Mountain Home Public Schools



Superintendent Update: September 13, 2013

Quote for the week: "Education to be successful must not only inform but inspire."—T. Sharper Knowlson

This week's update will be devoted to the power of individual teachers. I bet each of us can think of that one teacher who inspired us. "There's Always That One Teacher." In my experience, it would be hard for me to name just one because I had so many who inspired me. After all is said and done, the most powerful influence on the students' success is the classroom teacher.

Given the right conditions where trust and confidentiality are ensured, most adolescents have an intense desire to be heard by adults—and to be seen not just as test takers or data points along a grade distribution but as the complex people who they are, with real-world problems, concerns, and hopes for the future .

Young people can teach us much of what we need to know about resilience—about the relationships that make them feel heard, cared for, and valued. A teacher is not necessarily supposed to be a student's best friend and most teenagers aren't really looking for an adult as a best friend anyway. Students are looking for teachers who really listen rather than feigning interest in their lives. They're looking for help as they plan for their futures, whether in college or elsewhere. They're looking for teachers who will stick with them even after they have completed their classes, who will leave a door open after school for a chat, a laugh, or perhaps a little guidance or support. As administrators, we can continue to assess our school communities to determine whether trusting relationships are the norm as well as to ensure our kids feel safe at school.

It's all about relationships. Healthy relationships promote curiosity and learning. Well-adjusted kids—those who have had generally consistent, predictable, and caring responses from their caregivers—are usually good at building relationships in school. They can adapt to different teacher styles, are unthreatened by change and inevitable inconsistencies and know that most teachers are doing their best. These students bring out teachers' natural strengths. In contrast, students with provocative, challenging behavior can make even the most dedicated teacher feel disrespected and ineffective.

Relationship building starts with empathetic listening—the ability to tune in to what the other person is actually saying instead of what we want to hear (Siegel & Hartzell, 2003). Teachers who are empathetic listeners consider the student's point of view without neglecting their own.

Empathetic listening can be developed and practiced. It starts with being in tune of the changing needs and feelings of the other person, and shifting our response accordingly (Perry, 2013). Bruce Perry (2013) asserts that being in tune with the other person's feelings and relationship building is at the heart of



good teaching. Teachers who are flexible, who can shift their responses depending on the emotional needs of their students, are much more likely to be successful with kids who are difficult to reach. Remember that being flexible does not mean having loose classroom structures. In fact, student with trauma and attachment issues require consistent and predictable structures to feel safe. Teachers must look moment to moment at how a student feels, zeroing in on the meaning behind his or her behavior and responding in ways that will keep the student engaged and make him or her feel understood.

Teachers can't be attuned at all times to the needs, motivations, and feelings of a classroom full of kids. But they can adopt a stance that encourages attuned response.

A Yiddish proverb says, "You can't control the wind, but you can adjust your sails." Educators can't control the trauma and stress that students may bring to school, but they can consider their reactions to students, better attune their responses to student needs, and foster emotional resilience and healing that will improve the education process. I encourage each of us to be "that one teacher" who inspires our students. I am confident that our teachers inspire many students and I am more than confident that we spend time listening to our kids.

Note: Thanks to Educational Leadership contributors Allison Warshof, Nancy Rappaport and Michael Sadowski for the research on this article.

News for the Week:

Baxter County Fair Week is always an exciting time for our community. The children have such a great time and many of our students are involved in various entries such as livestock, photography, handcrafts, art and other areas. The parade was also exciting as usual. Thanks to our community for putting such great effort into our fair week.



Mountain Home Public Schools 2013-2014

Our school board participated in a budget workshop on Thursday evening. I appreciate our board so much. The issues in public education are complex and budgeting to meet the diverse needs of our district is complex. To just name a few issues our board wrestles with in budgeting, consider the multiple ways instructional and communications technology are reshaping the schooling experience, keeping up with shifting state and federal mandates, coping with increased expectation for 24 hour communication, social media management, supplies and equipment for instruction, continuing to keep our newer facilities in excellent condition while improving/updating some of our older facilities, health insurance issues, regionally competitive employee salaries, and the list could go on and on. Even though the work is complex, our board stays committed to our mission and vision: Committed to Excellence in Education... Every Student-Every Time! The total budget for our district in FY 14 is projected to be \$35,879,864. I appreciate our board for the dedication they have to our students and staff.

