



Superintendent Update: October 11, 2013

Quotes for the day:

“The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires.”—William Arthur Ward

“The object of teaching a child is to enable him to get along without his teacher.”—Elbert Hubbard

I cite these two quotes in an attempt to make a connection to our new teacher evaluation system. The new system is called the *Teacher Excellence Support System (TESS)*. The highest rating a teacher can receive in this system is entitled **Distinguished**. In order for a teacher to receive distinguished he/she must demonstrate that students are inspired to the point of taking responsibility in their own learning. One will see descriptors in the area of distinguished such as:

- Students initiate higher-order questions.
- Students extend the discussion, enriching it.
- Students invite comments from their classmates during a discussion.
- Students formulate many questions, initiate topics, and make unsolicited contributions.
- Students themselves ensure that all voices are heard in the discussion.
- There is no disrespectful behavior among students.
- Students work even when the teacher isn't working with them or directing their efforts.
- Students indicate that they are not satisfied unless they have complete understanding.
- Students take initiative in improving the quality of their work.
- Students assume responsibility for high quality by initiating improvements, making revisions, adding detail, and/or helping peers.
- Students take the initiative with their classmates to ensure that their time is used productively.
- Students respectfully intervene as appropriate with classmates to ensure compliance with standards of conduct.
- Teachers and students make extensive and imaginative use of available technology.
- When help is needed, a student offers clarification about the learning task to classmates.
- Students contribute to extending the content and help explain concepts to their classmates.
- Students identify or create their own learning materials.
- Students self-assess and monitor their own progress.

Ward was a noted writer who lived from 1921-1994. Elbert Hubbard was an American writer, publisher, artist, and philosopher who actually died on board the *RMS Lusitania* in 1915 when it was sunk by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland on May 7, 1915. I find it interesting that these men lived years before TESS was brought to us, yet they believed that students must be inspired to move beyond their teacher to a place of independence if they were to be successful as adults. Of course, we must remember that teaching/learning (education) is a process and does not occur instantaneously in most cases. Teachers and students work together in reaching the sometimes difficult goal of “distinguished.” As I look through the TESS information, I find myself located in the “basic” or “proficient” rating if I were to gauge my own instructional skills. I have heard it said “one can visit distinguished, but most of us will live in proficient.” As we support our students, teachers and administrators in the TESS initiative



and other changes before us, let us all do so in a respectful manner which will enhance the culture and environment of our fine schools.

### **Science Grants:**

I just received the notice for Science in Middle Schools (SIMS) grants. Mountain Home received \$6000 in science grants this week. Pinkston Middle School received 5 grants, Hackler Intermediate School received 4 grants and Guy Berry College and Career Academy received 3 grants. Each grant was \$500. Congratulations to our teachers who worked hard to pull the grant applications together. Here are some of the comments from the recipients.

#### **Lynn Kelsh:**

I received a grant for stop watches and hand held scales. These are for our physics studies of Newton's Laws of Motion. We will use them to figure speed (distance divided by time) on different inclines and see if different masses will change the speed.

#### **Roger Fisher:**

I would just like to say that I am thrilled to have been granted these funds to help my students better identify the body's organs and systems. Comparing frog to human is a wonderful experience for the students. I can't say "thank you" enough to all who made this possible.

#### **Elise Biggs**

If it was not for Donor's Choose we would not have been able to enhance the students learning about body systems using the Frog Dissection Lab. The dissection lab is very important because the students are able to relate their own body systems to that of an amphibian and realize how similar we really are.

#### **Kristi Nelson**

I wrote the grant to DonorsChoose.org for 3 Chrome Books. These small "notebooks" are set up to use the web's vast educational resources. They will help me integrate technology into my daily lessons, and encourage the students to share their own content. Chrome books are simple to use, easily monitored by the teacher, and very affordable.

I'm super excited that the students will have their math education differentiated in a new way. I hope to have a classroom full of them!

