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## Plan Ahead

BY ALEXIS YEARWOOD  
MHHS 10TH GRADE



### Fall into planning Halloween costumes early

Summer is drawing to an end and with it all the sun, swimming, and summer fun. But don't fret: with summer's end comes fall's beginning. Fall is the beginning of brown and gold leaves falling from the trees, feasts to fill our bellies to the brim, and candy to give to children dressed in costumes. Yes, that's right; Halloween is a month away. It's almost time to go door to door shouting happily, "Trick or treat!"

However, what if you can't afford a Halloween costume? Are you struggling to make a decision on what to wear? Here are some tips and ideas for two special Halloween costumes that both boys and girls will enjoy.

**1. ZOMBIE:** This costume is fun, popular, and easy to put together. First, get some old or used clothes. It's best if they're used because you will be ripping and painting them. Grab a pair of scissors and cut the bottom off of a shirt collar, sleeves, and hem of the shirt. This makes the shirt look rough and unorganized as a zombie should look. Randomly cut or rip some holes in the fabric but make sure they're not too big! Do the same to the bottom hems of the pants or dress. Next, take green, brown, red, and any other color paint and splatter it onto the fabric of the shirt and pants or dress. Make sure you don't get too much of an unnatural color such as blue, pink, or orange on the fabrics, because this will look strange. Next, you need to get a multi-color makeup palette. This you can usually find at Wal-Mart or other stores in the aisle dedicated to Halloween.

Take brown and white eye shadow and lightly smudge all over your exposed skin. This includes your face, arms, and legs. Don't get too much in the same area. Then take the green and smudge it on your elbows and knees, if they're exposed. This will make it look like you've fallen in the grass many times chasing people. You can add scars by buying crafting putty and shaping it into the scar shape you want.

Then take red from the makeup palette and cover the inside of the scar followed by adding black shadow and lightly touch it to the fake scar's edges. Darken your eyes with black eye shadow. You can get fake blood and cover your face and clothes with it. Finally, take your hair and tease it if it's long or get some hair gel and mess it up if it's short. And ta-da! Your zombie costume is complete!

**2. Pirate:** This is a fun costume that can be thrown together with little time and money. Grab a frilly white shirt. It's ideal to have ruffles and belled sleeves, to make the style most often seen with pirates. If you don't have a frilly white shirt, you can probably find one at Salvation Army for a good price.

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Top Left: It's all thumbs up for Kindergartener **Kenneth Looney**, age 5. Bottom Left: Kindergarten students **Makenna Miller**, age 6; **Sophia Gigliotti**, age 6; **McKenzie Kelley**, age 6; and **Trinity Padgett**, age 6, hoop it up at the beginning of school. Right: Kindergartener **James Deitenbeck** commemorates the very first day of his academic career.

## MH Kindergarten welcomes first-time students

BY LEILA NELSON, MHHS 11TH GRADE

"I have been waiting for Kindergarten my whole life!" said Elizabeth Baker, an upcoming student in Mrs. Kery Goettler's class.

Mountain Home Kindergarten opened its doors to 277 eager young students such as Baker on August 18. However, the students weren't the only ones who are excited for school--

their teachers were as well.

"Everything we do here in the beginning is important because we're setting the standard for the entire year," Mrs. Lisa Henderson, a teacher at MHK, said.

Some fun activities planned this year for the budding new minds include singing Peanut Butter in a Cup

for their music class, investigating why Humpty could not be put back together again by dropping real eggs, and seeing how many balloons a student can keep in the air during P.E.

Another chance to start the year off right was for students to work with their families and create an "All About Me" poster. Pictures of themselves and their families, their pets, and some

of their favorite things composed the posters. Students take pride in the first few weeks when their posters are displayed openly in the hallway.

In response to Baker's comment about waiting her whole life for Kindergarten, MHK teacher Mrs. Darrah Pitchford responded, "And why wouldn't you? Kindergarten rocks!"



PHOTO: KAYLA LEHMAN

Sophomores combine forces in Advisory teams on Academy Kick-Off Day to demonstrate their skills. **Mr. Bradford Young's** Advisory students won all sections of the Tug of War on Kick-Off Day. Young said his Advisory did a victory lap with their trophy and also won a pizza party and a bag of candy.

