



Superintendent Update: August 30, 2013

Quote for the week: “Success or failure in business is caused more by the mental attitude even than by mental capacities.”—Walter Scott

I believe it would be easy to substitute any vocation for the word “business” in our quote for the day. I choose to substitute the word education for my article. There is a cliché which says: “Our attitude often determines our altitude.” It is true that in just about any situation, a good attitude can determine whether that situational outcome becomes positive or negative. So what are some ideas to stay positive? I have been reading a book by Jim Sher and here is what he suggests.

In life, there are so many things that we can do during our spare time but we choose not to do them. Perhaps it’s just human nature type of behavior or attitude. Mathematically speaking, if I can do one extra thing during my daily routine, I will be amazed how many things I can accomplish and learn each year. So just to name a few—I could call someone whom I haven’t seen or heard from in many years, lend a helping hand at the Nursing Home, pick up litter around my neighborhood, visit someone in the hospital or read about something I know nothing about. The list could go on and on...and we can do many “extras” in the middle of our work. For example, one can pull any random student aside and ask how their day is going, choose to smile at people as we encounter them, send encouraging emails...and once again the list could go on and on. I believe the hardest part of this suggestion is just to do it.

It’s a simple and meaningful way to do something surprisingly different for ourselves and others. So why not write those ideas in a journal, a diary, or my personal favorite, a checklist to keep in sight, lest I forget.

Life is too short! We should not wait too long before we act because time is passing us by. We can be examples for our children and others no matter how old we are.

News for the week:

Bomberfest was a huge success last week! To see the kids having so much fun and the adults eating and fellowshiping was priceless! Thanks to First Security Bank and KTLO for sponsoring this event. It appears to have embedded itself as an annual back to school celebration. The barbeque was wonderful and probably 3000 people were served. Congratulations to Steve Litty and Integrity First Bank for winning the barbeque contest. I am sure the competition is already on to dethrone him next year! I don’t believe the contest has been won consecutively by any group. Thank you Mountain Home for once again giving to our kids! It seems no matter how many times we come back to you, we always receive support. This community sets our school apart from the status quo.



Congratulations to Dr. Leigh Anne Gigliotti for being published in ***Agricultural Education Magazine***. Her article, *Agriculture Science Teachers Are Committed to Decreasing the Drop-Out Rate*, was published in the July-August 2013 magazine. The article summarizes how agricultural science teachers, as mentors, provide one-on-one caring and supportive relationships that at-risk students desperately need. “ By conducting meetings off school site, agricultural science teachers develop their students’ fullest potential and decrease the drop-out rate among at-risk students.” Good job Dr. G. We are proud of you!

We have had two successful weeks of school. In my opinion, starting and finishing school are more difficult than any other parts of the school year. As the weather cools down after Labor Day and as our students become comfortable with their school routine, I believe we settle into a great year.

Our students are entering into their school activities. We have marching band, football, volleyball, cross country, cheer, dance, tennis and golf all going at this time. Come out and watch the Bombers in the activities you enjoy. Our kids really notice when we attend their events.

It is with great sadness I share the news of Mrs. Tresa Enders passing from her earthly home. Tresa passed away this week and her services will be held at Roller Funeral Home on Saturday, August 31, 10:00 a.m. Tresa was a beloved special education teacher at Mountain Home Junior High School. Even in the days Tresa did not feel well, she encouraged all of us by always saying “teaching in Mountain Home is my dream job.” Mr. Doug Enders has given me permission to mention that in lieu of flowers, Tresa requests that any memorials be given to Mountain Home Education Foundation. Thank you Doug and Tresa for your love, selflessness, courage and generosity! You both are a great example to all of us in Mountain Home School District.

Have a great week everyone!

Lonnie

BOMBER-FEST!!!



Hunter Myers, Senior and Dr. Gigliotti, Assistant Superintendent



Hunter is working with Dr. G as an intern.
He is a welcomed addition to the staff at central office!

For purposes of the U.S. Department of Education's implementation of this requirement, "educational institutions" includes, but is not limited to, "local educational agencies" and "institutions of higher education" receiving federal funding from the U.S. Department of Education. **Constitution Day should be celebrated on September 17 of such year for the students served by the educational institution.**

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 6-16-101, Arkansas public schools must observe **Celebrate Freedom Week during the last full week of classes in September (09/23/13 – 09/27/13)**. This law was created to educate students about the sacrifices made for freedom in the founding of this country, and the values on which this country was founded. During Celebrate Freedom Week, all social studies classes shall include instruction to help students focus on the freedoms offered in the United States of America. Suggested topics of study are included in Ark. Code Ann. § 6-16-101, but the curriculum is left up to each individual school district.

