA Graduate, Shayla Galla!

Shayla has just completed basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in Parris Island, SC.

We were thrilled she stopped in to visit us the first week of school!



GBCCA WINS BOMBERFEST'S KTLO BBQ COOKOFF CHALLENGE!!!



Mark Oakes and Jeff Kincade, GBCCA Director



Hackler Administrators, Teachers, and Staff take the ALS Challenge

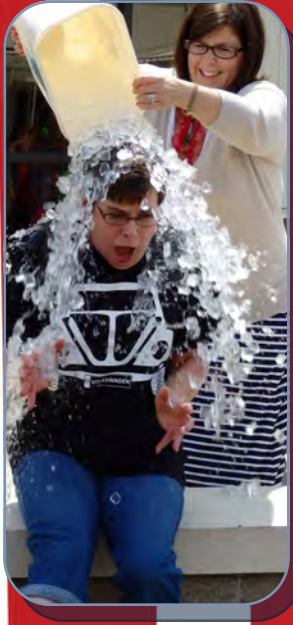


By Mayo Clinic Staff:

Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or ALS, is a nervous system (neurological) disease that causes muscle weakness and impacts physical function.

ALS is often called Lou Gehrig's disease, after the famous baseball player who was diagnosed with the condition. ALS is a type of motor neuron disease that causes nerve cells to gradually break down and die. In the United States, ALS is sometimes called motor neuron disease.

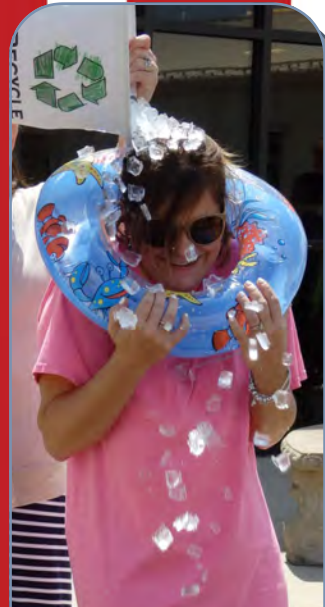
Why did you take the ALS challenge?



Sharon Dibble: "In memory of Debra Chaney and Gena Smith's father."



Laura Strider: "It's a good cause to raise awareness of this dreaded disease."



Tracy Webers: "My husband's uncle (Tony Hastings), who has always been a father to him, has been battling ALS for an unreal 25 years."



Elsa Coddington: "In memory of Debra Chaney and in support of all those battling this horrible disease."



Melissa Steiner: "My best friend, Debra Chaney, lost her battle with ALS on November 13th of last year. I gladly took a few seconds of discomfort to bring awareness to this awful disease that has no cure. "

Sherry Mohler: "Debra Chaney was a great lady and before her I hadn't even heard of ALS."



Why did you take the ALS challenge?



Kara Morris: "I took the ALS challenge because I was challenged by Mrs. Whiteaker's class and to help bring awareness and funding to an incurable disease."



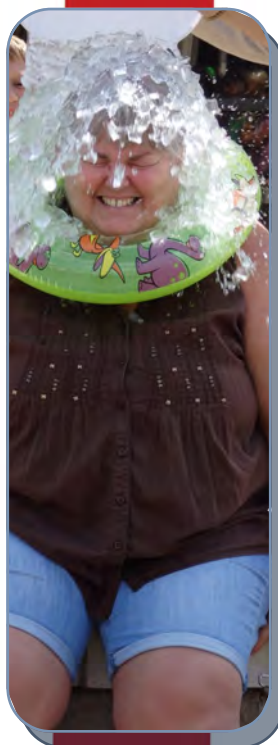
Susie Reding: "I did it in honor of Debra Chaney who passed away last year of ALS. I will donate money to ALS and hope they will find a cure."



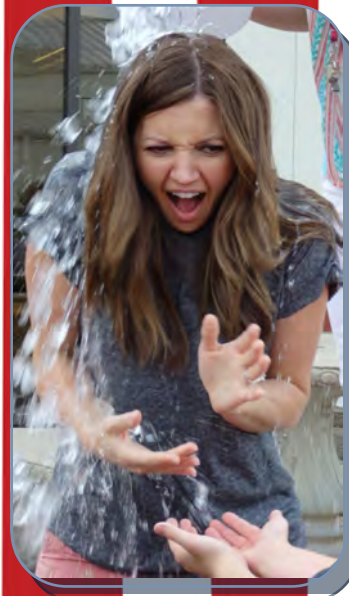
Judy Lawrence: "Our family has the privilege of living down the street from Gaige and Megan Chaney. They lost their mother this past November to ALS. We did this challenge in her memory and donated on behalf of her sweet family."



Amber Wescoat: "My grandfather had ALS"



Melanie Paden: "I took the challenge because I knew Debra Chaney and had her daughter in my class. "



Congratulations Kelsey Roach



Kelsey participated in the Back to School Blast Horse Show in Springfield, Missouri on August 22nd & 23rd. She received three 1st place ribbons, two 3rd place ribbons and one 9th place ribbon. She also received Reserve High Point in both English & Western Pleasure performance.

