



Hawk Talk



Smart Shopping Helps MHMS



Use Script Cards!

Every family should have received a red "Christmas Shopping with Scrip Cards" flyer. You could get lots of your shopping done by ordering Scrip gift cards. We all have people on our lists who would love to receive a gift card for Christmas. Just think how much teachers, coaches, and scout leaders would appreciate getting a gift card to **Outback, Olive Garden, O'Charley's, or Cracker Barrel**. Think how happy a teen would be to receive a gift card to **Old Navy, The Gap, Regal Cinemas, or Media Play**. Women of every age would be thrilled to receive a gift card to **Bath & Body Works**. The readers on your list would love **Barnes & Noble** or **Waldenbooks**. The handyman, newlywed, or new homeowner could use **Lowe's** or **Home Depot**. Your employees might enjoy a **Honey Baked Ham**.

Check out the extensive shopping list that was attached to your flyer and see how we can make your shopping SO EASY this year! We will be placing orders on Monday, December 8 and 15, but **we encourage you to get those orders in this Monday, December 8** to avoid any delays. For more info, contact Susie Sanford at sanfor@scomcast.net or 452-9888.

Shop Amazon!



If you plan on making holiday purchases from Amazon.com, remember to use the MHMS web site link to enter Amazon. You can access the Amazon link from the home page : <http://www.summerschools.org/mhm> via the "Hot Links" on the right side of the page. Let your family and friends around the country know too.

Fall Festival a HUGE SUCCESS!

The Athletic Booster Club THANKS all of the parents, businesses, vendors, faculty, and students for supporting our first ever Country Fair & BBQ. We had a successful fall fundraising event! We could not have netted **\$9,000** for the MHMS physical fitness and athletic programs without the support of everyone. *WOW, what an amazing school we have!* These funds will provide some of the many needs of our athletic and physical educational program.

With such a great start, the Fair can only be bigger and better each year! Let's keep working to fulfill our school's dreams of athletic fields, concession stand equipment, outdoor bleachers, a track, gym equipment, medical supplies, etc.

Special thanks to Ms. Schreiner for her support and for working with us every time a seemingly insurmountable problem reared its ugly head. *You're the best!*

We want to thank all our parent leaders, organizers, helpers...

- Tracy Barriero, Yvette Casey, and Sharon Lewis for heading up the silent auction.
- June Moon for decorating and setting up the fair areas.
- Paula Schilz for getting the games organized.
- Beth Pickel and Gail Wilson for organizing the craft vendors. 50 vendors was incredible, considering we were competing with Christmas Village and the Gallatin Craft Fair.
- Frank Bacus, Bill Wilson, and Michael Proctor for rolling up their sleeves, working on whatever was needed, providing leadership, and putting up signs across the county.
- Betty Van Es for getting our concession yummies.
- Mike and Kat Carter who managed the kitchen.
- Beth Welch for chairing the dessert table.
- All the parents who worked a shift, baked a cake, or sent in an item for a basket.

And, last but certainly not least, thanks to **JULIA PROCTOR** for essentially organizing and overseeing the entire event.



Share the Sounds of the Season

The instrumental music department at MHMS will present a concert on **Tuesday, December 9 at 7:00 following the 6:30 PTO meeting**. All of Mr. Clark's classes will perform, as well as the newly-formed jazz band!

In lieu of charging "admission" to the concert, Mr. Clark asks that each family bring one new, unwrapped toy to be donated to the local Samaritan Center.

This is an opportunity for us to give to those who are more needy than ourselves, and it is just the right thing to do!

This is the first public performance for our groups and we will debut the new uniforms for concert band!



Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

Thanks to all of you who attended our Country Day/Barbecue on November 15th. Your support helped raise funds for our physical education and athletic programs. We appreciate the Athletic Booster Club for spearheading this effort.

As the holidays approach, we ask that students refrain from holiday gift exchanges at school. We feel this should be done at homes or in social settings. We also ask that invitations not be passed out at school unless the entire class is receiving one. Both of these requests are made in an effort to be sensitive to students' feelings. Thank you for supporting the teachers in these decisions.

Since cold weather has officially "hit" us, the students are wearing jackets and coats to school. If the students wish to wear their jackets and coats all during the school day, they must meet school dress code (no sweatshirts, no pictures, no writing, no denim, etc). If not, we ask that they store them in their lockers. Our building is very warm in the winter so this should not be a problem.

Applications for the 2004-2005 school year are due to the school office by December 12th. Please tell your friends and neighbors who have students who might want to attend Merrol Hyde Magnet School next year.

