

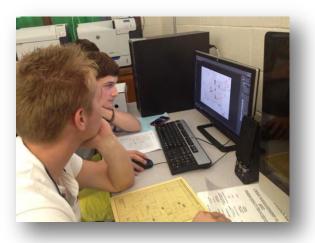
Superintendent Update: September 27, 2013

Quote for the Week: "When I was younger, I could remember anything whether it happened or not."— Mark Twain

The quote for this week will probably strike a chord with some of us who are more mature in our years. As I go about trying to remember where I put such things as eyeglasses and car keys, I am reminded that my short term memory was probably a bit sharper a few years ago. The quote gave me a chuckle. For all you younger folks out there...you will understand someday!

I am really hoping many of you will mark your calendar for the Environmental and Spatial Technology (EAST) Night Out on October 15th, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. EAST Night Out will be held at Pinkston Middle School and Mountain Home High School. Out students and teachers really want you to visit both programs as they have formed a super collaborative effort with the EAST Initiative. One can explore the amazing technology filled classrooms at both places. One can also enjoy free food and drinks at their Backyard BBQ! I believe both classrooms will be set up to take your picture as well. The sponsors are Mrs. Dunavan at Pinkston and Ms. Meissner at Mountain Home High School. Please contact them at their respective schools if you have questions. I can tell you our kids would love to have you there!





Left: These students are working on a map of all if the athletic facilities the district uses.

Right: These students are using the green screen to create and Antibullying video for a national contest.



EAST students from Ms. Donavan's classroom at Pinkston...













Our schools are such great places to be. School has always been my second home. It is so important not to take our great schools for granted. I can't thank our schools enough for all they do for all of us. I believe the programs and policies in place are very good and I also believe our administrators, staff, teachers and volunteers are the hardest working people I have ever seen. They are kind, polite, helpful, loving, nurturing and caring. It is very unusual not to observe smiles everywhere when I walk in a school. The students, teachers, staff, administrators, and volunteers greet me with a smile which makes my day.

Thursday was a wonderful day! We celebrated the "Big Heart Award" and the "Teacher's Heart Award." Our Big Heart Award presented to a classified employee each month went to the entire maintenance department. Janey McFall states "the maintenance crew is one big family. All the guys act and treat each other as though they were brothers. Everyone works and pulls together to get the various jobs completed. It is a pleasure to work with them." Mike Walker related "we have the best maintenance staff in the state!" Congratulations Maintenance Staff!



The "Teacher's Heart Award" was presented to Bailey Whitaker, third grade teacher at Hackler Intermediate School. We give the award because "Good teaching cannot be reduced to technique; Good teaching comes from the identity and integrity of the teacher"—from *The Courage to Teach*. Mrs. Whitaker has displayed the qualities of having a Teacher's heart and inspires others by her actions. Every action she takes is for the benefit of those students that she serves selflessly. Congratulations Mrs. Whitaker!





Mountain Home Public Schools 2013-2014

We have so many supporters in our school. It would be impossible to mention them all. The community support enhances our students' opportunities for participation in school activities and events. In my opinion, the support and expectations of our community supporters motivates our students to be more determined to study hard and excel in their education. I believe our students do not want to disappoint their parents, teachers or school after having been given such great opportunities.

The best part of our schools would be our students! When I see kids with great attitudes and who like school, I feel so positive about working to coordinate the best educational opportunities possible. We must remember that our children are our future and if they are successful, we are successful as well! Our students-Our success! Our kids gain knowledge from their learning each day, but they gain wisdom from their experiences each day...which is life. Wisdom does come from living and experiencing the ups and downs of life. My hope is that each of us will be a positive example to our kids as we model the wisdom we have gained from our years of experience.

Enjoy this Simple Truths video, click here.

Have a great weekend!

Lonnie

Friday Focus

From Assistant Superintendent: Leigh Anne Gigliotti, Ed.D

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Friday, September 27, 2013

As educators, we consistently communicate.

Our words certainly have an impact on our students.

