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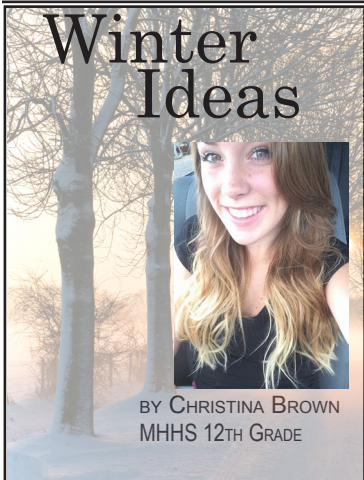
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Playing in the snow is something that you're never too old to enjoy! Bundling up in layers is a must to stay warm. Drinking hot chocolate before heading into the cold helps. Building snowmen and having snowball fights is the usual with snow. Here are some ideas that typically don't come to mind.

Snow Art

Snow art takes a few household items and you can create anything in the snow.

Supplies: Food coloring, empty spray bottle, water.

How To: Dilute the desired amount of food coloring with water in your spray bottle to create your desired color, shake and spray!



Snow Ice Cream

Who says you can't play with your food? With this chilling treat you can!

Supplies: 1 cup of milk, 1 egg (beaten), 3/4 cup of sugar, 1/4 tsp. salt, clean snow.

How To: Beat egg, add milk, sugar and salt. Mix together well. Add enough snow to make it thick.



Winter Scavenger Hunt

Get all of your family outside for some bonding with a frigid competition.

Supplies: Any items that aren't going to become damaged by the snow, a scavenger hunt guide.

How To: Create a guide that consists of all your items and location hints. Keep it interesting. Then hand out to the groups, or single players.

Snow Globe

Not every winter activity has to be outside! You can stay in the warm comfort of your own Snow Globe with siblings, or friends.

Supplies: Mason jar, glue, glitter, winter décor, and water.

How To: Remove lid from Mason jar, secure and glue objects to lid and let dry, place glitter, or beads into jar and fill with desired amount of water. (Optional: Glue lid to jar so it remains together.)



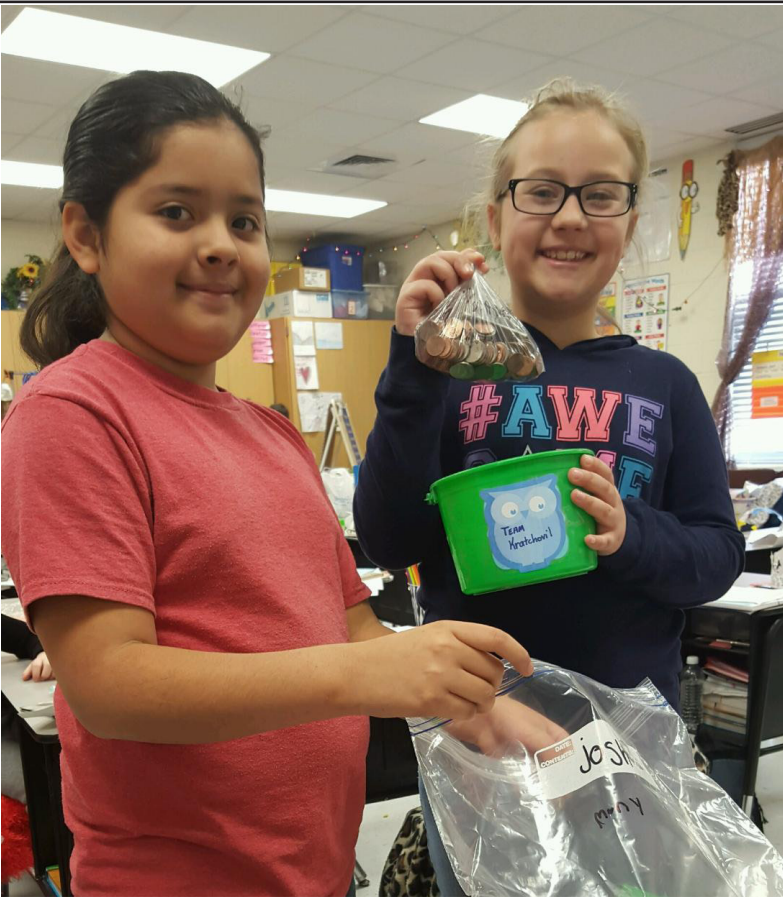
Traditions

Nothing is wrong with sticking to family tradition. Start a fire, roast marshmallows to make S'Mores or bake cookies to eat with some good old-fashioned hot chocolate.

