



Superintendent Update: September 6, 2013

Quote for the week: “Let us think of education as the means of developing our greatest abilities, because in each of them is a private hope and dream which, fulfilled, can be translated into benefit for everyone and greater strength for our nation.”—John F. Kennedy

As we begin our school year, I would like to encourage all of our students and staff to truly use their abilities for the benefit of others. Selflessness and charity to others makes us stronger individually and as a nation. Just yesterday, I read a letter from a former student athlete. These encouraging words from a former student who had persevered through some tough times of her own remind me of the great influence one person has on another to become a better person. The letter was written to her former coach and team mates. The following is a direct quote from one of our former athletes, Gloria Bell: “First, I would like to say thank you all so much for being there for me. Now I would like to say what an amazing group of young ladies you are and I am lucky to have played with most of you. You all have the ability to go out on the court and be the best player out there. Use that ability and become the best team. Each time you step on the court, I don’t care if it’s just practice, do your best. Give it all you have got every time. Work to be better than the rest.”

If an 18 year old college student can inspire us and make us want to be better people...then I am sure each of us can overcome our own obstacles and also do our share to encourage others. The world needs encouragers. In my own professional life, it sometimes seems that there is more negative than positive...but that simply is not true. I am taking advice from our former student to “work to be better than the rest.” The following encouraging words come mostly from Jim Sher, an author I have been reading lately. The message is intended to allow each of us to forget what is in the past that may have been hurtful or damaging and heed the words of former President John F. Kennedy to use education (what we learn each and every day) to develop our greatest abilities and transform our dreams into a method of helping our fellowman and our nation become stronger.

Life without Regret: Life is too short to wake up with regrets. Love the people who treat you right. Try to be patient with the ones who don’t. Believe everything happens for a reason. If you get a second chance, grab it! If it changes your life, let it. Nobody ever told us that life would be easy but I can tell you that life is worth our best efforts and it does matter that we exist.

I have struggled at times in life as I have tried to live with disappointments and regrets. Now it’s a wakeup call for me since losing so many of my family and friends over the years. I have come to realize that it’s really pointless and a waste of time and energy to feel disappointment and regret with all the things that have happened and are long gone. I must learn from those experiences, mistakes, and disappointments in order to make myself a better person. May we all do the same in order to help those friends and family who need our support...and they do need us!



The past is gone; it cannot be changed, undone, or forgotten. So take it as a lesson learned and move on. Don't stress about the future for it hasn't arrived. Live in the present and make it beautiful and productive. Accept your past without regret, handle your present with confidence and face your future without fear.

Good people will give us happiness; bad people will give us experience; the worst people will give us a lesson. The best people will give us memories!

Most of us have been walked on, used and forgotten by some and isn't it wonderful not to regret any of those moments, because those moments have taught us a lot! Haven't we learned the meaning of true friendship? Haven't we learned how to be ourselves and truly appreciate the wonderful people we have in our lives? Our total life experiences have made us who we are. Let's use those experiences to positively impact the lives of everyone we encounter!

School Activities:

We had a noon school board meeting on Wednesday, September 4th. The meeting was at Hackler and we learned that Hackler is WILD about learning. WILD is an acronym that stands for "***Where Individual Learning Develops.***" This concept is something to pay close attention to as we move through the year.

We will see that our test scores are high, but we still need improvement. Why is that? It is because even though we are scoring very high (85.4 in Literacy) for K-12 students and (82.39 in Math) we still need to reach more students. Those scores are in the top 20% of the state yet we will have schools that "need improvement" because our Annual Measureable Objective (AMO) is 86.38 in Literacy and 87.60 in Math. That means we are 1 percentage point from being declared "Achieving" in Literacy. In Math the AMO is 87.6 which means we are 5.21 percentage points from being declared "Achieving" by the state. The bottom line is that the higher scores a school makes, the harder it is to meet AMO. Scoring anything above 80 percent proficient and advanced is very good...but we still must improve. That brings me back to Hackler's emphasis on Individual Learning. This is the way we strive to become a school that is 100 percent proficient and advanced...by meeting individual learning needs. Great idea Hackler!

We are in full swing with our activities now. I hear the band practicing, the sports teams are playing and kids are happily going about the business of school. I love the cool fall weather and the activities that accompany the fall semester of school. There is always that energy and renewal of passion for learning. It is a good time to leave any past regrets behind and begin anew.

It appears our volleyball team has "reloaded" and is ready to have another great season. I watched them earn their first conference victory against Little Rock Central. The ladies are truly a "team" and they will be fun to follow. I also ran in the annual Blue/Gold Cross Country "Fun Run" and we have great kids involved there as well. Our football teams kick off this week and have been working very hard.



