



Merrol Hyde Magnet School

HAWK TALK



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Principal's Pen

Dear Parents,

As we approach the holiday season, I'd like to express my appreciation to you for your continual support as we work together to educate your children. I'm thankful that we don't have a tardy problem. I'm thankful for dedicated teachers who make time to conference with parents. I'm thankful for students who are so trustworthy that many students don't feel the need for locks on their lockers. I'm thankful for graffiti free restroom walls. I'm thankful for the many volunteers we have here at MHMS.

Sincerely,
Brad Schreiner

Spotlight on MHMS Staff

Candace (Candy) Arwood is one of our kindergarten teachers. She previously taught kindergarten at Lakeside Park Elementary in Hendersonville. She is a graduate of Gallatin High School and Cumberland University in Lebanon, TN. She has also been a Girl Scout leader and enjoys sewing, cooking and reading. She lives in Hendersonville with her husband Jeff and their two daughters, Penny and Molly Anne who attend Merrol Hyde Magnet School. Candy and her family are members of Victory Missionary Baptist Church in Hendersonville, TN.

Tracy Duncan is also one of our kindergarten teachers. She earned her B.S.Ed. in Elementary Education from David Lipscomb University and her Master's from Tennessee Technological University. She has 11 years of experience teaching at the kindergarten level. She assists each year in summer youth camps on Short Mountain in Cannon County, where she met her husband, Darrell, a minister at Center Chapel Church of Christ in Mt. Juliet.

HAWK UNIFORM CONSIGNMENT SALE

Drop off: Tuesday, Dec. 7th 7-8 am in the school cafeteria.

Details: ALL items must have a 3 x 5 card with the following information **safety pinned** on it:

1. Name, cell and home phone numbers
2. Price of item (no reductions will be taken)
3. Size of article of clothing

Sale: Wednesday, Dec. 8th
7-9 am in the school cafeteria

Pick up for unsold items: Wednesday, December 8th
8:45-9:00am in the cafeteria
3-3:30pm in the cafeteria. Please be prompt!
Any items not picked up will be considered a donation to the Samaritan Center of Hendersonville

Acceptable items to sell: Any gently used uniform clothing, hoodies and school athletic wear.

Not acceptable: Shoes, out of uniform type clothing, jeans, etc.

QUESTIONS?

CALL LESLIE LOVEN @ 822-9933
OR CARI GOLDEN-TEAL @ 826-9248

Note: This is not a school fundraiser. You will receive the money from your clothing via check from Hawk Consignment.

Holiday Shopping with SCRIP Cards

Christmas will be here before you know it! What could be better than getting your shopping done early and making money for MHMS at the same time? Use Scrip gift cards to purchase presents for family and friends. You can GIVE gift cards to those who are hard to buy for. Don't forget teachers, coaches, scout leaders, etc. Remember that you can turn in a scrip order on any Monday morning and get your gift cards back on Thursday of that same week. Place orders EARLY to avoid the possibility of backorders. Contact Beth Welch with questions at 822-9360 or bethwelchmhms@yahoo.com



MHMS Culinary Club sponsoring Christmas Cookie Sale

Gourmet cookie dough in a variety of flavors will be for sale through December 10th. Each 3lb. box of frozen pre-formed chunks of cookie dough are \$12 and will be delivered the Wednesday before Christmas break. To place orders, contact Mrs. Lehman or any culinary club member.

DON'T FORGET!

✓ **PTO Meeting Tuesday, December 7th 6:30 p.m.**
Music by MHMS Instrumental Music Department!!!!!!!!!!!!

Due to the holiday season, there will not be a January issue of Hawk Talk. We will be back to keep you informed February, 2005!

Swim Team Surpasses Expectations

On Wednesday, November 10, 2004, the Hawks dove into competition versus an experienced YMCA team. Although the Hawks had only eight practices in the water before their first meet, they challenged the YMCA team and only lost by a slight margin.