The ADE would like to remind all district personnel that Ark. Code Ann. Sec. 6-16-124 requires one unit of Arkansas history be taught as a social studies subject at each elementary grade level in every public school in the state, with greater emphasis at the fourth and fifth grade levels. In addition, "At least one full semester of Arkansas History shall be taught to all students at the seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade level in every public secondary school in this state." Arkansas history courses shall follow the Arkansas History Curriculum Framework for content; furthermore, districts may extend the instruction and learning of Arkansas history by including additional student learning expectations not identified in the Arkansas History Curriculum Framework. The Arkansas History Curriculum Framework for Grades 7 and 8 may be accessed directly at

http://www.arkansased.org/public/userfiles/Learning_Services/Curriculum%20and%20Instruction/Frameworks/Social%20Studies/arkhist_7_8_2006.pdf.

The Arkansas History Curriculum Framework for Grades 9 – 12 may be accessed directly at

http://www.arkansased.org/public/userfiles/Learning_Services/Curriculum%20and%20Instruction/Frameworks/Social%20Studies/arkhist_9_12_2006.pdf

In addition Act 969 of 2013, has changed the professional development requirements for teachers of Arkansas History, which is required under Arkansas Code Ann. § 6-17-703. Please check the updated ADE Rules and Regulations for specific changes to the professional development requirements and the rotation cycle.

Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-16-121 and 13-3-206 require the ADE to oversee the dissemination of instructional resource materials appropriate for teaching

African-American history and training in racial and ethnic awareness. The ADE Web site has an extensive listing of resources for African-American studies, which was compiled by the Black History Task Force and can be accessed at http://www.arkansased.org/public/userfiles/Learning_Services/Curriculum%20and%20Instruction/Resource%20Mat/Social%20Studies/History_Resource_Guide.pdf

The ADE Web site also has a link to the African-American History Makers Coloring Book provided by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission available at http://www.arkansased.org/public/userfiles/Learning_Services/Curriculum%20and%20Instruction/Resource%20Mat/Social%20Studies/kingbk.pdf

Additional information and resources, which may assist social studies educators in curriculum are also available on the ADE Social Studies Place Wiki and may be accessed at <http://adesocialstudiesplace.pbworks.com>.

Every year the Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs (ADVA) presents an American Flag education program to Arkansas' 5th graders. Beginning Sept. 1, 2013, the ADVA will offer materials for this program solely online. All material will be free of charge. For more information regarding the Flag Education Program please contact Kelly Ferguson, Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs, 501-244-1119, <http://www.veterans.arkansas.gov/>.

For more information visit

<http://adesharepoint2.arkansas.gov/memos/Lists/Approved%20Memos/DispForm2.aspx?ID=1006>

Personnel and Professional Development

Together We Can Do it! – Bomberfest was a success! Students, parents and patrons are appreciated! Thank you for decorating cans and filling cans up with donations for the Hayden Padgett Memorial Press Box. Our goal is to raise \$100,000.00. At the Bomberfest we raised \$1315.03. With the "Together We Can" fundraiser, the total amount raised to date is \$47,315.03. If you would like to make a donation, please send your donation to the athletic office to Benita Mealer. Checks can be made to Bomber Booster. On the memo line write "Hayden".



Kenzie Hatman and Mrs. Padgett at Bomberfest

Save the Dates

Bomber Alumni House Committee Meeting: Sept. 5 at 5pm in the little rock house on the campus of PMS

SPECIAL Team meeting: Sept. 16 at 10:00am in the central office board room

Principal Meeting: Sept. 18 at 10:00am in the central office board room/Focus on slides for the Report to the Public

District Curriculum Committee Meeting: Sept. 23 at 3:30 in the central office board room

GATE Faculty Meeting: Sept. 24 at noon in the central office board room

Education Committee Meeting: Oct. 10 at 3:30 in the foyer of GBCCA

Northcentral Arkansas Education Service Cooperative

SEPTEMBER 2013 UPCOMING EVENTS

Please register for these events at www.escweb.net/ar_esc/

(SESSION ID # in ESC Works)

September 2: NAESC Closed - Holiday

September 5: NAESC SIS Training for Cycles 2-7 eSchool Plus Users - 9:00 – 12:00 – Peggy Duff – (202726)

September 5: NAESC SIS Training for Cycles 2-7 APSCN Plus Users – 12:30 – 3:30 - Peggy Duff - (202721)

September 5: NAESC Child Nutrition – 1:00-4:00 – A.D.E. CIV – Verification & Completing Eligibility Reports (203102)

September 10: NAESC Teaching the Gifted in the Regular Classroom – 8:30-3:30 – Jill Clogston – (189531)