I encourage you to make connections

between the video and the field of education.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hzgzim5m7oU

OR

Go to YouTube and search The Power of Words



Congratulations to Mrs. Bailey Whiteaker, 3rd Grade Teacher!

She is the recipient of the Teacher's Heart Award for the month of September.

Congratulations to the Maintenance Department!

The Maintenance Dept. earned the September Big Heart Award!

Assessment, Instruction and Curriculum

Guy Berry College and Career Academy (GBCCA) Community Project – Students attending GBCCA are given the opportunity to participate in the Greenhouse Community Service Project. Students work together to provide the community with beautiful plants and tilapia through the method of Aquapondics. Many beneficial results occur from the use of a greenhouse. In addition to growing plants and food, a greenhouse can improve pest control. A greenhouse helps in regulating temperature, humidity, and water distribution, all of which can promote and encourage good plant health and lead to maximum production. A greenhouse can offer convenience and increased productivity. The greenhouse also provides hands-on teaching opportunities for students under the direction of Science Teacher David Martin.



Personnel and Professional Development

<u>Internal Procedures for Raptor:</u> Raptor is the new sign-in procedure at each school. Thank you to office personnel and administration for implementing the system. Internal procedures to Raptor have been created and will be available soon to all personnel. You will receive an e-mail notification concerning internal procedures for the use of Raptor.

Arkansas Teaching License Renewal – On August 16th a new law was passed. If you are due to renew your AR Teaching License, you will need to complete a full background check including Child Maltreatment. Forms and a fingerprint card can be picked up at central office.

Save the Dates

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



Thank you to all the parents that grilled for the MHJH football team. They enjoyed burgers and hot dogs before the game.



Students and Teachers enjoy a relaxing day at ASUMH....







College day for Mountain Home High School seniors



This Little Piggy???
Fern & Wilbur???
The Princess and the Pig???



Ms. King & Hamlet!!!!
No, it's not mine, and NO Emma! I will
not get a "retirement pig"!!!

NELSON-WILKS-HERRON

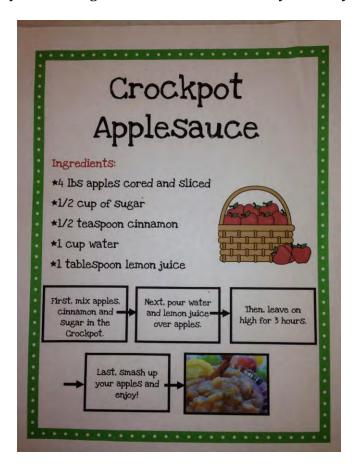
Show Me Your Bomber Pride!





Crockpot Applesauce

Mrs. Roberson & Mr. Oxford's 1st grade classes want to share their crockpot applesauce recipe with you. They are making it in their classrooms today. Yummy to the tummy!





Mrs. Roberson's class is peeling their apples with a fancy apple peeler.



Mr. Oxford's class is showing you their apples.
They measured the apples and looked at all the different apple colors.

GUY BERRY COLLEGE & CAREER ACADEMY GETS AN FACELIFT!



Thank you to the many folks in our
Maintenance Department
who were instrumental in the renovation
of our beautiful new office!
The faculty, staff and students are very thankful for
our updated office space.

Stop by and see us sometime—we would love to show you around!



GBCCA FALL MUM FUNDRAISER!

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



Our 12" Fall Chrysanthemum pots contain 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

Hackler Intermediate School

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

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



Counselor: Terry Berry
Counselor: Kristyn Goodwin

Where Individual Learning Develops

September 26, 2013

Good attendance helps children do well in school and eventually in the workplace. Good attendance matters for school success, starting as early as pre-kindergarten and throughout elementary school. By middle and high school, poor attendance is a leading indicator of dropping out of school. Developing the habit of attendance prepares students for success on the job and in life!

Around our School

- Friday is the last day any student who was free or reduced last year can use that eligibility. We must have a new application on file for this school year. If you have a question, contact Debra Braunagel with Food Services at 425-1225.
- ❖ Hackler 5K is October 5, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. in the 3rd & 4th grade parking lot. Registration forms are available in the front office.
- ❖ Parent teacher conferences are Friday, October 17, 2013 from 2:00 p.m.through 8:00 p.m.. If you have not scheduled your conference, please contact your child's homeroom teacher to set up a time.

