

FROM SUPERINTENDENT DR. MYERS

Superintendent Update: October 17, 2014

Quote for the week: “By prevailing over all obstacles and distractions, one may unfailingly arrive at the chosen goal or destination.”—Christopher Columbus

This has been quite the week with an On-Site-Review team from the state department and a school board meeting on the same day. We are so fortunate to have such high functioning school teachers, administrators, support staff and board members. It truly takes all of us to perform at such a high level.

The board meeting consisted of much time being devoted to a required “report to the public.” Each school principal and district director gave a report of their area to the board. It does take some time, but it highlights the huge amount of work that happens within our district. I love hearing each person passionately describe their area of work and the commitment to our students that goes along with their work. I wish I could describe accurately the extensive body of work which gets accomplished in our district every day. As one board member put it, “there are a lot of moving parts.” The complexity of bringing about 4500 people together each day to educate our young people does present obstacles and distractions, but our folks are up to the task. Here are some of my efforts to stay focused and do great work. I hope they may be helpful to some of you.

1. Embrace Self-Awareness

If I don't see the obstacle or believe it's a hindrance, I will never reach my goals, blaming everything and everyone but the person responsible. I realized my own prioritization was keeping me from what I needed to do. I could easily blame time as my enemy, but the enemy was actually my semi-conscious, daily rationalization that “the work” was almost always more important than health or learning. Once I admitted that my own prioritization was misguided, I made the necessary adjustments in my behavior. Exercising, spending time with those who accept me unconditionally and reading (all connected to physical, mental and spiritual health) are three activities which help me to stay alert and focused on the work before me. Those are my priorities and the work is placed behind those priorities.

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Special dates of interest:

- * Region 2 Board meeting October 21 at Hackler
- * Lunch Board Meeting November 5th at Guy Berry
- * Regular Board Meeting November 20th

Tommy Barnes, Nath Tumilson, and Dr. Gigliotti during the recent On-site Review



2. Use Time to Your Advantage

One must learn to manage his/her impatience and be ready when the smoke clears on a distraction or obstacle. The harder the obstacle, the more time it will take to overcome. Set a preliminary schedule with clear milestones so you can track forward or backward progress. This way you'll see the cumulative impact of miniscule change. In other words, break the huge problem into smaller chunks to deal with. Once I see small progress, I am encouraged to put in more effort. With time comes momentum. And momentum is the best way to bust through big obstacles. These are the type of obstacles which do not present easy answers and these obstacles often include people. I have worked with some obstacles for months, but eventually a solution comes or the obstacle goes away if you stay focused.

3. Commit to Focused Discipline

It's easy to get distracted with the present. Educators are just that--busy! There is always a fire to put out or a new critical opportunity to distract you. True discipline is about making yourself emotionally commit time and effort to your benefit regardless of external factors. Clearing out unimportant distractions and refusing to add anything new to our plate until we make progress on existing obstacles will be beneficial. Make the existing obstacle(s) the No. 1 priority and focus on it/them every day until they are gone.

4. Engage Your Own Creativity

I like to create rhythm in my life so I can freely engage the creative part of my brain for problem solving. There's no better place to apply expansive thinking than on issues holding you back. I give deliberate thought to what I want to accomplish each weekend, and set a plan. By integrating exercise with music I enjoy, I am able to accomplish both tasks. Doing this on a regular basis gives me added help of being immersed in a healthy lifestyle. Although I should do even more with healthy habits such as eating more properly, these small segments of time dedicated to my health and well-being are productive while only using less than an average of an hour per day. Quit banging your head against the same brick wall over and over. Take time to think things through and find creative solutions that bring fun and progress to the grind of obstacle removal.

Have a great weekend everyone. I hope you rid yourself of some obstacles and distractions which are affecting your health and well-being.

Simple Truths video:

<http://play.simpletruths.com/movie/the-best-way-out-is-always-through/>

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Mountain Home Kindergarten

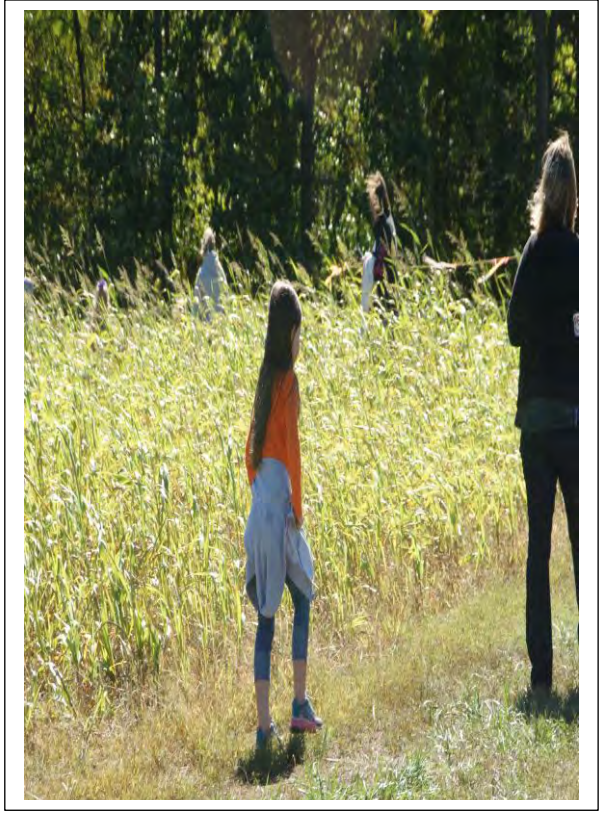
Trip to the Berry Farm



Mrs. Henderson's Class enjoys a moment



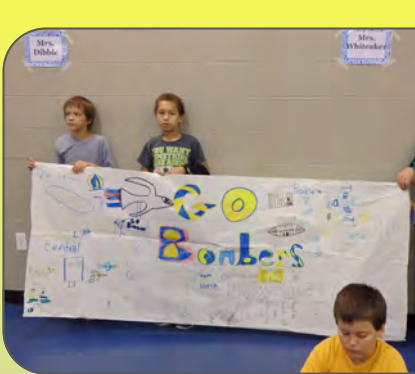
Our students take a trip to the Berry Farm every October. This trip is to help students understand how people adapt to their environment. They were able to see first hand how crops are planted and how animals adapt to their environment. The fall weather was perfect and everyone enjoyed the day.



HACKLER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL WEEK ENDING 10-17-2014



Hackler Students Show Bomber Spirit!



GO BOMBERS GO!

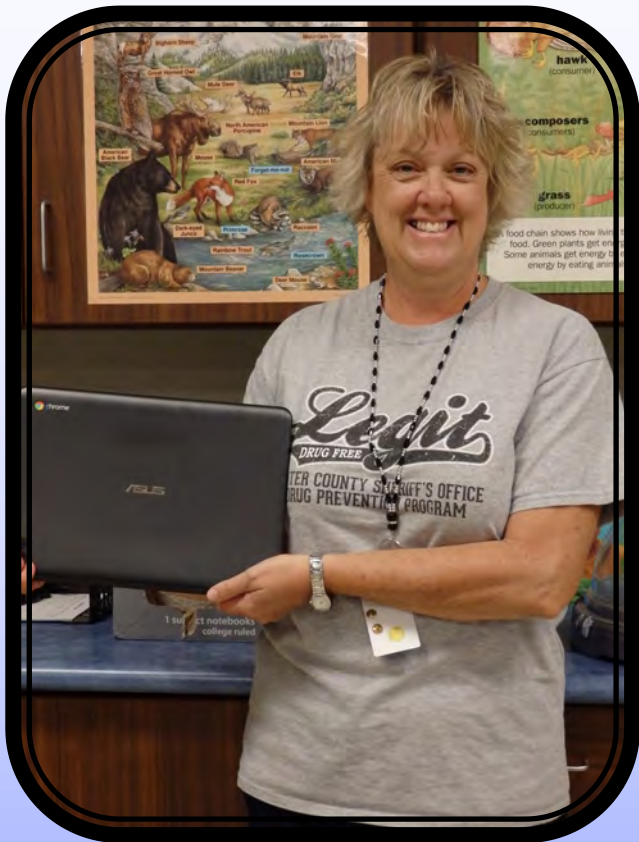




To Hackler Students Bombers are Superstars
GO, FIGHT, WIN BOMBERS!



Hackler Teachers Receive Grants



Mrs. Villiger and Mrs. Mahmud recently received grant items through the Arkansas Community Foundation SIMS Grant Program via the Twin Lakes Community Foundation and coordinated through donorschoose.org. Both teachers received two Chromebooks each. These Chromebooks will be used to facilitate differentiation for students based on a variety of needs such as sight or hearing impaired, students with dyslexia, and low readers. Students will also be able to conduct research for projects, create digital projects, and view labs on YouTube and TED talks. Mrs. Mahmud also received additional items that students will use during labs and projects. Some of those items are a digital balance (mass), a heating element (states of matter), plaster of paris (casts & molds), plant and animal cell models, a "move it" kit (simple machines), a periodic table game, "how scientists do science lab" kit, slide boxes to store our slides in, and several new posters that cover the topics 5th grade students learn. Both Mrs. Villiger and Mrs. Mahmud are extremely thankful for the generosity of the Arkansas Community Foundation and feel privileged to have received grant items for the past three years. Organizations such as the Arkansas Community Foundation that promote science learning in Arkansas will help create more interest in STEM careers for our students, which also improves the future of both our community and our state.

Congratulations!