September 10: NAESC Instructional Leaders Meeting – 9:00-2:30 – Timothy Shanahan - (201626)

September 11: NAESC Board Meeting – 10:00-1:00 – Dr. Dennis Martin

September 11: NAESC Teacher Center Committee Meeting – 9:00-11:30 – Mark Gipson – (201629)

September 11: NAESC Scoliosis Screening Certification for School Nurses – 8:30-12:00 – Cindy Schaefering (203403)

September 11: NAESC Obesity Prevention & Education for School Nurses – 1:00-3:00 – Jennifer Lynch (203405)

September 11: NAESC ARMAC Training for New Coordinators – 1:00-2:30 – Reina Farley (203292)

September 12: NAESC ½ Day Face-to-Face Teacher Evaluation Training – 8:30-11:30 – Mark Gipson – (196382)

September 12: NAESC Transcript Training for APSCN Plus Users – 9:00-3:00 – Peggy Duff – (202732)

September 13: NAESC Transcript Training for eSchool Plus Users – 9:00-3:00 – Peggy Duff – (202737)

September 14: NAESC Teacher Center Workroom Saturday Opening – 8:30-4:00 – Becky Johnson

September 16: NAESC GT Coordinators Program Approval Application Workday – 9:00-12:30 – Jill Clogston – (200578)

September 16: NAESC AGQBA Quiz Bowl Coaches' Meeting – 1:30-3:00 – Lisa Lawrence – (200583)

September 17: NAESC Arkansas Ed-Fi Dashboard Training – 8:30-11:30 – Katrina Craft – (202358)

September 20: NAESC AHA BLS for Healthcare Providers – 9:00-1:00 – Cindy Schaefering – (202740)

September 30: NAESC Pathwise Project Directors Update Meeting – 8:30-12:00 – A.D.E. CIV – (183202)

Register for these events at www.escweb.net/ar_esc/

Breakfast at the Kindergarten!



Mountain Home Kindergarten

August 30, 2013

Word of the Month:
Choices

Thank you for helping us create a routine for your child these first two weeks of school. You are welcome to visit your child for lunch after Labor Day. ☺ Please check in at the office to sign in and get a badge. Remember that **we do require proper identification** as we want to keep your child as safe as possible. We appreciate your cooperation with this matter!

DETAILS- DETAILS: It is important that you do not park your car and enter the building during car unloading (7:30-8:00 a.m.) and loading times (2:40 and 3:10p.m.). **When you pick your child up before the 2:40 p.m. dismissal time we do have to document that as an early departure** in our computer system and it will count as unexcused unless there is proper documentation.

If you are late in the morning, please stop at the office and sign your child in. If you are checking your child out for an afternoon appointment, please do so before 2:15 pm to avoid confusion.

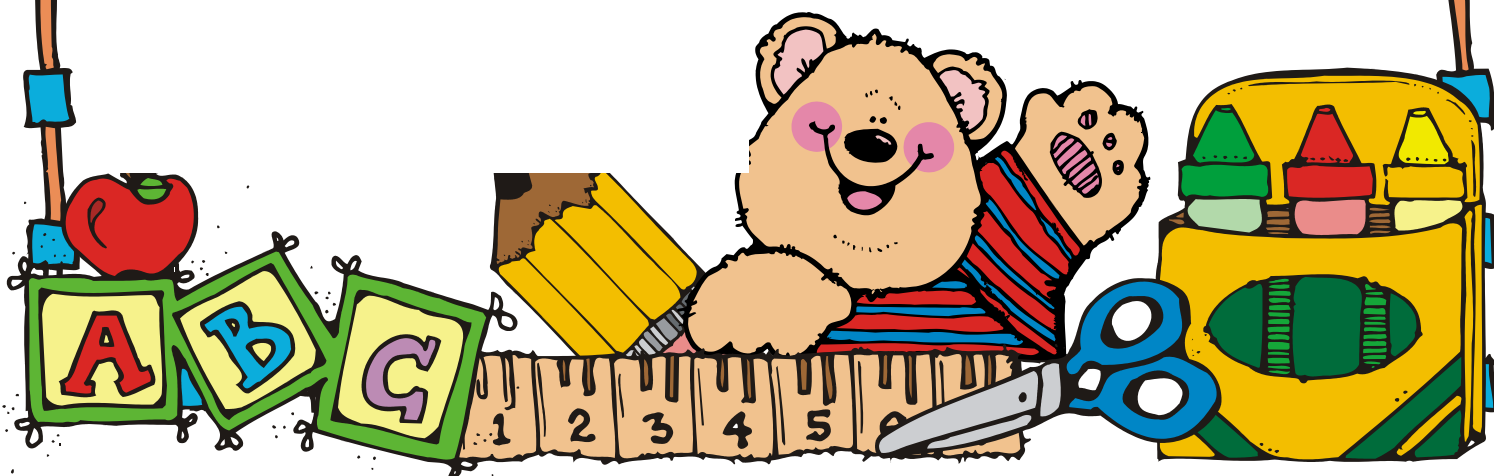
Remember, your child may have a substitute who doesn't have access to the teacher's email. Please, if you have an important message that must get to the teacher (i.e. daily transportation, lunch, etc.) make sure that is also called into the office. Our office number is 425.1256.