\$1500 Collected for St. Jude's Hospital

Hackler Intermediate School participated in a penny drive contest September 16-23. Chili's of Mountain Home sponsored the contest with the proceeds going to St. Jude's Hospital. Students brought pennies from home to fill up jugs and the classroom that collected the most pennies would have their picture displayed at Chili's in Mountain Home and receive a special prize. Every student that participated will receive a coupon for a free meal.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING CLASS FOR COLLECTING THE MOST PENNIES

1st Place – Markowski 2nd Place – Kincade 3rd Place - Caldwell



IT'S BOOK FAIR TIME Hackler Intermediate Library September 30-October 4

Open each day from 8:05 a.m. -3:00 p.m.
Closing at 2:00 p.m. on Friday.
Family Night: Tuesday, October 1st from 4:30-6:30 p.m.



Parents can come to shop with their child during the student's library time, lunch (but they must be back to class within the allotted 30 minutes lunch time) or during our Family Night Event. We accept cash, checks, and credit cards if the cardholder is present.

On-Line Book Fair September 30-October 11

Go to www.bombers.k12.ar.us then click Hackler Intermediate, then click Library/Media Center then click On-line Book Fair link.

Remember students will not be allowed to leave a class or a special to shop.



GOOD NEWS CLUB®

When: Every Tuesday Dates: October 1 thru November 12

Where: Hackler Intermediate School Location: Classroom 602 & 503

Time: 3:10 – 4:30 p.m. Pick-up: 4:30 in 5th Grade Car Line

Who: 3rd – 5th Grades Contact: Mille Rockefeller (870-321-3418)

*** This program is not an activity of Mountain Home Public Schools ***

Parents,

After-school Good News Club® are Bible classes attended by children for one hour once a week. The classes are designed to teach character and morals. Activities include singing, scripture memory, Bible review games, and other activities focused on the lesson's theme. Each club is taught by dedicated, caring, and responsible Christian volunteers. Good News Clubs® are affiliated with Child Evangelism Fellowship, Inc., founded in 1937. CEF is a non-denominational, Bible-centered organization active in all 50 states and over 180 foreign countries.Parent permission forms must be completed for a child to attend. Permissions forms can be picked up in the front office at Hackler Intermediate School. Every student must register to attend.

Mountain Home Parks & Recreation, along with Twin Lakes Community Tennis Association, is hosting the Cooper Courts Needs Support Fundraiser on Oct. 19th from 10:00 am -2:00 p.m. The proceeds from this event will go towards a complete resurfacing of the three tennis courts at Cooper Park as well as adding blended lines for Junior Tennis. The event will include activities such as: Free Tennis Lessons from 10:00 – 11:00, Fastest Serve Competition from 11:00-12:00, and from 12:00-2:00 King of Courts & Wooden Racquet Tourney. There will be a raffle to give away a new tennis racquet (valued at \$180) and a new racquet bag (valued at \$40). Please come out and support our local tennis community and parks. If you have any questions call 424-7275.



HACKLER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL WEEK ENDING 09-27-2013



AACKLER TEACHERS ARE WILD ABOUT

Wal-Mart

On Friday, August 16, 2013, Mrs. Monger received a an exciting call from Paula Burns, Manger of Wal-Mart. Mrs. Burns announced that Hacker Intermediate School had been chosen for the Wal-Mart Teacher Award Program. 20 teacher names would be drawn for \$50 gift cards from Wal-Mart to use for their students. Hackler teachers were W.I.L.D with excitement! Thank You!