The meet began with Madison Carris, Logan McClure, Houston McClure, and Kelsi Carter completing a 100 Yard Medley Relay (all four strokes) in 1:33. A second relay was formed by Cortnie Williamson, Natalie Incorvaia, Will Reade, and Valentina Garbarino, finishing in 1:17. Some highlights of the meet were Will Reade's 1:16 100 Yard Individual Medley, Houston McClure's tough 50 Yard Butterfly, and John Strother's quick 50 Yard Breaststroke. Seventh graders Jennifer Rutter, Madison Carris, Zach Young, and Logan McClure also had a strong 100 Yard Freestyle Relay. Randy Willemain, although out for a week with an illness, performed in support of his team. Newcomers to the team, Haylie Shakelford and Brittany Webster, enjoyed the fun and excitement of the meet and received occasional tips from a strong teammate, Taylor Miley.

The Hawks finished well in the 200 Freestyle Relay. Valentina Garbarino led the older swimmers to a strong start. Austin Billheimer, having just completed the 50 Yard Breaststroke, hopped back in the water for the relay with only a temporary break. Natalie Incorvaia wowed the crowd with her newly honed speed and technique, and Will Reade, an experienced swimmer, brought the meet to an impressive finish. Despite all the challenges given to this swim team, they have stuck together and striven to success.

Project Proctor

The freshman class is sponsoring Project Proctor, a Christmas project helping the Vanderbilt Children's Hospital/Ronald McDonald House, in honor of our classmate, Taylor Proctor. Taylor has atopic dermatitis and asthma. He was a patient at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital and has not been able to attend school since September. We are asking for donations to fill stockings and care bags for the families staying at the Ronald McDonald House and the Family Room at the Children's Hospital. A complete list of items is located on the MHMS website. There will be a central drop off for any student K-10 who would like to donate to this worthwhile project. Donations are due by December 8th.

A Note from Proctor's Mom

I would like to thank the entire freshman class and their families for the support you continue to show Taylor as we struggle to bring his health to a stable level. We are thankful to have family & friends that offered much needed and appreciated support. Even though my child was sick and in a great deal of pain, I was not alone. I spoke with parents who were hundreds of miles from their homes, alone with a sick child. Some were forced to leave their spouse behind to care for other children or simply to maintain employment. Ronald McDonald House is a wonderful facility dedicated to whole family care. When we were contacted about this project being held in Taylor's honor, we graciously and appreciatively accepted. Our school is the greatest! Our entire family thanks each and every one of you. It has been said that **the greatest gift of all is giving**. It is so important that these families feel someone cares about them. It is with a great amount of HAWK PRIDE that I encourage you to participate in Project Proctor. You will never know how much your donation really means!

Sincerely, Julia Proctor

You can learn more about Taylor from the website his Mom created to keep his friends in touch and give updates as to how Taylor is feeling... www.caringbridge.org/tn/taylorlynn

Latin Club

Eat International!

Ever wonder what strange foods the Romans ate, what tasty delicacies come from Greece, what famous French chefs cook, or how Spanish food became so universal? If so, join the Latin club in the cafeteria during break on Friday, December 3rd for a fundraiser. Students from all three languages will bring scrumptious items to represent their cultures. All proceeds will go to language books and a trip to the Parthenon for Latin Club students. **REMEMBER, COME WITH STOMACHS EMPTY AND POCKETS FULL!** Discipuli Latinae tene in memoria si cibum ad scholam portais, bona meretis.

Instrumental Music Performances

December 5, 2004 at 2:00
three of our MHMS string students will be performing at Rock Castle in Hendersonville. Grace Choi, Jordan Larsen and Kamen Sims will demonstrate their abilities.

December 7, 2004 at 6:30 pm, the MHMS Instrumental Music Department holds its annual Winter Concert after the PTO meeting. Mr. Clark asks each family represented to bring one new, unwrapped toy to donate to a needy child in our area. What a wonderful way to enter the holiday season!

Choir's will Ring-in Holiday Cheer

The 7th and 8th grade Select Choir will be singing Christmas Carols the week of December 13-17 on the sidewalk as students are dropped off in the mornings. They also plan to carol around the community during December. The MHMS High School choir will present a Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m. They will perform a school-wide concert on Friday, December 10 at 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Jingle all the way!

First Grade News...

The First Graders have enjoyed learning about the Pilgrims voyage to America and their early settlement years. To celebrate the traditions of their past, our students dressed in Pilgrim attire, gathered together for holiday singing, shared important facts and enjoyed a memorable feast.

