## Mountain Home Public Schools



Superintendent Update: October 25, 2013

Quote for the Week: "Treat a man as he is and he will remain as he is. Treat a man as he can and should be and he will become as he can and should be."—Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

#### News for the week:

Our October board meeting was held on Tuesday, October 22. The agenda was full and it was one of those months where we were able to showcase just how busy our students and employees are. Our board members were enthusiastic about the energy and commitment of everyone to work hard in delivering a world class education here in Mountain Home Public Schools.

The FIRST Robotics team gave a presentation to the board which was very exciting. Four of the students and one sponsor will be a part of leading the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Our kids, along with four other Robotics Teams from across the nation, will be featured this year. What a great way to market Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)!

The kids want to include their entire team on this trip and are willing to help raise funds in order to give every team member the experience (*Every Student-Every Time*!). If any of you are willing to help these kids, please send any donation to Jacquelyn Meissner at Mountain Home High School, 500 Bomber Blvd., Mountain Home 72653. No amount is too small. Every dollar will help. The following is a formal recognition for certain amounts:

- \$5000 will include the name of the company or individual on the Robot as it participates in the parade in front of thousands of spectators.
- \$1000 will include a T-shirt with company or individual's name and will be worn by FIRST Team members in New York City.
- \$20 is plenty campaign to accept smaller donations. Recognition of your donation by FIRST. Each of our principals and District Leaders gave a report to the public. Students in the Mountain Home Public School system are doing very well in the classroom and consistently exceeding the state average in proficiency.

Reports were made by administrators from various campuses in the Mountain Home system as well as from areas such as the Gifted and Talented and Special Education Programs and the Guy Berry College and Career Academy.

Dorothy Cook, director of federal programs for the district, reported that we had been concerned with sequestration as it could have resulted in up to a 10 percent reduction in federal funds available to the district. The actual reduction has come in at about five percent. The federal money pays for additional staff, helps promote parental involvement activities and funded professional development within the district.



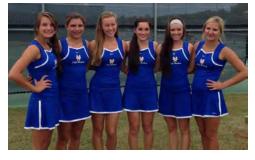
It was reported all of the Mountain Home Public Schools facilities meet accreditation standards established by the State of Arkansas. The 2012-2013 graduate rate in the district was almost 85.5 percent and our average ACT score is 22.1, which is higher than both the state and national average. Board members were complimentary of students, staff and administration for the exemplary progress we are making.

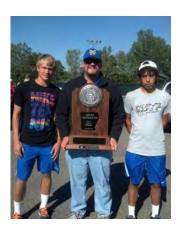
The board also approved the purchase of two 71 passenger buses as well as one 30 passenger bus. Bids were accepted to replace 100 computers and complete wireless access points for every school in the district.

#### **State Champion Runner's Up:**

Our tennis team finished second in the state in Boys Tennis. This same team

was also Conference Champions. Christian Mathis is the champion in Singles Competition and Jaden McClellan placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in singles during the state tournament. It is just fantastic to have the two top 6A boys' tennis players right here in Mountain Home. Our girls' team competed very well during





the season and has a very promising future. The Lady Bombers finished in 3rd place. Eliska Wurfel was our top Lady Bomber and played in our #1 spot all

year. Congratulations to Coach David Moore and both tennis teams in Mountain Home for a great season!

#### **National Principals' Month:**

October is National Principals' Month. There are two major factors that contribute to the success of students in schools. This doesn't mean there aren't other important areas, but there are two main factors. The two factors are the classroom teacher and the principal of the school. The most important factor in student success is obviously the teacher. If there is a special connection between the student and the teacher, a spark of learning just happens. The other factor for student success is the principal. The

principal's leadership is absolutely essential for student success. The principal sets the tone for the entire building! If the principal is enthusiastic, progressive, humble, hopeful, student-centered, etc. the staff will follow that example. I want to thank our principals for working hard for their students and staff each day.





#### **Night of Honors:**

The Night of Honors was a heartwarming experience Thursday evening. We in the Mountain Home School District are honored that each of the following recipients served our students and our community with such distinction. These honorees spoke to our students throughout the district this year and each inspired our students to be the best they can be. The ceremony was first class, thanks to Mollie Morgan and the Mountain Home Education Foundation (MHEF) Board of Directors. Mollie and Bob Knight, President of the MHED Board once again have given us a wonderful event with memories to last a lifetime. Thanks to KTLO for providing the following information concerning our inductees.

