



HAWK TALK

Principal's Pen

This school year continues to fly by. Halloween is behind us and soon we will be enjoying Thanksgiving and looking forward to our winter break. I am truly enjoying getting to know the students as we move along in the school year. The effort and enthusiasm they show each day makes it easy for me to come to work in the mornings.

Last Saturday was Fall Fest, the biggest fundraiser of the year for our PTO. If you were unable to attend, you missed a lot - games, food, silent auction, dodgeball tournament, alumni basketball game, and much, much more! I would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to all those involved and especially to Kim Ponce for heading up the event this year. The PTO makes it possible for us to do things at Merrol Hyde that other schools cannot do by contributing time, money, and resources to support us. We cannot say thank you enough!

As always, thank you for all you do!
Todd Stinson



Shop with Scrip

With Christmas just around the corner . . .shopwithscrip.com! Good for stocking stuffers, teacher's gifts and that hard to buy for person. Now until Dec. 15th, with each order you place, your child's name will be entered into a drawing for \$100! Drawing will be held on Dec. 19th. Order forms with an abbreviated list of retailers are available in the office and a full list of retailers are available through shopwithscrip.com! Turn in your order with your check on Monday and receive your gift cards on Friday. Questions contact Jayne Head 589-3447.

Upcoming Events

- Nov 10-14 Elementary Book Fair
- Nov 11 Book Fair Family Night
- Nov 11 Veterans Day Concert 6:30pm
- Nov 11-12 Connect Lunch
- Nov 14 Thanksgiving Lunch
- Nov 14 Progress Reports
- Nov 14 Middle School Dance
- Nov 20 School Tour 9am
- Nov 21st Robotics Parents Night Out
- Nov 26-28 Thanksgiving Break

Applications

We are currently accepting applications for the 2015-2016 school year.

Applications are available at the school office and a printable version is on the school website. Completed applications must be turned in to the school office by 3pm on Wednesday, January 7, 2015.

School Messenger

Parents: If you are not receiving School Messenger emails, please check with your spouse to see if they are receiving them. Since the county now provides this service for all Sumner County Schools, they have changed the way the emails are put into our system. We are hoping that IT gets this issue resolved soon. If you would like to be added manually please email windy.robinson@sumnerschools.org with your student's name and your email address. We will manually enter your address into the system.

Instrumental Music

The Instrumental Music Department is proud to present its annual Veterans Day Concert Tuesday, November 11, at 6:30 pm in the MHMS auditorium. We invite you to attend this free concert as a way to honor those who have served to ensure our freedoms remain intact, and the patriotic program will inspire you to remember that it really is okay to claim that our country is still the land of the free and the home of the brave, because of the brave.

Please join us for this presentation, and invite someone you know who is a veteran. A portion of the program is dedicated to acknowledge those who served in one of the branches of our armed forces.

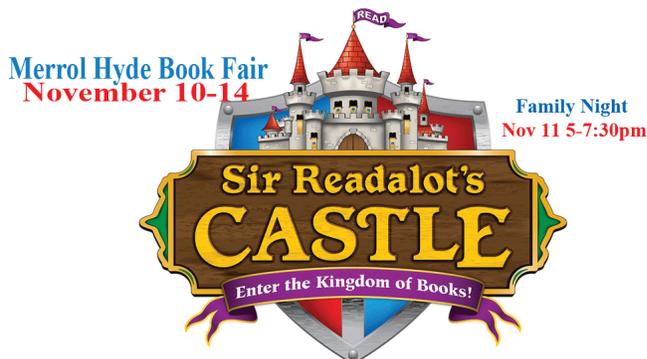
Next month, our annual Christmas Concert will be held Thursday, December 4. This concert also begins at 6:30 pm, and features all the instrumental performing groups. Join us to celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season; you'll leave feeling ready to welcome the snow and celebrate the real reason for the season. This free concert also serves as a chance to help those children who are less fortunate; we ask that each family attending bring one new, unwrapped toy to donate to a local charity. This program has provided many children with presents for Christmas, many of whom would have no other joy for the Christmas season.

You will be amazed at what these talented students can do when they all work together!

Robotics Parents Night Out

The MHMS Robotics Team will be having a Parents Night Out fundraiser, from 6-10 pm in the MHMS Cafeteria. The remaining date is November 21. The price for one child is \$15. Each additional child is \$10. Please make checks payable to MHMS Robotics. To register, please e-mail Mike Marsh at mike.marsh@sumnerschools.org, and list your child's name, age, and any allergies. Registration is open until 3:00 pm the day of the Parents Night Out. While walk-ins are welcome (at no extra charge), we kindly request that you register in advance so we have an estimate of how many children will be attending. Light snacks and fun activities will be provided.

Parents night out on November 21st will offer an optional Lego Robotics Class (for an additional \$15) to the first sixteen 6-10 year old students. To register for the robotics class, email Leslie Heinrich at leslieheinrich1@gmail.com.



Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings to school the books kids want to read. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair in both libraries and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

- Book Fair dates:** November 10 – November 14
- Shopping hours:** 7:45 AM– 3:00 PM Daily
- Special activities:** Family Night Tuesday, Nov. 11 5:00 – 7:30 Both Libraries!
- Grand Thanksgiving Luncheon, Friday, November 14** (see classroom teacher for special lunch schedule)

Before you visit the Book Fair, be sure to download the Book Fairs app to help you find the right books for your child. For more information, visit: scholastic.com/apps/bookfairs.

And if you are unable to attend the Fair in person, we invite you to visit our online Book Fair at <http://online-bookfairs.scholastic.com/default.aspx?f=3340826>. Our online Fair is available from November 3 – November 21, 2014

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school.