

FROM SUPERINTENDENT DR. MYERS

Superintendent Update: September 30, 2014

Quote for the week: “A man without passion is like a vessel waiting for wind and not budging.”—Arsene Houssaye



If we as a school district are going to feed greatness and build a world-class district, then we need to infuse passion into our work and into each other. This means that we must be an educational institution that is filled with passionate people. In the past, one could be lukewarm and mediocre and still be successful. Not anymore...at least if excellence for every student is the goal.

Now, in today’s competitive environment, your passion and your purpose must be greater than your challenges. To be successful you have to be willing to work harder, learn more, practice longer, lead better, smile more, and love deeper, and this requires passion.

Passion wakes you up 30 minutes earlier. It dials your phone one more time to make one more contact. It rallies your team together when times are tough. It moves you to see one more parent or colleague after a long day. It inspires you to help a struggling colleague. It provides legendary support for others. Passion transforms workplaces, powers champions, and fuels winning teams.

What about our lower-paying jobs or one who is in a job that, quite frankly, is hard to be passionate about you might ask? I’ve been thinking a lot about this. I believe it’s the passion and purpose you bring to your job that matters more than money. We can all tell “war stories” about what we made the first year we taught. My first contract was for \$6,000 dollars in 1974. I believe there are bus drivers who are more passionate about their jobs than professional athletes making millions of dollars. We can all relate to the concept of working our way up the ladder and we may have been just as passionate about our part time job in college as we were about our first teaching job. It takes passion to move from teacher to assistant principal, to principal, and so on. Passion is important regardless of one’s vocation.

Sure, I realize that not everyone is going to be passionate about all their daily responsibilities associated with their job. I’m certainly not passionate about everything I have to do each day. However, in these cases, we can focus on the one aspect of our job that we are passionate about. We can be passionate about the organization we work for. We can be passionate about our team members and helping them improve,

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Special dates of interest:

- * Homecoming Parade October 8th
- * MHEF night of Honors October 9th
- * Homecoming Game October 10th
- * School Board Meeting October 16th

grow, and succeed. We can be passionate about our mission and vision for our students. We can be passionate about making a difference.

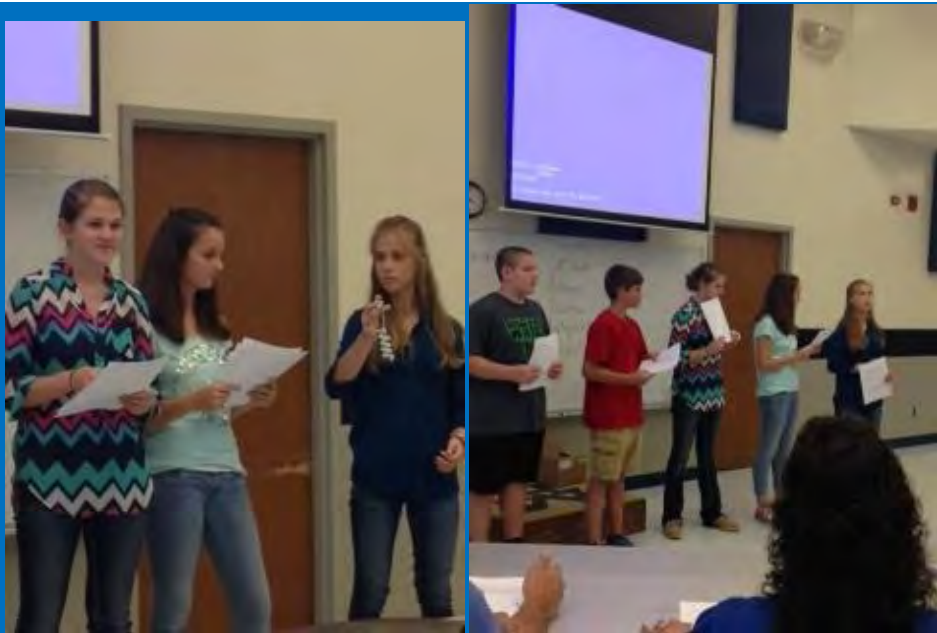
To all those in this school district who feel they aren't able to express their passion because they are in the wrong position and would rather do something else, I want you to do your best to keep working hard and improving until preparation and opportunity come together for you. We will do everything in our power to find a way to support the use of your gifts and strengths to serve our Mountain Home Public Schools with passion. This is good for you and your future, and it's also good for us.

