



Principal's Pen

Dear Parents,

So much progress has been made this year in "building" Merrol Hyde into a cohesive school. There have been many opportunities to blend our elementary, middle, and high school academically.

Our high school students, on several occasions, have presented their coached projects to elementary "authentic audiences." A highlight of the fall was the presentation of the eighth grade play "Rapunzel" to our elementary. Throughout the building, museums have unfolded. We have had a Space Museum, a Civil War Living Museum, and a Museum of Ancient Egypt. Visitors to the museums have come from kindergarten to 10th grade students. It is so gratifying to see a fifth grade student explaining the part his character played in the Civil War to a ninth grade student while a kindergarten student looks on in awe.

What great opportunities we are offering our students to cross over the borders of age and grade to see the value of learning at all ages. Parents, thank you for your encouragement as our students grow in their ability to communicate and interact through activities that encompass the entire school.

Sincerely, Betsy Hunter

MHMS 1st Annual BATTLE OF THE BANDS! Saturday May 14, 2005



Merrol Hyde Magnet School proudly introduces its **Battle of the Bands**, a fundraising event to benefit the school's instrumental music program. Battle of the Bands is not new to the area but was discontinued some years ago due to a lack of sponsorship. The BOTB committee is very excited about bringing the event back to life! There are so many "garage" bands and very few places for them to showcase their talents. This will be a wonderful way to bring it all together and have a fun-filled day of great entertainment. To start this adventure, BOTB will include all bands and all styles of music for middle school to college age students. The grand prize will be a recording session at a professional studio! For more information and applications, please visit the schools website at www.sumnerschools.org/mhm or contact the event co-chair, Karen Medica, via email kmedica@bellsouth.net.

HAWK UNIFORM CONSIGNMENT SALE

Drop off: Tuesday, May 17th 7-8 am in the school cafeteria.

(ALL items must have a 3 x 5 card with the following information safety pinned on it)

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

Date of Sale: **Wednesday May 18th, 7-8:30 am** in the school cafeteria

Pick up for unsold items: Wednesday, May 18th 3-3:30 pm in cafeteria
(Any items not picked up will be considered a donation to the Samaritan Center)

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

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

Spotlight on MHMS Staff

Margaret Herron is a retired Career Level III teacher with over 30 years experience. She taught the last 22 years in Sumner County at Gallatin High and Hendersonville High. She has taught all levels of mathematics, but most often the advanced classes. She has taught AP Calculus, Honors Calculus, Advanced Honors and Honors Pre-calculus, Advanced Honors, Honors Trigonometry, and both Advanced Honors and Honors Algebra II. When teaching full time, she was active in the National Council of Mathematics Teachers Association. She gathered new ideas by attending the NCTM's national conventions with as many as 20,000 other math teachers from across the country. She served as math department chair at Hendersonville High during her last 5 years. She has also been on several Southern Evaluation Teams as the math educator. She has a Bachelor of Science Masters of Education from MTSU. She also has +30 hours beyond her Masters. She is looking forward to traveling to Europe with the People to People program in June 2005.

DON'T FORGET!

PTO Meeting Tuesday, April 5th @ 6:30 p.m.



**5th & 6th grade play/musical
and
MS/HS Art Show!**



Join us for a night that showcases the wonderful talents of our students!

Just a reminder! Don't forget to send in your 2nd semester family donation! We still have \$5,600 in outstanding pledges payable to MHMS PTO. Call Jona Kickliter at 822-9827 if you have questions.

Guidance Information

10th Graders planning on taking Dual Enrollment Classes next year must take the ACT. There are two test dates left this year. April 9 – only late registration is left. June 11 – must register by May 6.

Dual Enrollment for 2005-06 - Merrol Hyde Magnet School is pleased to be the only public high school in Sumner County offering Dual Enrollment classes with Volunteer State for students in both the Junior and Senior classes. (The other high schools offer it to Seniors only.) Dual Enrollment classes are taught on the MHMS campus by a Vol. State professor and allow the student to receive credit for both High School and College at the same time by taking only one class. Students must take the ACT and score at least a 19 to be eligible for this option. The classes cost about \$300 and allow the student to earn 3 hours of college credit for each class.

