

FROM SUPERINTENDENT DR. MYERS

Superintendent Update: November 14, 2014

Quote for the week: “There is a brilliant child locked inside every student.”—Marva Collins

How Do Children Learn?

How do we find the brilliant child locked inside every student? How do children learn? These questions have been researched for many years. Since the early 1970’s researchers have been studying individual learning styles. They agree that a variety of patterns appear in a typical classroom. Understanding our children’s learning styles can help break patterns that cloud the child’s learning. Children learn in different ways.

According to Dr. Mary Ann Smialek, to gain a better understanding of how children learn, one must consider the four broad areas of preferred learning styles. Each style exhibits very recognizable traits. Many theories have been developed regarding children’s learning styles. One of the most popular theories with educators deals with four modes of learning: visual, auditory, kinesthetic and tactile. These modalities are based upon the use of the five senses involved with the learning process. Which sense the child prefers determines the student’s learning style.

Visual learners best remember what is seen. These children tend to remember faces instead of names, are good readers and have good imaginations. They respond best to instruction that includes reading, posters, graphs and videos. Visual learners:

- take copious notes
- often close their eyes to visualize and remember
- usually neat and clean with carefully coordinated clothing
- benefit from illustrations and visual presentations
- are attracted to written or spoken language rich in pictorial imagery
- seek quiet, passive surroundings ideal

Auditory learners best remember what is heard. These youngsters remember names well, respond easily to phonics instruction and may like to talk when writing. They benefit most from instruction based on lectures, discussions and questioning. Some good methods to use with auditory learners include singing songs or listening to tapes

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Special dates of interest:

- * Regular Board Meeting November 20th
- * Thanksgiving Break (no students) November 24-28
- * Noon Board Meeting—December 3rd at High School

that relate to content area to be studied and developing rhymes and mnemonics to help remember information. Auditory learners:

- remember names, tend to forget faces
- may not coordinate clothes but can explain what they have on and why
- hum or talk to themselves
- enjoy listening to themselves and others
- likes to read aloud
- remembers best by verbalizing
- have difficulties reading maps or diagrams
- have little trouble learning in a noisy environment

Kinesthetic learners learn best by doing, experimenting and involvement. These learners remember what was done, not necessarily what was seen or heard, and might have difficulty paying attention and staying focused on their schoolwork or homework. Kinesthetic learners benefit most from hands-on instruction, using manipulatives, role-playing or building things. Kinesthetic learners:

- need to move around, be active and take frequent breaks
- speak with their hands and with gestures
- seek out and find ways to move around
- tinker when bored
- rely on what they can directly experience or perform
- enjoy manipulating materials

Tactile learners like to use their hands and fingers to learn. These children learn best by writing, drawing, doodling and tend to be creative.

They benefit from instructions such as sewing, painting or drawing. Tactile learners:

- need to touch or feel objects when learning a new concept
- enjoys designing things
- likes to illustrate written work
- finds sculpting, painting and drawing relaxing
- appreciates physically expressed encouragement (e.g. a pat on the back)

As the learning style theory suggests, students have a predominant learning mode followed by their 2nd - 3rd and 4th preferred style. Knowing and understanding a child's preferred learning style is useful to one when the students tackle homework assignments. Using this "multi-sensory" approach to learning when helping children with their assignments will stimulate and enhance children's learning processes. It will surely increase one's academic success. Using a "multi-sensory" – "multi-modal" learning style approach, one may change the pattern of failure to success and meet the needs of a child who is academically "at-risk". Using this approach will empower one to reach a child's learning preference even if it not always clearly defined.

Community Advisory Board
collaborates with MHHS.



Children struggle when they try to learn in ways that aren't natural for them. When teachers plan a variety of demonstrations of instruction, children can utilize their individual strengths to succeed in school. Remember there is never "one" right way or "only" way to teach and help children with their work. Helping children with their work in the future coupled with the knowledge of the various learning style preferences and the use of technology will add a new dimension to the pursuit of successfully meeting our children's learning needs. With creativity, knowledge and motivation we can meet the challenge.

Mountain Home Public Schools takes seriously the concept of identifying our students' learning styles. By the time our students choose a career academy path at our high school each student will have had the opportunity to identify their individual preferences. This work starts early to find the brilliance inside each of our students!

