



Principal's Pen

Dear Parents,

It's October and the 4th annual Country Fair and BBQ is just around the corner! The Athletic Booster Club and the PTO are working together to plan for a fantastic day. We hope to see your family on October 21st!

Parents of seniors: we meet every Monday at 11:25 in the auditorium to discuss college application deadlines, school requirements, prom ideas and graduation details. Please ask your senior about the week's meeting each Monday.

Thanks to all of you who have volunteered in classrooms or sent needed supplies. We appreciate you!

Sincerely,
Brad Schreiner



YOUR PTO \$\$\$ AT WORK

In September, the PTO purchased four new Dell computers for our new teachers, paid the registration fees for some of our teachers to attend special seminars/classes, and paid competition fees for our students to attend Science Olympiads.

We appreciate so much those who have turned in your PTO pledge forms, and your donations. Without your donations, we would not be able to provide these much needed items for our teachers and students. If you haven't turned in your donation, it's not too late! Our needs are great and we want to do so much this year for MHMS.

The grades (K-5)/(6-12) with most donations will win a GREAT prize! Also, if we reach our goal, Mrs. Schreiner has agreed to allow a celebration jean day for the entire school!



NOVEMBER PTO MEETING

Tuesday, November 14th
Fine Arts Performance
featuring MHMS K-2 students



Saturday, October 21st 10:00 - 4:00pm
Craft Vendors, Silent Auction, Games, Great Food & More!!
WONDERFUL gifts & auction items available.
Live Auction at 12:00 noon

Pre-ticket sales available through Friday, October 13.
Single meal tickets \$5 in advance or \$6 at the door
Family Pack \$28.00 includes :
BBQ or Hot Dog meals for four & 50 tickets

Country Fair Grassroots Campaign

The Annual Country Fair and BBQ is the only school-wide fundraiser this year. We need MHMS parents to help make the Country Fair a tremendous success by promoting this event.

Please download the flyer linked from the Country Fair page on the MHMS web site <http://mhm.sumnerschools.org>. Then print copies for distribution in two ways:

- ⇒ Deliver fliers in their neighborhoods. If just 100 of our 500+ MHMS families passed out 50 fliers each, we'd reach 5,000 households across Sumner County.
- ⇒ Deliver fliers to any businesses you frequent and ask them to put the flier up in a window or other noticeable place. Good locations are community bulletin boards at grocery stores and any place people have to wait...medical offices, hospital waiting rooms, car washes, etc.

Register for Family Fitness Festival

Once a year elementary students get together to walk at the Gallatin Civic Center to promote good health and exercise. This is a chance to give back to the P.E. program and compete against other Sumner County Elementary Schools. For each person at MHMS that registers \$2 of the proceeds come back to our school's program. Winners are based on attendance as a percentage of school enrollment and can win up to \$250. MHMS has earned an additional \$150 for the P.E. program by taking second place two years in a row.

Each registrant will receive a t-shirt, a gold medal, two foot tokens and your name on the wall representing your class. You do not need to attend the race to receive these items. You do need to attend to compete against the other schools. Please support our P.E. program by turning in Family Fitness Festival registration forms by October 9th. This is a fun event that takes less than two hours to participate. Any questions or to request forms see Coach Curcio.



Where: Gallatin Civic Center
When: October 14, 2006 @ 8:00 am
For: Grades K-5 and Family
Cost: \$6.00



Girl Scout Troops Forming

Girl Scouts is designed to help girls, ages 5 -17, develop lasting friendships, strengthen their values, build self esteem and prepare for their futures through activities such as:

- ◆ Daisy Girl Scouts enjoy crafts, games and learn healthy habits.
- ◆ Brownie Girl Scouts discover new talents and participate in community service.
- ◆ Junior Girl Scouts experience outdoor adventures and learn financial literacy.

Merrol Hyde is forming new troops now! If you are interested in helping lead a troop, please contact: Georgie Asbury at 451-0445 or gasbury@girlscoutsofvcv.org



Second Grade Scene

Second graders had a visit from "the Butterfly Lady", Mrs. Schaeffer, who demonstrated the life cycle of the monarch butterfly with real, live caterpillars, chrysalis, and butterflies. We even got to see the butterflies hatch. Terrific!



They also went on a field trip to Lost River Cave in Bowling Green, KY. They toured the cave, took hikes and saw a butterfly garden. While there we received many compliments on our fabulous behavior. Way to go!! By the way, do you know what a Gollywampus is? We do. Ask us!

