



Superintendent Update: October 18, 2013

Quote for the week: “The work an unknown good man has done is like a vein of water flowing hidden underground, secretly making the ground green.”—Thomas Carlyle

We have so many good men and women working together for the benefit of our community. As a school administrator, I could just not work effectively without their assistance. This week I want to thank Bo Gregory from our Mountain Home Chamber of Commerce and Janice Fletcher of the Arkansas Community Foundation for helping me verify some good news our school and community received. Thanks for “making the ground green” in Mountain Home this week.

Earlier in the week I received a press release from an agency called *NerdWallet*. This group had listed Mountain Home as one of the top 10 cities to live in within the state of Arkansas. The release mentioned education as one of the top reasons to locate here. There were other criteria which I will share in this article, but I first want to share the research Bo and Janice helped me with which verifies *NerdWallet* as a reliable source of information.

Bo shared the following information with me. “*NerdWallet* is a legitimate source of information for consumers. Looks like CNN and NY Times approve of them. CNN Money listed NerdWallet in the Top 20 Best Money Sites in 2010. The New York Times Bucks blog recommended NerdWallet to readers in August 2010.”

“Yet one more confirmation... from TechCrunch on April 2, 2013.” It’s unfortunate, but true: Since venture capital funding rounds often provide a straightforward time to meet and report on growing tech companies, awesome bootstrapped startups sometimes slip under our radar here at TechCrunch. Up until now, that’s been the case with NerdWallet, the personal money management and advisory platform that has bootstrapped its way to profitability, a full-time staff of more than 30, and a sweet office in downtown San Francisco.

Janice Fletcher stated the following: “I thought someone at the Chamber might be familiar with the study. Apparently NerdWallet is legitimate. I agree with their study--MH is an excellent place to raise a family and having good schools is a huge part of that.”

As Superintendent, I am obviously prejudiced when I state that we have the best school and community in the state. NerdWallet agrees with independent research that we are in the top 10 which very much supports our pride and love of this great community. I hope our readers enjoy the report. Thanks again to Janice and Bo for their help. It is the main reason our community is the best...the people!



Mountain Home High School's FIRST robotics team the Baxter Bomb Squad has been invited to participate in 2013 Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade by FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition in Science and Technology). The team will be in need of funds in order to be able to participate; I encourage you to support our students in whatever way you can.

If you would like to support the Baxter Bomb Squad with a donation please make it payable to Science and Technology Group, and send to:

Science and Technology Group

ATTN: Jackie Meissner

[500 Bomber Blvd.](#)

[Mountain Home, AR 72653](#)



The High school band competed this afternoon in the Bands of America Super Regional Championship competition that was held in the Edward Jones Dome, St Louis, MO. I enjoyed watching their performance via the internet on the "Music for All" website and in true Bomber excellence they performed wonderfully! Go Bombers!

Have a great weekend.

Lonnie



Mountain Home Among Best Cities in Arkansas for Young Families

Town receives high marks in education and affordable homeownership

San Francisco, CA (October 16, 2013) – NerdWallet, a consumer advocacy website, conducted a study on the best towns in Arkansas for young families, and Mountain Home is in the top ten.

To find the best places for future parents and young families to settle down in the Natural State, NerdWallet analyzed data from 63 Arkansas cities according to five criteria:

1. Public school ratings
2. Median home value
3. Cost of homeownership
4. Median income
5. Economic growth

NerdWallet ranked Mountain Home tenth after assessing the town's cost of living, education system, and economic growth. The town's school district received an eight-out-of-ten rating from the nonprofit, GreatSchools. Mountain Home also has the third-lowest home prices of all cities in the top ten.

“Situated in the southern Ozark Mountains, Mountain Home is a great place for families that love spending time in the outdoors together. The magazine, Outdoor Life, has recognized the city as „The Best Outdoor Town in America’,” said NerdWallet analyst Mike Anderson. “The city is also a trade hub bridging north-central Arkansas with southern Missouri.”

Read the full study [online](#).

For more information about NerdWallet, visit www.nerdwallet.com.

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About NerdWallet

NerdWallet is a consumer-friendly financial literacy website that helps individuals make better financial decisions and set effective financial goals. NerdWallet has been featured in *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal* and *Reuters*.

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Friday Focus

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Friday, October 18, 2013

*"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement,
nothing can be done without hope and confidence." -- Helen Keller*

Assessment, Instruction and Curriculum

Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC):

We had a Hub Meeting on Oct. 14. Teachers and participants learned more about Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC). PARCC begins in 2014-15. During the 2013-14 school year, MHPS is piloting the PARCC assessment in some grades. For more information on PARCC, please refer to the newsletter called PARCC: An New Vision of Assessment.



