## Mountain Home Public Schools



Superintendent Update: November 1, 2013

Quote for the week: "A teacher's day is one-half bureaucracy, one-half crisis, one-half monotony, and one-eighth epiphany. Never mind the arithmetic."—Susan Ohanian

The teachers that read this quote will likely get the humor behind it. It seems that some days there are more events that can happen than can be captured in just one day. The business, intensity, required paperwork and moment to moment crises that occur sometimes makes it feel like one has worked more than one whole day. The one-eighth epiphany can really make a difference.

An **epiphany** is an experience of sudden and striking realization. Generally the term is used to describe scientific breakthrough, religious or philosophical discoveries, but it can apply in any situation in which an enlightening realization allows a problem or situation to be understood from a new and deeper perspective. Epiphanies are studied by psychologists and other scholars, particularly those attempting to study the process of innovation.

Epiphanies are relatively rare occurrences and generally follow a process of significant thought about a problem. Often they are triggered by a new and key piece of information, but importantly, a depth of prior knowledge is required to allow the leap of understanding. Famous epiphanies include <u>Archimedes</u>'s discovery of a method to determine the density of an object and <u>Isaac Newton</u>'s realization that a falling apple and the orbiting moon are both pulled by the same force.

The one-eighth epiphany is manifested when the students have the big "ah-ha" moment or possibly when a skill is learned or enhanced. When an educator sees that "light bulb" come on in one of their students, I can assure you that educator has a fulfilling moment that reinforces their decision to be a teacher. To me it is always so energizing when those moments occur.

Most recently it occurred with me in Phoenix, Arizona. The specific time was a one hour period of time when our high school Academy students were connected by *Face Time* with over 200 professionals from across the nation. Those students responded to very difficult questions from the educators and the questions just kept coming. The audience was intrigued by our students' ability to respond point in time with knowledge and experience concerning their own educational opportunities as they are manifested through the Career Academy model. Every student not only responded, but responded with energy, enthusiasm and encouragement to the audience that their students too should be given opportunities for input and voice in the school programs.



#### Here are my epiphanies:

- The surprising and fulfilling feeling of epiphany is still so wonderful because one cannot predict when one's labor will bear fruit!
- Subconsciously I thought that 38 years of dedication to kids has been maximized and fulfilled because I realized our kids have now become our "teachers" and when students have become this knowledgeable and confident, it is both a reward for a long period of effort and a positive feeling knowing those kids will be there to lead our community, our state, and our nation in the future. Please don't confuse these thoughts with any idea that I think I have made a huge contribution or that these kids are successful because of me…it is just that there is reward for dedicating one's life to a vocation which is directed toward a greater good for mankind.
- Our staff truly does take the vision of "Every Student-Every Time" seriously.
- Our kids graduate with skills which prepare them for "college and/or career."
- Our kids can hold their own on the state, national, and international scene.

Maybe you have had some epiphanies lately. I will admit that I may have stretched the meaning of epiphany, but I was so inspired by our students that I just had to share. I know you all are inspired by our students every day. We must always keep the focus on what is best for our students...which will require us to often take the focus off ourselves.

#### News for the week:

I want to mention the presentation delivered to the National Career Academy Coalition on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. We had a great cross section of school board, community, teachers, and administration. I enjoyed the experience and appreciate being on such a great team. During the conference, the word "family" came up often. The concept of family is a concept worth striving for. When each of us contributes to a healthy family, fulfillment is the result. Each of the participants in the trip were truly good family members and conducted themselves professionally. I have to admit it is a wonderful experience to have so many folks from across the nation asking how we are successful in Mountain Home. Of course, our kids took us to a level that no other presenters were able to obtain. Our kids always make us look good.





We had significant travel problems trying to come home from Phoenix. We had a lot of adversity with flights, airports, late hours, lack of rest, etc. as we tried to find our way home. Everyone was so positive and did not complain which made it so much easier to finally get flight plans and an extra night planned for a large group. I want to thank my colleagues for being so wonderful while so fatigued. I am including a few photos of the experience. I hope you enjoy them.