How about you? Are you passionate about what you are doing at work? Are you living and working with passion? Is your team passionate? Do you agree that passion for our kids and our work is a good thing? Share your passion with your colleagues and supervisors. It will be contagious!

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

Have a great week!

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Mountain Home Public Schools Highlights

10.3.2014

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

MHPS Weekly Highlights

by Dr. Gigliotti, Assistant Superintendent

STUDENT ENROLLMENT

K-12 Grades

Oct. 3, 2014 – enrollment 3964

INSTRUCTION

On Tuesday, Sept. 30, Cheryl Gall with the AR Public School Resource Center visited Mountain Home. Principals and Vertical Alignment Facilitators met to collaborate on trends in education.



Ms. Gall provided resources to support instruction, curriculum and assessments.

We are implementing PARCC this school year. As the district develops a plan for

PARCC, we'd like your input and feedback. PARCC is a combination of two assessments: Performance Based Assessment PBA and End of Year EOY. PBA includes Literacy (3 parts) and Math (2 parts). EOY includes Literacy (2 parts) and Math (2 parts).

On Wednesday, Oct. 1, the Mountain Home School Board Members visited with MHJH Students. Students introduced an integrated project called AR Travelers.

Pictured above: From Left: Ashley Stone, Sidney Foster, and Shelbie Kelly

Garrett Brown, Tanner Burnham, Ashley Stone, Sidney Foster, and Shelbie Kelly

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Northcentral Arkansas Education Service Cooperative

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OCTOBER 2014 UPCOMING EVENTS

Please register for these events at www.escweb.net/ar_esc/ (SESSION ID # in ESC Works)

Curriculum Highlights

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Technology Highlights

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Federal Programs Highlights

Mrs. Amy Butler, Federal Programs Director provides updates on Federal Program for the district. Page 2

Curriculum Highlights

by Darla Deatherage

The Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) is pleased to announce the electronic publication of the Second Common Core State Standards (CCSS) Initiative: Education for a New Generation newsletters. These two publications, one for

educators and one for parents, are intended to present information on the CCSS in a friendly and easily-parsed format for the respective target audiences.

The Core Matters For Educators Newsletter and Core Matters for Parents Newsletter can be found by visiting the CCSS webpages on the ADE website

at <http://www.arkansased.org/divisions/learning-services/common-core-state-standards/newsletters>

(Shortened Link:

<http://goo.gl/xHpDtU>)

The latest information on the Arkansas K-12 Science Standards can be found by visiting the ADE website at

<http://www.arkansased.org/divisions/learning-services/curriculum-and-instruction/arkansas-k-12-science-standards>. (Shortened Link: <http://goo.gl/qPLkUA>)



Technology Highlights

by Keith Alman

Quick Tip: After the email server upgrade earlier this year, some of you might still be seeing an alert regarding the certificate when trying to connect to the server. If you are still seeing this alert, send an email to cfrancis@mtnhome.k12.ar.us with the following subject line (brackets included): [certificate alert]

You do not need to put anything in the body of the email.

This will allow us to remote into your machine and turn that off that notification for you.

UPDATE:

We are happy to let everyone know that the licenses have been purchased for the reflector program.

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9/30/14 & 10/01/2014: NAESC CGI Year Two – 8:30-3:30 – Susan Gehn – NAESC Training Room

10/01/2014: NAESC Fall Counselors Meeting – 8:30 – 3:30 – Roger Palmer – Ozarka College Lecture Hall (226881)

10/01/2014: NAESC ELLA Year One (Summer Make Up Training) – 8:30-3:30 – Sharon Walker – NAESC Literacy Room

10/02/2014: NAESC ECM Year Two – 8:30 – 3:30 – Susan Gehn – Mtn. Home Hackler Campus

10/02/2014: NAESC ELLA Year One (Summer Make Up Training) – 8:30-3:30 – Sharon Walker – NAESC Literacy Room

