

Superintendent Update: October 4, 2013

Quote for the week: "Friendship is a word, the very sight of which in print makes the heart warm." — Augustine Birrell

Please take a moment to enjoy the Simple Truths Video concerning True Friends.

News for the week:

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

I was very encouraged to receive a nice note from Rita Nunley asking that we highlight breast cancer awareness. I am happy to do so. Rita shared with me the following information. "Our district has been touched by breast cancer many times. We lost a teacher, I have had it twice, and I personally know at least 6 ladies here in the district who have suffered from it. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, so I'm asking if this can be passed along to MHPS members." Rita had several great suggestions which I support. "It would be neat to make Fridays "Think Pink" days with everyone wearing pink! Another idea would be to pay for the privilege of wearing jeans on Friday with funds going to support Peitz Cancer House." Thanks to Rita for some good ideas. I encourage each and every one of us to find a way in which to support breast cancer awareness.

Kindergarten has jumped in to support this cause. This note went out to Kindergarten staff from Ms. Thomas. "As you probably already know October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. As a fun way to support a great cause I would like to kick off a "Jeans Day" project. Anytime during the month of October you can wear jeans for a donation of \$5 to the Peitz Cancer House. You can donate as many times as you like! Just bring your donation to the office the day(s) you want to participate. This is a great cause close to all of us. Remind someone you love to get their mammogram!" Thanks to Kindergarten for jumping in to support this great cause!

Million Meals Campaign

Mountain Home Public Schools is involved with the Million Meals Campaign. This involvement is in support of the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas. Each school, as well as the Central Office and



Transportation Office, is collecting non-perishable food items. Arvest Bank will be picking the items up for us. My hope is that each employee will bring at least one can of food. This would be over 500 cans and would feed many children and their families. If each student brought a can of food, that would be about 4000 cans. If each employee and each student brings one can, we will collect about 4500 cans of food. If you are a parent or community member, please pick your favorite school and drop the food off at the front



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office. They will help get the contribution to the appropriate location. At current time, Pinkston Middle School is leading in contributions with close to 150 items donated. Everyone join in the competition! The campaign will end November 1, 2013.

Noon Board Meeting

The Mountain Home School Board noon board meeting for October was held Wednesday, October 2nd. The board enjoyed viewing the extensive renovation to our Family and Consumer Science Room at Pinkston Middle School. The program was moved inside from the "rock building" it had been housed in for years. That building now becomes the Mountain Home Public Schools Alumni House. There is already substantial archival information contained within the walls of this historic building.





The renovation and new equipment at Pinkston Middle Schools has both the students and the instructor excited. The equipment is state of the art and our classroom is now capable of giving our students the opportunity to learn 21st Century skills in Family and Consumer Science.

The board also adopted a position statement concerning School Employee Heath Insurance. Our board's desire is for the governor and legislators to come together and do what is needed for our employees in order to reduce the huge premium increase for health insurance. Our board supports a special session of the legislature to take care of this business. I know all our employees will appreciate our board taking a position on this critical issue...a position in support of our employees.



Mountain Home Education Foundation

The Mountain Home Education Foundation monthly meeting was held in the Central Office Board Room on Tuesday, October 1st. The foundation members are excited about the Hall of Honor Induction scheduled for Thursday, October 24th. Mollie Morgan and the Board, both Executive and Advisory, have been working hard to give our community a week to remember. Please take a look at the busy week and plan to be involved in the excitement in some way for the purpose of honoring our inductees. Those being honored are as follows:

John Erwin—Head of Choral Department at UCA Pat Hickman—former MHPS Secretary Nora Regan—Former Special Education Teacher Steve Singleton—Former Superintendent (started the MHEF and Career Academies) Wells Fargo Advisors—Community Partners Elvin French—Fallen Soldier Award

Week Events

Wednesday, October 23, 2013-

5:30 p.m.—Homecoming Parade—a convertible will be furnished for Hall of Honor inductees. **Thursday, October 24, 2013-**

8:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Inductees are guest speakers at various schools in district
12:00 p.m.	Lunch with the Mountain Home Rotary Club
5:30 p.m	Night of Honors reception and banquet
Friday, October 25, 2013-	
4:30 p.m	Battle of the Banks Chili Cook-off, Honorees serve as judges
6:30 p.m.	Presentation of 2013 Hall of Honor members before Homecoming Game
We look forward to seeing	you at the Night of Honors on Thursday, October 24, 2013!

Shout Out to my sister-in-law Patricia Myers:

My sister-in-law is a teacher in the Greenland, Arkansas Public School System. She teaches AP English and she pays for her own AP training during summer months. Like other teachers, she constantly spends her own hard earned money on resources for her students. Patricia is one of the most dedicated professionals I have ever met. I received a text from her on Monday evening at 11:23 p.m. She was up grading open responses and essays which our teachers can definitely relate to. It is not exactly an 8 to 3 job! At any rate, in the middle of grading student work in the late evening hours, she found time to send a positive message to me concerning our Friday update. Even if she is my sister-inlaw, Patricia represents teachers and if our work in Mountain Home has helped one teacher outside our



district, I am a very proud Superintendent. To those who contribute to our update and to those who read it...thank you! One never knows who is being touched by your efforts! The following was her message.