Hackler Intermediate School Newsletter

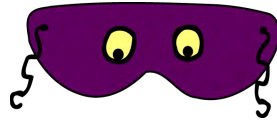
965 West Road, Mtn. Home, AR 72653 ~ Phone 425-1288 / Fax 425-1290

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: 10/16/2014



Around Our School

- School will be dismissed at 2:10 pm on Thursday, October 23rd for Parent Teacher conferences. It is very important that your child knows what to do after school. Please write a note in the daily agenda as to how your child will be going home at 2:10 pm.
- If your child rides a bus, reinforce the importance of staying seated, looking straight ahead, and not bothering others. The bus driver is responsible for transporting students to and from school, and their safety is very important. Riding a bus is a privilege, and that privilege can be revoked if a student is a distraction to the driver. Being taken off the bus can cause hardships on the parents getting their child to and from school. Please discuss the importance of not distracting the driver.
- Report cards will go home with parents during Parent Teacher conferences on October 23.
- Make sure you have scheduled a Parent Teacher conference with your child's homeroom teacher. If you go to the bombers.k12.ar.us website and click on Hackler Intermediate School, click on meet the teachers, locate your child's teacher, and click on the link to send an email. Using the assignment book is also an excellent way to communicate with your child's teacher. Staying active in your child's academic progress is a vital part of their growth and success.
- Parents/Guests— When you sign in at the office to eat lunch with your child, you must go to the cafeteria to wait for your child. Do **NOT** wait by the classroom door in the hallway or go to the classroom. When lunch is over, do not walk your child back to class. Come directly to the office. This is for the safety of all of our students at Hackler.
- Yearbook sales will begin in November. More information coming soon.



LUNCH TIMES FOR HACKLER STUDENTS

3rd Grade: 11:50—12:20

4th Grade: 11:05—11:35

5th grade goes to lunch by teams:

Rubies: 12:40—1:10

(Adamson, Cooper, Markowski, Budolfson, Harris, Mahmud)

Pearls: 1:00—1:30

(Swearingen, Goeke, Villiger, Wilhite, Roper, Caldwell)



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 DVD. The cost of the DVD will be \$10 and can be purchased the night of the program or at school the following week.

A note on Field Trips when PARENTS are allowed to attend

If the student rides the bus to the field trip they have to ride the bus back. If the student rides with a parent, they must also ride back with the parent. Parent/Guardian will need to come into the front office, sign the student in and out, and send the student to class to be counted for attendance. Parents need to make sure to wear a visitor sticker that is clearly visible while on the trip. NO students will be allowed to be checked out while on the field trip. The safety of all students is our #1 priority.

Community Opportunities

Baxter Bulletin's

Christmas Wish Program



This program is for families that are struggling and can not provide presents for their children.

The application process will run thru October 20th. The Christmas Wish Center is located at 1325 Highway 5 South between Shay's Appliances and Dollar General.

Area citizens, organizations, churches, service group and others donate money, toys and clothing to fill the Christmas wishes to makes the holidays a little brighter this year.

Thursday, October 16th during the Lady Bomber volleyball match versus Jonesboro we will recognize all participants of the Junior Elite Volleyball Academy from this past April. All participants need to wear their academy t-shirt and they will get in free. The match will take place at the high school and students will be recognized around 6:30 pm.



Hackler Students are #1

Pinkston Middle School

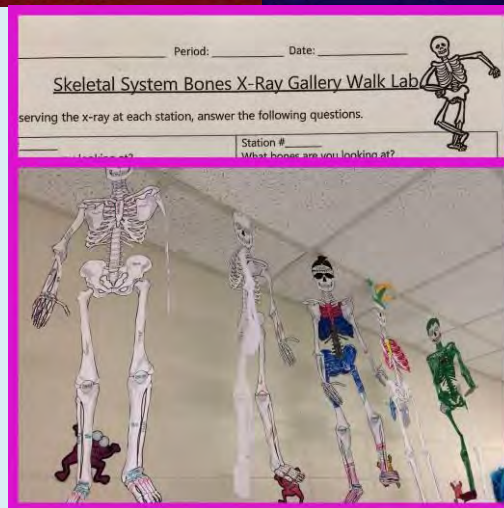


Week ending 10.17.14

EAST NIGHT OUT @PinkstonMiddle 2014



EAST Night Out is a nation-wide EAST open house hosted in over 100 individual communities that have EAST programs. During EAST Night Out, EAST classrooms share with their school, community members, business leaders, media and families the power of student-driven, service-based, technology-infused education. The facilitator and students work together to showcase projects and share their EAST story. Good Job Pinkston Middle School EAST kids!



6th Grade students study the skeletal system by identifying bones on a skeletal model and creating their own paper model. Displays of skeletons can be found throughout the 6th grade halls!



Seniors from Mountain Home High School were guest speakers in Pinkston AAP classes this week. Seniors shared their story of school, community service, college and career planning, as well as the importance of creating future goals.

Thank you Seniors for taking time to come to Pinkston Middle!



Pinkston Get Together!

Former Faculty and Staff members from Pinkston Middle School got together this week to share stories and catch up with each other. Thank you Ms. Knowles for organizing this event! A few current staff members stopped by just to see what all the laughing was about. Of course, with Mr. Rorie and Mr. Maxwell . . . there was no telling what story they were going to tell next! It was wonderful to see everyone!





Pinkston Middle School Attendance Intervention Committee (AIC) PLC shared with the faculty research, resources, and ideas of how we can support student attendance. We are looking forward to meeting their goal of increasing student attendance by 2% in both the 6th and 7th grade! Pinkston's current attendance is at 96.2%!



