



HAWK TALK

Principal's Pen

Dear parents,
I hope you are enjoying this early and unusually warm spring! As the flowers bloom and the pollen count rises, the students and teachers at MHMS prepare for testing!

Since spring break, the juniors have taken the ACT, the Latin and Spanish students have taken their national foreign language exams, and now our second through eighth graders are preparing for TCAP (April 23-27). Please try to make sure students are present and prompt on those days and that early morning dentist appointments are also not on those days.

Thanks to the group from First Baptist Church in Hendersonville for "sprucing" up our building on April 1st. They painted, cleaned, weeded, and mulched on Sunday afternoon and we appreciate their help as we try to maintain our campus!

There will be no school April 6th and 9th due to Easter break. Please enjoy that time with your family.

Sincerely,
Brad Schreiner

■ Important Dates

April 6-9 - Easter Break

April 19 - Choral Concert

April 21 - Annual Hawk Walk and Run

April 23-27 - TCAP
2nd - 8th grades

April 26-27 - Uniform Consignment Sale

May 10th - Elementary Field Day



War of the Wings

Thanks to everyone who came to the 4th annual War of the Wings to support MHMS FBLA!

The winners were: Centerpoint BBQ for the restaurant division and Kevin Kelly for the individual division.

The FBLA club will be traveling to Chattanooga for their State Conference April 15 at 3:00 pm and returning at 3:00 pm on April 18. Study sessions for State competition will be held on April 4 and April 11 from 3:00 to 4:30. Students going to the State Conference must attend one of these sessions.

Field Day

- Elementary Field Day
- Thursday, May 10th
- Friday, May 11th (Rain Day)

- Each classroom will be responsible for a Station. If you already know you are willing to help out that day please contact Coach Curcio, at terri.curcio@sumner-schools.org
- Your classroom teacher or room mom will be sending out more info soon.



Choral Concert

- The Choral Department is excited to present the first concert of combined elementary, middle, and high school voices! Everyone is invited to attend the Thursday evening performance at 7pm on April 19 in the auditorium. MHMS students have the opportunity to attend during the daytime performances that week. This concert will feature the TREBLE-MAKERS, Middle School Chorus-es, High School Festival Chorus, Show Choir, and CANTANDO.

Hawk Walk and Run

- Join us Saturday, April 21st for the 5th Annual 5K. Start time is 8:00 am with the Sqwauk Walk and one mile Fun Run starting at 9:00 am. For more information go to www.hawkwalkandrun.com

Middle and High School Yearbooks on Sale now

Parents, be sure to order your child's yearbook by April 30. Place your orders at www.jostens.com (search for MHMS), or Mondays/Tuesdays at lunch, or with Mrs. Williamson. Yearbooks are \$65 (extra for personalization), and checks should be made payable to Jostens.

We always have a long waiting list in the fall and only a few extra yearbooks, so don't forget to order now.

The yearbook staff has been working consistently and diligently to sell ads to keep the price of the yearbook affordable. However, due to the current economy, local businesses are not buying ads.

We need your help! If you own a business and would like to purchase an ad to go in our yearbook, please email our yearbook staff at mhms.yearbook@gmail.com.

The prices are as follows:

Business card size: \$70	1/4 page: \$100
1/2 page: \$150	Full page: \$250
Dawn Williamson	

Geography Bee Finalist

MHMS seventh grader Alex Copley finished fourth in the state at the National Geographic Bee last week! One hundred semi-finalists, who themselves were all school champions and top scorers on a written geography test, competed at Nashville's Fisk University on March 30. Alex had a perfect score in Friday's preliminary rounds, automatically making him one of the top ten finalists. To finish in fourth place, he then beat out several more experienced competitors, despite this having only been Alex's first time participating in the Bee! We are incredibly proud of his accomplishment. For others who are interested, the National Geographic Bee is open to all students in grades 4-8, and tests students' general knowledge of geography. School-level competitions for next year will begin in November.

Speech and Drama

The Merrol Hyde Magnet School speech team took home top awards at the Tennessee High School Speech and Drama League District Two Tournament March 24th.

Four MHMS students claimed first place trophies -- the most of any school in the district. 19 MHMS students were finalists -- a new school record. Of the 19 finalists, 11 have qualified for the state competition - another MHMS record.

District Champions were: Mary Welch, Original Oratory; Tanner Cole, After Dinner Speaking; Tori Thiessen, Prose; and Regan Manayan, Extemporaneous Speaking.

15 other MHMS students claimed awards including: Denise Buliga, 2nd place, Original Oratory; Josh Lassiter, 2nd place, Pantomime; Kaitlin Carter, 2nd place, Storytelling; Holland Curtis, 3rd place, Solo Acting; Shelbi Bertsch/Kyra Manayan, 3rd place, Duo Acting; Alex Brewer, 3rd place, Impromptu Speaking; Rose Daugherty, 4th place, Solo Acting; Siddhant Thukral, 4th place Impromptu Speaking; Connor Cutright, 5th place, After Dinner Speaking; Toni Hamilton, 5th place, Storytelling; Kathleen Marsh/Emma Piliponis, 5th place, Duo Acting; Tucker Cowden, 6th place, Original Oratory; Savannah Hall, 6th place, Poetry; Tanner Marion, 6th place, Pantomime; Matt Riddle, 6th place, TV Broadcasting.

The team earned an overall 2nd place finish.

The MHMS Speech team is coached by theatre teacher, Courtney Spears.

Uniform Consignment Sale

Drop off April 25th

Sale Dates April 26th 7-10 am, 1-3:30 pm

April 27 - 8am to 12 pm

April 30th - Pick-up

Watch for details

Parent Portal

- Please remember to access Parent Portal to check your student's grades from time to time.
- Our school website, <http://mhm.sumnerschools.org> has a direct link from the home page on the right or from the Parents Page.
- Alternately go to <http://www.sumnerschools.org/images/stories/students-and-families/parent-portal-directions-v01-20110907.pdf> for directions or to the county site to look up your Parent Portal login information, http://www.sumnerschools.org/index.php?option=com_wrapper&view=wrapper&Itemid=406