

### FROM SUPERINTENDENT DR. MYERS

Superintendent Update: December 5, 2014

Quote for the week: “Children are the world’s most valuable resource and its best hope for the future.”—John F. Kennedy.

This is a quote that really struck a chord, so here are a few random thoughts about the quote. In what context this quote was spoken, I don’t know. But after reading it, here are a few of the thoughts.

1- Kids are great! As parents, grandparents, teachers or school administrators our joy and our pleasure will come from watching our children mature and find their own place in the world. In someone’s home right now, there is a future president, a future astronaut, a scientist who will discover the cure for horrific diseases, a teacher, a nurse, or an entertainer.

2. Our responsibility to our children is one of the greatest we will ever experience. Most of us will never have the chance to make a big impact on the world. But in one way, we all affect the future by molding and shaping the lives of our children. What a challenge – to teach them how to reach their full potential and become contributing members of society. We teach them kindness, respect and so many other values in which our world depends in order to be a free and giving society.

3. We have to start now. We cannot expect our children to magically become strong, ambitious, influential people if we fail to teach them important skills at an early age. Our children will be our greatest contribution to the world...but only if we, as parents and educators, can guide them and teach them. Every day presents an opportunity to make a difference in the life of a child. 100 years from now that will make more difference than any material possession we may have or hope to obtain.

Thank you President Kennedy for this quote and may we all know what a great opportunity exists for each of us every day! May we also help shape a wonderful future for our world by shaping the lives of our students!

News for the week:

Please read the news for each school. There will be many activities during this holiday season in which we may take part. Nothing will cheer our hearts more than observing our students during this holiday season!

Lonnie

[Enjoy this Simple Truths video](#)

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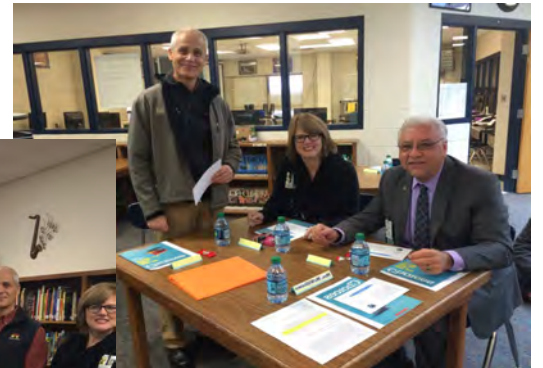


#### Special dates of interest:

- \* Regular Board Meeting December 16th
- \* Christmas Break December 22-January 2

These students conducted a study on when students test best. Their study revealed that students tested better in the afternoon by 2.9%.

Olivia Norris, Russell Sharpe, and Banks Gregory. The group calls themselves O.R.B. (orb)



The December 3rd the noon school board meeting was held at the high school. Band students played Christmas music and CAB academy students gave a presentation.



# Mountain Home Kindergarten 12.5.2014

It's Beginning to Look a lot Like Christmas!

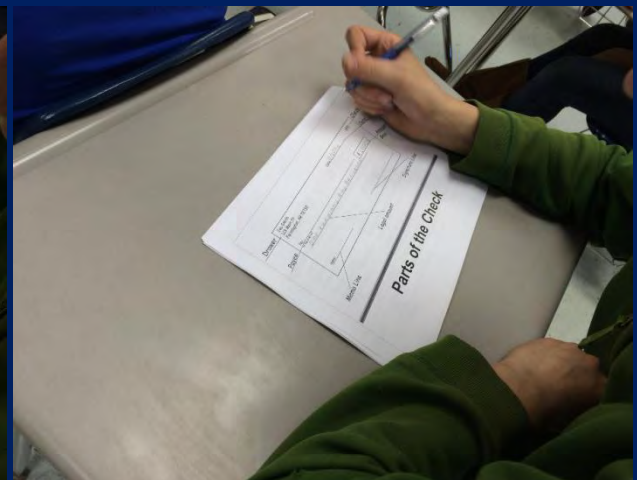
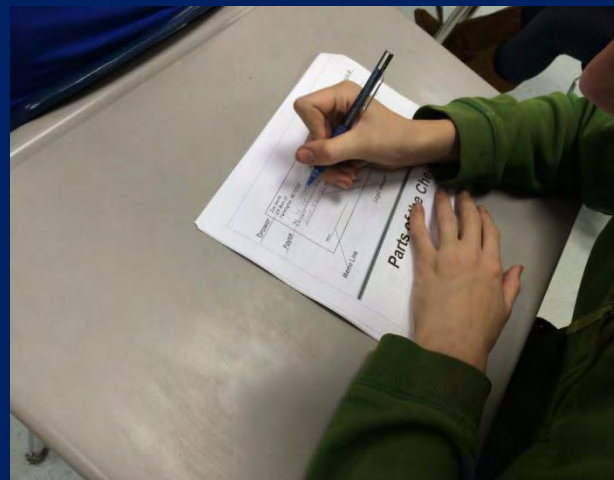