Steve Singleton spent 15 years in the Mountain Home School District as an administrator. He served as superintendent from 1995 to 2005. Prior to that, he worked as a principal at Mountain Home Junior High and as an assistant superintendent.

John Erwin was a 1961 graduate of Mountain Home who is the director of Choral Activities at the University of Central Arkansas. John Erwin is regarded by some as one of the finest choral directors in the region. He has been recognized in Arkansas and across the nation. His choirs have toured the U.S. as well as most of Europe. He received the Outstanding Faculty award by the University of Central Arkansas in 1996 and was granted the Governor's Award for the state's Individual Artist of the Year by the Arkansas Arts Council in 2008.

Nora Regan, a graduate of DePaul University in Chicago with a degree in elementary education, served 37 years as an educator, with 22 years in the Mountain Home Public Schools. She was hired to teach special education at Nelson-Wilks-Herron elementary School in 1988. In 1995 she was presented the Distinguished Teacher in Special Education Award by the Arkansas Federation Council for Exceptional Children. In 2005 she transferred to Mountain Home High School to teach the special education selfcontained classroom. There she developed the district's award-winning recycling business, which later won a national award, and the Special Education Internship Program.

Pat Hickman, the 2013 recipient of the Earnest Perry Award, spent 24 years working in the Mountain Home school system as an elementary school secretary and office manager. A friend and colleague said Hickman served each child and their parents with love and compassion. She served teachers by ordering their supplies but also by giving her friendship and love. And she served co-workers and other support staff members with respect, love and laughter.

Others being honored are Wells Fargo Advisors, a local investment firm; and Private First Class Elvin E. French, the recipient of the Fallen Soldier Award.

Elvin was living in Wichita, KS when he entered the service and was a member of the 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division. He was killed in Action while fighting the enemy in North Korea on November 29, 1950. Private First Class French was awarded the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman's



Badge, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Presidential Unit Citation and the Republic of Korea War Service Medal.

Wells Fargo Advisors have been wonderful community partners of Mountain Home Public Schools for years. The list of programs these wonderful people have supported could go on for some time, but most recently they have literally "poured" their support into our Communications, Arts, and Business (CAB) Academy at Mountain Home High School. The highest award an academy can receive in the National Career Academy Association (NCAC) is "Model Status." Wells Fargo has helped us reach Model Status which means each of our academies have now reach model status. We are "Wall to Wall" Academies with "Wall to Wall" Model Status.

Wells Fargo has made it possible for CAB to produce the *Bomber Bulletin*, a monthly insert into the *Baxter Bulletin*. They have also provided funds for a School Community Relations Team (SCRT) and an academic mentoring program at Hackler intermediate school called CAB WRAP (Wells Fargo Rewarding Academic Progress). All of these programs contributed to Model Status in the CAB Academy.

Enjoy this Simple Truths video.

Have a great weekend!

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Presenters at National Career Academy Association. High school students participated in Face Time with over 200 participants.

#### **Friday Focus**

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

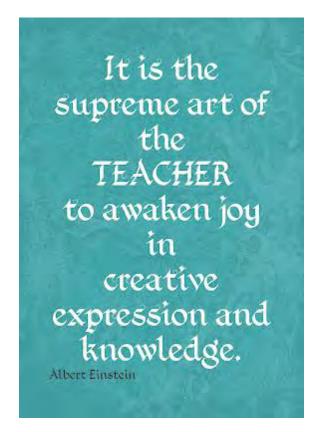
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#### Friday, October 25, 2013



## **Assessment, Instruction and Curriculum**

Report to the Public Oct. 22, 2013: During the regular school board meeting on Oct. 22, 2013, administrators presented the Report to the Public. Thank you to Vanessa Thomas, Leah Cotter, Sondra Monger, Michele McWilliams, Jeff Kincade, Ron Czanstkowski, Dana Brown, Debbie Atkinson, Dorothy Cook, Darla Deatherage, and Keith Alman for your hard work. Thank you to Dr. Myers and the school board members for their leadership. The Report to the public can be viewed at <a href="http://bombers.k12.ar.us/Central%20Office/documents/2013\_rpt.pdf">http://bombers.k12.ar.us/Central%20Office/documents/2013\_rpt.pdf</a>. The purpose of

the Report to the Public is to share the District's Accreditation Status, goals, student assessments and intervention plans.