The 20 teachers receiving the award are: Pat Caldwell- 5th grade math teacher, Danielle Lee- Special Education teacher, Amber Wescoat-3rd grade teacher, Kim Swearingen-5th grade literacy teacher, Caren Collins-4th grade Science/Social Studies teacher, Gena Goggans-Special Education teacher, Samantha Bentley-Choral Music, Morgan Hardin-4th grade Science/Social Studies teacher, Alan Hardcastle-Physical Education teacher, Tammy Goeke-5th math teacher, Elsa Coddington -4th grade Science/Social Studies teacher, Sherry Mohler-Choral Music teacher, Patty Markowski-5th grade math teacher, Terry Berry-Counselor, Judy Lawrence-3rd grade Teacher, Dora Norcross-4th grade literacy teacher, Beverly Harris-5th grade math Teacher, Julie Carter-Special Education Literacy teacher, Kristyn Goodwin, Counselor, Marsha Partney-Gifted and Talented teacher.

I will be using my Wal-Mart money to buy notebook for my students to use during music.

Samantha Bentley
Music Teacher
Hackler Intermediate School

Thank you so much for the \$50 gift card! The children get so hungry in the morning before lunch. We get a morning snack each day, and the students bring their own snack from home. I have many students that can't afford to bring a snack. I have been buying snacks for those children and so have some of the parents of children in my classroom. I plan to use this money to purchase snacks. Thank you so much for your help. It is greatly appreciated!!

Sincerely,
Amber Wescoat

THANK YOU Wal-Mart! For supporting Hackler teachers

Bailey Whiteaker

Recipient of the Teacher's Heart Award



CONGRATULATIONS!

Pinkston Middle School



Week ending 9.27.13

After School Tutoring



Tutoring at Pinkston Middle School is from 3:15-4:30 every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday afternoon. For more information parents and guardians can contact their student's advisory teacher.

Congratulations!



The MHEF awarded Mr. Moore, Mr. Jamnicky, Mrs. White, Mrs. Lauerman, Mrs. Trotter, and Mrs. Thomas teacher grants for the 2013-2014 school year. Congratulations teachers!

October is National Bullying Prevention Month

Every year Pinkston recognizes October as Bullying Prevention Month. We use different events to educate students and give students the courage to stand up to bullying or bully-like behaviors. October 2013 is going to be one of the best!

Coach Keith Newsom is beginning lessons in his 7th grade health classes this week to help students with bullying prevention. Coach Newsome said, "I feel certain that our students are concerned with bullying. In Health and Safety class, we are learning, thru many lessons, ways to use our education to HELP others. This week with National Bullying month approaching, students will learn the difference between bullying and drama."

October 3rd the sixth graders will attend a session by Buffy Coleman. All students will be encouraged to wear the color orange on October 9th in participation of PACER's National Unite Day. October 11th the 7th graders will participate in the 7th Grade Baxter County Teen Summit. November 4th the sixth graders will be attending a DARE assembly at ASU-MH. Also, Red Ribbon week will be recognized October 28-Nov 1.

We extend a special thank you to Officer Mandee Love, Mrs. Julia Gist, Baxter County Sheriff Department, Sheila Wingard with Wingard Photography, and John Redding with Integrity First Bank.

The End of Bullying Begins with Me: that's the message during PACER's National Bullying Prevention Month in October. This is also Pinkston's message for the entire school year 2013-2014. October is a time when communities can unite nationwide to raise awareness of bullying prevention through events, activities, outreach, and education. Join us on October 9th by wearing the color orange! PACER created the campaign in 2006 with a one-week event which has now evolved into a month-long effort that encourages everyone to take an active role in the bullying prevention movement.





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!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OFFICER LOVE'S WEDNESDAY 5TH HOUR CLASS FOR WINNING THE FOOD DRIVE CHALLENGE FOR LAST WEEK! 6TH Grade DARE rocks!!!!

Students and Teachers use Edmodo!



Edmodo is a web-based program that allows students and teachers to interact with curriculum and digital activities from school or home. Teachers set up an account and give students a password to participate with their classroom's curriculum. www.edmodo.com



We are on Twitter! @Pinkstonmiddle

EAST at Pinkston Tweets @AdunavanEast

7th Grade Promise has Twitter and Tweets 2 @deniselauerman

Pinkston Choir TWEETS! @Pinkstonchoir

DARE is on Twitter @mandeelove32



Upcoming Events for Pinkston Middle:

6th Grade Assembly – October 3

Unite Day! Wear Orange - October 9

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

Red Ribbon Week October 28-Nov. 1

DARE assembly for 6th Grade – Nov. 4

MOUNTAIN HOME JUNIOR HIGH

The following are pictures of students from Mrs. Stephanie Dement's 8th Grade Science classes figuring relative distance of planets, and converting those distances using Scientific Notation.