## MHHS Career Academies kick off new school year

BY IZZY ALVAREZ, MHHS 11TH GRADE

Academy Kick-off Day on Friday, September 4th was a huge hit at the Mountain Home High School Career Academies.

"This Academy Kick-off was the best one in the 15 years we've been doing it!" Mrs. Brigitte Shipman, MHHS Academies Coordinator, said.

Academy Kick-off Day is a day set aside to welcome the students to a new year at school. It also included a pep rally in the newly air-conditioned gym for the first football game of the year. To make Kick-off Day possible, the school day is shortened and class-

es are about 45 minutes long.

"I thought it was well planned and enjoyable," Adam Fowler, an MHHS junior, said.

According to Mrs. Shipman, putting together Academy Kick-off Day was a hassle but, with the satisfying outcome this year, it was well worth it!

"There were some challenges but as it turns out, we made it work!" Mrs. Shipman said.

Kick-off Day began in 2003 to celebrate the new career academy concept at the MHHS charter school through project-based learning. Stu-

dents are assigned a Kick-off theme for the whole year and then at Academy Celebration Day (in the Spring) students review the entire year.

"A lot of schools do all kinds of programs and never come together to celebrate so that's the purpose of Academy Kick-off and Celebration Day!" Mrs. Shipman said.

"We found that students really like to be together so three academies/one school really make a nice fit," Mrs. Shipman said. Academy Kick-off Day is planned by the academy leaders: Mrs. Alecia Czanstkowski, Health and

Human Services Academy (HHS); Mr. Tom Chentnik, Communications, Arts and Business Academy (CAB); and Mr. Del Leonard, Agriculture Construction, Manufacturing Engineering Academy (ACME). The day is also planned by Mrs. Shipman, Mrs. Dana Brown (MHHS principal) and the academy representatives made up of students from each academy.

"I saw every kid engaged. I think it helped kids want to stay; I didn't want to check out!" Mrs. Shipman said.



# MHEF honors new Hall of Honor Inductees at Night of Honors

BY LAUREN MALTE, MHHS 10TH GRADE

The Mountain Home Education Foundation (Foundation) is pleased to announce the Hall of Honor Inductees. The Foundation will be hosting its 12th annual Night of Honors on Thursday, October 15, 2015. Mountain Home Alumni to be inducted into the Hall of Honor will be Dr. James McGuire (1952) and Jeffrey Koenig (1969). Faculty being honored includes Anita King, former MHPS Kindergarten teacher. Jane Ritter will

receive the Earnest Perry Award.

"The MHEF (Mountain Home Education Foundation) showcases the work of former teachers for their outstanding volunteerism," Mollie Morgan, Executive Director, said.

The Community Partnership Award will be given to local attorney Ted Sanders, Partner at Johnson, Sanders, & Morgan. Donel Joe Dobbs (1966) will be awarded the MHEF Fallen Soldier Award. These inductees will be

honored during the Night of Honors held at the Vada Sheid Center located on the campus of ASUMH. Reservations may be made by contacting the Foundation office, KTLO or Mountain Home Public School Administrative Office.

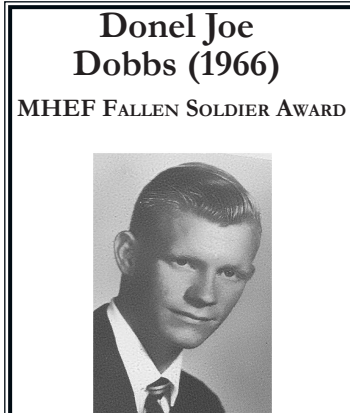
"We nominated these individuals. It is a form of validation," she said.

The Mountain Home Education Foundation has a mission to honor former Mountain Home District

alumni, faculty, support staff and community partners for their outstanding service to the Mountain Home Public Schools and community.

The Foundation has given over \$600,000 to Mountain Home students in scholarships awards and over \$250,000 to teachers through teacher grants over the past decade.

"It shows what a great group of people Mountain Home has," Mrs. Morgan said. "I do get impressed with what students achieve."



Donel Joe Dobbs (1966) MHEF FALLEN SOLDIER AWARD



**Ted Sanders** is a partner in the law firm of Johnson, Sanders & Morgan. He has practiced law in Mountain Home for more than 40 years and has long been a leader in education, health services and business in the Twin Lakes Area.