10/02/2014: NAESC Child Nutrition – 1:00 – 4:00 – CIV – Distance Lab (230033)

10/03/2014: NAESC ELLA Year One (Summer Make Up Training) – 8:30-3:30 – Sharon Walker – NAESC Literacy Room

10/03/2014: NAESC ECM Year Two – 8:30 -3:30 – Susan Gehn – NAESC Training Room

10/06/2014: NAESC Literacy Design Collaborative (Highland) – 8:30-3:30 – LDC Team - @ Highland

10/07/2014: NAESC AP College Board Coordinator's Meeting – 8:00 – 3:30 – Distance Lab (226959)

10/07/2014: NAESC APSCN FMS Fixed Assets and FMS Cycle 2-7 – 9:00-12:00 – Computer Lab (230323)

10/09/2014: NAESC ECM Year One – 8:30-3:30 – Olly Steinhorsdottir – Cave City Elementary

10/10/2014: NAESC ECM Year One – 8:30-3:30 – Olly Steinhorsdottir – NAESC Training Room

10/13/2014: NAESC CGI Year Three – 8:30-3:30 – Debbie Gates - Batesville Eagle Mtn.

10/14/2014: NAESC CGI Year Three – 8:30-3:30 – Debbie Gates - NAESC Distance Lab

10/14/2014: NAESC Instructional Leaders Meeting – 9:30-12:30 – Mark Gipson – NAESC Training Room (229521)

10/15/2014: Asbestos Awareness Training – 9:30-3:30 – Carolyn Rylant – Contact is Arnold Harris – Distance Lab

10/15/2014: NAESC Teacher Center Committee Meeting – 9:00-12:00 – Mark Gipson – Training Room (229522)

10/16/2014: NAESC GT Coordinators Meeting with the ADE – 8:30-3:30 – Jill Clogston – Training Room (225655)

10/22/2014: NAESC ELLA Year One (Day 5) – 8:30-3:30 – Sharon Walker - NAESC Literacy Room

10/23/2014: NAESC JR/SR High Chess Tournament – Jill Clogston – U.A.C.C.B.

10/30/2014: NAESC Literacy Design Collaborative (Southside) – 8:30-3:30 – LDC Team - @ Southside