The best medicine I have found to deal with the ever present pressure of ensuring a high quality education system for our community is simply finding ways to be around our students. I find my greatest joy in car drop off lines, at student activities, eating lunch at a school or just walking the hallways of our schools. If you need energy or encouragement, hang around kids for a while. They will bring a smile to your face every time! As long as there are children, there is hope for a better tomorrow!

Have a great week everyone!

Lonnie

MOUNTAIN HOME PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK ENDING – September 13, 2013

Friday Focus

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Friday, September 13, 2013

Go Bombers! Beat Harrison!



Assessment, Instruction and Curriculum

Preliminary Test Results and Appeals: Thank you to Darla Deatherage and Dorothy Cook for analyzing preliminary test data. They then submitted corrections to the Arkansas Department of Education. Corrections to preliminary test results will be accepted or not by ADE. Within 30 days MHPS will have the final results.

Personnel and Professional Development

HUB Meetings: Our first Hub Meeting on Sept. 9th was a success! Thank you to everyone in attendance. Also thank you to Darla Deatherage and Cheryl Gall for leading the discussion. The next Hub #2 meeting is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 14, 2013 in the central office board room. The AR Public School Resource Center (APSRC) supports the District in the implementation of Common Core.



Cheryl Gall, Coach from APSRC



Hub #1 Meeting participants on Sept. 9 in the central office board room

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

Northcentral Arkansas Education Service Cooperative

SEPTEMBER 2013 UPCOMING EVENTS **UPDATED**

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

 $\underline{\mathsf{September}\,11:}\,\,\mathsf{NAESC}\,\mathsf{Teacher}\,\mathsf{Center}\,\mathsf{Committee}\,\,\mathsf{Meeting}-9:00-11:30-\mathsf{Mark}\,\mathsf{Gipson}-(201629)$

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

 $\underline{\textbf{September 16}}: \ \textbf{NAESC GT Coordinators Program Approval Application Workday} - 9:00-12:30 - \textbf{Jill Clogston} - (200578)$

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 17: NAESC Pre Open Enrollment Kickoff Meeting - 9:00-10:30 - E.B.D. CIV (203911)

**September 18: NAESC APSCN FMS Budgeting & Cycle 1 - 9:00-12:00 - Vicki Canard (203823)

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

**September 24 & 25: NAESC eSchool Demographics Workshop – 9:00-3:30 - Sandy Harber (for Batesville, Calico Rock, Cave City, Concord, Midland, Mtn View) (203781)

**September 26: NAESC eSchool Special Education Workshop – 9:00-3:00 - Sandy Harber (for Batesville, Calico Rock, Cave City, Concord, Midland, Mtn View) (203785)

**September 26: NAESC ACSIP Workday for Federal Coordinators — 8:30-3:30 - Pam Clark (203809)

**September 27: NAESC eSchool Conversion Logs/Workday – 9:00-3:00 - Sandy Harber (for Batesville, Calico Rock, Cave City, Concord, Midland, Mtn View) (203790)

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







http://www.engageny.org/

CCSS Literacy Units:

http://www.achievingbychanging.com/



Our first Hub meeting with Cheryl Gall was Monday, September 9 from 9-2:15. She was able to pull everything together and prepare us for the upcoming year. Below is the link to the information that will be discussed. The password is THINKABC (all caps) https://app.box.com/s/cm3u2w0ymlp8zutlw281

SRC

There will be two huddle meetings this summer (see dates below) and they are awesome ways to learn more about common core and how to develop better lesson plans. It is an intense 3 days of hard work, but well worth the time and effort. If you are interested let me know. We only have so much money to send people so the sooner your name is one the list, the more likely you will get to go.

