



Superintendent Update: September 20, 2013

Quote for the week: "I teach with my heart and soul and not with my mouth alone."—Jaime Escalante

News for the week:

We had our September school board meeting. We elected officers for the year. Presiding as President will be Ben Strider. Lisa House was elected Vice President and Steve Bergman was elected Secretary. I am excited about our slate of officers.

It is a wonderful opportunity to thank Jason Schmeski for serving as our Board President for the last two years. Jason exemplifies what I believe to be the highest level of leadership competence as described in Jim Collins' book, ***Good to Great***. He states in his book that executive leadership "builds enduring greatness through a paradoxical blend of personal humility and great professional will." Jason has quietly and humbly served as our board President but he has also demonstrated great professional will during difficult decision making times. Jason's ethical approach to working for "every student-every time" is beyond reproach. He truly directs his attention to every student in the district. On a personal level, he has been a great encouragement to me at times when I needed encouragement. If you see Jason, please thank him for his service to our students, employees, and community.

We spent time introducing our new employees to the school board. We employed over 40 new employees this year and the meeting was a great opportunity to make a connection to the name and assignment of each employee.

Our school enrollment is 3997 students. This number is comparable to our numbers at the same time last year. We are hopeful to remain stable in our enrollment and grow if possible. It is a fact that our community and school district has a lot to offer families. I firmly believe there will be a time of growth in coming years.

The initial issue of the ***Bomber Bulletin*** is scheduled for publication on Thursday, September 26th. The ***Bomber Bulletin*** is a student newspaper publication which becomes an "insert" in the ***Baxter Bulletin***. Our kids do the interviews, take the photos, and write the articles. Jennifer Seaman has worked with our high school kids and has streamlined the process and we really appreciate her for her support. The wonderful part of this program is the authentic learning opportunities for each of our schools kindergarten through high school. Please be watching for the insert next Thursday! This is one of the efforts which separate our school from the status quo. I must thank **Wells Fargo Advisors** for their support of this project.



Have a great weekend everyone. This weekend is **Bridge Bash**. The weather should be nice and it would be great if many people were able to get out and support the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas. I will just mention that our schools are still collecting nonperishable food items for the Million Meals Program in support of the Food Bank. Please drop your food off at the Central Office or any school within our district. Have a great weekend.

Lonnie

[Click here](#) for the *Simple Truths* video for this week.

Dr. Myers enjoyed lunch today with the seventh grade at Pinkston Middle school...



Friday Focus

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Friday, September 20, 2013

Hayden Padgett Memorial Press Box

**Thank you PMS EAST Students and Mrs. Dunavan for
creating an image of a thermometer to depict the fundraising goal!**



**Together we can! Thank you to everyone
for supporting this special project.**

Committee members: Leigh A. Gigliotti, Michelle Padgett, Jodi Tejcek, and Jill Czanstkowski

Assessment, Instruction, and Curriculum

Music Teachers Integrate Common Core: A message from Mrs. Mohler: I would to share this website <http://www.achievingbychanging.com/> from this website our district can use these units to teach literacy and math. They have music links that have youTube videos, ideas of things to connect with stories kids are reading etc. There are a lot of things in this website that we can use in our classroom. The pinterest page has also had some ideas. This is a central location that ALL teachers can get themes and lesson ideas. It will come together easier because we are all pulling from the same “page” of thought.

Thank you to all teachers for integrating common core into their lesson plans.