"Lonnie, you just need to know how much the Bomber Newsletter means to me. I derive so many Common Core resources from this newsletter. Wow. I can truly say that the curriculum director enhances my life and those of my students. Tonight I graded 180 open responses and 13 essays. I have many more essays to go. However, behind as I am, I can have CC standards. Anyway, thanks to you and Marissa." Note: Patricia was referring to the work of Dr. G and Darla Deatherage when speaking to Common Core resources. Marissa, my Administrative Assistant, compiles all the information and gets it out to our data base. If you know someone who would like to receive the Friday Update, just let Marissa know.

Enjoy this <u>Simple Truths</u> video. Have a great weekend. Lonnie

Friday Focus

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Friday, October 4, 2013



Mountain Home School Board President Ben Strider Board Member

Neal Pendergrass

Dr. G, Asst. Supt. with Madison, Ashton and Seharra

On October 1, Pinkston Middle hosted a school board meeting in the classroom of Family and Consumer Science Investigations, FCSI. Mountain Home School Board Members enjoyed student presentations which included service and child development projects. Mrs. Becca Camp, FCSI teacher, shared with board members the growing program of career and tech. education. The students emphasized that learning in FCSI is fun!

Assessment, Instruction and Curriculum

<u>SHUT DOWN OF US DEPT OF EDUCATION:</u> Federal funds have already been allocated to Mountain Home Public Schools for 2013-14. Also, a "need" exists to have schools open. Because of federal fund allocations and the "need" to have schools in session, the shut-down will have minimal impact on our local schools.

Common Core/GATES/NY ENGAGE: The District has adopted resources to support the curriculum K-12. If you utilize one instructional resource, it is likely that the instructional resource will not 100% cover all Common Core State Standards for ELA or Mathematics. GATES Map (ELA) and Engage NY Map (MATH) – are considered an "itinerary" of content for K-12. These itineraries depict what a student will learn as they move through a school system grade to grade.

All of us are feeling the effects of the storm of CCSS/PARCC/TESS. It takes time, and this could mean <u>years</u> to make choices from the variety of instructional resources available. You won't be able to do it all, and certainly not alone. You have support. Please consult with me, Darla Deatherage, your principal, your department, your pod, and/or the AR Public School Resource Center (APSRC) for assistance.

Both GATES (ELA) and NY Engage (Math) offer a K-12 perspective of content for schools across the Nation.

K-12 Math Units

UPDATED July 2013

Grade	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4	Unit 5	Unit 6	Unit 7	Unit 8
к	Count Numbers to 10 (43 days)	ldentify and Describe Shapes (12 days)	Comparison with Length, Weight, and Numbers to 10 (38 days)	Number Pairs, Addition and Subtraction of Numbers to 10 (47 days)	Numbers 10-20, Counting to 100 by 1 and 10 <i>(30 days)</i>	Analyze, Compare, Create, and Compose Shapes (10 days)	Intentionally blank	Intentionally blank
1	Sums and Differences to 10 <i>(45 days)</i>	Foundations of Place Value: Addition and Subtraction of Numbers to 20 in Problem Situations (35 days)	Ordering and Expressing Length Measurements as Numbers (15 days)	Place Value, Comparison, Addition and Subtraction of Numbers to 40 (35 days)	ldentify, Compose, and Partition Shapes <i>(15 days)</i>	Place Value, Comparison, Addition and Subtraction of Numbers to 100 <i>(35 days)</i>	Intentionally blank	Intentionally blank
2	Sums and Differences to 20 <i>(10 days)</i>	Relate Addition and Subtraction to Length <i>(12 days)</i>	Place Value, Counting, and Comparison of Numbers to 1000 <i>(25 days)</i>	Addition and Subtraction of Numbers to 200 with Word Problems to 100 <i>(35 days)</i>	Addition and Subtraction of Numbers to 1000 with Word Problems to 100 <i>(24 days)</i>	Foundations of Multiplication and Division (24 days)	Comparison, Addition and Subtraction with Length, Money, and Data <i>(30 days)</i>	Recognizing Angles, Faces, and Vertices of Shapes, Fractions of Shapes, Time <i>(20 days)</i>
3	Properties of Multiplication and Division and Solving Problems with 2, 3, 4, 5, and 10 (25 days)	Problem Solving with Units: Place Value, Metric Weight, Liquid Volume and Time <i>(25 days)</i>	Multiplication and Division with Factors of 6, 7, 8, and 9 (25 days)	Multiplication and Area (20 days)	Fractions as Numbers on the Number Line <i>(35 days)</i>	Collecting and Displaying Data (10 days)	Word Problems with Geometry and Measurement <i>(40 days)</i>	Intentionally blank
4	Place Value, Rounding, and Algorithms for Addition and Subtraction <i>(25 days)</i>	Unit Conversions (7 days)	Using Place Value Understanding and Properties of Operations to Perform Multi-Digit Multiplication and Division (43 days)	Addition and Subtraction of Angle Measurements of Planar Figures <i>(20 days)</i>	Order and Operations with Fractions (45 days)	Decimal Fractions (20 days)	Exploring Multiplication (20 days)	Intentionally blank
5	Place Value and Decimal Fractions <i>(20 days)</i>	Multi-Digit Whole Number and Decimal Fraction Operations <i>(35 days</i>	Addition and Subtraction of Fractions (22 days)	Multiplication and Division of Fractions and Decimal Fractions <i>(38 days)</i>	Addition and Multiplication with Volume and Area (25 days)	Graph Point on the Coordinate Plane to Solve Problems (40 days)	Intentionally blank	Intentionally blank

http://engageny.org/resource/year-long-draft-curricular-maps-in-ela-and-mathematics

