



Merrol Hyde Magnet School

HAWK TALK



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Principal's Pen

Dear Parents -

Many exciting things are happening here at MHMS! We are all busy preparing for our school-wide coached projects on October 5 and 6. The elementary students will present their projects on October 5 and the middle and high school will show their work on October 6.

Plans are well underway for a school-wide seminar on October 7th, and then we hope to see many parents on October 8th from 1 to 7 pm for Parent/Teacher conferences.

We'll need to rest during fall break (October 9-16) after all that activity!

When we return to school on October 19th, we'll be ready for fall sports recognition night on October 20 at 6:30, and then everyone will begin gearing up for the Country Fair & BBQ on October 31. Join us for this carnival type day from 10 am to 2 pm.

- *Sincerely, Mrs. Schreiner*

COUNTRY FAIR & BBQ

Don't miss our Country Fair and BBQ! Fun for the entire family is planned for Saturday, October 31st from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. We will put away the books, push back the chairs, and transform the school into an indoor carnival! Kids of all ages will enjoy the large inflatables and playing games in the classrooms. Tournament games will be held in the upstairs gym, FBLA plans to host a haunted house, and fun activities including vendors of all kinds will be located throughout the building. And, Big Daddy D's Barbeque will be selling sandwiches and ribs!

Tickets to the Country Fair & BBQ will be sold after fall break. Funds raised will be shared between the PTO (for updating technology in the school) and the Athletic Boosters Club (to help equip the new gym), and will also be used for new lockers and library books.

School Wide Coached Projects

Below is a sampling of the exhibits and presentations that your students have researched and created.

High school science classes, in conjunction with the Marketing and Criminal Justice classes, are learning about "The Future of Food". What will the future be for the food we need to survive? These students are doing a wonderfully creative job of peering into the future of our world and innovations surrounding our nutritional requirements.

Teams of **third graders** are researching various milestones in the history of written communication. They will present their findings, along with models and examples of each innovation. From cuneiform to copy machine, from papyrus to printing press, they've got it covered!

Second grade is studying the invention of the telescope and how it has affected our knowledge of the universe. They will be learning about the solar system and Earth's place in the universe, performing a reader's theater and making their own "spy glass".

Fifth graders are learning so much about the people, events, and different technologies that were in use during the Civil War era. We went back in time to a Civil War reenactment on September 26th and 27th at historic Bledsoe Fort. Students will be doing their own reenacting of their invention's/innovation's beginnings, use, or changes. Other students will be museum curators through our Civil War time machine. Students will be dressing in period costumes to better help all visitors have an "authentic" experience in our Civil War museum.

Seventh graders and **Model UN** participants are researching and writing Resolutions on issues facing nations throughout the world. The coached project will showcase the Resolutions as the students recreate the United Nations at Merrol Hyde Magnet School. Math, with Mrs. Skeith, will play an integral part in the project by taking the masses of research and compiling it into a pie chart or graph that will help the students present their research to the Assembly. Latin, with Mr. Connor, will concentrate on the history of the assembly and the part the ancient Romans played in preparing the nations for the UN and the work that they do for all the countries of the world. The Latin students will also place appropriate Latin phrases within their speeches to lend authenticity to the production.

Vendor Booths Available

To rent a booth at the Country Fair and BBQ, please contact Mrs. Jenny Howard at jenny.howard@sumnerschools.org or 264-6543. We would love to have you participate!

MHMS 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 for Administration" forms that are available in the office. There is a blue form for prescription medication and a green form for non-prescription medication. These must be filled out before we can administer any medication.

It is absolutely against Sumner County Schools 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 for the MHMS medications policy.

Apply Now! Governor's Schools are great residential summer programs for our gifted and talented 10th and 11th graders. They offer challenging, intensive learning experiences in these disciplines: Arts, Humanities, International Studies, Engineering, Science, Prospective Teachers, Scientific Exploration, Exploration of Tennessee Heritage, Information Technology Leadership, and Agricultural Science. The deadline for the School for the Arts applications to be turned in to the Counseling Office is Monday, Oct. 19. The deadline for all other applications is Friday, Nov. 6. See <http://www.tn.gov/education/govschools> for program descriptions and the application. Call Mrs. Thurman with questions.