Save the Dates

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

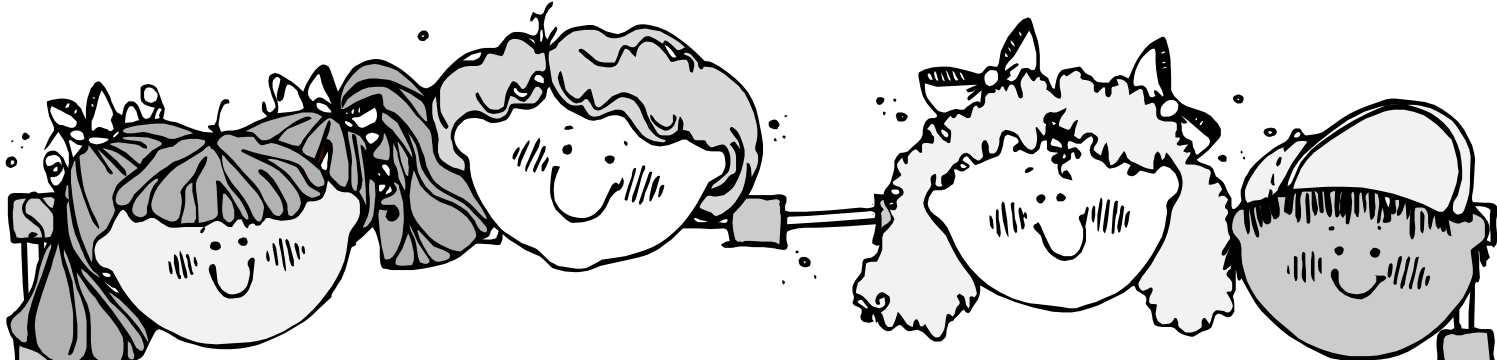
MAINTENANCE MATTERS

We have been busy this week running wiring to the new cabinets being installed by The Top Shop in the office at the GBCCA location at Guy Berry. Hopefully this will be finished today.

Shelves are still being constructed for various locations throughout the District. In the 200 plus work requests received this week were many air conditioning and plumbing problems. Maintenance was also busy delivering copy paper and setting up for various functions.

Work continues at the old M & M Concrete plant getting the building ready for Food Service and the US First team. The loading dock was extended and the concrete pad poured for truck deliveries. New steps and a handrail were installed to the main door for Food Service. Mechanical Plant Services started on the rough-in of the plumbing. We are installing a new water line eliminating the old water line which was in very bad shape.

Mowing around the district continues and the watering of the newly planted trees also continues. Please take note of how nice our campuses look.



Mountain Home Kindergarten
Parent Newsletter
September 20, 2013
Word of the Month
Respect

Notes from the nurse- there will be a **FLU CLINIC** at MHK on October 7th from 8:30-11:30. Forms will be going home with your student next week. If you WANT to participate you MUST fill out paperwork COMPLETELY and return to school BEFORE the 7th. If you DO NOT want to participate you need to do nothing. Your child WILL NOT receive the vaccine without COMPLETE paperwork. If you wish to be present when your child receives the vaccine then you will need to be here at 8:30 with your child. There is no set time for each class and no guarantee as to what time your child will receive the vaccine, so again if you want to be present you will need to be here at school by 8:30 and please do not send your paperwork with your child if you want to be present. That way they will not receive the vaccine until you arrive with paperwork. Thank you.

Stuart Little is coming to the SHEID!! This is the story of the most unusual mouse who happens to be born into an ordinary New York City family. A production for children of all ages - Bring the whole family. ☺

Sunday, October 6, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

Buy one General Admission Ticket and get one student ticket
FREE

FOOD BANK support for 1 Million Meals for Hunger project- We are still taking non-perishable food items in the grey tubs in the office. We will be collecting until November 1. We will find out our totals in December during the "Spirit of Giving" drive.

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER!!! -
MtnHomeKindergarten@mhk72653

Upcoming Events-

Flu Shots - Monday, October 7
Berry Farm field trips - October 8, 9 and 10
Picture Day-Tuesday, October 16th
Early Dismissal/Parent Teacher Conferences (2:00-8:00)- Thursday, October 17
Book Fair - November 4-7

Our Kindergartener's getting ready for the pledge at the board meeting...



“Surgeons” in Ms. Sallee’s Kindergarten class putting Humpty Dumpty back together again...