K-12 Math Units

UPDATED July 2013

Grade	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4	Unit 5	Unit 6	Unit 7	
6	Ratios and Unit Rates <i>(35 days)</i>	Arithmetic Operations Including Dividing by a Fraction (25 days)	Rational Numbers (25 days)	Expressions and Equations (45 days)	Area, Surface Area, and Volume Problems <i>(25 days)</i>	Statistics (25 days)	Intentionally blank	Intentionally blank
7	Ratios and Proportional Relationships <i>(30 days)</i>	Rational Numbers (30 days)	Expressions and Equations <i>(35 days)</i>	Percent and Proportional Relationships (25 days)	Statistics and Probability <i>(25 days)</i>	Geometry (35 days)	Intentionally blank	Intentionally blank
8	The Number System and Properties of Exponents (20 days)	Congruence (25 days)	Similarity <i>(25 days</i>	Linear Equations (40 days)	Examples of Functions from Geometry <i>(15 days)</i>	Linear Functions (20 days)	Introduction to Irrational Numbers Using Geometry <i>(35 days)</i>	Intentionally blank
Algebra 1	Relationships Between Quantities and Reasoning with Equations (30 days)	Descriptive Statistics <i>(20 days)</i>	Linear and Exponential Relationships <i>(40 days)</i>	Expressions and Equations <i>(30 days)</i>	Quadratic Functions <i>(30 days)</i>	Intentionally blank	Intentionally blank	Intentionally blank
Geometry	Congruence, Proof, and Constructions <i>(45 days)</i>	Similarity, Proof, and Trigonometry (45 days)	Extending to Three Dimensions (10 days)	Connecting Algebra and Geometry through Coordinates (25 days)	Circles with and without Coordinates (25 days)	Intentionally blank	Intentionally blank	Intentionally blank
Algebra 2	Polynomial, Rational, and Radical Relationships <i>(45 days)</i>	Trigonometric Functions (20 days)	Functions (45 days)	Inferences and Conclusions from Data <i>(40 days)</i>	Intentionally blank	Intentionally blank	Intentionally blank	Intentionally blank
PreCalculus	Complex Numbers and Transformations (40 days)	Vectors and Matrices (40 days)	Rational and Exponential Functions (25 days)	Trigonometry (15 days)	Probability and Statistics <i>(30 days)</i>	Intentionally blank	Intentionally blank	Intentionally blank

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Gates' ELA Common Core Maps At-a-Glance

Grade	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4	Unit 5	Unit 6
к	A Colorful Time with Rhythm and Rhyme	Tell a Story, 1-2-3	Exploring with Friends in the Neighborhood	America: Symbols and Celebrations	The Great Big World	Wonders of Nature: Plants, Bugs, and Frogs
1	Alphabet Books and Children Who Read Them	The Amazing Animal World	Life Lessons	Winds of Change	American Contributions	Around the World with a Glass Slipper
2	A Season for Chapters	The Wild West	Building Bridges with Unlikely Friends	A Long Journey to Freedom	Hand-Me Down Tales from Around the World	Taking Care of Ourselves
3	Stories Worth Telling Again and Again	Inspired by the Sea	Creative, Inventive, and Notable People	The People, The Preamble, and the Presidents	Feast of Words on a Plant Called Earth - and Beyond	Fantastic Adventures with Dragons, Gods, and Giants
4	Tales of the Heart	Literature Settings: Weather or Not	Animals are Characters, Too: Characters who Gallop, Bark, and Squeak	Revolutionaries from the Past	Stories of the Earth and Sky	Literary Heroes
5	Playing with Words	Renaissance Thinking	Clues to a Culture	America in Conflict	Exploration, Real and Imagined	Coming of Age
6	l Won't Grow Up	Folklore: A Blast from the Past	Embracing Heritage	Courageous Characters	Figure It Out	Winging It
7	Characters with Character	Perseverance	Courage in Life and in Literature	Survival in the Wild	Science or Fiction?	Literature Reflects Life: Making Sense of Our World
8	Urban Settings in America: It Happened in the City	Rural Settings in North America: It Happened in the Country	Looking Back on America	Authors and Artists	Dramatically Speaking	The Road Not Taken
9	Literary Elements and the Short Story	The Novel - Honor	Poetry - Beauty	Drama - Fate	Epic Poetry - Heroism	Literary Nonfiction - Reflection (the Memoir, the Essay, and the Speech)
10	World Literature: Latin and Central America	World Literature: Asia	World Literature: Africa and the Middle East	World Literature: Russia	N/A	N/A
11	The New World	A New Nation	American Romanticism	A Troubled Young Nation	Emerging Modernism	Challenges and Successes of the Twentieth Century
12	European Literature: Middle Ages	European Literature: Renaissance and Reformation	European Literature: Seventeenth Century	European Literature: Eighteenth and Early Nineteenth Century	European Literature: Nineteenth Century	European Literature: Twentieth Century

Scope and Sequence based on work done by Common Core through a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation http://commoncore.org/maps/ Achieving by Changing is using this to help organize curriculum resources **Classworks Update** – Classworks is a computer based intervention/acceleration supplemental instructional resource. Classworks has a universal screener that AUTOMATICALLY assigns mini assessments (Skills Snapshots) at the student skill level; then Classworks AUTOMATICALLY assigns relevant 'skill level' instruction - at the grade level indicated to the student.