#### **GT Information & Resources:**

1. School Demographic Data--Statewide Information System Reports

https://adedata.arkansas.gov/statewide/Districts/GiftTalented.aspx

2. ADHE Financial Aid Programs such as STEP and TOP for teachers of the gifted

http://www.adhe.edu/divisions/financialaid/Pages/fa programs.aspx

3. GT Wiki

http://mkstein.pbworks.com/w/page/28229797/Gifted%20and%20Talented%20Resources

- 4. GT Websites/Resources <a href="http://protopage.com/mkstein">http://protopage.com/mkstein</a>
- 5. NAGC-Indianapolis, November 6-10, 2013 <a href="http://www.nagc.org/">http://www.nagc.org/</a>
- 6. Commissioner's Memos: GT Program Approval Application

http://adesharepoint2.arkansas.gov/memos/Lists/Approved%20Memos/DispForm2.aspx?ID=982

AP Material and Equipment Grants

- 7. Economics Arkansas http://www.economicsarkansas.org/
- 8. Leadership Curriculum <a href="http://www.prufrock.com/Search.aspx?k=changing%20tomorrow/">http://www.prufrock.com/Search.aspx?k=changing%20tomorrow/</a>
- 9. National History Bee <u>www.historybee.com</u>
- 10. AETN Professional Development (Courses: Identification of Students for Gifted and Talented Services; Meeting the Affective Needs of Gifted Students) <a href="http://ideas.aetn.org/pd">http://ideas.aetn.org/pd</a>
- 11. Hoagies http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/

#### **Gifted Education Contact Information:**

ADE Office of Gifted and Talented and Advanced Placement Website and Contact Information <a href="http://www.arkansased.org/divisions/learning-services/gifted-and-talented-and-advanced-placement">http://www.arkansased.org/divisions/learning-services/gifted-and-talented-and-advanced-placement</a>

Office of Gifted and Talented and Advanced Placement

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#### **Dates to Remember:**

Oct. 28-Nov. 1 – Red Ribbon Week

## MAINTENANCE MATTERS

Grounds around all campuses are still being groomed. All monthly inspections for the month of October have been completed. This week we 'set-up' which means delivering chairs, tables and occasionally the stage for various events. The honors banquet at the Catholic church was set up yesterday. This morning the maintenance crew will dismantle the stage there, and deliver it to the football field where it will be reassembled for Homecoming. Several of the maintenance men will then disassemble and store the stage after the game tonight. We will also be busy today setting up for the chili cook off today.

The bon fire was 'built' yesterday for the homecoming rally. We save old pallets to use for this bon fire. Our maintenance men light this fire and along with the fire department make sure the fire is kept under control.

The new roll-up door for the food service warehouse at the auxiliary services building (old M & M Concrete) was picked up this week in Harrison by Mike Walker. The door was purchased from a company in Rogers who had a delivery in Harrison so Mike met the truck in Harrison. This saved the district the cost of delivery. The door was installed yesterday by City Door and Cabinet.

Harold Lawrence has been busy this week starting the framing of the food service offices at the auxiliary services building. Wiring is still being pulled for all the electrical for food service and the First team. The prisoners from Calico Rock are scheduled to be here on Monday to start painting the outside of this building.

Work requests for heating and water problems along with copier paper deliveries were completed.

Have a GREAT Fall weekend.



Word of the Month: Responsibility

IMPORTANT Note from Nurse: If your child needs to have medicine at school, PLEASE do not send it in the backpack with your child. There is paperwork that needs to be filled out and the Nurse needs to speak with you. This is for OTC meds as well as Rx meds. Please contact the Nurse to discuss the policy for medicines at school. Thank you.

#### Fall Festivities in the Community

First Baptist Church will be hosting First's Fall Festival on Saturday, November 2, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The church is located at 400 Club Boulevard, in Mountain Home.

**Eastside Baptist** is hosting a Fall Festival on October  $31^{st}$  from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The church is located on 718 E.  $9^{th}$  Street

Donald W. Reynolds Library: The traveling Discover Tech exhibit will be at the Library through Dec. 13. It features displays and hands-on elements that demonstrate the impacts of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) on our everyday lives. The *Discover Tech* exhibit will be open during regular library hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10am - 6:30pm, Tuesday 10am - 8pm, Saturday 10am - 5pm, and Sunday 1pm - 5pm. Visit <a href="www.baxlib.org">www.baxlib.org</a> for more info.

In addition there will be Mousetrap Car Races that will take place at the Donald W. Reynolds Library Saturday, October 26, 10:00am as part of the Discover Tech exhibit program series. Families and individuals can compete for speed and/or distance. Register at the Library and pick up a complimentary car starter kit which contains a mousetrap and wheels. Then get your creative juices flowing and use your engineering skills to design the ultimate mousetrap racing machine. Kits available while supplies last. No charge. Visit www.baxlib.org for car design ideas.