Our volleyball team had a great season. Congratulations to all of the kids and Coach Leonard. The senior leadership on that team was outstanding. This was a team that modeled "family" and it was fun for me to see just how much they enjoyed being together as family. If we can really wrap our minds around this family concept, I believe all of our students will have a special relationship with not only their peers, but adults as well. Congratulations also go to our Bomber and Lady Bomber Cross Country teams. The Bombers finished as Conference Runners Up and the Lady Bombers finished as Conference Champions. Congratulations to Coach Blades, his staff, and the great kids on our Cross Country Teams.

Click <u>here</u> to enjoy this Simple Truth's video.

Have a great weekend!

Lonnie



Zombie Walk...



North Arkansas Woodcarvers Club demonstrating carving to Mrs. Laura Strider's 4th Grade Class.

Pinewood Derby races...









November 1<sup>st</sup> concludes our 1 Million Meals Food Drive and the Mountain Home School District has done a GREAT JOB! As of last Friday, the district had collected over 4,400 food items to benefit the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas!

Several campuses have been finalizing their food drive efforts this week and **Arvest** associates will be coming around to all of the campuses <u>today</u> to pick up your final food items and any food bins or barrels. The Food Bank of North Central Arkansas will be picking up all of the Mountain Home School Districts food items on November 6th from the **Arvest** locations in Mountain Home and will weigh all of the food to be reported for the Spirit of Giving award given out by the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance. Remember that Mountain Home competed against schools across the state of Arkansas last year and WON the Spirit of Giving Award, which meant the district was given \$1,500! You guys have done an incredible job this year and I am hoping you all keep your title for the Spirit of Giving!

Because of your efforts, you helped **Arvest** provide over 95,000 meals to the Food Bank of NCA just in time for the holidays. Thanks a MILLION!

Thank you,

Tiffany Watkins
AVP, Marketing Director
Arvest Bank - North Central Arkansas

### **Friday Focus**

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

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### Friday, November 1, 2013

A teacher takes
a Hand, opens
a Mind and
touches a Heart





**Enjoying Fall Festivals!** 

<u>Studying at Columbia University:</u> This year I have the honor of participating in a Leadership Academy through AR Tech. As part of the academy, 18 superintendents from across the State of AR went to NYC and attended Columbia University. While at Columbia University the topic of study was World Class Educators, led by Professor Murphy. I learned we have a lot to be proud of here in the MHPS. We not only have world class teachers, but the opportunities we provide for students surpass many opportunities provided for NYC Public School students.



The Library of Columbia University

The cohort went to two different NYC schools. We visited PS#76, grades K-8, located in Harlem. Mr. DeBerry, principal, welcomed us and provided a building tour.



Principal Charles DeBerry (Left) and Professor Murphy

NYC high schools have hundreds of career academy programs for students to choose from. We visited a Culinary Academy, Food and Finance High School/Park West High School.



Mr. Roger Turgeon, Principal of Park West

High School in NYC

Mountain Home Public Schools has many similarities to NYC Schools. Our schools instruction and curriculum is advanced in comparison to some program options available at NYC. In a NYC classroom, technology isn't as prevalent as compared to MHPS. Also, we offer career academies to our students much like NYC Public Schools. GBCCA offers a greenhouse with Hydroponics and Aquaponics. NYC Park West High School partners with Cornell to offers Hydro and Aquaponics. GBCCA has a comparable and stronger program in many aspects.



NYC Park West High School had 7 tanks for Aquaponics in

conjunction with Cornell Univ.



GBCCA Aquaculture Lab has 1

tank for Aquaponics and is funded by grants and private funds.