He was born in Marshall, Arkansas, in 1943 and is a 1961 graduate of Marshall High School. He received a B.S. degree in business administration (accounting) in 1965 from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, followed by a Juris Doctor in 1968.

Ted was admitted to the Arkansas Bar in 1969. He began working for the Arkansas Securities Division, State Bank Department, and then as a trust officer for First National Bank in Little Rock prior to moving to Mountain Home to practice law.

Sanders served as Special Chief Justice to the Arkansas Supreme Court in 1993 and Special Justice to the Court in 1999.

He is a member of the Arkansas Bar Assn., served as a member of the House of Delegates from 2001 to 2003 and is a former president of the Baxter County Bar Association.

Sanders has served on the Mountain Home School Board and also was the attorney for the school board for over 20 years.

He was a founding member of the Mountain Home Education Foundation and has been a board member since its beginning in 2002.

He has served on the Advisory Board of Arkansas State University, Mountain Home.

In addition to the above, he has been a member of the Baxter Regional Medical Center Board of Directors since 2009 and was chairman of the board from 2012 to 2014. He has served on the Board of Directors of Integrity First Bank of Mountain Home since 1992.

He and his wife, Nancy, have three children: Brandi Joplin, Clay Sanders and Jarret Sanders.



**Anita Collie King** retired in 2014 after teaching for 33 years, all of them in Mountain Home. She has been an innovative leader in the public schools since her first years on the job.

"I was blessed to have a job that was also my passion, and to have taught and loved approximately 660 children. Many of them have gone on to work as doctors, journalists, architects, engineers, lawyers, teachers, and so much more," Anita wrote in helping us prepare her story.

King was born in Stillwater, Oklahoma, in 1950. She earned a B.S.E. degree in early childhood/elementary education from Arkansas State University, Jonesboro.

King has served as co-chair of the Committee on Education, chair of COE Monitoring and Assessment, Smart Start Facilitator and Arkansas Comprehensive School Improvement Plan Literacy chair in Mountain Home. She supervised many student interns over the years and followed them as they pursued their own careers.

In 1999, she was nominated for Disney Teacher of the Year by a parent of a former student. In 2006/07, she was named MH Teacher of the Year, and in 2007, she was among 10 finalists for Arkansas Teacher of the Year. "I shared that honor with, and because of, the teachers and my principal, Dr. Leigh Anne Gigliotti, at Mountain Home Kindergarten," she said. "They were, and are, a special part of my life, both personally and professionally."

For 38 years, she has played organ and piano at First Baptist Church of Mountain Home and has also served as Preschool Choir Director.

She was married to the late Jim King and has two children, Kristi King Seawright and Richard King.

Since retiring, King has volunteered for her daughter, Kristi, who teaches first grade at Nelson-Wilks-Herron Elementary in Mountain Home.



**Jeff Koenig** is the past president and CEO of Upchurch Electrical Supply, with locations in Fayetteville, Fort Smith and Rogers. He has been deeply involved in Fayetteville public schools for three decades and a leader in a wide range of civic affairs in Northwest Arkansas.

He was born in Denver in 1951 and is a member of the Mountain Home High School Class of 1969. He earned a B.S. degree in electrical engineering in 1974 from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, and was inducted into its Academy of Electrical Engineering in 1994. He was named a College of Engineering Distinguished Alumni in 2013.

During his 27 years at Upchurch, it became a premier distributor of industrial automation hardware and software. Upchurch received the Fayetteville Public Education Foundation Award of Excellence in 2005.

Koenig was a member of the Fayetteville Board of Education from 1991 to 1995, serving as president from 1993 to 1995. As president, he was actively involved in major construction projects, including the millage campaign to build Holt and McNair Middle Schools. He co-chaired the millage campaign for technology in the schools. He chaired another millage campaign in 2012 that funded construction of the new Fayetteville High School. Koenig was inducted into the Fayetteville Public Education Foundation's Hall of Honor in 2007 and is a past president of the Fayetteville Public Education Foundation.

He is a past president and board member of the Fayetteville Boys and Girls Club. He is a member of the Northwest Arkansas Council. He is a past board member of the Northwest Arkansas Tourism Assn.

Koenig is married to Sara Vinzant Koenig. They have three children, Amy Limp, David Koenig and Carol Acree.