Also, Classworks Benchmark Assessment is an on grade level assessment which WILL AUTOMATICALLY ASSIGN instruction 'on', 'at' or 'above' grade level, depending upon each individual student's Classworks Benchmark Scores.

Futhermore, Classworks has NEW REAL WORLD PROJECTS that are an incredible resource to SUPPORT the COMMON CORE for teachers. It has over 1200 projects (ELA and MATH) in Real World Projects.

Personnel and Professional Development

Personnel Policy Committee (PPC): Becca Camp is the Chair for PPC. Chris Davis is the Co-Chair. Lynette Cooper is the secretary. Congratulations to all!

If you have any ideas or suggestions for Personnel Policies, please consult with your building representative.

<u>**Classified Personnel Policy Committee (CPPC):**</u> New Officers for CPPC Committee will also be voted on at the next CPPC meeting in Oct. If you have any ideas or suggestions for Classified Personnel Policies, please consult with your department representative.

Internal Procedures for Raptor: If you haven't received a copy of the Internal Procedures for Raptor, please contact me. I will forward the procedures to you via e-mail. Thank you.

STIPENDS For OM Coach and JH Quiz Bowl Coach: If you are interested in coaching a team for OM or MHJH Quiz Bowl, please contact Nancy Harwell or Dr. G. The stipend amount for coaching an academic team is \$525.00 for the fiscal school year.

Northcentral Arkansas Education Service Cooperative

OCTOBER 2013 UPCOMING EVENTS

Please register for these events at <u>www.escweb.net/ar_esc/</u>

(SESSION ID # in ESC Works)

October 01: NAESC TESS Assessment Prep - 9:00 – 2:00 – Mark Gipson – (204171)

<u>October 01</u>: NAESC Math Design Collaborative (Cohort 2) – Algebra – 8:30-3:30-MDC Team

<u>October 02:</u> NAESC Guidance Counselor Meeting – 8:30-3:30 – Roger Palmer – (202933)

October 02: NAESC APSCN FMS Cycle 2-7 & Fixed Assets – 9:00-12:00- Vicki Canard (203827)

<u>October 02:</u> NAESC Math Design Collaborative(Cohort2) – Geometry 8:30-3:30 – MDC Team

October 03: NAESC eSchool Report Card Workshop – 9:00-12:00 – Sandy Harber – (203832)

October 03: NAESC Child Nutrition – 1:00-4:00 – C.I.V. – (203159)

October 03: NAESC Jr/Sr High Chess Tournament – Jill Clogston

<u>October 03:</u> NAESC Extending Children's Mathematics (ECM) – 8:30-3:30 – @ Mtn. Home Hackler - Margie Pligge

<u>October 03:</u> NAESC Literacy Design Collaborative (Cohort2) – 8:30-3:30- LDC Team

<u>October 04:</u> NAESC Extending Children's Mathematics (ECM) – 8:30-3:30 – Margie Pligge

<u>October 08:</u> NAESC Administrator Training for TESS/PGP/Scripting/Special Rubrics – 8:30-3:30 – Jim Johnson – (202559)

<u>October 09:</u> NAESC LEADS Training for Assistant Principals – 8:30-3:30 – Jim Johnson (201618)

October 09: NAESC Board Meeting – 10:00-12:00 – Dr. Dennis Martin

October 10: NAESC O.S.R. Follow Up Training – 9:30-12:30 – A.D.E. – (202548)

October 10: NAESC Asbestos Awareness Training – Carolyn Rylant



Mountain Home Kindergarten Parent Newsletter

October 4, 2013

WORD OF THE MONTH: RESPONSIBILITY

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE put your child's name on their lunchbox, backpack, and coats! We have several spider man lunchboxes in the building, as well as other common items. We want to help you keep track of your child's things. Help us, help you!

MHK Flu Clinic will be October 7th for students and faculty only; Flu Clinic information packets went home with students last week. Parents do not have to be present at the time of vaccination, but if you wish to be present with your child, you <u>MUST be here no later than 8:30 a.m.</u> All students with the appropriate paperwork filled out will be given the flu vaccine that morning. If a student refuses to cooperate, they will be sent back to class. No student will be forced to receive a vaccine without a parent present.

<u>Yearbooks are on sale until December 20</u>. This is a pre-order only. Please don't be disappointed if you fail to order now and then want one in the spring when they are delivered. We will not be ordering extra yearbooks! You may buy online at www.inter-state.com/yearbook and enter the code: 402848 or you may send the order form envelope back with your child with a check, cash or money order. Please make checks payable to MHK.