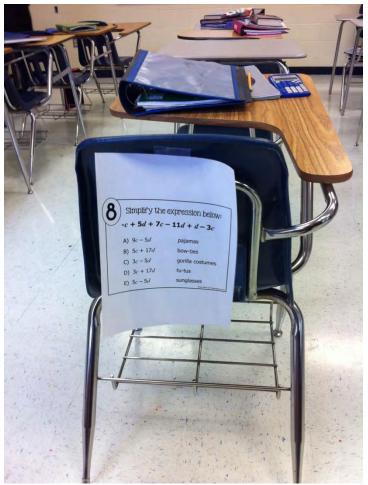
Mrs. Ludwig's 9th Grade Physical Science classes are beginning lessons regarding the periodic table. In their first activity, students got to design their own element tile. The students then presented the periodic table of

tiles in the classroom to their fellow students.



Students in Mrs. Whitney Hickman's 8th Grade math classes used a fun literary game, Math Libs, to reinforce the students' knowledge regarding simplification of mathematical expressions. The students were very engaged all day long.





The 8th Grade Science classes of Mrs. Harvey Beaver spent one class period this week researching who Hypatia, Kepler, and Brahe were and how they each impacted astronomy. The students are then to take the information they gleaned and place it into a constellation poster to present to the class.

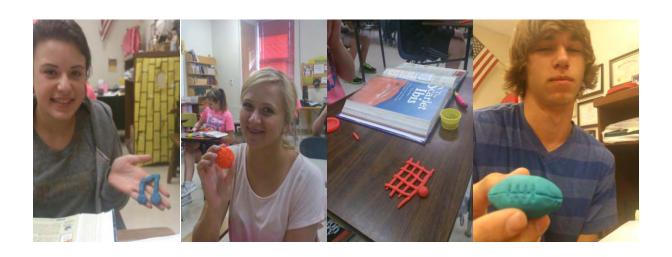


Jacob Love and Kendall McKanna were **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK** for Mr. Josh Fulcher's Lerning Skills classes. These young men are doing very well in class, and they have good grades in their other classes. **Congratulations to Jacob and Kendall!!!**

LS Student of the Week LS Student of the Week ERR DSTAL

Symbolism is an effective literary device used by authors to create a richer and deeper meaning in poetry, novels, short stories, and other prose. Throughout the school year, Mrs. Hickey's eighth and ninth grade English classes explore various symbolic meanings in such literary works.

Because connections to **abstract thought** may be challenging at times, nothing connects to the concept better than the childhood favorite manipulative--play dough. Prior to reading *The Scarlet Ibis*, the ninth graders created a **symbol** representing themselves. This was an effective gateway to understanding the symbolism found in the story.



Eighth graders in Mrs. Hickey's pre-AP 8 English classes were asked to determine the Symbolism in *Flowers for Algernon*. Their conclusions varied, but they proved how these concrete objects represented certain abstract thoughts. In addition to Algernon being a symbol of Charly (correct

spelling), they also found symbolism in the rose, the rabbit's foot, the chalkboard, among other ideas.



The students pictured below volunteered their time at the "Bridge Bash" in Cotter, AR last Saturday. These students gave of their free time to help the needy families in North-Central Arkansas. A BIG THANKS to all these fine young men and women!



The MHJH Photography Club went on a "photo walk" at the September 25th meeting. The students are learning about "perspective" so in all of the photos that they took the camera had to be at knee level or below.



Parents and supporters of the MHJH 8th Grade and 9th Grade Football Teams feed players before each home game. This outreach is to help the players get a nutritious meal before their football games without placing a burden on the parents of the players. A BIG THANKS from MHJH to our football parents and supporters!