Cheryl Gall, APSRC Coach, Paula Halstead, Special Education Teacher, and Karyn Jones, Pre-AP English Teacher



A NEW VISION OF ASSESSMENT

The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) is a group of **states that have come together** to develop high-quality student assessments linked to new, more rigorous English language arts (ELA)/literacy and math standards. The assessments will be ready for the 2014–15 school year for students in grades 3–11 and will replace the statewide tests in those subjects that students take now.



The computer-based assessments will address longstanding concerns that parents, educators and employers have about current state assessments. Many current state tests do not measure the ability of students to think critically and apply their knowledge rather than just memorize facts. The new assessments will ask students to answer a variety of types of questions, show their work and explain their reasoning.

Educators need to assess whether students are learning at expected levels or need **extra help**, and they need to determine whether **instructional programs and practices are working**. But educators should measure student learning in useful ways, with meaningful assessments that are worth your child's time.

Depending on the state in which you live, the time your child spends taking the new tests could be shorter, somewhat longer or the same as with current state tests. It is important to remember that the new tests are more comprehensive than the outgoing ones. PARCC will test writing skills at every grade level and critical-thinking and problem-solving skills in an in-depth manner. In math, for example, your child will be asked to explain mathematical reasoning, not just get the answer right. In ELA/literacy, he or she will be asked to read complex passages and draw evidence from the material to make inferences and present a persuasive argument.

How PARCC Will Be Different

The new assessments will:

- Be innovative and engaging. PARCC assessments will be tests worth taking, made up of engaging texts and real-world problems. They will ask your child to write essays and answer questions that resemble the kind of high-quality coursework you see in the best classrooms at all grade levels and in colleges.
- Monitor and signal whether your child is on track for success in college or a career. The new tests will signal whether your child is making expected progress and whether he or she is on track to succeed in college or careers or needs extra support. Right now, too many young people graduate from high school unprepared and unexpectedly get stuck in expensive, noncredit-bearing remedial courses in college —



courses that do not lead to a degree or certificate at a community college, four-year college or university, or technical training program.

- Provide educators and parents useful data on student achievement in a timely way. Teachers, parents and students sometimes get test data much too late, even after the school year has ended. The new computer-based PARCC tests will provide results much faster and in a more useful format than before. PARCC plans to release more than just scores. It also will release a portion of the test questions and answers at the end of each year, so parents and educators can use the data to help reinforce what students are doing well and where they need to improve.
- Connect to the Common Core State Standards. Nearly every state is working to implement rigorous K–12 standards that spell out what your child needs to know in each grade in ELA/literacy and math to ensure he or she is on track to succeed in college or careers. The new tests will assess learning based on these new standards.
- Provide comparability among states and equity among students. Every child in America deserves access to excellent standards and assessments, and mastering 4th grade math should mean the same thing from school to school and state to state. PARCC will assess what every student knows and can do — from high-achieving to low-achieving children. The computer-based tests will also better enable people with disabilities and English language learners to demonstrate their knowledge and skills.

Grade 3 Sample Test Item

SAMPLE ITEM

Part A
A farmer plants $\frac{3}{4}$ of the field with soybeans. Drag the soybean to the field as many times as needed to show the fraction of the field that is planted with soybeans.

Part B
Type a fraction different than $\frac{3}{4}$ in the boxes that also represents the fractional part of the farmer's field that is planted with soybeans.

$$\frac{3}{4} = \frac{\square}{\square}$$

Explain why the two fractions above are equal.

Farmer's Field



Soybean

This sample test item has more than one possible solution. Unlike traditional multiple choice, guessing the correct answer or using a strategy to eliminate choices is difficult. Students can also create a visual representation even though the task is scored by a computer.

Getting Ready

- **Training Teachers.** Educators from across the country have been working with their states through PARCC to become leaders and experts on the new assessments. They are sharing their knowledge and expertise with their peers and will help other teachers get up to speed on the new tests.
- **Technology.** Schools will be able to use a range of devices from desktop computers to laptops and tablets. This is the same technology used for instructional purposes throughout the year. Schools across the country are now determining what additional technology and bandwidth they may need to administer the tests.
- **What You Can Do.** Now is the time to ask questions and find out how teachers are preparing for the new assessments, what kind of planning is happening and how you can help your child get ready.