Summer 2014

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





Mountain Home has been selected to give the PARCC Field test in the Spring 2014. I am excited about the opportunity to be able to field test this exam. At this point, we are not sure what classrooms will be tested. We will get you more information at who, what, when and where as it becomes available.



In the Spring 2014, computer based practice tests will be released from PARCC for ALL schools participating in the PARCC assessments. More information about PARCC test can be found at www.parcconline.org





Have a great weekend at the Fair!

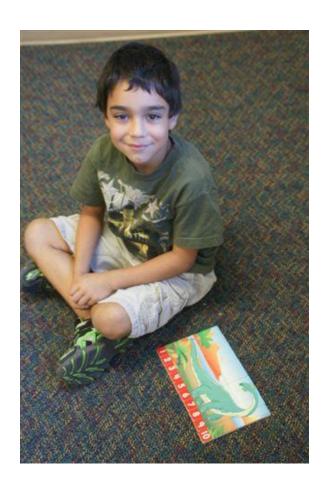
There are some NEAT things happening in just a few short weeks here at kindergarten...

people learning to write their names finding the letter "I" putting the alphabet together and numbers in order,









Here is a doctor in the making. He was working to put Humpty Dumpty back together using Band-Aids....





Mountain Home Kindergarten
Parent Newsletter
September 13, 2013
Word of the Month
Respect

PLEASE let us know if you are planning to eat with your child and you need a tray from the cafeteria. Our cafeteria ladies do a fabulous job trying to make sure everyone has a tray, but they do need to know how many will be eating so no one is left out. (If you want to bring your lunch, you don't need to let us know.)

September is childhood Cancer Awareness month and at Chili's that means raising money for St. Jude. Let's bring in pennies to help for this worthwhile cause. Last year the students at Nelson-Wilks-Herron Elementary raised over \$1500.00. Let's see if we can beat that total! We will be collecting pennies beginning Monday, September 16 through Monday, September 23rd.

The Mountain Home Education Foundation will be accepting memberships to the Bomber Flight Plan through September 15 to be included in the first printing of t-shirts. For \$20 and some odd cents (according to your graduation year), you will receive a Bomber Flight Crew t-shirts indicating your flight number (graduation year) and an account opened for an engraved brick to be placed at MHHS your senior year! Turn your form into your teacher or to the MHEF, 2465 Rodeo Drive, soon!

Berry Farm Days: October 8, 9 and 10

Picture day: October 16, 2013 Early Dismissal – October 17, 2013 Book Fair: November 7-15, 2013

Grandparents' Days: November 7 and 8



Registration for the Mountain Home Parks & Recreation Youth Basketball League, grades Kindergarten Co-Ed, 1st & 2nd boys & girls and 3rd & 4th boys & girls, is taking place at the L.C. Sammons Youth Center, Cooper Park. This is an open registration that runs through Saturday, September 28th. Registration will also take place at the Youth Center from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm on Saturday, September 21st & 28th. The registration fee is \$45 with a \$5 multichild discount. We will also offer a FREE Coaching Clinic! Games begin November 2nd and run until December 14th. Registration forms are available under the Youth Sports tab on the web at

www.mountainhomeparksandrec.com

***Ozark Football Association is accepting registrations for cheerleaders for the 2013 football season! Any girl grades K-7 in Mountain Home are eligible! Registration is \$40 Girls will receive skort, shirt and pom poms to keep! Parents must provide tennis shoes! To sign up visit

http://www.ozarkfootballassociation.com/ Call 870-404-1950 Or visit us this Saturday

NELSON-WILKS-HERRON

Baxter County Fair Field Trip Day



Thank you bus drivers for taking us to the fair!



Ms. Byes 2^{nd} grade class.



Snack time!



This little piggy is enjoying some mud!



Mr. Billy goat is saying "Hello!" to the kids!



Mrs. Teegarden's $1^{\text{st}}\,\text{grade}$ class is hamming it up for the camera.



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 12, 2013

As we kick off Attendance Awareness Month, we hope you'll join us in learning more about how to reduce chronic absenteeism in your school district. Common sense and research tell us that for students to learn, they have to come to school.