Mountain Home Kindergarten



Ms Christine's Computer Lab



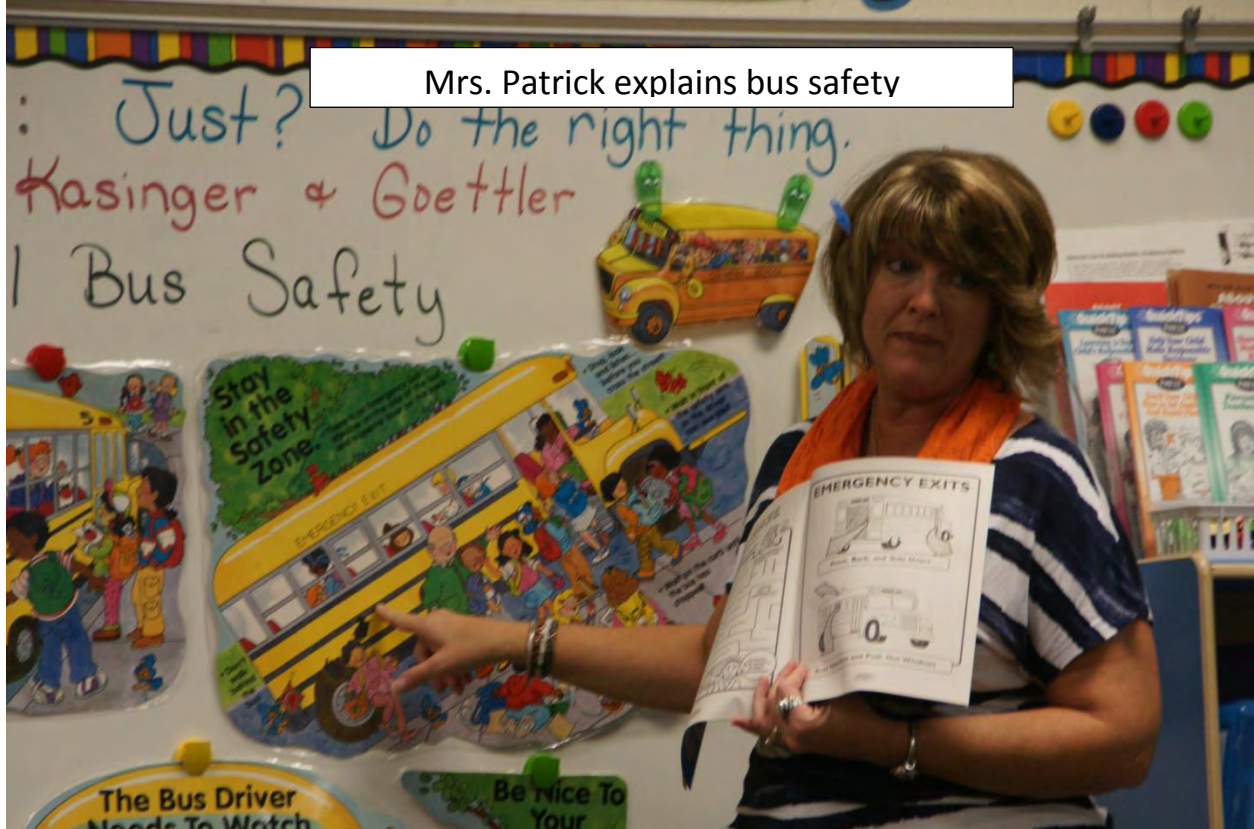
Ms Garnet's students take a card break

Mountain Home Kindergarten

Teachers take the ALS challenge



Mrs. Patrick explains bus safety



Mountain Home Junior High



MHJH students volunteered at the American Legion Pancake Breakfast to raise money for the Wounded Warriors Project on Saturday 27. Thank you so much to the following Students for volunteering: Kayla Rhodes, Victoria Carlisle, Sonia Andres, Adrian West, Chloe Keeling, Effie Hardy, and Maddie Grothe.

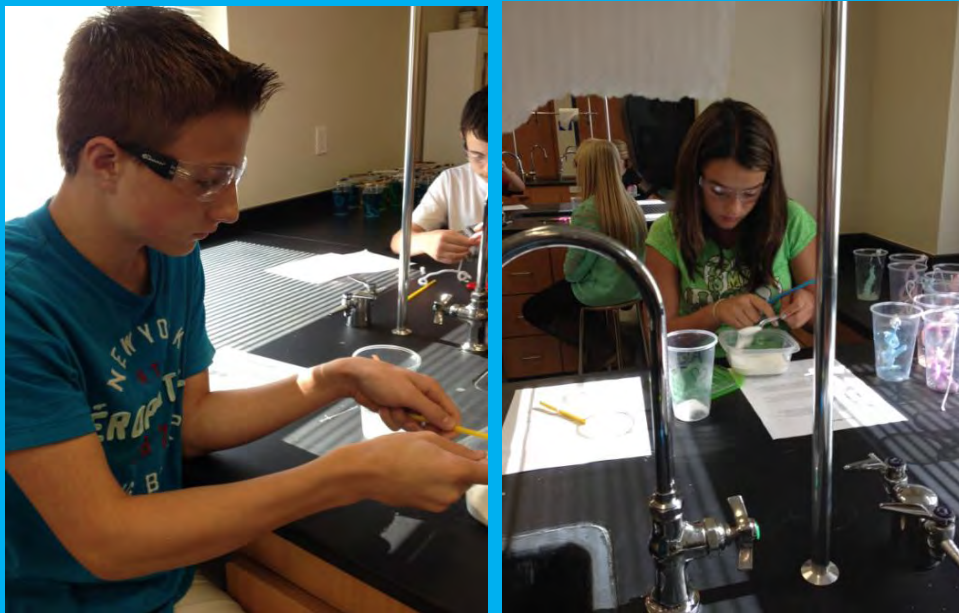
Student Council Sponsored the MHJH HOLLYWOOD theme dance



David Luttrell's EAST students prepare to make a presentation for the school board.



Harvie Beaver's students did a scientific study about Arkansas. They examined the Murfreesboro Crater of Diamonds, talked about crystals, and grew some crystals using boiling water and borax.



