



Principal's Pen

Dear Parents,

Thanks to all who came for parent/teacher conferences on October 20. We really enjoyed seeing so many of you, and speaking with you provided us with valuable information regarding your students. It also sent a positive message to your children that you are interested in what's going on at school. If you were unable to visit with our teachers, we invite you to make an appointment during the school day.

My appreciation to the MANY parents who have volunteered here at school, chaperoned field trips, provided food for staff meetings, committed to serving on our PTO, ABC, or IMBA groups, coached a team sport, helped in our concession stand, donated items or money for various events, chaired a committee, or supported a specific cause. We thank you for all you have done and continue to do for the MHMS family.

Applications for the 2006-2007 school year will be available from the school office or online November 1st.

Sincerely,
Brad Schreiner

Scrip Gift Card Competition



Parents place Scrip orders between Nov. 1—Dec. 6, 2005. For each weekly order (regardless of quantity or value of gift cards) each MHMS student in the family will receive one entry in the Scrip Competition drawing.

MS/HS prize = Apple iPod Shuffle

Elementary prize = \$50 gift card to Toys R Us

One prize will be awarded to MS/HS and one prize to Elementary

For a complete list of Scrip Card Retailers visit www.glscrip.com

For more information, contact Beth Welch @ 822-9360
Keep using Kroger cards to purchase groceries and gas!!!

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

Calling all Knights, Dragonslayers and Fair Ladies

to the Scholastic Elementary Book Fair

Nov. 14-18, 7:45 am-3:30 pm daily

Don't miss our Parent Night on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 5:30-7:30 pm, with the "Queen's Court Costume Parade." Grand Prize for Best Family Costume is a 2-night stay in a Gatlinburg chalet, plus other great prizes for Best Costume in Adult and Student categories!

Come see the Juggler, the Jester, and dig through the King's Treasure Chest! Special boxed sets and gift editions of your favorite titles make holiday shopping easy; on Parent Night, buy a gift from a Teacher's Classroom Wish List and get it gift-wrapped for free!

PTO Meeting

Tuesday, November 1st, 6:30 p.m.
Featuring an 8-minute preview of
"The Gingerbread Man"



Next Scheduled PTO Meeting:
Thursday, December 8th*

**note date change due to schedule conflicts*

The MHMS Theatre Department will present "The Gingerbread Man" by Patrick Rainville Dorn. The evening show for the public is Thursday, Nov. 3, 2005, at 7pm. Admission is \$3.00 for students and adults.

The students will enjoy the show Friday, Nov. 4, 2005, for \$2.00. Admission cost covers royalties, scripts, and set construction.

Spotlight on MHMS Staff

Cindy Storey

earned her B.S. degree in Computer Information Systems and her B.S. degree in Business Administration from Trevecca Nazarene University. After programming computers for the State of Tennessee and billing Medicare for hospitals such as Vanderbilt and others nationwide, she returned to school to become a teacher. In 2004 she earned a M.ED. in Education/ Curriculum and Instruction from Tennessee State University. While in school, she taught special education at Knox Doss Middle School for three years and 7th and 8th grade math at White House Middle School for one year. She lives in Hendersonville with her daughter who attends Hendersonville High School and is a cheerleader. She is an avid Tennessee fan and loves to travel and cross-stitch in her spare time.



SCIENTIFIC NOTATIONS

MHMS Science Club is sponsoring an Astronomy Club in conjunction with a Scopes for Schools partnership through Vanderbilt, funded by the NSF (National Science Foundation). Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Lloyd are both receiving professional development and building a telescope with Astronomy Club students at Dyer Observatory. Dr. Keivan Stassun, a Vanderbilt Astronomy Professor, and Rocky Alvey from the Dyer Observatory are working with Sumner teachers who applied. MHMS is also working with the local Cumberland Astronomical Society (CAS) to coordinate our club events.

Our first official Astronomy Club sponsored event was October 29th at the Lock 4 Park in Gallatin. We met with CAS members and the GHS Astronomy Club for a Mars Opposition viewing.

Elementary Computer Lab

The elementary computer lab is set up and functioning. Classes are taking place there every day, and more software is being added as the year progresses. We are blessed with resources from many generous donors who have provided access for our students to updated technology. The PTO purchased the instructor's computer and is funding the soon-to-be-delivered SmartBoard. The SmartBoard will be a welcome, much-used and highly effective learning tool in our elementary lab. The PTO also provides a group of technical gurus who run regular maintenance on our computers and offer their advice and recommendations. We are grateful for the many resources that help to make this school a special place for our students and staff alike.