TRANSPORTATION CHANGES: If you have a transportation change for your child in the afternoon and you have not already notified your child's teacher— please call the office **before 2:00 p.m.**

FROM THE NURSE -All physicals and updated immunization documents must be turned in on or before **September 28, 2013**. Any student not meeting Arkansas medical requirements for school entry cannot attend school after this date.

The Baxter County Fair Pageant is coming!! You can register on-line at www.baxtercountyfair.org. Hurry! Registration ends on August 31st. *For more information contact Vicky Williamson @ 492-6544*

Baxter County Fair Tickets will be on sale September 9th and 10th during morning recess [9:50-10:05a.m.] for \$1.00 each. You may send money with your child, and we will return tickets in your child's backpack, or you may stop by yourself.



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CCSS Math Units:
<http://www.engageny.org/>



CCSS Literacy Units:
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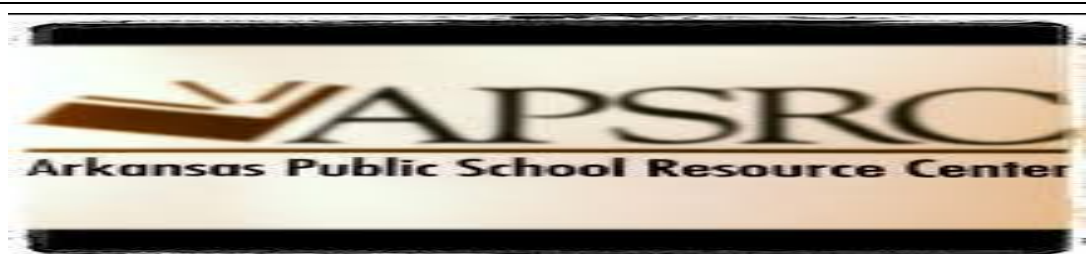


PARCC Grade- and Subject-Specific Performance Level Descriptors (PLDs), Adopted June 2013

Links to the ELA/Literacy and Mathematics PLDs are located at
<http://www.parcconline.org/plds>

The grade- and subject-specific PLDs are intended to communicate expectations to educators about what types of performances will be necessary at the high school-level for students to demonstrate that they are college- and career-ready (CCR) or making adequate progress to become CCR, communicate expectations to educators about what types of performance will be necessary in grades 3-8 for students to demonstrate that they are academically prepared to engage successfully in further studies in each content area, provide information to local educators for use in developing curricular and instructional materials, serve as the basis for PARCC standard setting in summer 2015, and inform item and rubric development for the PARCC assessments.

The PLD's will undergo a number of transformations once data is collected on student performance during field tests in 2013-2014 and first year of testing in 2014-2015. However, this will give you a glimpse of expectations as of Summer 2013.



Cheryl Gall is our new coach from the APSRC. In order to know our district better, she visited each campus this past Monday and Tuesday. I think you will find her helpful, caring and very informative. She is fast becoming a BOMBER! The first Hub meeting will be September 9 from 8-3 in the Board Room at Central Office. In addition, she will be at each campus six days during this school year. Those dates will be coming soon. This is an exciting time to be in education!

Your copy of the Advantage is available here.

MAINTENANCE MATTERS

Well, the second week of school is over. It hasn't really slowed down here in Maintenance at all.

For the month of August, maintenance completed 1,060 work orders as of this morning. The work requests range from delivering copy paper to plumbing, to electrical work and all other maintenance jobs. All of the monthly inspections have been completed.

A 5-man blocking sled which had been ordered by Athletics was assembled and delivered to the football field. A trip was made to the auction with some items that had been stored in a room in the Kindergarten upstairs.

Two new condensers were installed at PMS, and we are continuing work on the roll-up fire door there also. The walk-in freezer at Hackler is being worked on. Ice machines are working overtime in this weather and keeping maintenance hopping to keep all of those up and running.

The mowing around all our campuses is keeping the mowing crew busy. We have also been watering the approximately 150 new trees that were planted last May.

We are looking forward to the long weekend and know you are also.