Congratulations to Coach Brad Morris and the girls' golf team. The team finished 4th overall and Leah Rowe finished 3rd overall which qualified her to play in the overall match at Pleasant Valley next week.



Pinkston Middle School



Week ending 10.3.14

Rachel's Challenge



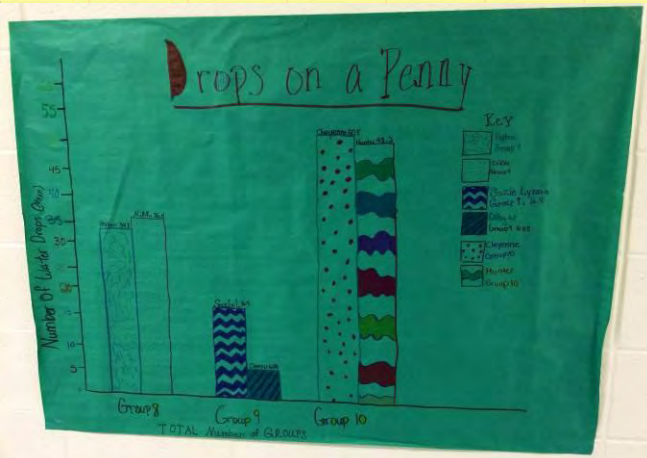
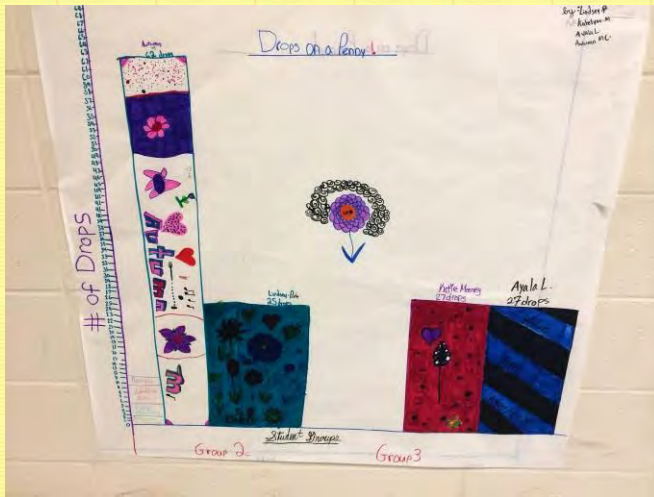
Students at Pinkston Middle School were able to see the Rachel's Challenge assembly Wednesday, September 17, 2014. The counselors throughout the Mountain Home School District set up the assembly to start a "chain reaction" of targeted kindness throughout the school district. After the assembly 7th grade students signed a banner to show their commitment to accept Rachel's Challenge of dreaming big, looking for the best in others, speaking with kindness, and to start a chain reaction of kindness.



Students in Mr. Hargett's art class have been studying the color wheel.

Bar Graphs from 7th Gr. Science





Students in Ms. Biggs and Mr. Fisher's science classroom completed bar graphs from their water drop lab experiment.

Pinkston Spirit Day!

Students are “making their mark” in school by finding what they are good at, what they are interested in doing, and setting goals for careers. The MHJH and HS helped us on Spirit Day by showing us what students can get involved in throughout their school career. The day started with MHJH JROTC presenting the color and all saying the Pledge of Allegiance. The band played, the Bomber Belles danced, the cheerleaders taught us a cheer, and the Bomb Squad demonstrated their robot! Thank you to all that helped make this a special day for Pinkston kids!

THURSDAY! THURSDAY! THURSDAY!