After listing these blessings, I find it difficult to ask for even more help, but there are a few things the lab could use that are not in the school's budget. If we have a parent or two who could provide these things, we can give all our students a better learning experience more quickly. The things we could use include the following:

- ⇒ a valance for the window above our outside door and a blind for the window in the door
 - ⇒ some sturdy mouse pads
 - ⇒ an area rug for the students to sit on when we have "Talk Time"
 - ⇒ packs of stickers, erasers, or pencils (I use these as behavior incentives)
- Thank you for all you have done to put this elementary lab into operation. You are great! I am grateful to be a part of this school.

Karen MacKendree

Instrumental Music Salutes Veterans



The Instrumental Music Department will present a Veteran's Day celebration Thursday, November 10, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. The program will feature the MHMS High School Band performing several patriotic selections, a visual presentation to augment a highly emotional piece of music, and special guest performances.

Veterans, their families and MHMS community families are invited to this free concert honoring those who have served or currently serve our country!

MUN SERVICE PROJECT

The MHMS Model United Nations (MUN) team recently orchestrated "Brother Can you Spare a Dime?" and "Quarters for the French Quarter" to collect dimes and quarters in the elementary, middle, and high school to donate to the American Red Cross Katrina Aid. In a school of only 579 students, the outpouring of compassion was astounding. MHMS students raised \$2290.05—an average of \$3.96 per student! On behalf of all the victims of

MHMS Crested Uniform Shirts Now Available



Short Sleeved Shirts \$20

Long Sleeved Shirts \$25

Stop by the school office to purchase yours today!

Parent-to-Parent

By Dana Hargis

My friend, June, tells me often how amazing she thinks I am. She refers to my shuffling of the 3 kiddoes to their activities, church work, household duties and volunteerism at the school. She is so sweet to me, but the truth is I don't see it like that. I see it as me being a part of amazing teams. For example; the "Hargis team" accomplishes grocery shopping, lawn care, house cleaning, laundry, and getting to their activities. It is not just one person making it all happen!

In Sunday school this week we discussed being a part of the body. Not everyone is an eye or a foot, but still they are part of the whole...like a team. Just this month we witnessed a FABULOUS Country Fair and BBQ — not only money wise, but because it was fun, ideas were shared, work was accomplished, and awesome talents were revealed. Some "team" members were able to collect donations from businesses, some were able to bake a cake, and still others were able to work an hour or so at a game. It is a great honor to give my time and talent to be on the AMAZING team that makes Merrol Hyde Magnet the best school it can be for our children.

After all this going and doing am I still smiling? You betcha! Because this I KNOW... I am blessed! I have a good family, super friends, health, food, shelter and most importantly God's grace 24/7. Even though our list of blessings may not be the same, this I also KNOW...you ARE blessed too!

Have you noticed yet that your life is going through phases? Once upon a time we went through all the childhood phases, including the teens, then it was college, newly married, newborn children ... There is a time when we do "little grader elementary school" with reading to our children at night, sleepovers where they actually go to sleep, And constant adult supervision. That transforms into "big grader elementary school" with more after school activities, cursive writing, and multiplication. Then on to middle school where they make plans with friends to go places without you, pull the "all my other friends get..." line, and begin focusing on their "thing." The next thing you know, they are high schoolers driving away on their own leaving you hoping that they remember what you taught them. It's then that you can begin to look back at the phases and say "well that's what we were into at that time. That was the diaper phase, Barney phase, the GI Joe stage, the Friday night at the movies phase, the car stage...." Part of our current stage is being a member of the MHMS team! Go ahead and be the foot, the arm or the ear; whatever it is you can contribute...you won't regret it! I, for one, wouldn't have it any other way!

Latin Tournament Scheduled

On November 4, a school-wide Latin Tournament will be held for Exploratory 6th and 7th grade students and Latin I, II, and III. The Latin Club will run this event which will serve as practice for the Mid-State Latin Tournament to be held in February.

Exploratory Latin 6th grade students turned in their Temples last week. They were unique and well-done. On October 28, the Exploratory Latin 7th grade students presented the plays they created.

ATTENTION AMAZON.COM SHOPPERS

Remember to use the Amazon.com link on the MHMS web site for all of your holiday shopping. MHMS Athletic Booster Club will receive 3-10% of the amount of the purchase. This is a great way to earn money for MHMS.

By entering Amazon through the link on the MHMS school web site, Amazon knows the customer came from MHMS and automatically credits the MHMS ABC bank account with a percentage of purchases. There is no increased cost to the purchaser.