



# Merrol Hyde Magnet School HAWK TALK



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## Principal's Pen

Dear Parents,

Happy Report Card Day!

Just in case you didn't know, the first report card for this school year comes home Monday, October 3rd. Please sign your student's report card and send it back as soon as possible.

Usually, at this time of year, we get many emails regarding report cards, grades, conferences, etc. Because we want to avoid opening emails that might contain viruses that could spread through our school's computers, we request that you put your child's name in the subject box of your email.

Thanks to the MANY of you who are working diligently to make our 3rd annual Country Fair and BBQ the best ever yet! We appreciate all you're doing to provide for our students. Please come and bring your friends!

Join us for Parent/Teacher conferences on October 20th.

Sincerely,  
Brad Schreiner

## PTO Meeting

Tuesday, October 4th  
6:30 p.m.

## 5th and 6th Grade Patriotic Program



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

**Next Scheduled Meeting:**  
**Tuesday, November 1st**



Saturday, October 15th

10:00 - 4:00pm

Craft Vendors, Silent & Live Auctions, Games,  
Great Food & More!!

WONDERFUL gifts & auction items available.

Pre-ticket sales available now.

Contact Susan Hunt @ 826-1410

Family Pack \$32.00

(includes your choice of: BBQ, Hamburger or Hot Dog for four & 50 tickets)

Shuttle service will be available from Hendersonville Hospital.

Check out the website for more details.

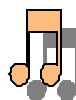
SEE YOU THERE!

## Spotlight on MHMS Staff

### Bob Carl

began his teaching career at Ohio University as a teaching fellow. He has taught in Ohio, West Virginia and North Carolina before coming to us. Also, he is an accomplished fine artist. He recently showed his art in Gallatin. In addition, he is a member of Art Sumner, Plowhaus (artist co-op) in Nashville and 14th Street Painters in New York City. He is teaching elementary art and music at Merrol Hyde. He has been teaching art for the past 14 years in the public schools. Carl graduated from Ohio State University and earned his Master of Fine Arts at Ohio University. Yes, he is a big OSU Buckeyes fan, and a member of the local Buckeyes alumni club.

Go Buckeyes!



### Raz Molotiu

teaches History and Psychology at MHMS. Raz is of Romanian and Austrian heritage and still has relatives living in Transylvania and in Bucharest. His parents left Romania in 1983 due to political disagreements with that country's Communist government. One reason they were able to leave was the sponsorship provided by Raz's aunt Cristina, a dancer, who defected from the Soviet National Ballet while in Rome and escaped to Canada. Raz grew up in different parts of Canada and decided to attend college in the U.S. because he always wanted to live in the U.S. He attended the closest American school to his home, Michigan State University. There, he met his future wife Heather, with whom he moved to Washington, D.C. upon graduating from college. Raz and Heather have since lived in Chapel Hill and Raleigh, N.C., and have been in Tennessee for one year. Heather is pursuing her doctorate in Audiology at Vanderbilt University. Raz has one sibling, Andrei, who is a professor of Art History at the University of Louisville.

## Scientific Notations

### 10th Grade Puzzles

Mrs. Lloyd's 10th grade Biology students will be displaying two large scale replicas of plant and animal cells as interactive puzzles.

These displays will be open to all students, K-11, and participants in this year's

Country Fair and BBQ

at MHMS

on October 15th.

Please stop by and interact with a scaled-up model of these common cells and learn about their organelles and structure.

### 6th Grade Blooms

When the 6th grade science students came to class on September 26th they discovered that their Brassica plants were in full bloom. The students were able to cross pollinate their plants for five consecutive days and enjoy the beautiful yellow blossoms they produced with their tender feeding and care. Soon the flowers will produce seeds and the students look forward to the new arrivals and harvest day.



## October Guidance Information

**PSAT (Pre – SAT)** for all 10th and 11th graders will be Oct. 12, 8:00 – 10:30. Please have your student here on time with 2 - #2 pencils. They may use their calculators on the math part. The cost is \$12 due by Oct. 11. Please send check (made out to MHMS) or cash to the 1st period teacher.

**PLAN (Pre- ACT)** for all 10th graders will be on Oct. 25. Please have your student here on time with 2 - #2 pencils. There is no cost for this test.

## Enter the Kingdom of Reading...Where Books Rule!

Flying Dragons, Knights in Shining Armor, Princesses and a host of Medieval characters will join us November 14-18 as the Elementary Library presents our annual Book Fair! Students and teachers can make wish lists (great for Christmas ideas!), and Parent Night is Tuesday, 11/15 from 5:30-7:30pm in the Elementary Wing. This is the Elementary Library's sole fundraising event, and your purchases help put new books on our library shelves, so please mark your calendars to attend. Book Fair volunteers receive merchandise discounts; if you would like to volunteer to help with the Book Fair, please call Monica Wessel, 826-6145.

## Journalism Activities

On Monday, Sept. 19, the journalism class sponsored a guest speaker. Ken Beck, entertainment editor for the Nashville Tennessean spoke to a group of students in the MHMS library. The journalism class, who will be publishing the school's newspaper, The Talon, conducted a press conference, asking Mr. Beck about his career in journalism and his series of trivia books on such subjects as "The Andy Griffith Show" and "Gilligan's Island." On Sept. 30, the journalism class will tour the Nashville Tennessean newsroom and presses.

## Grant Writers Workshop

You are invited to attend an introductory grant writing workshop on Sunday, October 9th 2 - 4 p.m. in the upstairs MS/HS library. We plan to aggressively pursue obtaining thousands of dollars in grants to fund MHMS programs. Pat Connor, Safe and Drug-free Schools Coordinator for Sumner County, will facilitate our learning.