**FALL FESTIVAL PARTIES- Thursday, October 31**- Parties will begin at 1:30 p.m. promptly with the costume parade at the North End of the building. Students are allowed to wear costumes, but they must come to school dressed! (no weapons, scary masks, scary makeup etc.) Please consider if it is their PE day (wear appropriate shoes).

<u>GRANDPARENTS' DAY</u> - Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> is the last day to reserve a tray for Grandparent's Day. However, if you have not reserved a meal with the kitchen your grandparent or friend can still come and bring their own lunch! The times for each class are listed below.

November 7 (North Hall)		November 8 (South Hall)	
King	10:35	Shy	10:35
Christy	10:45	Pitchford	10:45
Sallee	11:55	Crecelius	10:55
Goettler	11:05	Owens 11:05	
Diane	11:15	Rogers	11:15
Powell	11:25	Kasinger	11:25
Ducker	11:35	McLean	11:35



Word of the Month: Responsibility

 Henderson
 11:45
 Newton
 11:45

 Pugsley
 11:55
 Rowlett
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#### Upcoming Events:

Red Ribbon Week - October  $28^{\rm th}$  - November  $1^{\rm st}$  (see back of newsletter for details) Book Fair - November 7-15



Kindergarten students were excited to have Mr. Steve Singleton, former MHPS Superintendent, visit their school on Thursday. Mr. Singleton is one of this year's inductees to the Mountain Home Education Foundation. He was also instrumental in establishing the MHEF during his tenure.





## NELSON-WILKS-HERRON

## NWH Hospitality Committee

Mrs. Neighbors has selected a group of students to be on the NWH Hospitality Committee. These students will be responsible for welcoming special visitors who come to NWH and for other issues as needed. They recently worked on making NO PARKING signs to save the grassy areas on our campus and to encourage visitors/guests to park in designated parking areas.



## Mrs. Cotter's Campfire Kids



NWH students who had perfect attendance for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, were treated to s' mores and campfire stories with Mrs. Cotter!

## Ms. Byes & Mrs. Williams Bridge Projects







Recently the classes of Mrs. Mindy Williams and Ms. Jeanette Byes completed a Literacy unit entitled "Bridges" which is part of the Common Core Curriculum Maps. This unit invited exploration of essential questions and inspired challenges. The students learned concepts such as tension and compression. Each student chose a type of bridge to research and build: an arch bridge, a beam bridge or a suspension bridge. The bridges were on display in the hall near the NWH office. They were wonderfully creative and much effort was put into each bridge. This project yielded deeper levels of student work and satisfaction. Congratulations to the students for a job well done!

## Special Guests







Mrs. Hickman & Ms. Regan read to NWH students on Thursday. They tried to take a walk down memory lane; however, a lot has changed since they were here!

Congratulations Pat Hickman & Nora Regan on being inducted in the MH Education Hall of Honor!

## **HACKLER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL WEEK ENDING 10-25-2013**



## THANK YOU TARGET AND THE COMMUNITY FOR YOUR VOTES!



# Loading up food items for the North Arkansas Food Bank















## We collected 2061 food items and 1732 pounds of food



# THANK YOU ARVEST BANK & LAURA NEWTH AND MCDONALDS



## **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

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October 24, 2013

#### **Around our School**

- October 25<sup>th</sup> is Blue & Gold day in celebration of Homecoming. We will be having our first pep rally of the year. Cheer on your Mountain Home Bombers as they face Little Rock Central Friday night.
  Just a reminder, you will not be able to play football in or around the stadium while the football game is going on. If you leave, you will need to pay to get back in no matter if you have a pass of any kind.
- Remember Red Ribbon Week October 28 through November 1.
- Wear your Halloween costume on October 31<sup>st</sup> as a part of Red Ribbon Week. School appropriate, no weapons NO blood, guts or gore!
- Yearbook Sales begin November 1 through December 6. Order forms will come home in next week's Thursday red folder.

Dress up days for Red Ribbon Week, October 28 - November 1, 2013



Monday: wear JEANS
Tuesday: wear CRAZY SOCKS
Wednesday: wear ORANGE
Thursday: wear HALLOWEEN costume

(School appropriate, no weapons, and no blood, guts or gore!)

Friday: wear RED





Parents/Guardians of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students: The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Music program will be Tuesday, November 19. Students will come dressed in pirate costumes. The costumes can be as simple as white t shirt and rolled up jeans with red cloth around head or they can pick up a costume and let it double for Halloween. Resale shops are great cheap sources also. More information will be coming home with the students closer to the time of the program.

