



Principal's Pen

Dear Parents,

Thanks to all who came to our Renaissance Faire. We had over 250 guests as we displayed our projects, artwork, dramas, models, timelines, and booths. Your support in becoming an "authentic audience" for our school wide coached project meant so much to our students and teachers. I was impressed at the wealth of knowledge that came from our students as they described their projects. I am constantly amazed at the tenacity and work ethic of many students at MHMS, and I am always reminded of the talents and capabilities of our future leaders.

I appreciate the parents' support of the group projects. I realize this required hours spent after school, late nights, and driving to each others' homes as they collaborated. Your help in assembling costumes is also appreciated!

My gratitude to all of you who took time from your busy schedule to be with us.

Sincerely,

Brad Schreiner



The MHMS Kindergarten

Is pleased to announce

The wedding of

Mr. Q and Ms. U

Tuesday, April 4th 6:30 pm

At the

PTO General Membership Meeting

Also featuring video highlights from the Renaissance Faire



"Read Across America Day" Held

National Read Across America Day was celebrated in the elementary wing on Thursday March 2nd, Dr. Seuss' 102nd birthday. Students dressed as their favorite Dr. Seuss character and were treated to birthday cake during lunch. Guest Readers from our community, including Mayor Scott Foster, WSMV-TV's Holly Thompson, and Gallatin Police Chief John Tisdale, read a Dr. Seuss book to each elementary class and discussed how reading helps them in their careers. Thanks to Teresa Gravelle, owner of Baskin-Robbins, for the cakes, all parents for your support and assistance with this program, and especially the Library Committee that put lots of work into this event!

MHMS Elementary Library Thanks Go To...

Sammy Hall, 1st grader, who invited guests at her recent birthday party to donate books to the Library! Each donated book features a custom Book Plate commemorating Sammy's special day! Thanks, Sammy & donors!

The Library Committee and Mrs. Harris would also like to thank Colleen Lloyd for her cash donation to the library! Mrs. Harris recently ordered additional new books for our shelves. Our Wish List continues to grow, so every contribution is appreciated!

Spotlight on MHMS Staff

Bill Jung

Coach Jung retired from the Sumner County School system in 2001 after teaching for 31 years. He taught Physical Science at Portland Junior High for 9 years. He coached the boys 7th and 8th grade basketball team as well as the high school freshmen team. He transferred to Beech High School for its opening in 1980. There he taught Honors Biology, Honors Chemistry, Honors Environmental Science, and AP Biology. The ecology class was taught before it became a part of the state curriculum. He coached (at different times) tennis, cross-country, freshmen boys basketball and was assistant boys varsity coach. From Beech High School, he went to Hendersonville High School where he taught Physical Science, Standard Chemistry, Honors I Chemistry, and Honors II Chemistry. Mr. Jung received his Bachelors Degree in Science from Memphis State University. He received his Masters Degree from Middle Tennessee State University and acquired his plus 45 hours from different universities in middle Tennessee.



Have you ever wanted to support the school in some small way, but you are just so busy you don't know where to begin?

Consider being a part of the PTO Hospitality Team! We mainly deal in food! You don't have to eat it (so there is no weight gain) just bring it! Every month the Hospitality Team provides snacks for our teacher staff meetings, and also for several other appreciation events throughout the school year. It is something very simple and easy (you receive an email with the request and logistics, and you choose if you can help at that time). It all adds up to a very small and simple way to be a part of a huge blessing for our so very worthy teachers and staff! If interested in helping, please email Jennifer Nelson, current MS/HS PTO Hospitality Chair at nelsontrio@bellsouth.net

Night of Stars Talent Show & Coffee House Report

Once again, the students and parents of this awesome school really came through to support MHMS! The "Night of Stars" talent show and coffee house was a great success! We sold 273 tickets total, raising \$2730! We want to especially thank Netha Larsen-Schrimpf and Annie Curtis for their incredible leadership and creative guidance working with the elementary and MS/HS "stars"! Also, special thanks to Paul Martin for running the sound and attending all those rehearsals!! We were overwhelmed with desserts, coffee and hot chocolate donations thanks to all you parents! Most importantly, the students blew us away with their talent and commitment to the show!! We look forward to seeing what exciting stars next year will bring! Thanks again! Chrissy Lassiter and Melissa O'Brien, Talent Show Co-Chairs



Parent-to-Parent So what IS a Seminar?