Chronic absenteeism is missing 10 percent of school days for any reason – excused and unexcused, including in-school suspensions. Based upon research, it marks the point when students start to fall behind academically because they have missed too many school days.

Around our School

- Parents/Guardians please do not call the school to change the way
 your child is to go home <u>unless it is an emergency</u>. If your child is to go
 home a different way, send a note to the homeroom teacher to let her
 know, and she will issue a bus pass if necessary. If your child needs a
 reminder, utilize the assignment book to write notes. We can't
 guarantee calls taken after 2:00 pm will be delivered to your child.
- Pay lunch accounts as soon as possible.
- First bell rings at 7:50 and the tardy bell rings at 8:00. If your child comes in after the 8:00 bell, you will need to come into the office to sign your child in.

Notes from Nurse Wendy

Any student with an immunization exemption needs to bring a copy of the exemption to Nurse Wendy as soon as possible. Not returning this form could result in your student not being able to attend school.

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

Start and Finish at 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.

Penny Drive for St. Jude Hospital September 16-23

Hackler Intermediate School is sponsoring "Chili's Pennies for St. Jude." Students can drop change into the containers in their homeroom from September 16 to September 23. The class that raises the most money will receive a prize from Chili's and their picture will be displayed at Chili's. Every child that participates will receive a coupon for a free meal.













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TO SIGN UP VISIT <u>HTTP://WWW.OZarkFOOTBallassociation.com/</u>
Call 870-404-1950

Parent Te	eacher Conferences are C to set up a conference.	October 17, from 2:30 – 8:00pr This is an early dismissal da	n. Call or email your child's t ay for students 2:10pm.	eacher





Hackler Loves MATH

Mrs. Shannon Soller from McGraw Hill Education spent the day at Hackler training teachers in using the online apps for the new My Math curriculum. Common Core State Standards is driving our math education program and Mrs. Soller showed us how to use the internet portion of our new adopted text. Ms. Darla Deatherage also spent the day at Hackler working on CCSS in math using Engage New York, the Roger's School District website as well as how to write mini grants through donorschoose.org. We also researched achievingbychanging.com to find other helpful math information. We are coming up on "The Season for Giving" and Hackler teachers will be writing grants through this website. If you would like to make a donation to your child's teacher, PLEASE go to donorschoose.org, click on Arkansas, click on Mountain Home and donate to your child's teacher.



Mrs. Goggans, one of Hackler's teachers, taught a unit on China. Cassy Fowler and Jeanie Riley arranged for a special treat for Mrs. Goggan's class on Wednesday, September 11th. Heather Powell with the Twin Lakes Literacy Council accompanied two special guest, Chu Chen and Yu Rhodes who are from China, to come read to the class. The students enjoyed the story and were eager to ask the guests questions about China. The name of the book was Corduroy goes to the Fire Station by Don Freeman. In remembrance of the events that took place on 9-11, students also discussed the importance of the fire station and how to be safe. Thank you Mrs. Powell, for the opportunity to share the cultural exchange with our students here at Hackler Intermediate.





GBCCA FALL MUM FUNDRAISER!

Accepting pre-orders now ~ \$15 each Delivery will be the first week in October



Our 12" Fall Chrysanthemum pots contains 3 stunning plants 22" tall by 24" inch wide!

Call Guy Berry 425~1261 or Email David Martin: damartin@mtnhome.k12.ar.us To order

Mountain Home Area Reading Council invites You to join us for a sweet treat.

Monday, September 16th, 2013



A:30-5:30



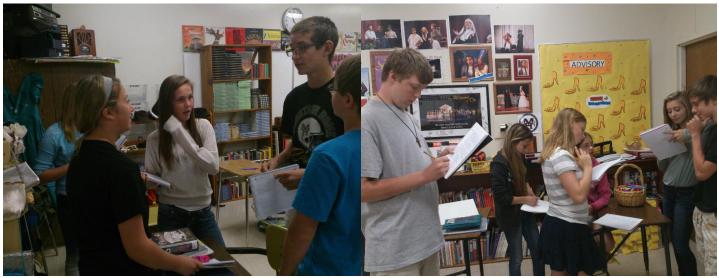
at Hackler room 503

Learn how membership in MHARC, ARA, & IRA benefits you.