#### **Janice Reusch**

I applied for a grant to start a butterfly garden. The purpose of this project is to give students first-hand knowledge about the life cycle of a butterfly and allow them to experience the joy of watching a fuzzy caterpillar develop into a beautiful butterfly. A butterfly garden will allow students to discover for themselves the nature of a habitat and the importance of each organism in an ecosystem. The students will develop a sense of responsibility while learning skills such as observation, data collection, communication, and cooperation. This project will also provide the students an opportunity to give back to the community while understanding what it means to be a part of the community in which they live.

I also applied for a grant to purchase a Rocketry Classroom Kit. This project satisfies the STEM objectives of the Common Core Curriculum. Building a rocket will be so much fun! Students will benefit from the hands-on nature of the project. Putting a rocket together will not only give students knowledge of the technical aspects but also allow them to gain skills in reading comprehension, following directions, problem solving, analyzing, cooperating, and communicating. At the end of this project students should have a sense of pride in their accomplishments, and they will have a rocket as evidence of their hard work.



**Hackler Intermediate School**

Hackler also received two science grants. Dixie Mahmud was instrumental in this effort. At the time of this writing, I did not have the information for Hackler. Hopefully, I can include this on our next update.

For the Simple Truths video this week, [click here](#).

Have a great weekend.

Lonnie

## Friday Focus

### From Assistant Superintendent: Leigh Anne Gigliotti, Ed.D

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**Friday, October 11, 2013**

*I cannot emphasize enough the importance of a good teacher.*  
**Temple Grandin**

Dr. Grandin is a professor at Colorado State University.

She is a successful adult with Autism.

Dr. Grandin is an inspiration. To learn more about her story go to <http://templegrandin.com/>



MHJH 9<sup>th</sup> Grade conducting a war re-enactment.

## Assessment, Instruction and Curriculum

### HUB #2 Meeting with AR Public School Resource Center (APSRC):

Hub #2 Meeting is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 14 from 9:00am-2:15pm in the central office board room. Lunch will be on your own.

This month's Hub Meeting will focus on **Assessment and PARCC**. Please click on the link below to complete the registration form below.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1gSOPUZO\\_RumiUDvvn2\\_I1GV7LKqKwIKUM8wOITZpZew/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1gSOPUZO_RumiUDvvn2_I1GV7LKqKwIKUM8wOITZpZew/viewform)

## **Personnel and Professional Development**

**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.

Dates to Remember:

Oct. 14 – HUB #2 Meeting at central office from 9am-2:15 (lunch on your own)

Oct. 15 – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Ends/5:30 pm EAST Night out

Oct. 16 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Begins

Oct. 17 – School dismissal at 2pm/parent-teacher conferences 2-8pm

Oct. 18 – School open/school in session full day



# Mountain Home Kindergarten



## Parent Newsletter

October 11, 2013

Word of the Month: Responsibility

**Thanks to Fire Marshall Eddie White** for bringing the Mountain Home Fire Truck on Monday! Our students toured a real live fire truck and heard some cool stuff about firemen and the 911 emergency personnel.

**BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION:** We are collecting boxtops for October thru October 25. There will be a pumpkin painting party for the winning class on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Also, the individual child that collects the most boxtops this year will get an individual prize! Our boxtop money is used to buy playground equipment and t-shirts for the spring musical that we have in April.

**GRANDPARENTS' DAY IS COMING SOON ---** We need your help! If you have a grandparent or two that would like to come and eat with your child, please let us know no later than October 25<sup>th</sup>. Our sweet cafeteria ladies have a big job preparing breakfast beginning at 7:30 a.m., then lunch for about 40 preschool students, 330 kindergarteners and over 30 adults every day. We appreciate all they do for us! Help us make their job easier by letting them know to prepare for **you** as well. Please send your money (\$3.00 per adult) by the October 25<sup>th</sup>. ***(PLEASE check the schedule of the classes and the dates they will be eating listed below.)***

**Christmas Wish:** Area families needing help this holiday can submit their children's wishes on a Christmas Wish application form available 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. today through Oct. 18 at *The Bulletin* office. Applications should be returned to *The Bulletin* office by 5 p.m. Oct. 18, or mailed to P.O. Box 1750, Mountain Home, AR 72654, but must be postmarked on or before Oct. 18.