Please visit the PARCC website at www.PARCConline.org. You will find sample test questions and more information about the design and development of these new assessments. If you would like to contact PARCC, please go to www.PARCConline.org/contact.

Personnel and Professional Development

Stipends for JH Quiz Bowl Coach: If you are interested in coaching a 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:

October 22: Mountain Home School Board Meeting at 6pm in the central office board room

October 24: MHEF Night of Honors at 5:30 at the Catholic Church of St. Peter the Fisherman

PIE Volunteer September Board Report **2,331 Volunteer Hours**

Kindergarten – 17 volunteers, 212 hours

Volunteers copied, laminated, and cut materials for teachers. They copied and created student books. Volunteers chaperoned during field trips to the Mountain Home Berry Farm and Fair. Upcoming events are Nov 7th and 8th Grandparents Day and Nov 7th through Nov 15th Book Fair.

Nelson-Wilks-Herron – 43 volunteers, 830.5 hours

Volunteers chaperoned Fair field trips, copied materials for teachers, created Halloween booklets and projects, organized plastic student folders, organized worksheets, created bulletin board displays and helped with office duties. Volunteers are preparing all of the new Susan Barton spelling program materials. We helped with hearing/vision screening. We will be helping with flu clinic. Our coordinators have worked very hard to ensure that EVERY TEACHER at NWH has a volunteer this year!



Johanna Hill, Jamie Schmitz, Amber Lunnen, April Dover
Hanging pumpkins for Mrs. Hoffmann!



Hearing/Vision screening at Nelson Wilks Herron

Hackler – 52 volunteers, 335 hours

Volunteers copied materials for teachers, created bulletin board displays and decorations. We worked the Book Fair and counted/submitted BoxTops. Volunteer Coordinators Jamie Cox and Katrina Dismore designed T-shirts to raise money for Teacher Appreciation events. Shirts are \$12 and can be purchased at Hackler.



Pinkston – 17 volunteers, 210.5 hours

Volunteers copied materials, created bulletin boards, decorated 7th grade for the Call of the Wild unit and Reading Baseball, laminated materials, processed BoxTops, distributed weekly snack packs, and washed/dried/sorted clothes for the clothing closet. We are putting together parent information kits for student-led conferences. Volunteers also processed student paperwork for the flu clinic and will be helping with the hearing/vision screening.



Tanya Yates, Sondee Connelley, Rebecca Barbor, Angela Justman, and Missy Babin
Working the Pinkston Flu Clinic

Jr High – 5 volunteers, 48 hours

Volunteers assisted with hall monitoring during the lunch hour, provided office assistance, read/administered tests to students who require assistance, photocopied materials, and collected and organized items for the clothing closet. The Jr High clothing closet is an ongoing and much-needed project. It is used many times each week by students and requires constant maintenance and restocking. Keep the needs of the clothing closet in mind when you are sorting through your closets. We are especially in need of gently-used CLEAN winter coats. We also need hygiene supplies. Bring any complimentary toiletries provided in hotels home with you from your travels and drop them off for the clothing closet!





High School – 148 volunteers, 695 hours

Volunteers worked as assistant coaches and athletic game organizers. Band Booster volunteers ran game concessions. Volunteers also helped with the senior picnic. Parent Center planning volunteers met to discuss the organization and role of a Parent Center in the high school.



Thanks to Fire Marshall Eddie White and 911 personnel who gave students a first-hand look at a real live fire truck.



Students lead in the pledge of allegiance and moment of silence at Mountain Home Kindergarten with the help of Mrs. Linda.



Ms. Melissa and Mrs. Conly show brave faces while getting their flu shots.



October 18, 2013 Newsletter

Word of the Month: Responsibility

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 for lunch, please let us know no later than October 25th. Our sweet cafeteria ladies have a big job preparing breakfast and lunch for nearly 400 people 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 25th. ***(PLEASE check the schedule of the classes and the dates they will be eating listed below.)***

Family Fun Night & Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 19th from 6:00pm-9:00pm. at the Mountain Home L. C. Sammons Youth Center. The event is free and is open for all community members. For more information on the event please visit www.mountainhomeparksandrec.com or call (870) 424-7275.