News for the week:

Our students and staff enjoyed several end of year celebrations this week. Coach Morris and the Golf Teams held their annual end-of-year banquet as did Coach Moore and the Tennis Teams and Coach Lindsey Leonard and the Volleyball Team. Congratulations to every student and coach. I am always impressed with our students who have the courage to enter the "arena" of competition. Extra-Curricular activities of all kinds are good for our students.

The FBLA students are sponsoring a "Color Run" this Saturday morning beginning at 8:00 a.m. If you need to register, come at 7:00 a.m. to do so. These kids are great students and could use our support. Come out this Saturday morning at MHHS and enjoy an invigorating morning while doing service for the students.

[Click here for the Simple Truths Video.](#)

Have a great weekend everyone!

Lonnie

Mountain Home Kindergarten



Some students enjoying computer class, p.e. and a little music









Left to Right: Rebecca McGough, Lane Alexander, David Byrd

Congratulations to Lane Alexander for winning the Class 6A Boys Individual Cross Country State Championship. David Byrd also made All-State by placing 6th and helped the Bombers to a 4th place overall finish. Rebecca McGough received a medal for her 9th place finish and helped the girls to a 5th place overall finish.

Pinkston Middle School



Week ending 11.14.14

Students at Pinkston Middle honor Veterans

Hundreds of students gathered to honor veterans on Veterans Day



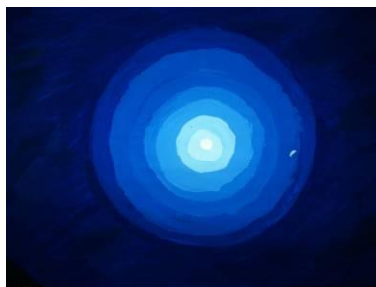
Socratic Circles



Teachers use a strategy called Socratic Circles to engage students deeper into text. Students read, question, and respond. Students support their conclusions and/or ideas based on evidence cited in the text.

For more information on Socratic Circles go to the ASCD link below:

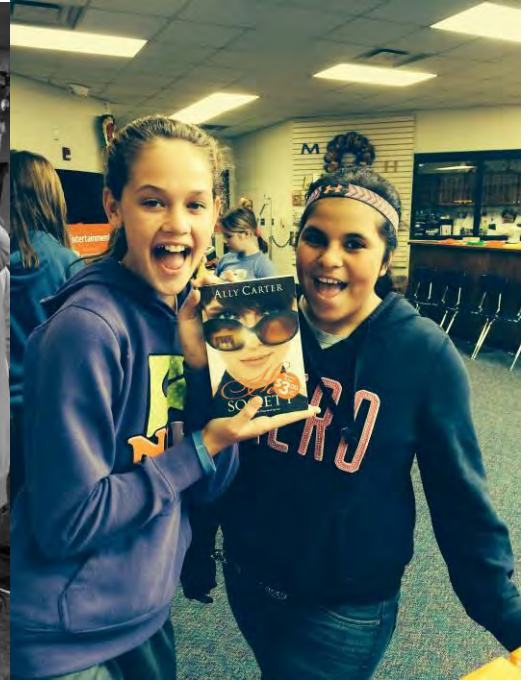
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Mikala S. 7th

Book Fair!

It's that time of year when kids get to look at, preview, and talk about all the new books from Scholastic! All students have the opportunity to visit the book fair with their classes. We appreciate Ms. Knowles for always bringing this event to our school. Going on now through Nov. 17 ☺



Pinkston Middle School @Pinkstonmiddle

EAST at Pinkston @AdunavanEast

7th Grade Promise @deniselauerman

DARE @campfield10

Pinkston Media Center @pmslibrary12

Upcoming Pinkston Middle School Events

- Nov. 3-14 – Can food drive “One Million Meals”
- Nov. 14 – Progress Reports go home
- Nov. 20 – Make Up Picture Day
- Nov. 26-28 – Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 9 – Band Concert – PM at Dunbar
- Dec. 11 – Band Recitals
- Dec. 16 – Choir Concert – PM at Dunbar

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: 11/13/2014

Around Our School

- Progress reports are going home today in Thursday folders.
- Pre-order your yearbook. The yearbook is in color and the cost is \$22 with name and \$20 with NO name engraved on the cover. Make checks payable to Hackler Intermediate School. We will take orders from November 6th thru December 12th. You may order online at www.inter-state.com/yearbook and the code is 754783. Online orders will be taken until February 27, 2015.
- Make up pictures will be November 19th.
- No school for students November 24th through November 28th.
- Hackler Holiday Bash is December 4th. See back for more details.

