

### FROM SUPERINTENDENT DR. MYERS

Superintendent Update: October 24, 2014

Quote for the week: “Students are volunteers, whether we want them to be or not. Their attendance can be commanded, but their attention must be earned. Their compliance can be insisted upon, but their commitment is under their own control.”—Phillip Schlechty

What do teachers say about their best teachers? These are questions and answers from Bill Powers, but I have to believe our students would not be terribly different in their responses.

1. **“Someone who is funny and makes learning fun.”** When digging further the students described this as someone who enjoyed teaching and it showed in the day-to-day interactions with students. Funny means **“they laugh with us when we make mistakes and they aren’t always uptight about every little thing.”** A few students went on to say, **“We make mistakes. We are kids. It’s not that we don’t care. We do care and we really are trying.”** Several of the students went on to say, **“They (teachers) remember what it is like to be a kid and they don’t take everything so serious.”**

2. **“Someone that really cares about me.”** Basically the overall perception of students is they can tell the difference between “lip service” and genuine caring. Several students said they felt insulted by teachers who “pretend” to care about them. Perception is reality for all of us.

3. The students also lumped **“caring”** in with **“someone who treats everyone the same.”** Basically the students stated we are all equal. **“We don’t all have the same talents, but we all have something to offer to the class. But in most of my classes “we are all expected to do the same thing.”**

4. This led to the **“they let us work in groups and on projects!”** and **“make learning fun.”** This was probably the most popular comment. The students mentioned the fact they enjoyed having a choice and hands-on activities. The No. 1 issue brought up with this topic was **“some teachers enjoy hearing themselves talk to much. I can Google most of what they tell me.”** When I asked more probing questions the students continued by saying **“I want to learn by doing. Not writing down facts I will never need.”** I dug deeper and found the students want to apply the learning by creating and using technology tools they have at home instead of **“always using a poster board or taking a multiple choice test.”**

With students, their perception is their reality. They want to be heard and they deserve to be heard. Please watch at least some of the video by Angela Maiers about “you matter.” Students

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#### Special dates of interest:

- \* Lunch Board Meeting November 5th at Guy Berry
- \* Regular Board Meeting November 20th

do matter...not for our future success, but for now...the present! I hope you enjoy it.

**News for the week:**

Mountain Home hosted the Region 2 school board training for the Arkansas School Boards Association. Thank you to Neal Pendergrass for serving as a regional board member and having a voice on the state level to help us attain this meeting for Mountain Home Public Schools. We had a great training on the hot topics in education and I can never say enough about how much I appreciate our board for taking an active role at the regional and state level. We are so fortunate to have a board in which we can depend on, each and every board member looking out for the best interests of our students.

Have a great weekend everyone!

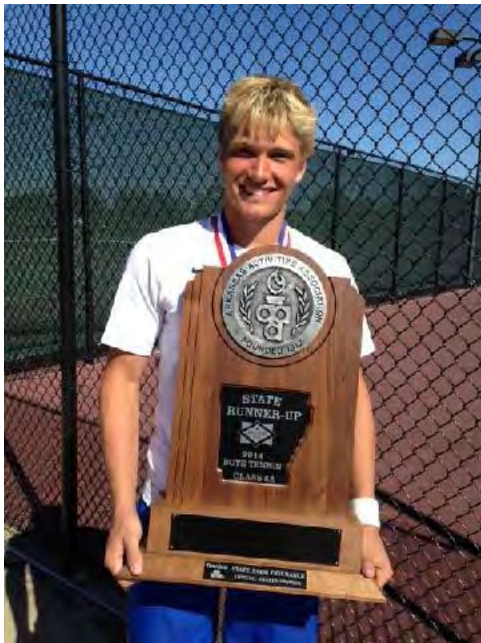
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Video for the week:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7FHdHUzRnms>



Congratulations to Coach David Moore and both tennis teams for an outstanding showing in the 6A State Tournament held at Jonesboro Monday and Tuesday of this week. Jaden McClellan was State Runner-up and also led the Bombers to a State Runner-up team finish. Cortni Thomas was State Runner-up and the Lady Bombers finished third overall. Maddy Lewis and Cara Conner also scored points for the Lady Bombers but lost in the semi-finals. Both Jaden and Cortni will compete in the overall tennis tournament next Wednesday and Thursday in Little Rock.