### **Pecans for the Holidays**

If you need pecans for holiday baking the Cameo Club is sponsoring a pecan fundraiser. One pound bags of shelled pecan halves for \$10/bag. To pre-order, please call 425-2193. Proceeds benefit local community programs and causes. Pecans will be delivered around the second week of November.

Information is available in the office for  
Mr. and Mrs. Merry Christmas Registration

### **Upcoming Events:**

Picture Day - October 16, 2013  
Red Ribbon Week - October 28, 2013 - November 1, 2013  
Parent-Teacher Conferences-October 17  
Book Fair - November 4-8  
Grandparent(s) Day -

November 7 (North Hall)

King  
Christy  
Sallee  
Goettler  
Diane  
Powell  
Ducker  
Henderson  
Pugsley

November 8 (South Hall)

Shy  
Pitchford  
Crececius  
Owens  
Rogers  
Kasinger  
McLean  
Newton  
Rowlett

Thanksgiving Break - November 25-29

# Curriculum

Additional CC Resources: Include lessons, ideas & materials

- PBS Learning – Join for Free <http://aetn.pbslearningmedia.org/>
- Achieve The Core – Join for Free: <http://achievethecore.org/>

Here is a video created by a student as ASU to help students learn mean, median, mode and range. Enjoy! BTW: If you have something fun and creative that you are doing in your classroom, let me know so I can include you in the curriculum corner.



Math Movie  
lesson.wmv

## PARCC Releases RFP to Build Speaking and Listening Assessments

Washington, D.C. - October 3, 2013 - The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC), a consortium of states working together to create next generation assessments, today released a request for proposals (RFP) for the development of its Speaking and Listening Assessments. This is the second of three RFPs PARCC will release as part of its suite of Non-Summative Assessments and Tools. The first was the Diagnostic Assessment and K-1 Formative Tools ITN, which was released in July 2013, and the last will be the Assessment Professional Development Modules RFP, scheduled for release later this month.

PARCC is building Speaking and Listening Assessments for grades K-12 to help educators assess students' speaking and listening communications skills, which traditionally have been difficult to measure. The PARCC Speaking and Listening Assessments will provide:

- Information to schools and school districts that can be used to evaluate and improve the efficacy of instructional programs, materials and professional learning with respect to the Speaking and Listening CCSS;
- Information to parents and students that indicates student learning and progress in building their speaking and listening abilities;
- Teacher scoring of assessments to inform and improve instruction; and
- Results that are available as soon as possible following administration so that the information can be used to support educators in classroom instruction.

Starting in the 2015-16 school year, the assessment will be available to educators on demand with little set up and preparation required. Students in grades K-12 will have an opportunity to demonstrate their speaking and listening skills each year, but the method of that demonstration will vary by grade level:

1. **Real Time Engagement:** Students will listen to a pre-recorded speech and/or media production and provide spontaneous oral responses to related questions and/or discussion topics (listening and speaking). These performance based tasks will be administered in grades 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11.
2. **Advance Preparation:** Students will conduct research using authentic topics, share their findings in a formal presentation (speaking), and respond spontaneously to audience questions (listening and speaking). These performance based tasks will be administered in grades 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12.

In both cases, teachers will score student-produced content based on what they present and/or what they hear. Both performance tasks will be developed to be instructionally sensitive to English language learners and students with disabilities, including students who may be deaf or hard of hearing, so that all students can show what they know and can do.

The RFP can be found at <http://www.parcconline.org/Procurement>. Responses are due to PARCC by October 23, 2013.

If you have questions or would like more information about the RFP and the procurement process, please email: [rfa@parconline.org](mailto:rfa@parconline.org)

# MUM'S THE WORD!

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Thank you to our many district and community patrons for your support of our first *Mum Fall Fundraiser!*

We have a few left and would be happy to deliver them to you!