Pinkston Middle School @Pinkstonmiddle

EAST at Pinkston @AdunavanEast

7th Grade Promise @deniselauerman

DARE @campfield10

Pinkston Media Center @pmslibrary12

Upcoming Pinkston Middle School Events

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

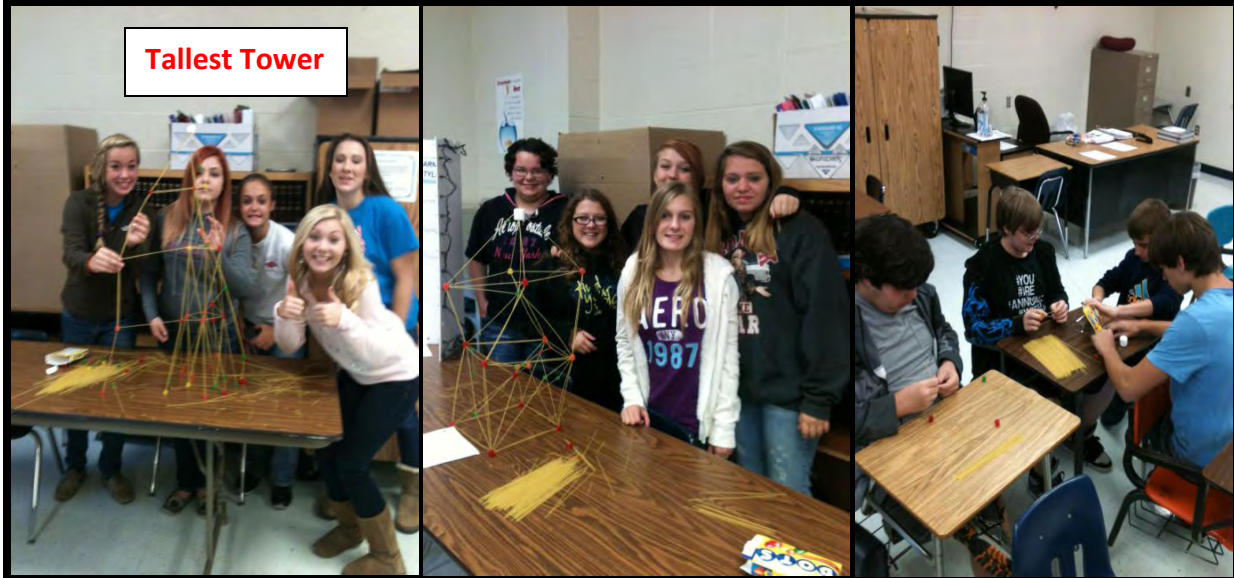
October 22-23 - 7th Grade Science Fair

Mountain Home Junior High

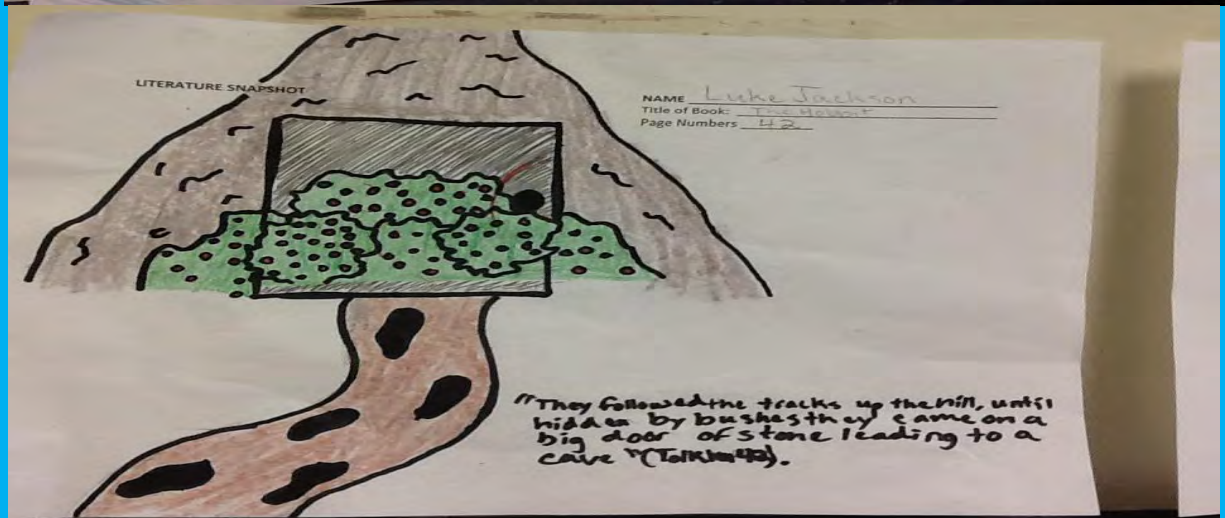
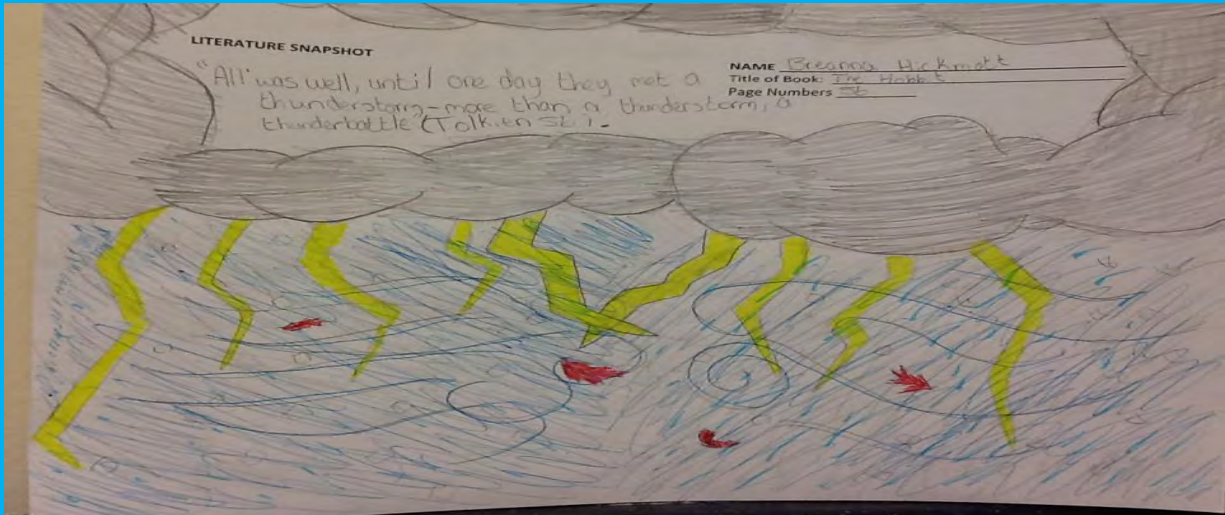
Mrs. Beaver's science classes conducted a study about Arkansas including the Murfreesboro Crater of Diamonds, talked about crystals, and then grew some crystals using boiling water and borax.