August 30, 2013

Pinkston Middle School

August 26-30, 2013

**PINKSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL IS
SHOWING THEIR COLLEGE
COLORS!**



Students were encouraged to wear their favorite college t-shirt or college colors August 30th. The counselors, Mrs. Cruse and Mrs. Hatman worked with 7th Grade Promise instructor, Mrs. Lauerman to provide a college sticker to all students that chose to participate. There were more than 500 stickers given out this morning to promote postsecondary education! Many students wore red while faculty and staff wore their alma mater.

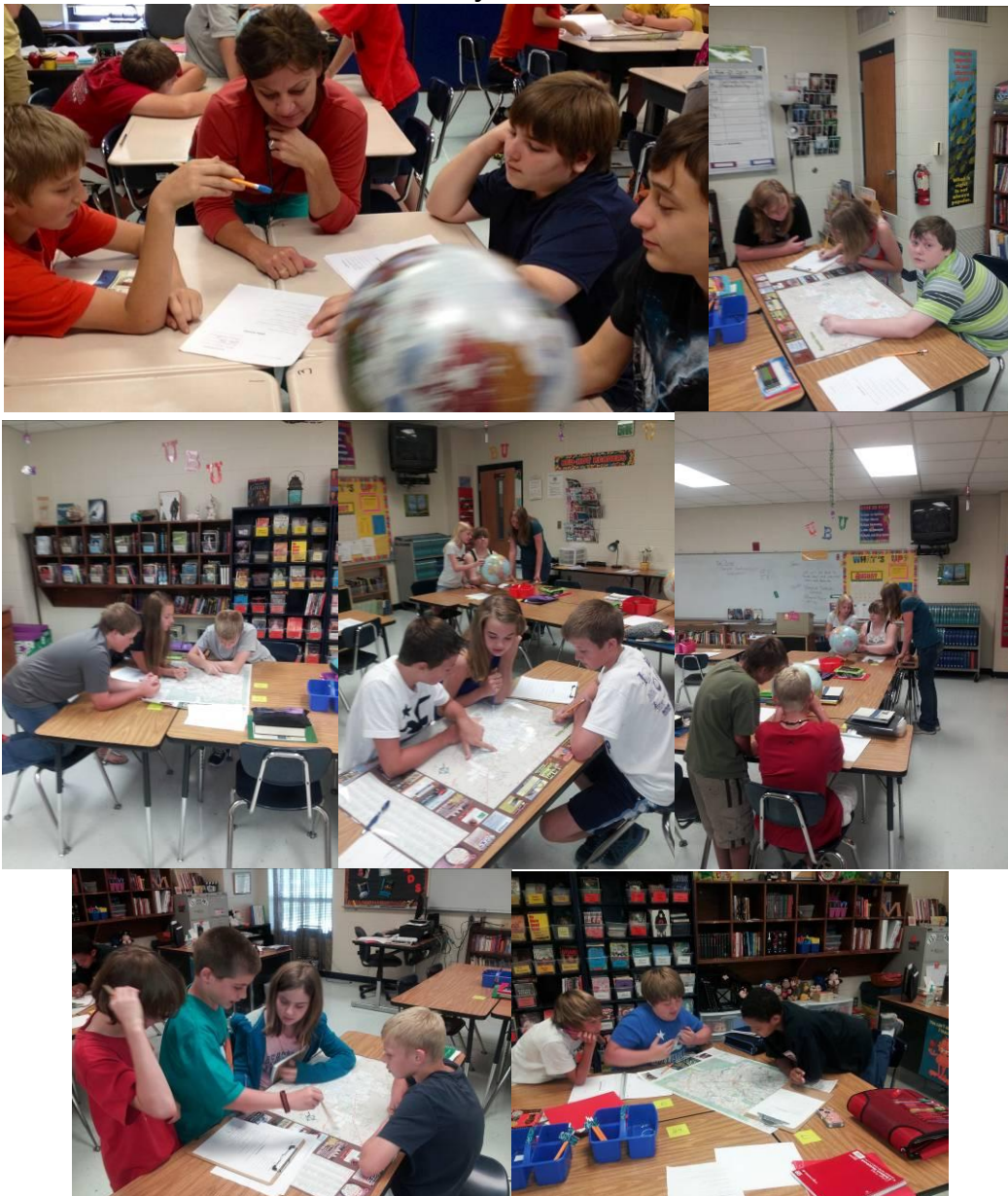


It's a colorful day

 @Pinkstonmiddle !

7th GRADE Mapping Skills

Seventh Grade students in Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Drewry, Mr. Ethridge, Mrs. Talburt-Krug, and Mrs. Lashley's classes strengthen their map skills in a collaborative setting. Students are using interactive journals to log their learning through each objective.