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All proceeds will benefit future Greenhouse projects





## **Mountain Home High School Career Academies October 7 – October 11, 2013**

### **Virtual Arkansas at MHHS Career Academies**

On Sept. 13, Alan Sherrell, Distance Learning Coordinator for the North Central Arkansas Education Service Cooperative, made a site visit to Mrs. Seaman's classroom to see the area where distance learning courses are facilitated. Eighteen MHHS students meet three times per week, for either an hour before or after school, in Mrs. Seaman's classroom to participate in distance learning courses offered by a state online school called Virtual Arkansas. Mr. Sherrell found things to be on track at MHHS and commented that the MHHS facilitator and students were adjusting to new Distance Learning guidelines very well. "The state has changed a number of Distance Learning guidelines this year, so we have all had to adjust," Mrs. Seaman said. "The MHHS counseling staff and the Virtual Arkansas teachers have made this transition possible."

Seaman also noted that the MHHS students who participate in VARK classes have been very dedicated to their educations. "Spending 3 hours a week at school outside the normal bell schedule is not ideal, but these students are motivated to succeed, so they go the extra mile," Seaman said. "They spend countless hours outside of school working on these online classes, as well."

VARK classes are offered to MHHS students who have trouble fitting certain classes into their busy schedules or who need to catch up on credits in order to graduate on time. For more information on VARK classes, contact Mrs. Seaman in room 206.



### **CAB WRAP and Hackler Healthy Kids 5K**

On Saturday, October 5, 2013 the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Hackler Healthy 5K race took place. Over 170 runners/walkers participated in the 3.1 mile race that started and ended at Hackler Intermediate School. The Hackler Healthy 5K is for Hackler students and their families to promote all students to Live Healthy, Eat Healthy, and Be Healthy. The CAB (Communications, Arts and Business Academy) WRAP (Wells Fargo Advisors Rewarding Academic Progress) students at Mountain Home High School Career Academies help make this race happen. These students spend time at Hackler promoting their message

and encourage the Hackler students to participate in the race. All proceeds from this race goes to Reppell Diabetes Learning Center at Baxter Regional Medical Center. Sponsors of this race are Wells Fargo Advisors, Reppell Diabetes Learning Center, CAB WRAP and Hackler Intermediate School.

# EAST NIGHT OUT

PLEASE JOIN US

October 15<sup>th</sup>  
5:30-7:00 pm

WHERE

Pinkston Room 121  
MHHS Room 302

*Mountain Home, Arkansas*

PINKSTON:  
MRS. DUNAVAN 870-421-1774

HIGH SCHOOL:  
MS. MEISSNER 870-424-2747



## EXPLORE

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

## ENJOY

Enjoy free food and drinks at our Backyard BBQ!

## HAVE FUN

Also, don't forget to have your picture taken!



Mrs. Fowler's Entrepreneurial Experience class catered the luncheon for Wynn High School on Wednesday, October 9th. Students pictured are Olivia Willis and Ashley Morgan.

### **English II Students Skype with Egyptians**

Mr. Small's 7<sup>th</sup> period English II class had the opportunity to bring their African unit to life this past Wednesday. Thanks to student Haley Hunter, the class was able to video chat with her two cousins, Hannah and Lydia Nagieb, who live in Cairo, Egypt. Students took turns asking questions about Egyptian culture, how civil unrest in the country had affected them, and most importantly (to the students), how they managed to survive without all of the fast food restaurants that we have here. Students really seemed to enjoy the conversation, and the girls were great participants. After twenty minutes of conversation, the girls bid us "salam," or goodbye. It was a great experience for the class, and it really helped them get a better understanding of the culture that they have been studying.

Pictured: Adrian Jackson, Lydia Nagieb, Hannah Nagieb, and Haley Hunter



### **Career Academy Update**

ACME (Architecture-Construction-Manufacturing-Engineering) Academy has an eclectic group of students and has been blessed with a matching group of mentors. Chuck Lange is one such mentor. Mr. Lange is retired law enforcement and an avid biker. He shares experiences and “great” stories with Mr. Jim Ellis’ Senior Advisory class.



