



## March PTO Meeting—Tuesday, March 9— 6:15 p.m.

### Important Bylaws Amendment Vote

Join us for a brief business meeting to consider several PTO bylaw amendments. In an effort to accommodate and support our expanding student body, the PTO General Board and By-laws Committee recommend several Bylaw changes to adjust our organizational structure. You may review this proposal at our website [www.sumnerschools.org/mhm/parents/PTO.htm](http://www.sumnerschools.org/mhm/parents/PTO.htm) prior to the meeting. Faculty and dues-paid parents will be eligible to vote on the bylaws proposal.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Shakespeare Play

Following the meeting Ms. Sanders 5<sup>th</sup> Grade class will present their rendition of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet under the direction of Ms. Courtney Spears. Vocal music selections will be directed by Ms. Kathy Lehman and instrumental performances by Mr. Alan Clark. The students have worked very hard to prepare. You will not want to miss this unique treat!



### ATTENTION: PARENTS, FACULTY, STUDENTS!



The Yearbook Staff and the PTO are looking for pictures of school events, field trips, fund raisers, or candid shots. We can use the actual photos or .jpg files. If you have digital photo files, you may e-mail them to [mackendreek@k12tn.net](mailto:mackendreek@k12tn.net). If you submit actual photographs, please write your name lightly on the back of each picture. An explanation of the event and the names of the people in the photo would be helpful. Please help us make our yearbook and end of year assembly meaningful for everyone.

### From the Principal's Pen

Dear Parents,

Thanks to all who participated in our community wide seminar last month. We appreciate your willingness to experience a seminar with us!

As we move into the last twelve weeks of school, we will be asking you for feedback regarding many things from school pictures to dress code. Please continue to check the website for links, surveys, messages from PTO, etc. We will also be sending home information by your students so check those backpacks regularly. Your suggestions are important to us as we plan for next school year so please let your voices be heard.

Sincerely,  
Brad Schreiner



## “Night of Stars”



Saturday, March 20, 2004

The MHMS PTO 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 includes plenty of fun, food and festivities for the younger crowd (ages 3 to 18) upstairs in the *Kids Only* area. Single tickets are also available. 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.

The invitation/reservation form is available on the website. Please return the form on the back of the invitation to the school by March 12, 2004.

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! We need volunteers to help with donations, decorations, and parking.

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



## Rah! Rah! Rah!

Cheerleading tryouts are coming soon for next year. The cheer clinic, mandatory for all trying out, will be March 9, 10 and 11 with tryouts being Friday, March 12. The clinic and the tryouts will be from 3:15-5:00. Tryouts are open to rising 7th through 10th graders. We will have a 7-8 grade team as well as a 9-10 grade team. If you did not participate in a sport this school year, and we do not have any medical information, you will have to get a note from your doctor stating you are fit to participate in cheerleading before you can participate in the clinic. Please email Lisa Lancaster at [lancasterl@k12tn.net](mailto:lancasterl@k12tn.net) if you have any questions.



## Tennis Team

The MHMS Tennis Team began practicing Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> at Bluegrass Country Club. We have an eager group who is working hard to develop proper techniques with tennis skills. Our first match will be March 15 at 3:30 with Station Camp High School at Bluegrass Country Club. All scheduled matches are posted on the school website.

Jeannie Harris—MHMS Tennis Coach

## History News

The 8th grade is studying both the TN and the U. S. Constitutions. Studying States' Rights vs. National Rights has opened up many interesting topics.

All 6<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup> grade students are participating in the Youth Legislature program sponsored by the YMCA. We were fortunate to have Andy Spears, Press Secretary to the Democratic Caucus, speak to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. From their many interesting questions, our students obviously gained a lot from him. Because the interest level was so high, Mrs. McKendree was able to arrange for Diane Black, one of our local State House Representatives, to come and talk to the students in April. She is on the State Education Committee. Both the eighth and ninth grade students will also be included in her visit. These visitors will help the students better understand the value of the Youth Legislature program.



Congratulations to Rachel Hawkins and Katharine Kolp who represented MHMS at the Sumner County Spelling Bee held on Saturday, February 21. Mrs. Mackendree and Mrs. Watts were Spelling Bee sponsors this year. Mrs. Watts' 6th grade class is writing an ad campaign for next year to publicize the annual Spelling Bee and to make spelling "cool."

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

## March



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  
20—PTO Meeting  
19-23—9th Grade Trip  
26-29—5th & 8th Grade Trips  
29—NEW Parents Meeting

## 5th Grade Social

**WHAT: Movie Matinee— "Scooby Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed"**  
**WHEN: Sunday, March 28**  
**WHERE: Indian Lake Theatre,**  
**COST: \$5.25**

## SUMMER PROGRAMS

If you are interested in summer academic programs for your children, see the list of websites below. Most offer scholarship and financial assistance if you ask. *Excellent resource links!*  
[tag-tenn.org](http://tag-tenn.org), [tigernetwork.org](http://tigernetwork.org), [hoagiesgifted.org](http://hoagiesgifted.org), [wku.edu/gifted\\_giftedstudy.com](http://wku.edu/gifted_giftedstudy.com), [nashvilleparent.com](http://nashvilleparent.com)  
Pope John Paul II H.S. (822-2375)  
Sumner Academy (452-1914)

## DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN EASILY EARN MONEY FOR MHMS ?

- If you are currently shopping at Kroger, Food Lion or Publix,
- if you routinely put gas in your vehicle, eat out at restaurants or shop at any of the 100+ retailers on our Scrip retailer list,
- if you shop at Amazon.com, or if you purchase food items from General Mills or Campbell's...

...you can earn money with NO ADDITIONAL COST TO YOU!

We will soon have a "Purchase Power" link on the MHMS website! You can read about the various programs, and you can download updated retailer lists and order forms. If you have questions, please contact Susie Sanford at [sanfords@comcast.net](mailto:sanfords@comcast.net) or 452-9888.

The deadline for the March *Hawk Talk* is **April 5**. Information should be sent to Lyn Thiesen at [bltct@comcast.net](mailto:bltct@comcast.net).