Regardless of the wins or losses, let's encourage our kids and their coaches. I have a son doing very well in Sales & Marketing as well as moving up in rank (Captain) in the Army National Guard. He was a very average athlete on a football team that went 0-10. What is the connection? He did not quit and he will tell you the lessons learned from the adversity of a losing season helped him learn to move on and get past regrets and disappointments. As the song says, "What doesn't kill us makes us stronger." All of our kids deserve our encouragement during both good times and difficult times.

The district is involved with the **Million Meals Food Drive** to help fight hunger in Baxter County. Each of our schools is participating. Simply bring canned food by any of our schools or the district office and we will put the food in a barrel. Arvest Bank will then pick up the food weekly. This work is in support of **North Arkansas Food Bank**. It is a sad fact that 1/3 of our children in Baxter County are food deficient. This is one way our students and staff serve others. We hope you will join us in the effort. If each of our students just brings one can of food from home, we would produce 4000 cans of food. If our staff participated, that would be another 500 cans. I believe we will do better than that! Please help us.

Have a great weekend everyone!

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Friday Focus

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Friday, September 6, 2013



Makenna Gigliotti, Jackson Criner, Devlyn Prins, Hannah Baker, Hadleigh Baker and Ali Czanstkowski, First Graders at Nelson Wilks Herron

Assessment, Instruction, and Curriculum

PARCC Assessment Pilot: Mountain Home Public Schools has the opportunity to participate in a pilot of the PARCC assessments. Administrators will meet next week to brainstorm on the pilot.

Personnel and Professional Development

Our first Hub Meeting is scheduled for **Sept. 9, 2013 from 9:00 - 2:15 at Mtn. Home Public Schools Central Office Board Room.**

This first Hub Meeting is designed for principals and vertical alignment facilitators. If attending, please register. To register, follow the link #2 below:

1) Link to the Box

<https://app.box.com/s/cm3u2w0ymip8zutlw281>

2) Please click on the link below to register participants for the Hub Meeting, Sept. 9, 2013:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Xm6lqvx_m7o_QoykvCv0niW7m0N947PvOH8-Lom8XHc/viewform



Hackler Students lead school board members in the pledge on Wednesday, September 04, 2013.

Save the Dates

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

NELSON-WILKS-HERRON

Ms. Brewer's Class

Ms. Brewer's 2nd grade class is tie-dyeing t-shirts today. They will wear their colorful shirts on field trip days.



Thanks Ms. Byes' Class!

A special thank you goes out to Ms. Byes' 2nd grade class for taking care of the planter box in the breezeway. Look how pretty it is!!



Cleaning Up.....



We really appreciate Mr. Ron & Mrs. Nicole who clean up after us all day!

Town & Country Receipts

We got these neat signs with our Town & Country receipt points we collected last year! So be sure and keep collecting the receipts again this year so we can earn more goodies.



WELCOME



Children of Hackler Teachers and Staff lead the pledge before the board meeting. After the meeting the board members dined in the cafeteria with the students. Pictured above are: Dodge Harris, Ben Partney, Madison Schmeski, Kelsey Roach, Autumn Cliff, Annie Norcross, Audrey Young, Katie Camp, Lauren Wehmeyer, Darren Blount, Cheyenne Williams. Not pictured Eric Davis.



BOARD MEMBERS



I Pledge Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Hackler Intermediate School

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

Principal: Sondra Monger

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



Counselor: Terry Berry
Counselor: Kristyn Goodwin

ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH

SEPTEMBER 2013

Where Individual Learning Develops

September 5, 2013

Join us this September for the launch of the first-ever **Attendance Awareness Month**.

Did you know that missing just 10% of the school year in the early grades can leave many students struggling throughout elementary school? Or that by 6th grade, missing that much school is strongly linked to course failure and even eventually dropping out of high school? That's just 18 days — or two to three days per month. *Every* school day counts and *everyone* can make a difference: educators, afterschool programs, mayors, businesses and parents.

Around our School

- 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students that are not picked up in the car loading area by 3:30pm will be escorted to the front office for pick up.
- Box Top contest is underway! Start saving today! The top ten winners from each grade will receive \$10 cash. Contest is monthly and will end October 1st. Pick up a box top sheet, which holds up to 10 box tops, add your child's name and homeroom teacher.

Baxter County Fair Tickets on Sale
Monday & Tuesday, September 9th & 10th
from 8:30 am to 9:30 am **ONLY**
Tickets are \$1 each

Spectacular Rides take 4 tickets, other big rides take 3 tickets and smaller rides take one to two tickets.

Tickets purchased at school will be placed in an envelope with the student's name and students will be instructed to place them in their backpack to take home.