GREAT JOB KELSEY!

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: 08/28/2014

Around Our School

- No school on Labor Day, Monday, September 1.
- Benchmark/IOWA test scores are in red Thursday folders today. If you do not receive one, please contact your child's teacher.
- Parents—You do not have to call the school when your child is absent due to an illness. Please send a note to the office on the day your child returns so that we have your documentation.
- Make up work: If a student has only missed one day, you do not have to request homework. Work can be made up when they return. If a student is going to be out for more than two days, call the office by 9:00 am to request the make up work and we will have it in office by 2:00 to be picked up.
- Please make sure your child knows how they are to go home before they get to school. If a student is going to be riding a bus for the first time, they will need a bus pass. The teacher will issue a bus pass and the information the teacher will need includes a bus number, address and a contact number. If you need bus information call 425-1240. Calls to the office should only be made in emergency situations and NO calls after 2:00pm.
- If your students is on the Ruby hallway and would like to receive daily homework from the teacher please email lditto@mtnhome.k12.ar.us. Please include your child's name and homeroom teacher.

Notes from Nurse Wendy

- ◆ If your child has an immunization exemption, please send a copy of the exemption to Nurse Wendy.
- ◆ 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.

Community Opportunities

- Registration for Mountain Home Parks & Recreation Youth Basketball league, grades K-4, girls & boys will be taking place at L.C. Sammons Youth Center, Cooper Park, August 26th through September 20th. Registration forms are available on the web at www.mountainhomeparksandrec.com
- East Side Baptist Church soccer for ages 3 years to 6th grade. Register online at www.esbcmh.com. For more information call the church office at 425-3689. Deadline is Wednesday, September 3rd.
- Bomb Squad presents Color Me 5K on September 27th. Registration is \$30 which includes a T-shirt. Check in time is 7:30 am.
- If you would like to join the Mountain Home Bomber Booster Club contact the Athletic Office at the Mountain Home High School. The contact # is 425-1285.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

There are many fun and challenging things encountered when in charge of a large project. I am Raygan Adamson, and I have been working on my Eagle Scout Project for several months now at Hackler Intermediate School. When Mrs. Monger and I first met, I had no idea how large or small my project was going to be. She gave me several options when choosing my project. I choose what I thought would be most beneficial to the students and the community at large. This project was playground improvements and a multi-purpose trail. The playground improvements were games being painted on the concrete, such as hopscotch and foursquare. The trail is a quarter mile crushed limestone gravel trail for students to run on in PE and the community to use after school hours. Companies in our area were very generous to help with my project. Americom sent a worker and some of their heavy equipment for four days without charge; whereas Mountain Home Concrete gave us a discount on gravel. Boy Scout Troop 156 worked the week of July 21st painting and spreading gravel. I still have some work to do to complete the project, but I would like to thank everyone that volunteered their time and equipment so that the playground games and trail were ready for students on the first day of school.



Eagle Scout is the highest advancement rank in Boy Scouting.

- In 2013, 56,841 Scouts earned the Eagle Scout rank.
- From 1912 to 2013, 2.3 million Boy Scouts earned the Eagle Scout rank.
- Around 7 percent of all Boy Scouts earned the Eagle Scout rank in 2013.
- In 2013, the average age of boys earning the Eagle Scout rank was 17 years of age.

NELSON-WILKS-HERRON

It's getting cold in here....



Over the summer, the NWH gym had air-conditioned installed. Coach McCain and Coach Low are enjoying the A/C and now our car rider students can stay in the gym until their name is called. Afternoon car line is going great this year!! In fact, our car line is usually over by 3:30 now. Thank you MH Public Schools Board of Education and MH Facilities Committee for recognizing this need and making it a reality!!

NWH Volunteer Room Make-Over

Volunteer Coordinator, Shenna Estes, and some other “decorating divas” are in the process of updating our volunteer room. Check out the transformation so far....



Welcome Back!



Mrs. Bentley's-2nd grade



Mrs. Rachel Stone-2nd grade



Mrs. King & Mrs. Stone-1st grade



Mrs. Sabo-Counselor



Mrs. Baker-1st grade



Mrs. Roberson-1st grade



Mrs. Rita Williams-1st grade



Mrs. Harris-Spec. Ed.

Additions to Our NWH Staff

Jennifer Bentley-2nd Grade Teacher
Alyssa Edwards-2nd Grade Teacher
Morgan Hardin-2nd Grade Teacher
Rachel Stone-2nd Grade Teacher
Jeri Doton-Resource Teacher
Reta Light-Speech Therapist
Savannah Pitts-Para/Parent Center

Super Heroes Visit NWH

Batman and Robin (aka Josh Low & Marcus McCain) visited NWH during our teacher in-service. They shared their “super powers” with all the teachers. NWH has some super teachers and staff and our year is off to a great start!