THE MHJH PERFORMING ARTS PARENTS ARE A HUGE ASSET TO THE PERFORMING ARTS TEAM. THEY MET SATURDAY TO SIGN UP FOR VARIOUS COMMITTEES, AND RECEIVE INFORMATION ABOUT THE UPCOMING PRODUCTION OF INTO THE WOODS, JR., NOVEMBER 7-9 AT DUNBAR AUDITORIUM.

MHJH WILL USE THE DRAMA PRODUCTION TO IMPLEMENT AN INTEGRATED PROJECT IN THE DISCIPLINES OF ENGLISH, MATH, SCIENCE, HISTORY, AND ART.

Monday 09/30/13 Football vs. Siloam Springs (Home) 4:30 7Gold/7Blue Volleyball vs. Nettleton (Away) 4:30 9/JV/V Volleyball vs. Ava (Home) 5:30 7b/7/8b/8**Tuesday** 10/01/13 Volleyball vs. Searcy (Home) 4:30 JV/V Golf Girls State @ Marion Tennis vs. Jonesboro (Home) 4:00 **Wednesday** 10/02/13 Golf Girls State @ Marion Thursday Golf Boys vs. Harrison @ Big Creek 3:15 10/03/13 **Cross Country** @ Willow Springs 3:30 8th & Under Volleyball vs. Marion (Away) 4:00 9/V Volleyball vs. Flippin (Home) ???? 7/8 Tennis vs. Searcy (Away) 4:00 Football vs. LR Hall (Home) 6:00 Friday HS Football vs. Searcy (Away) 7:00 10/04/13 Saturday 10/05/13 **Cross Country** (a) Fayetteville for Chile Pepper HS

Go Bombers!!!



Mountain Home High School Career Academies

September 23 – September 27, 2013

FCCLA Participates in AR Farm Project

The Mountain Home High School FCCLA participated in the AR Farm to You project on Wednesday, September 24th. We partnered with the Baxter County Cooperative Extension Service to present the project to Hackler Elementary and Cotter Elementary 4th grade students. The FCCLA members presented different parts in the project from food production and processing to eating healthy to maintaining a healthy body. The members of FCCLA that participated in the project are: Megan Pedigo, Zoe Bodishbough, Kyla Boothe, Caitlin McDonald, Morgan Bennett, Alex Luelf, Destiney Carroccio, Hannah Lundry, Kali Jones, Reanna Shealey, Madeline Malloy, Kayla Harrington, Rachel Wilson, Katie Wehmeyer, and Laykyn Moren.





MHHS FFA Students at Baxter County Fair

Carson White – Sr. Skill-A-Thon Winner



Bodie Cotter - Grand Champion Angus Female Reserve Champion Born and Bred Heifer



Bodie Cotter – Grand Champion Shorthorn Female

Grand Champion Steer Rate of Gain



Haven Stumon – Grand champion Commercial Heifer



3rd Place Baxter County Born and Bred

James Daniel Brown – Grand Champion Composite Commercial Heifer

Grand Champion Prospect Steer



Bryce Rohr – Sr. Showmanship



Tiffany Johns, Zac Norwood – Beef Cattle Fitting and Grooming Contest Winners - Intermediate



Bryce Rohr – Ossie Robertson Memorial Scholarship



Jacob Settles - 3rd Place Class 3 Market Goats



Tara Hentz – Champion Class 3



Bryce Rohr – Champion Class 2



James Daniel Brown – Reserve Champion Class 4

Reserve Champion Steer Rate of Gain



Carson White - Reserve Champion Class 3



Caleb Burnley – Reserve Champion Class 1



Zac Norwood – 3rd Place Class 4



Tiffany Johns - 3rd place Class 3



Zach Martin – 3rd Place Class 2



Austin Wachtel – 3rd Place Class 4

Community Partners visit MHHS Career Academies

Arkansas State Trooper Mark Morton presented the "Fatal Vision" program to driver education classes this week. This program teaches the dangers of drinking alcohol and driving. Ben Runnels from Black River Technical College Law Enforcement Training Academy was also present and brought the BAT Mobile. The BAT Mobile is used for sobriety check points. Thank you Mark & Ben!!



