



# Merrol Hyde Magnet School

# HAWK TALK



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## Principal's Pen

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe this is the second semester. At the time of this writing, we're finishing up our winter sports and gearing up for our spring sports. Please look ahead to the April calendar and try not to plan trips or appointments during our TCAP testing which is April 18-29 for 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

We received over 400 applications for the 2005-2006 school year, with the majority of those for elementary spaces. We will be testing those students in February. Our school is full in grades K-7. We have a few openings in grades 8-10.

Thanks to all the parents who made the Christmas luncheons so special for our teachers. We appreciated every bite!

As always, our doors are open for parents to visit classrooms or speak to one of our principals. We value your feedback regarding our school and strive to work with parents and community to make MHMS a great place to learn.

Sincerely,

Brad Schreiner

## Purchase Power Program Means BIG Money for MHMS

Thanks to all of our MHMS families who participate in these easy fundraising programs. If you are not participating, consider helping MHMS grow just by doing your usual shopping or by saving box tops & labels from products you already use.

Kroger Gift Cards – MHMS PTO has received \$2,500 this year just from grocery shopping! Kroger pays MHMS PTO 5% of our combined grocery bills. Use your Kroger Gift Card to pay for prescriptions as well. If you shop Kroger, consider ordering a Kroger card from the PTO and adding your weekly grocery expenditures to the total!

SCRIP Cards – MHMS purchases gift cards, at a discount, from over 500 retailers and then sells them to you for face value. These cards are for stores, restaurants and gas stations where you already spend your money. We have raised over \$2,000 from SCRIP already this school year. 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 place an order each week on MONDAY and get your cards back to you on THURSDAY. You can download order forms and an updated shopping list from our PTO webpage at [www.sumnerschools.org/MHM](http://www.sumnerschools.org/MHM) If you have questions, please call Beth Welch at 822-9360.

Box Tops & Labels – We have collected almost \$600.00 in General Mills Box Tops, worth 10 cents each, this year! Our Tyson label collection program (24 cents/label) is off to a great start! The Campbell's labels you turn in are exchanged for classroom supplies and equipment. Keep saving and sending in those box tops and labels.

## Computer Lab

Please remember that the computer lab is open at 7:00 a.m. each morning and is now supervised by an adult!



## Spotlight on MHMS Staff

**Rebecca Stewart** teaches both elementary French and Spanish. In the spring of 1995, she spent five months in Paris, France studying at the Sorbonne University, and in the spring of 1996, she graduated from Berea College with a bachelor's degree in French. After earning her BA, Rebecca attended the University of Kentucky, earning a Master's degree in Education in 1998. For the past six years, Rebecca has been teaching French and Humanities in Owensboro, Kentucky. While teaching at Owensboro Middle School, Rebecca developed and implemented a complete Humanities and French program geared towards eighth grade students, and later on, expanded it to include 6th and 7th graders at three local middle schools. For the last three years, Rebecca has been trained in Paideia educational techniques, and has vigorously incorporated its philosophies into her own teaching style. Rebecca recently moved to Nashville to continue teaching while pursuing a doctorate in Education. She loves teaching and is very pleased to be given the unique opportunity to teach at Merrol Hyde Magnet School. **SPECIAL THANKS** to Ms. Stewart for all of her hard work keeping up with students and vehicles in the MS/HS car rider lines! For all that you do...we appreciate you!

## DON'T FORGET!

PTO Meeting  
Tuesday, Feb. 1st @ 6:00 p.m.

## Community Wide Seminar!

A community-wide seminar will be held at Merrol Hyde Magnet School on Tuesday, February 1st following the P.T.O meeting at 6:00 p.m. Parents are encouraged to attend and refreshments will be provided. If you have any questions about the seminar, please contact Penney Gilliland at: [gillilap@K12.net](mailto:gillilap@K12.net).

## Serteen Club

The Serteen Club is planning to be part of *Bowling For Miracles* to benefit Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. Teams of four students will raise \$40 to participate. Hopefully, we will bowl on Sunday, February 20th. There are other community service projects planned for March, April and May.

## Sports News

On Tuesday, November 30, MHMS honored fall sports athletes at a banquet held at the school. Fall sports include soccer, volleyball, football, golf, and cross country. Congratulations to all who received their first MHMS athletic letter!