Food Bank Items: Remember, we are still taking food items for the Mountain Home Food Bank until November 1^{st} .

Upcoming Events-

Follow us on Twitter: MtnHomeKindergarten@mhk72653



Specially selected students, Abby Edens and Kenzie Smeja were "Bomber Buddies" at the game last Friday night. They got to meet with the Coach Mahan and sit on the sidelines with Ms. Thomas



We are pleased to welcome Sherry Rogers to our staff at MHK...

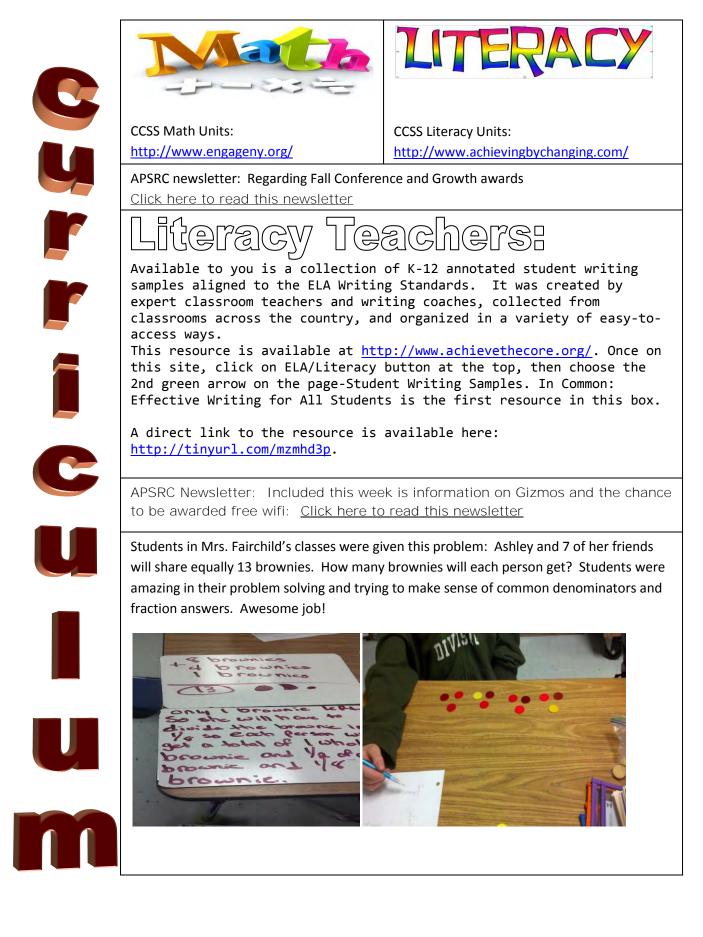






Bus evacuation practice went well at Kindergarten this week...





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

October 3, 2013

Where Individual Learning Develops

Around our School

- Parents/Guardians Please mark your calendar for October 16th, 2013. Wingard Photography will be here to take school picture beginning at 8:15 a.m.
- Hackler will be selling hunter orange, long sleeve t-shirts. The front will have "Happy, Happy, Happy at Hackler" in camo print. The t-shirts will be \$12, and we will be taking orders through October 11th. The order form is on the back of this newsletter. Complete and return to your child's homeroom teacher ASAP!!!!!
- You still have time to register for the Hackler 5K on October 5, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. in the 3rd & 4th grade parking lot. Registration forms are available in the front office. We will also have registration forms available the day of the race. The registration fee will be \$25 the day of the race.
- School will be dismissed at 2:10pm on Thursday, October 17th for parent teacher conferences.
- Parent Teacher Conferences October 17th, beginning at 2:15pm and will go through 8:00pm. If you have not scheduled your conference, please contact your child's homeroom teacher to set up a time. Report cards will be handed out during your conference.
- * Afterschool tutoring will begin October 21st. Letters will be coming home soon.

Note from Nurse Wendy

The flu clinic at Hackler Intermedaite will be Oct. 9th from 8:30am to 11:30am. Permission slips will be going home this week. <u>Parents</u>, the last two pages of your packet are forms that must be <u>completely filled out</u>, front and back before your child will be able to participate. Please turn in the forms as soon as possible so we can have an idea of how many vaccines to have available. If you have any questions, please call 425-1288 and talk to Nurse Wendy.

Unite Against Bullying - Wear ORANGE on Unity Day, Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013

What are your **true colors** when it comes to showing your support for students who are bullied? Show those being bullied that they are not alone, that you care, and lead the movement against bullying.

What You Can Do At Your School or Community

The Baxter County Sheriff's department will do a fly over and take a picture of all the students and staff wearing orange to show their support against bullying.

Together we can unity and support students being bullied everywhere. Show them they are not alone, that someone cares.

MAKE IT ORANGE. MAKE IT END



6TH ANNUAL Junior Auxiliary 5K/10K & 1 Mile "Fun Run" SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2013 8:00 AM Cooper Park Starting @ Youth Center in Mountain Home

Entry Fees: 5K/10K: \$20 pre-registered - \$25 day of event – 1 mile "Fun Run" : \$5 (no t-shirt) Make checks payable to Junior Auxiliary and mail along with entry form to Junior Auxiliary, PO Box 267, Mountain Home, AR 72654. For more information call Julie Kelly 870.656.0628



When:Every TuesdayWhere:Hackler Intermediate SchoolTime:3:10 – 4:30 p.m.Who:3rd – 5th Grades*** This program is

Dates: October 1 thru November 12 Location: Classroom 602 & 503 Pick-up: 4:30 in 5th Grade Car Line Contact: Mille Rockefeller (870-321-3418)

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*** 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.