## **Dates to Remember:**

November 6 - Noon MHPS School Board Meeting at MHJH



# **Parent Guide to CCSS**

The National PTA¹s Parents' Guide to Student Success is intended to clarify what the Common Core standards are and what students are to learn in each grade. The PTA has produced a guide for each grade K-8 and two guides per grade 9-12 (one for English language arts/literacy and one for mathematics). The guides are also available in Spanish and include activities that parents can do at home to support their child's learning and methods for helping parents build stronger relationships with their child's teacher. The high school guides also include tips for planning for college and career.

The guides may be accessed at this link: <a href="http://pta.org/content.cfm?ItemNumber=2796">http://pta.org/content.cfm?ItemNumber=2796</a>

ADE, in partnership with Teacher Created Materials, AETN and ArkansasIDEAS, has developed an evidence-based classroom STEM education resource program to support educators in K-12 classrooms. These resources specifically focus on classroom-level instructional strategies, materials, and assessments. This program will directly assist teachers in Learning practical, standards-based strategies that support the seven STEM Foundations. Each STEM foundation provides a full-length, studio session video that includes selections from the educator's classroom footage. There is also the option to view each classroom lesson in its entirety. The associated materials needed to carry out the lessons, including detailed lesson plans, have also been provided for download. This website is accessible at this link: www.arideas.org/stem<http://www.arideas.org/stem>.



# Attention Teachers



If your students are doing something creative in your class (any subject), please let me know or send me pictures so that the district can see what is happening. Teachers in other buildings want to see the fantastic things that are going on across the district.



Mrs. Gaston's Third Grade Students!



On the next page, are some posters that Mrs. Gaston's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students created to show their understanding of mathematical problem types. There are several others and they are all very well done hanging in the hallway outside her room. Go by Mrs. Gaston's room and see the creative and wonderful job the students are doing to help in their understanding of math!

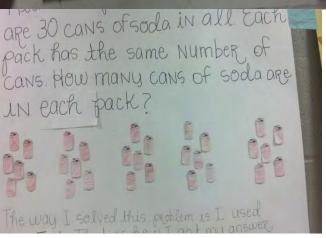


# Awesome Job! Way to go! Very Creative!

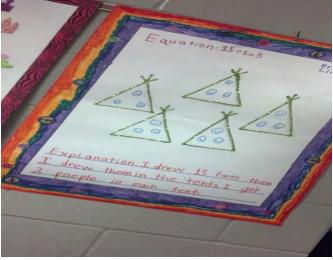














### Mountain Home Kindergarten Parent Newsletter November 1, 2013

### Word of the Month-Consequences

<u>Grandparent's Day:</u> The time has passed to reserve a meal for Grandparent's Day, but your child's grandparent or friend can still come and bring their own lunch! Times are listed below:

November 7 (North Hall)			November 8 (South Hall)		
King	10:35	<del></del>	Shy	10:35	
Christy	10:45		Pitchford		10:45
Sallee	11:55		Crecelius		10:55
Goettler		11:05 Owens		S	11:05
Diane	11:15		Rogers	11:15	
Powell	11:25		Kasinger		11:25
Ducker	11:35		McLean	11:35	
Henderson	11:45		Newton	11:45	
Pugsley	11:55		Rowlett	11:55	

CHRISTMAS GIVING PROJECT – We are learning to give during the month of November! If you are able, as a family, to purchase a boy or girl toy to be redistributed to a family in need in our building; please consider doing so. More information will follow next week.

#### Community Opportunities

Soul Sneakers (Formally Upward Basketball) Evaluations & Registrations - Saturday,
November 16 & 23

10 am - Noon, Christian Life Center, First Baptist Church - 400 Club Blvd., Mountain Home, AR

Or register on-line at myfbcmh.com (or) mountainhomesports.com If you would like more information or wish to participate, please call the Christian Life Center, First Baptist Church at (870) 425-5421.

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.

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 www.baxlib.org for more info.