# Mountain Home Junior High

In a unit entitled "Life", students in Mrs. Hickman's Tools for Learning class are learning skills in budgeting and managing money. Recently, a community representative (Valarie Hayes from Arvest bank) came and discussed the basics of money management. She instructed the students on types of accounts that banks offer. Students practiced check-writing and learned how to balance an account as well as keep a checkbook register.





**Thank you to all of the MHJH students  
who volunteered to place American  
Flags on the graves of our Veterans in  
Honor of Veterans Day.**





**Vicki Banter's students  
present how to make origami  
figures using Geometry  
vocabulary.**



Mrs. Hickey's eighth graders conducted a funeral and read eulogies for Algernon, the mouse that dies in *Flowers for Algernon*. Then, on another day, they celebrated Algernon's life with the first annual cheese party.



Graveside services for Algernon were held at Mountain Home Junior High on December 2. May he rest in cheese?

# Celebration of Algernon CHEESE PARTY



**Congratulations to Avery  
Renshaw who was the winner  
of the MHJH Photography  
Club's pet photo challenge.**



# Pinkston Middle School



Week ending 12.05.14

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Tara F. 7th

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## FCCLA

Students in FCCLA are collecting new or gently used toys for kindergarten age children. Students from FCCLA spoke to the 6<sup>th</sup> graders this week to encourage them to participate.



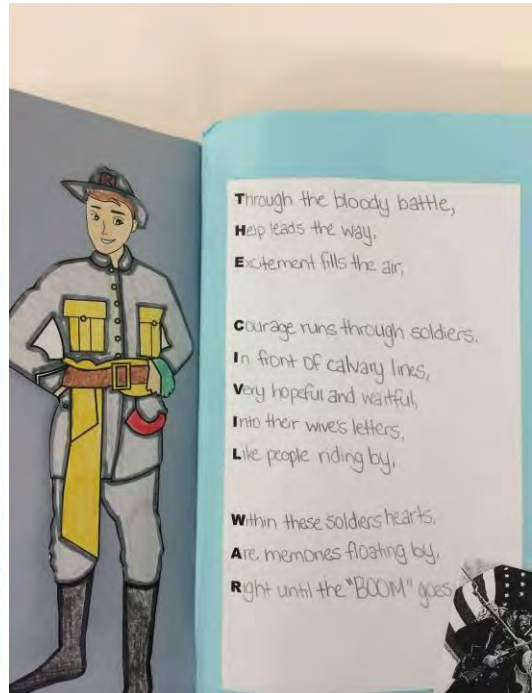
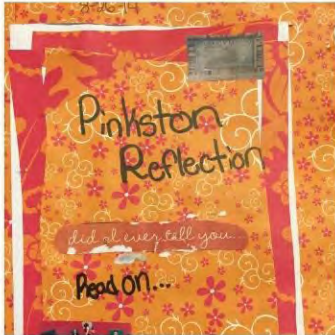
**Pinkston FCCLA is holding a toy drive for Mountain Home Kindergarten. We would like all students and staff to bring any gently used or new toys to Pinkston. In addition to toys we are also accepting gently used/new clothes to benefit the girls and boys. This will be a contest between the AAP classes. Items can be given to AAP classes at any time. Finally, to make the drive a bit more interesting, the AAP who donates the most items will have a Pizza Party!!!**

**If you have any questions, please contact Becca Camp at [rcamp@mtnhome.k12.ar.us](mailto:rcamp@mtnhome.k12.ar.us)**

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# Interactive Notebooks @PinkstonMiddle

Students continue to use interactive notebooks as a learning tool. They encourage creativity, critical thinking, and promote writing. We encourage parents and community to do a little research on interactive notebooks by Googling the topic. If someone would like to support our students and teachers, they can donate glue sticks, paper or scissors.