**Jane Ritter** first saw Mountain Home in 1952. She was three years old, and her family had driven from Streator, Illinois, to witness President Harry S. Truman dedicating Bull Shoals and Norfolk Dams. "My parents never dreamed," Jane recalled, "that my family and I would move here and make this our home 22 years later."

In 1983, Ritter began working as a substitute teacher and later became a paraprofessional. She spent 29 years in the Mountain Home Public Schools, 24 of them working full-time with special needs students. She retired in 2012.

Over the years, Ritter was a key part of the special education program as it grew and succeeded. She has joyful memories of helping to implement two programs, in particular.

"I traveled to a school in Rogers to observe their Peer Buddy program. It was so impressive that we incorporated it into all of our self-contained classrooms. Regular ed teachers assigned several of their students to come to our classroom and pick up one of our children and take them to lunch, P.E., Art or Music. It was a very successful program and I loved how the regular ed students really got to know and understand our students.

"Watching our kids grow and learn has been so rewarding. I had one special boy I will always remember, who was able to go back into the regular ed classroom. I feel that all children deserve a chance, but most of all I have always wanted our special needs students to be as independent as possible."

Ritter also volunteered outside the classroom. She and her husband, Larry, were Band Boosters for many years. She worked with the Special Olympics for several years. She and her husband have three children, Stefanie, Brent and Kent Ritter.



**James Marcus (Jim) McGuire** is retired from university teaching, research, outreach and administration and lives in Springdale.

He graduated from MHHS in 1952. He was a charter member of the MHHS FFA chapter, a member of the parliamentary procedure team and competed in public speaking contests.

McGuire has degrees in agriculture from Arkansas Tech and the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, and a Ph.D. in plant pathology from North Carolina State University. He was commissioned through Army ROTC at the U of A and served 33 years on active duty and in the Army Reserve, where he attained the rank of colonel.

He taught more than 1,000 undergraduate and graduate students in plant pathology courses. He advised several graduate students; the thesis research of all of those students was published in scientific journals. He conducted research on the transmission of plant viruses and helped growers understand how to control the diseases they caused.

McGuire was head of the Dept of Plant Pathology and Weed Science at Mississippi State University from 1984 to 1993. Under his leadership, the faculty revised programs for undergraduate students and increased grant production to support research.

He was Dean of the College of Agriculture at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, from 1993 to 1999. He was part of a statewide group that established the Council on Food and Agriculture Research to support agriculture in Illinois. He received letters of commendation from the CFAR president and the governor of Ill. for his work.

He and his wife, Betty, had 8 children. Jim's children are Marc, Cherie Brandt, Cathy Hamilton and Michele McGuire; and Betty's children, Tom and Dennis Stephens, Kathleen Fancher and the late Gary Stephens.

# From a student's perspective New superintendent makes good impression

BY CHRISTINA BROWN, MHHS, 12TH GRADE

For those of you who don't know, Mountain Home School District has a new superintendent. His name is Jake Long, better known to us as Dr. Long. My first impression of him was that he was friendly and he was very easy to approach. It was a bit intimidating at first to think I would be talking with him but my conversation with him went smoothly because of his open attitude.

I first learned that he created a "100 Day Program" that began on his first day in July. His 100 Day Program involves his goal of getting to know the district in order to understand the way it has been working before his arrival. He wants to become familiar with the current way the district runs before he starts to suggest making any changes.

Dr. Long always wants to keep our district moving forward in the areas of academics, extracurricular programs, and college and career readiness.

"It (the district) has to be centered around students," Dr. Long said. "The main focus is improving the educational experience for kids."

On any given day around campus, one of us might see Dr. Long at our school possibly serving lunch or chatting with a student. This creates a comfort zone between the students and Dr. Long because of his willingness to interact. Students could freely start a conversation with him while walking down the hallway, for instance. I think he can talk easily to students because he is comfortable with our type of lifestyle. He said that this area (Baxter County) has

really hit home with him because he was raised on a farm. Living in this type of agricultural area has been his family's lifestyle. "I enjoy the students who come up to me whether it's an interview, or to buy something from a fundraiser," Dr. Long said. "I'm glad that students are comfortable enough to come up to me and just visit. All of our professions exist because of the students."