The first annual "Battle of the Banks" chili supper will be on Friday, October 25, 2013, hosted by the Mountain Home Education Foundation. This will take place right before the Mountain Home High School Homecoming football game. Area banks will be competing to create the finest chili found in Mountain Home. The public is invited to purchase some of this incredible chili by purchasing a ticket from a Pinkston Middle School Promise/East Student, a Mountain Home High School Band member, or from the MHEF office (425-1228, MHEF@mtnhome.k12.ar.us). Tickets are \$5.00 and include a bowl of chili, cinnamon roll and a drink. The event will be held at Bomber Stadium 4:30 – 6:30

DAVID'S TRAIL EVENT: Take some time to take your children to experience the outdoors at the Panther Bay Day Use Park this Saturday, October 20 from 1-4 p.m. There will be earthworm races, mammal pelts, scat and tracks, aquatic macroinvertebrates, as well as frog and toad call identification, tree life cycles, heirloom seed planting and face painting. [Directions to Park: From Vada Sheid Bypass and 62 East Intersection, follow 62 East for 4.8 miles. Turn left onto 101 North, go 0.8 miles, take 1st right into Panther Bay Point.]



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Upcoming Events:

Red Ribbon Week – October 28, 2013 – November 1, 2013

Fall Festival Parties – October 31, 2013 - Begin at 1:30 p.m.

Book Fair – November 4-8

Grandparent(s) Day

November 7 (North Hall)

King	10:35
Christy	10:45
Sallee	11:55
Goettler	11:05
Diane	11:15
Powell	11:25
Ducker	11:35
Henderson	11:45
Pugsley	11:55

November 8 (South Hall)

Shy	10:35
Pitchford	10:45
Crecelius	10:55
Owens	11:05
Rogers	11:15
Kasinger	11:25
McLean	11:35
Newton	11:45
Rowlett	11:55

Thanksgiving Break – November 25-19

Champions for Kids

SIMPLE Giving

Stop by your local Walmart and donate care items for our kids!

Stop by your local Walmart and pick up tissues, hand wipes, soap, shampoo, and deodorant to donate in the purple donation bins between **Oct. 30 - Nov. 11**.

All donations will go directly to children and classrooms in our school district. This donation program is part of the non-profit Champions for Kids SIMPLE Giving program with Walmart to provide resources to children across America. For more information, go to championsforkids.org



Purchase items



Donate in purple bins

#SIMPLEGiving

What is SIMPLE Giving?

From **Oct. 30 - Nov. 11**, customers at participating Walmart stores will have the **opportunity to donate care items at purple in-store donation bins to support children in their local community** as part of Champions for Kids SIMPLE Giving program. Those donation bins will be collected by the school district where each Walmart store is located and distributed to children and classrooms in the district, so all of the donations will help our local kids. By donating items and telling parents and local community groups about the program, you are helping children in your community get the resources they need to thrive!



Champions for Kids makes it simple to give kids in your community the resources they need to thrive.

Champions for Kids, 26 West Center Suite, 215 Fayetteville, AR 72701 / 479.582.2008 / www.championsforkids.org / facebook.com/championsforkids / [@champions4kids](https://twitter.com/champions4kids)

Mountain Home High School *Bomber Theatre*

would like to invite everyone to its fall production,

“Epic Proportions”

by Larry Coen and David Crane.

Showtimes are Friday, October 18th and Saturday, October 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Doors will open at 6:30 and entrance will be
\$6 for Adults and \$4 for Students.

Come join us for a fun evening of theatre!!



MAINTENANCE MATTERS

The maintenance crew has been busy this week delivering tables and chairs for various events. Tables and chairs were needed by PMS for the science fair. Senior High needed tables and chairs for the Senior Olympics and tables and barrels were needed for a cross-country meet.

The fence around the playground area at Nelson Wilks has been lowered approximately 2 and a half inches to keep animals off the playground. The mowing crew has been busy with keeping the grass cut and doing the weed eating and trimming.

The work at the 'auxiliary services building' (old M & M Concrete) is going along nicely. The outside walls have been repaired in hopes the crew from the prison at Calico Rock will be here soon to paint. Lonnie Uchtman has finished blocking in old doorways and opening new doorways where needed. Mike Walker and Eric Smith have been busy installing conduit and pulling wire for the First Robotic team and will be starting on the area designated for Food Service.

Have a great fall weekend.

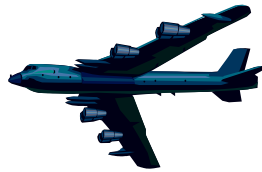
Pinkston Middle School



Week ending 10.18.13

Parent/Teacher Conferences and Parent Fair

Pinkston Middle School Science Fair



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!

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 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 9th 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.

