



Superintendent Update: December 13, 2013

Quote for the week: "In the right light, at the right time, everything is extraordinary."—Aaron Rose

We have certainly had extraordinary beauty in our Mountain Home this past week. The snow was refreshing and fun! I thought everyone might enjoy a little Robert Frost for the weekend!

Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening by [Robert Frost](#)

Whose woods these are I think I
know.
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with
snow.

My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of the easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark, and
deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

News for the week:

PLEASE NOTE: The December 14, 2013 administration of the ACT, scheduled to be given at Mountain Home High School, has been cancelled due to inclement weather. The rescheduled test date will be posted at www.actstudent.org as soon as it is set. Registered examinees will receive notification from ACT. This announcement is only for those examinees registered at Mountain Home High School.

Next week will be our regular school board meeting. I always look forward to board meetings as our board so enjoys being together to serve the children of our school district. I have said it before and I will say it again...we are fortunate to have such an informed and passionate school board. The highlight of the evening will be recognizing Mr. Josh Baker, the Farm Bureau Arkansas Agriculture Teacher of the Year!

Have a great weekend,
Lonnie

Twelve School Days of Christmas Photos...



“Red AND Green Day! :) My husband called me a "candy cane" lol!!!”- Amanda Tulgetske, Pinkston.

Here are a few of us from Junior High in our “Red or Green” for day two of the challenge. Thanks so much!!!

Whitney Hickman

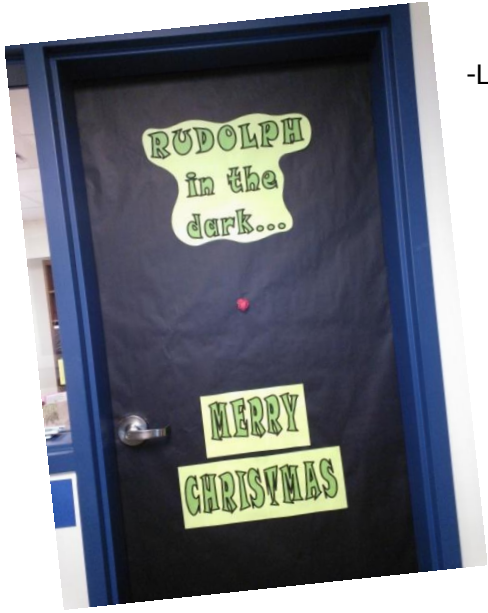


Jim Tejcek

Colleen's door!



Twelve School Days of Christmas Photos...



-Leisa Simons door High school



Kristi Major's door-



Marsha Partney's door



Shirl Miller's door

Twelve School Days of Christmas Photos...

Seventh Grade math students are getting excited for the holidays as the halls become a festive reminder with decorations from door to door.

LaVon Fairchild
7th Grade Blue Bolts Math Teacher
Pinkston Middle School



Happy Holidays,
Mrs. Lashley
Pinkston Middle School



Alecia Czanstkowski's door

Twelve School Days of Christmas Photos...

Dani Pugsley's door-
Mountain Home Kindergarten



Keith Alman's door-
High School



Jennifer Drewry's door



Twelve School Days of Christmas Photos...



Melissa Greene



Kim Swearingen's door

Twelve School Days of Christmas Photos...



Kristy Nelson



Athletic Dept. door

Twelve School Days of Christmas Photos...



Christmas sweater-Paula Waldon (kdg)



No School? No Problem!!



Twelve School Days of Christmas Photos...



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Pinkston North End showing off their Christmas sweaters!

APSRRC

Formative Assessment Information: [Click here to read this newsletter](#)

Formative Assessment 3-simple essays: [Click here to read this newsletter](#)

Innovation and Blending Learning: [Click here to read this newsletter.](#)

PARCC

The following schools from MOUNTAIN HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT have been chosen to participate in the 2014 PARCC Field Test. These field tests will be given sometime in May. Specific dates to be announced:

School Name	Grade/Course	Subject Area	Number of Classes	Mode of Admin.	Component	Number of Sessions¹
MOUNTAIN HOME JR. HIGH SCHOOL	8	Mathematics	2	Online	EOY	2
HACKLER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL	5	Mathematics	2	Paper	EOY	2
MTN HOME HIGH CAREER ACADEMICS	Algebra I	Mathematics	2	Online	EOY	2

On December 2nd, Keith Alman and I attended a PARCC Field Test Workshop. More information will follow on specifics of giving the exam.