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 19, 2013

School is your first and most important job. You're learning about more than math and reading. You're learning how to show up for school on time every day, so that when you graduate and get a job, you'll know how to show up for work on time every day.

Around our School

- ❖ Progress reports are coming home today.
- ❖ Students will need a 70 page spiral notebook for music. No larger please.

Personal Appearance

- A student shall not wear or use emblems, insignias, badges, or other symbols which distract other students, or otherwise cause disruption or interference with the operation of the school.
- Tops must cover the entire torso (No bare-backs, bare midriffs or spaghetti straps).
- Please see Personal Appearance in the student handbook on page 18 and 19 for more details.

BRIDGE BASH 2013

Big Spring Park, Cotter, Arkansas

September 21st - 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

100% of the donations go toward hunger relief efforts in North Central Arkansas.
Every \$1 raised through Bidge Bash provides 5 meals for those in need.

HACKLER INTERMEDAITE SCHOOL 3RD ANNUAL 5K OCTOBER 5, 2013, at 8:00 a.m.

STARTING AND ENDING at HACKLER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

REGISTRATION ON BACK PAGE

FORMS TURNED IN BY SEPTEMBER 20 WILL RECEIVE A T-SHIRT THE DAY OF THE RACE

Student fees will be paid by Wells Fargo Advisors, but students will STILL need a registration form filled out. Additional forms are available in the Hackler office.



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.





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



Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Sex: M _____ F _____ Age on 10/05/13: _____

Teacher (If they are a Hackler student) _____ Grade _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Shirt Size (please circle): Adult S M L XL or Youth S M L

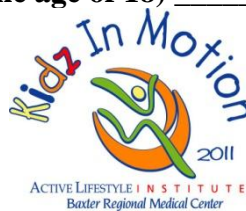
Cash _____ Check _____ made payable to Reppell Diabetes

ENTRY FEES: Hackler Students Entry Fees will be paid for by Wells Fargo Advisors
Adults and other family members cost is \$20 pre-registered; \$25 day of race

5K entries received before September 20th, 2013 will receive a t-shirt on race day. All 5K entries received after September 20th, 2013 will be given a coupon on race day for the t-shirt, which may be picked up at a later date.

Release: I know that participating in racing either as a walker or a runner is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter this race unless I am medically able and properly trained. I agree to abide by any decision of a race official relative to my ability to safely complete the race. I assume all risks associated with participating in this race including, but not limited to, falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather, including high heat and/ or humidity, the conditions of the road and traffic on the course, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts, and in consideration of your accepting my entry, I, for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release Hackler Intermediate School, and all sponsors, their representatives and successors from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in the race even though liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons named in this waiver. I grant permission to all the foregoing to use any photographs, motion pictures, recordings, or any other record of this event for any legitimate purpose.

Signature (by guardian if participant is under the age of 18) _____



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| A-S | A-M | A-L | A-XL | | Y-S | Y-M | Y-L | Race Day | After Race |
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Hackler Student Name: _____ Contact #: _____

Wild Visitors



Officer Small and Officer Purdom of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC) visited Mrs. Swearingen's Literacy classes. The officers brought a native non venomous green snake and an American Alligator. The officers gave facts about each of the reptiles, and safety tips. Mrs. Swearingen read fiction books in class about the reptiles using a stuffed snake as a prop to help students realize that fiction is made up. The presentation by the AGF officers was to help students grasp the idea that nonfiction is about the facts. Thanks to AGFC officers. You did a wonderful job!

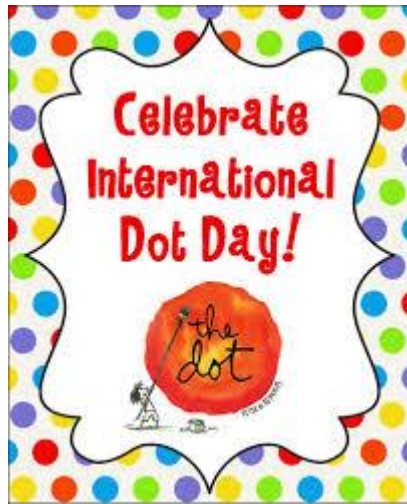
GO BOMBERS!