Supplies: Family, food of your choice, and a fire.

How To: Sit back and relax. Stay warm and enjoy your winter season!

Ideas found on www.Pinterest.com



NWH holds Penny Drive for Josh

BY MYCA TREAT, MHHS 11TH GRADE

The smell of warm butter and popcorn and the sounds of *Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium* will fill the Nelson-Wilks-Herron Activity Room on Friday, February 19th in support of cancer patient and classmate Joshua Kratochvil.

Recently, the second grader in Mrs. Rita Nunley's class was diagnosed with cancer and has since begun his treatments for the tumor behind his knee. Wanting to show support for Kratochvil, NWH will host a Benefit Pajama Party Movie

Night on the 19th from 7-9 p.m. In addition to the movie night, NWH will host a Penny Drive on February 15-19.

The Movie Night costs \$10 for NWH students and an additional \$5 for other children. All of the proceeds will be donated to the Kratochvil/McCown family to help cover the travel expenses to and from Kratochvil's treatments. Along with the cinematic showing of *Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium*, juice and popcorn will be served

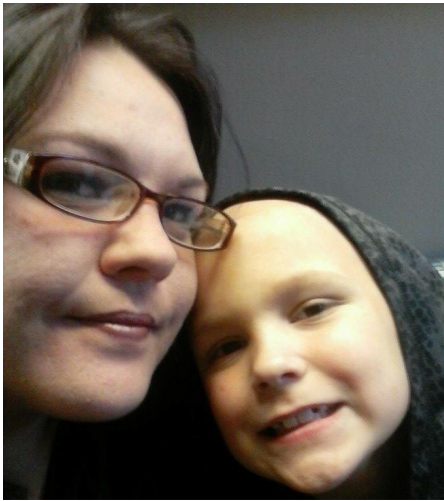
to the families who come to show their support. Please note: Children need to come dressed in pajamas and bring blankets to sit on to experience the full pajama party spirit.

To go along with the Movie Night, the Penny Drive will take place on February 15-19 in the NWH office. By no means are NWH student the only ones allowed to scrounge between their cushions for change; older students and community members alike are invited to bring their extra coins to the NWH office

to donate to Kratochvil's cause.

Recently, Kratochvil's mother, Mrs. Sara McCown, spoke about how thankful she is for the community's generosity and support.

"It's good to know that there are still people in the world who care about other people and want to help," Mrs. McCown said. "From the bottom of my heart, we are very thankful for what anyone does to help. There's no way to express it as much as I feel."



FAR LEFT: Second graders Anna Torres and Rylee Morris begin preparing penny sacks for the upcoming fundraiser for classmate Josh Kratochvil. **ABOVE:** Josh Kratochvil gets a visit from his 5th grade sister, Kassie Kratochvil, during a hospital stay. **LEFT:** Mrs. Sara McCown, Josh's mother, spends family time with her son. The family is grateful for the open-hearted community support.

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LEFT: Sophomores Kale Leach, Mike McLean and Landon Moyers learn how to present a bill into legislation with the assistance of State Representative James Sturch of Batesville.

ABOVE: Sophomores Madelyn Yates and Maly Tabor present their mock bill to propose that MHHS become an open campus. "I thought it was important that we all got to see how that works and how laws get passed today," Yates said.

Photos Courtesy of *Baxter Bulletin*

MHHS holds mock legislative session at Dunbar

BY LAUREN MALTE, MHHS 10TH GRADE

Mountain Home High School Career Academies held a mock legislative event in Dunbar which included guest representatives from the Arkansas General Assembly from Little Rock and provided the students with a "hands-on" experience through the legislative process.

Coach Bobby Bevel's advisory students and Coach Chaseton McCarthy's advisory students, including mentors Ms. Shanna O'Dell, Ms. Amy Myers, and Mr. Jonny Harvey from the Baxter Regional Medical Center helped plan the January 6th activity which was open to MHHS advisories. The guest legislators who aided the students with the process included State Representative James Sturch of Batesville, State Representative Nelda Speaks of Mountain Home, State Representative Michelle Gray of Melbourne, State Senator Missy Irvin of Mountain View, and State Senator Scott Flippo of Bull Shoals.