Notes from Nurse Wendy



*Tips to Prevent Infections

- Wash your hands frequently.
- Don't share drinks or cups.
- Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze.
- Keep your hands away from your eyes, nose, and mouth.

** If you have borrowed clothes or shoes from the nurse, please bring them back to school.

*** All medications given at school, require a completed Medication Administration Release Form. Meds should be brought to the nurse as soon as students arrive at school.

EAT
WISE
and
HEALTHY
for a strong
BODY

Remember to take advantage of the book exchange. With a good book you can travel all around the world without leaving home!



What do you get when you cross on-line shopping and Box Tops?

Answer: Money for Hackler Students

An excellent way for Hackler to earn extra Box Tops simply by shopping on-line. It is easy--all you have to do is go to www.boxtops4education.com

1. Click on EARN
2. Join (Hackler Intermediate)
3. Shop
4. Earn instantly!!!

There are over 250 retailers that give Box Tops to schools just for shopping on-line. The only catch is that you have to enter the store's website through www.boxtops4education.com for Hackler to receive credit.



Target is giving away up to \$10,000 to schools or until they reach a total of \$5 million given away. Once a school reaches 25 votes, Target will give the school \$25 and then each additional vote is worth \$1. Last time I checked, Hackler was at 50 votes, voting ends on 9/21 or whenever \$5 million is reached.

Voting is done through the Give with Target app on Facebook.

The 3rd Annual Hackler Healthy Kids 5K
October 5, 2013, at 8 a.m.

Start Line and Finish Line @ Hackler Intermediate School

All the proceeds raised will go to
Reppell Diabetes Education Center at BRMC

Sponsors for this event are:



Registration forms are available in the front office at Hackler Intermediate.

Did you know Hackler collects the following items?

Once these items are collected, we send them in to the corresponding company and receive money. The money is then used for Hackler STUDENTS.

- **POP TABS** – money is dedicated to students with cancer.
- **BOX TOPS** – money is used for new playground equipment – shipment #1 is here and more is coming.
- **BEST CHOICE LABELS** – labels are given to the Twin Lakes Literacy Council. This group is dedicated to help Hackler students academically.
- **INK CARTRIDGES** from printers – all printers (large or small) - money is used for Benchmark Week Prizes. Thank you to BAXTER who donates all of their used cartridges to Hackler. We would love for other large companies to send us your cartridges too.
- **CELL PHONES** – money is used for Benchmark Week Prizes.
- **CAMPBELLS SOUP LABELS** - These are donated to the Twin Lakes Literacy Council. In return, the Twin Lakes Literacy Council works with many of our students and their parents.
- **POP CANS** – cans are donated to the Mountain Home Band – please remove the pop tabs, we collect those at Hackler.
- **TOWN and COUNTRY DISCOUNT FOODS register receipts.** Once we collect \$1000.00 in receipts, we can order computers/printers, audio/visual, sports and music equipment, books, DVD's and more. Bring in your receipts beginning September 1, 2013 through March 30, 2014.

GUY BERRY COLLEGE & CAREER ACADEMY

GBCCA REPRESENTS AT BOMBERFEST 2013!



Pictured above are GBCCA Director, Jeff Kincade & Custodian, Brandon Shipman

GBCCA had a blast cooking up some awesome BBQ at
BOMBERST 2013!

Of course the BBQ was delicious, but if you didn't get some of
Brandon's corn-on-the-cob, you really missed out!

MOUNTAIN HOME JUNIOR HIGH

MHJH students and teachers recently participated in “College Colors Day.” Students and teachers were to wear the colors of their favorite college or university for the entire day. The purpose of “College Colors Day” is to have students focus on their educational plans after high school graduation. A focus on lifelong learning is also a very positive by-product of this day.



The students in Ms. Kathy Lawrence's Child Development class have the opportunity to take a "baby" home for the night or weekend to get a small glimpse of what taking care of a child is like. The "baby" that is taken home by the students has a computer in it to make the baby cry, become fussy, make normal baby noises, etc. Students have to rock the baby when it is crying and take care of many other normal parenting functions. The computer in the baby also saves the kind of care the student provides to it so the student can receive a grade. It is much more challenging to take home Baby Real-Care© than any student can imagine!

Chesney Cooper, Gavin Quirk-Williams, and Anna Jo Wallace practice childcare techniques.



Gwen Poe, Jamie Payne, and Skyler Law are preparing to take Baby home for a weekend in Ms. Lawrence's Child Development class.



Ms. Lawrence's Family and Consumer Science (FACS) classes are currently working on a unit over the importance of good communication skills. Kayla Lehman explains what good listening skills are to her fellow students while Britney Leonard and Jessica Schulte participate together in a listening skills activity.



