



Merrol Hyde Magnet School

HAWK TALK



Principal's Pen

Dear Parents,
It's hard to believe we're in the last month of our school year. It has flown by! Thank you for entrusting us with your children. We have enjoyed a successful second year here at MHMS. Our numbers have grown in students and staff. Our elementary students have begun interacting with our middle and high school students. Our recent Easter egg hunt, sponsored by our sophomores, provided a wonderful bonding opportunity for all. The partnering of older classes with the younger classes allows for an authentic audience for coached projects, and our musical presentations are enjoyed by all ages.

The remainder of the year is jam packed with testing (8th-10th grades) trips, award ceremonies, SACS accreditation, field day (elementary) and other activities. If your child (grades 7-11) has not chosen his or her sport for next year, please join us for an informational meeting with all coaches on May 11th at 5:30 P.M. in our auditorium. Thank you for your support all year.

Sincerely,
Brad Schreiner

2005-2006 PTO Officer/Executive Nominees

Candidates for office of Co-Presidents: James & Belinda McClure

Belinda and James have lived in the Hendersonville area for 35-40 years. They are members of the Hendersonville Church of God and have both worked with the children in the church and served on the children and youth boards. Belinda taught Toddlers Class for 4 years, Children's Church for 7 years and is currently teaching the Junior Level Church. James assisted with all of these classes along with leading the boys club and activities for over 7 years. Belinda is a nurse who worked in Pediatrics for 15 years and for the past 19 years working in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery in the management level. James has been with Visteon Corporation (previously Ford Glass) for 34 years. They have jointly served as Room Parents through Elementary School and Grade Representatives in MHMS for 2 years. They also assist with the hospitality activities involving IMBA. They have two children attending MHMS in the 7th grade, Logan and Houston McClure.

Candidate for office of Vice President MS/HS: Melissa O'Brien

Melissa, a life-long resident of Hendersonville, graduated from Hendersonville High School and earned a B.S. in Management & Marketing from David Lipscomb University. After stints in the brokerage and insurance industry, Melissa has worked part time for 15 years as office manager for McPherson-Shaw, Inc., a residential/commercial construction company in H'ville. Melissa has served on several church committees including, Administrative, Children's Ministry, and Prayer Warriors. She and her husband, Gary, have taught children of all ages and currently teach the freshman class at Madison Church of Christ. Melissa served as a room mother and on the fund-raising committee at Indian Lake Elementary. She currently serves as a Grade Rep and on the Hospitality Committee at MHMS. Her children: Alex (9th) and Meredith (6th), are both enjoying their second year at MHMS.

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Spotlight on MHMS Staff

Kathy Lehman grew up in Meridian, Mississippi. In high school, she was in select choir and show choir. She knew that teaching music was going to be her chosen profession. Mrs. Lehman received a Bachelor's Degree in Music from Belmont University and a Master's Degree from Trevecca University. She has taught at Nannie Berry & Indian Lake Elementary Schools, Hawkins Middle School, and E.B. Wilson High School as well as serving as Coordinator for the Summer Enrichment Program for Hendersonville area elementary schools. Mrs. Lehman lives in H'ville with her husband David who is a songwriter and Grammy award winning producer. They have two daughters, Carrie who is an optometrist in Memphis and Katie who is the mother of Mrs. Lehman's two grandchildren, Carson(4) and Carter(10 months). She loves to travel and is a major fan of science fiction, especially Star Wars and Star Trek. This year is Mrs. Lehman's thirtieth year to teach and she says she is having the time of her life at MHMS!

DON'T FORGET!

PTO Meeting Tuesday, May 3rd @ 6:30 p.m.

PTO Officer Elections

Vocal/Music Presentation by MS/HS *and* **MS/HS Art Show!**



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

**Candidate for office of Vice-President Elementary:
Chrissy Lassiter**

Chrissy moved to Hendersonville in the fall of 1984 and attended Hendersonville High School. In 1987 she obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. Her husband Greg, works as a Neuroradiologist for Centennial, St. Thomas and Baptist hospitals. They are now raising four children: Josh-5th grade MHMS; Matt-2nd grade MHMS; Seth 3yrs; and Graceanne 18mos. Chrissy had the privilege for the past 4 years serving as the treasurer for Friends of Hendersonville Medical Center, a non-profit charity organization which holds the Hearts and Roses Gala every year to raise money to provide scholarships to Hendersonville students going into the medical field. She also has a passion for serving her church on several committees. Chrissy is excited to finally be at a point in raising her children where she can give 100% to serving the children's school on the PTO board!