Jaden McClellan- 6A State Runner-up



Cortni Thomas - 6A State Runner-up



Jaden McClellan and Coach David Moore

# Mountain Home Junior High

MHJH Performing Arts rehearses  
in the cafeteria for *Aladdin*.



**Choreographer Serena Hickey, MHHS senior,  
teaches dance to the junior high cast.**





# Aladdinnettes!



As part of the ninth grade integrated project over HONOR, Mrs. Ellington's students are working on graphs and interpretations and how it relates to Harper Lee's classic novel, *To Kill A Mockingbird*.

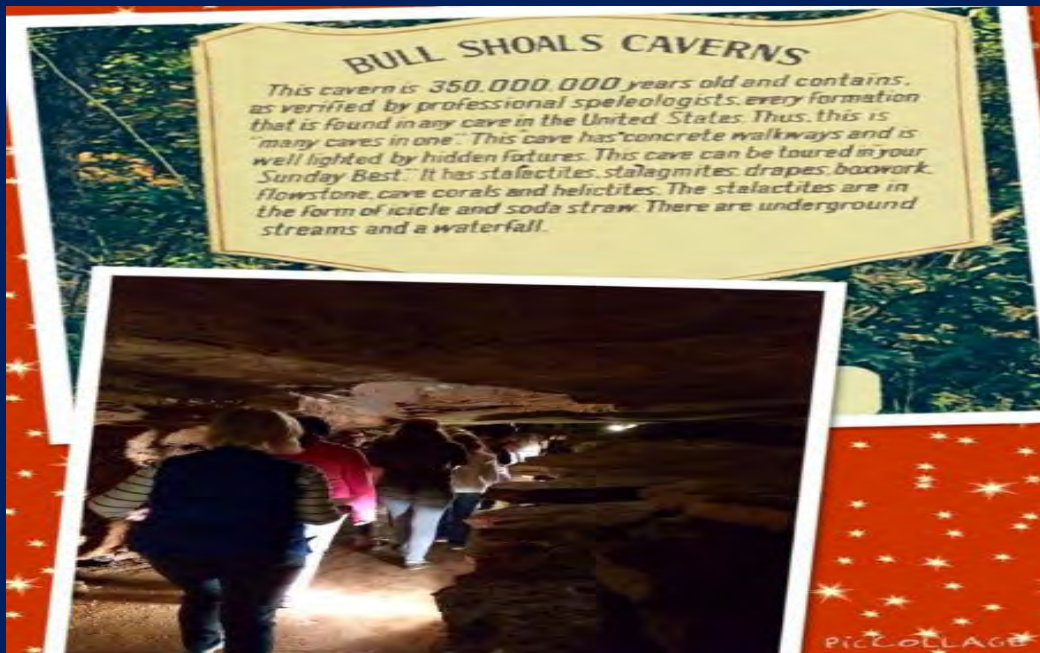




After completing the Arkansas History **integrated** project, eighth graders celebrated on a field trip to Bull Shoals-White River State Park.







Thank you to Mr. Zorman's Civics students volunteered for the Kindness, Inc. Golf Tournament. They are Rowan Laidler, Ely Johnson, Gabe Henderson, Eddie Just, and Alex Stidman.



GO MHJH BOMBERS!





# Mountain Home FFA

Allyson Morrison

Division champion and 3rd overall Mkt Steer  
\$5,000 from the University of Arkansas & AR Farm Bureau.



James Daniel Brown was awarded a \$1,000. 00 Scholarship from the AR State Fair for exhibiting the #6 overall Market Steer

University of Arkansas paid \$2,400 to Chelsea Donaldson Reserve Grand Champion Pen of Broilers. She is a SR at MHHS and a member of MH FFA.



## Grand Champion Market Steer

Arkansas Farm Bureau paid \$9,500 in premiums to Mackenzie Morrison ! Mackenzie is the 14-year-old daughter of Blake and Tracy Morrison of Mountain Home. She is an eighth-grader at Mountain Home Jr High and a member of MH FFA

Tiffany Johns a Jr @ MHHS recieved a \$1,000.00 scholarship from AR State Fair for 9th over all in the Market Steer Show



Reserve Grand Champion Shorthorn Bull  
Bodie Cotter is Jr @ MHHS and a member of MH FFA



**Kathy Lawrence's students collaborating and brainstorming in her Child Development class**



**Taking a “brain break”...Students in Kathy Lawrence's Child Development and FACS classes play the pencil game this week and enjoy some collaborative learning activities!**



# Pinkston Middle School



Week ending 10.24.14

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## Congratulations!

