



Merrol Hyde Magnet School  
**HAWK TALK**



**Principal's Pen**

Dear Parents,  
 It's October and we're gearing up for a busy month! You can still catch a volleyball, soccer, or middle school football game on October 2nd if you're looking for a sports opportunity, and our boys who play for SCHS would love to have you support them at their game October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Jason Foundation will be here for our PTO meeting at 6:30 on October 7<sup>th</sup>, and you want to make sure to sign up for a conference on October 9<sup>th</sup>. We'll be meeting with parents from 1:00 to 7:00 P.M. on that day, so watch for notes coming home from the teachers. Remember that students are not in school October 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>. This is a wonderful opportunity for juniors and seniors to visit college campuses. The time to apply will be here before you know it! Mark your calendars for Fall Fest. It's October 23 and will be a great time to find a bargain and help the school as well.  
 Sincerely,  
 Brad Schreiner

**DON'T FORGET**

Publix cards benefit our school! Key tag cards are available in the wall bin outside of the front office at MHMS!

**MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL**

Don't miss our last game on October 2nd @ Ezell Harding!  
 GO HAWKS!

**CONGRATULATIONS**

To the MHMS girls high school golf team for winning 2nd place in the District Tournament! Great job! Emily Korby, Eryn Rogers and Courtney Searcy.

**Fall Fest**  
 Merrol Hyde Magnet School

**Thursday, October 23rd 5PM until 9PM**

**Where:** Merrol Hyde Magnet School

**What will be there:** Dinner from Texas Roadhouse, Kids Zone, Silent and Live auctions, Craft Fair, Cake Walk, Movies, Guitar Hero Competitions!

**What can I do?** We still need auction items. Please send those in as soon as possible! Expect a flyer in your child's backpack about meal tickets. Be sure to send that back in as soon as possible so that we can have enough food for everyone!

**Don't miss it!**

**ELEMENTARY LIBRARY NEWS**

The MHMS elementary students raised \$3,690.00 in a Penny War to benefit the library! The students really enjoyed developing strategies and sabotaging their fellow classmates. The official Penny War winner was Mrs. Sloan's fourth grade which will be celebrated with a Popcorn and Movie Party. A visit from the ice cream truck rewarded the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade as they raised the most money. A special thanks to Green Bank of Gallatin for allowing us the use of their coin machine and for their kind assistance. WAY TO GO Students! Another great opportunity to help our library is coming up November 17th - 21st with our safari-themed Scholastic Book Fair. This is one you're not going to want to miss!

**THE ANNUAL PULL-TAB COLLECTION CHALLENGE**

Please save pull-tabs from aluminum beverage cans, soup cans, baby formula, pet food, etc. Then bring the tabs to school, no matter how few or how many you collect. Every tab counts! All the proceeds from recycling the pull-tabs benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities of Nashville (RMHC). RMHC provides a "home away from home" for families of critically ill or injured children receiving medical care at Nashville area hospitals. Please contribute to this worthy MHMS Elementary community service project. You may turn in your tabs now through Wednesday, November 12, 2007. (Tabs will be collected year-round. However, those received after 11-12 will be saved for next year's Challenge.) For further information contact Monique Trotter, 264-9927.

## SAVE GAS WITH SCRIP.COM

Shop online at [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com). Use our school code C61C93926249 and send your check in on Mondays. *The Container Store* has just been added to the list of retailers, giving 9% to our school. Our \$5 *Kroger cards* are also available, just send in your \$5 and you will receive your Kroger Gift card with a balance of \$5 and load it with your grocery/gas money! It's a great way to raise 4% for our school in CASH. *Office Depot* is giving 5% back to our school when you purchase school supplies. Use our School ID# 70203608 and shop away!