Mrs. Traylor's Keystone classes engaged in a team building activity called Spaghetti Towers. The idea is to work in groups of four or five with spaghetti, gum drops, and a marshmallow to achieve the tallest free standing tower. The students determined how to construct the tower and who is responsible for each role. Once time was called, students were asked to reflect over 1) each student's role; 2) what worked; 3) what did not work; and 4) writing legibly in complete sentences. One **student's reflection** was right on when she said, **"Our team realized that building without a firm foundation would cause the tower to collapse....Overall, the activity was a great project for teamwork and communication."**



In-text citation practice in Hickey's class prepared them for MLA citation in their research papers.

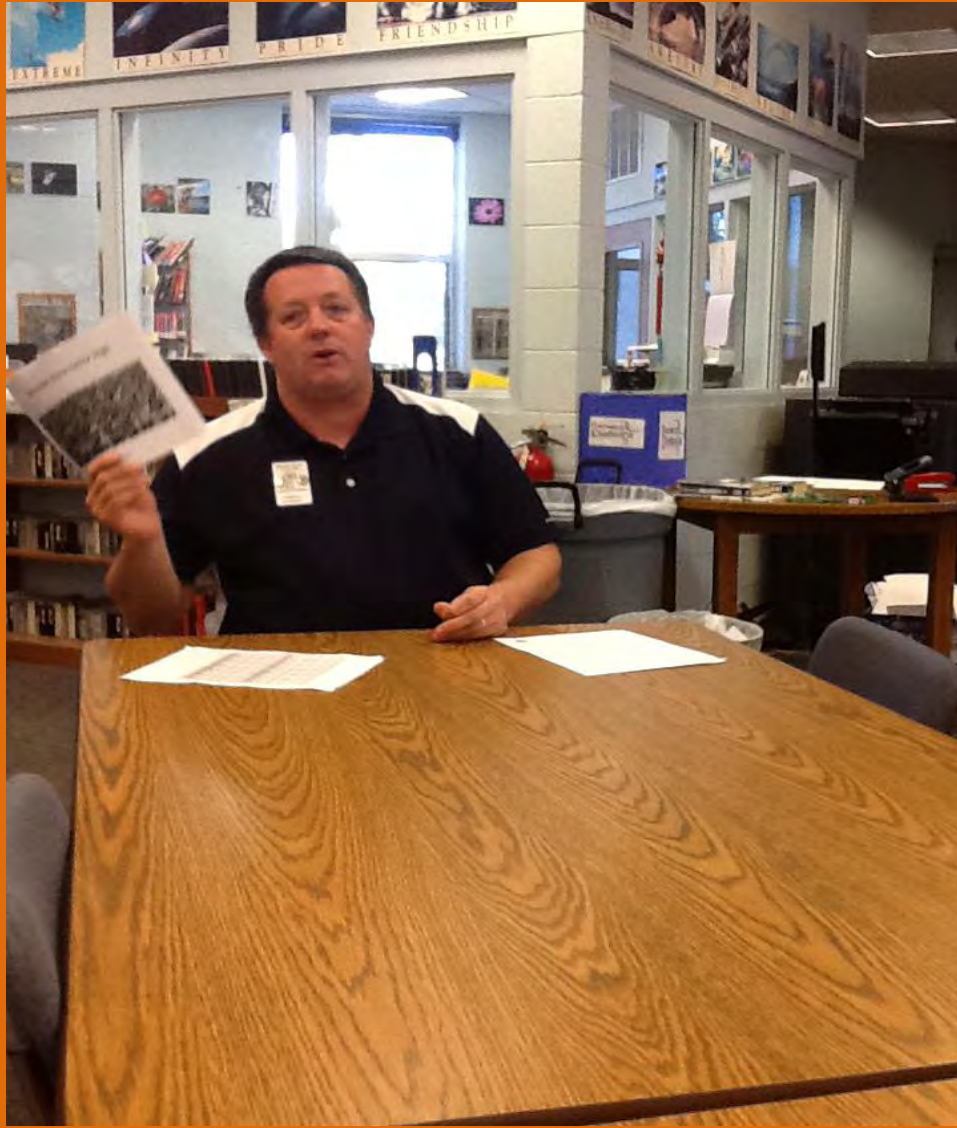


The Eighth Grade Team collaborated on field trip, as well as the integrated project with the drama production *Aladdin*.

Photos were taken by Louise Hickey, who also attended the meeting.



Mr. Czanstkowski met after school with teachers on Wednesday.



Disney's
Aladdin 

Presented by
MHJH Performing Arts

Under the Direction of
Louise Hickey

Nov 1, 3, 4, 6



**Located at
Dunbar Auditorium**