According to the superintendent, some of his ideas for the future include ensuring that the appropriate technology is being used in the schools as well as providing students with a digital-learning type environment. He not only wants to provide a constant working and learning environment but he also

wants to make sure everything needed is in hand for students and staff.

Dr. Long is so involved with our district and students that he even has a Twitter account that everyone can follow. Go to: @Dr\_JakeLong to check out the interesting things happening at school or, closer to winter, the possible snow days that might be ahead.

From my observation, it's clear that we are all interested in getting to know Dr. Long better and we are all looking forward to the upcoming years with him as our superintendent and our friend. Who knows? He may even Tweet you back...!



Left: Mountain Home School District's new superintendent, Dr. Jake Long, discusses the details of his 100 Day Program with MHHS senior and newspaper co-editor Christina Brown. Dr. Long's presence on all MH campuses was evident throughout the last two months..



# Mum's the Word!

## Fall Mum Sale helps fund Guy Berry greenhouse



PHOTO: ASHLEY RICHARDSON, GBCCA

Science teacher Kyle Tardiff instructs freshman Kourtney Chambers and senior Andre Munson in proper planting techniques while working in the Guy Berry greenhouse. The Guy Berry College and Career Center Fall Mum Sale is currently underway.

BY JOEY REED AND MAYGUN MCFARLAND GBCCA 12TH GRADE

Students and staff of Guy Berry College and Career Academy will once again be selling chrysanthemums in order to raise money for the school greenhouse. Guy Berry science teacher and fundraiser sponsor Kyle Tardiff says the Fall Mum Sale generates much needed revenue for the campus. "We use the money not only to operate the greenhouse, but also to beautify the courtyard and to fund other groundskeeping projects," he said. "It's also a great way for the students to experience science in a hands-on environment by cultivating various crops throughout the year."

According to Guy Berry principal Jeff Kincade, the idea came about as a way to give students the opportunity to experience firsthand the real-world applications of both science and business.

"[Former science teacher] David Martin started the program in 2012 as

a way for the students to raise money for a number of projects," he said.

"The idea was to use that money so that our students could eventually learn to grow their own crops."

Chrysanthemums, or mums, as they are often called, originated in Asia but began to be grown commercially in the U.S. in the late 1800s. The flowers come in a variety of colors including white, yellow, red, purple, gold and even tri-color. They are popular not only because of their beauty but because of their durability and punctuality.

"Mums bloom right on schedule, every fall," Mr. Tardiff said. "Because of that, you see them all over town — in businesses, at churches, and in schools. It's no wonder people call them the 'queen of fall flowers.'"

For junior Cheyenne Fulton, the Fall Mum Sale is one of the highlights

of her school year.

"We all get to leave school to deliver the flowers to local businesses and see how these businesses run," she said. "It's a really fun way to earn money for the school."

The Guy Berry Fall Mum Sale is currently accepting orders for mums in all colors. The cost for a 12" pot containing three plants is \$15. Delivery will take place the week of Sep 28. Call 870-425-1261 to place an order or for any questions.

"My hope is that as we continue to sell these mums to raise money, the greenhouse will eventually be self-sufficient," Tardiff said. "The ultimate goal is to have a greenhouse and courtyard that not only is the pride of the district but also showcases the potential of our students when given the opportunity."

## Pinkston paves positive road through construction challenges

BY LAUREN DEWEY AND SOPHIE QUICK, PINKSTON 7TH GRADE

Pinkston Middle School's students, their parents and/or guardians, and the faculty and staff have been very patient in the mornings and afternoons with the road construction taking place on College Street in front of the school. While traveling down the street may take more time and extra precautions, there are many positive things that this road construction will bring to the community once it is completed. For example, there will be a new turning lane to help the flow of drop off and pick

up traffic at Pinkston. "When it is done, it will relieve traffic and the stress of transportation to and from Pinkston," Zoee Clifton, a seventh grade student at Pinkston, said.

The construction crew has been very easy to work with and very cooperative for those at Pinkston. They have collaborated with Pinkston Principal Allyson Dewey and together they decided not to have construction taking place on the road during drop off and pick-up times to save congestion of

cars and so it is more accessible to go to and from the school.