The following Pinkston Middle School teachers were awarded SIMS grants.

- Mrs. Fairchild – “Encouraging Life Long STEM Learners” – 2 Chromebooks
- Mr. Moore – “The Technology Driven Math Classroom” – 2 Chromebooks
- Mrs. Nelson – “Student Engineers Explore Ways to Create a Greener Planet” – 3 KNEX Education exploring Wind and Water Energy
- Mr. Fisher – “We Need Bullfrogs’ Ready to Dissect! Please, ARCT/SIMS” – 5 sets of 72 Bullfrogs
- Ms. Biggs – ““But, Why? Let’s Experiment and Find Out!” – 20 synthetic vinyl gloves, baking soda, 6 gallons of Elmer’s glue, 500 gallon size ziplock bags, 500 sandwich size ziplock bags, and rubbing alcohol

These teachers were given a combined total of \$2,500 in grant materials and supplies! Thank you to those teachers that take the time and make the effort to write for grants!

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## Science Fair

Great job with the science fair 7<sup>th</sup> graders! The judges and teachers were amazed at the preparation and planning that went into your projects. The displays were not just “show” but quite informative for the learner. Check it out at the [BaxterBulletin.com](http://BaxterBulletin.com)



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# *UnityDay2014*







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## Student Engineer



Kyler built a bike out of three different types of bikes. He used various tools and parts that were available to see what would work for his new bike. He explained how he had to modify the chain, use tools in new ways, and test his prototypes. Kyler explained the importance of the master link of a chain and its purpose. He has another project goal that he will be working on over the next few days to change out the back axle and chain on another bike. Great job Kyler!

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**Pinkston Middle School @Pinkstonmiddle**

**EAST at Pinkston @AdunavanEast**

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Promise @deniselauerman**

**DARE @campfield10**

**Pinkston Media Center @pmslibrary12**

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## Upcoming Pinkston Middle School Events

October 23 - Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 22-23 - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Fair

October 25 - All-Region Choir Tryouts

October 27-31 - Red Ribbon Week

October 31 - 50's Day

November 20 - Make Up Picture Day

November 24-28 - Thanksgiving Break

# Mountain Home Kindergarten

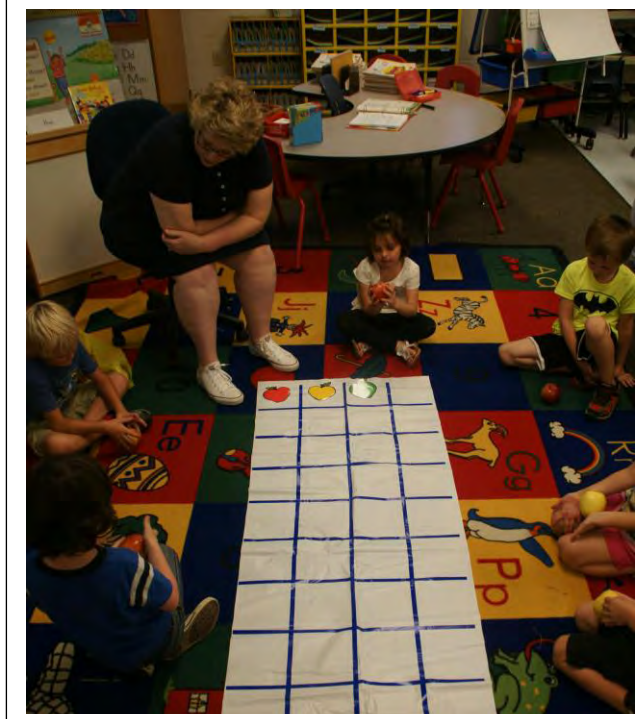
We are Saying No to Bullying and No to Drugs



The Sheriff's helicopter flies by to snap a picture of our Kindergarten students making the "U" for Unity against bullying



# Mountain Home Kindergarten



Mrs. Rowlett's class discussed the various types of apples, categorizing/graphing, discussing various attributes, likenesses, and differences that the apples had. They used this activity in conjunction with the unit of Johnny Appleseed.