Students represented Mountain Home Public Schools at the capital on Wednesday as Gov. Mike Beebe declared October and Dyslexia Awareness Month.



The JH EAST class worked on News Cast Production



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MHHS CAREER ACADEMIES

EAST Night Out at MHHS



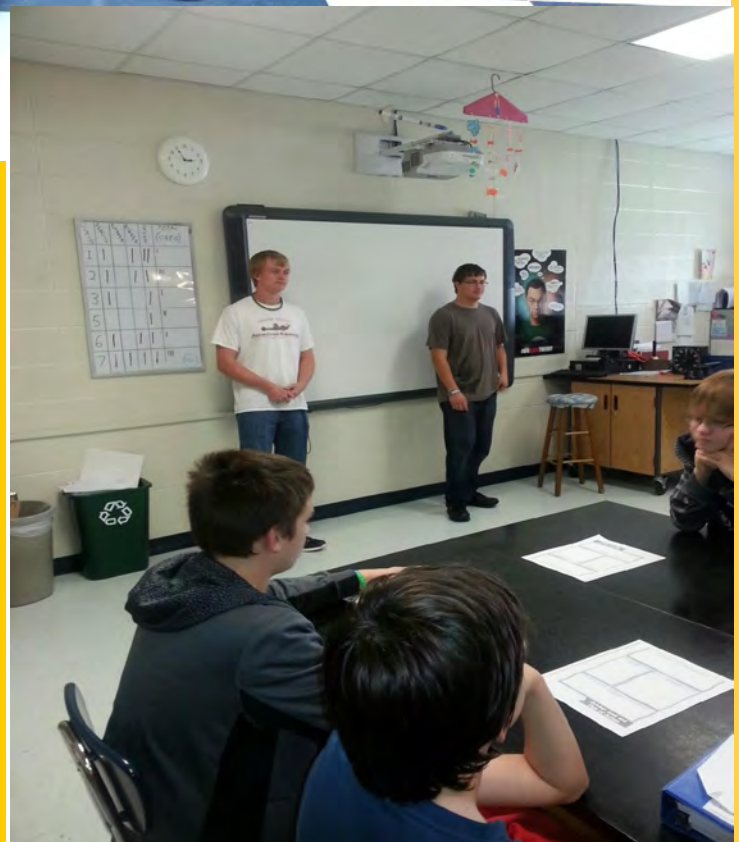
MHHS EAST hosted EAST Night Out on Tuesday. Students showcased their current projects in EAST to the community. We really enjoyed talking with EAST Founder Tim Stephenson about our program.



MHHS Seniors Visit Pinkston Middle School



On Wednesday, October 15th, MHHS seniors spoke to 7th grade advisory classes at Pinkston Middle School about the importance of having a good GPA. This activity was developed through the vertical alignment planning of the academic advisory program in grades 6-12.



Physics Classes Benefit from Driftwood Lanes Donation

Drift-



Driftwood lanes bowling center was kind enough to donate several bowling balls to the high school physics class. Pictured here, the bowling balls are used to familiarize students with Newton's laws of motion including forces and inertia. The physics classes are appreciative of the support from this local business.

Med Procedures Class Ready for Anything!



Students in Nurse C's Medical Procedures class practiced donning and removing isolation garments.