## Our first Box Tops Contest was a success!

Congratulations to the following Box Tops Winners:

5th Grade:
Emily DeAtley
Hanna McLean
Hunter Carroccio
Mattie Belk
Blake Luna
Hailey Henson
Kammeron Delgado
Brandon Trigg
Josie Kelly
Reanna Dodge



3rd Grade:
Anthony Stradford
Brooke Liles
Trey Falzone
Kearstin Ford
Madison Hutson
Olivia Martin
Anabel Ballard
Lane Mattey
Mason Jackson
Olin Hanson

- HARVEST FESTIVAL: East Side Baptist Church,718 E 9th Street, MH October 31st | 6—8 pm Babies—6th grade /Free family-friendly night of fun with new games candy, hayrides, hotdogs, popcorn, horse rides, a huge candy throwing pumpkin, and lots more! For more information, call 870-425-3689 or visit www.esbcmh.com.
- The Donald W. Reynolds Library Serving Baxter County is one of only nine libraries in the nation selected to host the exciting interactive exhibition *Discover Tech: Engineers Make a World of Difference*. The traveling exhibit will be at the Library through Dec. 13. The exhibition features displays and hands-on elements that demonstrate the impacts of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) on our everyday lives. The *Discover Tech* exhibit will be open during regular library hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10am 6:30pm, Tuesday 10am 8pm, Saturday 10am 5pm, and Sunday 1pm 5pm. Visit <a href="www.baxlib.org">www.baxlib.org</a> for more info.

#### • Mousetrap Car Races

- Start your traps! Join in on the fun at the Mousetrap Car Races taking place at the Donald W. Reynolds Library Saturday, October 26, 10:00am, as part of the Discover Tech exhibit program series. Families and individuals can compete for speed and/or distance. Register at the Library and pick up a complimentary car starter kit which contains a mousetrap and wheels. Then get your creative juices flowing and use your engineering skills to design the ultimate mousetrap racing machine. Kits available while supplies last. No charge. Visit <a href="https://www.baxlib.org">www.baxlib.org</a> for car design ideas.
- First Baptist Church will be hosting **FIRST'S FALL FESTIVAL** on Saturday, November 2, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Come join us for free food, games, and fun. There will be plenty to do, including carnival games and a hayride. The church is located at 400 Club Boulevard, in Mountain Home.



• 1st Annual MHJH Cheerleading 5K Zombie OUT-Run November 2, 2013

Start Line and Finish Line behind MHHS on the Cross Country Grass Trail/Practice Field Registration begins at 3:00 p.m. Race begins at 4:00 p.m. Benefiting Mountain Home Junior High School Cheerleading



Hackler Students Plan a Talent Show to Raise Money for Learning

By Mandelyn Smeltzer (5<sup>th</sup> Grade Student in Mrs. Tammy Goeke's class)

For more information email hwilhite@mtnhom.k12.ar.us

Calling all Hackler students with talent and a community who wants to be entertained, come join us on November 14, 2013 from 6 to 7:30 for the First Hackler Talent Show, a fundraiser for our gifted and talented education (GATE) program. The idea was a joint effort of four 5<sup>th</sup> grade Hackler students, Mandelyn Smeltzer, Sam Adams, Samad Ahkter, Josie Kelly, and the Hackler administrators. The students requested a meeting with the administrators to discuss the possibility of a fundraiser at Hackler in order to raise money to purchase Rosetta Stone, an internet-based computer program that teaches foreign languages to its users. The program offers 30 languages for the users to choose from and once the students register at school they can use the program at any computer since it is web-based. The cost of the program is approximately \$149 per student for a one year license if the school buys a license for 50 students.

The talent show will be held in the Hackler café and the student must be a Hackler student in order to enter the competition. The students have recommended the people they would like to have as judges and they have been invited to participate. They have also decided the prizes and the divisions for the show. The students decided on Wal-mart gift cards as the prizes and they agreed that each grade would have a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner.

The students decided that the admission prices will be \$3 for students and \$5 for adults and the entry fee for acts will be \$10. Entry slips are available in the Hackler front office and the entry deadline is 11/07/13. The students also decided that "singing and dancing will be allowed as long as the song or dance is school appropriate," Smeltzer said. The students have planned a concession stand to be available for the event (if we have some parent volunteers to operate it) and have scheduled intermissions between the divisions "for the audience to enjoy some GATE-orade" jokes Adams.

