



HAWK TALK

Welcome Back!

Principal's Pen

Dear Parents,

Welcome Back! We're so glad to get started with the 2012-2013 school year!

As soon as the School Board makes a decision about how the eight days will be made up, we will communicate that to you. Because of the delay, many of the events that were scheduled for the first two weeks of school will need to be rescheduled. Please bear with us as we find new dates for these activities. The online calendar will be the main source of communication between home and school. The online calendar can be accessed from our website. It is the "lifeline" for parents, teachers, and students as we all try to coordinate our schedules. If you notice an error, please email me or our webmaster, Penney Gilliland. Our goal is to be current and up to date with our online calendar to help all MHMS families stay organized!

Thanks, in advance, for reading and signing all the paperwork that comes home at the beginning of every school year. A few things are going paperless such as the "Important Policies for Parents and Students." This booklet can be accessed online at www.sumnerschools.org, however, if computer access is difficult for you, please request a hard copy. We do have a few booklets here at the school. We look forward to a great school year!

Sincerely,

Brad Schreiner

Upcoming Events

- College Night and Senior Guidance Meetings
Dates TBD
- The Thomas Tours class trip meetings have been scheduled for August 21st, beginning at 5:30. Please check the school's online calendar for the exact times and locations for each grade level.
- ChickFila Spirit Night August 28th 5-8
- Consignment Sale Aug 28-31
- Conference day was Tuesday, Sept. 4 (the day following Labor Day). **THIS IS NOW A REGULAR DAY OF INSTRUCTION**
- Middle School Dance - Sept. 7.
- Sept General Membership PTO Meeting -
Date TBD
- Dinner/Auction October 4

Mobile App for Merrol Hyde

Are you needing access to the calendar of events, cafeteria calendar, sports calendar, contact information and much more school information while using a mobile device? If you would use a mobile app please vote for it by sending a quick email to say, Yes... I could use an app designed for Merrol Hyde. Send an email to PTOMHMS@gmail.com or simply scan the QR code and an email will be created.



MHMS Dinner Auction: Oct. 4 @ Bluegrass Country Club

Save the date for our annual fundraising dinner and auction. We are currently accepting donations for the auction. If you or a place of business you work with would like to donate an item to help raise much-needed funds for our school please drop it off in the school office. There will be donation forms to fill out to the right of the office door. Popular items include: sports event tickets, symphony tickets, vacation units, restaurant gift cards, hotel stays, massage and hair cut gift cards, birthday party packages, etc. Please email renefields@hotmail.com with any questions.

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Welcome New Teachers

MHMS would like to welcome five new teachers! Andrea Morgan is replacing Stephanie Lynch in first grade. Andrea comes to us from Walton Ferry Elementary and has a son at MHMS. Becky Panknin is replacing Beth Philemon, teaching vocal music in the middle and high school grades. Mary Ann Watson is our new third grade teacher. Mrs. Watson is coming to us after being an instructional coach. Kathy Lehman is returning to MHMS after three years in retirement. She is teaching part time elementary music and will float from classroom to classroom. Kathy Breeding is replacing Raz Molotiu. She is teaching high school history and economics. Her son Zane graduated from MHMS last year. These new teachers are off to a great start and looking forward to a wonderful year at MHMS.



Box Tops

Welcome back to school! I'm thrilled to be the Box Tops for Education® Coordinator for Merrol Hyde. Box Tops is such an easy way for parents to get involved in their child's education. Just by purchasing Box Tops products, clipping the coupons and sending them into school, we earn cash that can be used to buy anything we need. You can find Box Tops on thousands of your favorite products.

Last year we earned \$1300 (THANK YOU) and used

PTO Membership Fees

As most of you are aware, the primary source of funding for the PTO's almost \$80,000 annual budget comes from family donations. We are not collecting separate membership dues. Your donation includes your membership in the PTO.

Traditionally, MHMS students are not asked to sell wrapping paper, candy or other merchandise to raise funds for the PTO. Instead, each family is asked to contribute \$100 per child annually. If you paid all or part of your donation at registration, we thank you! If you did not, it's not too late. You may send in all or part of your donation with your child. Make checks payable to MHMS PTO, and please include your child's name, grade and teacher. Just mark the envelope "PTO Donation," and send it to the office via your child's teacher. The PTO budget will be voted on at the first general membership meeting. It will be available for review on the website as soon as it is set.

Thank you for continuing to support our wonderful school.

part of the cash to purchase maps for Mrs. Howards classroom. This year our goal is \$ 1560. To learn more and track our school's progress, register at [BoxTops4Education.com\(BTFE.com\)](http://BoxTops4Education.com(BTFE.com)). Also, continue sending in Labels For Education and Tyson Labels.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at ddy2408@comcast.net I'm here to make our school's Box Tops program a huge success!

Melissa McAndrew, your Box Tops Coordinator.

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Spirit Night: ChickFila

We will be having MHMS SPIRIT NIGHT at Chick-fil-a on **Tuesday, August 28 from 5pm -8pm**. MHMS will receive 10% of all the sales during those hours on that day. People may dine-in or use the drive-thru to support our school during that time.