MHHS Band Students Attend Razorback Game with U of A Band Members

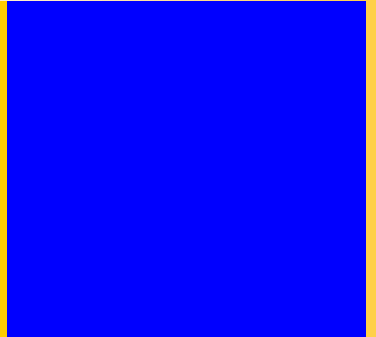
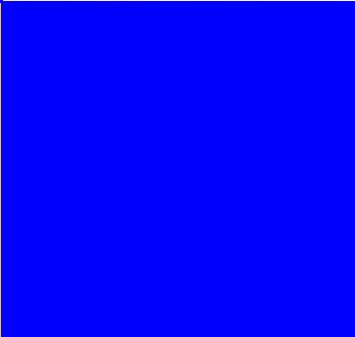


14 MHHS band students went to the Arkansas Razorback vs. Alabama game on October 11 as part of the Razorback Band "Gameday Experience." The students watched the Razorback Band rehearse, visited with former MHHS student in the U of A Band, and attended an informational session about scholarship opportunities available for band students. They participate in the "greet the team" pep rally and watched the pre-game, game, & halftime performances.

JROTC

JROTC supported Homecoming Activities with a Sword Arch for the Homecoming Court, Color Guard for the football game, and marched in the parade.





Mtn. Home High School



Color Your Future with FBLA
Step up to the Challenge 5K

Saturday, November 15, 2014

Mtn. Home High School at the BOMBER

Early Bird Registration Due by October 30, 2014 \$30.00 (Includes a t-shirt day of race)

Check-In and On-Site Registration Begins At 7:00 a.m.

5K Starts at 8:00 a.m.

Colors will be every ½ mile and at the finish line.

On-Site Registration \$35.00 (T-Shirts available while supplies last the day of the race.)

Checks made payable to: MHHS FBLA

Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Sex: M F Date of Birth: _____ Age : _____

Shirt Size (Adult): XS S M L XL XXL Shirt Size (Youth): XS S M L XL

Please send completed registration form, along with cash, or check made payable to MHHS FBLA to:

MHHS FBLA
500 Bomber Blvd
Mtn. Home, AR 72653

Please contact MHHS FBLA at fblamhhs@gmail.com for any questions

Release (Please read and sign below)

I, _____, (and/or as a parent, and/or guardian of the named minor) for and in consideration of acceptance of this entry in the aforementioned event, do hereby release, remise, waive, and forever discharge the Sponsors and any and all other supporting groups of this said running/walking event, together with all of their officers, agents, officials, and employees from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, or cause of action whatsoever arising out of, or related to any injury, illness, loss, or damage, including death, relating to participation in the aforesaid event. I further state I am in proper physical condition to participate in this event.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature if under 18 years: _____ Date: _____

PIE September Volunteer Hours
1962 total hours

Kindergarten:

370 hours for the kindergarten. Walked kids to the fair to tour buildings and exhibits along with our normal copying, cutting, assembling books.

NWH:

Total: 611.50

Volunteers: 28

September 24 NWH had a luncheon for parents who are new to our school district. Several volunteers helped bake desserts and we served sandwiches. It was a great way to encourage new families to get involved at school. Several volunteers helped with the hearing and vision screening that took place at NWH. There was also 90 total hours spent on the back pack program for the students.

Hackler:

We had 495 volunteer hours for September. There were 37 volunteers whose activities/duties included: making copies for teachers, office duties, counting box tops, working on car signs, helping with book fair, and delivering snack packs. Below are a few pictures of volunteers in action.

Pinkston:

VOL HRS: 98:35 - 20 VOLUNTEERS

Pinkston volunteers have been busy helping 6th & 7th grade teachers with copying. They have also helped Mrs. Bryant with tshirts in band. Hearing & Vision clinic was a success, Sara Firment & Annette Walden kept students quiet per Nurse Karen.

MHJH:

4 Volunteers

13 volunteer hours

Clothing closet, hall monitoring, volunteer orientation, assisting staff request, copying, student assistance

MHHS:

Total volunteers 88 / 374 hours

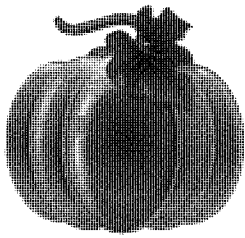
Band-54 people/185 hours

Athletics-28 people/165 hours

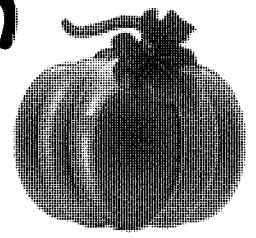
copying-1 person/4 hours

senior picnic parents-5 people/20 hours





Nelson-Wilks-Herron Newsletter



Leah Cotter, Principal

Monday October 20, 2014

Rita Persons, Asst. Principal

~ Christmas Wish List Deadline ~

The Baxter Bulletin's annual Christmas Wish Program has started. Area families needing help with this holiday season can submit their children's wishes on a Christmas Wish application form which is available through October 20th at The Baxter Bulletin office.