### Elementary Library Volunteers Needed!

Parent volunteers are needed, as part of a cataloging project, to help type in book details & ISBN numbers for donated books. If you can help, please contact Kay Abernathy or Jennifer Burton for more information.

### Athletic Booster Club membership drive

Did you know that studies demonstrate that participation in athletics results in up to a **20%** improvement in physical fitness, self-esteem, school attendance, and academic grades? Did you know that participation in athletic teams correlates to a **50%** reduction in teen smoking and a **60%** reduction in drug and alcohol use? Won't you help support MHMS physical fitness and athletic programs by becoming a member of the MHM Athletic Booster Club? Contact Bill Wilson at [QuoteNotes@aol.com](mailto:QuoteNotes@aol.com) or 824-5905, or visit the ABC web page in the Parents section of the MHMS web site. The next MHMS ABC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 8th.

### New MHMS Sportswear

Athletic Boosters proudly introduce two "must-have" MHMS T-shirts. Long-sleeve gray athletic shirt (\$15) or white baseball-style with blue sleeves (\$18) make great Valentine gifts for that special MHMS student or parent. Also available are duffle bags (\$20) and Stadium Cushions (\$10). Contact Janie Pearson at 230-6870 to place your order today!

### Culinary Club

The next meeting for the culinary club will be on Wednesday, February 9th. Ms. Helm's Mother, who is a caterer, will demonstrate cake decorating.

## SCIENCE NEWS

### Science Olympiad Team

Get out your microscopes, genetic know-how, beaver board and flying skills. Merrol Hyde is building a team to attend the annual Science Olympiad Competition at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tennessee on February 19<sup>th</sup>. High school students will compete in a variety of events. Some of these are Wright Stuff, Storm the Castle and Tower Building. The competition envelopes three goals of science; concepts and knowledge, processing and thinking skills and application and technology. Coach Mitchell says that Merrol Hyde is in the process of building a team and hopes in the next year or two to be able to compete in all the events outlined by the program in both high school and middle school.

### Rogers Group visits Merrol Hyde

On Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup> Toby Ellis, Senior Sales Representative and Judy Bowling, Administrative Assistant for Rogers Group of Gallatin, Tennessee visited Mrs. Mitchell's 8<sup>th</sup> grade science class. The students have been studying rock and its formation and use. Mr. Ellis brought limestone samples from the local Gallatin Quarry and described how the open pit miners extract the rock and get it ready for market. Students were able to witness the various sizes of limestone and hear how it is used in our local roads and highways. Mr. Ellis also brought in models of some of the equipment used to mine the rock. He described the background and education needed to do a job like his and reminded the students of the value of a good education. The students went away with a new appreciation of

## Latin Club

This semester's coached project in Latin I and II has been to create a movie celebrating an aspect of Julius Caesar's life. The films will be shown during the week of the Ides of March (March 15th, the anniversary of Julius Caesar's death). Students will not only view the films, but enact some battles of their own...

In Exploratory Latin, the students have created Greek and Roman temple replicas. Anyone interested in celebrating or viewing the students' success, COME BY Miss Stocco's room!

## Music and Theatre Events

On February 11, Fridays On Stage will feature Mrs. Watts' English class doing scenes from Shakespeare. Mr. Rosch and Mrs. Mackendree's classes are doing a short presentation on Don Quixote. The 7th and 8th grade choir will sing a couple of songs and there will be a special surprise guest. Also, on February 25, the East Literature Magnet School Choir from Nashville is coming to sing. They came last year during December and sang holiday songs. This year we have invited them to sing for Black History Month. This will be a real treat! They have an African Dance Team that will also perform. Parents would enjoy this concert as well. The first show is at 9:30 a.m. and the second show for the upper grades will be at 10:30 a.m.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Here are the Merrol Hyde students who placed in the Hendersonville Women's Club writing contest:

### Poetry

Grades 1-3 Caitlin Burns, 1st place, Mrs. Ryckley's class

Grades 4-6 Megan Clark, 1st place, Mrs. Watts's class

Grades 7-9 Sarah Musgrave, 1st place, Haylie Shackelford, 2nd place,

Both Mrs. MacKendree, 9th grade, Jessica Hall, 3rd place, Mrs. Watts, 7th grade

### Short Story

Grades 7-9 Christina England, 1st place, Mrs. MacKendree

Billy Wilson, 2nd place, Mrs. Watts's 7th grade

Chelsea Milligan, 3rd place, Mrs. Watts 7th grade

These students won over the whole county!