# Pinkston Middle School



**Week ending 10.25.13** 

## Parent/Teacher Conferences and Parent Fair



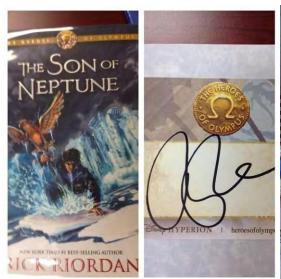
Each fall Pinkston Middle School hosts student led conferences. This year, not only did students have an opportunity to share their progress, goals, and actions with their parents, but they also had a chance to visit the community parent fair. We extend a huge thank you to all the community organizations, businesses, and groups that shared time with Pinkston families. We also appreciate all the door prizes that these organizations brought for our kids that attended the parent fair. Students took home numerous board games, t-shirts, books, and other fun stuff!

Thank you:

Baxter Regional Medical Center, Boy Scouts, White River Girl Scouts, The L.C. Sammons Youth Center, Goodwill Career Services, Ascent Children's Health Services, YouthBridge, Donald W. Reynolds Library, U of A, ASU-MH, Baxter County Family Resource Center, Arkansas Counseling Associates, Baxter County 4-H, Baxter County Cooperative Extension Service, and Bull Shoals White River State Park

The Parent Fair is hosted by

Pinkston Middle School counselors, Mrs. Rebekah Cruse and Mrs. Heather Hatman



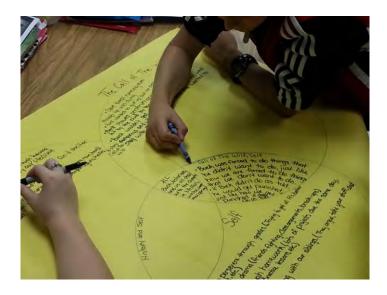






## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Literacy

Students creating a 3 ring Venn diagram connecting their knowledge of the novel, The Call of the Wild, early man and themselves with the theme of perseverance.



Students are using technology for interactive notebook-ing, note taking, studying, and to assist with illustrations. The seventh graders are studying the novel, <u>The Call of the Wild</u>.



# EAST @ Pinkston student training

Mrs. Robyn Lane with EAST initiative was at Pinkston Middle School this past Tuesday, October 22 to train student on GSI and GPS software. Students used aerial pictures of Pinkston Middle School as their model and were able to calculate the perimeter and area of the buildings while mastering the digital tools and layering capabilities.



## **Mountain Home Education Foundation Guests**

Mr. Jackson Rhoades and Mr. Mike Stockton from Wells Fargo were guest speakers at Pinkston Middle School October 24, 2013. They engaged students in conversations about careers, colleges, financial responsibility, earnings, and community connections. We extend a big thank you to both Mr. Rhoades and Mr. Stockton for their commitment to our kids and community.



# **PINK out at Pinkston**

Pinkston recognized Breast Cancer Awareness month throughout the week and "Pinked Out" Thursday, October 24, 2013.

Mrs. Karyn Jones, you are FABULOUS!







Rysta H. 6th

# Pinkston Middle School Red Ribbon Week

October 28- November 1, 2013

## **MONDAY**

"I'm A JEAN-ious I'm Drug Free" -Wear Jeans

## **TUESDAY**

"Sock-It to Drugs" -Wear Crazy Socks

## WEDNESDAY

"Orange You Glad You're Drug Free" - Wear Orange

#### **THURSDAY**

"Hair's To a Drug-Free Life" - Crazy Hair

### **FRIDAY**

"RED-y to Live Drug Free and Make a Difference" - Wear Red





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

## Pinkston Media Center joined TWITTER!

## Pinkston Media Center @pmslibrary12

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

7<sup>th</sup> Grade 50's Day – Nov. 1

Red Ribbon Week October 28-Nov. 1

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

6<sup>th</sup> Grade attends INTO the WOODS – Nov. 8

**Make up Pictures – November 19** 

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Concert – December 10

**Choir Concert – December 17** 

#### CAB WRAP 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, 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.





#### ALL-REGION CHOIR STUDENTS

17 Senior high choral students earned chairs in the 2013 NE Arkansas All-Region Choir this past Saturday. The event was held at Nettleton High School, and there were approximately 800 students auditioning. Seven of these students scored high enough, and will be auditioning for All-State Choir in February.

All-State Eligible: Serena Hickey, Annalisa Brown, McKenna McCain, Cassie Martin, Jordan Finley, Anthony Finley, Andrew Frazier-1<sup>st</sup> alternate (all-State) eligible, and Lauren Recktenwald – 1<sup>st</sup> alternate (all-State) eligible.

