



Merrol Hyde Magnet School



Hawk Talk

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Join the PTO Today!

The purpose of the PTO is to help build a progressive educational environment. The MHMS PTO is organized into eight committees, each performing a significant role to support the students, faculty and purpose of the PTO. To learn more about the PTO, check out the website:

www.sumnerschools.org/mhm/ParentsPTO.htm

The annual membership fee is only \$10.00 per family. To join, send a check payable to MHMS PTO (or cash) to the office in an envelope addressed to the PTO. Please note each student's name and grade on your check or envelope.

If you have not filled out our bright gold family data information sheet, pick one up in the office or request one via email at mhmspto@comcast.net. The PTO will publish a MHMS Community Directory for your convenience. Turn in your family data information sheet as soon as possible – we want to include you!

The first PTO meeting is Friday, September 12th at 6 pm in the cafeteria – in conjunction with the MHMS Family Spaghetti Supper.

Regular PTO meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7 pm in the cafeteria.

Save the Date!

Join us for the MHMS Family Spaghetti Supper

Friday, September 12th
6 pm at the School

Cost is \$4 for students & children,
\$6 for adults

Save \$1.00/ticket with advanced reservations

A reservation form will be sent home with your student soon.

Belk's Community Day Coupons for Sale

The PTO is selling coupons for 20% off all store merchandise at **Belk's Community Shopping Day Monday, September 8 from 12:00 – 8:00 p.m.** Coupons are \$5 each and 100% of the proceeds benefit our PTO! Finish your back-to-school shopping or get an early start on holiday shopping. To purchase a coupon, see a PTO officer or buy your coupon in the school office before September 5th.

By purchasing a Belk's Community Shopping Day coupon, you support our school and keep retail tax dollars in Sumner County!

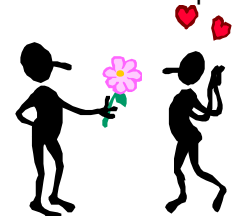
Many THANKS to LOTS of HELPERS!



A special thank you to all parents, faculty, and students who participated in our workdays this summer! Together we were able to make a seemingly impossible task possible! Our school building and grounds looked wonderful for our Open

House/Dedication and for the first day of school. For those who put in extra time and effort to landscape, clean, or assist during the first week of school, we appreciate your willingness and enthusiasm!

The Hospitality Committee did an awesome job of hosting the Open House Reception! The food and atmosphere were wonderful. Thank you!



Calendar

AUGUST

Wed, Aug 27 9:15 pm Mars Night

Thur, Aug 28 7 pm Booster Club

SEPTEMBER

Fri, Sept 12 6 pm Spaghetti Supper

MARS NIGHT



You are invited to an informal gathering to look at Mars through telescopes.

We will set up at the school parking lot around **9:15 pm on Wednesday, August 27th**. Come and go as your schedule allows **until about 10:00**. **A parent must stay on site with students they bring.** If you can bring sky charts or telescopes or if you have questions, please contact Karen MacKendree at school (264-6543) or at mackendree@comcast.net.

Athletic Booster Club Soaring to New Heights

Volunteer Today! Show your School Spirit!

Parents have begun forming many helpful and innovative committees through both the PTO and the Athletic Booster Club. Please don't wait for someone to recruit you! Get involved by calling the school at 264-6543 or by contacting the PTO or Athletic Booster Club (ABC) through the school website.

The ABC membership fees are \$10 per student, or \$15 per family. Your time and/or financial support of MHMS athletic programs are greatly appreciated by faculty, parents, and *especially* the students. To join, fill out the membership form in the Booster Club section of the website and send it to the school office with a check payable to "MHMS Boosters." **The next ABC meeting will be at the school on Thurs., August 28th at 7:00 pm.**

The Athletic Booster Club is now offering school spirit wear and accessories. Items currently available include short sleeve t-shirts for \$10, long sleeve t-shirts for \$15, caps & visors for \$16, gym bags for \$20, and hooded sweatshirts with front pocket for \$22. For more information, contact Julia Proctor at midsouthmkt@bellsouth.net or at 210-3329 or visit the Booster Club section of the website.

With everyone's help, we will establish many "first annual..." traditions for MHMS.

Carpool Contact Lists Available

If you would like to join a carpool or acquire a carpool list, please contact the school office at 264-6543.

Helpful Commuting Hint



If you commute from the northeast part of Sumner County (Gallatin, etc.) on Vietnam Veterans Parkway and want to save some time, try this: take the New Shackle Island exit ramp to the **right** toward White House. Turn left at the light onto the new road and go past D.Q. and Target. At the first stop sign, turn left on Hilltop. Go ½ mile to Township Drive. Turn left to MHMS. It works great!

School Lunches

For hot nutritious lunches, you can either pay daily or you can use the **convenient payment debit system**. For the debit system, simply send cash or a check to the cafeteria cashier for whatever amount works for you. The cafeteria staff deducts the amount of your child's lunch from his/her account each day. On the envelope or check, please note the child's name & last four digits of the child's Social Security number. You may write one check for more than one child, but designate *how much* to apply to each child. **Lunches are \$2.15 for all grades at MHMS starting Monday, August 25th.** A-la-carte milk is \$0.35 (white, chocolate or strawberry). For other prices and to see a monthly menu, check the website! To apply for free or reduced lunches, stop by or send a note to the office.

MHMS Launches New Website

<http://www.sumnerschools.org/mhm/>

The school now has a newly designed and broadly expanded web site. Be sure to bookmark this site and **visit it often** as we expect it to grow dramatically in the coming months. If you can't find what you need, or just want to make a suggestion, please email Mrs. Schreiner or our volunteer Webmaster, Bill Wilson, via the website.

After-school Program

The school system offers an onsite after school program through Unity.com. Our location is a new free-standing program, thus the fees and the content are set up differently from other schools. The hours are from 3:00 – 6:00 P.M., Monday – Friday. Students are given a snack, time to do homework, and time for fun enrichment activities. For fees and more details, go to their website, www.unitylearningcenter.com.

Logo Uniform Shirts

You can order logo uniform shirts from Wanda Hooper in the school office. The white polo shirt has a *large* embroidered customized MHMS crest. Prices are short-sleeve shirts \$20 and long-sleeve shirts \$25. Youth sizes are 50/50, while adult sizes are 100% pre-shrunk cotton. You can only order the white polo shirts with large embroidered crests through the school and our school benefits from these sales.



You can order *other* clothing items – including polo shirts with *small* MHMS crests - directly from Land's End. The logo number is 034 6176K. Logo cost is \$5.50. Be sure to use our Preferred School Number 9000-8991-3. We still have some catalogs at the school, or contact Lands Ends directly at 1-800-469-2222 or www.landsend.com/school/.