## HOME COMING ROYALTY COURT 2013

### **SENIORS**

#### **KING CANDIDATES**

Luke Armstrong  
Grant Conner  
Anthony Finley  
Matt House  
Thomas Lynch  
Zack Martin  
Nick Wilhite

#### **QUEEN CANDIDATES**

Carly Dibble  
Olivia Dyer  
Katie Hutchison  
Melanie Nelson  
Nicole Plumlee  
Katy Strider  
Alaina Tuberville

### **JUNIORS**

#### **KNIGHTS**

Ethan Lehman  
Wyatt Roberson  
Spencer Wilbur

#### **MAIDS**

Megan Chaney  
Lakyn Moran  
Summer Webers

### **SOPHOMORES**

#### **KNIGHTS**

Macclain Edington  
Garrett Whitlow

#### **MAIDS**

Megan Chaney  
Tabitha Blevins

### **CAB Biology in Action**

Mrs. Teems CAB Biology Students separate, weigh and analyze bags of recyclable and non-recyclable trash to try to solve a crime. The classes are studying Ecology and Human Involvement. They divide trash items into recyclable, non-recyclable, paper, plastic, metal and miscellaneous items then they figure the percent of total of each category. They then answer questions by analyzing the materials in the sacks to determine facts about the families the trash came from.



### **Save the Dates:**

**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**

**FBLA FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE  
OCTOBER 4, 2013**



Fifty-three FBLA members and their advisors, Sheri Smith, Diana Branham, and Shelli Jones attended the FBLA Fall Conference on Friday, October 4 on the campus of ASU.



**Amanda Martin won an  
IPAD Mini from ASU!**

*Ashley Tuberville, FBLA District 6 Secretary, participates in the program. Mountain Home's own Hunter Myer's is FBLA State Treasurer. Hunter presented the Emblem Ceremony to all FBLA members and Advisors and Guests.*





# HACKLER IS WILD ABOUT TWIN LAKES LITERACY COUNCIL!

So wild, our administrators will do just about anything.....

On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 students taped Mrs. Monger, Ms. Fowler, and Mr. Roach to poles in 3 & 4 grade car line to raise money for Twin Lakes Literacy Council.

Hackler Intermediate Raised \$992.27!!!



Daffy Duct for Literacy

**Books/supplies/computer equipment ordered with funds from the  
Hackler Fundraiser dated May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013**

A donation of \$992.27 was presented to Twin Lakes Literacy Council on June 6, 2013 by Hackler Principal, Sondra Monger and Assistant Principal, Cassy Fowler. The donation will be used for children in the Mountain Home School District.

Materials

Barton Site License  
Spelling Success Spelling Games  
Barton iPad apps  
Bluetooth keyboard for iPad,  
Earbuds for iPad, Otterbox Defender Case for iPad  
iPad

Date ordered / Vendor

6-3-2013 / Barton  
6-3-2013 / Spelling Success  
6-28-2013 / Apple  
7-1-2013 / Staples  
8-5-2013 / Apple

**Twin Lakes Literacy Council**

1318 Bradley Dr. #14  
Mountain Home, AR 72653  
(870) 425-7323  
"Each one, teach one."

September 24, 2013

Hackler Intermediate School  
Sondra Monger, Principal  
965 West Rd.  
Mountain Home, AR 72653

Dear Sondra, Cassy, Kevin, Jennie and the Staff of Hackler Intermediate School:

Thank you for the help that you gave to the Children's Tutoring Program at Twin Lakes Literacy Council.

Not only were you generous but also very memorable. We know that you all believe in education, but to be duct taped to a pole in the name of literacy is a dedication that few could rival.

Your fundraiser allowed the Literacy Council to purchase materials to tutor the children this year. Enclosed is a final report explaining how we have used your donation.

We appreciate your support of the children in our community.



*At right: Wyatt and Ms. Sue with the new iPad you helped us purchase. It's been a big hit with the kids.*

Sincerely,

*Nancy Tester*

Nancy Tester  
Executive Director



What can your WILD administrators at Hackler do this year to get “Literacy” farther off the ground? Suggestions will be taken in the office or give them to your homeroom teacher.

**THANK YOU TWIN LAKES LITERACY COUNCIL!**

## HIGH FIVE TO DIXIE MAHMUD & BECKY VILLIGER

Mrs. Mahmud and Mrs. Villiger recently earned funding at DonorsChoose.org for a classroom project called “Extensions and Review for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Scientists” and “Fun & Mayhem with Forces and Motion”.



