



# Merrol Hyde Magnet School HAWK TALK



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## Principal's Pen

Dear parents, In the last Hawk Talk, I thanked you for your suggestions regarding our car rider line. The line has become much faster. Your patience as we "fine tuned" the procedure was much appreciated. Here are some lessons learned from something so simple:

**1. Give a problem area a little time.** Many times we need to let our children have "a little time" as they adjust to a new school, begin playing a sport, or work on relationships with friends and teachers. Don't expect a quick fix to every problem.

**2. Listen. Really listen.** I tried to hear what you said when you called or emailed how to make our car rider line better. I listened to all kinds of ideas. After listening, some things were implemented that made the line safer and quicker.

**3. Try to find the positive in every situation.** Many of you read books, work on your Sunday School lesson, or pay bills while you wait in the car rider line. What a wonderful way to model effective time management in a situation you could not control.

The Paideia philosophy involves becoming a life long learner. I know I learned from this simple routine. I hope you did too. Let's pass this knowledge on to our students.

Sincerely,  
Brad Schreiner

## Spotlight on MHMS Staff

Betsy Hunter is our Assistant Principal and a lifelong resident of Gallatin. She has taught in Sumner County for 23 years, for the first 15 years in Kindergarten, and for the last 8 in middle school teaching reading and math. Betsy received her B.S.Ed. from the University of Memphis and her M.Ed. from Tennessee State University. She is a Career Ladder III teacher. Betsy is married to Jim Hunter, the General Sessions Judge for Sumner County. They have two children, Robert and Rachel. Betsy is a youth counselor at the First United Methodist Church. She sponsored the Serteen Club at Rucker Stewart for six years, and has served on the Foster Care Review Board for Youth Services.

## 2nd Annual MHMS Country Fair & BBQ

**Saturday, October 16th 10:00 to 5:00**

Craft Vendors, Silent & Live Auction, Games, BBQ & More!

**GREAT** gifts & auction items available.

Pre-ticket sales available now. Contact Julia Proctor @ 210-3329  
Family Pack \$32.00 (includes BBQ for four & 50 tickets)

Check out the website for more details.

See you There!



## Parent Grade Reps Are a Critical MHMS Resource

The grade representatives or room parents are a vital component at MHMS. We appreciate their leadership in voicing student needs, organizing student social events to build unity, arranging classroom assistance for teachers, and acting as a communication link with parents. They are currently working to coordinate volunteers and donations for the Country Fair and BBQ. Look for information from your child's class or grade representative or call them with questions or to volunteer.

<b>Arwood/K</b>	Susan Matheny (822-2649)	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	Janet Carr (826-0528)
<b>Duncan/K</b>	Lisa Puckett (325-2383)		Melissa O'Brien (822-7815)
<b>Akel/1st</b>	Kelley Graham (264-7091)	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	Belinda McClure (824-8410)
<b>Pinson/1st</b>	Anna Chambliss (826-1923)		Dana Hargis (826-1823)
	Jane Rife (826-7947)	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	Lisa Hartman (230-6755)
<b>Brown/2nd</b>	Kim Bryant (826-2614)		Lori Lyons (824-9049)
	Michele Coomer (826-2947)	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	Becky Cook (826-6740)
<b>Armour/2nd</b>	Kim Potts (841-3974)		Peggy England-Bates (822-8802)
<b>Barber/3rd</b>	Kimberly Carfi (230-6843)		Polly Ann Perkins (264-5584)
<b>Ryckelely/3rd</b>	Tracey Barrairo (826-5857)		Gaylynne Stockwell-Rouse
	Crystal Clinton (822-0294)		(826-6730)
<b>Sloan/4th</b>	Renee Spindler (264-6266)	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	Peggy Hooks (824-4945)
<b>Gary/4th</b>	Cari Golden Teal (826-9248)		Karen Holmes (822-9616)
<b>Sanders/5th</b>	Harriett Hurdle (824-7228)		
<b>Skeith/5th</b>	Chrissy Lassiter (824-2606)		

## EFFECTIVE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th

STUDENTS ENTERING THE BUILDING BEFORE 7:45 A.M. MUST ENTER THROUGH THE MAIN DOORS BY THE OFFICE. AFTER 7:45 A.M., ELEMENTARY STUDENTS MAY ENTER THEIR WING, AND MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS MAY ENTER UPSTAIRS. BEFORE 7:45 ALL DOORS EXCEPT THE MAIN DOORS WILL BE LOCKED. THANK YOU!

## **DON'T FORGET!**

✓ PTO Meeting Tuesday, October 5th 6:30 p.m.  
*Storytelling with Mrs. Weedman & selected students*

✓ PTO Family Donations are due by October 4th!



## Update on Box Tops/ Tyson/Campbell's Labels for Education

We're off to a great start with these fundraising programs. We have already collected more than 2,800 Box Tops – that's almost as many as we had during the entire 2003-2004 school year! We also have received about 70 Tyson labels (worth 24 cents each) and more than 2,700 Campbell's labels. That number could really jump if we take full advantage of Kroger's special offer (see below). Keep up the good work, and we'll announce our prizewinners for the first grading period soon.