HAVE SOME BOMBER SPIRIT
AND SHOW YOUR TEAM SOME
SUPPORT AND TRUST AND WEAR

BLUE AND GOLD

ON SEPTEMBER 25TH OF

2014

THIS IS BOMBER FOOTBALL



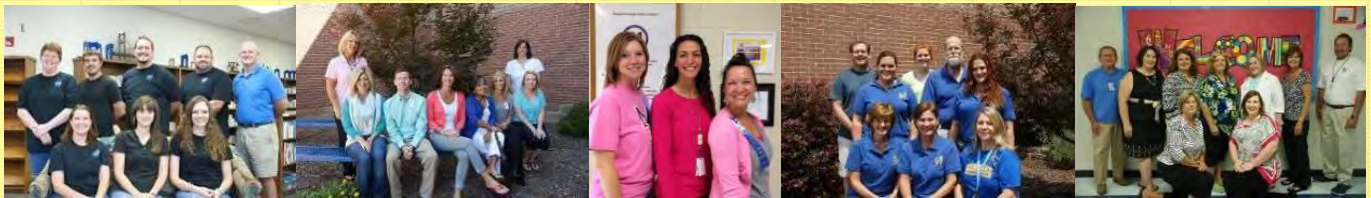


6th Grade students' Celebrate America Display





DARE Students Create Posters to Stand up Against Bullying



Pinkston Middle School @Pinkstonmiddle

EAST at Pinkston @AdunavanEast

7th Grade Promise @deniselauerman

DARE @campfield10

Pinkston Media Center @pmslibrary12

Upcoming Pinkston Middle School Events

October 9 & 10 - All Science classes go to the Donald W. Reynolds Library

October 14 - EAST night out 5:00-7:00

October 16 - School Pictures! ☺

October 17 - 7th Grade Baxter County Teen Summit

October 22 - National Unity Day - Stand up Against Bullying - Show it by wearing ORANGE!

October 23 - Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 22-23 - 7th Grade Science Fair



Everybody loves the Book Fair!



"Be awesome! Be a book nut!" by Dr. Seuss

Landforms : Any natural formation of rock and dirt, found on Earth.

Mrs. Dwyer's class project.

Students in Mrs. Dwyer's class mixed flour, salt, and warm water in a large mixing bowl and formed dough. They then divided the dough and created their landforms. They used waxed paper to keep it from sticking and dipped their hands in flour to work the dough. Students cooperated together and had fun while they enjoyed the creative lesson. The class resembled ghosts, with flour covering most of their clothing, hands and faces. Once the landforms are finished drying, the students will get to paint them.

Hands on learning at it's best.



Growing for a better tomorrow



After learning and describing how citizens contribute to the improvement of a community in Social Studies, Mrs. Kohler's and Mrs. Cash's classes set up a lemonade/hot chocolate stand at the Hackler Book Fair Open House. All money raised is for UNICEF and will go directly to other children in over 190 countries who need it for medicine, clean water, education, food, and more. The children said they learned about volunteerism and felt driven to help children who are in dire need. They had such a great time volunteering that they didn't want to go home after their shift was over.



It's a GREAT time to be a Hackler student!

Hackler Intermediate School Newsletter

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

Principal: **Sondra Monger**

Mrs. Sondra Monger, Principal
Mrs. Cassy Barnhill, Assistant Principal
Mr. Kevin Roach, Assistant Principal

Mrs. Kristyn Goodwin - Counselor
Ms. Mary Beth Wyatt - Counselor



Date: 10/2/2014

Around Our School

- Hackler flu vaccine forms are going home in red Thursday folders.
- Please pay lunch charges as soon as possible.
- Parents: You do not have to call the school when your child is absent due to an illness. Please send a note to the office on the day your child returns so that we have your documentation.
- Make up work: If a student has only missed one day, you do not have to request homework. Work can be made up when students return. If a student is going to be out for more than two days, call the office by 9:00 am to request the make up work and we will have it in the office by 2:00 to be picked up.
- Please make sure your child knows how they are to go home before they get to school. If a student is going to be riding a bus for the first time, they will need a bus pass. The teacher will issue a bus pass—the information the teacher will need includes a bus number, address, and a contact number. For bus information, call 425-1240. Calls to the office should only be made in emergency situations and NO calls after 2:00pm.



Notes from Nurse Wendy

An influenza clinic will be held on October 8th, 2014, at Hackler Intermediate School for students and staff attending Hackler Intermediate School. The Baxter County Health Department will be in the building administering the flu vaccines to students who have complete permission forms. Please read all material carefully and complete the **front and back** of the forms. Students who do not have complete forms will not be allowed to receive the vaccine. Also, any child who has had a Varicella or MMR vaccine within the last 28 days will not be eligible for the flue mist—but is only able to have the shot.