# ACT Test Prep Class for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade

There will be an ACT Test Prep class for any 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade student interested in preparing to take the ACT either this year or in the next several years. The class will be held Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-5:00 p.m. and also Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5:30 p.m. The class will be taught by several members of the **National Honor Society (NHS) from MHHS**. There will also be a parent informational session on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-5:00 p.m. with information regarding why early test preparation is important, how to keep track of educational documents for your student as they enter junior high and high school, information about how a class in 8<sup>th</sup> grade could count on a student's transcript, etc.

The book that will be used for the class is ***The Princeton Review: Cracking the ACT, 2014 Edition***, and will cost \$16.50. The fee for the book will be collected at the first class. If you have questions or would like more information regarding this ACT Test Prep class, please contact one of the Pinkston counselors (Rebekah Cruse or Heather Hatman) at 425-1236.

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O. R. B.

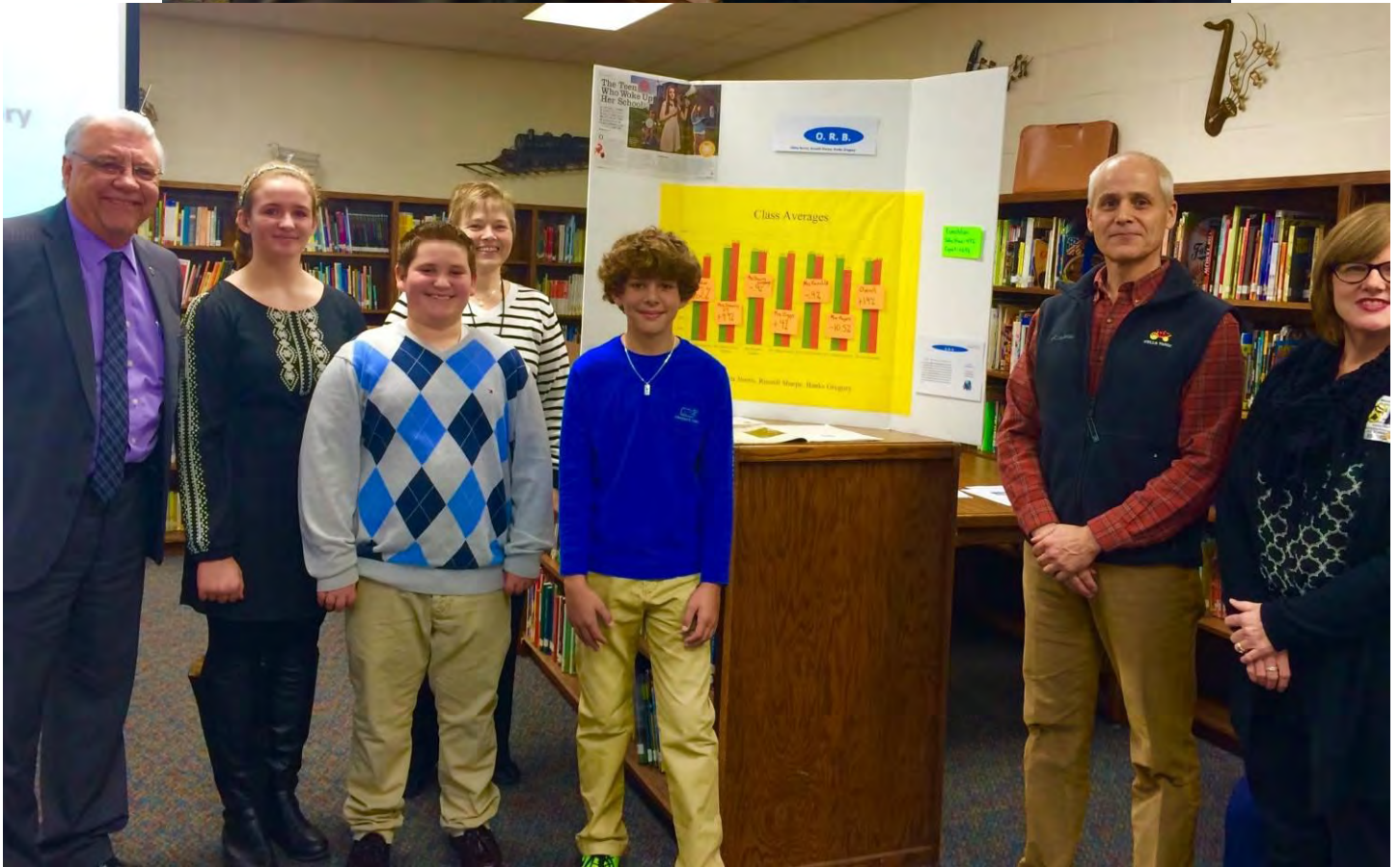
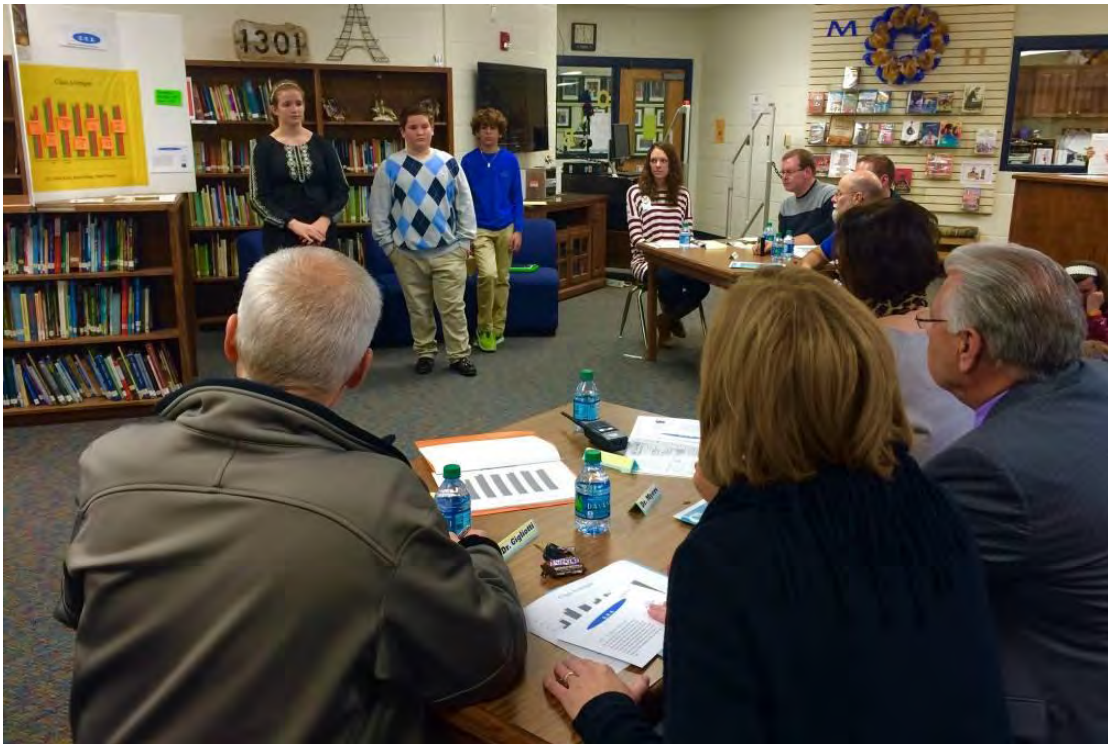


