



Merrol Hyde Magnet School
HAWK TALK



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Principal's Pen

Dear Parents,

We have experienced a smooth start to the 2007-2008 school year. I appreciate the collaboration between students, teachers and parents that contributed to this wonderful opening, despite the heat.

Many of you who carpool or have children in elementary, middle, and high have asked about a central place for pick up. Mrs. Hunter and I have discussed the best way for you to "collect" your varying age groups: Please wait until 3:10 and pick up the elementary age children first, then proceed to the upper car rider line to get the middle and high school students. By 3:10, the lines are nearly non-existent and you should not have to wait very long in either line.

You have probably received a phone or email message from the school recently. Our PTO has purchased "School Messenger" to send out announcements without using so much paper. We hope this new system will help keep our families informed.

We invite you to our first PTO meeting/ice cream social on September 4th at 6:30. See you then!

Brad Schreiner

Blood Donors Needed!

MHMS will be hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, September 12th from 8am to 2pm. If you are at least 17 and would like to donate, please contact Kyle Brawner at karatekid0985@cs.com.



**Ice Cream Social
 PTO Meeting**



Tuesday, September 4th @ 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a tasty treat and beat the heat!

MHMS Fall Festival!!!!!!

(Formerly known as MHMS Country Fair & BBQ)

Thursday, October 18th
 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Live and silent auction!

Games for the kids!

Dinner served by *Texas Roadhouse*

Please check the web site for further details and updates on auction items. If you would be interested in helping or volunteering in the Fall Festival please contact Laurie Shannon, Parris Powers, or David La-Pointe, contact information is on the MHMS web site.

(Please see more details on page four of this edition!)

Join Us October 18th for a great cause – our **KIDS!!**

Medicine Policy

All medicine brought to school must be in the original bottle or container **no zip lock bags**. It must be accompanied by one of the permission(s) for administration forms. There is a form for prescription medication (blue) and one for non-prescription medication (green). These are available in the main office and must be filled out before we can administer any medication. It is **absolutely against** Sumner County school policy for students to have any medication on their person or in lockers or backpacks. The office and our school nurse will be glad to help you and answer questions. Parents please look at your child's student handbook on

Future Business Leaders Association

Come and join FBLA, one of the largest clubs in the school. Right now, there are close to 80 people coming to each meeting! There are always fun activities going on, such as the pool/pizza recruitment party and the upcoming trip to six flags on October 12. If you're interested in becoming a member come to our meetings Tuesday during lunch, you won't be disappointed. Free car clings for the first 40 people that pay their dues!

Counselor's Corner

Elementary counseling classes have begun and are every Friday.

The counselors have already met with every Jr. and Sr. in individual meetings to discuss graduation and college.

The Juniors will be going on their first College visit on Sept. 26 and 27. They will go to UT Chattanooga and the University of the South at Sewanee. We would love for all Juniors to go on these trips to learn about college and the application process. Parents are also welcome to go.

All Juniors and Seniors need to take the ACT this fall. The next testing dates are October and December. Remember that all students get 1 free testing paid for by the state of Tennessee. See the Guidance office for details. Register at

www.actstudent.org

MHMS VOLLEYBALL



An exciting volleyball season is planned! With 22 girls, our JV and Varsity teams are ready to play. The 2007-2008 team includes: Emily Brooks, Ashton Daniel, Erica Davis, Amy Fottrell, Rayne Holm, Ruth Choi, Bernadette Kolp, Andrea Steiner, Christie Theissen, Wendolyn Ebbert, Melanie Freeman, Amanda Gilbert, Anastasia Gnypp, Hannah Hopper, Jaclyn James, Briana Keightley, Morgan Kickliter, Jessica Russell, Lillian Bacus, Lea Hart, Katharine Kolp, and Brittney Wilhite. During September, the girls will play Macon County (9/6), Westmoreland (9/13), and Portland High School (9/20) with matches starting at 5:30 p.m. Admission price is \$3. We hope that

Family Fitness Festival

Saturday, October 6th

Gallatin Civic Center

This is your chance to compete against all other elementary schools in Sumner County. All you have to do is show up and walk with your school to earn money for the physical education program. For every entry \$3.00 comes back to the school. Schools also receive prize money based on the percentage of enrollment who come on Saturday. Last year we earned over \$300 and came in second place. Even if you cannot be at the event, you can still participate by bringing back the entry form with \$6.00 and receive a t-shirt and victory medal. This year's t-shirt that all of Sumner County will be wearing was designed by one of our own students Mary Welch. So please support her and our school in purchasing the t-shirt.