* 6th Grade Science *



Students gathered around Mrs. Avery as she performed an experiment involving Lycopodium (which is a swamp plant spore that produces methane gas). During the experiment, a candle is lit and the powder substance is blown through a straw into the flame. The powder acts as a flame thrower and a fire flash is the result of the experiment.

Creativity in Literacy Class!



7th grade literacy students are creating characters and setting with only 5 sheets of tin foil and 8 pipe cleaners.

6th Grade Social Studies



Mrs. Schaufler's students hosted the Baxter Bulletin in their classroom on the 50's Anniversary of Martin Luther King JR's march on Washington, August 28, 2013.

[Baxter Bulletin @BBNewsroom](#)

Week of August 26, 2013



Joseph L. 7th grade



We are on Twitter! [@Pinkstonmiddle](#)
EAST at Pinkston Tweets [@AdunavanEast](#)
7th Grade Promise has Twitter and Tweets 2 [@deniselauerman](#)



Upcoming Events for Pinkston Middle:

Benchmark Reports were sent home Thursday, August 29
Show your College Colors – August 30
Progress Reports – September 19
7th Grade Teen Summit – October 11
EAST Night out – October 15
7th Grade Science Fair – October 16
School Pictures – October 17
Parent/Teacher Conferences – October 17

Friday Focus – August 30, 2013

What a great way to start the Fall Sports' season. Girls' golf is off to a 3-0 start (beating the Harrison Goblins twice); boys' and girls' tennis teams are both 2-0. The Lady Bomber volleyball team is 2-0 (one of these was a victory over the Goblins). Cross Country had their Blue/Gold fun run with many, many athletes, siblings, parents, and community people participating. Football scrimmaged Northside and Springdale and held their own.

We are hosting Harrison in 8th and 9th grade football this evening beginning at 5:00 at Bomber Stadium. This is an Arkansas Activities Association Benefit Game and only AAA passes will be accepted. Money from this event goes toward the AAA catastrophic insurance fund.

Next Tuesday, we will host Little Rock Central in conference volleyball action at the Hangar. You have got to come see the **Boom Squad** – undoubtedly the BEST student section in the state. JV action starts at 4:30; varsity should start about 5:30.

We will host Yellville next Tuesday and Highland next Thursday in boys' and girls' golf at Big Creek Golf and Country Club.

We will host Russellville in tennis next Thursday at the Mountain Home Athletic Club. This would be a great time to watch our tennis kids – we have some outstanding players including the defending Class 6A individual state champion, Christian Mathis.

The Junior Bomber Invite will be next Thursday on our CC course behind the high school – starting at 3:30.

Go Bombers,
Janet Wood, AD

NELSON-WILKS-HERRON

Mrs. Bell's Special Guest Speaker

Mrs. Bell had a wonderful guest speaker Thursday. Her mother came to class to share what she remembered about Martin Luther King Jr. She told the class about living in Detroit, Michigan during times of racial trouble. Mrs. Hughes filled their thoughts about the way things were long ago. She told them stories about what her grade school was like, going out to eat in white only restaurants and movie theaters. It surprised the kids that she remembered the evening that Martin Luther King Jr. was shot.





Meet Our Volunteer Coordinators



Joanna Hill & April Dover

New to Hackler

Taking a walk on the W.I.L.D. side are:

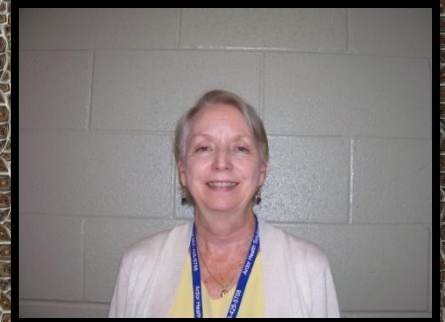


Meet Leslie Teague

I graduated from Mountain Home High School in 2008. I graduated from Arkansas State University with a degree in communication disorders in May 2013. My favorite sport teams are the Arkansas Razorbacks, Arkansas State Red Wolves, St. Louis Cardinals and Mountain Home Bombers. I enjoy going out on the lake in the summer, reading and working with kids.

Meet Dorothy Doyle

I started college at the University of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri but took time off to work in VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) where I worked with grassroots projects in Florida. I completed my Master of Science degree in communication disorders in 1973 and have worked in schools, hospitals, clinics, and rehabilitation centers around the United States. I recently moved to Cherokee Village from South Carolina.