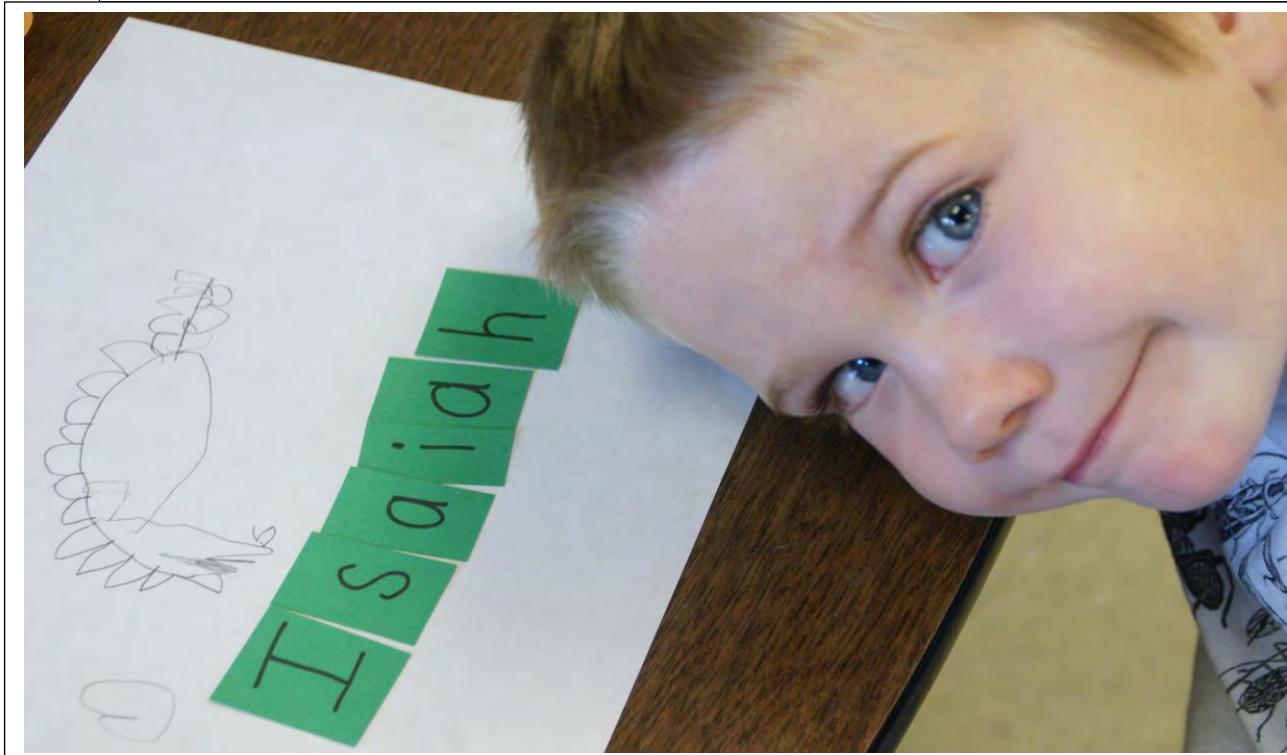
Mrs. Goettler's class is learning to count by tens using Zero the hero, for every day of school that has a zero in it the class wears their superhero masks all day long and celebrates with zero the hero!! 😊



# Mountain Home Kindergarten



**Sometimes work is serious, sometimes work is fun...**



# 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: 10/23/2014

## Around Our School

- Parent Teacher Conferences are from 2:10—8:00 pm. It is very important to meet with your child's teacher to discuss academic concerns or successes.
- Please see the Hackler Handbook regarding personal appearance including hair color. You will find this information on page 19, item number 16 on the list.

## Science Department Donations Needed

During Parent/Teacher conferences, we will have tables at the intersection of each hallway with Jack-O-Lantern cut outs with science supplies needed for Hackler students to use in science labs. If you would like to make a donation, pick a Jack-O-Lantern from the table, purchase the item written on it and send the item back to the school with your child.



Your donations make Science labs come to life!

## 2014-2015 HACKLER INTERMEDIATE T-SHIRTS

On Sale October 24, 2014 through October 31, 2014

Order forms for the 2014-2015 Hackler T-shirt are being sent home today. Please fill out the form and send back to school with the money if you wish to purchase one for your child. The last day to order this red, one-of-a-kind, Dr. Seuss inspired, Hackler T-shirt is Friday, October 31, 2014.