Mountain Home Kindergarten
Parent Newsletter
September 6, 2013
Word of the Month
Respect

P.E. Classes - For participation and safety reasons, it is imperative that your child is dressed appropriately for P.E. class. On your child's P.E. days, please make sure that he or she wears comfortable clothing which includes pants, jeans, or shorts, and tennis shoes. Flip-flops, backless shoes, dress shoes, boots, etc. are not appropriate for P.E. class. Also, if a dress must be worn, please make sure the child is wearing shorts underneath. By dressing your child appropriately, you will help make his or her P.E. class a positive experience.

CAR LOADING In an effort to make car loading as efficient as possible, we encourage parents to use plastic pant hangers to display car signs from their rear view mirror. When the sign is displayed in this manner before turning into the driveway, we are able to radio ahead to have students waiting and ready to go. We also ask that you leave the sign visible until your child is loaded in the car in order to assist all staff in identifying your child and vehicle.

If you have any plastic (double clip) pant hangers, now or in the future, that you would be willing to donate to the kindergarten, please send them to the school in your child's backpack. We would love to have them available to hand out to anyone needing a display hanger. Thank you in advance for your help!

Note from the nurse-All physicals and updated immunization documents must be turned in on or before the end of the month. Any student not meeting Arkansas medical requirements for school entry cannot attend school after this date.

Fair tickets will be sold at MHK on Monday, September 9 and Tuesday, September 10. Tickets are \$1.00 each. Most children's rides will take one ticket each, medium rides will take two tickets, and the large or "spectacular" rides will take three tickets. You may send money with your child.



PIE Volunteer August Board Report

Kindergarten – 30 volunteers, 188.5 hours

Volunteers attended a district-wide volunteer training meeting and filled out background check forms. The coordinator trained volunteers at a building orientation. Volunteers helped with car loading and unloading, helped with bus loading and unloading, worked cafeteria duty for breakfast and lunch helping students, speech testing assistance, laminating, copying, and cutting materials.

Nelson-Wilks-Herron – 33 volunteers, 489.5 hours

Volunteers attended a district-wide volunteer training meeting and filled out background check forms. The coordinators trained volunteers at a building orientation. Volunteers participated in beginning of the year activities and helped with Open House, copied materials for teachers, created booklets, organized plastic student folders, worked lunchroom duty assisting and guiding students, worked car line duty, worked hall duty, organized worksheets, created bulletin board displays and helped with office duties.

Hackler – 36 volunteers, 174 hours

Volunteers attended a district-wide volunteer training meeting and filled out background check forms. The coordinators trained volunteers at a building orientation. Volunteers helped with Open House & Parent Night, copied and laminated materials, processed Boxtops, were available to guide students in the halls during the first week, and created bulletin boards.

Pinkston – 17 volunteers, 136.5 hours

Volunteers attended a district-wide volunteer training meeting and filled out background check forms. The coordinator trained volunteers at a building orientation. Volunteers worked 6th and 7th grade Open Houses, assisted in opening lockers and looking up lunch codes every day of the first week, copied materials, created bulletin boards, decorated 6th grade for the Peter Pan unit, typed in library codes, laminated materials, processed Boxtops, hung student banners, organized the volunteer rooms and provided new drop bins in the teacher lounges for work, and washed/dried/sorted clothes for the clothing closet.

Jr High – 4 volunteers, 25 hours

Volunteers attended a district-wide volunteer training meeting and filled out background check forms. The coordinator gave tours of the school to volunteers. Volunteers prepared back to school information packets for students, filed student paperwork, collected supplies for the work room, organized the work room, collected and organized items for the clothing closet.

High School – 25 volunteers, 145 hours

Volunteers attended a district-wide volunteer training meeting and filled out background check forms. Volunteers assisted with distributing text books to students, copied materials, and discussed plans for the Parent Center and Thrift Store.

*District PIE volunteers will be organizing and coordinating the Champions for Kids, Walmart SIMPLE Giving program for Mountain Home, Cotter, and Norfolk schools. Please support this program when you are shopping for your families. 100% of collect snacks will go to students in need.



MAINTENANCE MATTERS

The approximate 150 trees which were donated and planted last school year are according to Mark Eaton, Baxter County Extension Office, under a lot of stress due to the hot weather. We have been watering these trees all summer. It takes one man two and one-half days to water all of these trees. The water tank which we have installed on the back of one of the trailers takes 30 minutes to fill and has to be filled three times each day. We try to give each tree around 15 gallons of water. These trees need to be watered until they go dormant which should be sometime in November.