MOUNTAIN HOME JUNIOR HIGH

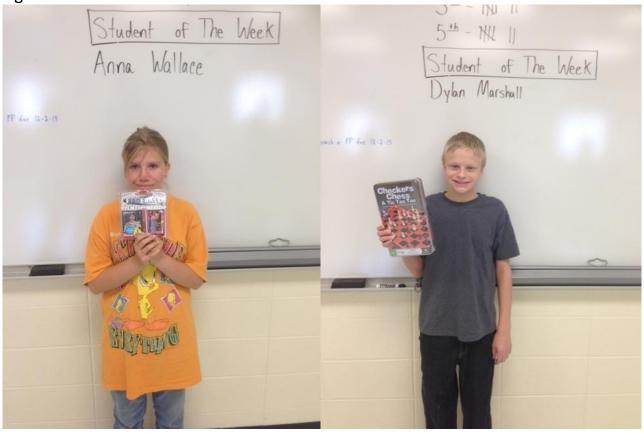
The 8th Grade English classes of Mrs. Hickey and the 8th Grade science classes of Mrs. Beaver discussed today's social issues and attitudes concerning people with disabilities, as these issues relate to Daniel Keyes' novel, *Flowers for Algernon*. After completing the story, they wrote essays concerning *ethics in science*. We are addressing the importance of showing evidence from the text, to support their claims. Some students are learning not to use personal pronouns in their formal writing. Overall, the students are making great progress in their writing and thinking at a much deeper intellectual level.





Anna Jo Wallace and Dylan Marshall were this week's Students of the Week for Mr. Josh Fulcher's Learning Skills classes. Both of these students worked extremely hard on all of their

classes all week long. They both received prizes for their efforts. Thanks to both students for working hard this week!

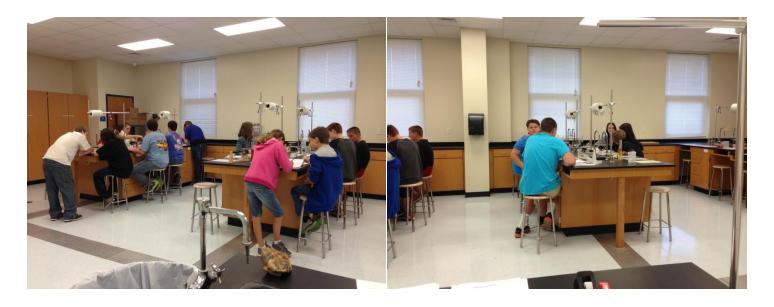


Mrs. Harvey Beaver's 8th Grade science classes have been working on laboratory safety and measurement skills to improve the work being done in the science lab and classroom.





Students in Mr. Randy Barnhill's 8th Grade science classes are currently involved in a metric measurement lab. They are learning to convert from US measurements to metric measurements.



Alivia O'Brien and Kaci Yancey (left picture) are playing the "Gorilla Game" during Ms. Kathy Lawrence's Family and Consumer Science class this week. The class is working on positive decision-making habits and ways to deal with peer pressure. The "Gorilla Game" helps students learn there are many good and proper ways to say, "No!" The class is also working on the importance of all types of communication skills. Dakota Zastrow (right picture) tries to convey an important message to his fellow students during a silent communication activity.



Ms. Kathy Lawrence's classes are also covering conflict resolution strategies. Mr. Kelvin Preis, MHJH counselor, and Sgt. Tom Canta (not pictured), MHJH School Resource Officer, discuss conflict resolution skills as part of FACS Personal Development unit.



Anna Mitchell, Daniella Steinhaus, and Ty Peifer are wearing "empathy bellies" in Ms. Lawrence's Child Development class. "Empaty Bellies" are a teaching aid that helps Child Development students gain a realistic understanding of the changes and demands imposed on the body by the pregnant condition.