Hackler Intermediate students were special guests at the home football game last Friday night when the Mountain Home Bombers faced the Harrison Goblins. The students were chosen by recommendations from their teachers, counselors and principals. These students participate in class, make good choices and have zero write ups. The students pictured are: Hailey Matchell, Mazie Baker, Dallas Bailey, Kearstin Ford.

NELSON-WILKS-HERRON

We Are Seeing Lots of Dots...



The Dot is the story of a caring teacher who dares a doubting student to trust in her own abilities by being brave enough to “make her mark”. What begins with a small

dot on a piece of paper becomes a breakthrough in confidence and courage.

This week in Art and Enrichment NWH students “made their mark” and embraced their individuality and creativity.

Students made an “I Can Dot” to be displayed with original artwork.



Teachers and staff joined in the celebration and created their own "I Can Dots" by transforming an I can't to an I can! When you change your mind from I can't to I can...You Will!

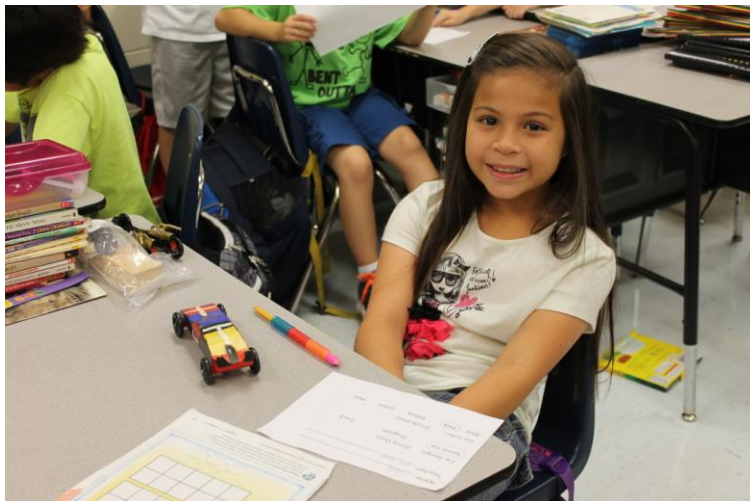


At NWH we are committed to making the world a better place with our individuality and creativity!



ACME Students Visit NWH

Mountain Home High School's ACME Academy students visited the 2nd grade classes of Mrs. Nunley, Mrs. Volkman and Ms. Wedgeworth. ACME students will be helping these classes with a Boxcar project. We can wait to see and hear about all the neat things they will do during this school year!!





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

Pinkston Middle School



Week ending 9.20.13

6th GRADE ART with Mr. Hargett



Students in Mr. Hargett's 6th grade art class are working on a drawing of a medieval knight thanks to the Baxter County Library. Mr. Hargett borrowed the knight from the library and told his students that it was about 50 pounds, welded together and would require "critical thinking" on their part to create a realistic drawing of the knight. Students were given two days to complete their drawing.

Peter Pan at Pinkston Middle School

- 6th GRADE -



Thank you PIE for helping Peter Pan become a reality in 6th GRADE!



6th Grade Science



Students in Ms. Kelsh, Mrs. Avery, and Mrs. Major's classes respond to critical questions about adaptation. Various specimens are set up for students including black widows, a humming bird, snake skin, and an octopus.

In order to answer the presented questions students had to dig into their prior knowledge. One group of students debated the classification of the bat. A student in the group questioned if it was due to the presence of teeth, lack of feathers. His classmate was adamant that it was neither; it was the fur that made the bat a mammal.



Sixth grade Students measure a skull and then check it against a skull website To check their hypothesis.



Sixth-grade students build a bug graph through Excel.