Note from music teachers, Sherry Mohler & Samantha Bentley

- ◆ Every student has a binder to use in music. Students will need to have 5 dividers and a pencil pouch in their binder to use in music class. Using dividers will help them to be organized in class. Binders will be used every week in music class.
- ◆ If you have any costumes to donate to the music department, please send them with your child. We would appreciate it. We never know from year to year what kind of costumes we will need for kids, and it is nice to have some in storage we can pull from. Thank you, Mrs. Mohler and Ms. Bentley

Community Opportunities

Fast pitch Softball Clinic, Saturday, November 15th from 10:00 to 1:30 for 10 and under and Sunday, November 16th from 1:30 to 4:00 for 12 and older. This will be held at the King Park in Calico Rock. For more information and to register go to www.onefastpitch.com.

Congratulations Hackler Spelling Bee Winners!

The following students will be represent Hackler Intermediate School at the County Spelling Bee on January 23, 2015 at The Sheid on the ASUMH campus.



3rd Grade

Winner: Ysabella Myers
1st runner up: Brooklyn Arms
Alternate: Brady Lance

4th Grade

Winner: Faith Hilvert
1st runner up: Wyatt Coddington
Alternate: Dillon Drewry

5th Grade

Winner: Darren Blount
1st runner up: Cooper Oxford
Alternate: Austin Baird



Good Luck Hackler Students!

Hackler Holiday Bash

December 4th, 2014



5:00-7:00



Hackler staff is so excited about this years Holiday Bash:

A Seussical Event

*Free
Christmas
Movie*

Activities Cost 1 Ticket

Free
Popcorn!!

Tickets are \$1



Photo Booth
Dodge Ball
Pictures with Duke
Smores?
Pictures with Santa
Wii Dance Off
Raffle Prizes
Christmas Ornaments
Cookie Decorating
Face Painting
Hot Chocolate



Count Down to Christmas Craft





Thank you Veterans!

In Mrs. Clarke's social studies class, students learned about Veteran's Day and made paper red poppies to commemorate Veterans. They are also writing letters to active duty service members to thank them for their service and letting them know how special they are to us. We will be sending the letters so that the troops will have them by Christmas! Students have also brought pictures and memorabilia to share with the class of any service members in their family.

Students all over Hackler studied similar lessons about the importance of Veterans' Day. It is important for the legacy of those who fought to keep our country free to be remembered on this very special day.



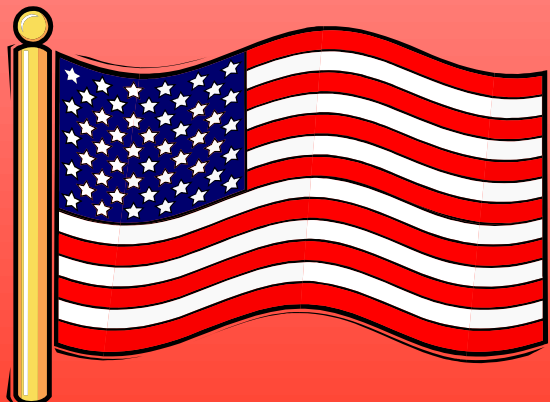
In Flanders Fields

by John McCrae, May 1915

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



Each teacher held classroom spelling bees to determine who would represent their class in the annual spelling bee held at Hackler in the cafeteria on November 9th & 10th. These students represent the winner, 1st runner up and alternate from each grade. These students will compete at the county Spelling Bee held on the ASUMH campus at The Shied on January 23, 2015.

SPELLING BEE

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Congratulations Hackler Students and Good Luck at the County Spelling Bee!