Approximately 225 work requests were completed this week. Lines were painted on the both practice football fields behind the Senior High for the band to practice their performance. Bookshelves are being built for several classrooms in various buildings. Cabinets were built at the Junior High and rollers installed on several tables.

Projectors were installed in several classrooms for Baxter County Alternative School. Light bulbs were changed in numerous classrooms throughout the district. A compressor was replaced at the Junior High and also one at PMS.

Two ice machines (which are seeing a lot of use) were repaired – one at the Junior High and one in the maintenance warehouse. A company to repair the roll-up fire door at PMS has been contacted about that door. Hopefully, the company will be here early next week to repair it.

EST, Inc has been kept busy with all the bell, camera and intercom problems that the first of school always brings. Several landscape timbers were replaced at the Kindergarten and of course the mowing and trimming of all the campuses is a constant. We have also been very busy with plumbing work requests. The tile floor in the football field concession stand was stripped and waxed in preparation of the football season.

The lighting in the media center and vocational building at the Senior High has been causing a problem with the low voltage switches. These switches run \$78 each every time one is replaced. We met with representatives of LCD Lighting from Little Rock who have promised the problem will be corrected.

We hope to be able to start working on the plumbing of the old M & M Concrete property next week. This building will house our Food Service department and warehouse and also the US First team.

Have a great weekend.

Athletic Friday Focus – September 6, 2013

Both tennis teams are off to a blazing start and are 4-0 on the season including conference wins over Marion. We will host Highland next Tuesday and travel to Jonesboro next Thursday.

The Lady Bomber volleyball team is also 4-0 including a conference win over the Searcy Lady Lions. We host Marion, a very, very tough conference opponent next Tuesday at the Hangar. If you wish to see some great volleyball action, you will not want to miss this match. We are playing the 9th grade match at 4:00 followed by the high school varsity match – which should start about 5:00-5:30.

The girls' golf team is now 3-1 dropping a close match to Shiloh Christian. Both golf teams will travel to Highland next Thursday to play at Cherokee North.

Both cross country teams will compete in the Willow Springs next Thursday.

Football travels to Rogers this evening to take on the Rogers' Mounties. If you cannot make the trip, tune in to KTLO 101.7 – kick off is set for 7:30.

Go Bombers!

Janet Wood, AD



Lady Bomber
Golf Team: L to
R
Carly Dibble,
Briana Leonard,
Madison
Childress,
Katie Vawter,
Leah Rowe

Monday	09-09-13	Football vs. Batesville (Home) 5:00 7 th Blue, 7 th Gold, HSJV Volleyball vs. West Plains (Away) 5:00 HSJV, HSV, 9 th
Tuesday	09/10/13	Tennis vs. Highland (Home) 4:00 Volleyball vs. Marion (Home) 4:00 9 th , HSV
Wednesday	09/11/13	
Thursday	09/12/13	Cross Country @ Willow Springs 7 th , JH, HS Golf vs. Highland (Away) 4:00 Tennis vs. Jonesboro (Away) 4:00 Volleyball vs. North Little Rock (Away) 4:30 HSJV, HSV Volleyball vs. Cotter (Home) 5:00 7 th , 8 th Football (Home) 8 th vs. Yellville 5:00 9 th vs. LR Central 6:00
Friday	09/13/13	Football vs. Harrison (Home) 7:30
Saturday	09/14/13	Volleyball 7 th Grade Jamboree @ Harrison Volleyball 9 th Grade Tournament @ Conway

Go Bombers!!!

Curriculum

Darla Deatherage



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

CCSS Literacy Units:
<http://www.achievingbychanging.com/>

NCTM articles to read:
https://www.magnetmail.net/actions/email_web_version.cfm?recipient_id=1107374353&message_id=2908686&user_id=NCTM1&group_id=956347&jobid=14924834

In addition, I have the NCTM magazines for each grade band if you are interested in reading any of them, please let me know and I'll send them to you!

Another Article to read on ways to partner with parents:
<http://www.nctm.org/about/content.aspx?id=39367>

ABC Partners

Our first Hub meeting with Cheryl Gall is Monday, September 9 from 9-2:15. Below is the link to the information that will be discussed. The password is THINKABC (all caps) <https://app.box.com/s/cm3u2w0ymlp8zutlw281>

If you have any burning questions concerning PARCC, TESS, CCSS or anything else going on in the state, email me or your vertical team facilitator so that we can ask Cheryl on Monday.

