



Hawk Talk

From the Principal's Pen

Dear parents,
 Welcome back to the second semester. We're excited about the opportunities and challenges the second half of the school year will bring. We're happy to report that we have received nearly 600 applications for next school year with the majority of those applying for grades K through 5. Next year our grade configuration will be K through 10 and our enrollment will be at 550. We'd like to welcome Mr. Allan Leeke who will be taking over Mrs. Lindsey's social studies classes for the remainder of the year. Mrs. Colleen Lloyd will be taking over Mr. Fisher's science classes this semester and returning to the technology lab next year. Miss Cassie Jetton will teach diversified tech for the remainder of the year. Thanks to all who have emailed or called to give suggestions or voice concerns. We always welcome your feedback. Sincerely,
 Brad Schreiner



Hats Off to Reading

MHMS is hosting a Book Fair in the library thru Tuesday, January 20. Books for all ages are available and all funds raised will be used to support library projects and needs. There is also a "book wish list" for teachers. Feel free to call Jennifer Weedman, our library media specialist, if you have any questions.

Visit the Book Fair and help out MHMS.



4H Sumner County Winners

During the county wide 4H Project Fair held at Gallatin High School in December, two MHMS students were named Grand Champion of their events.

Christie Thiessen is Grand Champion in Public Speaking and will continue competition at the district level in February. Meredith O'Brien is Grand Champion in Biscuit Making.

Congratulations to these students for their awards.



January

- 15-Booster Meeting
- 19-School Holiday
- 26-28- 6th Grade Trip

February



- 2-7 7th Grade Trip
- 3—Writing Assessment (5&8)
- 10—PTO Meeting 6:30
- 16—No School (Teacher In-service)
- 20—End of six weeks



Instrumental Music News



Congratulations to Clark Sanford, clarinet, and Alaina Kiskaddon, violin, on being selected (by audition) to participate in the All Middle Tennessee Band and Orchestra weekends this month at M.T.S.U.!! Clark and Alaina were among the approximately 3,000 hopefuls who auditioned for this event in December, of which only 300 are chosen! These hard working, talented students deserve a round of applause!

TCAP TEST DATES March 29—April 2

Mrs. Schreiner asks that parents not plan any trips or appointments during these extremely important test dates.

**A calendar of sporting events can be found on the web.*



PURCHASE POWER PROGRAM MEANS MONEY FOR MHMS

Because MHMS parents agreed that they did not want to be involved in “direct sale” fundraisers, the PTO developed the Purchase Power Program. Families that participate in this program make money for MHMS just by doing their usual shopping, or by saving box tops & labels from products that they already use.

The following are ways that Purchase Power is working:

Kroger Gift Cards - MHMS PTO has received its second check from Kroger in the amount of \$380. We have earned almost \$700 so far, just from grocery shopping! Kroger pays MHMS PTO 5% of our combined grocery bills. Just imagine how much we could earn if YOU got a Kroger card from the PTO and added your weekly grocery expenditures to the total!

Scrip Cards – MHMS purchases gift cards, at a discount, from over 100 retailers and then sells them to you for face value. These cards are for stores, restaurants and gas stations where you are already spending your money. We now have even more retailers to choose from and will be sending home a new list soon. Thanks to all of you who placed orders for Scrip cards before Christmas, and *a special thanks to those of you who have consistently supported this no-additional-cost fundraiser.* We WILL take your Scrip orders next week, but because of the holiday on Monday, January 19, we will process orders on TUESDAY and get your cards back to you on THURSDAY.

Box Tops & Labels – We have received our first check from General Mills for \$151. We receive 10 cents for each box top we send in, so that was a lot of box tops! The Campbell’s labels that you have turned in will allow us to order supplies and equipment for our school.. Keep saving and sending in those box tops and labels. Plans are underway to award prizes for the students who bring in the most labels and box tops each six weeks.

Amazon.com – Don’t forget that when you log on to Amazon.com by going through the MHMS website, our school earns a percentage of your total purchase amount. Just go to

www.sumnerschools.org/MHM and click on the Amazon.com link.

If you have any questions or suggestions about the Purchase Power Program, please contact Susie Sanford at sanfords@comcast.net or at 452-9888.



“Night of Stars”

March 20—5:00 & 7:00

Spring Dinner Theatre/Variety Show/Auction/Family Night

Look for more details about this exciting night in the February newsletter.

Business Partners are still needed to support MHMS during this spring fund raising event. Contact Lisa Hartman for more information. (230-6755)

Free Online Help

Grolier’s Encyclopedia

Access through the MHMS home page. Go to Academics—Library—Grolier’s.

Current Events

www.newscurrents.com—Online Subscribers—user name (37075)—password (merro)

Homework/Research

www.schoolwork.org
www.nationalgeographic.org
www.school.discovery.com

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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.

The deadline for the February Hawk Talk is **February 2**. Information should be sent to Lyn Thiessen at bltct@comcast.net.