Instrumental Music



Instrumental Music Students Continue To Excel! Twelve students from the MHMS Middle and High School Bands were selected by audition to participate in the "All Sumner County Band" held recently at Station Camp High School's auditorium. These students demonstrated once again that instrumental musicians are among the most talented students at MHMS. Those chosen for the event from the Middle School Band were: Anastasia Gnyp, Jimmy Hawkins, In Hee Hong, Clayton Hurdle, Christian Massie and Candace Ramirez. From the High School Band were: Valerie Fraser, Josh Gore, Rachel Hawkins, Jeong Hee Hong, Cody McAllister and C.J. Welch.

Instrumental Music Spring Concert is scheduled for April 28 at 6:30 p.m. Please come and witness how much progress has been made by these wonderful, hard working, talented students!

CONGRATULATIONS TO MHMS SPEECH TEAM!

The Merrol Hyde Magnet School Speech Team traveled to Brentwood High School on March 4th to compete in the National Forensic League's national qualifying tournament. Competing were Kaleb Moran, Sara Denton, Jessica Cobb, and Sandra Miselem.

The Speech Team also traveled to Upperman High School in Baxter on March 12th to compete in the Tennessee High School Speech and Drama League District 4 Tournament. Sandra Miselem won second place in Original Oratory, Melanie Martin won second place in Poetry, Sara Denton won 5th place in Dramatic Interpretation and Jessica Cobb and Kaleb Moran won sixth place in Duo Interpretation. By finishing in the top three in their events, Martin and Miselem earned a chance to compete in the state tournament held in April at Cookeville High School. The team is coached by MHMS Speech Teacher Courtney Blankenship Spears.

Three students from Merrol Hyde Magnet School Speech & Theatre Class were recognized at a VFW annual Voice of Democracy Contest. Freshman Kyle Brawner received third place and second place went to sophomore Sara Denton. Tyler Brinkman won first place in the school and the district and will represent MHMS in the state competition.

Elementary School Request

Our elementary wing needs a skillful parent who can attach letter boxes outside each elementary teacher's door. The plastic boxes will be mounted on the concrete block with screws. Please e-mail or call Mrs. Hunter (hunterb@k12tn.net) if this is a project you can complete for us.

5th Grade News



The fifth grade class trip has been scheduled for May 9th-12th. They will be visiting the Savannah/Atlanta area.

Have a great trip!

Need to know what's for Lunch? Need to know the latest athletic schedule or special events happening this month? Just check out the school website for all the latest information!

www.sumnerschools.org/mhm

Field Day!

Field Day will be taking place on Wednesday, May 11th. The grades participating in Field Day events are kindergarten through fifth. Field Day will run from 9:00 until 2:30.

Activity Day will be taking place on Friday, April 22nd. These events are established for sixth through tenth grades. Everyone will be participating.

With all the activities taking place, we cannot do this alone. We need volunteers. Letters were sent out March 16th with a form to fill out if interested in helping run stations. Please have these returned by Friday, April 8th.

Lady Hawks Softball



Girls grades 6-10 interested in playing fast-pitch softball please stop by Coach Bennett's office during the day for criteria and contract forms. We are currently practicing Monday through Thursday at Veteran's Park, Field 3. Also feel free to come at 7:30 am for a little batting practice in the gym (prior notice is required.)

SPELLING BEE

MHMS placed two students in the top three at the Sumner County spelling bee held in Gallatin on March 5. The two delegates from MHMS were eligible to participate in the county competition by out-spelling everyone else in their respective English classes, and then in the school-wide finals. Eighth grader Jake Zemke, who finished second in the county meet, will represent Sumner County at the regional to be held at Lipscomb University on March 29. Seventh grader, Houston McClure, who finished third in the county, will be an alternate. First-place winner was Lydia Kiser, an eighth grader at St. John Vianney.

A Message from Principal Schreiner...

When dropping off your students in the morning, please remember to make a single line. When parents make two lines, it is difficult to see students who cross in front of other cars. Thank you for thinking of the safety of our children, even if it makes for a longer wait as you drop off your students.

Thank you!