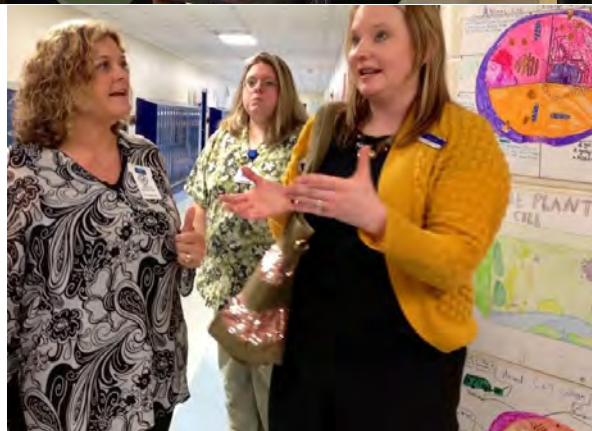
Be a part of "1 Million Meals" this year!

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

EAST Night Out

Students spent hours preparing for EAST Night Out. They created posters, QR codes, finished programs on the computer, planned pictures for the visitors, sent invitations, and prepared a hospitality corner. There were more than 200 people that attended

Pinkston EAST Night Out. We appreciate our kids, parents, community, Dr. Myers, Dr. G, our school board members, and facilitator, Mrs. Dunavan. Great Job!





We are on Twitter! @Pinkstonmiddle
EAST at Pinkston Tweets @AdunavanEast
7th Grade Promise has Twitter and Tweets 2 @deniselauerma
Pinkston Choir TWEETS! @Pinkstonchoir
DARE is on Twitter @mandeelove32



Upcoming Events for Pinkston Middle:

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 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 6th Grade – Nov. 4

HACKLER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL WEEK ENDING 10-18-2013



HACKLER UNITES AGAINST BULLYING

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

Together, we can unite and support students being bullied everywhere.

Show them they are not alone, that someone cares.

MAKE IT ORANGE.