Meet Zachary Holmes

I have a wife named Jennifer and two boys named Levi and Kyle. Levi is six years old and he is a first grader at Nelson Wilks Herron. Kyle is three years old. I am an avid outdoorsman, and I enjoy hunting and archery. My wife and I shoot in an archery league together. I recently graduated from Arkansas State University at Jonesboro with my Bachelor's Degree in Education. My family and I are very active in our church at Mountain Home First Assembly of God.



Meet VeDeana Polm

I consider myself just a plain 'ol country girl. I am from Cabool, Missouri. I am a senior at Drury University in Springfield where I am majoring in Elementary Education. My goal is to have my teaching certificate and degree in May of 2014. I am married to my wonderful husband, Darrell. I am the proud stepmom of a freshman varsity football player. I spend my time doing homework mostly. When I have free time I enjoy camping and fishing with my family. I am a firm believer that our family is our biggest blessing and we should live each day grateful for every second we get to spend with them.





Meet Gianna Sherry

I have a Bachelor's Degree in Business from Arkansas State University and a Master's Degree in Educational Theory and Practice also from Arkansas State University. Also, this past year I attended the Arkansas Teacher Leadership Academy. I have been teaching for the past 6 years. I am happily married and have a great family. I am pregnant with a little boy that should be making his appearance around the end of November and I am extremely HAPPY to be a part of the Hackler family.

Meet Pam Cash

Pam transferred from Nelson Wilks Herron to Hackler Intermediate School. Pam is married to Jim Cash and they have one daughter, Brie, who is engaged to be married next fall. Pam is National Board Certified and also a Certified Barton Tutor. She loves outdoor sports, loves the water, and loves to knit.



Meet Samantha Bentley

I am from Conway; I have lived there for almost 22 years. I have recently graduated from the University of Central Arkansas, where I received my degree in Music Education. Growing up in Conway, my parents owned a small food business. It transformed from Concessions to Catering, and now they make pre made casseroles that people are able to come in pick up and take home to bake. I now live in a cute little house right on the White River.



Meet Danielle Lee

I am from Florida and have lived in Arkansas for 8 years. I received my degree from University of Central Florida and a Master Degree from Arkansas State University. I have 3 kids, two donkeys, 24 chickens, dogs and love NASCAR.



Meet Jessica Ethridge

This is my first year at Hackler Intermediate School as a Literacy Para. I'm married to my wonderful husband Tom. We have a beautiful daughter named Cheyenne who is in the 5th grade and a dog named Dexter. In my free time, I enjoy hunting, fishing and spending time with my family!

I very excited to be part of the Hackler Family.





Meet Jennifer Trail

Twenty one years ago, I moved to Arkansas from Plainfield, Illinois with my six children. I have worked with children in some way most of my life. I am a grandmother of eleven so far, and the ages range from six months to eighteen years. You will also see me working at Wal-Mart in the evenings.

Meet Blake Hendricks

I graduated from Marshall High School in 2008. I graduated from Arkansas Tech University in 2012. This is my first year of teaching and my first year in the Mountain Home School District.



Meet Alan Hardcastle

I am 37 and married with four children (Lexie 17, Trey 11, Reece 7, and Brooklyn 5). I am originally from Springdale Arkansas, but have spent the last three years teaching and coaching in Florida. I am currently teaching 3rd and 5th grade PE. I will also be coaching varsity football and baseball at the high school. I graduated from the University of Arkansas with a B.S.E in Kinesiology. My wife, Heather, is also teaching in the Mountain Home School District at the High School.



Meet Gena Goggans

I have been married to my husband Jackie for 33 years. We have a son, Casey, who is in college at Arkansas State University. I love to ride on our motorcycle with my husband on the weekends. I also love the Razorbacks! Go Hogs!!



Meet Mariah Kohler

Mariah graduated from the University of Arkansas in Little Rock. She lived in Germany for 2 ½ years and traveled Europe while working at the Department of Defense schools. Her husband is an Occupational Therapist that brought the family to Mountain Home. She has a 2 ½ year old daughter and a son that was born on August 23rd. He weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces and 20 ¼ inches long.



Welcome to our campus!

MOUNTAIN HOME JUNIOR HIGH

We ask that everyone please keep the family of Tresa Enders and Mrs. Enders' MHJH Family in your thoughts and prayers the next several weeks. Tresa Enders served as a Special Education teacher and Academic Advisor for our students. She also was a faithful colleague and dear friend to all MHJH Staff members. We will deeply miss her and her outstanding contributions to our students and school.



MHJH had their annual Club Fair on Wednesday August 28th. MHJH students were able to go around to the various club booths that were set up. They were able to gather information about what each club does throughout the school year, club dues, and qualifications to join each club. Students could also sign up for club(s) if they wanted to. The annual Club Fair is a huge success because it gets students involved in more than just the academic part of our school. Students that feel a sense of belonging perform better in their classes.



