



Principal's Pen

Dear Parents,

Thanks for a great start to the 2006-2007 school year! Although the rain at dismissal on August 14th may have dampened our clothing, no amount of rain could dampen our spirits as we celebrated a wonderful first day. We're thrilled to have 70 new students (bringing our total to 650) and several new teachers. We welcome Amy Morgan, Donna Thurman, Valerie Trantum, Jay Callis, Darrell Duncan, Tiffany Denton, Linsay Ozier, Margaret Herron, Amy Shewmake, Robert Conner, and Ann Barry to the MHMS faculty. We are excited about "Scholar's Quest" and our first year as a K-12 school. Thanks to all of you for signing the many pieces of paper we send home at the beginning of each year. We appreciate your continued involvement.

Sincerely,

Brad Schreiner



Ice Cream Social and PTO Meeting

Tuesday, September 5 at 6:30 pm

Ice Cream Sundaes will be provided by Baskin-Robbins (Hendersonville).

Mrs. Schreiner and Mrs. Hunter will have some important information to share with all parents of students grades K-12 that evening.

Please plan to attend. It promises to be a fun evening for all!

Ticket forms for the sundaes are due on Friday, September 1.



- ⇒ **Monday, October 2nd** The next PTO meeting will be a special event for the entire family. You won't want to miss it! Be watching for more details!
- ⇒ **Saturday, October 21st** Annual MHMS Country Fair and BBQ

Suggestions, concerns, thoughts for the PTO???

Please Contact Melissa O'Brien at mhmspto@comcast.net



YOUR PTO \$\$\$ AT WORK

We want to keep you informed of how your money is being spent. Even though we just began the parent donation campaign, we have a fundraiser (Scrip gift card program) that earned *over \$5000* last year. With that money, we were able to purchase a \$100 Staples gift card for each of our 50 teachers. The teachers' gift cards are used to purchase supplies for their classroom—a direct benefit for our MHMS children. The PTO also purchased several \$10 movie gift cards to be used as ROPE (Recognizing Other People's Efforts) awards for the middle/high school and some special incentives for our elementary students as well.

Special thanks to Beth Welch for running our Scrip gift card program. Beth we truly appreciate your hard work! Parents - thank you too for supporting the Scrip gift card program!

Giving to the School

As many of you know, there are many needs at MHMS. I have lists from most teachers at the school showing what they need to bring their classrooms to their full potential. Some are small items, some are rather expensive and some are building projects. If you would like to help by choosing an item from the list I have and giving it to the school, that would be awesome. All gifts are tax deductible and I will give you a receipt for your taxes. I would also love to have other parents help me brainstorm on ways to get some of these items donated by businesses. Please contact Kim Ponce 851-3003.

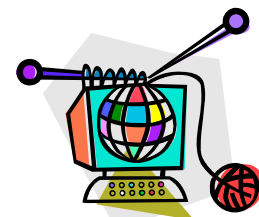
Middle and High School Dismissal Tip:

Please enter the upstairs car rider line from Hillwood Drive if possible. This is easier than coming from the McDonald's side and getting tied up in the elementary traffic. After your student gets into the car, turn on your turn signal so Mrs. Schreiner knows you're ready to merge to the middle lane.

Box Tops and Labels Reminder

Send in **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION** and **CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS** to support MHMS.

Cut out box tops, place them in an envelope or zip lock bag with your student's name, grade and teacher written in marker on the outside.



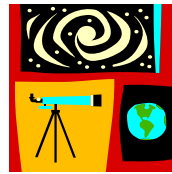
MHMS Website!

The school website is a great resource for students and parents. Access information such as upcoming events, sports schedules, faculty bios, monthly lunch menus and clubs. Check it out today!

<http://mhm.sumnerschools.org>



Science Spectrum



THANK YOU to the parents and PTO for allotting money from the budget for science supplies!! We are growing into our upper level coursework/ labs and your efforts are appreciated. Thank you also to all those parents who donate the consumables we use for labs and

activities. These optional donations allow us to use supply money on the more expensive equipment. You have been gracious with gloves, foils and wraps, containers, paper towels, etc. We appreciate your efforts to keep us stocked.

REQUEST (wish upon a star): If anyone knows of a hospital, business, or educational facility which is upgrading their MICROSCOPES, or any other scientific equipment (DNA gel electrophoresis apparatus...), please make us aware or *keep us in mind*- (notify Mrs. Schreiner and our science teachers). We do have microscopes, but would love to have more advanced capabilities with the more expensive scopes.