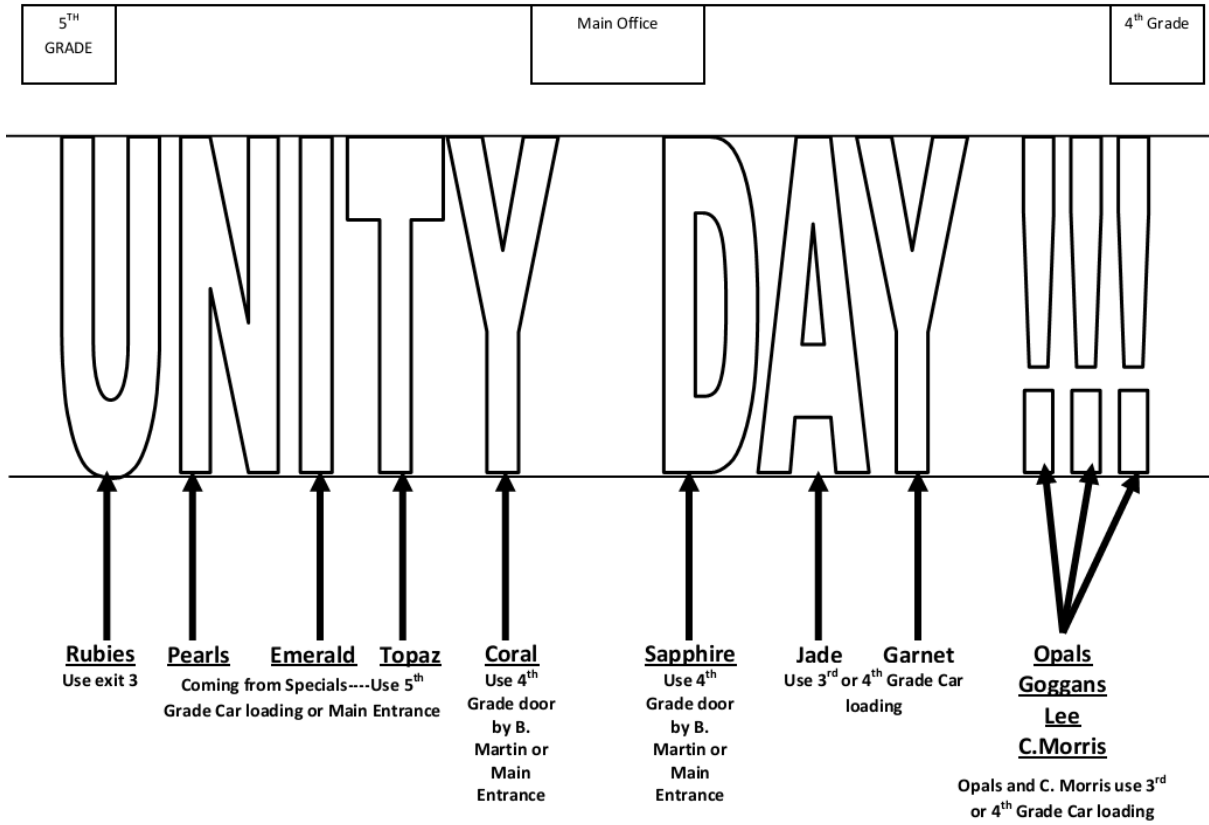
MAKE IT END



Thank you to Officer Mande Love, Baxter County Sheriff, John Montgomery, Aviation Pilot, Benny Magness, Lieutenant Ralph Byrd, and Kevin Piper with the Baxter Bulletin for the fly over and photographs. It was a great opportunity for our school to take a stand against bullying.

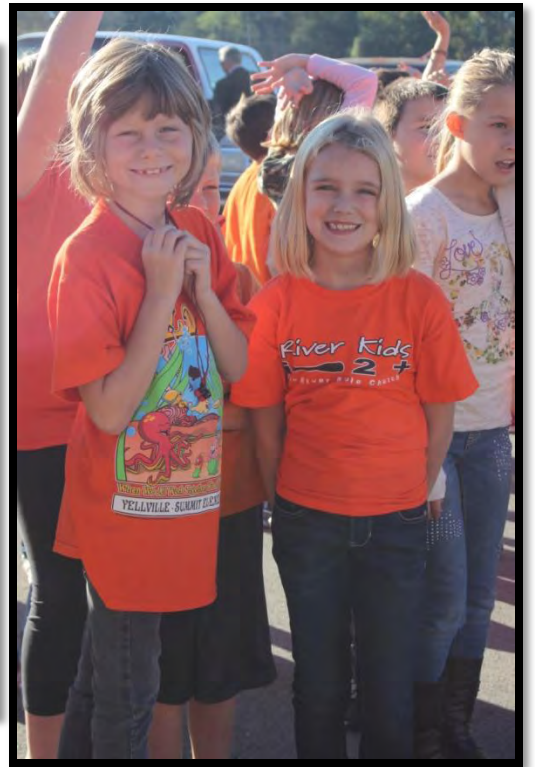


A special THANK YOU to Hackler's own: Sherry Mohler, Kara Morris and Samantha Bentley for coming up with a plan, chalking the letters and coordinating our students. We truly were united.



-----Parking Lot-----







IT'S THE GREAT WEEK OF GIVING!

This is Hackler's 3rd annual great week of giving. The amount of food donated was tremendous! The food donated will be distributed to various food organizations in the area.

Together, we can help alleviate hunger in our area!

**Thank you Laura Newth, Mtn. Home McDonalds,
and Arvest Bank!**



A BIG thank you to everyone who donated!



Just look at the results!





GREAT JOB HACKLER GEMS

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 17, 2013

Around our School

- We have regular school dismissal on Friday, October 18th.
- Report cards will be given out during Parent/Teacher conferences.
- Parents - PLEASE do not call the school to change the way your child is to go home unless it is an emergency. If your child is to go home a different way, send a note to the homeroom teacher to let her know, and she will issue a bus pass if necessary. If your child needs a reminder, utilize the assignment book to write notes. We can't guarantee calls taken after 2:00 pm will be delivered to your child.
- Tutoring starts October 21st. If your child is signed up for after school tutoring you will receive a reminder note today.
- October 25th is Blue & Gold day in celebration of Homecoming. We will be having our first pep rally of the year. Get ready to cheer on our BOMBERS as they face Little Rock Friday night.
- Wear your Halloween costume on October 31st as a part of Red Ribbon Week. NO blood, guts or gore!

The Great Week of Giving!!

Friday, October 18th is the last day to participate in Hackler's 3rd annual great week of giving! 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. 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, Mtn. Home McDonalds, and Arvest Bank!

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.