Six grade students in Mr. Jamnicky's Study skills class practice for their science quiz in quiz bowl style! A special thank you to the Mountain Home Education Foundation for the teacher grant that made these types of experiences possible!



Together we can make a difference!

Pinkston Middle School is collecting can goods and non-perishable items for the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas. Please bring your donation to one of the bins at Pinkston Middle School. Arvest Bank is also partnering with the food bank to get your donation from school to the food bank. We appreciate their efforts to help feed those in need.

Be a part of “1 Million Meals” this year!



We are on Twitter! @Pinkstonmiddle

EAST at Pinkston Tweets @AdunavanEast

7th Grade Promise has Twitter and Tweets 2 @deniselauerman

Pinkston Choir TWEETS! @Pinkstonchoir



Upcoming Events for Pinkston Middle:

"1 Million Meals" food drive – now-Nov 1

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

Early dismissal for students 2:00 PM – October 17

Parent/Teacher Conferences – October 17

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| Monday | 09/23/13 | Football vs. Highland (Away) 5:00 8/JV Football vs. West Plains (Home) 5:00 7Blue/7Gold Volleyball vs. West Plains (Home) 5:30 7/8 |
| Tuesday | 09/24/13 | Volleyball vs. West Memphis (Home) 4:30 |
| Wednesday | 09/25/13 | |
| Thursday | 09/26/13 | Tennis vs. Greenwood @ Russellville 4:00 Volleyball vs. Central (Away) 4:30 JV/V Football vs. Huntsville (Home) 5:30 8/9 |
| Friday | 09/27/13 | HS Football vs. Marion (Home) 7:00 |
| Saturday | 09/28/13 | |
| Sunday | 09/29/13 | |

Go Bombers!!!



Mountain Home High School Career Academies September 16 – September 20, 2013

Counseling Center Update

MHHS Students Participate in College Fair



Mountain Home High School students attended the annual college fair set up through **American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO)** and the counselor's office last Friday, September 13. Both seniors and juniors attended the fair and took the time to speak with college recruiters and gather important information for colleges they are considering.

Photos by K. Strode – MHHS.



NCAA Parent Meeting

The Mountain Home High School Career Academies Counseling Center and Athletics Department sponsored a parent night for information regarding the NCAA. NCAA Clearinghouse Eligibility Information Packets were distributed along with checklists for parents to assist in the process of assisting students in becoming eligible for the NCAA. Registrar, Rose Liggett spoke regarding the process as well as history teacher, Carol Norris, who has also experienced the NCAA eligibility process as a parent. More than 40 students, along with their families, were in attendance and also viewed a video clarifying how to become eligible for the NCAA, rules regarding the NCAA, and on-site visits.

FCCLA at Baxter County Fair

FCCLA members helped set up artwork and photography at the Baxter County Fairgrounds on Wednesday, September 11. The following Mountain Home High School students participated: Hannah Lundry, Halen Tomlin, Lakyn Moren, Katie Wehmeyer, Madeline Malloy, Racheal Sandoval, Kaylee Nelson, Destiney Carroccio, Alesha Newborn, and Kayla Harrington.



Academy Kick-Off Day

It's an Outbreak! The senior class of 2014 has been infected with the graduation threatening disease, "senioritis" and it's the job of the student's in the HHS academy to control it. On Friday, September 13th, the senior students in the HHS academy were fictitiously "infected" with "senioritis" and were sent from Dunbar auditorium to the decontamination area immediately. The Mountain Home Fire Department, the Mountain Home Police Department, under the direction of the School Resource Officers, and the Baxter Regional Medical Center Emergency Services personnel were present to stage a decontamination event for the seniors.