The construction stops from 7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m. every school day for drop off of students and again from 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. for pick-up of student. Mr. Brent Bogoy, Director of Mountain Home Public School Transportation, said,

"They have created a new lane, they have moved the cones and signs over, and the entrance to the bus barn has been paved," Mr. Brent Bogoy, Director of Mountain Home Public School Transportation, said.

By paving the bus barn entrance, they have made it more accessible for buses to come in and out. Also, the construction crew has made progress by being able to move the cones over for a safer way to drive on the road.

"When the road construction is complete, it will make traffic easier, and things will go smoother," Mrs. Melissa Czeschin, Pinkston's Librarian, said.

Overall, the road construction may seem like an inconvenience to some; however, the benefits that are received from it being done in the future will greatly outweigh any inconveniences experienced today.

Therefore, those at Pinkston would like to extend their gratitude and thank everyone affected by the construction for the extra patience and cooperation as people together to build a greater and safer community.



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Next, you'll need a corset belt. If you don't have one on hand, don't worry! It will be easy to make. Just grab a long and wide strip of dark material, a measuring tape, some scissors, and some thin ribbon. Take the measuring tape and measure around your waist. Keep the tape tight; this will help later to make the costume look more authentic. Next, you need to mark, measure out, and cut the material so that it fits your waist.

Finally, cut the piece of material down the middle. Take the material and cut holes on both sides of the "corset belt" about one inch from each other. Next, take the ribbon and measure out two feet. String the ribbon through the holes like a shoelace and tie it when you get to the bottom, so it creates a corset-like effect and cut the extra ribbon off.

Of course, if the overall "corset belt" seems too "girly" for you, then you can grab a long tailcoat or leather jacket. Just make sure it reaches down to at least mid-thigh! Otherwise, your pirate look isn't as authentic as it could be.

Then you need to find a belt. A plain brown belt is best, but if you only have decorated belts, that's fine. Strap this on over the corset belt or white shirt if you decide to wear a jacket instead. Next, the sword. You can use a cheap plastic one or make your own out of cardboard. This is easy; just grab some cardboard, trace out a sword shape, and cut it out. Then take some metallic markers, pens, or paint and color the hilt gold and the sword silver.

To finish off the costume, put on some brown or black pants or leggings and brown boots. The boots should preferably come up to your knees or at least mid-calf and have a buckle.

Add a scarf or bandana tied around your head, gold dangle earrings clip on if you don't have your ears pierced, and tons of jewelry.

Put on some dark shadow around your eyes and small braids in your hair (if it's long enough) and, "Arrrrgh!" You're a scary pirate ready to take on the world!

(reference: <http://www.instructables.com/d/DIY-Girl-Pirate-Costume-HOW-TO/>)

MHHS sophomore newspaper columnist Alexis Yearwood models the "pirate look" after following her column's instructions. Yearwood finished her costume in one evening to demonstrate how easy it was to make.



PHOTO: MYCA TREAT

A unique "optical artwork" by Hackler art teacher Clint Pevril intrigues MHHS senior Kat Murphy. The picture changes with the direction it is viewed.

## Dunbar Auditorium displays MH teachers' artwork

BY MYCA TREAT AND VICTORIA WHAM, MHHS 11TH GRADE

Dunbar Auditorium's rotating art exhibits have become a source of enjoyment to the community. Throughout the year, the exhibits change to include both student and teacher diversity in media.

The artists/teachers featured this fall include Beth Ivens (MHHS), Christy Lawrence (MHHS), Melissa Green (Nelson-Wilks-Herron), Clint Pevril (Hackler), and Kara Morris (Hackler). This particular display in-

cludes multiple media, ranging from fabric art to watercolor. Mixed media and photography were also represented.

"I appreciate that there is a variety of the arts displayed," senior Kat Murphy said.

Haley Bradford, a sophomore at MHHS, is inspired by the teacher's work.

"Art affects my creativity by 1,000 per cent," Bradford said.



## MHJH uses Family Tree concept to teach students respect for others

BY MHJH JOURNALISM STAFF

All of the Mountain Home Junior High School advisory groups began the year meeting their new advisors, setting goals, signing up for clubs and planning projects. One project started already this year is "the MHJH family tree." Advisors began the lesson by asking students "What makes up a family unit? Not just that they are related by blood or marriage but what links them together?" Students answered with "looking out for each other, helping them, supporting each other, listening and respecting each other, and many other things."