ABC Partners – Year-at-a-Glance

Fall Semester 2013

- Webinar with Dr. Jane Pollock August 21 - "Building a Better Lesson Plan" 9:30-10:30 AM
- Site Visits – Agendas determined by individual district/schools with their coach
- Webinar with Dr. Jane Pollock September 9 - "Beginning the Lesson" 9:30-10:30 AM
- September 16-19 Curriculum Huddle (Focus Unit/Lesson development Literacy & Math)
- Hub 1 Meeting (September) **Leading the Change**
 - Who: Superintendents, Principals, District Curriculum administration, instructional facilitators, lead teachers/department chairs
- Hub 2 Meeting (October) **Assessment**
 - Who: Design Team Members, Curriculum Personnel, Teachers, Instructional Facilitators
- Webinar with Dr. Jane Pollock October 7 - "Middle of the Lesson" 9:30-10:30 AM
- Webinar with Dr. Jane Pollock November 8 - "End of the Lesson" 9:30-10:30 AM
- November 12 APSRC Fall Conference Dylan Williams
- Hub 3 Meeting (November) **Mathematics**
 - Who: Math Teachers, Math Instructional Facilitators
- eDoctrina Training available
- Google Hang-Outs for collaboration and feedback

Spring Semester 2014

- Site Visits – Agendas determined by individual district/schools with their coach
- Hub 4 Meeting (January) **Literacy in Other Content Areas**
 - Who: Teachers (not English or Math), Instructional Facilitators and Leaders
- Hub 5 Meeting (February) **From Proficient to Distinguished**
 - Who: Anyone, but Principals and other leaders are target audience
- Hub 6 Meeting (March) **Leadership**
 - Who: Design Team Members, Leadership
- eDoctrina Training available
- Google Hang-Outs for collaboration and feedback

Summer 2014

- Curriculum Huddles at Lake Point
 - June 8-11, 2014
 - July 20-23, 2014

Pinkston Middle School



THANK YOU PINKSTON P.I.E.

17 Volunteers
136 hours 15 min.



Some of the things they have done for Pinkston include:
Box Tops, Open Houses, copying, bulletin boards, clothing closet, typing library codes, locker assistance, lunch codes, laminating, and creating a Peter Pan Wonderland for 6th Grade!

6th Grade Science



The sixth grade students are following ink pen termite pheromone trails as part of their adaptation labs.

7th Grade Meeting



Students were praised for a great start to the school year and given the opportunity to ask questions about bus loading, cafeteria, and recess.

6th Grade Students



6th Grade students put their personal touch to the halls. Students describe themselves by creating a pendant!

Pinkston Media Center



Ms. Knowles, Pinkston media center specialist talks to 6th graders about checking out books, magazines, DVDs, research, and making copies.



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



Upcoming Events for Pinkston Middle:

Classroom progress reports home – September 6
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

Bomber Flight

Prepare for Takeoff!



The Mountain Home Education Foundation is helping prepare students for some amazing journeys. We invite you to travel with us and join us for challenging and unique flight patterns in education for all Mountain Home Students.

OUR MISSION

To provide funds for grants to Mountain Home Public School Teachers who will create innovative teaching projects for the students in our schools and scholarships for Mountain Home Public School graduates pursuing post-secondary education. Over \$262,000.00 have been given in teacher grants and over \$500,000.00 in student scholarships

HOW YOU CAN BE A PART OF THE TEAM

Donate to the MHEF according to your senior year (See chart on back). The donation amount, your Bomber Flight Plan Number and your senior year all relate to the same set of numbers.

Return the attached form to your teacher or to the MHEF office at 2465 Rodeo Drive, Mountain Home, Arkansas, along with your contribution. Your t-shirt will be delivered to your teacher or advisor.

YOUR BENEFITS AS A BOMBER FLIGHT CREW MEMBER

- You will receive a Bomber Flight t-shirt with your specific flight number. The t-shirts will be special editions each year.



- You will become a part of Bomber History. Each year you participate, \$10 of your contribution will be applied to an account for a brick to be engraved during your senior year. **You must accumulate \$100 in order to receive a brick.** Your brick will be placed in the Mountain Home High School Library Courtyard.

- Participation is not required each year. You decide yearly if you want to participate in the Bomber Flight Program.



BOMBER FLIGHTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS PER YEAR

FLIGHT # (Graduation Year)	PRESENT CLASS	CONTRIBUTION PER YEAR (Each class pays the same amount every year through graduation)
2014	SENIORS	\$20.14
2015	JUNIORS	\$20.15
2016	SOPHOMORES	\$20.16
2017	FRESHMEN	\$20.17
2018	8 TH GRADE	\$20.18
2019	7 TH GRADE	\$20.19
2020	6 TH GRADE	\$20.20
2021	5 TH GRADE	\$20.21
2022	4 TH GRADE	\$20.22
2023	3 RD GRADE	\$20.23
2024	2 ND GRADE	\$20.24
2025	1 ST GRADE	\$20.25
2026	Kindergarten	\$20.26

