



### *Principal's Pen*

Dear Parents,

Now that March is upon us, we realize that we've been in school for six months. In that time, your students have grown academically, socially, athletically, and physically. We've seen tremendous progress in the students' ability to interact in Socratic seminars. (Please join us for our next school wide seminar on April 6) We've seen our athletes excel in several sports contests, and we've witnessed the bonding that has taken place at ballgames, concerts, socials, and dances. We've observed substantial growth in students' abilities to utilize their time to complete the many projects that are assigned.

As we watch the students grow in stature, please remember that the same skirt that fit in August is now too short to meet dress code. Both boys and girls must tuck shirts in and wear a belt. Please help us by sending your student dressed appropriately so that valuable class time is not spent in the office calling home for appropriate clothing.

Please note TCAP testing dates for students in grades 2-8 are April 18-22.

Sincerely, Brad Schreiner

## **Second Semester Family Donations Due!**

The MHMS PTO made it through the second school year without any sales or brochure fundraising campaigns! However, we currently have \$6,000 in outstanding family donation pledges. Parents pledging a portion of their family donation should send a check to the school office by March 1st. Make checks payable to MHMS PTO. Please note your child(ren) and grade on the memo line. If you have questions, please contact Jona Kickliter, Family Donation Campaign Chair, at 822-9827 or [thekicklitters@hotmail.com](mailto:thekicklitters@hotmail.com).

### **Elementary Library Volunteers *Still* 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 the elementary media specialist, Kelly White, for more information.

### **Attention all Parents!**

The PTO fundraising committee needs your help! We are putting together a team of parents to write grant proposals for the 2005-2006 school year. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to spend time gathering various project information and writing the grants as needed. If you are willing to step up to the plate, please contact Shari Campbell via email address [Shacam62@comcast.net](mailto:Shacam62@comcast.net)

### **Spotlight on MHMS Staff**

**Jennifer Weedman** is the MS/HS library media specialist. She has a B.S. in Elementary Education from the University of Tennessee Chattanooga and an M.L.S. from Vanderbilt. She has been in Sumner County since 1986. She has special interests in storytelling and Holocaust education. In 2001, while at Ellis Middle, she wrote and administered a \$200,000 grant to implement technology into the curriculum. She has a passion for books, gardening, and travel.

**Kelly Raye White** is the library media specialist for kindergarten through fifth grade. She received her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and her Master's in Curriculum and Instruction with an endorsement in Library Science from MTSU. For the last few years, she has been teaching in east Tennessee. Ms. White has returned home to middle Tennessee and to her first passion; teaching & introducing children to the wonderful and exciting world of literature. She enjoys reading and swimming and is active in her church.

## **DON'T FORGET!**

PTO Meeting  
Tuesday, March 1st @ 6:30 p.m.

### **Elementary Music Performance**

Selected students in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades will be performing for the March 1st PTO meeting. Some of the songs featured: "The Preamble", "Fifty Nifty United States", "Scat Song", "Rockin' Robin", and a special song accompanied by Mr. Clark's 4th grade instrumental class.

**See you there!**



## Counseling News

Lifework Counseling Practice is offering a group called "Children Facing Divorce". It is a 9 session group for families of children 5 and older and adolescents who have experienced or are currently going through divorce. Parents and children are divided into separate groups. Fees will be set according to income. The group is limited to 12 families. Time and dates are as follows:

March 3- May 5 6:00-7:30 p.m.

201 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North

Nashville, TN 37203

Contact Person: Shalene Grinder

Phone: 320-0591, ext. 140



## Scholarship Tips

The thought of getting scholarships has always been confusing. The following website may be helpful when trying to understand more about scholarships as well as providing tips to avoid scholarship scams.

<http://www.scholarshiphelp.org>

## Testing and Guidance Information

1. National Foreign Language Exams for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year students
  - a. Latin – March 8 at 8:00am – all 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> yr students
  - b. Spanish – March 9 and 10 computer lab in your normal class period for on-line testing
  - c. French – March 15 at 8:00am – all 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year students
2. Dual Enrollment Registration for 10<sup>th</sup> graders

March 3 – 11:00 am at MHMS – bring \$10.00 registration fee. Checks made out to **Volunteer State College**. These students must register for ACT and make 19 to qualify for Dual Enrollment. Registration is online at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org). **MHMS code is: 430-893** Cost is approximately **\$50. Scores must be sent to Volunteer State. Registration deadline: March 4 for April 9 testing and May 6 for June 11 testing. April 9 testing is recommended to allow for later testing if needed.**

3. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – American Scholastic Achievement League Scholastic challenge—8:00 a.m.

Please have your children to school on time with pencils on these test days.

## Have a Great Spring-Break!

No School...  
March 25th—April 1st



Please Mark Your Calendar  
for

MHMS "**Battle of the Bands**"

This is a fundraising event for  
MHMS IMBA  
(Instrumental Band Association)

Saturday, May 14th

(More details to follow)

## Latin Club

On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2005, Merrol Hyde Latin I and II students participated in their first Mid-State Latin Tournament at Hume Fogg. The competition involves art, literature, academic, and quizbowl-like contests. It is a great way to show off all the hard work the students have put in. Five students received awards...Congratulations!

## Swim Team

Merrol Hyde Magnet High School Swimmers finished the year with great success! Freshman Valentina Garbarino and Taylor Miley went to Regionals, accomplishing several personal best times. Taylor Miley placed in the top twelve in both 50 yard and 100 yard freestyle, as well as qualifying for the State Competition on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Congrats!



## NO SNOW, JUST SNOWBIRD

WSMV's winter weather mascot, Snowbird, visited Merrol Hyde Magnet School's "Fridays on Stage", Friday February 11. Upon coming to the school, Snowbird brought an energetic song, "The Snowbird Breakdown". The tune brightened the faces of all the students. That day high schoolers were not afraid to act like little kids. Sophomore, Savannah Benz even exclaimed, "I have loved Snowbird ever since I was a little girl, I think I am going to cry!" Merrol Hyde Magnet Schoolers are still walking the halls humming the tune to "The Snowbird Breakdown".

## MHMS Baseball / Tennis (Home Games/Matches)

March 1st 4:00 pm (**D**rakes **C**reek)  
Scrimmage vs. East Robertson

March 14th 4:00 pm (DC)  
Vs HCA

March 15th 6:00 pm (DC)  
Vs Friendship Academy

March 16th 4:00 pm (DC)  
Vs White House Heritage

March 22nd 3:30 pm (DC)  
Vs F.C. Boyd (DH)

March 23rd 4:00 pm (DC)  
Vs Nashville Christian

March 31st 4:00 pm (DC)  
Vs Westmoreland

March 14th 3:00 pm (**T**ennis)  
Vs Trousdale Cty @ Bluegrass CC