By Jennifer Nelson

As a parent of a 6th grader, I had not taken the opportunity to attend a Community Seminar with my daughter until this month. My initial (rather selfish) motivation was due to seeing a particular writing that I love as a seminar topic. And yes, it was a juggle of schedules, homework, etc. to get us all to school that night. However, it was truly a blessing to participate in the sharing of ideas and opinions among teachers, students and parents. Regardless of viewpoints and beliefs, I believe it is crucial for everyone (adults and students alike) to learn how to express opinions, control emotions, consider other viewpoints and ultimately take a stand for what you believe in. Even though some children (and adults) are less confident in this type of setting, I still think it is a valuable learning tool even in observation. I told my daughter that the open and cooperative tone of the discussion that night was more positive than some of my staff meetings at work! Now I have a much better idea of what a seminar IS! So, if you have yet to take the opportunity to attend a Community Seminar, please consider doing so at least once with your child next school year. It will not only validate and affirm your child, it will also benefit you as a parent, and confirm the fact that we are blessed with an amazing school, an incredible staff and a unique learning environment that is preparing our children not only for higher education - but for life.

***Any parent may submit an article for the Parent-to-Parent column. Please submit your input to Mrs. Schreiner or email to Hawk Talk editor, Juli Bennett kjtate@aol.com

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Spelling Bee

On January 31 MHMS held its third annual Middle School Spelling Bee. The first place winner was 8th grader Logan McClure. The second place winner was Tucker Jacky, who is also an 8th grader. Logan and Tucker competed in the county-wide spelling bee held at The Teacher Center on February 25. Competing with the winners from eleven other Sumner County public and private schools, both Logan and Tucker represented our school well. Tucker won second place and Logan won the spot of 1st runner-up. The first place winner was Stephanie Kerrigan from Ellis Middle School. Stephanie and Tucker will both represent Sumner County in the Tennessee Regional Spelling Bee that will be held at David Lipscomb University on Tuesday, March 28. If either Tucker or Stephanie is unable to compete on that date, Logan will step in. Please congratulate our students for their accomplishments.



MHMS Seeks Bands for Battle of the Bands

Saturday, May 13th @ MHMS

Contest open to all bands (all styles) in the Nashville area ranging from middle school to college age

Grand Prize

Recording Session @ Dark Horse Studio

Sam Ash Gift Certificates

All proceeds to benefit the

Instrumental Music Department

For an application call 615/264-3809

or email kmedica@bellsouth.net

Speech Tournament

On Saturday, March 11, 2006, Merrol Hyde Magnet School traveled to Dickson High School for the district speech tournament. Only a third year team, six students advanced into finals and three of them won a slot at the state tournament held in Morristown, TN on April 29th. Awards included: sophomore Brittany Webster, sixth place in poetry interpretation, freshman Maggi Hume, fifth place in prose interpretation and junior Sara Denton, fifth place in storytelling. Students who will compete at state are junior Melanie Martin, third in poetry interpretation, sophomore Christina England, third in original oratory, and junior Sandra Miselem, the district champion in original oratory. As a team, Merrol Hyde finished fourth in the district. The team is coached by the theatre teacher, Courtney Spears. Congratulations to the team for a successful weekend.

PTO Parent Donations

Second semester pledges are due.

If you have not already paid your \$50 per child for second semester
Please submit your Check
payable to **MHMS PTO**



Cheerleaders Go Hollywood

March 9 - 12 the middle school cheerleaders, their coach Stephanie Lynch, Mrs. Schreiner, and 1st grade teacher Dede Pinson went to Hollywood, CA to appear on the game show *Deal or No Deal*. Mrs. Lynch auditioned during February and went through a month long interview process before being chosen. She took her squad with her to one of the auditions and the producers loved everything the girls had to offer. The show flew everyone to Hollywood for what was an experience of a lifetime. The group took in Universal Studios, Hollywood Blvd., Santa Monica, and even saw Russell Crowe while shopping on Rodeo Drive. The show was scheduled to air Monday, March 27 on NBC.

Make plans to visit the High School Art Show

On display at

Monthaven

March 19—April 14



Updating Your Home Entertainment Equipment?

The library is always in need of equipment such as small televisions, DVD players, and projection screens. If you have items to donate please contact Jennifer Weedman weedmanj@k12tn.net

Wanted: Softball Players

Attention any potential softball player!!! Any age, all grade levels, especially elementary. We are in

crucial need of you to start pitching school

now. Any girl with interest in playing softball please start early—now is the time to learn.

One Man's Trash is MHMS Cash

Over \$1,200 has already been donated to MHMS thanks to parents, friends and Pony Mailbox & Business Center! If you've got some buried treasure that you would like to get rid of (\$50 minimum value per item) HELP our school raise donations thru EBAY! Go to

<http://stores.ebay.com/XpressList> or call

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242 West Main St. in Hendersonville

822-4700 to
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