**Thank you ARCF SIMS Grant Programs in Little Rock, Arkansas.**

# 3rd Annual Hackler Healthy Kid 5K

The event was held Saturday, October 4th, 2013. The event was co-sponsored by Wells Fargo Advisors, CAB WRAP students from Mountain Home High School, and Hackler Intermediate School.

Art teachers, Mr. Pevril and Mrs. Morris, had all the students design a t-shirt for the race and the CAB WRAP students chose a winner from each of the advisory classes. The winning design was unveiled on race day as the official Hackler Healthy Kids 5-K t-shirt.

Parents and guardians were encouraged to participate with their Hackler gem in this 3.1 mile event. Wells Fargo Advisors sponsored all the Hackler students that participated. All the money raised from this event will be donated to the Reppell Diabetes Education Center.

Thank you for helping promote healthy habits among our Hackler Gems.

## 3rd Grade Winners:



1st : Katie Camp, 2nd : Cayla McMaster, 3rd : Sierra Trogdon



1st : William Bevel, 2nd : Alex Hester, 3rd : Daniel Jones

## 4th Grade Winners:



1st : Britney Jenkins, 2nd : Sami Seamans, 3rd : Breanna Collins



1st : Dodge Harris, 2nd : Trent Jordan, 3rd : Will Beckham

## 5th Grade Winners:

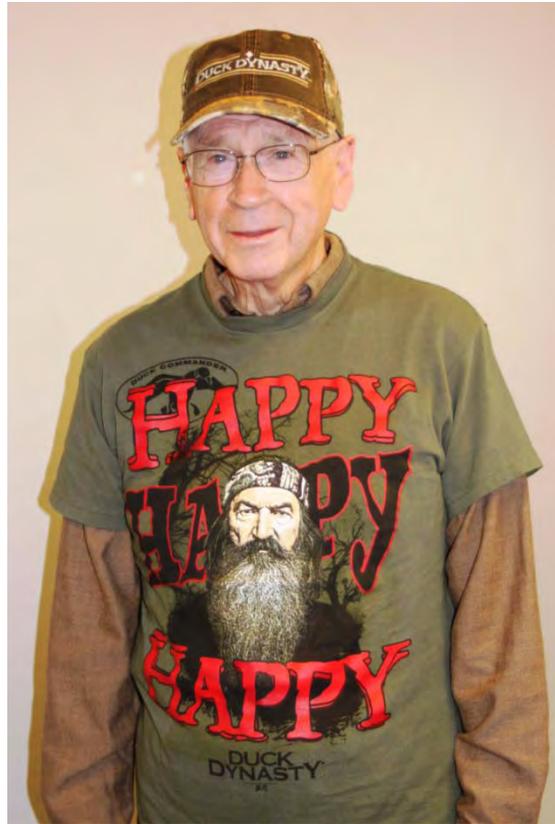


1st : Marcie Cudworth, 2nd : Emma Martin, 3rd : Kennedi Palmer



1st : Clayton Jones, 2nd : Jacob Harmon, 3rd : Hunter Dismore

# We are Happy, Happy, Happy at Hackler!



## Hackler T-Shirt Order Form

We are so excited to be ordering Hackler t-shirts again this year! Orders will be accepted through October 18th. 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





# 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

Where Individual Learning Develops

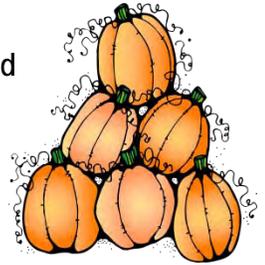
October 10, 2013

### Around our School

- **Parents - Please mark your calendar for October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Wingard Photography will be here to take school pictures beginning at 8:15 a.m.**
- **Hackler will be selling hunter orange, long sleeve t-shirts. The t-shirts are \$12, and we will be taking orders through October 18<sup>th</sup>. Complete the order form on the back of this newsletter, and return it to your child's homeroom teacher .**
- **School will be dismissed at 2:10 on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> for parent teacher conferences. Conferences begin at 2:15 p.m. and will go through 8:00 p.m. If you have not scheduled your conference, please contact your child's homeroom teacher. Report cards will be handed out during your conference.**