7th Annual IMBA Pecan Sale

What could be tastier than pecans, fresh off the trees? The sale lasts until October 23. Pecans will be delivered in time for your holiday baking, and you don't have to pay until you get the pecans in early November. They cost \$8.99/lb for halves and \$8.79/lb for pieces. All band members will be selling pecans, and each elementary classroom will also have ordering information. Prizes will be awarded to the top sellers.

String Ensemble Performs

The MHMS String Ensemble performed under the direction of Alan Clark for two engagements on Thursday, October 1. The first was with "The Big Read", chaired by Lori Kissinger, a Merrol Hyde parent, at the Hendersonville Public Library. Later that same evening, they opened for the PTO Live Auction and Dinner at Bluegrass Yacht and Country Club.

Robot Test Drive

The Robotics Club will take their robot to Mall Day for a test drive on October 10th at 10:00 a.m. at Cool Springs Galleria. All are welcome to cheer them on! They are to procure the necessary 'chemical reactants' to produce the needed 'products'. See more about the Challenge at www.bestinc.org. MHMS is in the group "Music City BEST".

MHMS Science Olympiad teams are off to a great start preparing for the high school competition in early 2010. Eighth graders can participate but cannot compete until 9th grade. Science Olympiad covers areas in life science, physical science, chemistry, electronics, structural design and scientific processes. Parents with knowledge or interest in these areas are invited to help facilitate the teams. Please contact Mrs. Lloyd or Mrs. Mitchell to volunteer or for more information. See our website at <http://sites.google.com/site/mhmsscienceolympiadclub/> for meeting times.



- * What a great start this year, with 93 official members.
- * Jimmy Paul is September's member of the month. Well done, Jimmy!
- * T-shirts are ordered and they are going to look great! Thanks to Jordan Hall for designing them!
- * Corn Maze is October 3. Meet at the school at 6 p.m. It's going to be a blast!
- * Holiday World was a great trip! 48 people traveled and enjoyed the amazing water slides and roller coasters.

If any parents are having difficulty paying for uniform clothing, there is a fund at MHMS to assist parents with clothing needs and purchases. Contact Mrs. Schreiner directly and she will help you secure the financial aid you need in a confidential manner.

Tennis, Anyone?

We still need old tennis balls and tennis rackets for our new gym! Please check your closets and garages and other storage areas for these hidden treasures and send them to Coach Curcio. They would be greatly appreciated!

Counselor's Corner

High School

Mrs. Thurman

- Juniors will visit MTSU on Monday, October 26. The fee for the school bus is \$3.00. Mrs. Thurman will be collecting money Monday, October 19 to Friday, October 23.
- All sophomores and juniors will take the PSAT on Wednesday, October 28. For sophomores, the test is for practice. For juniors, the test is for National Merit Scholarships. Please send a check for the \$13.00 fee made out to MHMS to Mrs. Thurman by Friday, October 2.
- All 10th graders will take the PLAN (pre ACT) and all 8th graders will take the Explore (8th grade ACT) on Wednesday, November 4. The State of Tennessee pays for these tests because they have a career exploration component. These tests may aid students and parents as to possible career paths.

Middle School

Mrs. Jenny Howard

- Attention 7th graders and parents – the Duke Talent Search deadline is quickly approaching. Please turn in your paperwork or register online.
- Fusion groups met and discussed the subject of cyber-bullying. Dealing with bullying requires a joint effort between students, schools, and parents.
- November 13 - Career Day for middle and high school students. Please contact Mrs. Jenny Howard to be a guest speaker.

Elementary

Mrs. Jenny Howard

- All elementary students have been learning about the importance of hand washing.
- 5th graders have been discussing the importance of friendship.
- K and 1st graders started a unit on fire safety and were excited to hear about the fireman who will be part of Career Day on November 6.
- November 6 - Career Day. Please contact Mrs. Jenny Howard to be a guest speaker.