### Attention Kroger Shoppers!

Kroger's and Campbell's are offering a special limited-time bonus in the Labels for Education program, and it's really easy. Just use your Kroger Plus card to purchase 20 Campbell's and Pepperidge Farm products between now and Oct. 23. Use your Kroger Plus card again between Oct. 26 and Nov. 20, and you'll receive a Campbell's Labels for Education Bonus Label Certificate printed on the bottom of your register receipt. Send the certificate in with your child just like other Campbell's labels, Box tops for Education and Tyson labels (in an envelope with your child's name and teacher). As always, kids who bring in labels and box tops will be rewarded with a treat or small prize. Eligible product lines include: Campbell's Soups and Supper Bakes; Prego Pasta Sauce; Spaghetti's; V-8 juices; and Pepperidge Farms baked goods such as breads, cookies, crackers, goldfish, etc.

### Latin Club

The Latin Club (grades 6-10) and Junior Classical League (9-10) had our first meetings. Our first major activity is to watch Star Wars and discuss its relationship to the Roman world (9/23). Our officers are Consuls Grant Leonardi and Brittany Webster and the Treasurer is Tyler Brinkman. The club is sponsored by the Latin teacher, Erin Stocco.

### Journalism Class

The journalism class will have its first issue of the school newspaper, The Talon, around Nov. 1st. See Mrs. Watts for more information.

## Your Library Needs You!

As always, the library welcomes donations of books and/or the money to buy them; consider placing one in honor of your favorite student or educator.

We are also in need of magazines and periodicals. Parents can take advantage of subscription offers from other school fundraisers to support two schools at once.

You may check with Jennifer Weedman for recommended titles.

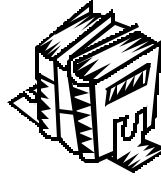
### Kindergarten News

The kindergarten boys and girls have had a very exciting first month of school. Hendersonville's Mayor Fuqua brought our first letter person, Mr. M, to our classroom. Mayor Fuqua told us about the responsibilities of the mayor, and that he also enjoyed eating macaroni--just like Mr. M. Other letter friends that have made their way to kindergarten from the Land of the Letter People include Ms. T, Ms. F, and Mr. N. Each letter person has something unique about them, just as each of our students are unique and special. In connection with our letter friends, we have learned about magnets, light, and our senses in science. Projects from home have also correlated with our special letter. The projects have been great! On Fridays we wear an item for the letter we have focused on that week. We have adorned mustaches, ties, funny feet, and necklaces thus far. So, if you see a kindergarten boy or girl wearing something a little unusual on Friday, you might be able to guess our new letter friend that week.

**Attention K-2 parents:** If you bring cupcakes for your child's birthday during lunch, please bring enough for the whole grade to enjoy, since our classes sit together during lunch.

### Golf Team News

The golf team finished its first varsity season on September 20th. The boys finished 10<sup>th</sup> out of 12 teams. Daniel Newton was low scorer, shooting a 93. The girls also played well and made much progress during the year. Coach Cooper stated, "I am very proud of both teams. I hope that more girls will participate next year."



## Social Studies

Mrs. Howard's 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade social studies students have been actively working on Hurricane Projects.

In conjunction with a geography unit, the students have followed the major storms that have formed this year in the Atlantic Ocean, tracked various hurricanes, and stayed abreast of the news as it related to each named storm. The students will then create a weather forecast, modeling it after a forecast they have watched on television or seen on the Internet.

The student's predictions will be presented to the class live or on video.

On September 29<sup>th</sup>, Kevin Skarupa from Channel 2 News will talk to the students about weather & hurricanes as well as jobs related to the weather industry.

To close this project, a seminar on weather will be held following Mr. Skarupa's visit.

## COUNSELING NEWS

We are looking forward to the arrival of our Elementary Guidance Counselor soon. If you have individual concerns, please call Sue Cooper. Sue is working with and meeting with all grade levels on an individual basis as needed.

- All 7<sup>th</sup> graders have received the information for the Duke Talent Search. This is a program that recognizes 7<sup>th</sup> grade students with high achievement scores. They are allowed to take the SAT or ACT with the high school students and be recognized for their outstanding work. If your 7<sup>th</sup> grader did not show you this form, ask them for it. It is not too late to register for the December or January testing.
- Explore testing for 8<sup>th</sup> graders went well. We had 100% attendance for the test! Thanks parents for your help in getting your child here on time.
- The PSAT and the Plan will be given to 10<sup>th</sup> graders during October.
- Parent and 10<sup>th</sup> graders will have the opportunity to attend Sumner County's College Night at Vol. State on Wednesday, September 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. Many colleges across the nation will be represented and you have the opportunity to talk to them personally to get answers to your questions.