Once again, we are privileged to work with your students each day. Thank you for this opportunity.

Sincerely,
Brad Schreiner

THANKS FOR EARNING US MONEY!!!



We have received our first check from Kroger, in the amount of **\$311.40!**

That is a phenomenal amount when you consider that it was earned with only **25 Kroger** cards. Those 25 families don't spend any more on their groceries than anyone else. They just use a Kroger card in order to earn the school money. We have almost 250 families at MHMS, so only 10% of our school population is responsible for earning November's check.

JUST THINK WHAT WE COULD DO WITH A LITTLE MORE PARTICIPATION! Our December check **could easily be for \$600, \$800, even \$1000!** Everyone is likely to spend more grocery money before and during the holidays. If you shop at Kroger, please buy a Kroger card and be part of the money earners at MHMS. Contact Susie Sanford at sanfor@scomcast.net or 452-9888 to find out how.

Artists, Set Designers, and Willing Hands Desperately Needed



We want to create a back drop that can be dropped from the ceiling on the back of the stage for the upcoming Choral Christmas program. Afterwards, we will be able to paint new scenes on this same backdrop. *If you are interested, please contact Kym Sims 822-7828.*

A Note from the Library Committee

Thank you for your attendance and support at the November PTO meeting. Many thanks to Debbie Watts for the entertainment and the donation of her book proceeds to the PTO!

Our librarian, Jennifer Weedman, has a relationship with the students which encourages input on book purchases. She is hoping to get some parental input in the same area. If there is a title you would like to see on the MHMS library shelf, please e-mail Mrs. Weedman at weedmanj@k12tn.net to offer your suggestions. She would greatly appreciate it!

We continue to accept donations of both hardback and paperback books that are in good condition. Contributions are now being accepted for our elementary library as well, so if you have books on that level you wish to give, please get them to Jennifer Weedman.

We're very excited about the upcoming book fair. *More Information next month.*



Geography Club

The Geography Club will have its third meeting on Dec. 9 after school in the computer lab. At this meeting, will have a "mock" geography bee--complete with prizes! The students are busy preparing for a competition that will determine the one student from our school who will take the written test that is sent to National Geographic in Washington, D.C. This test, graded by National Geographic, determines the 100 students from Tennessee who will be invited to compete in the Tennessee Geographic Bee in April. There are prizes for the state level winners. The state winner gets an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. to compete in the National Bee in May. Last year's Tennessee winner, from Martin Luther King Magnet School, placed second in the national bee. Wouldn't it be great to have a contender from Merrol Hyde Magnet School? Any student in grades 5-8 is eligible to participate in the school competition. Please see Mrs. Sanders for details.



S O C I A L S

5th Grade

Saturday, December 6

5:30-7p.m. Cici's Pizza (Gallatin)

7:30p.m. "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever!" at The Palace Theater in Gallatin.

If families did not purchase tickets in advance, they still can join us at Cici's and buy tickets at The Palace Theater if available. Call Melanie Hajacos 822-5830 or Janet Carr 477-9324 if you have questions.

6th Grade

When: December 11—3:15 (after school)

WHERE: School Cafeteria

COST: \$6.00 (everything included)

WHAT: The "Clay Lady"

Each child will learn about clay and make their own project. If all things work out okay, we should have these back before Christmas. Call Belinda McClure (824-8410) if you need any more information.

MHMS Master Calendar

There is now a master calendar for all school events on the school web site. Go to <http://www.sumnerschools.org/mhm> click on the *Calendar* link, then select the *General Calendar*. If you are aware or become aware of any event not shown on the master calendar, please email the necessary information to webmaster Bill Wilson at QuoteNotes@aol.com.

December



6—County 4H Fair

5th Grade Social

9 — 6:30 PTO Meeting & Concert

11 — School Trip (TPAC)

12 — Choir Program

18-19 — Exams

19 — Early Dismissal

22- Jan.1—Semester Break

January

6-Classes Resume

13-PTO Meeting

15-Booster Meeting

19-School Holiday

26-28— 6th Grade Trip

Instrument Contest

Saturday, December 13, several instrumental music students will audition for the All Middle Tennessee Band and Orchestra. This is an honors group open by audition only to the top ten percent students on each of their chosen instruments. Approximately three thousand students from across middle Tennessee will be competing for this high distinction. *We wish MHMS students well in this activity!*

The deadline for the January Hawk Talk is **January 8**. Information should be sent to Lyn Thiessen at bltct@comcast.net.