Each student was then given a blank leaf and was asked to put their name on it. Their leaf was glued onto a tree mural in the hallway to represent that all the students at the school are in a family together.

This project was the idea of Mrs. Orene Traylor, a junior high counselor.

"This summer I wanted to find a way to pull our students together to stop some of the drama, bullying, esteem issues, etc.," she said. "As I was thinking about this idea, I saw a picture of a family tree that had a poem

with it. Once I saw it, I knew that was what we needed in our hallway--our symbol of our MHJH family."

Mrs. Traylor's daughter Savannah, a former MH student and current art teacher, came home to help mom paint the tree. "MHJH students will pass by their leaf on the MHJH family tree and know that we are all in this together," Mrs. Traylor said. "If we all pull together and make our MHJH family strong, think about what an impact it will be!"



# High-Tech EAST classroom comes to Hackler Intermediate

BY PRESLEY JONES, HACKLER 5TH GRADE AND LAUREN MALTE, MHHS 10TH GRADE

EAST (Environmental video, photography, data and Spatial Technology), transfer, and presentation. a program that lets kids think outside of the box, is a printer but not just an ordinary printer. It is a 3D printer to be used for students' projects. The EAST classroom is available for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade Hackler students.

Mrs. Becca Martin, a former 4th grade math teacher, said she is very excited about her new position as the EAST instructor. She would love to have all sorts of different kids in the program: tech kids, speakers, and good readers to name a few.

"EAST is a classroom that allows students to use their knowledge in a way that helps their community and also gain knowledge and confidence," she said. Mrs. Martin shared a website that is very informative about EAST, www.eastinitiative.org.

"EAST gets kids ready for the real world," Mrs. Sondra Monger, Hackler Intermediate principal, said.

Students start to discover who they are as individuals with EAST, and it helps with their confidence to conquer things that they think they could never do. Now at its 20th year, the program comes to Hackler using technology to collaborate on higher order thinking and problem solving.

"EAST can really be an important part to getting kids to that point, because they really understand who they are," Mrs. Martin said.

According to Mrs. Monger, the EAST program will be very helpful for students to become career and college ready.

"One important rule is to always believe in yourself!" Mrs. Monger said. "I hope EAST helps all of students get ready for the real world and is helpful for your life ahead of you."

**Top:** EAST teacher Mrs. Becca Martin talks with Hackler 5th grader Presley Jones and MHHS sophomore Lauren Malte about new EAST classroom coming soon to Hackler Intermediate School. "I think that EAST might help me prepare to reach my goal of becoming an R.N.," Jones, 5th grade, said.

**Middle:** The new EAST classroom is equipped with the latest in technology including a 3-D printer that will be used for students' projects.

**Bottom:** The inviting classroom doorway offers students new opportunities to explore future career paths.



PHOTOS: KAYLA LEHMAN

# THE FLIGHT PLAN

## SEPTEMBER 28

Guy Berry Mum Sale Deliveries!  
Order Today!  
Contact ktardiff@mtnhome.k12.ar.us



## SEPTEMBER 30

7th grade Pinkston students go to Crystal Bridges  
Find out more about Crystal Bridges!  
Scan Here to see a video of the museum!



## OCTOBER 8

Nelson-Wilkes-Herron Fall Festival  
5:30 pm to 7:30 pm  
Tickets 5 for \$1.00  
Popcorn, Raffle, hot dogs, Games, and more

## OCTOBER 10

Color Me FIRST 5K/1 Mile  
5K color run around the MHHS campus to support the Bomb Squad  
Register @ [www.baxterbombsquad.com](http://www.baxterbombsquad.com)

## OCTOBER 13

EAST Night Out  
5pm to 7pm at Hackler

Come see what EAST has to offer!

## OCTOBER 14

Homecoming Parade  
5:30 pm

## OCTOBER 17

Bands of America Competition  
Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis, MO

MHHS Band competes against 60+ bands from around the country.

## OCTOBER 16

MHHS Homecoming vs. Marion  
7pm @ Bomber Stadium

CALENDAR SUBMITTED BY MHHS EAST INITIATIVE

@ EASTMHHS

EAST at Mountain Home High School

## OCTOBER 26-30

Red Ribbon Week  
District Wide

Red ribbon week "A Healthy Me is a Drug Free Me". Unite with us on our stance against drugs.