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 $15^{\text {th }}$, 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!


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

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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, $3^{\text {rd }}$ 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

Internal Procedures for Raptor: 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 $16^{\text {th }}$ 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.

Mountain Home Public Schools

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 $1^{\text {st }}$ 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

## Principal: Sondra Monger

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


ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH

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 3 rd $\& 4^{\text {th }}$ 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
$1^{\text {st }}$ Place - Markowski
$2^{\text {nd }}$ Place - Kincade
$3^{\text {rd }}$ 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.


# When: 

## Every Tuesday

Where: Hackler Intermediate School
Time: 3:10-4:30 p.m.
Who: 3rd - 5th Grades
*** 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 ${ }^{\circledR}$ 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. $19^{\text {th }}$ 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 $\mathbf{\$ 1 8 0 )}$ 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 <br> HACKLER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL WEEK ENDING 09-27-2013

 On Friday, August 16, 2013, Mrs. Monger received a an exciting callfrom 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!

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

## Samantha Bentley <br> Music Teacher Hackler Intermediate School

# 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 20132014 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 $7^{\text {th }}$ 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 $3^{\text {rd }}$ the sixth graders will attend a session by Buffy Coleman. All students will be encouraged to wear the color orange on October $9^{\text {th }}$ in participation of PACER's National Unite Day. October $11^{\text {th }}$ the $7^{\text {th }}$ graders will participate in the $7^{\text {th }}$ Grade Baxter County Teen Summit. November $4^{\text {th }}$ 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 $9^{\text {th }}$ 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.

## PACEI'S

National Bullying Prevention Genter.
The End of Bullying Begins with You.


## Eeod Bank OF NORTH CENTRAL ARKANSAS

## ARVEST

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 $5^{\text {TH }}$ HOUR CLASS FOR WINNING THE FOOD DRIVE CHALLENGE FOR LAST WEEK! ${ }^{\text {TH }}$ 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! @Pinkstonmiddlle
EAST at Pinkston Tweets @AdunavanEast
$7^{\text {th }}$ Grade Promise has Twitter and Tweets 2 @deniselauerman Pinkston Choir TWEETS! @Pinkstonchoir
DARE is on Twitter @mandeelove32


## Upcoming Events for Pinkston Middle:

$6^{\text {th }}$ Grade Assembly- October 3
Unite Day! Wear Orange - October 9
$7^{\text {th }}$ Grade Teen Summit - October 11
EAST Night out - October 15
$7^{\text {th }}$ 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 $6^{\text {th }}$ Grade - Nov. 4

## MOUNTAIN HOME JUNIOR HIGH

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


Mrs. Ludwig's $9^{\text {th }}$ 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 $8^{\text {th }}$ 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!!!



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 $25^{\text {th }}$ 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 $8^{\text {th }}$ Grade and $9^{\text {th }}$ 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 MHIH 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 /NTO TIIE WOODS, JR.ر NOVEMBER 7-9 AT DUNBAR AUDITORIUM.

## MHJH WILL USE THE DRAMA PRODUCTION TO ImpLEMENT AN INTEEGRATED 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``` |
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| Tuesday | 10/01/13 | Volleyball vs. Searcy (Home) 4:30 JV/V <br> Golf Girls State @ Marion Tennis vs. Jonesboro (Home) 4:00 |
| Wednesday | 10/02/13 | Golf Girls State @ Marion |
| Thursday | 10/03/13 | Golf Boys vs. Harrison@ Big Creek 3:15 <br> Cross Country@Willow Springs 3:30 <br> $8^{\text {th }} \boldsymbol{\&}$ Under <br> Volleyball vs. Marion (Away) 4:00 <br> 9/V <br> Volleyball vs. Flippin (Home) ???? <br> 7/8 <br> Tennis vs. Searcy (Away) 4:00 <br> Football vs. LR Hall (Home) 6:00 <br> 9 |
| Friday | 10/04/13 | HS Football vs. Searcy (Away) 7:00 |
| Saturday | 10/05/13 | Cross Country@ 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 $24^{\text {th }}$. We partnered with the Baxter County Cooperative Extension Service to present the project to Hackler Elementary and Cotter Elementary $4{ }^{\text {th }}$ 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



Jacob Settles - $3^{\text {rd }}$ 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



## Zach Martin - $3^{\text {rd }}$ Place Class 2



Austin Wachtel - $3^{\text {rd }}$ 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!!



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Also, don't forget



## 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 $2^{\text {nd }}$ graders (classes of Mrs. Nunley, Mrs. Volkman, \& Mrs. Wedgeworth) on Friday, September 20, 2013. The high school students and teachers worked with the $2^{\text {nd }}$ 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 $2^{\text {nd }}$ graders in working on the cars more. Ultimately, there will be a race in the spring with all of these $2^{\text {nd }}$ grade classes receiving their own pinewood car to take home. There was excitement all around - High school and $2^{\text {nd }}$ graders!!!


Cory Mowry working with $2^{\text {nd }}$ grader


Loren Bohannon working with $2^{\text {nd }}$ grader


Ben Rodriguez helping $2^{\text {nd }}$ grader chooses style


Blair Brozynski helping choose model


Mason Smith working with $2^{\text {nd }}$ 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.