**FROSTY FESTIVAL!** Coming November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at The Sheid @ ASU – FROSTY FESTIVAL!! With over 50 vendors, this is a great one stop shop for the holidays! \$5 admission funds projects such as Reading Is Fun where every child from Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade receives a free book in March. NEW THIS YEAR~ Cinnamon Rolls with Mrs. Claus presented by Blackbird Cafe. 9am on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> bring your child to hear beloved Christmas stories and enjoy a tasty treat! Tickets \$5 (Adult must also purchase admission)

#### **Upcoming Events-**

Book Fair – November 7-15, 2013 Yearbooks – We are taking **pre-orders** until December 20<sup>th</sup> Grandparent Days – November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Make-Up Picture Day- November 22<sup>nd</sup> Thanksgiving Holiday-November 25-29, 2013 Christmas Holiday – December 23, 2013 – January 3, 2014

# Book Fair is coming to Mountain Home Kindergarten!!!!

When: November 7<sup>th</sup> thru November 15<sup>th</sup>

Where: Mountain Home Kindergarten Library

Times: 8:00-3:30 each day. Friday, November 15th, the book fair will close at 2pm.

November 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> will be a "Grand" Event, where we hope that all visiting Grandparents will drop in with their little one to see the Book Fair!!!

If you want to shop with your child during the day, please LOOK below to see the day and time his/her class will be coming. **DEBIT/CREDIT CARDS** accepted! Cardholder must accompany child.

Monday, Nov. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday, Nov.12 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday, Nov. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday, Nov. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Friday, November 15 <sup>th</sup>
8:10-9am King	8:10-9am Sallee	9-9:50am Gross, Diane	8:10-9am Goettler	8:10-9am Curtis, Christy
9-9:50am Henderson	9-9:50am Ducker	10:10-11am Shy	10:10-11am Rogers	9-9:50am Powell
10:10-11am Owens	10:10-11am Crecelius	11-11:50am Pugsley	11-11:50am McLean	10:10-11am Pitchford
11-11:50am Rowlett	11-11:50am Kasinger	12:25-3:30 Free-flow	12:25-3:30 Free-flow	11-11:50am Newton
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**TEACHER WISH LISTS-** Some teachers have filled out lists of items they would love to have in their classroom. Ask how you can buy one when you get to the Book Fair.

#### YOU CAN SHOP ONLINE!!!!

The online fair will run from **November 2 thru November 22**.

The books will be shipped, with no shipping charges, to Mountain Home Kindergarten at the END of the ONLINE fair (November 20) and will be delivered to your child's classroom. Just type in this address to shop:

### http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/mhk

If you would like to help volunteer during the book fair, please contact Ms. Melissa at 425-1256 or <a href="mczeschin@mtnhome.k12.ar.us">mczeschin@mtnhome.k12.ar.us</a>. If you send money with your child to purchase books, please make checks out to MHK (Mountain Home Kindergarten).

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# NELSON-WILKS-HERRON

# Mrs. Persons' Good Behavior Celebration



Last Friday, Mrs. Persons treated students who had good behavior for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter to a movie and popcorn. The students watched "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown!"

## Halloween Fun!



Mrs. McCord, Mrs. Mindy Williams, Ms. Byes, Mrs. Kressin & Mrs. Corp

# **ACME Project**







MHHS ACME students came over this week to work on the next phase of their race car project with Ms. Wedgeworth, Mrs. Volkman and Mrs. Nunley's classes. They sanded the cars and started discussing design strategies. Next time, the students will start decorating their cars!

### **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 31, 2013

#### **Around our School**

- ➤ Look for a yearbook order form in the red folder. The yearbook is in color and the cost is \$23 with name and \$20 with NO name engraved on the cover. We will take orders from November 1 thru December 6. OR You can order online at <a href="www.inter-state.com/yearbook">www.inter-state.com/yearbook</a> and the code is 410069.
- Make up pictures will be November 19th beginning at 8:00 am.
- > Please pay lunch charges as soon as possible.

### **Notes from Nurse Wendy**

Give kids plenty of high protein foods, fruits, vegetables and vitamins to give their bodies the defenses they need. A good breakfast is especially important to start the school day off right.