Workshop Agenda:

1. Set Committee Role/Mission
2. Learn Grant Writing Basics
3. Work on example grant applications including government, corporate, and private foundations

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Darla Hall at [darlahall@insightcounts.com](mailto:darlahall@insightcounts.com) so enough printed notebooks will be available.

## Serteen Club Joins Forces to Aid Katrina Victims

When hurricane Katrina hit the United States, Americans were devastated. This devastation once again led to the unity of the people as individuals and organizations began to contribute towards the restoration of those victimized by the natural disaster.

One of these unified assemblages was a combined effort of Merrol Hyde Magnet School Serteen Club, Pope John Paul II, Tom Bannen Chevrolet, and the Church of Christ Disaster Relief Group. JPII and MHMS became donation sites for nonperishable items.

September 6th through 9th, MHMS students donated sugar, toilet tissue, rice, peanut butter, saltine crackers, paper towels, cans of vegetables, spam, jelly, beans, toothpaste, and toothbrushes and loaded them into a truck, provided by Tom Bannen Chevrolet, which then took the items to the Church of Christ Disaster Relief Group. The supplies were then distributed to victims in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. Thanks to help from the community, many boxes were filled with the specified items and Serteen members regard the collection project a great success.

## Thanks!

A warm thank you to the principals and a group of former kindergarten moms for hosting a "Coffee & Kleenex" gettogether on August 29th for the parents of new kindergarteners. The (rainy) first full day of school for the class of 2018 was brightened by this event. It provided a great opportunity to hear from some who have previously experienced this day's emotions.

*Parents of kindergartners 2005-2006*



## Tennis Team Tryout Dates

Monday, Oct. 3rd - 3:30-5:00  
Monday, Oct. 10th - 3:30-5:00  
Location: Bluegrass Country Club



Special Thanks  
to 2005/2006  
Grade Reps &  
Room Parents:

**Kindergarten:**

**Arwood** Elaine Shimer  
Juli Bennett  
**Duncan** Gwen Boyt  
Jenny Bresnahan

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade:**

**Pinson** Shannon Clinard  
Susan Matheny  
**Lynch** Kim Ponce  
Renee Fuqua

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:**

**Armour** Jenny Bresnahan  
Kelley Graham  
**Brown** Shannon Stinson

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:**

**Barber** Beth Welch  
**Ryckley** Jean Moore  
Molly Williams

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

**Gary** Linda Scott  
**Sloan** Monica Potter  
Dia Hall

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

**Sanders** Renee Spindler  
**Skeith** Teresa Gilham

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

Marina Talmadge  
Jean Moore

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

Janet Carr  
Lisa Dye

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

Dana Hargis  
Susan Hunt

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

Carla Ostrander

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

Gay Zimmerling  
Kim Malone  
Polly Perkins

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

Peggy Hooks  
Karen Holmes



### MHMS Cheerleaders

Congratulations on a job well done to the Varsity Cheerleaders on a very successful Pep Rally. Not only did the Cheerleaders receive a ROPE card, but they have received many compliments as well. The Cheerleaders deserve many kudos after such hard work as they have been practicing since last spring. Over the summer the Varsity Cheerleaders went to the Universal Cheer Association Camp where they received a Most Improved Award, and Kiersten Lyle received an award for making All Stars. The 2005-2006 Varsity Cheerleaders are Leah Hart, Ali Hartman, Morgan Lamberth, Kiersten Lyle, Alyssia Moulton, Julianne Poe, and Brendan Trammel. They are coached by Lisa Lancaster.

### What is a ROPE Card?

ROPE stands for "Recognizing Other People's Efforts." Middle School and High School students can turn them in for other students and teachers can also turn them in for students. There are two rope jars in the office, one for teachers and one for students. At the end of each month, Mrs. Schreiner draws out a card from each jar and the winners will receive a gift certificate, movie pass, or other appropriate prize. The rope cards are read over the intercom when they are turned in. ROPE cards are available in the office.

Jake Jones was the very first recipient of a ROPE card. He built the 8 benches in the upstairs car rider line for students to sit on when they are waiting. Jake did this as part of his Eagle Scout project.

### Parent-to-Parent

How do I say this without sounding sappy? I love spending time with my daughter. Joe and I both do. But in the hustle and bustle of everyday life, it's easy to lose sight of how much fun our children can be. Recently, we were reminded.

At home on a lazy Sunday afternoon, our 7-year-old was getting antsy. She's fascinated with history— a fascination her dad and I have tried to feed. Admittedly, this fascination has occasionally taken a morbid turn – she loves cemeteries, especially older ones. But in a battle between the tube and tombstones, we'll take the tombstones every day and twice on Sunday.

So it is that we found ourselves on a hot Sunday afternoon cruising about town reading all of the historical markers, ending up, of course, in the Gallatin Cemetery reading epitaphs. As she read about each person, our daughter would say, "I bet she wore fancy clothes" or some other musing about the life that person might have led. With each tombstone, a new character emerged. To watch her mind work; to talk to her about what life must have been like during the Civil War or the Great Depression – these are things that we will carry with us when she is grown and living her own life. I'd like to think that she got something out of that day, too. She saw history outside of the classroom, and maybe a door has been opened for her that would have remained closed had we not turned the TV off, gotten up off the couch, and gone exploring.

Brenda & Joe Thompson

### Gift Cards Available...

Gift cards are easily available through the SCRIP Program!!  
For more information, contact Beth Welch @ 822-9360

**Support your Grade Reps and  
Room Parents by donating to the  
Grade/Classroom Baskets for the  
Country Fair Auction.  
Donations are due  
Monday, October 3!**



**We would also appreciate any  
business donations for the auction.**