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MHHS CAREER ACADEMIES



Baxter Bomb Squad

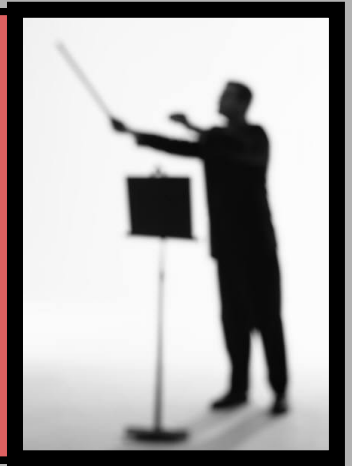


The Baxter Bomb Squad performed in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. They left Mountain Home, AR, Monday Nov 25th at 4 pm from the Bomber.

The Baxter Bomb Squad could be seen in the parade November 28th at 8am (CST) on NBC. They kicked off the parade and lead it through NYC, ending at Herold's Square.



The High School Band Christmas Concert has been rescheduled for Thursday, December 19, at 7:00 p.m. in Dunbar Auditorium. The 7th, 8th, and 9th Grade Band Christmas Concerts have also been rescheduled for December 19 at 7:00 p.m. in conjunction with the high school concert. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.



Josh Baker

Farm Bureau Teacher of the Year



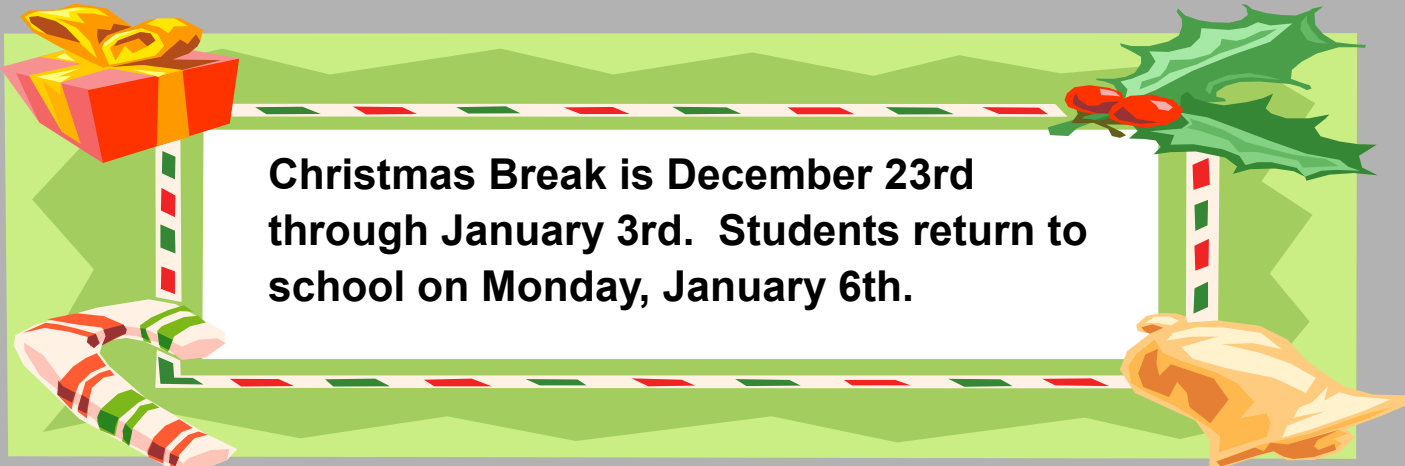
Josh Baker received the Farm Bureau Teacher of the Year Award in Little Rock on Wednesday, December 4th. We are so proud of Mr. Baker. Pictured with Josh are his wife Laura Beth and their children Hadleigh, Hannah and Harrison. Congratulations Mr. Baker from the MHHS students, faculty, and staff!