Mr. & Miss Merry Christmas Pageant will be held at Dunbar Auditorium on Sat, Nov 16. Entry forms are available in the front office.

#### 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)

Calling all Hackler students with talent and a community who wants to be entertained. Come join us on November 14 from 6:00 to 7:30pm for the First Hackler Talent Show, a fundraiser for our gifted and talented education (GATE) program. The idea was a joint effort of 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.

The Mountain Home Parks & Recreation Youth Basketball League has moved to the beginning of the 2014 year! Registration will take place at the L.C. Sammons Youth Center beginning on January 2<sup>nd</sup> and run through January 18<sup>th</sup>. Games will run February 1<sup>st</sup> through March 14<sup>th</sup>. The registration fee is \$45.00 with a \$5 multi-child discount. The athletes will have a total of six games with an End of the Season Party. Registration forms are available on the web at <a href="https://www.mountainhomeparksandrec.com">www.mountainhomeparksandrec.com</a> For more information, call 424-7275.

#### Soul Sneakers

#### 2014 Basketball & Cheerleading

(Same great program, new name, formally Upward)

Evaluations & Registrations - Saturday, November 16 & 23, 10 am – Noon, Christian Life Center First Baptist Church, 400 Club Blvd., Mountain Home, AR or register on-line at myfbcmh.com (or) mountainhomesports.com



This Basketball and Cheerleading program is for **boys and girls** 4 yrs through 6th grade. Practices beginning January 6th and games beginning January 18 and will be held at First Baptist Church, Christian Life Center. Award Celebration February 24th! Cost is \$50 per child for Basketball and \$60 per child for Cheerleading with discount for multiple family members and scholarships are available. If you would like more information or wish to participate, please call **(870) 425-5421.** 

Coming November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at The Sheid @ ASU – FROSTY FESTIVAL!! With over 50 vendors this is a great one stop shop for the holidays! \$5 admission benefits the children of Baxter County. NEW THIS YEAR~ Cinnamon Rolls with Mrs. Claus presented by Blackbird Cafe. 9am on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> bring your child to hear beloved Christmas stories and enjoy a tasty treat before checking out the vendors! Tickets \$5 (Adult must also purchase admission)





1st Annual MHJH Cheerleading
5K Zombie OUT-Run
This SATURDAY - 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
For more information email hwilhite@mtnhome.k12.ar.us





**What is it?** Run for Rides is an 80s style family fun run/walk hosted by Mercy Mall-Mountain Home. Every registrant provides a BRAND NEW Huffy© bicycle to a local child.

**Date & Race Time:** Saturday, November 16, 2013 @ 10am. (There is no rain out date for the race.) Race day registration and check-in will take place at First Presbyterian Church, 1106 Spring Street from 8:30-9:30AM

Location: Cooper Park, 1101 Spring Street, Mountain Home, AR 72653

**5K Fees:** Adults (16 & up) \$35, Late registrants \$45 (after November 10)

**Kid's Run:** Free (does not include T-shirt). Kids of all ages are welcome to run with a guardian, including strollers and leashed pets! Youth tees may be pre-ordered for \$10. Kids are welcome to register if they would like to provide another Christmas bike!

Registration forms can be picked up in the front office at Hackler Intermediate School.

# **HACKLER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL WEEK ENDING 11-01-2013**











WE ARE SUPER PROUD-OF-YOU!



# CLASSROOM WINNERS



GRADE WINNERS

These students will advance to the Baxter County Spelling Bee to be held on Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the Vada Sheid Auditorium on the ASU-MH campus.