Monday	11/17/14	Basketball Pirate Classic (@ Branson) TBA 8 th Boys Basketball vs. Yellville (Home) 4:30 7 th Girls, 7 th Boys, 8 th Girls
Tuesday	11/18/14	Basketball Pirate Classic (@ Branson) TBA 8 th Boys Basketball Intramurals (@ Pinkston) 4:00 7 th Boys Basketball vs. Jonesboro Annie Camp (Away) 4:00 8 th Girls, 9 th Girls, 9 th Boys
Wednesday	11/19/14	
Thursday	11/20/14	Basketball Pirate Classic (@ Branson) TBA 8 th Boys Basketball Intramurals (@ Pinkston) 4:00 7 th Boys Basketball vs. Pocahontas (@ Highland) 7:30 HS Girls
Friday	11/21/14	Basketball vs. Greene County Tech (Home) 4:00 7 th , 8 th , 9 th Boys
Saturday	11/22/14	Basketball vs. Springdale (Home) 1:00 HSJV Girls, HSVJ Boys, HS Girls, HS Boys Wrestling Springdale Har-Ber JV Tournament TBA

Go Bombers!!!

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MHHS CAREER ACADEMIES

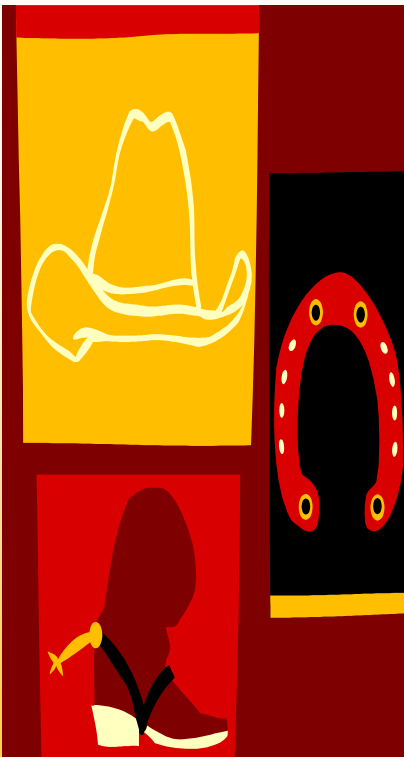
CAB Connect



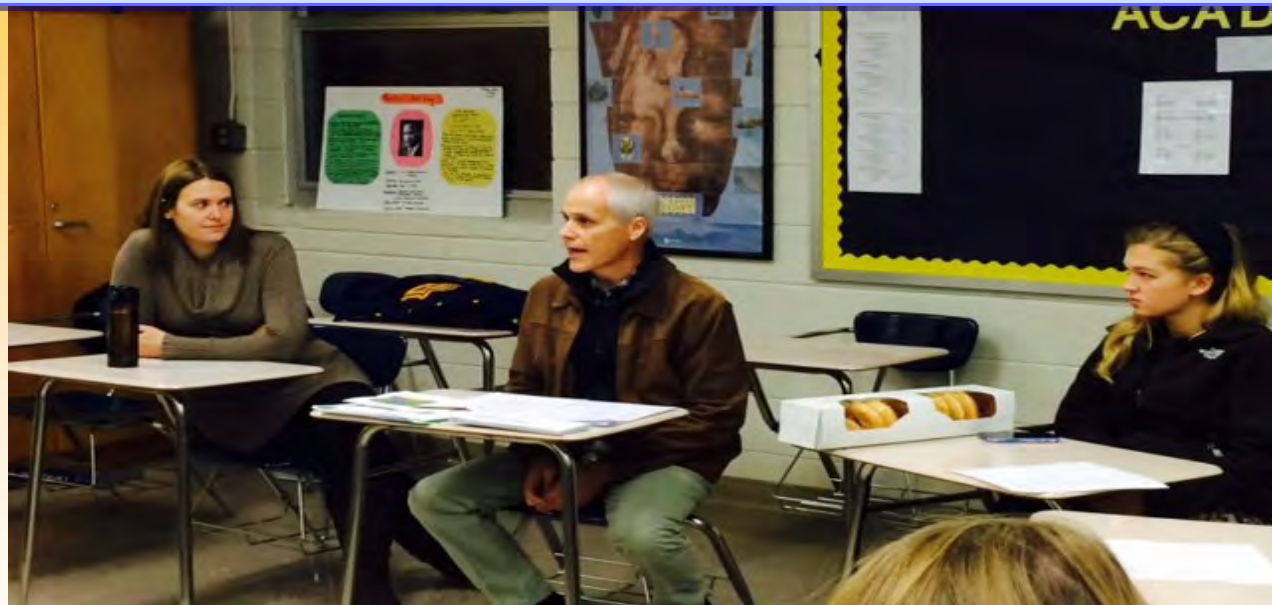
CAB had a great retreat with 15 of our students. The students re-named CAB WRAP to “CAB Connect.” Their business goal is to work with Hackler teachers to implement programs for 3rd, 4th, & 5th grade students to get them more engaged in class work, school activities, improved behavior and to creatively help teachers solve problems they present to CAB Connect.

