



## Principal's Pen

Dear Parents,

As the Christmas season approaches, please know that the teachers and staff of Merrol Hyde wish you and your families a joyous holiday. Our winter break is December 21- January 4. Students return on January 7, 2008. Please note these other important dates in December and January:

December 19 – full day – exams in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> periods (middle school) and exams 3rd and 4th blocks (high school)

December 20 – abbreviated day – exams in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> periods (middle school) and exams 1st and 2nd blocks (high school)

December 20 – Dismissal at 10:00 for kindergarten, 10:45 for grades 1-5, 11:00 for middle and high school. No lunch served.

January 7 – Students return

January 8 – Report cards

January 11- Applications for the 2008-2009 school year due by 3:00 to office.

Please enjoy your winter break.

Merry Christmas!

Mrs. Schreiner

## PTO NEWS

- ◆ January 15, 5:30 pm *Empty Bowls Soup Supper*

Elementary and Middle School Art Students are creating clay bowls to show all the empty bowls in Tennessee. Empty Bowls is an organization fighting hunger. All proceeds will be donated to the Good Samaritan Center in Hendersonville. Community is invited.

- ◆ We will be hosting the *First Annual Hawk Walk and Run 5K* on March 8, 2008. Watch for more details, and check [www.hawktalkandrun.com](http://www.hawktalkandrun.com). The site is still under development, but will include all the great details.

- ◆ Please *don't forget the library* this holiday! We have a wonderful opportunity to have dollar-for-dollar matched. All of your donations are tax-deductible, so please consider the library as we near the end of 2007.

The PTO wishes everyone a very happy and safe holiday! We look forward to an exciting, challenging, fabulous 2008 together!

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT



The Instrumental Music Department will present its annual Christmas Concert Tuesday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m. The concert is free, but we encourage each family represented to bring one new (unwrapped) toy to be donated to our local Samaritan Center. This wonderful organization places presents in the hands of children who otherwise might not receive anything for the holidays! If you are unable to bring a present to the concert, Mr. Clark will accept donations through Thursday, December 13. All of the MHMS instrumental music performing groups will appear at this concert, which will be followed by a reception in the commons area. We invite you to join us as we kick off the holidays in style!



## Chik-Fil-A Spirit Nights

December 6th

January 17th

February 12th

March 4th

"Eat More Chicken" while a percentage of the proceeds go to MHMS!

## One Act plays

The MHMS Theatre Department will perform their annual "One Acts" on December 6, 2007, with a performance at 9:45 a.m. for the student body and one at 7:00 p.m. for the public. The plays are "Baby" by Conrad E. Davidson and "Making Nice" by Alan Haehnel. Tickets are \$3.00 and can be purchased in advance or at the door.

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### Students, Family & Friends...

Don't forget to order from [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com)! To access Amazon, enter through the school web site. The ABC gets a cut of every purchase via quarterly direct deposit to the checking account and there is no additional cost to the person placing the order. The ABC can earn hundreds of dollars every year doing nothing.

Thanks for your support!



## HOLIDAY SHOPPING MADE EASY!

Have you started your Christmas shopping yet? Want a great way to make it even easier and help MHMS at the same time? Then consider ordering through the scrip program!

Do all your Christmas shopping here, at [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com)! It really adds up when you order through our MHMS SCRIP program. **Don't forget you can order online** and send your money in on Mondays, receive cards on Friday. Thanks for helping make our school exceptional!

**Our school code is C61C93926249 at shopwithscrip.com**

## “SILLY SOCK” K-5 SERVICE PROJECT

Often children are hospitalized at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital and don't have time to bring the things they love from home. The hospital provides a version of a slipper sock that is not very kid-friendly. As a part of this service project, your child is being asked to bring a pair of silly socks that he/she would enjoy wearing. It's the little things we do that help these kids cope with being away from home. Starting on December 2nd, students can bring **new** “silly socks” in sizes from infant to adult to their classroom. Choose socks that are fun - they can be holiday socks, team socks, cartoon socks, toe socks, or just plain funny socks. All socks must be in by December 17<sup>th</sup>. The grade that brings in the most socks will have a January jean and boot day.

## FBLA

What's on the horizon with FBLA you may ask? Well let us tell you. On Friday, December 8th, from 5-9 pm we are having a Parent's Night Out for kids in K-5. You the parents, go Christmas shopping or even go on a dinner date while your kids are at the school having just as much fun as you are; movies, crafts, pizza, and playing games. The cost for the first child is \$15, and the cost of the second child is \$10, and that's for 4 whole hours! You can't beat that price. So take your child to parent's night out, it will be a night you won't regret.

## 2nd Annual “Night of Stars” Tryouts

The Elementary Children are invited to try out for the “2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Night of the Stars MHMS Elementary Talent Show.” The tryouts will be after Christmas break. Students are encouraged to practice their talent over the break, so they will be ready for tryouts. We are also encouraging “group” talents, so we can have as many children as possible in the show. Watch for more details...



## Counselor's Corner

ACT Dates:

Dec. 8th

Feb. 9 (register by Jan. 4) any 10<sup>th</sup> grader interested in Dual Enrollment for next year must take the ACT in Feb. or Apr. and send their scores to Vol. State

ACT Prep Course: Begins middle of Jan. \$450, call Sue Cooper for details

Gateway Test:

Dec. 4 - Alg I

Dec. 5 - Biology

Dec. 6 - Eng. 10

End of Course:

Dec. 4 - U.S. History

Dec. 5 - Eng. 9

Dec. 7 - Physical Science

Pre-Registration for current 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> graders coming in December.

Parent Meeting for current 8<sup>th</sup> graders and parents coming in Jan.

Career Day is 8:30-11:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 5 for K-12. If you can present information about your career, please contact us at 264-6543. If you can only present for a shorter length of time, we will work around your schedule.

## **Congratulations!**

To seniors, Justin Jacobs, Carly Smith, and Justin Johnson who made Merrol Hyde Magnet School proud for their participation in the Nashville regional finals for the National Vocabulary Championship. Their coach was Mrs. Watts.

## **Donuts with Dads**

The MHMS kindergartners and Mr. D invited Dads for our annual "Donuts with Dads" celebration. Dads enjoyed eating with the children, sitting in the short chairs, and visiting the book fair. We appreciate all the dads that took time out of their work day to make this day a success.

WINTER BREAK

December 21st

through

January 4th

Merry Christmas &  
Happy New Year!