Olivia Norris

Russell Sharpe

Banks Gregory

Seventh grade student Olivia, Russell, and Banks presented their findings of how sleep may be impacting student performance in core classes. They were inspired by the article *The Teen Who Woke Up Her School* and took action. After gathering data from several teachers comparing morning and afternoon classes, they asked science teachers to consider administering a common assessment during the afternoon to see if there could be an impact on student performance. Through the data that they collected and analyzed they expect to see a 2.9% increase in student performance. **More to come from O.R.B.!**



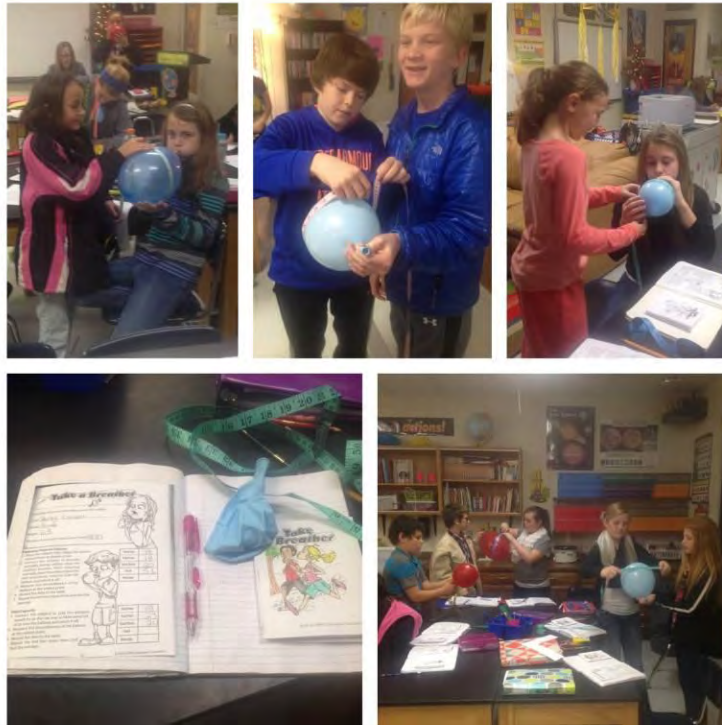




Students in Mrs. Camp's FCSI classes spent several days cooking pizza bites! Most of the students thought they were easy to make and delicious!

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## Sixth Grade Science



Sixth grade science classes learned about lung capacity in hands-on labs this week. Students found that their curriculum ties in with their DARE classes and will continue in their learning as seventh graders in science and health.



**Pinkston Middle School @Pinkstonmiddle**

**EAST at Pinkston @AdunavanEast**

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

**DARE @campfield10**

**Pinkston Media Center @pmslibrary12**

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## Upcoming Pinkston Middle School Events

Dec. 9 – Band Concert – PM at Dunbar

Dec. 11 – Band Recitals

Dec. 16 – Choir Concert – PM at Dunbar

Dec. 22-Jan 1 – Christmas Break

Jan. 2 – Teacher In-service

Jan. 5 – Welcome Back Students! Spring Semester Begins

# MHHS Career Academies

December 5, 2014

The Visual Arts faculty would like to invite you to visit  
December/January student art exhibit in Dunbar Lobby!

We hope you have a wonderful holiday season and thank you  
for your continued support.



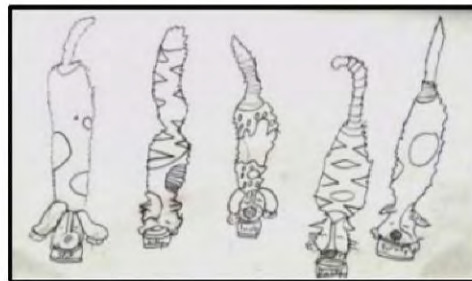
Bethany Maskell 11<sup>th</sup>



Cory Creeghton 3<sup>rd</sup>



Emily Bowers 11<sup>th</sup>



Addison Martz 2<sup>nd</sup>

Dunbar  
Gallery

December 2014 & January 2015



Ella Brashears 5<sup>th</sup>



Tara Franks 7<sup>th</sup>



Abby Edens 1<sup>st</sup>



# CAB Connect Presents to the MH School Board and Superintendent Dr. Myers



Mountain Home High School Career Academy CAB Connect students speak to the MH School Board and Superintendent Dr. Myers. Students shared information about CAB Connect and their involvement with students at Hackler Intermediate.





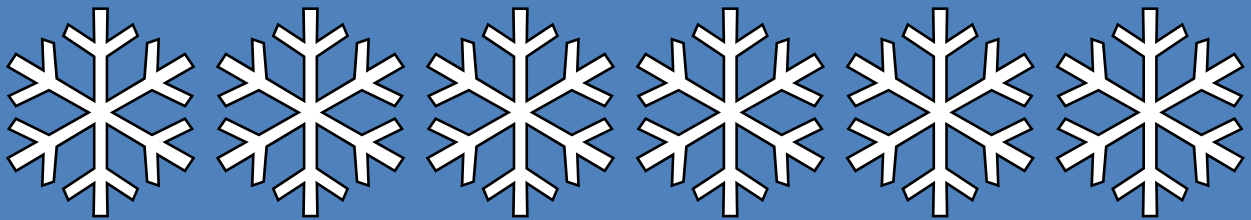
Kayla elaborates on the changes CAB Connect students have made from the previous student-led CAB WRAP program.



## A Guest Speaker Visits the MHHS Lodging & Management Class



Allen Vostatek, owner of Jiffy Laundry visited Mrs. Smith's Lodging Management class to discuss the regulation and procedures for laundering linens. He explained the different procedures that must be taken depending on where the linens came from, such as a restaurant, hotel, medical facility, etc.