## SCIENCE

Merrol Hyde Magnet School participated in its 3rd Annual NPLD, National Public Land's Day. High School students worked with the US Army Corps of Engineers to clean up areas of Old Hickory Lake and to remove invasive plant species at the Walton Ferry Environmental Study Area. The USACE always works so well with the students, offering them this time to serve in a community effort to benefit everyone. The Corps cooked out and fed the group after the event.

Ecology students also worked with the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes (Mrs. Gary and Mrs. Sloan) to help elementary students identify trees and conduct leaf collections for a school project. The students explained the tree uses as they led groups of 4<sup>th</sup> graders around the Walton Ferry Environmental Study Area Arboretum. Parents and teachers accompanied the groups on Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.

Advanced Theatre Presents:



*The Crazy, Mixed Up Island of  
Dr. Moreau  
By Tim Kelly*



October 30, 2008: 7:00 P.M.  
Admission \$3.00

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC HAS ANNUAL PECAN SALE

The Instrumental Music Department is selling their fabulous pecans again this fall. The prices for this year are halves, \$8.99 per pound, and pieces, \$8.79 per pound. This sale raises money each fall for the instrumental music students and supplies. If you have never bought these premium pecans from us, just ask around; they are more than worth it! The sale will be continuing until the third week of October, so don't wait - order today! You may order through Mr. Clark, Director of Instrumental Music, or find your favorite band or string student to order. There are incentives and prizes for our top sellers! The Instrumental Music Department will also present a special concert at the PTO meeting on Nov. 11th to honor veterans. The concert is free and open to the public; we particularly encourage veterans and current members of our armed forces to attend and be recognized for their service to our country.

## LABELS FOR EDUCATION

Labels for education lets PTO "purchase" items needed for school through their catalog. We collect box tops, labels for education, and Tyson chicken labels. Last year we received 6 digital cameras, several items for PE, a long reach stapler and a paper cutter. This was all free, including shipping! If you have any questions about the label program, please contact Monica Potter @ 230-0603 or check out the school website! To sign up:

[www.elabelsforeducation.com/Sites/Campbells\\_eLabels/Page/HomePage/](http://www.elabelsforeducation.com/Sites/Campbells_eLabels/Page/HomePage/)

## Counselor's Corner

### High School - Mrs. Thurman

- October 4th:** SAT  
**October 9th:** Parent Conferences  
**October 9th:** TSAC Presentation  
At 6:00 p.m.  
**October 15th:** PSAT given to 10<sup>th</sup>  
and 11<sup>th</sup> grades  
**October 20th:** Report Cards  
**October 21st :** Explore given to 8<sup>th</sup>  
grade  
**October 25th:** ACT  
**October 28th:** PLAN given to 10<sup>th</sup>  
grade  
**November 1st:** SAT  
**November 13th:** Progress Reports  
**December 6th:** SAT  
**December 13th:** ACT

### **College Informational Session**

On October 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the MHMS auditorium, Diane LeJeune, Associate Executive Director for Communication Services with the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation, will speak to sophomores, juniors, seniors, and their parents concerning the college admissions process, financial aid, and dual enrollment. Ms. LeJeune has been both a director of college admissions and director of college financial aid. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting.

### Elementary/MS Guidance- Mrs. Howard

#### **General information**

If you are in need of assistance during the upcoming holidays, information on the Bledsoe Baptist Association's Toy Store is available in the front office.

#### **Middle**

6<sup>th</sup> graders will begin receiving guidance lessons every other week on September 29th. These 25 minute lessons will take place on Mondays after lunch.

#### **Elementary**

Students are doing well with our "living above the line" character education program. Students who have been "caught" living above the line are recognized and their name is entered into a drawing for a special reward. This week in guidance, all grades learned about proper hand washing and why it is the number one way to keep ourselves healthy. Talk to your child about what they learned. The "Just Say No" 5<sup>th</sup> grade club will begin meeting on Tuesday, September 30 at 3:15 pm in the Art room. Students must have a signed permission form and be picked up by 4:30pm in order to attend. This club will meet monthly.