Where: Application forms returned to Baxter Bulletin office
16 W. Sixth Street
Mountain Home, AR

When: All forms must returned no later than 5 p.m. Oct. 20th.

Contact: If you have any questions please call 870-508-8000

PARENT REMINDER

NWH collects the following:

- Box Tops for Education
- Campbell Soup Labels
- Best Choice Labels
- Town & Country Receipts

K.T.'S Smokehouse

4th annual Holiday Meat Sale!

MHHS Softball team is participating with KT's Smokehouse and Harp's Market to make your holiday a homerun!

KT's Special Smoked Meat Include:

12lb. Turkey \$40	3-4 lb. Pork \$40
10lb. Ham \$50	2-3 lb. Brisket \$65

For details contact: Coach Bobby Bevel
870-404-7610 /bbevel@mtnhome.k12.ar.us Or
MHHS Athletic office 870-425-1285

1st Annual Crowns for a Cure 2013 Relay for Life Fundraiser Pageant

- **Saturday, October 26**
- **Registration is 1:30 and Pageant starts at 2:00**
- **Any questions or to get registration forms, please call 870-425-7645 or 870-656-6515**

LIMEADES FOR LEARNING

Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Arki, and Mrs. Teegarden all have projects that they are trying to get funded. Sonic is helping with the Limeades for Learning. Here is the link to vote: <http://www.limeadesforlearning.com/pages/find?source=top#search>



CROSSFIT KIDS FITNESS PROGRAM

WHEN: Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:45 to 4:45
September 30th-December 31st

WHERE: Mountain Home Athletic Club

Parent Reminder

Parent-Teacher conferences will be held October 23rd. from 2-8 PM.

Important Dates

Oct. 16th.....	School Pictures
Oct. 18th.....	2nd Quarter Begins
Oct. 23rd.....	Parent-Teacher Conferences
Oct. 31st.....	Halloween Parties
Nov. 6th.....	NWH Fall Festival
Nov. 6th.....	ACSIP meeting for Parents
Nov. 10th-14th.....	Book Fair
Nov. 24th-25th.....	Teacher In-Service (No School for Students)
Nov. 26th-28th.....	Thanksgiving break (No School)

1st Grade Fall Celebrations Times Friday, October 31

12:30 PM: Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Roberson, Mrs. King, Mrs. T. Stone, Mr. Oxford

1:00 PM: Mrs. Arki

1:45 PM: Mrs. Hollingsworth, Mrs. Peirce, Mrs. Seawright, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. R. Williams, Mrs. Teegarten, Mrs. M. Williams, Mrs. Rosa

2:00 PM: Mrs. Goings

2nd Grade Fall Celebrations Times Friday, October 31

10:30 AM: Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Kidd, Mrs. Hoffmann, and Mrs. Barnes

1:00 PM: Mrs. Nunley, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. McCord, Mrs. Kressin, and Mrs. Corp

2:00 PM: Mrs. Wedgeworth, Mrs. Volkman, Mrs. R. Stone, Mrs. Bentley, Mrs. Hardin

Costumes!!!!

Children will be allowed to wear costumes to school on Halloween. They need to arrive at school already in costume. **Please, no face paint, no violent accessories that could cause problems (guns, knives, swords), and remember to wear proper footwear.**

NWH Fall Festival

Date: Thursday November 6th

Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m.

This is a great opportunity for family fun. Activities include assorted games (Plinko, Bingo, Ring Toss etc.), face painting, silent auction, and 50/50. Tickets will be sold for .25 each. Games will vary in ticket cost. Refreshments will be available (pizza, popcorn, freeze pops and water) each item will cost 4 tickets = \$1 each. The money raised will go to help purchase new playground equipment and refurbish some existing pieces.

ACSIP MEETING

Prior to Fall Festival, NWH will host a parent meeting in the NWH Cafeteria from **5:00 - 5:30** to share information about our school.

Mr. and Miss Merry Christmas

Saturday, November 16, 2013 at 3:00 PM

- Located in the Dunbar Auditorium at Mountain Home High School and available for all ages.
- Official forms can be found in the NWH office and must be postmarked no later than Tuesday, November 5, 2013.
- If you have any questions please contact **Tammy Barnes at 870-404-7211**



GBCCA NEWS

GUY BERRY COMMUNITY SERVICE STUDENTS DIGGING FOR GOLD... *FISH!*



One of the projects that students at Guy Berry College and Career Academy are working on is the beautification of the school campus. Students have recently begun work on two ponds that will serve as examples of an ecosystem for the science classes. When completed the ponds will include plants and fish as well as decorative rocks and water features. Students from the science classes are currently raising plants that will be incorporated in the ponds as well.

GUY BERRY JAG STUDENTS TAKING PART IN ASUMH'S "READY2WORK" PROGRAM



Sarah Brozynski, Director of Workforce Education at ASUMH, teaches the READY2WORK program for Guy Berry students in JAG class. Students will earn two college credit hours upon completion of the program. We appreciate the partnership with ASUMH to benefit our students and their future careers!