# MHHS FBLA Pecan Fundraiser

Please contact Mrs. Smith or Mr. Jones  
at 425-1215 or [fblamhhs@gmail.com](mailto:fblamhhs@gmail.com)



Pecan Halves	16oz	\$12
Pecan Medium Pieces	16oz	\$12
Dark Chocolate	12oz	\$10
Milk Chocolate	12oz	\$10
Cinnamon	<del>10oz</del>	<del>\$10</del>
Pecan Carmel Clusters	10oz	\$10



<b>Monday</b>	<b>12/08/14</b>	<b>Basketball</b> Cavemen Tournament (Away) TBA <b>8Boys</b> <b>Bowling</b> vs. Flippin (Home) 3:30 <b>Basketball</b> vs. Valley Springs (Home) 4:30 <b>7Girls, 7Boys, 9Girls, 9Boys</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12/09/14</b>	<b>Basketball</b> Cavemen Tournament (Away) TBA <b>8Boys</b> <b>Basketball</b> Intramurals (Pinkston) 4:00 <b>7Boys</b> <b>Swim</b> @ Paragould 5:00 <b>Wrestling</b> vs. Russellville (Home) TBA
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12/10/14</b>	<b>Basketball</b> Cavemen Tournament (Away) TBA <b>8Boys</b> <b>Football</b> Banquet in HS Cafeteria TBA
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12/11/14</b>	<b>Basketball</b> Cavemen Tournament (Away) TBA <b>8Boys</b> <b>Basketball</b> Intramurals (Pinkston) 4:00 <b>7Boys</b> <b>Basketball</b> vs. Harrison (Away) 4:30 <b>7Girls, 8Girls</b> <b>Basketball</b> vs. West Plains (Away) 5:00 <b>9Girls, 9Boys</b> <b>Basketball</b> Paragould Classic vs. Paragould 6:00 <b>HS Varsity Boys</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12/12/14</b>	<b>Basketball</b> Cavemen Tournament (Away) TBA <b>8Boys</b> <b>Basketball</b> Paragould Classic TBA <b>HS Varsity Boys</b> <b>Basketball</b> Heber Springs Classic TBA <b>9Boys</b> <b>Wrestling</b> NWA Duals @ Har-Ber TBA
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>12/13/14</b>	<b>Wrestling</b> Bomber Tournament (Home) TBA <b>Basketball</b> Cavemen Tournament (Away) TBA <b>8Boys</b> <b>Basketball</b> Paragould Classic TBA <b>HS Varsity Boys</b> <b>Basketball</b> Heber Springs Classic TBA <b>9Boys</b> <b>Wrestling</b> NWA Duals @ Har-Ber TBA <b>Basketball</b> Greene County Tech Playday TBA <b>7Boys</b>

***Go Bombers!!!***



# Hackler Intermediate School Newsletter

965 West Road, Mtn. Home, AR 72653 ~ Phone 425-1288 / Fax 425-1290

Mrs. Cassy Barnhill, Assistant Principal  
Mr. Kevin Roach, Assistant Principal

**Principal: Sondra Monger**

Date: 12/04/2014

Mrs. Kristyn Goodwin - Counselor  
Ms. Mary Beth Wyatt - Counselor

**ATTENTION PARENTS:** There will be a school wide parent meeting on December 4th. This meeting will be held from 4:30 to 5:00 p.m. in the Hackler Library prior to the Hackler Holiday Bash. Meeting attendees will receive two Hackler Holiday Bash tickets.

## HACKLER HOLIDAY BASH

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4TH FROM 5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM AT HACKLER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

### A Seussical Event

**Free Christmas Movie**

All Activities Cost 1 Ticket

**Free Popcorn**

- ◆ Photo Booth
- ◆ Dodge Ball
- ◆ Pictures with Duke
- ◆ S'mores
- ◆ Pictures with Santa
- ◆ Wii Dance Off
- ◆ Christmas Ornaments
- ◆ Cookie Decorating
- ◆ Face Painting
- ◆ Hot Chocolate
- ◆ Count Down to Christmas Craft
- ◆ Pizza by the slice

**Tickets are \$1 each**

## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

The area's oldest BREAKFAST WITH SANTA will be held on Saturday, December 6th, 2014, at the Hackler Intermediate School Cafeteria, from 7 am till 11 am. The event is sponsored by the Mountain Home Education Foundation. The breakfast will include decorated pancakes, sausage, milk or orange drink (coffee for the adults) at a cost of only \$2.00 for children and \$3.00 for adults.