The remainder Region choir members are: Emily Dickerson, Megan Chaney, Candice Rosson, Alexis Ungerank, Kate Vawter, Savannah Funderburg, Paige Guist, Emily Quinn, and Kiah Herron.

Congratulations to Monica Vasiloff for winning first place in the high school division at the Hill Country Gallery Watercolor Competition. Monica's painting is on display in the gallery on the Mountain Home square during the month of October.

MHHS ART STUDENTS
RECEIVED AWARDS AT THE
2013 TURKEY TROT ART
COMPETITION AND
EXHIBIT IN YELLVILLE.

ABBY WALDEN, MIXED MEDIA, 2ND PLACE MONICA VASILOFF, CHARCOAL, 3RD PLACE TAMISHA HICKMAN, BATIK, HONORABLE MENTION KYRA NUGENT, PENCIL, HONORABLE MENTION MICHELLE LAST, BATIK, HONORABLE MENTION



**Kat Binns** 

# October is a busy month for the... Art Department at MHHS!

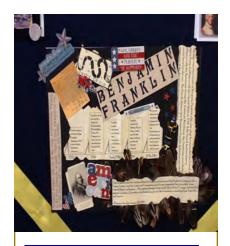


Group photo: seated left to right: Kaden Harris, Steven Switzer, & JonPaul Reese. Standing: Mrs. Beth Ivens

## MHHS ART DEPARTMENT SUPPORTS THE OZARKS REGIONAL ARTS COUNCIL

The Ozark Regional Arts Council (ORAC) will offer over 100 works of art in a silent auction on October 26, 2013. Works donated for the auction, were created by artists and community members locally and from across the region. Each work measures approximately 6" x 6" x 2", and are in a variety of media. Proceeds will benefit, the Arts Council. Five artists from MHHS donating art work include Kat Binns, oil painting; Kaden Harris, acrylic painting; Steven Switzer, a drawing in marker; JonPaul Reese, relief sculpture; and Beth Ivens, oil painting. The silent auction and entertainment will begin at 6:00 p.m. at River Lodge at 117 River Lodge Drive and the community is invited. If you would like to see a preview you can visit The Ozarks Regional Arts Council on Facebook.



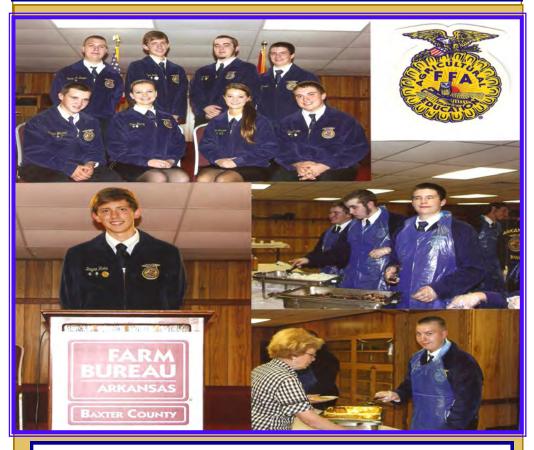


AP US HISTORY STUDENTS **CULMINATED THE FIRST QUARTER BY SUBMITTING ONE PAGE BIOGRAPHY** COLLAGES. STUDENTS SELECTED A KEY HISTORICAL FIGURE FROM THE UNITS OF STUDY WITHIN THE 1ST QUARTER, **CONDUCTED LIBRARY** RESEARCH AND CREATED A **COLLAGE REPRESENTING** THEIR INDIVIDUAL. **COLLAGE REQUIREMENTS INCLUDED A QUOTE FROM** THE FIGURE, ILLUSTRATIVE **IMAGES, A DESCRIPTIVE** STATEMENT, KEY **CONTRIBUTIONS, AND MOST SIGNIFICANT** ACCOMPLISHMENT. STUDENT WORK MAY BE VIEWED ON THE BULLETIN **BOARD OUTSIDE MRS.** NORRIS'S ROOM IN THE **ACME HALL AT MHHS.** 





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.