Front:

**Hackler Intermediate  
School**



Back:

**Wherever you fly, you'll top all  
the rest. Wherever you go,  
you'll be the best of the best!**

## Community Opportunities

- Fall Festival will be Saturday, November 8th, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at Ascent Children's Health Services. They are located at 18 CR 458, Mountain Home (On 201 N just past Baxter Lab on left leaving Mountain Home.)
- The Sweet Spot Candy Shop Honor Roll: 1) Bring your honor roll report card to the shop, 2) All "A's" receive a free 1/8 pound of candy from the bulk candy section and a 15% discount for themselves and their whole family, 3) A's and B's on your report card receives a 15% discount in the store good for the entire family.

# Hackler Intermediate School

Mrs. Sondra Monger  
Principal

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Assistant Principal

Mr. Kevin Roach  
Assistant Principal

965 West Road  
Mountain Home, AR 72653  
Phone 870-425-1288  
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"Children want the same things we want.  
To laugh, to be challenged, to be entertained, and delighted."  
— Dr. Seuss

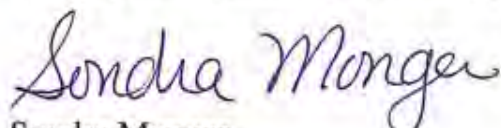
Dear Hackler Parents,

Beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter we will be following the Hackler handbook in regards to tardies. If you will refer to the handbook on page 30 you will find the tardy policy. It states,

<p>A. Excessive Late Arrivals or Early Departures per Semester (Late arrivals and early departure consequences are SEPARATE)</p> <p>Tardies will also count against perfect attendance.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 – Warning</li><li>2 – Warning</li><li>3 – Warning</li><li>4 – Parents contacted by phone, email, US Mail</li><li>5 – Recess detention, parent contact</li><li>6 – Parent Teacher face to face conference</li><li>7 – Late School, parent contact</li><li>8 – ISS, parent contact</li><li>9 – JO, parent contact</li></ul>
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Our first bell rings at 7:30 for parents and buses to begin dropping off students at Hackler. At 7:50 students go to their homerooms. At 8:00 the tardy bell rings and any student not in the classroom will be required to get a tardy note from the front office. If you deliver your child to school after 8:00am, please bring your child into the front office to sigh your child in. Also, as a reminder, am and pm tardies DO count against perfect attendance.

Thank you in advance for ensuring your child is at Hackler before 8:00am each day.

  
Sondra Monger



# Hackler Intermediate Parent Teacher Conferences



Parent  
Involvement



Student  
Successes

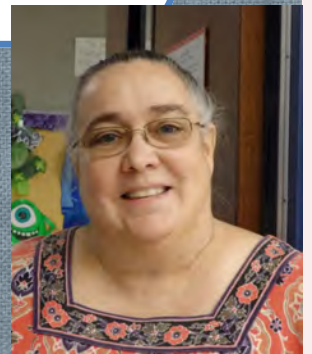


A BIG **THANK YOU** TO

Chad & April Sellers &

# Cellular Mobility

For providing dinner to the Hackler Intermediate Staff.



**We are proud to be at Hackler Intermediate!**

# Hackler Intermediate

## Welcome Zechariah Holmes

Hackler has experienced growing pains in our 4th grade classrooms with 328 students enrolled. Thanks to the Mountain Home Public School board for hiring Mr. Holmes on October 16, 2014 to teach 25 of these students. Mr. Holmes is a ASU Jonesboro graduate, certified in grades 4-8 and is a Highly Qualified Teacher. He will teach literacy and social studies on the Emerald team with Mrs. Michelle Pope teaching math and science.

During parent teacher conferences, Mr. Holmes and Mrs. Pope were able to meet parents and students for dinner and play time. Students are lucky to have Mr. Holmes and Mrs. Pope as their teachers.



**MHHS Bomber Theatre**  
proudly presents its fall production

*Theophilus North*

based upon the novel by Pulitzer Prize winning  
author Thornton Wilder.

Showtimes are Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00  
pm and Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> @ 2:30 pm.

All ticket sales are at the door—Adults  
\$7 Students \$5

We hope you are able to make one of these  
performances—thank you for your support!