Complete with rain ponchos, students were scrubbed down and hosed off to demonstrate the process of a real life decontamination event. Students were then taken to the ambulance to have their vital signs checked before being “cleared” to exit the area. This event was all part of the HHS academies newest project, Outbreak. Throughout the next 6 weeks, students in the HHS academy will be learning integrated lessons about various topics that relate to an outbreak of infectious disease. On October 30th, the HHS students will have their culminating event, a Zombie Walk, at David’s Trail, which raises money for the Baxter Regional Hospital Foundation. We would like to extend a huge thank you to the Mountain Home Fire Department, the Mountain Home Police Department, the Baxter Regional Medical Center Emergency Services personnel, Donna McMullen at Baxter Regional Medical Center, the Baxter Bulletin, DJ Peace, and our parent volunteers for making our Kick Off Day a huge success!



Save the Dates:

- September 13 – Academy Kick-Off Day**
- September 18 – Jostens Junior Class Ring Presentation**
- September 19 – Progress Reports**
- September 23 – 27 – Celebrate Freedom Week**
- September 24 – Business Advisory Board Meeting**
- September 25 – Senior Picnic at ASUMH**

Curriculum

Darla Deatherage



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

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

APPSC

Here are the links for the first two Pollock webinars. If you have difficulty opening when you click on the link, try copying and pasting the url directly into your browser.

Webinar 1 <http://apsrc.adobeconnect.com/p2crigsztk/>

Webinar 2 <http://apsrc.adobeconnect.com/p3eoxwd96po/>

If you go to <http://www.achievingbychanging.com/GANAG.html> you should always be able to find the links when you need them.

Also, the fall Huddle begins Monday, September 16. It is our largest thus far! We are excited to be able to provide this professional development to help further the implementation of Common Core State Standards and PARCC Next Generation Assessments.

As most of you are aware, multiple resources to support your teachers' implementation of CCSS can be found on the Achieving By Changing website: <http://www.achievingbychanging.com>. The password is **THINKABC**. If you need help accessing the resources, just call or email your ABC coach or let me know.

Newsletter: **This week's newsletter contains information about a math program called 10 Marks.** [Click here to read this newsletter](#)

The following teachers attended the Huddle Meeting in Russellville this week:

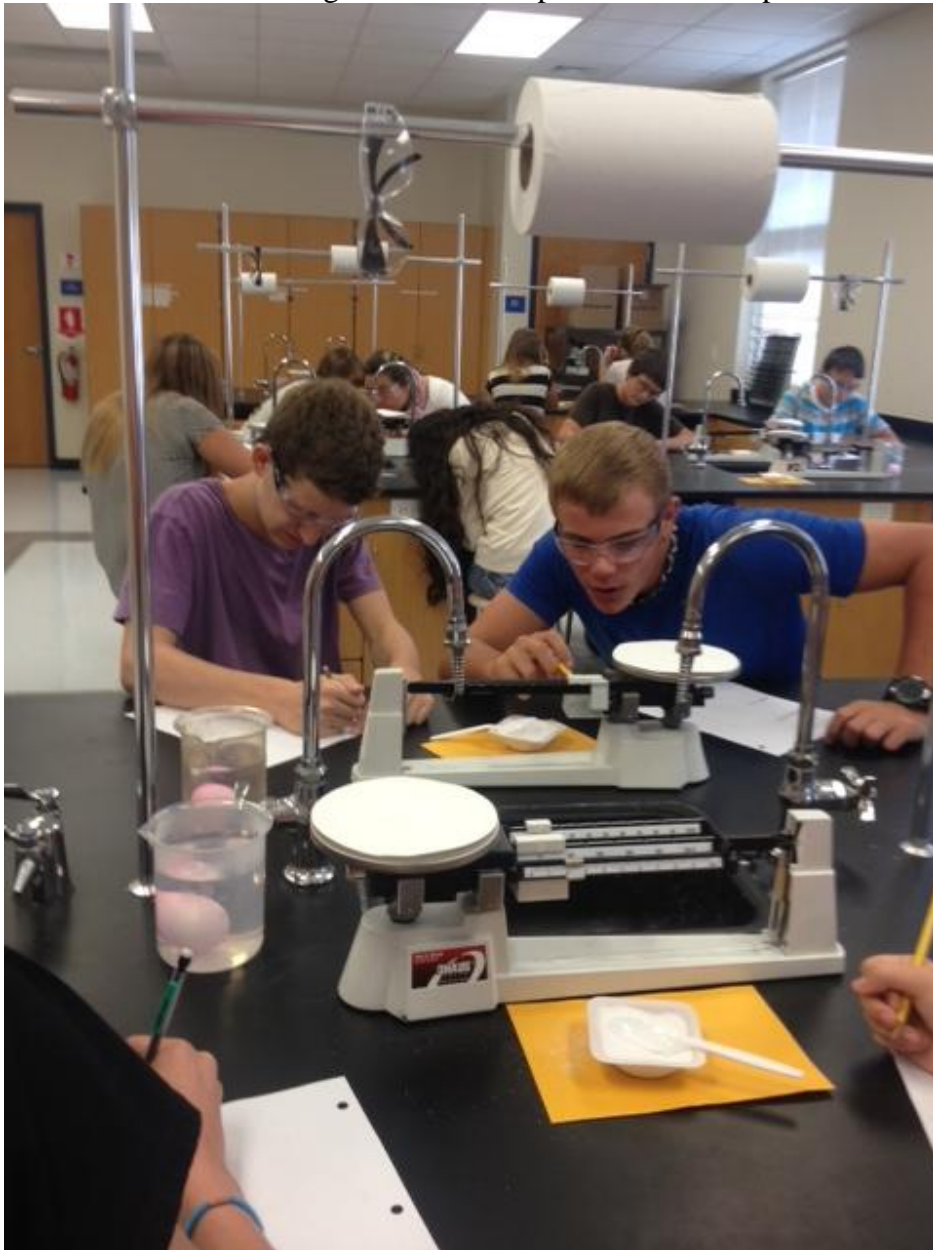
- Brook Pierson - HS Literacy Teacher
- Norma Prentiss – NWH literacy coach
- Cathleen Roberson – 1st grade
- Toni Rogers – HS Literacy Teacher
- Scott Small – HS Literacy Teacher