Attention 4th Grade Parents/Guardians

The music program is Tuesday, October 28th, at Hackler Intermediate School cafeteria. Students are to wear all black. They are supposed to be black flies, so if they want to create a black fly costume that is okay also. Sandals or shoes should be low-heeled with a back or strap. NO high heels, flip flops, etc. The program will be professionally recorded and parents will have the opportunity to purchase a program cd.

Community Opportunity

- It's not too late to sign up for the Crossfit Kids at the Mountain Home Athletic Club. Crossfit teaches your child to grow up healthy, strong and have a lifelong love of working out. Call 870-425-4342 to register.



Please help build a habitat for Duke!

For more information please visit

www.donorschoose.org

Search keyword: Duke

Or scan the QR code for link.



GBCCA NEWS



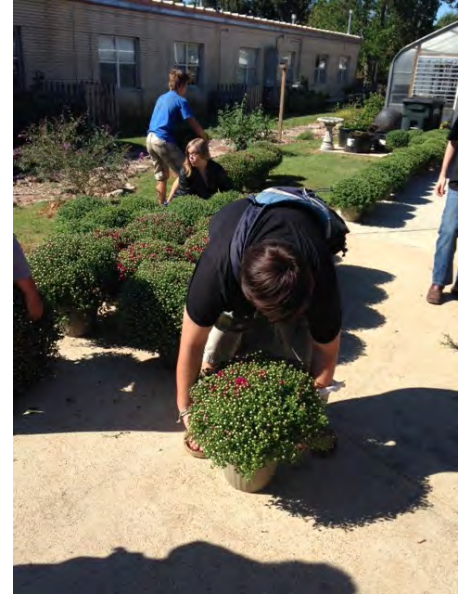
*GBCCA HIGH SCHOOL
SCIENCE STUDENTS VISIT
'CRIME LAB DETECTIVE'
EXHIBIT AT
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LIBRARY*



MUMS ARE HERE!



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EVERYONE WHO
SUPPORTED OUR
ANNUAL
MUM SALE!!!**



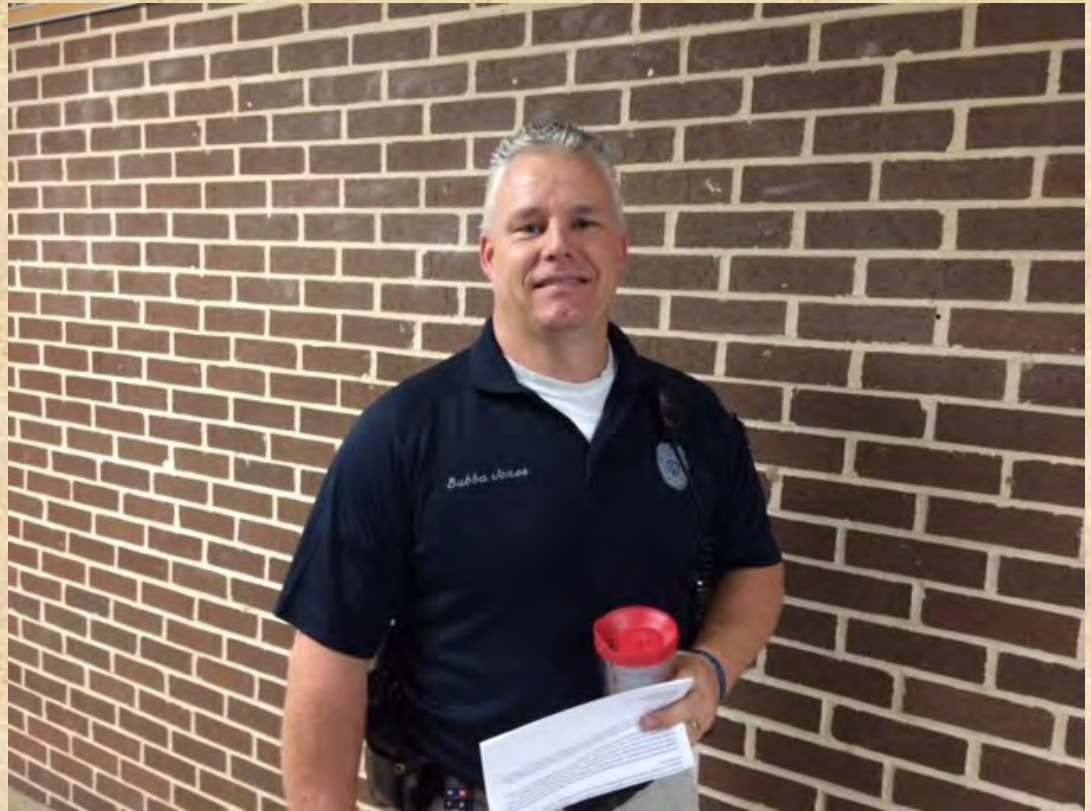
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Oct. 3, 2014