Colin Dyer - 1st, Camille Pitchford - 2nd, Cambria White - 3rd





Leah McLean - 1st, Cooper Oxford - 2nd, Gaige Chaney - 3rd





Samad Akhter - 3rd, Grace Hilvert - 1st, Luke Hinson - 2nd,





Naomi Lassen Steve Bergman

Susan Bergman

**Darla Deatherage** 

**Glenda Small** 

**Laurie Cramton** 

## **Norma Prentiss**











**Hackler Intermediate Spelling Bee Coordinator** 









# Pinkston Middle School



Week ending 11.1.13

Seventh Grade 50's Day



7th graders will start their day with 50's music like Rockin' Robin, One Eyed Purple People Eater, and Louie Louie. Throughout the day students will participate in a sock hop, tour cars from the 1950's, and eat Root Beer floats. All of these activities are aligned with their novel study The Outsiders by S.E.Hinton. The Outsiders novel study is not just for literacy! Students have been studying the economy of the 1950's, collecting data based on cost increases and making prediction of merchandise cost in our future. There are lots of great American artist from the 1950's as well. One 1950's American artist that students have come to know and will emulate paintings is Jackson Pollack. Also, after studying the day and a life of a 7th grader growing up in the 1950's, many students have dressed up in the style of the 50's wearing poodle skirts, saddleback shoes, white t-shirts, leather jackets, hair scarves, and horn-rimmed glasses.

Thank you teachers for the seamless integration of curriculum and going the extra step to create a day that feels like students are actually part of the decade.

A special thank you to our Pinkston PIE volunteers for being with us throughout the day and assisting with the different activities!

# 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade Discovery Tech Students in the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade went to the Donald W. Reynolds library Discovery

Students in the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade went to the Donald W. Reynolds library Discovery Tech exhibit this past week. Students were greeted by Mr. Vincent Anderson at the library at which time they heard more details about the exhibit. Students were then able to break into small groups and move through the hands on exhibits including water purification, energy, technology, and architecture. We appreciate our library for their active role in bringing great opportunities to our students!







# Pinkston celebrates Red Ribbon Week









Students made a pledge to be Drug Free, wore red ribbons, crazy hair, jeans because they are "jean-ous", socked it to drugs with their crazy socks, along with many other activities. Pinkston recognizes Red Ribbon week each year and is proud of all our students as they take a stand against drugs along with their pledge to live a drug free life!





## 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! Food Drive Ends November 1



Pinkston students continued to collect can goods and non-perishable items for the Food Band of North Central Arkansas. Students have brought in more than 2,000 items!



Rysta H. 6th





We are on Twitter! @Pinkstonmiddle

EAST at Pinkston Tweets @AdunavanEast

7th 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** 

# **MOUNTAIN HOME JUNIOR HIGH**

\*\*\*\*\*16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MOUNTAIN HOME PUBLIC SCHOOLS' TRICK-OR-TREAT NIGHT HOSTED BY MHJH\*\*\*\*\*

#### ANOTHER HUGE SUCCESS!!!

We would like to thank Mr. Rod Erisman and his family for once again putting on the Mountain Home Public Schools' Trick-Or-Treat night on our campus. The Erisman family has been giving our district employees' families a safe and fun place to enjoy Halloween for the past 16 years. We would also like to thank all the teachers and students that worked very hard to make this even a huge success!



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# Our MHJH Computer Applications II students are OFFICIALLY PUBLISHED!

Logan Block, Otto Blum, Anna Helmert, Savannah Heslep, Daniel Jackson, Mario Jardon, Brian Lofton, Eli McCoach, Hunt Nosari, Hannah Plumlee, Austin Rose, Kyle Rose, Brady Villiger.

The following ads are featured in the 2013 Arkansas Family Rodeo Finals Program. These 40 page, full-color programs will be distributed throughout the North Central Arkansas communities and given to 148 contestants who comprise 269 entries at the 2013 AFR Finals held Nov. 1-2 at Bar None Cowboy Church & Arena in Midway.

Students were given simple, short instructions: Each student was assigned an event and directed to <a href="https://www.randrodeo.com">www.randrodeo.com</a> website where they looked to see the name of business sponsoring the event saddle. They looked up that business online and created a full page ad for Gold Saddle Sponsors, and a half page ad for Silver Saddle Sponsors. They used MSPublisher (for the 1<sup>st</sup> time!) and started with a blank page. They had access to a folder with pictures of the saddle sponsors they were required to use and a logo if the business website didn't have something for them to use. Here are their creations!!