Deadline for entry: October 1st

DECA NEWS

Merrol Hyde has a new DECA club! DECA is an international association of high school and college students studying marketing, management and entrepreneurship in business, finance, hospitality and marketing sales and service. Enrollment is limited to students who are currently enrolled in marketing or have taken the class in the past. Our first meeting was a great success with 19 students attending. The middle Tennessee Vice President, Tatum Suddarth, joined the group explaining her role in DECA. She also expressed the exciting opportunities that are available for all who join DECA. DECA and FBLA joined together this past weekend for a pool & pizza recruitment party. Currently, there are several activities planned for DECA members both social and civic minded. We look forward to having a competitive chapter at regional, state, and national competitions. This year nationals will be held in Atlanta, GA, April 26th-29th. If any student is interested in joining, please see Mrs. Morgan in room 102.

ADVANCED THEATRE

MHMS Advanced Theatre class presents:

Flowers For Algernon

Thursday, Oct 4th (day performance)

Friday, October 5th @ 7:00 pm

The play is about a mentally retarded man who gains genius intelligence through science, only to find challenges exist on both ends of the spectrum. Tickets will be \$5.00.

This is a show you don't want to miss!



Instrumental Music Dept.

Patriot Day Concert

September 11th at 6:30 pm.

The public is invited to attend and pay their respects to those who we remember and appreciate for all their dedication and willingness to step in when citizens' lives are in danger. The program is free, and will be preceded by a short Instrumental Music Boosters Association (IMBA) meeting.

Kindergarten's Boo-Hoo Breakfast

On Monday, August 27th, kindergarten parents were invited to a Boo-Hoo Breakfast hosted by our first-grade moms. Amidst a few tears, they enjoyed some muffins, coffee, and other goodies in the elementary library after leaving their little ones on their first full day of kindergarten.

Culinary Club

We meet the last Wednesday of each month from 3:15 - 4:45 and we are open to any student in grades 9-12 who is interested in the culinary arts. The club dues are \$5 per semester.

2nd Grade Seminar

2nd grade started their first day of school discussing a Bruce Lansky poem entitled *What I Found in My Desk*. Their pre-seminar assignment was to complete a graphic organizer comparing and contrasting a neat and a messy desk. We all enjoyed listening to the conversation during seminar. The postseminar activity was to reflect on the best way to organize their desks.

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

Take Pride in your Lake!

Saturday, September 29th, MHMS Science Department will be working with the US Army Corps of Engineers to Clean-up OLD HICKORY LAKE. The Clean-up will be from 9am to 12pm, ending with a free lunch for all participants. We participated last year and hope to have a great turn out again this year. Maybe we will find another canoe in the woods! Families are welcome and the weather should be cooler by then!



See Mrs. Lloyd for details

Yearbook Notes

Parents of our 2007 graduates: I have ten yearbooks, ordered and paid for, that have not been picked up. If your student paid for a yearbook, please come by the school and pick up the yearbook for them. If you call first, I will leave the yearbook in the office for you. If your student did not order a yearbook and you would like them to have one, I have received an extra shipment, and I do have yearbooks available for \$57.72. Also, if your student brought in a hard copy of their baby picture or their casual picture, those pictures are available in the office for you to pick them up.

Parents of current seniors: Please make sure that your student has a formal senior portrait taken as soon as possible if they have not already done so. Even if you are not going to order any of these pictures, we need the image for the yearbook. If you have looked at our '07 book, you know that the senior portrait pages are some of the most dramatic pages in the book. To complete these pages, we need not only the senior portrait images, but also a casual picture from each senior. The casual picture does not need to be one of the pictures taken by Ms. Nickerson, but we do need a casual picture from every senior. To do the endsheet (inside cover) pages, we need a childhood picture from each senior. Please ensure that your student is represented in all of these areas by making sure that their pictures are turned in. It might seem to you as though you need to turn things in fairly early, but we are required to have 64 pages of our yearbook completed and submitted to the publishing company before our December break.