Candidate for office of Secretary: Michael Hurdle

Michael Hurdle has been a resident of Hendersonville since 1996 and is a member of Hendersonville First United Methodist Church where he served for two years as secretary of the Genesis Sunday School Class. A graduate of Furman University, he is employed by Perot Systems as a senior systems specialist and project manager. Michael is an accomplished pianist, and served as church pianist for several churches and currently is accompanist for the children's choirs at HFUMC. An Eagle Scout, Michael has served as an adult leader with Cub Scout Pack 75 for the past 6 years. He frequently attends the meetings of the Sumner County School Board and was an active participant in the efforts to save the magnet school from an uncertain future. The husband of Harriett Hurdle, his two crowning achievements are his sons Clayton (7th grade) and Christopher (5th grade), both students at MHMS.

Candidate for office of Treasurer: Netha Larsen-Schrimpf

Netha has lived in the Hendersonville Community for 19 years. A graduate of Branel College, she has worked in medical management for 15 years. Her husband Michael, owns and operates a recording studio and production company in Hendersonville. Netha also enjoys singing professionally and has performed on many radio & TV jingles. As a MHMS parent, Netha has served on the Hospitality Committee, PTO Volunteer Coordinator and PTO-Communication Chair for the past two years. She is also the editor for the monthly "Hawk Talk" newsletter. She served as treasurer for her sons select soccer team for the past four years. Her son Jordan, is a seventh grader at MHMS.

**Thank You for our
computers!**

Due to a most generous donation from Randy Smith, owner of Smith Travel Research, 25 desk-top computers have been donated to the elementary computer Lab! They are Dell brand computers, have flat screen monitors, are fully networked and internet ready!

Thank you, Mr. Smith, for generously supporting our school!

*Congratulations to the following
2005-2006 Cheerleaders...*

Middle School Cheerleading Team

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| Lauren Bowers | Cristen Lyons |
| Laurel Dye | Samantha Martin |
| Wendolyn Ebbert | Chelsea Milligan |
| Taylor Hajacos | Meredith O'Brien |
| Jenai Jackson | Elizabeth Roll |
| Morgan Kickliter | |

Varsity Cheerleading Team

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| Amber Harris | Kiersten Lyle |
| Leah Hart | Alyssia Moulton |
| Ali Hartman | Julianne Poe |
| Morgan Lamberth | Brendan Tramel |

**Lady Hawks Basketball
Camp Summer 2005**



Grades K-8
June 6-9, 2005 @ MHMS
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Cost: \$50
Contact Coach Coley for
Applications & Information

Cross Country

On April 30, Catharine Hooks, Alaina Kiskaddon, Maggi Hume, Christina England, and Marianne Moon ran the Country Music 1/2 marathon along with Ms. Lancaster, Verena Cuzzourt, and Ms. Helm. They've been training really hard since January, getting up every Saturday morning to go on group runs! Way to Go!!

Hawk Uniform Consignment Sale!

Don't forget about the Hawk Uniform Consignment sale on Wednesday, May 18th from 7:00 am to 8:00 am in the school cafeteria. Drop off for items is Tues. May 17th. Please contact Leslie Loven @ 822-9933 or Cari Golden-Teal @ 826-9248 for more information.

MHMS 1st Annual BATTLE OF THE BANDS!

Saturday May 14, 2005



This is our primary spring fundraiser and proceeds will help to purchase instruments for band. Concessions will be a large part of the funds raised by this event so we are asking parents, who are able, to please donate canned sodas, bottled water, packaged snacks or candy bars. Please contact Karen Holmes at 578-6013 or 822-9616 about donations. If you haven't already, please consider sponsoring the Battle of the Bands. The instrumental music dept. receives only a small sum each year but is required to purchase high-priced instruments and sheet music. It is a worthy cause that benefits the whole school. Please contact Karen Medica for more information about sponsoring or to volunteer for the event at 264-1132 or kmedica@bellsouth.net

Library Happenings...