Kim Pace from Wells Fargo did an outstanding job facilitating the retreat at Stone Creek Ranch. Thanks to Mr. Osburne, Mr. Obert, Mrs. Maupin, & Ms. Shipman for attending & helping out with the retreat. The students already have some follow-up meetings set & are going to continue to refine their goals, objectives, and structure. They will be meeting with Jackson Rhoades soon to review their leadership surveys & will be getting with Hackler Intermediate administrators & teachers to develop some programs/activities to “connect” with the students.

CAB Connect at Stone Creek Ranch



CAB Connect Partner—Wells Fargo



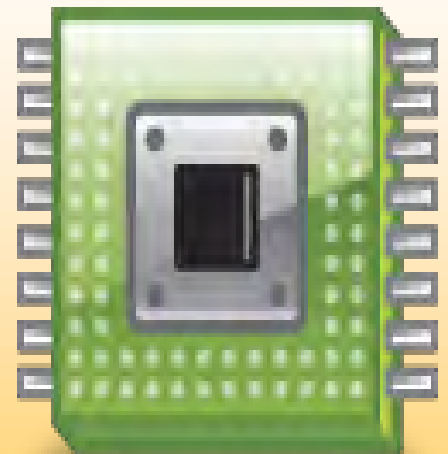
Jackson Rhoades & Kim Pace visit with CAB Connect students.



CAB Connect students meet to discuss their Gallup Strengths Survey.

Students Build Computers at MHHS

Mr. Young's Computer Engineering students assembled new classroom computers from scratch. The new computers for Mr. Young's class were turned into a learning experience and lab for his students. Computers were built from the ground up by students, piece by piece, installing the motherboards, CPU's, hard drives ect... This hands on experience is very beneficial at exposing students to real world application of the information that is learned in class. The students learned proper lab procedure, safety, and troubleshooting skills. By building the computers themselves, students were able to add many more computers to the lab than if they had purchased them already assem-



Mtn. Home High School



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

Saturday, November 15, 2014

Mtn. Home High School at the BOMBER

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

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

5K Starts at 8:00 a.m.

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

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

Checks made payable to: MHHS FBLA

Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

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

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

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

MHHS FBLA
500 Bomber Blvd
Mtn. Home, AR 72653

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

Release (Please read and sign below)

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

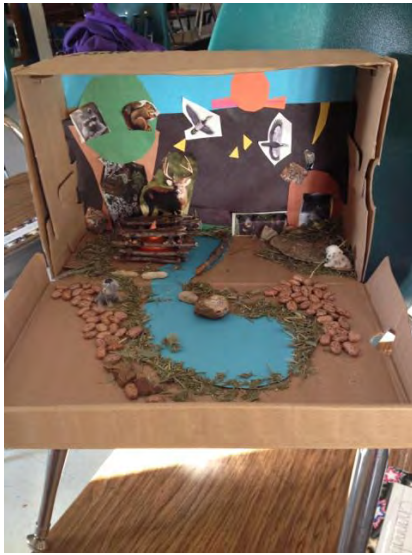
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Parent Signature if under 18 years: _____ Date: _____

NELSON-WILKS-HERRON

Animal Habitats

Our classes (Mrs. Rosa & Mrs. Teegarden) created dioramas after choosing their own habitat. We studied many habitats as well as the animals that live there. Each student began with an empty shoebox, and used materials at school and home to complete each habitat.





NWH Book Fair



Grandparents and Grandfriends night at the book fair was held on Thursday, November 13th from 4:00-6:00 p.m. The theme for the week-long book fair this year is: Sir Readalot's Castle-Enter the Kingdom of Books!



Fall Halls at NWH



Mrs. Rita Williams' (1st grade) pumpkin patch



Mrs. Seawright's (1st grade) little turkeys

Give a Helping Hand Food Drive



Six boxes of food and more continues to pour in. NWH loves to give back to our community!