Ninth Grade Science Teacher: Susan Gatewood's Classes

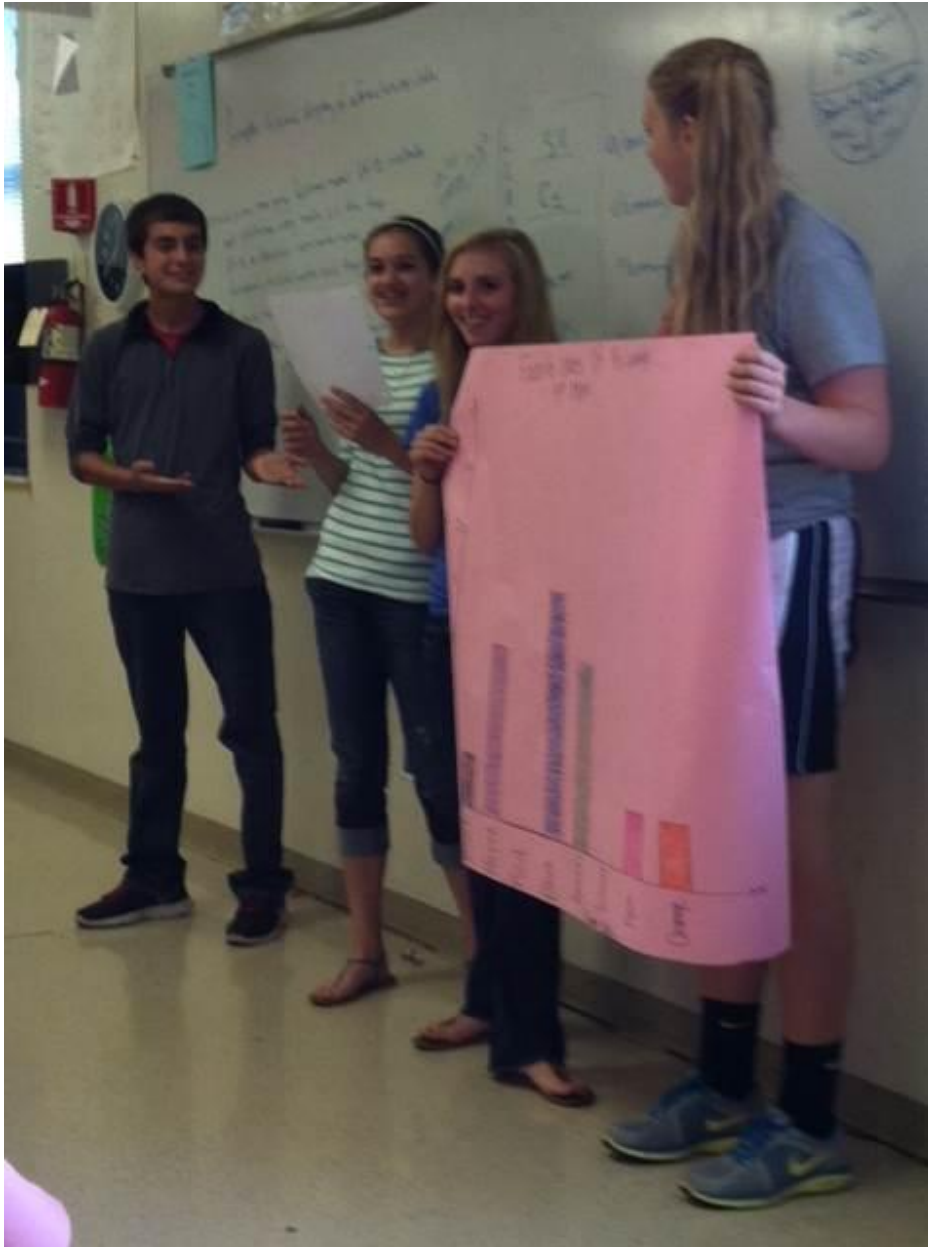
Density Lab

Objective: To see the difference in the density of two aqueous solutions.

Student proved that the saltwater is denser than ordinary water. By understanding that the higher the density of a fluid, the easier it is for things to float in it. Salt water has more particles with which to hold up the floating object. Then they cautiously added fresh water to the salt water, careful not to mix them, enabling the egg to float in the middle of the glass. In this experiment students learned how to measure both mass and volume using laboratory equipment, with both the precision and accuracy of the measurements. The students then made observations and collected data. Then using an outline completed their lab report.



Mrs. Ludwig's 9th Grade Science classes are using graphs to display data



In conjunction with the English classes at the Junior High, Students in Ms. Marion Hendrickson's art classes are working on an illustration for the short story "Flowers for Algernon."





The NJROTC Unit at Mountain Home was inspected on Tuesday 10 Sep. This marks the twentieth year here at Mountain Home School District. The inspection was conducted by NJROTC Area 8 Manager, Commander Merlin Ladner. Cadets had only three weeks to prepare, some cadets only joining a week before. The inspection included personal appearance, and military drill performances. After the inspection, CDR Ladner conducted a briefing for the more senior cadets, which was designed to remind them of their responsibilities and duties as leaders in their unit as well as stimulate new ideas about running the corps of cadets.



Students in Mrs. Hickman's 8th grade math class discovered "absolute value" by conducting various trials.

First the students had to arrange themselves in order of their birth month without talking. Then they were asked to subtract the month they were born from the month of July. January through June would result in a positive number but August through December would result in a negative number. Next the students were asked how far from July their birth month is. The class quickly realized that the first task was different than the second because it was placing emphasis on "value" and that the second was "distance" and it is always expressed as a positive number.



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