Parents of underclassmen: I received a second shipment of yearbooks and have a few of those remaining for sale. If you would like your MS/HS student to have a 2006-2007 yearbook, please have them bring a check for \$57.72 to the high school computer lab after school prior to Sept. 7.

If you take pictures of our students in sports or other school events, we would appreciate having the opportunity to use those photos in our yearbook. You may e-mail them to mhmsyearbook@gmail.com. Many parents have provided photos for all of our yearbooks, and we thank you for your support of our program.
K. MacKendree



High School Art Dept. Looking for Donations

- ◆ newspapers and magazines
- ◆ metallic objects: chains, large hooks, pipes, coils, dryer venting, etc.
- ◆ black roofing paper
- ◆ Sponges
- ◆ blenders that still work
- ◆ colanders
- ◆ screws, nails
- ◆ white latex paint
- ◆ baby food jars
- ◆ film canisters

Thanks, S. Coley

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE!

Are you willing to supply a dish or some type of food/drink about once a month for the monthly teacher's meetings? There are also opportunities to help set up/clean up/serve at the meetings. If you would like to serve in this area or have any questions, please feel free to contact Marina Talmadge at mst04@aol.com or Carla Ostrander at carlaostrander@bellsouth.net

Fall Yearbook
Pictures will be taken on
September 19th!



Astronomy Club



We are off to a great start this year, with officer elections complete! Our meetings will be the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 3:15 to 4:30pm, unless otherwise announced. Our next meeting is scheduled for September 12th. Judson Lancina will be teaching the ins and outs of our own MHMS built telescope, NESSIE. Please come and learn how to use our telescope so we can all be knowledgeable for our hosted STAR parties. If you have a telescope you would like to bring and demonstrate, feel free. On Sept. 26th, Cody McAllister will conduct another interactive lesson, on sky software. We hope to see you there, 3:15-4:30pm.



Fall Festival Information

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Contact Information</u>	
K	Furniture/Accessories/Jewelry	Chrissy Lassiter	lassitgc@aol.com 824.2606
1 st	Outside & Family Services	Glema Withrow	glema@bellsouth.net
2 nd	Miscellaneous	Michelle See	seecca@comcast.net 826.4355
3 rd	Birthday/Sports/etc.	Lisa Puckett	lpuckett@realtracs.com
4 th	Near & Far Vacations	Kelley graham	kellyggraham@netzero.net 264.7091
5 th	Large Items	Paula Cowden	cowdenconstruction@comcast.net 824.5946
MS	Autographs	Marina Talmadge	MST0416@aol.com 855-6689
HS	Electronic Items & Instruments	Dana Hargis	dana82@comcast.net 826-1823

What are some good examples of goods or services to donate for the silent or live auction at Fall Fest?
Anything from your business or employer:

- If you work for a car dealership (new or used), a car, or a free rental for a car for a weekend.
- Free meals at local restaurants.....be it a formal sit down meal or fast food.
- Tickets to any sporting event you may not be able to attend.....College or Professional...
- Items that have been autographed by local or national celebrities.....this could be sports professionals, country music stars, movie stars, etc.
- Tickets to movies, plays, symphonies, ballet (could be combined in a package that includes dinner and a hotel stay)
- A free week or weekend at your resort property.....at the beach, in the mountains, at the lake, etc.
- Use of a houseboat, ski boat, jet ski, wave runner for a weekend.
- Free services to be delivered by the donator....baby sitting, lawn care, landscaping services, paint a room in your house, etc.
- Free or discounted home decorating services
- Orthodontia work, dental work, physical exam, dermatologist exam.....or other professional medical services
- Legal services.....draw up a will, draw up rental agreements, etc.
- Financial planning services
- Furniture for any room in the house
- Learning center services
- Sports equipment
- Sport training services, 12 hours of hitting instruction, 12 hours of pitching instruction, 12 hours of golf instruction, etc.
- Music lessons
- Musical Instruments
- Birthday, football, anniversary catering
- Electronics: Gameboy's, PS2, XBox, iPod, cell phones, cell phone service, etc.

We would like for certain grade levels to focus on some of these topics, but remember if you have a connection in another area, please take advantage of that connection and get something donated that would be of interest to any other parent in the school!

Thank you,
Jim & Laurie Shannon
Parris Powers
David LaPointe
Auction Chairs - 2007 MHMS Fall Fest
(contact numbers available on school website)

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