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Park Ranger Roger Howell & other Park Rangers helped teach boating education certification to health classes. Arkansas Game & Fish Commission Wildlife Officers also helped teach the certification class. Arkansas law requires anybody born after January 1, 1986 to take and pass an approved boating education course in order to operate a motorboat or PWC on Arkansas waters. Thank you to the Park Rangers & AGFC!!

EAST NIGHT OUT

PLEASE JOIN US

October 15th 5:30-7:00 pm

WHFRF

Pinkston Room 121 MHHS Room 302

Mountain Home, Arkansas

PINKSTON:

MRS. DUNAVAN 870-421-1774

HIGH SCHOOL:

MS. MEISSNER 870-424-2747



EXPLORE

Come explore our amazing technology filled classrooms at Pinkston and MHHS.

ENJOY

Enjoy free food and drinks at our Backyard BBQ!

HAVE FUN

Also, don't forget

to have your picture taken!

Art Department Update

Ozark Regional Arts Council invite two MHHS Art Students to participate in Women's Artist Retreat

Two senior art students were invited to attend the Ozark Regional Arts Council, Women's Artist Retreat, on September 19-22 at Stone Creek Ranch in Mountain Home. Shayla Wells participated in the oil painting workshop and Tamisha Hickman in watercolor. Painting Instructors were professional artists, Bill and Gloria Garrison, from Russellville. On Friday evening a photography workshop was conducted by

Bill Barksdale of Mountain Home. Tamisha and Shayla were sponsored by Integrity First Bank and First Security. The retreat provided a unique opportunity for our students to paint side by side with their art teachers, Christy Lawrence and Beth Ivens as well as other artists from Arkansas, Missouri, Texas, and Canada.





MHHS Career Academies Update

A few ACME (Architecture-Construction-Manufacturing-Engineering) high school teachers (Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Camp, & Mr. Rucker) and students (Ben Rodriguez, Loren Bohannon, Blair Brozinski, Cory Mowry, & Mason Smith) made a visit to the 2nd graders (classes of Mrs. Nunley, Mrs. Volkman, & Mrs. Wedgeworth) on Friday, September 20, 2013. The high school students and teachers worked with the 2nd graders helping them choose a pinewood car design and color. The high school students will then take these choices and cut out the style (dragster, sports car, or truck) and partially sand the cars. Then on October 30 a larger group of HS students will join the 2nd graders in working on the cars more. Ultimately, there will be a race in the spring with all of these 2nd grade classes receiving their own pinewood car to take home. There was excitement all around – High school and 2nd graders!!!



Cory Mowry working with 2nd grader



Loren Bohannon working with 2nd grader



Ben Rodriguez helping 2nd grader chooses style



Blair Brozynski helping choose model



Mason Smith working with 2^{nd} grader

"Huddling" Together to Initiate Change

Submitted by Brooke Pierson



Collaborative

Ahh, time. Time is a valuable resource. How often do we get uninterrupted moments to collaborate and work with professionals that teach the same content and skills that we do? Last week was incredibly refreshing for three members of Mountain Home High School's faculty, who were able to attend a Huddle meeting hosted by Achieving By Changing (ABC). Toni Rogers, Scott Small, and Brooke Pierson from the English Department worked hard on aligning sophomore and junior curriculum to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). They were able to work with other English teacher's throughout the state.

Curriculum-Redeeming

The Huddle experience puts the teacher back in the classroom...but as the student. Just like the kids we teach every day, we were given an assignment with an objective, clear boundaries to follow, and came out with several stellar products. We developed GANAG lessons that had to be COMMON CORE and

PARCC centered. Toni kept her focus on "making the material engaging for [her] students while keeping it anchored in what it takes [for them] to be college-ready." The best tip that she learned (that any teacher could benefit from!) was that one "can add "pdf" (Portable Document Format) or "ppt" (PowerPoint) to any internet search and get rich samples. Brooke Pierson felt that the greatest take away from the trip was learning how many free texts are available on Project Gutenberg's website. They have legally taken books, short stories, poems, etc. whose copyright has expired and placed them online for users to



download as an e-book, to print off, or to read straight from the computer screen. When asked to sum up the experience in three words, Toni stated, "demanding, expanding, and outstanding!" Scott Small echoed that sentiment by declaring that "Huddle was a great experience, and the resources and connections we gained will be invaluable throughout the years to come."