Hackler T-Shirt Order Form

We are so excited to be ordering Hackler t-shirts again this year! Orders will be accepted through October 11th. This year's shirts will be **long sleeve** and the cost will be \$12.

Student Name: ______ Shirt Size: YS YM YL YXL AS AM AL AXL Homeroom Teacher: ______ *Checks payable to HACKLER

Freethinking Families' Group

When: October 23: January 22: February 27: and April 23

Where: Hackler Intermediate School Time: Time: 5:30-6:30 Who: 3rd – 5th Grades Parents can park in the front visi Location: Classroom 602 Pick-up: 6:30 in 5th Grade Car Line

Parents can park in the front visitor parking lot, enter Door #2, and take a left to room 602 *** This program is NOT an activity of Mountain Home Public Schools ***

Freethought is defined by Merriam-Webster as one who forms opinions on the basis of reason independently of authority; especially one who doubts or denies religious dogma.

This group is for parents who wish to raise their children free from religion with an emphasis on logical, critical thinking. Fun and interactive activities will take place along with an opportunity for parents to share advice and experiences.

For more information, email Tracy at freethinking.parents@gmail.com

Hackler Intermediate School Red Ribbon Week October 28- November 1, 2013

"I'm A JEAN-ious, I'm Drug Free" - Wear Jeans on Monday, October 28th.

"Sock-It To Drugs" - Wear Crazy Socks on Tuesday, October 29th .

"Orange You Glad You're Drug Free" - Wear Orange on Wednesday, October 30th .

"You Can Be Anything You Want To Be, As Long As You Stay Drug Free" -Wear Halloween Costume on Thursday, October 31st - NO blood, guts, or gore!

"RED-y To Live Drug Free and Make A Difference" - Wear Red on Friday, November 1st.













OCTOBER 14TH-18TH

MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!



HACKLER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL WEEK ENDING 10-04-2013



U of A Division of Agriculture Research and Extension

ARKANSAS FARM TO YOU

This program is brought to Hackler Intermediate and paid for by our local County Extension Office. The Arkansas Farm to You Exhibit is designed to involve students in learning the skills and choices for a healthy lifestyle. Children will learn about the link between agriculture, nutrition, good hygiene, physical activity and health.

Major health concerns of youth in Arkansas include the following:

- High prevalence of dental decay
- High rates of obesity
- Limited physical activity
- Low consumption of fruits and vegetables
- Low consumption of milk, especially low fat and fat free varieties (Arkansas Department of Health data, Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance Survey 2011, Arkansas Center for Health Improvement BMI report 2012, Natural wonders report 2011)

Arkansas 30000 farm to YOU









Mountain Home High School Career Academies September 30 – October 4, 2013

EAST in Training

EAST students went to student training sessions Wednesday and Thursday this week. The high school students participated in a session on Dreamweaver web design software and the middle school students learned about GPS technology and GIS software.



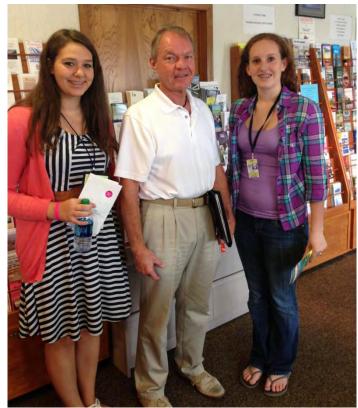


High School: Jennifer Dedek and Sabrina Mitchell Pinkston: Jacob Smith and Grahm Davidson

FBLA Complete Application Process for State Council



MHHS FBLA members, Jaden Phillips, Isabella Gregory, and Ashlyn Tuberville have completed lengthy application process with hope of becoming members of the AR FBLA State Council Special Committee. If elected to one of the offices, the students will work directly with AR FBLA State Officers to improve membership, communications, and community service.



Mrs. Smith's Lodging Management students, Kristin Baergen and Bailey Turner visited Mountain Home Chamber of Commerce. Kristin and Bailey role played as tourists that were visiting the Twin Lakes Area for the first time. Mr. Eddie Majeste, CEO/President of the Chamber answered questions from the students regarding lodging facilities, family activities / entertainment, and dining options. This was a great opportunity for the students to see what the Chamber has to offer and learn how you can become a member of the Mountain Home Chamber of Commerce.

Thank you Mr. Majeste for your time!

Save the Dates:

- October 2 Mentors on Campus
- October 5 CAB WRAP Hackler 5K
- **October 9 Wynne High School Visit MHHS Career Academies**
- October 14 18 FFA at Arkansas State Fair
- October 15 EAST Night Out 5:30 7:30
- October 16 PSAT, ASUMH TrailBlazer Days for Seniors, Farmington High School Visit MHHS CA
- October 17 18 Math Interim Assessments
- October 17 Report Cards and Parent/Teacher Conferences 2:00 8:00
- October 19 MHHS Band to St. Louis Band of America Competition
- **October 21 25 Homecoming Week**
- October 30 Academy Workday

MHHS Career Academies Update

ACME students are working hard to get all 71 of the pinewood derby cars cut and partially sanded for the 2nd graders to be able to work on their cars on October 30th. Mr. Carpenter's classes have been doing all the rough cutting and sanding.