The students from Mr. Randy Barnhill's 8th Grade Science classes performed measurement activities this week. The students calculated the length, area, and volume of many places in our school building. Students were also learning about the importance of accuracy and how to estimate measurement to determine if their numbers made sense.



Mrs. Harvey Beaver's 8th Grade Science class is off to a great start this year! Her students are doing "hands-on" experiments this week to teach the scientific method.





Mountain Home High School Career Academies August 26 – August 30, 2013

Academy Representatives Plan Academy Kick-Off Day – Celebrating Project Integrations

Students from all academies met to plan Academy Kick-Off Day – September 13th. Students will participate in rotations that consist of unveiling the integrated project theme for the year in Dunbar and team building activities by academy. The activities will end with a pep rally around the Bomber to get the football team pumped up to Beat Harrison! Academy Kick-Off Day will showcase the Academy themes for this year which are **CAB (Communications, Arts, and Business)** —Taking Care of Business, **ACME (Architecture, Construction, Manufacturing, and Engineering)** – On Track for the Future and **HHS (Health and Human Services)** – HHS – Serving Our Community.

MHHS Career Academies Participate in Teacher Externships with Community Partners

Submitted by: Brigitte Shipman, Academy Coordinator

MHHS Career Academies had many opportunities to learn about real world applications during their teacher in-service on Thursday August 15th.

Teachers went on their academy specific externship to learn and bring back real world applications to their classrooms and academy projects. Each one of our three academies makes business connections in our community that will enhance student learning to prepare them for their post-secondary life.

Health and Human Services (HHS)—has an ongoing partnership with our Baxter Regional Medical Center (BRMC) with their projects and classroom curriculum. HHS teachers had been given a lot of information about infectious “outbreak” diseases for their new academy project planning this year. Should there be a major outbreak our teachers and students will have the knowledge and a plan of action thanks to the BRMC staff for their partnership in educating HHS Academy.

Special thanks to Barney Larry for giving our HHS Academy this opportunity. Mr. Larry is serving on our Academy Business Advisory Board and has been instrumental in bringing success to our HHS academy projects. Also, special thanks to Donna McMullen for taking the time to plan and provide the speakers and space for a successful teacher externship.

Communication, Arts and Business (CAB) — Academy teachers did an externship to three area businesses. They were Epoxyn, Legend Boats, and Vision AMP. Our teachers learned many aspects about how to incorporate the world of business into their upcoming CAB Business Expo this October. This will offer our students real world application and insight to the business world.



CAB teachers were joined by Bo Gregory, the Director of Economic Development, from the Mountain Home Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Gregory also serves on our Academy Business Advisory Board. A special thanks to Mr. Gregory for arranging this teacher externship. We would also like to thank all these businesses for their time and ongoing partnership.

Architecture, Construction, Manufacturing and Engineering (ACME)—Academy teachers did their teacher externship with Wapsi Fly. This was a manufacturing externship opportunity that gave good insight in how to develop student interest and project based learning.

We would like to give a special thanks to Joe Schmuecker and his family for giving us this opportunity. We understand a lot of time was given for this in-depth tour and teacher hands-on learning.



Food for Thought



AP Chemistry Students in Dr. John Bouck's class determine the percent of Phosphorous in plant food (combined fertilizer). Pictured are: Sara Banter, Jon-Paul Reese, Lindsey Harrison, Bryce Rohr (facing away), Patrick Leppold (facing away) and Forrest Arnold.

MHHS FFA Student Wins State Award

Congratulations to FFA member James Daniel Brown for winning the Arkansas Junior Cattlemen's Association Overall Rookie of the Year, Senior Rookie of the Year, and Overall High Point for Charolais Plus. Also, James Daniel represents Mountain Home as the Region 7 Vice President for the Arkansas Junior Cattlemen's Association Board.



Pictured above from Left to Right: Cody Salmon, AJCA President; James Daniel Brown, AJCA Region 7 VP; Coby Wilson, AJCA President Elect; and Kylee Sigmon, AJCA Junior Treasurer.



Real World Application in Action

Dr. Karla Bouck's Anatomy and Physiology Classes dive into the school year as they learn about human organ systems using the rat as a model.

Save the Dates:

September 4 – Mentor Orientation

September 10 – 15 – Baxter County Fair

September 11 – Senior and School Day Pictures

September 13 – Academy Kick-Off Day

September 18 – Jostens Junior Class Ring Presentation

September 19 – Progress Reports

September 25 – Senior Picnic at ASUMH

Guy Berry College & Career Academy



GBCCA received six picnic tables for outdoor classroom space. Teachers and students are very excited to be able to utilize our beautiful grounds even more!