Although it is not required for attending the breakfast, Santa said he would appreciate any help this year by children who would like to bring a canned good or unwrapped toy for him to give to less fortunate children on Christmas Eve. The first 500 children to attend will receive a free a book provided by the Junior Auxiliary. Pictures with Santa will be taken by Wingard Photography.



## Library Book Exchange

Do you have books at home that you've already read? Come to the Book Exchange! Hackler Book Exchange is located in the library. We trade any good condition chapter book. You can come during your regular scheduled library time or during Free Flow each day. Each paperback is worth one ticket. Each hardback is worth two tickets. Or we will accept any tickets you have left from the Hackler Holiday Bash. You can use the tickets to "purchase" other books from the exchange. We have TONS of books to choose from.

# FOR 4TH GRADE STUDENTS ONLY



## ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

December 4, 2014

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to notify you that Hackler has been selected to represent schools across the nation by participating in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). First administered in 1969, NAEP is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what students know and can do in various subject areas. It is administered by the National Center for Education Statistics, within the U.S. Department of Education. NAEP is different from state assessments because it provides a common measure of student achievement across the country. The results of NAEP are released as The Nation's Report Card, which provides information about student achievement to educators, parents, policymakers, and the public.

In our school, the NAEP assessment will be given on January 28, 2015. Your child may be selected to take a mathematics, reading, or science assessment. In addition to answering questions in one of these subjects, students will be asked questions about themselves and their educational experiences, such as the amount of reading they do and the types of classes they take. These questions provide contextual information for the assessment, as well as information that may be related to students' learning. If you would like to view sample subject area and contextual questions, please visit <http://nationsreportcard.gov/parents.asp>.

It will take about 90 minutes for most students to participate in the assessment. The results are completely confidential (in accordance with the Confidential Information Protection provisions of Title V, Subtitle A, Public Law 107-347), and the information provided will be used for statistical purposes only. Your child's grades will not be affected. Your child may be excused from participation for any reason, is not required to complete the assessment, and may skip any question. While NAEP is voluntary, we depend on student participation to provide an accurate measure of student achievement that will inform improvements in education. Your child will represent many other students, so participation is very important. However, if you do not want your child to participate, please notify me in writing by December 19, 2014.

There is no need to study in preparation for NAEP. We do ask, however, that you encourage your child to do their best and get plenty of rest the night before the assessment. A brochure that explains what participation in NAEP means for you and your child is available at <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/pdf/parents/2012469.pdf>.

We are excited that our school will be participating in NAEP and pleased that your child may be selected. We know that Hackler's students will help us show what our nation's students know and can do.

Sincerely,

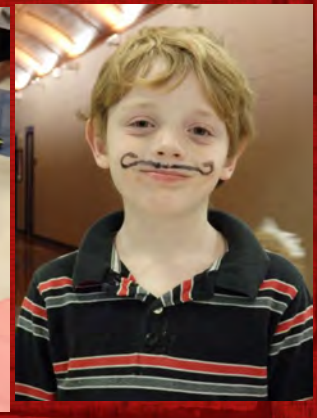
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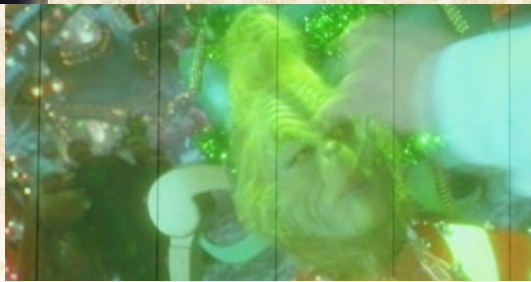
Sondra Monger, School Principal



# Hackler Holiday Bash

## Memories in the Making







and a GREAT time was had by all!

# NELSON-WILKS-HERRON

## Give A Helping Hand Food Drive

Loren Davis recently celebrated her birthday. Instead of receiving gifts, she asked kids who attended her party to bring food. Thank you Loren for thinking of others and having such a giving spirit!

Pictured below: Loren Davis, Alexa Estes, Dillon Stacey and Mrs. Sabo, NWH Counselor