The Mountain Home Education Foundation(MHEF) will be hosting its first annual”Battle of the Banks” chili supper on Friday, October 25, 2013, before the Mountain Home High School Homecoming football game. Arvest Bank, First Security Bank, Integrity First Bank, Twin Lakes Community Bank, Bank of the Ozarks and Nosari Home Mortgage all will be competing to create the finest chili found in Mountain Home. The public is invited to purchase some of this incredible chili by purchasing a ticket from a Pinkston Middle School Promise/East Student, a Mountain Home High School Band member, or from the MHEF office. Tickets are \$5 and include a bowl of chili, cinnamon roll and a drink. The event will be held at Bomber Stadium 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. October 25, 2013.




Hello Everyone!!

I have recently submitted a project on Donors Choose. Right now, Sonic is teaming up with Donors Choose to fund projects. If you go to the Limeades for Learning website you can vote for my project. You can vote once a day until October 27. The project with the most votes gets funded by Sonic’s Limeades for Learning. So, I need your HELP!! Please vote for my project as often as possible. J It doesn’t take very long and I would really appreciate it!!



Here is how you do it;

- 1) Go to www.limeadesforlearning.com
- 2) Go to Find A Project
- 3) Search 1059837
- 4) Then vote-all you have to do is put your e-mail address in the blank and then it will register your vote

Also, if you love  drinking limeades they give you a sticker with a vote code on it. If you’d like to pass those along to me I can put those towards my project as well.

Thank you,

Gianna Sherry



Athletic Friday Focus 10-18-13

Good Luck to both Tennis teams as they head for state competition next Monday and Tuesday in Russellville. Congratulations to the Bombers for winning the 6A East/Central conference Championship and to the Lady Bombers for finishing as conference Runners-up. Christian Mathis and Jaden McClellan qualified for the boys and Eliska Wurfel, Cortni Thomas, Rachel Arnold, Logan Waldon, Cara Conner, and Maddie Lewis qualified for the Lady girls.

The Lady Bomber Volleyball team split conference matches this week losing to Jonesboro but bouncing back to beat West Memphis. The Lady Bombers will have their final home match next Monday, October 21, vs Greene Co. Tech. JV will start at 5:00 followed by the varsity at 6:00. We so much appreciate our "Boom Squad" – the BEST student section in the state!

Football travels to Jonesboro this evening to take on the Hurricanes. Good luck to the Bombers.

"Run With The Bulls" is set for tomorrow beginning at 8:00 behind the high school. Come join the fun and help support the Cross Country teams.

Just a friendly reminder – tickets for the MH Athletic Hall of Honor must be purchased by next Tuesday, October 22. Cost for school personnel is \$10. You may call 870-425-1285 to reserve your ticket or stop by the athletic office any time. Those being inducted this year include John Boogaart, Don Webb, Danny Keeter, and Leslie Marler Henderson. The reception and banquet will be on Saturday, October 26, beginning at noon in the high school cafeteria. (All tickets must be pre-ordered).

We had a full gym on Thursday for the annual Senior Olympics! The seniors competed in many contests including horseshoe pitching, wheel chair races, obstacle courses, softball and frisbee throw, bean bag toss, etc. My favorite is always the dance contest! These participants seem to really enjoy the chance to complete and are very appreciative that we allow them access to the gym. Heidi Kinslow, event organizer, does a great job of organizing this annual event for the area seniors.

Go Bombers!
Janet Wood, AD



Rachel Arnold – sporting new tennis uniforms



Senior Olympians
Dance contest winner!

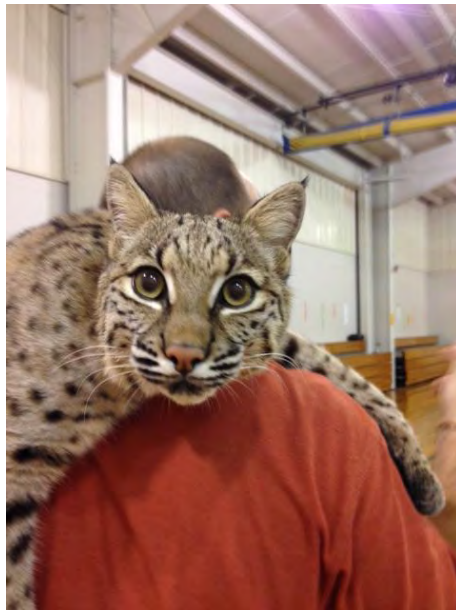


Senior Olympians
Applauding the winners.

NELSON-WILKS-HERRON

Bob Tarter, The Animal Guy

On Wednesday, Mr. Tarter brought some really cool animals to share with our first graders.



This is Beebop the Bobcat. He was pretty playful!



Meet Elliott, the Eurasian Eagle Owl.



