



Merrol Hyde Magnet School

HAWK TALK



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Principal's Pen

Dear parents,
Welcome back to Merrol Hyde Magnet School! We have 663 students this year, and at the time of this writing, we are helping all 40 of our kindergartners adjust to coming all day, and our high school students are being inducted into their pillars. Middle schoolers have enjoyed their first few football games and our instrumental music students have already performed at the Hermitage. As you can see, we have something for everyone at MHMS!

The "topic of the day" still continues to be the dismissal line ☺ but it gets better every day! If your student walks off campus to meet you at another location, we do need a note from you to keep on file in the office. Our second request is to ask that you refrain from using your cell phone if you are moving through the car rider line, especially when your child is getting into your vehicle. Many times we see an open door, something falling from a backpack, or another need, and if you're on your cell phone, we can't get your attention.

Thank you for returning all the signed registration paperwork, and we look forward to seeing you at Parent Conferences on Thursday, October 9th. It will be here before you know it!

Sincerely,
Brad Schreiner

PTO Ice Cream Social!!

Tuesday, September 9th
6:30 pm

\$3.75 per sundae

Ice Cream provided by Baskin-Robbins!

Please return your reservations by Friday, Sept. 5th

2008 Fall Fest

Mark your calendars for this annual night of fun!

Thursday, October 23rd

We will be following the same plan as last year with each grade being responsible for the collection of donations from the following categories:

Kindergartners: Large items—anything over \$1000

1st: Furniture/Accessories/Jewelry

2nd: Outside services and MHMS faculty and family services

3rd: Miscellaneous—anything!

4th: Birthday party packages & items, Camps-including sports

5th: Near and Far Vacations

6th - 8th: Autographs & Memorabilia

9th-12th: Electronic Items and Instruments

For more information or to volunteer, please contact one of the 2008 Fall Fest Committee Members:

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DECA

MHMS DECA held their first meeting of the year on Thursday, August 21st followed by a recruitment swim party on Saturday, August 30th to welcome new and old members to the club. The 2008-2009 officer elections will be held September 4th. Dues are \$15 and are to be paid to Mrs. Morgan by September 18th. The officers have planned several fundraising and exciting events for this year. DECA week is planned for September 22-26th. In October, DECA will join with FBLA and go to Holiday World. DECA is also in charge of the concession stand this year to raise funds for competition at the regional, state and international level. This year the ICDC (International Career Development Conference) will be held in Anaheim, CA. Members also plan to sell cookbooks, candy, jewelry, t-shirts, and spa products throughout the year. Great things are ahead for the 2008-2009 DECA chapter. DECA is an international association of high school and college students studying marketing, management and entrepreneurship in business, finance, hospitality and marketing sales and service.



Have a great
2008-2009
School Year!
GO HAWKS!

CHORUS NEWS

The Choral Department would like to encourage students and parents to show their "Hawk" pride by flying one of the **new car flags** on sale this month for \$10.00. They will be available in the front office, at lunch, and during break. Be ready for Greek week...they'll also look great flying in the stands at pep rallies and pillar competitions!

MHMS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC STUDENTS ARE PART OF HISTORIC EVENT

The Merrol Hyde Magnet School String Ensemble, under the leadership of Alan Clark, was privileged to be asked to participate in an historic event at the Hermitage on Thursday, August 14. Representatives from the US Mint in Washington, D.C. were present to unveil the Andrew Jackson dollar coin in Old Hickory at the historic mansion home of our 7th president, Andrew Jackson.

The MHMS String Ensemble was asked to perform for this event based on their outstanding musicianship at a previous celebration event held at the Hermitage. The August 14th event once again resulted in these talented students being recognized for their superior abilities. This once in a lifetime treat will certainly be something these students will always remember! Students performing were: Ann Bangean, Ruth Choi, Timothy Choi, Stevi Clark, Megan Clark, Joyce Lee, Alex Brewer, Tucker Cowden, Yenny Yang, Jordan Larsen, Parker Ballentine, Jake Jones, Eleni Alexandrou and Brad Fottrell.

The event was attended by some two thousand school children, adults, tourists, and state congressional members. Andrew Jackson VI, the great-great-great-grandson of Andrew Jackson was not only present to speak, but he spent much of the morning handing out mint condition Andrew Jackson dollar coins to all the students to commemorate the occasion. Their circulation as valid U.S. currency began that very day.



DO YOU LIKE TO PLAY THE PIANO?

Do you enjoy hearing others play? Join piano club! We have some exciting programs planned for the 2008-09 school year. E-mail Mrs. Watts at:

debbie.watts@sumnerschools.org

CLASS TRIP INFORMATION

September 2, 2008

Grades 8,9,10

Thomas Tours Class Trip

Meetings are as follows:

8th-6:00 pm Washington D.C.

9th and 10th - 7:00 pm Boston

Meet in the school cafeteria.

FBLA

- ◆ Congratulations to Seth Patton. Seth placed 7th in Desktop Application Programming Nationals! Great job Seth!
- ◆ Bring in Coke Tabs for collection for State Competition. Bring in used Cartridges for fundraising.
- ◆ 1st activity was our Recruitment/Swim party on Sat August 23.
- ◆ Holiday World is October 4th.
- ◆ \$15 dues are due by September 30.
- ◆ State Competition is April 1-4 in Chattanooga, TN.
- ◆ Nationals are June 25-28 in Anaheim, CA.
- ◆ Meetings are in Mrs. Storey's room at lunch on Tuesday.
- ◆ Don't miss the fun!

Counselor's Corner

High School - Mrs. Thurman

- September 9th:** Progress Reports given to students
- September 9th:** Registration Deadline for Oct. 4 SAT
- September 19th:** Registration Deadline for Oct. 25 ACT
- September 26th:** Registration Deadline for Nov. 1 SAT
- October 2nd:** College Night at Vol State
- October 4th:** SAT
- October 15th:** PSAT given to 10th and 11th grades
- October 20th:** Report Cards
- October 21st:** Explore given to 8th grade
- October 25th:** ACT
- October 28th:** PLAN given to 10th grade
- November 1st:** SAT

Elementary Guidance—Jenny Howard

Middle school

Parents of seventh graders need to check with their student about Duke Talent Search information. This information was sent home last Tuesday. For further information, feel free to call the guidance office.

Elementary

We are "Living Above the Line" in elementary guidance this year. This program encourages students to make good choices, which are considered "above the line" choices. When a student makes an unwise choice, they are asked "where are you living – above or below the line?" Hopefully this will allow the student to self-correct themselves. Currently, there is a "living above the line" board outside of the library. Students have been writing their own ideas about above the line behaviors and the cards are then placed on the board for others to see. Ask your child to explain what "living above the line" means to them. This would be a program that would work well at home too.

Other guidance lessons this year will include treating others, self, and property with respect, bullying, personal safety, drug and alcohol prevention, and the 8 keys of success. Guidance classes are taught on a weekly basis, so check in with your child to hear their thoughts on the lessons.