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



BELOW: KAITLYN DEATLEY,
EMILY QUINN, MEGAN
NELSON, EMILY MCCOY,
KELSEY AKINS, JUSTIN
ADKINS, AND SHAYNA
PORTER FORM AN
ASSEMBLY LINE TO HELP
LOAD ICE FOR THE PICNIC
DRINKS





## A Busy Month for Key Club

MHHS Key Club has been staying busy this year. Most recently, they have helped with the Eaton company picnic and the Mountain Home Parks and Recreation Trunk or Treat. Both events have been a huge success, and we have gotten the opportunity to really help out in the community. Our future events include a Trunk or Treat at ASUMH, and several events with our



Key Club members helped supervise several inflatables at the Eaton company picnic. Pictured (L to R) are Justin Adkins, Emily Quinn, Megan Nelson, Rachel Key, Emily McCoy, Kelsey Akins, Shayna Porter, Vice President Hannah Uchtman, and Megan Platt.



Jacob Rosson, President Lakyn Moren, Tabby Blevins, and Emily McCoy hand out candy to area youth at the Cooper Park Trunk or Treat.





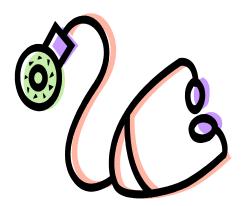
Mrs. Fowler's Entrepreneurial Experience class catered the most recent luncheon for the visiting school from Farmington. Destiney Carroccio and Kristen Weaver served during the luncheon.



HHS Academy students in Mrs. Easterling's advisory at MHHS listen as Dr. Eric Arp discusses the effects of stress on blood pressure. His wife, Kathy Arp, then gave students tips to reduce stress. Pictured is Grace Armistead getting her blood pressure and pulse oximetry taken by Dr. Arp during mentoring at MHHS.

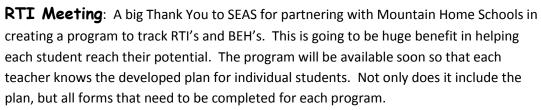


The Mountain Home High School FCCLA participated in the AR Farm to You project on September 24<sup>th</sup>. We partnered with the Baxter County Cooperative Extension Service to present the project to Hackler Elementary and Cotter Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. The FCCLA members presented different parts in the project from food production and processing to eating healthy to maintaining a healthy body. The members of FCCLA that participated in the project are: Megan Pedigo, Zoe Bodishbough, Kyla Boothe, Caitlin McDonald, Morgan Bennett, Alex Luelf, Destiney Carroccio, Hannah Lundry, Kali Jones, Reanna Shealey, Madeline Malloy, Kayla Harrington, Rachel Wilson, Katie Wehmeyer, and Laykyn Moren.



HHS Academy students in Mrs. Fowler's advisory at MHHS play a game of whiffle ball with their mentors, Kim Schmuecker and Kelly Nosari, during mentoring at MHHS.





Did you know that you can use Gizmos for FREE with your students? All you have to do is click here on the link below and submit your information. If you have looked at it before, please look again, they have added many new gizmos.

#### **GIZMOS**











GANAG is a new lesson plan schema that has been developed by Jane Pollock. GANAG closely follows the work of Madeline Hunter, but instead of concentrating on creating master teachers, GANAG's focus is creating master learners. Building on the research introduced in Classroom Instruction that Works, (1st edition, Marzano, Pickering, and Pollock, 2001) Dr. Pollock has added neuroscience research findings to the original PET model. GANAG offers teachers a simple organizational tool, that when done correctly, will yield higher student achievement. It's fast, effective, and easy to implement. The Achieving by Changing Initiative has chosen to use this planning schema for building effective lessons because it incorporates the use of high-yield strategies easily, yet is simple and effective. Short videos on how to implement this schema can be found at:

http://www.achievingbychanging.com/ then click on GANAG".



Here is a blog I found with information on CGI. Worth looking

http://michellef.essdack.org/blog/4 at!!!!



ASCD has submitted in their *Policy Points* publication some myths and facts related to the common core state standards. This may help you in answering some of those touch parent questions concerning CCSS. Please read by clicking here.



APSRC has found a dozen Math Apps and websites: check it out here!

## 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





Donate in purple bins

Purchase items

## #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!





Engineers Make a World of Difference

# An Exciting, Interactive Exhibit for All Ages

## **Opening Event**

**Sat., Oct. 12** 10 am - 5 pm

Local Engineering Displays & Demos 10 am - 2 pm

- Build an arch
- Generate electricity
- Invent with batteries, circuits, and switches
- Devise a plan to get clean water to a remote village



## **Upcoming Discover Tech Programs**

Sat., Oct. 26 Mousetrap Car Races

Register and pick up a kit at the Library Oct. 12 - 22.

Tues., Oct. 29 Teen Science & Technology Career Lab

And More! Discover Tech on exhibit through Dec. 13

For a complete schedule of Discover Tech Programs at the Library visit www.baxlib.org.



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