Instrumental Music Department Pecan Sale and Veteran's Day Event

It will soon be holiday baking time, and our pecans will be in great demand for personal baking or to give as gifts. JUMBO PECANS ARE NOT AVAILABLE IN GROCERY STORES!!! The sale of Freshly Harvested Jumbo Georgia Pecan Halves and Premium Pecan Pieces in one pound bags will bring in the funds that are needed to support the 2006/07 Instrumental Music Program! At a price of \$8.95 for Halves Or \$8.75 for Pieces these pecans are a bargain! Pecans will be delivered "fresh from the trees" at the beginning of November. Reserve your Pecans NOW by e-mailing your order to bjoclark@comcast.net. Please include your name, e-mail address, telephone number, the number of pounds of pieces and/or halves you are ordering, and the total price. You pay when you receive your pecans.

The Instrumental Music Department invites you to join us in celebrating Veteran's Day Friday, Nov. 10 at 6:30 pm. in the auditorium. We will be honoring our nation's veterans, as well as those who are currently serving our country to protect and defend our freedoms! All are invited to attend this free concert as our talented musicians salute those who have been willing to sacrifice everything to protect those liberties we often take for granted.



Constitution Day Celebrated

On September 18, the student body at MHMS celebrated the nationally recognized Constitution Day. Some of the commemorative activities were: singing "God Bless America" around the flag, games and language arts activities using the Preamble and First Amendment as texts, guest speaker, Judge Dee Gay speaking on the subject of "search and seizure," essay contests announced on the subjects of freedom and citizenship, freedom wall murals created by elementary students, and members of the journalism class doing extemporaneous readings as Constitution-era characters. Participating in the promotion of Constitution Day is a prerequisite in the application of a \$2500 grant for our school. We thank the journalism class for promoting this event as their public relations unit.



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.

Girls Basketball Starts Soon

High school girls basketball conditioning will start Oct. 9th. All girls interested in playing basketball this year must have a physical before Oct. 9th. The first day of practice is Oct. 30. For more information call Coach Coley 654-1366

Motion Dance Team News

Congratulations to the MHMS Motion Dance Team for winning 3rd Place for their Home Routine at the Universal Dance Association Camp at Western Kentucky. Additional congratulations to Katharine Kolf for being selected to the Universal Dance Association All-Star Team where she will have the opportunity to perform in Paris, France.

MHMS Motion Dance Team would like to welcome our newest members: Morgan Lamberth, Raquel Pointer, Katharine Griffin, Ali Knox, and Sara McEntire.

Thanks to all those who supported the Back to School Rave!

Smile for the camera!

MHMS recently started a photography club. At the first meeting 39 students became members. The members will be divided into four groups: sports, clubs, activities, and media. Each group will take pictures at various events. The club will participate in various photo shoots and activities throughout the year.



Quiz Team Competes

On Sept. 16, the newly-formed quiz bowl team journeyed to the Ezell-Harding invitational tournament. Winning our first round as a team were members: Joey Meyer, Brandon Ryckele, Seth Hearld, Matthew McCaig, Sarah Brooks, Cassia Kisshauer, and Brionna Grubbs. The team is coached by Mrs. Watts and Mrs. MacKendree.

Counselor's Corner

PSAT — All 10th and 11th graders will take the PSAT on Oct. 18 at 8:00 am. Students should bring 2 pencils and a calculator. Cost is \$12. You may send cash or a check to MHMS.

College Night — All 10th, 11th, and 12th graders are invited to attend College Night at Vol State on Wed. Oct. 4 from 6 – 8 pm.

Jr./Sr. Parent Night — After Parent Conferences on Oct. 5 beginning at 6p.m., Jason Seay from TSAC (Lottery Scholarship) will present information on financial aid and we will discuss the application process.

Sophomores and Juniors — Governor's School applications are available in the Guidance Office. Interested 10th and 11th graders should pick up an application. Governor's School is free for those who are selected.

7th Graders — If you are interested in the Duke Talent Search program, the registration Deadline is Oct. 2 for December testing and November 1 for Jan. and Feb. testing.

Seniors — If you have not taken the ACT or SAT at all, you must take immediately. Oct. ACT – late registration until Oct. 6. Dec. ACT – registration until Nov. 3. Nov. SAT – registration until Oct. 11. All students receive one free ACT or SAT testing, see Guidance Office for free testing voucher.

Elementary Guidance Classes — Classes have begun. Look for Mrs. Thurman and Mrs. Cooper in your classroom.

5th Grade Parents — *Just Say No Club* is looking for several parent sponsors. The club will meet 1 day a month immediately after school. There is a curriculum and money for the club. Call the Guidance Office if you would be willing to help.

Parents — Check the MHMS Guidance web site for lots of good information. <http://mhm.sumnerschools.org/AcademicsGuidance>



Plan Ahead!

ABC fruit sale in Nov. Oranges, tangelos and grapefruit will be available. Contact Janie

Mark your Calendars!

The MHMS Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled for November 13 - 17 with Family night on Tuesday, November 14.

Come by the Usborne Books booth at MHMS's Country Fair and Bar-B-Q and see our great titles for all ages. The school's library will receive up to 50% of the sales in free books!

To view all of Usborne's titles, go to www.usborne-bookshop.com.