MHHS CAREER ACADEMIES

Arkansas Safe Schools Committee Appointment



MHHS Career Academies School Resource Officer Bubba Jones was appointed as a member of the Safe School Committee to serve in the position of school safety specialist employed by an Arkansas school district.

The appointment occurred on September 10, 2014 by the Arkansas Commissioner of Education Mr. Tony Wood.

Officer Jones will serve on the committee to share his knowledge and experience in school safety. We applaud Officer Jones on his recent appointment and his representation of the Mountain Home Public Schools.



Med Term Presents it's Creative Side!



Students in Nurse C's Medical Terminology class created a diagram of the 9 Abdominopelvic regions and labeled the main organs within each region. Students got bonus points for wearing their shirts to school on test day and got the chance to be in the Friday Focus! Good job students!



Athlete of the Week

**Jim Holsted Memorial
Athlete of the Week**

**ETHAN
BARROW**



Congrats, Ethan!!



Sheila Reynolds from Freeman Holdings has arranged for the Athlete of the Week to scroll on the digital billboard on the 62/65 bypass. Each picture of the Student Athlete of the Month will scroll for 8 seconds on their billboard. We want to thank Mike and Susan Stockton for sponsoring the Jim Holsted Athlete of the Week and we thank Sheila Reynolds and Freeman Holdings for putting their picture on the billboard! Go Bombers!



NCAA Student-Parent Informational Meeting at MHHS



Mrs. Carol Norris shared her parent experience and point of view during the NCAA parent-student informational meeting Wednesday evening at the MHHS library. Attendees received information on how to obtain information pertaining to athletics on the college level. Students and parents were encouraged to begin the process during their Junior Year.

The organization and presentation for the NCAA parent-student information meeting was a team effort. Thanks go out to Rose Liggett, Tina Killian, Carol Norris, Devona Pendergrass, Regina Burlison, and Janet Wood. Everyone played a key role in preparing and making the event hap-



FFA Supports the MH Community



MHHS FFA Officers participate in the annual community outreach program taking place at the Annual Farm Bureau Convention. The FFA Officers are: President- Carson White, Vice President- Tiffany Johns, Secretary- Zac Norwood, Treasurer-Caleb Burnley, Reporter- Macie Kelly, Sentinel- Austin Wachtel, Jr. Advisor-Bodie Cotter, and Fair Board Rep- James Daniel Brown.



Monday	10/06/14	Golf Boys State @ Jonesboro Football vs. Batesville (Home) 5:30 7th Gold, 7th Blue, JV Volleyball vs. Harrison (Away) 4:30 7th, 8th, 9th
Tuesday	10/07/14	Golf Boys State @ Jonesboro TBA Cross Country Salem Invite 3:30 7-12th Volleyball vs. West Memphis (Away) 4:30 9th, JV
Wednesday	10/08/14	Tennis Conference Tournament @ Russellville
Thursday	10/09/14	Tennis Conference Tournament @ Russellville Volleyball vs. Cabot (Home) 4:30 JV, V Football vs. Bentonville (Home) 5:30 9th
Friday	10/10/14	HS Football vs. LR Central (Home) 7:00 Homecoming
Saturday	10/11/14	Volleyball Hollister Tournament 9th Volleyball Conway Tournament HS Athletic Hall of Honor Banquet HS Cafeteria: Reception @ Noon, Meal @ 1:00 Please let Coach Wood know if you plan to attend.

Go Bombers!!!