You've probably talked at your television at one time or another, but did it ever answer you back? Here at MHMS, we have recently begun videoconferencing! So far this year, students in fourth and fifth grade as well as most of the upperclassmen have "talked over the television" with the Vanderbilt Virtual School which provided us the opportunities to speak with scientists, experts, and graduate students about various topics. We "met" with Rhea Seddon, a female astronaut who talked about the space program and even became acquainted with "Albert Einstein" who discussed his Theory of Relativity. Tenth-graders have also interacted with a Vanderbilt doctoral student about cell biology and they heard about real college life with Vandy students. We plan to participate in more videoconferences as they become available. What exciting technology for our students! A great big thanks goes out to Mrs. Frances Gary, one of our fourth grade teachers, for bringing this equipment with her from her last school. If you are interested in attending one of our future videoconferences to see how it works, please call Jennifer Weedman, Upper School Librarian, at 264-6543.

Reading awards Several students in the elementary school submitted books for North Central Reading Association's Celebrate Literacy. State medalists are: Skyler Schmanski (5th Grade/Mrs. Sanders), Thomas Sloane (5th Grade/Mrs. Skeith) and Morgan Lowe (4th Grade/Mrs. Gary). County level winners are: Josh Lassiter (5th Grade/Mrs. Skeith), Dustin Phan (5th Grade/Mrs. Sanders), Emily Hall (4th Grade/Mrs. Sloane), David McCoy (2nd Grade/Mrs. Armour) and Mary Welch (2nd Grade/Mrs. Brown). Celebrate Literacy is a county and state level contest for grades K-12.

Future Business Leaders of America

After returning from the State Leadership conference held April 18 - 20 in Pigeon Forge, TN, the Future Business Leaders of America student chapter will host their 1st Annual Awards Banquet on May 12th, 2005. We will be installing our chapter officers for the 2005 - 2006 school year. Parents are invited to attend. The Merrol Hyde Chapter will be presented awards for their active involvement this year from the National Office. We will also be presenting awards to the "Most Active Member", male and female.

1st Grade News

The first graders are truly enjoying "Writing" this semester. Mrs. Pinson's room is using the process of writing to publish books. They will be inviting parents and other guests to their Author's Party on May 20, 2005 to hear the wonderful stories they have worked so hard to publish. It is amazing to watch young children develop into "accomplished" writers. Mrs. Akel's classroom is working hard in "Writing" too. They are becoming authentic poets and will be writing lovely poetry books to share. We are so proud of these first graders. It is truly a high accomplishment of both classes.



Theatre Department



Merrol Hyde Magnet School's Theatre Department will present "A Night of One Acts" at 7:00 PM Thursday, May 5th in the MHMS auditorium. The plays include "Help" by David Grote presented by special arrangement with I.E. Clark, Publisher, Schulenberg, TX; "Boy Meets Family" by Allen Rieser presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service; and "Uninvited Ghost" by Le Roma Greth presented by special arrangement with Heuer Publishing Company of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students.

2nd Grade News

The second grade students have recently read Flat Stanley stories written by Jeff Brown. The stories tell about the adventures of a little boy named Stanley who is flattened when a bulletin board falls on him one day. The students had great fun first reading and discussing the stories. Then, they made their own paper dolls, wrote letters and mailed these dolls to friends and family in different parts of the country and even the world. The Flat Stanley dolls are arriving back home now with tales, souvenirs, and pictures of their adventures. Check out our display in front of the elementary library.

Science

VIDEOCONFERENCEING with VANDERBILT:

Secondary 9th and 10th grade science students in Mrs. Lloyd's classes videoconferenced with Vanderbilt professors and graduate students in March and April. Students had the following opportunities:

- 9th grade "The Theory of Relativity" (Dr. Brau, a professor, actually dressed up as the Ghost of Einstein to bring the relativity concepts to the students)
- 10th grade "A Walk through a Bioengineering Lab: Glowing Cells and Lasers"
- 10th grade "How Chemicals Damage DNA"
- 10th grade "Can a Bad Mutation ever be Good?"

Physics for the Third Millennium: II, Conference in Huntsville

9th grade students Christina Fraser & Kandace Courtney, along with Mrs. Lloyd, enjoyed this three day conference and saw science in action with hands-on demonstrations. They met with Nobel prize winners, spoke with students and scientists, received signed books from physics authors and participated in science panel discussions.

8th Grade Science Students are on a PHYSICSQUEST!