FULL Page Ads:









#### **HALF Page Ads:**













# THE MHJH PERFORMING ARTS,

Into the Woods, a Broadway fairy tale of fairy tales, next week. To introduce the play, students participated in an

# integrated project.

- In **SCIENCE**, the focus was on identifying trees in the woods.
- In English and History, students explored the origins of storytelling.
- In Computer Science, students conducted research.
- In Art, the students worked on a leaves project.
- In Math, students attempted to solve a probability problem, dealing Jack and his beans.
- In Physical Education, students went on hikes and studied the type of trees, flowers, and other things they saw on the hike.

Rehearsal Pictures of Into the Woods (Wait until you see them in costume!) ©



## LITERACY

Mrs. Hickey's eighth graders created a timeline of significant events in their lives, entitled *The Road I've Taken*. See exemplary samples below.







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MHJH celebrated Teen Read Week with a contest sponsored by the MHJH Library. The teachers submitted favorite book titles, and a matching quiz was made with the teachers' names and book titles. Each day several clues were given about who chose what book. Students were encouraged to ask the teachers for clues about what book they chose. Teachers were invited to participate, as well. **The winner in the teacher division was Christy Reid and the student winner was Katelyn Mahan.** Congratulations, ladies!!



Groups of students from Mrs. Melissa Story's and Mrs. Paula Halsted's English 8 class brainstormed ideas to answer the questions presented to them from the novel, <u>The Contender</u> by Robert Lipsyte. Each group was required to have evidence from the text to support the answer.



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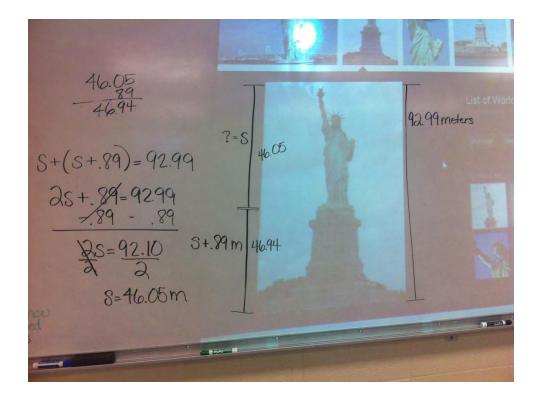
The following is a problem students recently worked on in Mrs. Whitney Hickman's Math 8 classes. Students were asked the following question:

Q: From ground level to the tip of her torch, the Statue of Liberty and its pedestal are 92.99 meters tall. The pedestal is 0.89 meters taller than the statue. How tall is the Statue of Liberty?

The first day they were provided NO image. Not a single student all day got the right answer.

The next day, the students pulled up an image of the Statue of Liberty (see below). It helped tremendously and we were able to solve the problem very easily!!!

The attached photo shows the equations that the students set up to work this problem. The total was listed on the right and labeled. On the left the students broke it up into two parts, assigning a variable. The two parts were then set equal to one another, and they solved for the unknown amount, which was the statue's height. They then used it to calculate the height of the pedestal. They checked themselves by adding the two to make sure that it was equivalent to the amount on the right. The problem also sparked many conversations and questions about this historical figure.



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Amanda Woods, from North Arkansas College in Harrison was at the Junior High today working with the students and observing the agriculture classes as part of her Education Profession class. She is an agriculture education major.





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Ms. Ginger Parker's and Mrs. Susie Teague's students enjoyed being outdoors and planting spring bulbs in the ability garden at MHJH.









