



Hawk Talk

Socrates is Coming Tuesday Night—Don't Miss It!!

Tuesday, February 10 at 6:30 p.m., a Socratic Seminar will be led by our own MHMS teachers. This participatory seminar is a component of the Paideia philosophy. The goal of Paideia Seminar is for the individuals to expand their understanding of ideas, concepts, and values about the curriculum. Paideia literally means "whole child" in Greek. Paideia is not a strategy for teaching, but rather a philosophy of educating the whole child.

Cheryl Treadway, the Assistant Director of Training and Implementation at the National Paideia Center, will be there to kick-off the seminar and answer questions.

Families with children in grades 5 and up are welcome to actively participate. Childcare will be provided for K-4. Please make childcare arrangements for younger children. Registration is on a 1st come 1st served basis. You may pre-register via e-mail at gillilap@ktn.net or by contacting Leslie Loven(822-9933) or Cari Golden Teal(826-9248).

From the Principal's Pen

Dear Parents,

As this newsletter goes to press, we are busy planning our first community wide Socratic seminar. This event will be held on February 10th at 6:30 and will give you the opportunity to experience a seminar as your students have been doing all year. I hope you'll make it a point to register for a seminar that interests you.

Our first round of testing for students entering kindergarten was well attended, and we are still accepting applications. The second round of testing for students whose applications were received after December 12th will take place on Saturday, March 27, 2004.

Now that basketball season is over, many of our students are conditioning for spring sports. We encourage every student to participate in a sport. We offer tennis, soccer, baseball, softball,

track, and we're even training interested runners for the Country Music half marathon in April. There's room for you!

Sincerely,

Brad Schreiner



"Night of Stars"

Dinner and Variety Show

Saturday, March 20, 2004

The MHMS PTO cordially invites you to a star-filled evening showcasing the many varied talents of our Merrol Hyde Magnet School students. The cost is \$50 per family (two adults plus children) or \$30 per couple which includes a fabulous dinner and a variety show for the adults. The family price also includes plenty of fun, food and festivities for the younger crowd (ages 3 to 18) upstairs in the *Kids Only* area.

Two seating times are provided for your convenience: Early dinner/show begins promptly @ 4:45 and the Late dinner/show begins promptly @ 7:15. Seating is limited - reservations are a must! There will be no tickets available at the door the evening of the event.

Invitations will be sent home with students very soon. Please return the form on the back of the invitation to the school by February 27, 2004.

We are in need of volunteers to help with donations, decorations, and parking. The students are actively involved in helping in these areas; however, we need adults to assist and coordinate.

Please note we are relying entirely on the ticket prices to meet our fundraising goals. This is a great way for couples to have a relaxing night out and the kids to have a fun time with their peers. We are certain this will be a fundraiser like no other we have had at MHMS!

For further information or to volunteer please contact Lisa Hartman @ 230-6755 or Kim Tatum @ 714-8951.

Second semester pledges are due for the Parent Donation Campaign. Checks are payable to MHMS PTO and can be taken to the school office.

Freshman Girls Challenge Faculty

On February 20, The MHMS Student Council will sponsor a basketball game between the freshman girls basketball team and the teachers.

Admission is free, and candy and drinks will be sold.

Come join in the fun and cheer for your favorite team.



ARE YOU & YOUR FAMILY EARNING MONEY FOR MHMS?

You could be earning money for your school, just by: Using a MHMS Kroger card when you purchase your weekly groceries. Using SCRIP cards to purchase gas, clothes, books, restaurant meals and more. Saving General Mills Box Tops and Campbell's Labels for Education. Shopping on www.amazon.com through the MHMS webpage. NONE of the above cost you any additional money! We take orders for SCRIP cards every Monday morning and return the cards to you on the following Wednesday afternoon. We also take Kroger card orders on Monday mornings. Box Tops and Labels can be turned in by your child any time, and of course you can shop online at amazon.com at any time. IT TAKES A MINIMUM AMOUNT OF EFFORT AND NO EXTRA EXPENSE FOR YOU TO HELP RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL!!! For more information, contact Susie Sanford at sanfords@comcast.net or 452-9888.



A Note from the Library

MHMS's very first book fair was a great success! We raised about \$700 in a very short time to help support library projects. We are accepting donations of hardback and paperback books for both the upper school and the new elementary school coming on next year. Mrs. Weedman asks that the books be in pretty good shape and be appropriate for K-12 students. No encyclopedia sets over five years old, no National Geographic, or seriously outdated science materials. Otherwise, we need everything!

MHMS Students Make State ODP Soccer Team

Leah Loven, 5th grade and Jordan Kielty, 7th grade were selected to Tennessee's Olympic Development Team (ODP) -'91 State Team.

The players were first selected for the Middle Tennessee District Team and then competed with other District teams from Tennessee to form a State Team.

Players from Memphis to Knoxville participated in the two-day State try-outs. Only 4 were taken from the Middle District to the '91 State Team, which consists of 44 players. These girls will train with other Tennessee ODP players from around the state and play games against other Southeast ODP Teams. **Congratulations girls!**



S O C C I A L S

6th Grade

WHAT: Karaoke Night

WHEN: February 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

WHERE: Steeple Players Theater (Hendersonville--next to Bush Jewelers.)

COST: \$7.50

You may bring your own music if you like but not necessary--we have plenty.

Look for more info soon. Call or email Belinda McClure if you have questions. mcja-beloho@comcast.net 824-8410

8th Grade

WHAT: Valentines Dance

WHEN: February 6, 6:30-8:30

WHERE: Ballroom at Sumner Regional Hospital

We will have catered food, music, and DJs from PSpin Entertainment. Tickets are \$8 each and the students are encouraged to bring a friend or two!! Call Kay Sanders if you have questions.

9th Grade

WHAT: Valentine's Day dance

WHEN: February 13

WHERE: MHMS

COST: \$10

Dance is sponsored by the Student Council. If you have any questions, call a student council member: Shannon Hargis, Julianne Poe, Sara Denton, Laura Casey, Laura Sarret, or Jeong Hong. (see MHMS Directory for numbers)

Student Council Representatives

6th Grade

Logan McClure
Neil Hargis
Morgan Kickliter

7th Grade

Cody Turner
Taylor Wohfahrt
Maggie Hume

8th Grade

Rachel Hawkins
Christina England
Sarah Musgrave

9th Grade

Pruitt Holmes
Marianne Moon
Monica Diep

MHMS Master Calendar of all school events on the web site :www.sumnerschools.org/mhm - *Calendar* link—*General Calendar*.

February



6—8th Grade Dance
10—County-wide Seminar/PTO
13—All School Field Trip 7:45 a.m.
16—No School/Staff Development
26—5th Grade Field Trip—Capitol

March



2—All School Field Trip
9—PTO/ Romeo & Juliet Play
20—"Night of Stars" Fundraiser
25—"Barber of Seville" Opera
29-2—TCAP Testing(5th—8th Grades)

April



1-2 TCAP Testing (5th—8th Grades)
9-16—Spring Break
19-23—9th Grade Trip
26-29—5th & 8th Grade Trips

The deadline for the March *Hawk Talk* is **February 29**. Information should be sent to Lyn Thiessen at bltct@comcast.net.