SCIENCE Olympiad (SO): We had our first SO meeting this year on August 16th and are going to be working hard with our many teams this year, *weather cooperating*. If you would like to help us coach any of the specific competitive areas for the February 2007 Olympiad (www.sonic.org) please contact Mrs. Lloyd or Mrs. Mitchell (lloyd@k12tn.net, mitchell2@k12tn.net).

Astronomy Club: The next *star party* with CAS is **Sat., Sept. 2** from sunset-11pm at **Memorial Park Hendersonville!**

Saturday, September 30th is NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY!! Some of our science students will be asked to participate in a Clean up effort on Old Hickory Lake in Hendersonville. We will be working with the Army Corps of Engineers at the Rockland Recreation Area, through Lindsay Houchens. Letters will be coming home for this, and we would love to have parents volunteer to work with the students for this community effort!! Please contact Mrs. Colleen Lloyd, MHMS Biology at lloyd@k12tn.net if you are interested in helping with this effort.

FBLA is firing up for a new year!

The Future Business Leaders of America (a business club) is starting its new year off with lots of fun and excitement. Sept. 1st there will be a recruitment pizza/swim party (cost is \$2) at The Gates of Peninsula Condominiums in Hendersonville and Oct. 7th they will be traveling to Kentucky Kingdom in Louisville. If you are interested in joining, please see Ms. Storey or Ms. Morgan in room 102 and sign up for a great year of fun and educational challenge.



FBLA Bookstore Opens its Doors!



Don't you wish you had remembered to tell Mom you need more notebook paper or a pencil for school this morning? The Future Business Leaders of America have opened the doors to a brand new bookstore located in the concession stand area just off of the commons area. Stop by and see what is for sale and remember us on those days you need something for class. Pencils, erasers, pencil pouches, highlighters, rulers, index cards, gel pens.....lots and lots of fun!

IMBA Happenings

The Instrumental Music Boosters (IMBA) will have its 4th Annual Pecan Sale to support the Instrumental Music program this fall. Orders will be taken in late Sept. and early Oct. Plan for holiday baking and gift giving by making a list of how many pound bags of deluxe halves and pieces you will need to purchase from our instrumental music students.

Students with musical interest are invited to join: String Ensemble Tues. at 7:15 am, and/or Beginning Jazz Ensemble Wed. at 7:15 am, and/or Advanced Jazz Ensemble Thurs. after school until 4:00 pm. For more information contact Mr. Clark.

Gift Cards Available...

Need 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!! For more information, contact Beth Welch @ 822-9360



Meet our new School Counselor

Donna Thurman has been in the teaching profession for 18 years. She is a Nashville native and received her undergraduate degree from TTU in Secondary Education English and her masters degree from MTSU in Guidance and Counseling. She taught English and Journalism and sponsored the school newspaper in Helena, Arkansas and Fairview Middle School and Brentwood High School in Williamson County. For the past nine years, she has been a school counselor at Henry County High School and Hendersonville High School.

Important Test Dates to Remember

Sept. 12: SAT regular deadline for Oct. 14 test
Sept. 22: ACT regular deadline for Oct. 28 test
Sept. 29: SAT regular deadline for Nov. 4 test

College Night will be held at Vol State Wednesday, October 4 from 6:00-8:00 pm.

Teacher-parent Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, October 5. Also, on October 5, at 6:00 p.m. an informational meeting will be held at MHMS for parents of seniors and juniors. Topics to be discussed will include the college admission process, financial aid, and scholarships. Mr. Jason Seay from the TN Education Lottery Scholarship Program will be available to answer your questions. If you have other topics you wish discussed, please email Sue Cooper at Coopers1@k12tn.net or Donna Thurman at Thurmand1@k12tn.net.

We will soon begin seeing seniors individually to go over transcripts, senior warning procedures, and college preparation.



**Tired of staying home at night?
Want something to do?
And it is free!!!!**

Come out to Drakes Creek and cheer on our girls soccer team. The season has just begun. Take advantage of the weather before it gets too cold. Check the MHMS website for an updated schedule.

Congratulations!

Over the summer Junior Christina England was valedictorian for the Governor's School of Biomedical Engineering. She was also voted "Most Curious."

Where did Coach Bennett go?

In case you haven't heard... Miss Bennett got married over the summer. Her new name is

Coach Garcia.