Here is Prairie Dog Carl, who would not smile for the camera!



Guess what this is? No, it's not a baby alligator! This is a dwarf Caiman.



How would you like this snake necklace?

MOUNTAIN HOME JUNIOR HIGH

MHJH teachers met several hours over the past two weeks preparing for the 8th Grade **Arkansas Vacation Integrated Project**. Every subject in the 8th grade will be collaborating on the project. Please ask your child how the project is going from mid-October through mid-November.



Students in Mr. Bryan Mattox's 9th Grade Physical Science classes performed labs on density. The students were able to make "Lava Lamps" by using liquids with different densities. For fun, the classes also made "glow-in-the-dark" solutions.



MHJH students enrolled in the Civics classes of Mr. James Maze and Mr. George Zorman recently performed the Annual Revolutionary War Reenactment. Mr. Maze and Mr. Zorman taught the students about responsible citizenship as the students prepared to “role-play” the Revolutionary War. We would also like to thank Mrs. Shelli Jones for getting the “Chicks-N-Spurs” organization to help the reenactment by providing horses and flags, and Mr. Kevin Bodenhammer for providing a real-life cannon (It is really LOUD!!). The horses, flags, and cannon made the reenactment much more authentic!



Mr. Mike Stockton of Wells Fargo spoke to the 9th Grade Keystone students of Mr. Randy Barnhill and Mrs. Jodi Tejcek about the value of the dollar, managing finances responsibly, credit cards, credit, etc. The students asked a lot of great questions and learned a lot from Mr. Stockton. Thank you, Mr. Stockton, for helping our students!



Students in the Community-Based Instruction class of Mrs. Ginger Parker and Mrs. Susie Teague recently spent time improving the "Ability Garden" on the MHJH campus. The students made the garden a better place for people and animals.

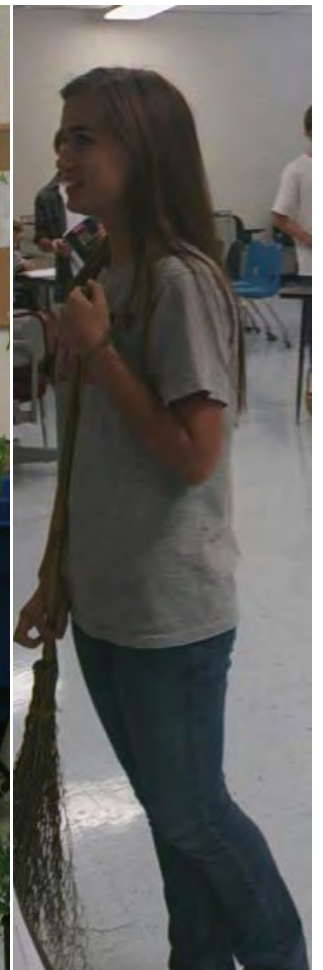
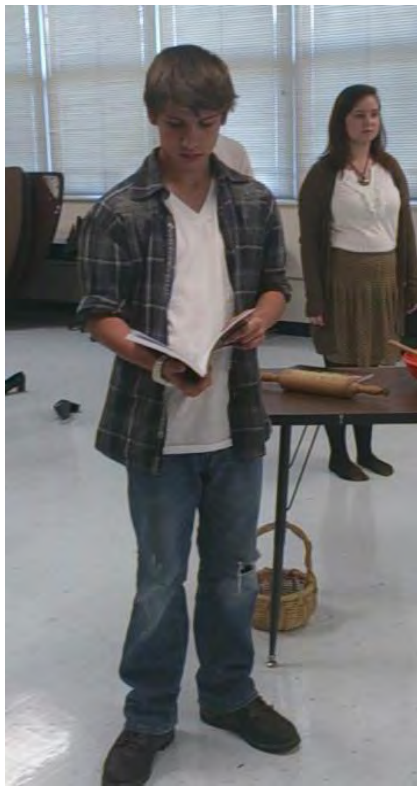


THERE'S NO BUSINESS

LIKE SHOW BUSINESS



Rehearsing "Into the Woods"



MHJH Performing Arts presents *Into the Woods, Jr.* November 7, 8, and 9 at Dunbar Auditorium. As is our custom, we are offering teachers and staff one complimentary ticket at their request.

Mountain Home FFA members proudly wear their FFA “Showing for a Cure” breast cancer awareness shirts this month as they exhibit their livestock at county, district and state events. Contributions are being made to breast cancer research through the AR FFA Foundation.