Mountain Home FFA hosted the 2013 Ozarka Sub-Area Leadership contest Thursday night. Area FFA chapters met and performed at Dunbar Auditorium.



Mountain Home FFA Leadership Results:

Creed Speaking	1st	Extemporaneous Speaking	1st
Parliamentary Procedure	1st	Public Speaking	1st
Discussion Meet	1st	Opening Ceremony	3rd



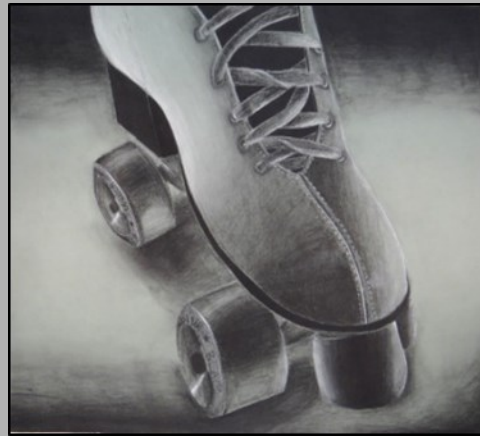
Christmas Break is December 23rd through January 3rd. Students return to school on Monday, January 6th.

DUNBAR GALLERY

December 2013 & January 2014



Francesca Zaccone 12th



Kaitlyn Strode 11th



Jenna Galloway 7th



Tabitha Pinkston 11th



Tamisha Hickman 12th



Joshua Choquette 4th



Tanya Jones 12th

MHHS College and Career Action Plan

Students at the high school are preparing for the CCAP (College and Career Action Plan) interviews which will be held in February. Each grade level is working diligently to prepare for these interviews. On Tuesday, December 3, 2013 during their Academic Advisory Period, the three grade levels did some preliminary preparation for those interviews. The Seniors listened to their teachers talk about interviewing etiquette followed by a discussion, the Juniors did some peer interviews, and the Sophomores went to the computer labs and used Arkansas Works to do some assessments and prepare their resumes. All grade levels will continue working to prepare their portfolios for this February activity.



November Volunteer Board Report **1,641.5+ Volunteer Hours**

Kindergarten – 25 volunteers, 386 hours

Volunteers copied, laminated, and cut materials for teachers. They hung Christmas lights and decorations in the halls. Volunteers counted BoxTops and took home items to cut out. Nov 7th and 8th we helped with Grandparents Day and Nov 7th through Nov 15th was Book Fair.



Nelson-Wilks-Herron – 38 volunteers, 434.5 hours

Nelson Wilks Herron volunteers copied and assembled handouts for 1st and 2nd grade teachers. They prepared for Thanksgiving activities, projects, and parties. Volunteers are already using their creativity by planning Christmas activities and projects for the students and hallway! Volunteers helped celebrate 1st and 2nd grade classroom winners for BoxTops.

Hackler – 34 volunteers, 324 hours

Volunteers copied materials for teachers, laminated work, copied newsletters, created bulletin board displays and decorations. We also worked counting BoxTops.

Pinkston – 23 volunteers, 200 hours

Volunteers copied materials and created bulletin boards. We distributed weekly snack packs to students. Volunteers served 6th grade students a Holiday feast throughout the day.

Jr High –5 volunteers, 20 hours

Volunteers assisted with hall monitoring during the lunch hour, photocopied materials, and collected and organized items for the clothing closet. We also decorated the hallways and assisted with administering tests to students.

High School – 25++ volunteers, 277++ hours

Athletics volunteers (24vol-272 hours) worked as assistant coaches and athletic game organizers, and provided food for team members. Band Booster(+) volunteers (unspecified vols and hours) ran game concessions. Volunteers (1vol-5hour) also helped with general copying and assistance. Community Mentors(+) (unspecified vols and hours) also worked with students in their classes.