If you would like to become a Bomber Flight Plan Crewmember, please return the form below along with your donation to your student's teacher or directly to the Mountain Home Education Foundation office at 2465 Rodeo Drive, Mountain Home, AR 72653. **Deadline for 2013 Membership is September 15, 2013.**

Student's Name _____ Grade: _____

Bomber Flight Number: (graduation year) _____

Teacher's Name (list advisory teacher for upper grades): _____

School: _____

Parent's Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Parent's Email: _____

Donation Amount: _____

Yes, I would like a Bomber Flight t-shirt

Circle the size: Youth sizes: YS YM YL Adult sizes: AS AM AL AXL AXXL

No, I do not want a Bomber Flight t-shirt. I opt out of the t-shirt in order to apply my entire donation to teacher grants/scholarships.

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MountainHomeEducationFoundation.com

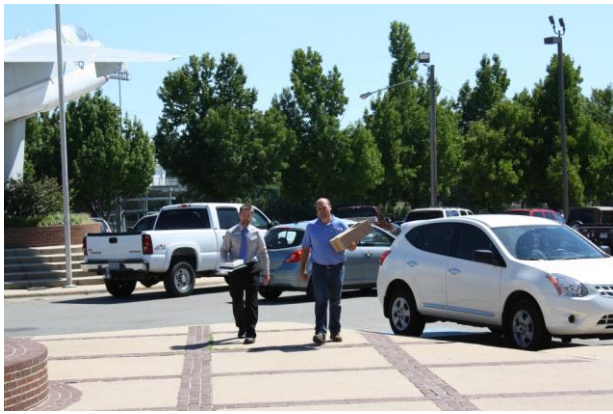


Mountain Home High School Career Academies September 2 – September 6, 2013

Mentor Orientation

On September 4th, MHHS Career Academies hosted Mentor Orientation for new and returning mentors. A brief overview of the career academy model along with defining mentor expectations and overview of sample lessons posted on the website for reference was provided. Student Panel members from ACME – Brett Brewer, Blaire Brozynski; CAB – Rachel Arp, Luke Armstrong, Ethan Lehman, and HHS – Jack Guo and Mackenzie Mohler participated in a discussion with mentors to define student expectations for the program. The purpose of the mentoring program is to develop relationships between MHHS students and community business leaders to offer students the following: To act as a role model by demonstrating success in business and society; to offer students insight into the mentor's careers; and to offer students insight into other careers within their academy career cluster. Mentors come to the advisory classrooms the first Wednesday of each month. A special thank you goes to April Webb, MHHS Volunteer Coordinator and **ACME (Architecture, Construction, Manufacturing, and Engineering)** Academy Coordinator, Jodi Strother, **CAB (Communications, Arts and Business)** Academy Volunteer Coordinator, and Kathy Arp, **HHS (Health and Human Services)** Academy Volunteer Coordinator. We really appreciate how our community takes time out of their busy schedule to make connections with MHHS Career Academy students!





Health Class Presentations

Students in Coach Greenhaw's health class presenting their finished projects from a cooperative learning activity on the subjects of "The Health Triangle", and "The Effects of Your Environment on Your Health." The students worked in groups and collaborated regarding the best way to present information about that topic to the rest of the class.



Art Department has New Business Partner

Jay Chafin State Farm Insurance is a new business partner for the MHHS Art Department! We will display student artwork in their lobby that will be changed every three months. Work in the photo was exhibited from June until September 3rd and was created by Natasha Phillips, Shayla Wells, and Kyra Nugent. Students who have work currently on display are Steven Switzer, Katie Hutchison, and Racheal Arp.



In the spring of 2013, the North Central Arkansas Board of Realtors contacted the MHHS Art Club sponsors Beth Ivens and Christy Lawrence requesting the help of MHHS Art Club members for an upcoming event. The Board of Realtors sponsors a bowling tournament every summer titled **“Feed Our Children”** in order to raise money and collect canned goods to be donated to the Food Bank. Several Art Club students painted bowling pins that would be given as trophies and prizes during the tournament. Sixteen bowling pins were painted and were judged by representatives of the Board of Realtors.

Congratulations to the winners!