During <u>Academy Kick-Off Day, ACME students</u> were presented with the theme for the year – "On Track for the Future." They also got to see the winning t-shirt design. This design was by an ACME student - Manny Stroud, who received a \$25 gift card. The project was also introduced (building Pinewood Derby cars with 2nd graders). This was done with the help of an entertaining skit presented by ACME teachers and students playing the part of minions. The student emcees were Tara Hentz and Loren Bohannon.

The students were then presented with several competitions such as dollar in a haystack, Bomber Frisbee, basketball knockout, and Lego car building. The winners of these competitions then proceeded to either find the prize in the bottom of a whip cream pie or scavenger hunt. The final two competition teams went before the entire ACME crowd in a blindfold maze competition. The winning AAP group was Mrs. Meissner's group. They were rewarded with a pizza party and the traveling Academy Award which they will keep for the entire year. The students enjoyed the day greatly.



Hunting for the dollar in a haystack



Find the prize in the pie



Blindfold maze



Mrs. Meissner's AAP Winners



Singing the Minion Song

EAST Students Making a Real Difference in Mountain Home

'EAST Night Out' Open House Showcases Student Projects

Mountain Home, AR (September 30, 2013) Mountain Home High School—Career Academies and Pinkston Middle School will be hosting their second annual "EAST Nigh Out" on Tuesday October 15, 2013 at both Pinkston Middle School and Mountain Home High School EAST classrooms. This event will start at 5:30 pm and will wrap up at 7pm. You can explore the EAST classrooms and view a variety of showcased student projects. This event is open to the public and is designed to inform the community of Mountain Home EAST students' accomplishments.

EAST is an educational model that provides new ways of learning for modern students. EAST focuses on studentdriven service projects accomplished through the use of the latest in technology. For more information about Mountain Home High School and Pinkston Middle School's EAST program, please contact Jackie Meissner or Ashley Dunavan. To find an EAST Night Out near you visit <u>www.EASTNightOut.com</u>.

EAST^{*} (Environmental and Spatial Technology) is an educational model that focuses on student-driven service projects accomplished by using teamwork and cutting-edge technology. EAST schools are equipped with classrooms containing state-of-the-art work-stations, servers, software and accessories, including GPS/GIS mapping tools, architectural and CAD design software, 3D animation suites, virtual reality development and more. Students identify problems in their local communities and then use these tools to develop solutions, collaborating with civic and other groups in the process. For more information visit <u>www.EASTinitiative.org</u>, email <u>EASTinfo@EASTstaff.org</u> or call (501) 371-5016.

MHHS Band Night at Papa John's Pizza

PAPA JOHN'S PIZZA of Mountain Home is doing a fund raiser for the band program next <u>Thursday</u>, <u>October 10</u>. They will donate 20% of all online orders & 15% of all in-store/phone orders from the entire day to the band program. No coupons or special codes needed. Simply order Papa John's Pizza on October 10 & they will help out our band program. Thanks for your support! Tom Chentnik, Director

Art Club Update



MHHS Art Club member Kat Binns recently finished a mural in the high school cafeteria upon request of the cafeteria staff. Kat, a junior, spent several hours usually before the school day to complete the mural.



Tuesday Oct 1st Mtn. Home FFA Officers logged Community Service hours by serving food at the Baxter County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting.

NELSON-WILKS-HERRON

2nd Grade Assembly

On Thursday, second grade students enjoyed The Buffy Coleman Basketball Show in the NWH gym. Mr. Coleman is a motivational, anti-bullying and anti-drug speaker.











Week ending 10.4.13

Mountain Home School Board Meeting

10.2.13

Pinkston Middle School had the honor of hosting the 10.2.13 school board meeting. Students from Mrs. Camp's Family and Consumer Science Investigations (FCSI) class shared their new classroom, projects, and activities with members of the Mountain Home School Board. We appreciate all the school board members do for us, the interest they take in our students' education, and dedication they show to our district employees.









PIE

The Pinkston PIE group has logged in 210 hours with 17 volunteers! Thank you PIE





We are proud of our Bombers!









The chess students work every Wednesday after school to sharpen their chess skills. They are sponsored by Mr. Ed Jamnicky, Mr. David Moore, and Mr. Roger Fisher. Research tells us that engaging the young mind in complex strategies such as chess will enrich their entire learning experience. Good job Kids!!

6th Grade Buffy Coleman Assembly

More than 300 students sat in silence as they listened to Buffy Coleman express the importance of a positive attitude and treating each other with kindness. Moments later they were cheering on their classmates as Buffy taught them different basketball tricks and exchanged passes with them on the basketball court. Thank you to Officer Love, Mrs. Leah Cotter, Wingard Photography, and Integrity First Bank for helping support our Bully Prevention month.



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. <u>All students and staff are</u> <u>encouraged to wear the color orange on October 9th</u> 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 <u>created the campaign</u> 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.