### The Great Week of Giving!!

Hackler is so excited to celebrate our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual great week of giving! Historically we have partnered with McDonald's of Mountain Home and celebrated this event in November. However, this year we are thrilled to be extending our partnership with not only Mountain Home McDonald's, but also Arvest Bank and all Mountain Home Public School campuses as we join the Spirit of Giving campaign. We will be collecting non-perishable food items the week of October 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. The class per grade level that collects the most food items will be treated to a McDonald's Happy Meal party the following week! Please join us in working together to assist in alleviating hunger in our area! Thank you Laura Newth and Arvest Bank.



## 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL HACKLER HEALTHY KIDS 5K WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!!

**\$1700 was collected for Reppell Diabetes Center at Baxter Regional.**

We had over 200 students, parents and Hackler faculty members participate. It was GREAT!!!!!!

The winning runners in each grade are as follows:

3<sup>rd</sup> grade winners

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - Katie Camp & William Bevel
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Cayla McMaster & Alex Hester
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Sierra Trogdon & Daniel Jones

4<sup>th</sup> grade winners

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - Britney Jenkins & Dodge Harris
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Sami Seamans & Trent Jordan
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Breanna Collins & Will Beckham

5<sup>th</sup> grade winners

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - Marcie Cudworth & Clayton Jones
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Emma Martin & Jacob Harmon
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Kennedi Palmer & Hunter Dismore

**Thank You Cab Wrap Students!**

**Cab Wrap students rock!**

Winning T-Shirt was created by  
Matt Brown



## Freethinking Families' Group

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

Where: Hackler Intermediate School

Location: Classroom 602

Time: 5:30-6:30

Pick-up: 6:30 in 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Car Line

Who: 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grades

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](mailto:freethinking.parents@gmail.com)



**TALES OF THE TRAILS**  
OCTOBER 12TH, 7-9 P.M.

Enjoy Scary stories as you walk along a lantern lit trail (approx. 0.8 miles) followed by a hayride.  
Reservations are not required but appreciated. Guided walks will start every 30 minutes.  
Free to the Public For ALL Ages  
For Reservations or information leave a message 870-656-6912

LOCATION:  
Panther Bay Park  
Access of Trail  
Hwy 101

David's Trail.org  
Encouraging An Active Lifestyle

AND  
MHHS DRAMA DEPT.

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# Pinkston Middle School



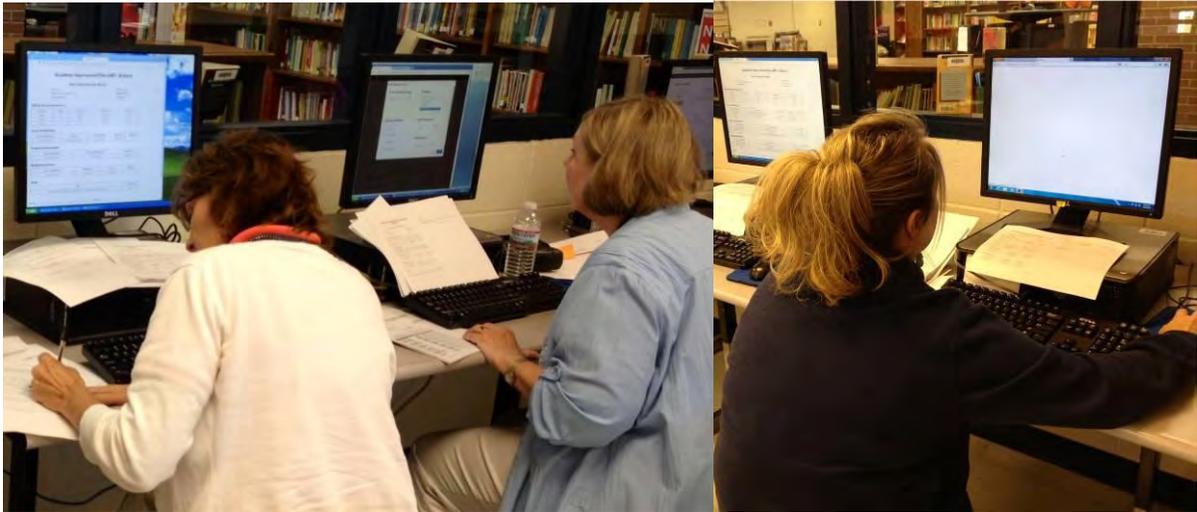
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## Parent/Teacher Conferences and Parent Fair