MHJH Staff has jumped in with both feet into eSchool. We recognize the extra efforts of the following MHJH staff members and the time they've dedicated to helping their fellow teachers and staff. Pictured are: Susan Gatewood, Sandy Walker, Shelli Jones, and James Maze.



The MHJH Journalism Staff is currently working on the Junior Bomber yearbook and learning techniques to help them be better photographers. The Junior Bomber yearbook is on sale for \$45.00 until October 25th. Order forms can be picked up at the MHJH office and payment can be brought there also. MHJH Journalism advisors are Mrs. Tammye Quick and Mrs. Marjorie Jones. Pictured is Freshmen Sophia Wilson practicing with her camera. The photo was taken by Freshman Desi Rivera.



The MHJH Photography Club had their first meeting on Wednesday. Members used the computers in the library to sign on to the club's Edmodo page. Students on Edmodo will be able to share their photos and information on this website, as well as get information from the club sponsors about meetings and other things related to photography. The program is set up a lot like Facebook, but only the members can see the information.



Students in Mr. Brad Morris' Physical Education classes are performing mathematics in their PE class by calculating their target and resting heart rates. The students were able to help each other if they were having any difficulties with the activity.



Students in Mrs. Ginger Parker's and Mrs. Susie Teague's Community-Based Instruction class enjoy the results of their work in the Ability Garden that was worked on last school year.

















Mountain Home High School Career Academies September 9 – September 13, 2013

Mountain Home High School Career Academies hosted a group of teachers, administrators, and staff from Farmington Schools on Wednesday, Sept. 11. This group came to MHHS to glean information about how and why to develop career academies, as well as information on how to set up a charter. They were very inquisitive, indicating that they knew so little they were unsure what to ask. They left Wednesday afternoon with a great deal of information about our career academies absorbed from attending two academy meetings, a presentation by Principal Mrs. Brown and Academy Director Mrs. Shipman, a student panel interview, and academy leader interviews. The Farmington representatives left, their minds brimming with newfound ideas, but also a resolve to follow our model academies' guidelines. (Submitted by Academy Leaders Alecia Czanstkowski, Kathy Gonten and Kathy Wham)



HHS Academy meeting w/Farmington



ACME Academy meeting with Farmington guests



Farmington Supt. w/Student Panel



Student Panel Discussion with Farmington Staff

NNDCC Annual Inspection

The NNDCC unit was inspected on 10 Sep in the MHJH gym. This marks the 20th year of the Unit in the Mountain Home school district. The inspection was conducted by the NJROTC Area 8 manager, Commander Merlin Ladner, from Gulfport, MS. The unit had less than four weeks to prepare for the personnel appearance inspection. Some cadets had less than a week to prepare since joining the unit after the start of school. The inspection included both personnel appearance and military drill performances. After the inspection, CDR Ladner conducted a brief for the some senior cadets, reminding them of their responsibilities in the day to day operation of the unit as well as the development of the junior cadets.





Computer Diagnostic Classes Partner with District Technology Department

Mr. Young's diagnostic and networking classes have started to work with the tech department to gain real world experience. The students are using what they learn in the classroom and applying it to installing devices and troubleshooting various technical issues. This not only allows the technology staff to address more pressing issues and maintain the network, but; provides students hands-on proficiency in a business setting. This gives them a jump start toward getting into their chosen career field.

MHHS Key Club Update

Sponsor: Scott Small

The MHHS Key Club had its first meeting of the year, with over 70 students in attendance. Officers were elected, and a number of service opportunities are now available to our members. This month, our members will be partnering with our parent club, Kiwanis Club of Mountain Home, and working at the burger booth at the Baxter County Fair. We encourage everyone to come by and grab a bite to eat. Also, we will be helping to package over 40,000 meals at the Cotter Bridge Bash on September 21st. This event is held by the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas in an attempt to help stop hunger in our area. It is a huge community event, and Key Club is proud to be a part of it. We are excited about another year of service, so let us know if you have an event where volunteers would be helpful.