# ART CLUB MEMBERS HAVE PARTNERED WITH PINE LANE NURSING HOME-



Kaden Harris, Katie Hutchison, Shayla Wells, Monica Vasiloff, Evan Webb, Kate Rokosava, and Steven Switzer helped residents of Pine Lane Nursing Home paint pumpkins and a fall themed ceiling tile for their activity room on October 28, 2013. These activities are part of an on-going partnership between MHHS art students and resi-



Homecoming 2013 began with the selection of the theme "Around the World," selected by the Student Council. Each class chose a country as the focus of their float: Seniors-China, Juniors-Mexico, and Sophomores - America.

Floats were
presented during the
Homecoming Parade
Wednesday, October
23rd. The first place
winner of this years float
was the Senior Class.

Throughout the week students participated in activities and also dressed up. Monday was PJ Day, Tuesday-Culture Day (dress to represent your families ancestry), Wednesday was America Day (show your patriotism), Thursday—Flag Day (different countries and colors), and Friday students wore their Homecoming T-shirts.

## 2013 MHHS Homecoming King & Queen



King Nick Wilhite and Queen Alaina Tuberville



FFA was selected the winning float for clubs 2013!





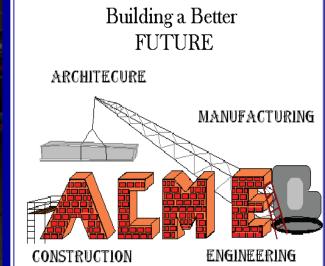


HHS students Erica Mathis and Drew Hatman along with Mr. Goodwin and Dr. John Bouck load the trebuchet to target scarecrows in the MHHS gym during Academy Work Day, Wednesday, October  $30\mathrm{th}$ .



HHS students Kaylea Yeakley and Summer Webers participate in the Walk-A-Thon during the Academy Work Day at MHHS.









## **ACME**

Wednesday, October 30, 2013 was the Academy Work Day. ACME academy split for their project. Approximately 45 students went to Nelson-Wilkes-Herron to work with the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes of Mrs. Nunley, Mrs. Volkman, and Mrs. Wedgeworth. The high school students were paired with the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students to help them sand and prepare their pinewood derby cars for painting. At first the high school students seemed a little nervous, but by the end of the time, they were all right down there on the floor with the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students sanding and talking about what color to pain the cars and what decorations they wanted on their cars. It was an awesome afternoon.

While these students were at N-W-H, the rest of the ACME students were treated to a movie (*Days of Thunder*), fresh-popped popcorn, and drinks in the library. They enjoyed a relaxing time of car racing through the big screen.

# ACME & Nelson -Wilks-Herron Pinewood Derby Car Construction



ACME.....Our mission is to provide students a safe, kinesthetic learning environment by creating real -world connections giving them the necessary skills to graduate and succeed in the 21st century.

## MAINTENANCE MATTERS

Big Mike is attending a School Dude in-service at the Melbourne Co-op today in regard to reporting approximately 15 items that the State needs reported electronically annually. These reports include proof of natural gas line testing, fire inspections, alarm inspections, (all completed by outside companies) and all our monthly inspections that are completed by our maintenance employees.

All week we have had prisoners from the correction facility at Calico Road scraping and painting the new Auxiliary Services Building. The old stucco was scraped from the outside of the building before the painting could start. The outside which I can see from our office is looking really great. We supply the men and their guards with lunch daily. These meals run around \$150 a day. We could not have the usual 30 men working the 6 hours a day they are here for this small amount. Six hours a day at the \$8.15/hour we pay substitutes would be \$48.90 per man. \$48.90 for 30 men would be approximately \$1,467 per day.

Harold Lawrence, Greg Jones and Nick Blevins have been framing the new food service offices on the inside of the building. Eric Smith and Mike Walker have been busy running the electrical wiring in this area.

All the monthly inspections -- sidewalks, roofs and gutters, playground equipment, ice machines, water fountains, water heaters, fire extinguishers - have been completed. Lawn work is continuing around the buildings. Copier paper has been delivered to several buildings. And the usual number of work requests have been completed.

Have a GREAT -turn-back-the-clock - weekend.