The guest speakers guided the students through the legislative process that involved proposing bills with the intent of turning them into laws. They even demonstrated the proper etiquette of being in session, including how to communicate, ask questions, or suggest amendments.

MHHS sophomore Madelyn Yates of Mr. Bevel's class presented one of the bills for legislation that proposed that Mountain Home High School become an open campus (allowing students to leave the campus during lunch.) Along with the students on stage, she participated with proposing the bill, using

the appropriate etiquette of communication as acceptable in legislative sessions.

"I thought it was significant for the students of Mountain Home and me to know how the legislative process works," Yates said. "Since it was related to open campus which is something that relates to students, I thought it made it more interesting for students and the people involved."

For Coach McCarthy's advisory, MHHS sophomore Anna Claire Lawrence volunteered to represent the bill for road improvement. She proposed a bill for safe and efficient highway construction.

"I didn't really know what I was doing, because I didn't know much about legal things, but it didn't freak me out," Lawrence said. "I

thought it was fun because I liked public speaking and getting up on the stage. That was my idea of what roadwork was and I thought it was cool that it was the bill."

The primary purpose of the mock legislative event was to present an opportunity for the high school students to learn the legislative process effectively with hands-on activities and presentations. Not only did the students learn the process of legislation to submit a bill, but the experience offered the legislators the opportunity to consider how the laws affect everyone's lives as well.

"I thought it was a really interesting thing to be a part of. I had a good time," Yates said. "I was a little nervous, but I thought it was a good thing."

Pinkston Pasta Night promises oodles of fun

BY VICTORIA BEVEL, BEN CAMP, OLIVIA WEBER, 7TH GRADE

Great food, great entertain-ment and great time to connect. . . what more could you ask for in one night? That is a description of Pinkston Middle School’s Annual Pasta Night. In today’s busy world of parents and students going in all directions, Pinkston provides families and the commu-nity one night during the school year to stop in, have a good home-cooked meal and listen to the band and choirs perform. Pinkston Pasta Night will be on Thursday, March 10th from 5-7 p.m. in the Pinkston Cafete-ria. Those who attend will get a hearty helping of home-cooked spaghetti with Mr. Kirby Childress’ famous spaghetti sauce, salad, bread, dessert and drink. Tickets may be bought in advance for \$5 at the Pinkston of-fice, from Pinkston faculty or students and at the Mountain Home Chamber of Commerce.



L-R: Mrs. Jill Ryan, Mrs. Chris White, Mrs. Mylet Trotter, and Mr. Roger Fisher serve food at a previous Pasta Night. The annual event helps raise money for Pinkston to use throughout the year to assist teachers and students.

Tickets at the door will be \$7. Children 5 and under eat free. Take-out will be available for \$8 per tray. Tickets for raffle prizes will be available along with the opportunity to purchase a book at the Pinkston Book Fair in the library. “Pasta Night is a good experience to perform before the big concert in May. The food is great, and it is a lot of fun,” Jake McGee, a 7th grade Pinkston Band member, said. Performances by the Pinkston Band and Choir will take place throughout

the evening. This event gives par-ents an opportunity to not only see but experience the bonds formed between students and faculty. “I think Pasta Night will be a suc-cess because of the hard working kids and faculty,” Mr. Paul Swearin-gen, Pinkston’s choir director, said. The community looks for-ward to the annual tradition. “Pasta Night has become a tradition for not only Pinkston but the whole community. It is a fun way to raise money and showcase the Pinkston kids,” Pinkston Middle School Principal Mrs. Allyson Dewey said. Proceeds will be used through-out the year to provide incentives for students such as rewards for ac-complishments as individuals and a class as well as school-wide events such as educational field trips and end of testing week events. All of the money raised goes di-rectly back to Pinkston students.

Are you taller than a penguin?