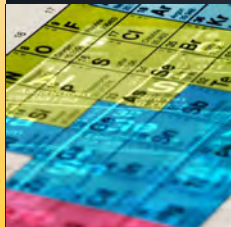
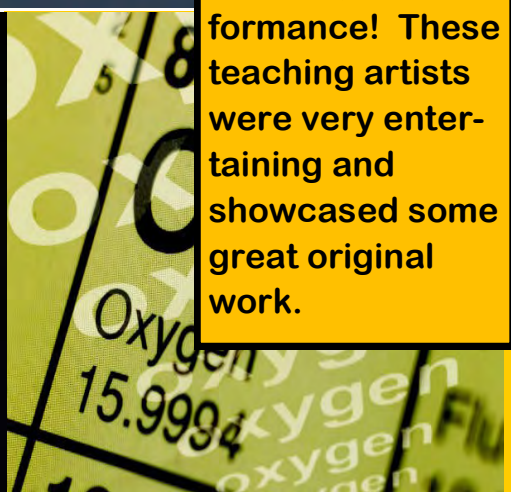
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# MHHS CAREER ACADEMIES

## TheatreSquared



TheatreSquared presented "The Science Show. Monday, October 20th at MHHS. Many of the students remembered "The Math Show" from last year and knew they were in for a great performance! These teaching artists were very entertaining and showcased some great original work.



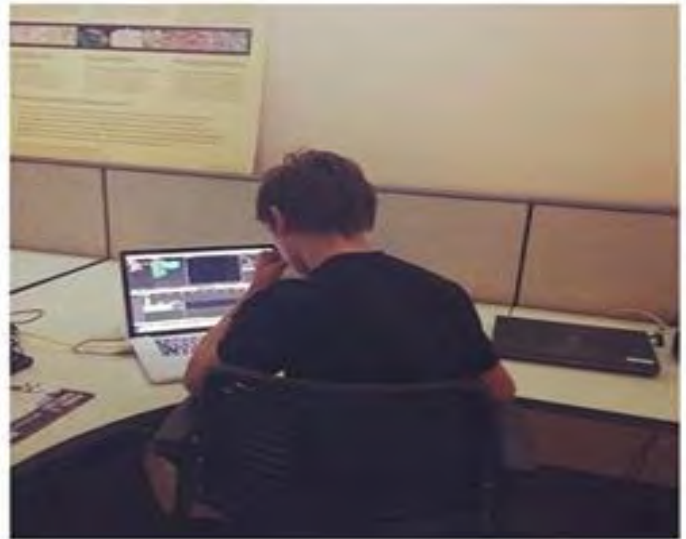


# Avogadro's Number



The most important and useful number in chemistry is known as Avogadro's number and has a value of  $6.02 \times 10^{23}$ . This is also known as the mole and is a huge number that describes the number of carbon atoms present in 12.01 grams of carbon. In celebration of this number the AP Chemistry class met at Shipley's Donuts at 6:02 in the morning on October 23 (6:02 on 10-23). This kicked off the celebration of international mole day to commemorate Avogadro's number. We would like to thank Shipley's donuts for graciously hosting this celebration.

## EAST Students Receive Training



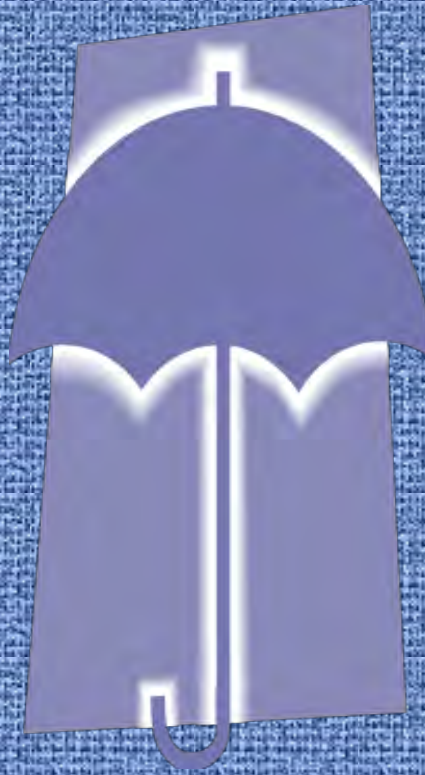
**EAST students traveled this week to participate in Final Cut Pro training with EAST staff. They can't wait to get back and share what they have learned with classmates and incorporate it into their projects.**