Remember, the End of Bullying Begins With You!





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!

Officer Love's classes have challenged Mrs. Camp's FCSI students! They are in a race to see who brings in the most food for the 1 Million Meals!



Stay tuned to find out who the winner will be and who they will challenge next!

Pinkston PIE runs Box Top Challenge

The Pinkston PIE parents are an important part of Pinkston's Box Top collections. Recently they ran a contest among students. The winners of this first round are: Hunter, Trevor, Madeline, and Kelly





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 Flue Clinic – October 8 Unite Day! Wear Orange – October 9 6th Grade Hearing and Vision Screening – October 11 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



MAINTENANCE MATTERS

The maintenance crew has been busy this past week in completing again approximately 250 work requests ranging from plumbing, electrical, and hvac problems to delivering copy paper.

Lawns are still being mowed and trimmed all around the district. Cabinets and shelving requests are being handled by Harold Lawrence. The monthly preventative maintenance inspections are being completed.

Work on the 'auxiliary services project' (old M & M Concrete plant) is proceeding nicely. Maintenance continued to work on removing dirt around the building for proper drainage. Concrete for sidewalks has been poured. Lonnie Uchtman has been busy laying concrete blocks in old doorways and patching hole in the walls.

Mike Walker attended three classes needed for his Certified Facilities Directors certification on Monday in Hot Springs. The Arkansas School Plant Managers Association conference was then held on Tuesday and Wednesday also in Hot Springs which he attended.

Have a GREAT weekend.

GBCCA CELEBRATES ANTI-DRUG AWARENESS!

THANK YOU to the Local Elks Local #1714 for treating our students to a pizza party as part of their Anti-Drug Awareness campaign!



GBCCA ELKS ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS



WINNER Anisa Shelton—12th Grade



2nd Place Caitlin McKenzie-Hopkins—9th Grade



3rd Place Nathan Garland—11th Grade

GBCCA ANTI~DRUG AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST WINNERS!

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2ND PLACE MASON PATNO—7TH



3RD PLACE KANE GOTT—8TH

MOUNTAIN HOME JUNIOR HIGH



Wyatt Petty and his 232 lb Market Hog won \$255.00 in the Livestock Premium Awards at Baxter County Fair.



Taylor Ritchie and her 184 lb Class 2 Champion Market Hog won \$280 prize money in the Baxter County Fair Premium Awards.



Joe Coddington and his Baxter County Born and Bred Commercial Heifer



Agriculture students have been comparing the rapid growth of the FFA Broilers each week. The broilers will be exhibited at the AR State Fair on October 12th. High school students are explaining the process and importance of feed efficiency to Jr. High students in photo.



The following MHJH Civics Students Volunteered at the American Legion on Saturday 9/28/13 to raise money for the Wounded Warriors Project. The students from left to right are Tanner Batterton, Lexi Carter, Bree Cannon, Molly Mears, Taylor Hasselwander, and Patrice Beam. Thank you, students!!!





Mrs. Hickey's Pre-AP 8 students collaborated on a literary devices project with the novel *Trapped*, by Michael Winthrop, and presented their findings. As with *Flowers for Algernon*, this novel fits within the Common Core unit *The Road Not Taken*. Next, they will discuss the ways in which the characters were trapped, and will cite evidence support their claims.





Mr. Todd McCoy from Roller Funeral Home, representing the HHS academy, came and spoke to 1st semester Keystone classes on Thursday. He spoke to students about the ASUMH Funeral Science program that is offered here, as well as several different aspects of the funeral business.



Mr. Ron Hayden from Advanced Auto Services representing the ACME Academy came to 1st Semester Keystone classes and spoke to our 9th graders about his life experiences and what he has had to overcome in order to be where he is today. He spoke to the students about the 3 different careers he has had in his life and about what he does now.



Ms. Tamara Mitchell from ASU-MH came to speak to 1st semester Keystone students about 2-year programs that are offered at ASU-MH, as well as making choices and connecting with what interests students at their age and finding a career that they love.



Below is a picture of MHJH teacher George Zorman with Nancy Stang volunteering at the World Vision event at ASU – MH this week. 32 disadvantaged children were adopted that night!



Students in Mrs. Gatewood's 9th Grade Physical Science classes performed dry Ice experiments and a Separating Substances Lab where students separated mixtures through filtration and evaporation.



Surprise! Child Development student, Savannah Heslep, helps demonstrate the dangers of shaking a baby using the Shaken Baby Simulator Baby's head is clear plastic and when it is shaken different areas of the brain light up indicating which areas of the brain are being damaged.



Ms. Lawrence's Family and Consumer Science class learning vocabulary with Jenga vocabulary game. The students used the game to make learning important vocabulary to Family and Consumer Science class more enjoyable.



Family and Consumer Science members, Devon Wilson and Sara Johns, spent time laundering items for the Mountain Home Junior High Clothes Closet. The Clothes Closet helps needy student with school-appropriate clothing when they are in. Thanks, ladies!



Eighth Grade Science classes have been studying stars and our star the Sun. Today they observed UV indicators changing colors in the presence of ultraviolet waves.



Eighth Grade Science classes have been researching constellations and making presentations to their classmates about them.