We encourage all parents to attend Parent/Teacher conferences this October 17<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-8:00 PM. Parents and guardians are encouraged to call the main office to set up an appointment. 870-425-1236. Students are leading the conferences to explain their academic achievement and goals that they have for the upcoming quarter. Below are pictures of work teachers put into conferences and planning prior to the actual Parent/Teacher Conference on October 17.

Also, during the night of Parent/Teacher conferences we will be hosting a Parent Fair in the cafeteria. The counselors, Mrs. Heather Hatman and Mrs. Rebekah Cruse have been working hard to have resources for families as well as organizations that provide opportunities to kids at the parent fair. This has been a huge success in years past and we look forward to having everyone attend this year. Thank you to our community partners for their dedication to kids and families in Mountain Home!



# *Flu Clinic at Pinkston Middle School*



*More than 100 students and adults were able to get their annual flu vaccination at Pinkston Middle School on October 8<sup>th</sup>.*

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## **Pinkston Participates in National Unity Day!**

Students and adults wore orange on October 9<sup>th</sup> to show their commitment to stop bullying. Officer Love told students that bullying stops with them. We extend a special thank you to Sheriff John Montgomery and the Baxter Bulletin for the support that they give our schools in this annual event. Students were “buzzed” by the Baxter County helicopter as Kevin Pieper took their picture the morning of October 9<sup>th</sup> in front of Pinkston.



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## 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!

October 11<sup>th</sup> the 7<sup>th</sup> graders will participate in the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Baxter County Teen Summit. November 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Mande 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<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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!**

**The new One Million Meal Challenge is for Mrs. Lauerman's, Mrs. Dunavan's EAST, and Coach Newsom's health class. Kids bring in those items!**

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EAST Night Out

October 15 from 5:30-7:00 PM

@ Pinkston Middle School

We encourage the public to come to see what EAST@Pinkston is all about!



**We are on Twitter! @Pinkstonmiddle**

**EAST at Pinkston Tweets @AdunavanEast**

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Promise has Twitter and Tweets 2 @deniselauerman**

**Pinkston Choir TWEETS! @Pinkstonchoir**

**DARE is on Twitter @mandeelove32**



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## **Upcoming Events for Pinkston Middle:**

**EAST Night out – October 15**

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Fair – October 16**

**School Pictures – October 17**

**Early dismissal for students 2:00 PM – October 17**

**Parent/Teacher Conferences – October 17 from 2:00-8:00 PM**

**Parent Fair – October 17 from 2:00-8:00 PM**

**Red Ribbon Week October 28-Nov. 1**

**DARE assembly for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Nov. 4**

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## Fire Prevention Week at NWH

“Let’s Get Cooking with Fire Safety!”

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Smoke House



Thank you Mtn. Home Fire Dept. for bringing the smoke house to teach us about fire safety!

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Fire Truck

NWH 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students were able to see the fire trucks up close!



## Visitor in Mrs. Brewer's Class



David Green, Abby Green's dad, works at Mtn. Home Fire Dept. He came in his firefighting attire and told the students about his job. He also discussed fire safety tips with them.

## Thank You Alison Hudson!



Mrs. Hudson works for School Based Mental Health. She served in the United States Navy as an Operations Specialist Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class. She was stationed in San Diego, CA on the USS Pearl Harbor. She had the opportunity to travel to many different countries as part

of her enlistment including Hong Kong, Singapore, Pakistan and Bahrain. Thank you for serving our country and for leading The Pledge of Allegiance at NWH!