By Pulitzer Prize Winner  
**THORNTON WILDER**

**Theophilus**

**NOR H**



**Based on the novel by Thornton Wilder  
By Matthew Burnett  
Directed by Karen Maupin**



**Presented by MHHS Bomber Theatre  
Dunbar Auditorium**

**\$7 Adults \$5 Students**

**Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> 2:30 p.m.**

# Mealworm Races in Zoology



Mrs. Teems High School Zoology Class held Mealworm Races this week and found out that those little larva can really travel. They raced 5 mealworms per group on computer paper then on filter paper. One of them crawled a fast 144 cm (56 inches) in 5 min. Students were very surprised. They did not expect the little mealworms to move so fast and so far.

# MHHS Teachers Selected Best of the Twin Lakes



Mrs. Carol We-gerer won first place in the Best of the Twin Lakes Teacher in 10th-12th grade. She will be receiving an invitation to the awards reception to re-ceive her Best of the Twin Lakes plaque.

Mr. Josh Baker was the second place win-ner and will receive a certifi-cate of recognition.



Congratulations to you both!

# 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](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Monday</b>	<b>10/27/14</b>	<b>Football</b> vs. Salem (Home) 5:30 7 <sup>th</sup> Blue, 9 <sup>th</sup> <b>Football</b> vs. Green Forest (Away) 5:30 8 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10/28/14</b>	<b>Volleyball</b> 6A State Tournament Begins (Home) Mtn. Home vs. El Dorado @ 12:00 Noon <b>Cross Country</b> 6A East Conference Meet @ Russellville
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10/29/14</b>	<b>Volleyball</b> 6A State Tournament (Home) <b>Tennis</b> State Overalls Jaden McClellan & Cortni Thomas
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10/30/14</b>	<b>Volleyball</b> 6A State Tournament (Home) <b>Football</b> vs. Clinton (Away) 5:00 7 <sup>th</sup> Gold, 9 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10/31/14</b>	<b>HS Football</b> vs. Searcy (Away) 7:00
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11/01/14</b>	<b>Volleyball</b> State Finals @ Hot Springs 6A @ 11:00 am

***Go Bombers!!!***

# NELSON-WILKS-HERRON

**NWH FALL FESTIVAL**  
NWH PARENT MEETING FROM 5:00-5:30 IN THE CAFETERIA

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**NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> 5:30-7:30**

**50/50 Raffle**     **PIZZA**     **SILENT AUCTION**  
**Face Painting**     **DUNK TANK**  
**GAMES**     **PRIZES**     **Tickets**  
Popcorn

*Cookie Walk*

**JOIN US AT  
NELSON WILKES  
HERRON  
FOR A  
NIGHT OF  
FUN**

**25 cents a Ticket**  
**Tickets will be sold**  
**October 31st**  
**All day**  
**And**  
**November 3rd-6th**  
**During lunch**

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE USED ON NEW  
SMALL PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT**

*\*All extra tickets will be placed in a  
drawing for larger Prizes*



A black and white line drawing of a scarecrow wearing a straw hat and overalls, standing next to several pumpkins.

Thank you NWH Volunteer Coordinator, Shenna Estes, and all the other PIE volunteers who donated food for the teacher snack trays last night for parent/teacher conferences. These snack trays were a wonderful idea and we truly appreciate all you do for our school!





## NATIONAL UNITY DAY!



NWH students wore orange on Thursday to show support and unity against bullying.  
(Thank you Baxter County Sheriff's Office for taking this photo for us!)

## Book Swap

Students brought their gently used books from home prior to the book swap. They received a ticket if they brought books to allow them to go to the book swap. Students could swap up to 10 books. The books were sorted and set up at the book swap for students to choose. It was FREE and students were able to choose and keep “new” books to read for home. It took about two weeks to collect the books but the book swap only took a little over an hour. We had around 2000 books and 300 students participate. ☺



## National History Education Company Animal Assembly

Josh shared the following animals with our students today during our assemblies:



## Box Tops Update

NWH students have collected 3,962 Box Tops so far this year!! That equals \$396.20 for our school. Those Box Tops really do add up!!