Delicious

As educators, we know how difficult it is to be away from our students for three days (and to write sub plans for those days!). So while we came back exhausted and mentally stretched, there was one grand luxury we enjoyed—the food. Every day. All day. They constantly had refreshments out and fed us excellent lunches and dinners. I don't want to talk about the amount of calories that we probably consumed, so we'll just say that we had "brain fuel"—and plenty of it! We strongly urge any faculty members at Mountain Home Public Schools who love their children and are striving to reach "every student, every time" to attend a Huddle. There you can: collaborate with other educators, redeem the areas in the curriculum that aren't meeting the needs of our students, and lastly, enjoy some steak and catfish while you're at it!

FCCLA Caters MHHS Career Academies Business Advisory Board Meeting

The Entrepreneurial Experience class set up and served for the monthly business advisory board meeting yesterday, September 24th. This class will be preparing and serving for the high school luncheons throughout the year. These luncheons are typically for, but are not limited to, the high school business advisory board, visiting schools and our school board. Jordan Womack and Shayna Baldwin are pictured. Submitted by Sponsor Kim Fowler



MHHS Counseling Center Opens Thrift Store

The Mountain Home High School Career Academies Counseling Office announces the opening of its oncampus thrift store. The 410 Thrift Store is housed in room 410 and has been set up by students involved in a Thrift Store Club including president, Jordan Finley; vice president, Megan Chaney; and secretary, Keevan Scott.

Senior Matt House, in charge of accounts and records, said, "I feel like the thrift store is a good way to remove the stigma for students in need asking for help." The goal of the thrift store is to have a place with goods available for students who need help, but it is also a reward system. The currency in the thrift store is vouchers that may be given to students by any MHHS staff member for good grades or citizenship. Students in need may also receive vouchers, privately, to get items from the store. The point of the process is to create a situation where no one will know why anyone has a voucher, thus removing the potential of embarrassment on the part of a student asking for assistance.

The club now involves almost 30 students who are learning from the experience. Students ask businesses and community members for donations. They also set up and decorate the store, and they have been involved in creating spreadsheets and records to keep track of donations and goods as they enter and leave the store. Students involved in the project keep records regarding who has vouchers and how many, but they do not know the reason the voucher was given to a student. This information is kept private by the counselors. Involvement in the thrift store project teaches students skills in marketing, design, retail, communications, organization, and volunteerism.

The thrift store functions solely on donations. Individuals and businesses have donated used and new items as well as money the members use to purchase new items for the store. Anyone wanting to donate to the store is asked to call the counseling office at 425-1224, or donations can be brought to the front office of the high school.



MAINTENANCE MATTERS

The maintenance crew was surprised this week as the Big Heart Award was presented to them on Thursday. All of the guys really deserve this award as everyone works together to try to keep our buildings in tip-top shape for the betterment of the students and faculty. They all feel that they are just doing their job but a 'thank you' always goes a long way.

The mowing crew is still busy keeping the lawns around the buildings looking good. As Dr. Myers always says, the first impression of a building tells a parent a lot about our district.

Lines were painted on the Junior High parking lot for the band to practice their formations. There were many, many air conditioning problems and several plumbing situations which were tackled.

Up date on old M & M property. The old water line was dug up and replaced. The water department set a new water meter. The new water lines were dug with our backhoe. Mechanical Plant service then ran all these lines to the food service/First Robotics area. Plumbing has been roughed in inside the building and maintenance has re-poured the concrete slab. On the north side of the building the ground slopes toward the building which lets water run into the building. Big Mike is working on the backhoe today to correct this drainage issue sloping the area so the water will drain away from building.

Today, students from the East Lab at Senior High are meeting with Mike Walker at the old M & M property. They will draw the blueprint plans for the food service/First team area which are needed in order to obtain the building permit.

Have a great fall weekend everyone.