Penguin facts help Kindergartners learn integrated subjects

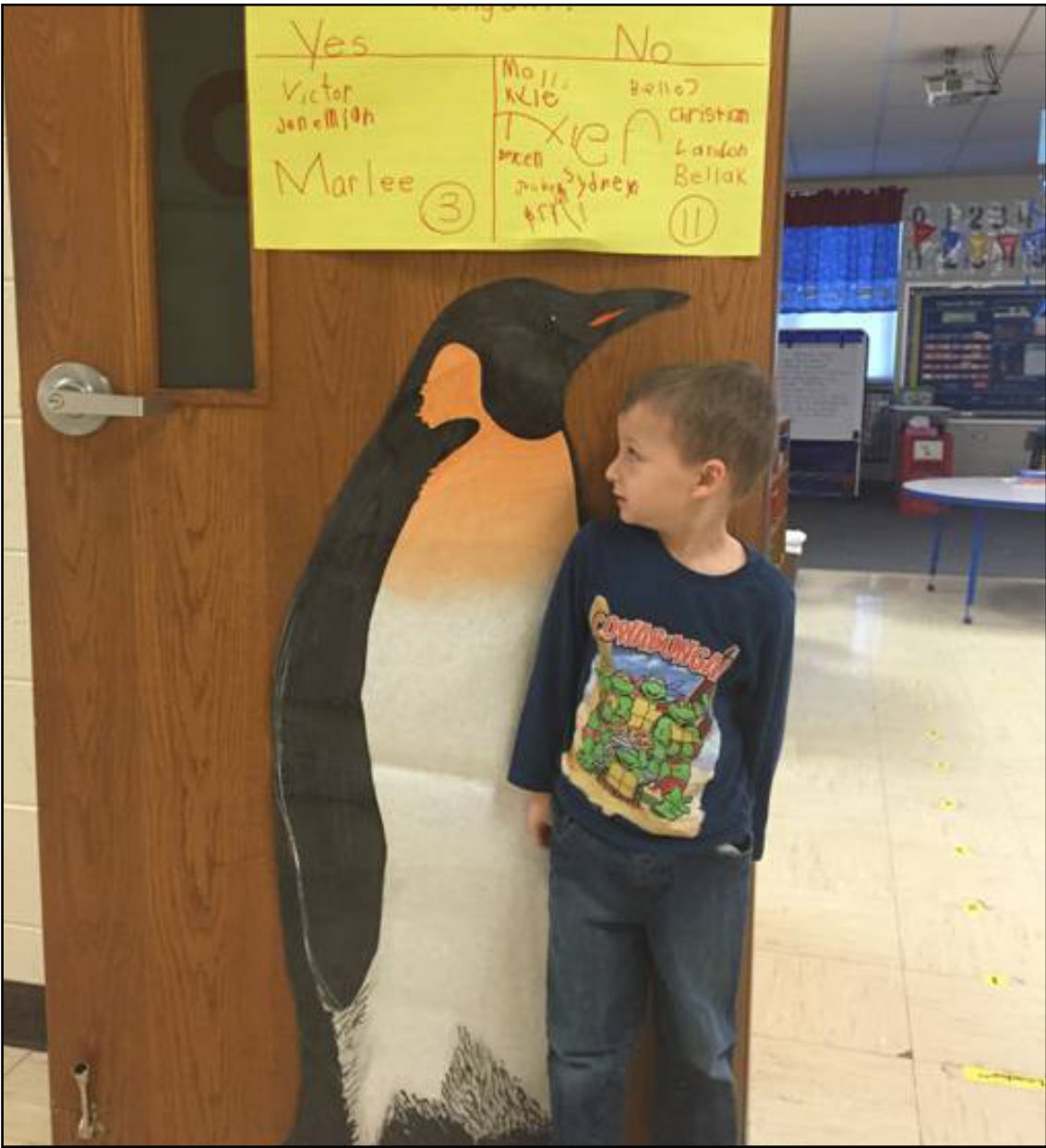
BY ADRIAN WEST 10TH GRADE

What do penguins and Kinder-garteners have in common? Besides the fact that they both can’t fly, they were also both used in an integra-tion project comparing height at Mountain Home Kindergarten in January. Mrs. Kim Crecelius, teacher at the Kindergarten, used the question ”Are you taller than a penguin?” and created a unique penguin unit that integrated math, social studies, and science with meaningful activi-ties. “When integrating different sub-jects into a unit, real learning takes place because students can touch, smell, move, and taste the lesson,” Mrs. Kathy Scriber, Kindergarten teacher, said. Mrs. Crecelius tied this all togeth-er by making a penguin poster and putting it on the door of her class-room. This allowed the children to stand by the penguin to see if they were taller than the penguin. The results were then recorded on the paper above the penguin. In the class, eleven children were not taller than a penguin but three of the children were taller than the penguin. Not only was science part of the lesson but it also taught them math. The children could see that “11 is more than 3” and learn the lesson of “greater than” and “less than.”