- **1st Place-Steven Switzer**
- **2nd Place-Summer Webers and Yok Pichetchote**
- **3rd Place-Tamisha Hickman**
- **Honorable Mentions-Shayla Wells, Jon Paul Reese, and Jackson Schmitt**



Bowling pins designed by Steven Switzer, Summer Webers, Yok Pichetchote and Jon Paul Reese

EAST in Action

Like our page on Facebook to stay up to date on what is happening in MHHS EAST classroom. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/EAST-at-Mountain-Home-High-School/701950659819364>

We have active projects! Do you have a great EAST project? Email Jackie Meissner at jmeissner@mtnhome.k12.ar.us



Project Brainstorming

Team Building Activities



Counselors' Office Update

The Mountain Home High School Career Academy counselors, Tina Killian and Stephanie McGraw, visited Williams Baptist University in Walnut Ridge on September 3 for an Articulation Workshop. The meeting featured 25 colleges in Arkansas who are members of the Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers. Representatives from colleges spoke to an audience of high school counselors and college recruiters about the benefits of attending their university including information involving enrollment, available scholarships, admission policies, programs of study, and campus life. Dates for on-campus visits by high school students were made available as was literature from the varying colleges.

The counseling staff will be featuring colleges on the "Counselor's Wall" in the 600 hallway. Students visiting this area can learn detailed information about the college featured on the wall and take pictures of information using cell phones.

Academic Advisory Groups Participate in Post-Secondary Planning

Through their Academic Advisors, all MHHS Career Academy seniors selected one of four information sessions to attend during the Academic Advisory Period on Tuesday, September 3, 2013. They could choose to attend an informational session with ASUMH led by people from the university to hear information not only about ASU, but about college venues, scholarships, FAFSA, grants, work study programs, etc. They could choose to attend an informational session with our military liaison Reggie Watson, ANG for information about careers in the military, ASVAB, military college programs, etc. The seniors could choose to attend the session which helps them create an ACT account and even register for the ACT test to be given in October. Finally, the seniors could choose to attend a session for information from the Mountain Home Department of Workforce. In this session, they learned about the workforce after high school graduation, diploma vs. GED, work experience, skill sets, resumes, wages, expectations, etc. This was a very worthwhile experience for all seniors on campus.



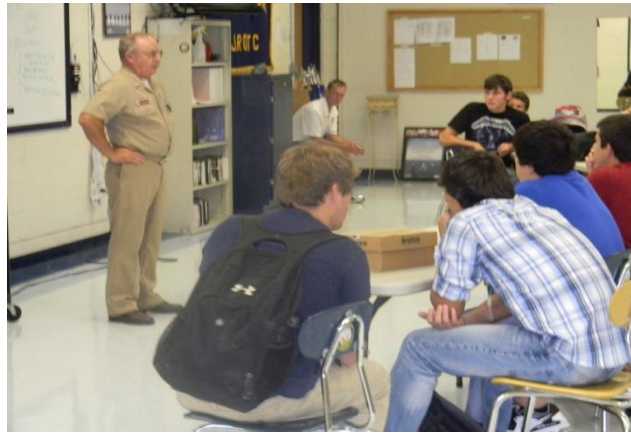
ACT Account Set Up Session



College Information Session



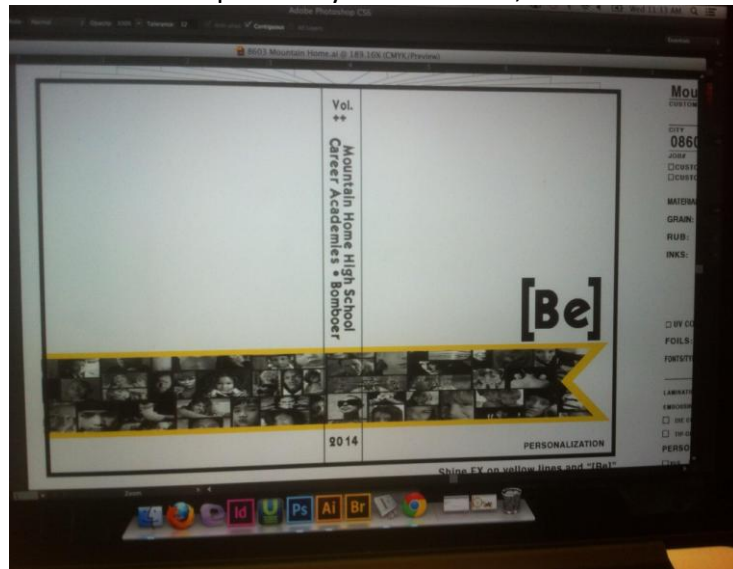
Department of Workforce Session



Military Information Session

Yearbook Theme for 2013-2014 Revealed

Bomber Yearbook Editors Carly Dibble and David Osswald, pictured below, visited ASU-Jonesboro on Wednesday to attend a yearbook workshop and meet with a Jostens Cover Artist to design this year's *Bomber's* custom cover. The students were accompanied by their advisor, Mrs. Seaman.



The theme of this year's book is, "Be."

Contact Mrs. Seaman at MHHS for more information on yearbook or advertisement sales jseaman@mtnhome.k12.ar.us.

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