MHHS FFA Announces Officers

Congratulations to the following students for being elected as a FFA Officer for the 2013 – 2014 School Year: President – Bryce Rohr, Vice President – Kaycee Grissum, Secretary – Carson White, Reporter – Tara Hentz, Sentinel – Zac Norwood, Junior Advisor – Zac Martin, and Fair Board Representative – James Daniel Brown.

Art History Shares Classroom Museums

As an introduction to the Art History I course taught by Mrs. Christy Lawrence at MHHS, students are given the following scenario:

Imagine archaeologists hundreds of years in the future have decided to investigate the history of Mountain Home, Arkansas. During the process of their archeological dig, what are five artifacts that, if discovered, would best represent you and your family?

Each student brought five or more personal items and displayed them in the classroom. The students then presented their "museum" displays to small groups which rotated around the room to hear each presentation. Some of the activity objectives are that students should be able to think about what relevant facts are connected with the creation of artwork and how that information contributes to the way we perceive it and gain an appreciation of some of the artistic relics of their family history.



Sophomore David Buls shares information about his Columbian heritage and his love for soccer.



Sr. Rachel Bridgman displays artifacts that reflect her family's love for music, art, and personal accomplishments in volleyball and basketball.

Save the Dates:

September 10 – 15 – Baxter County Fair

September 11 – Senior and School Day Pictures

September 11 – Farmington School District Visit

September 13 – Academy Kick-Off Day

September 18 – Jostens Junior Class Ring Presentation

September 19 – Progress Reports

September 23 – 27 – Celebrate Freedom Week

September 25 – Senior Picnic at ASUMH

Mrs. Smith's classes are working on:



Intro. to Hospitality is studying the 7-Functions of Marketing. Through small group collaborations, each group created a model identifying and explaining each of the 7-Functions of Marketing.

Computerized Accounting I

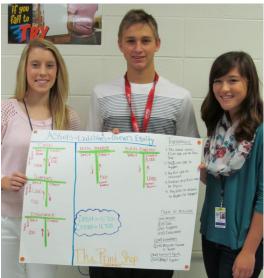
3rd Period students are studying proprietorship businesses and proper accounting procedures. Each group selected a business name, created a chart of accounts, and transactions for their business. To display business activity, each group created a poster representing their business and the impact each transaction had on the accounting equation.











MAINTENANCE MATTERS

The mowing crew is still kept very busy with the lawns around the various campuses. Trees are still being watered. The work requests that come in are being handled as quickly as we can get to them. Shelves are still being built for various classrooms around the district.

The demolition work at the old M & M Concrete plant has started. The old concrete has been removed and dirt being moved and compacted to make the area ready for the pouring of a new concrete loading ramp. This ramp is necessary for the big semi-truck trailers which deliver food products to back right into the food service warehouse. The food service offices have been 'laid out' on the floor when the men are ready to start building the walls.

This is short this week as I will be out of town on Thursday and Friday (watching my grandson play 7th grade football in Oklahoma.) Will catch you up to date next week.

TRAVELING WITH TRANSPORTATION

Everything is rolling along smoothly in Transportation.

The State bus inspector was here this week checking our bus fleet. There are a total of 2,726 individual items he checks on our fleet of 58 buses. We had 101 minor repairs and zero major repairs.

We also opened bids on three buses we had for sale. One of these buses was purchased by the Department of Corrections. They were in need of a larger bus to transport prisoners to various locations in the State. You have no doubt seen the prisoners working around the city and on our school campuses. Every year we have a work crew come in and weed eat, pull weeds and spread mulch around the playground equipment getting ready for school to start. For the total cost of a lunch meal for usually about 32 prisoners and guards (around \$165) we really appreciate the work that they perform. If we had to pay minimum wage (\$8.15/hour) for 32 people for 6 hours a day, the total would be well over \$1,500 a day. Got carried away but hopefully this bus will be of benefit to the Department of Corrections. The other two buses were sold to a salvage yard.

We will be getting ready to start the fall semester of bus evacuation training. This is a State-mandated training that each child must be trained in. All the evacuations must be completed by October 15. We really appreciate the patience and assistance of the principals, teachers and students in helping us get this training completed.

Hope everyone has a nice weekend.