Mrs. Lloyd's 8th grade science class is competing in a World Year of Physics 2005 Physics Quest contest. Students are solving clues through four different experiments, and answer questions online in a competition with other schools. The winning class will win an all expense paid trip to Princeton, NJ. The WYP 2005 is a worldwide endeavor. The International Union of Pure and Applied Physics declared the year 2005 as the World Year of Physics. With this declaration, people all over the world are joining in the celebration of physics and its importance in our everyday lives!



MHMS Hawks Soar High in Soccer

The 2005 boys' soccer team has taken off on a superb season! Wining five games, so far, and losing twice by only one goal. Last year, the boys' team tied one game and lost nine games, by several goals. This year the team has really turned things around by outscoring our opponents 12 to 5. Freshman Will Reade leads the team's scoring with seven goals.

Other scorers include Edgar Sierra with three and Kaleb Moran and Alex Goode with one each. The Hawk defense has been outstanding, shutting down most offensive drives by their foes. As a result, first year keeper Jonathan Malone has had to deal with very few shots on goal. Coach Frank Rosch has been very impressed by the team and sees a bright future for Merrol Hyde Magnet School in soccer. The Hawks still have five games to play: April 13 (@ Station Camp), 18 (vs Greenbrier), 25 (@ Portland), 27 (@ White House Heritage), May 2 (vs Cheatham).

Serteen Club News

This has been a great Serteen Club. The students organized a fundraiser to buy toys for underprivileged children at Christmas. In February, the club participated in Bowling for Miracles to raise money for Vanderbilt's Children's Hospital. May will bring a visit to the humane society to donate funds raised by selling "warm fuzzies". Kate and Jan Claussen came up with the warm fuzzy idea, they made the warm fuzzies and sold them, raising \$175!!! Jan and Kate, thank you - this was an amazing event. Thanks to all the Serteen Club members for a great year and to their parents for driving and being so supportive of the students' efforts.

Honor Society News

On April 27th the first induction will be held for the Merrol Hyde Chapter of The National Honor Society. The ceremony will take place at 8:15 A.M. in the auditorium. The following sophomore students will be inducted: Sara Denton, Monica Diep, Heather Gibson, Jeong Hong, Alaina Kiskaddon, Taylor Leath, Melanie Martin, Raquel Pointer, Barrett Schreiner, and Alan Wong. Congratulations to these students!

USBORNE BOOKS

Looking for some excellent books for your children to enjoy this summer? Come by the Usborne Books display at the May 3rd PTO meeting or visit online at www.ubah.com/BF15966. Usborne offers a wide range of subjects covering hobbies, history, science, nature, foreign languages, and more.

You may order books at the display or order online through midnight, **May 5. Both MHMS libraries will receive up to 50% of the retail sales in free books!** The books will be delivered during the last week of school.



Gift Cards Available...

Need an end of year gift for your teacher, staff, coach or friend?

How about a Land's End gift card to buy your uniforms
or
A Kroger Card to buy Fuel?

Gift cards are easily available through the SCRIP Program!!

Last week for orders will be May 10th
For more information, contact Beth Welch @ 822-9360

Thanks for your support this year!

Congratulations!

To MHMS 6th grader, Taylor Holcraft, on her recent accomplishment! Taylor won first place in the White House Library Winter Writing Contest for the age group of 6th to 8th graders. This is the fifth year Taylor has placed in this yearly event. She has received second place twice and this is the third time she has placed first! Way to go Taylor!

Latin

The National Latin Exam results are in. Out of 42 Latin I and II students who took the exam, 24 earned awards, with 37 students scoring above the National average. Eight students received gold medals, 7 silver medals, 10 magna cum laude, 9 cum laude. Latin I students Brittany Webster and Sarah Musgrave earned perfect scores and will receive an Oxford Classical Dictionary and a chance at several National Scholarships. These results are not typical. Latina est Optima!

New Dress Code Guidelines 2005-06 School Year

New Dress Code Guidelines for the 2005-06 school year were sent home with **ALL** students prior to spring break. Please read these guidelines carefully as there are several changes. The sixth grade class of 2005-06 will be bringing the uniform to the middle school. There are a few changes from the regular elementary uniform for the sixth grade. Seventh through eleventh grade students will not have the same guidelines as the sixth grade.