However, Brycen Freil, age 5, was not taller than a penguin like many of the other children. This method of teaching is inno-vative and will help children who learn visually and hands-on to un-derstand this unit in Kindergarten. Also, using this method takes care of two tasks at one time. In this one unit, students not only are taught measurements, surveys and statistics. They are also learning a little bit of background informa-tion on the height of penguins. Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Sherry Rogers asked Freil, “What would you do if you met a penguin?” “I would talk to it and play with it,” he said. If given the opportunity, Freil said he would ask a penguin the following question: “Would you swim with me?”

RIGHT: Kindergartener Bry-cen Freil measures his height next to an emperor penguin on Mrs. Sherry Rogers’ door. The penguins posted through-out Mountain Home Kinder-garten have helped students learn math, science and social studies and with an integrated project.

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CLARIFICATION for December 2015, Vol. 5, Issue 3 to “MHEF awards Teacher Grant Challenge” article

“Mrs. Susan Bergman, Chairper-son of the MHEF Teacher Grant Committee, proposed the idea of strengthening the MHEF Teacher Grant Program by flipping the application process. Instead of teachers creating a project and ap-plying to the MHEF for funds, the MHEF would enable community business partners to identify work skills students need to develop and, within the scope of their business processes, help teachers create a project that would fulfill curricu-lum requirements while teaching those skills. Teachers were given a description of the business skills offered by Southern Tag and La-bel and were challenged to create a project to use those skills. Out of seven applications received, Ms. Anne Sargent’s grant proposal was selected by the MHEF Teacher Grant Committee. The MHEF provided the funds for the Teacher Grant Chal-lenge expenses in the amount of \$2,500.00. Ms. Barrow opened up her business and encouraged her employees to provide an extend-ed community classroom. The Mountain Home School District joined the partnership by provid-ing planning time for Ms. Sargent to discuss ideas and outline the project with Ms. Barrow. Because of the unique partnership between Southern Tag and Label (commu-nity business partner), the Moun-tain Home School District, and the MHEF (funding through com-munity donation), students learned math and literacy skills while ex-ploring potential employment op-portunities for their future.” Mollie Morgan, MHEF Executive Director *The Bomber Bulletin staff wishes to apologize for any misunderstanding caused by the above-referenced article.*

MHJHS Freshmen attend Sophomore Orientation to Academy Readiness SOAR teaches future sophomores about MHHS.

By: MHJH JOURNALISM STAFF

Mountain Home Junior High School Freshmen Academy took part in SOAR III at the high school campus on Wednesday, January 27th. SOAR (Sophomore Orientation to Academy Readiness) allowed the freshmen to learn about the next step in their educational car-er, going to the Mountain Home High School Career Academies campus as a sophomore. “[SOAR] is a great learning ex-perience for anyone that has never been on the high school campus,”

freshman Allie Parsons said. All of the activities were planned and carried out by students who were Academy representatives. The three sessions were held. The first session, Nuts and Bolts, gave the freshmen basic informa-tion about what it means to be at the high school campus. Another session, Cafeteria Etiquette, was held in the cafeteria and featured information about the lunches and cafeteria behavior expectations. The final session was the Scaven-ger Hunt session which asked the

freshmen to find various places on campus and have their pictures taken at the location. This seemed to be the favorite of many of the students. “[The experience was] helpful and the scavenger hunt was re-ally fun,” freshman Alexis Kincade said. The advisory with the quickest time and most correct answers won an ice cream party. The win-ners were the Academic Advisory Programs (AAP) of Mrs. Michelle Padgett, Coach Brenda Yancey, Ms.

Jacquie Albright and Mr. Brandon Tetrick. “SOAR III was a success be-cause it enabled the students to get on the high school campus and not only begin to learn impor-tant places that they will need to know about when they are soph-omores but also learn from fel-low students what is expected of them,” Freshman Academy Coor-dinator Jodi Tejcek said. “This will hopefully eliminate many of the apprehensions that freshman have as they go to the high school.”



Bomber, the MH school district drug dog, proves up to the task

BY AMANDA LeBLANC, 11TH GRADE GUY BERRY

You may have spotted her in the halls in one of the buildings on the Mountain Home School District's

campus. That little copper-colored ball of fur is Bomber, the de facto district mascot and K-9 drug dog.



Bomber, a Golden Retriever/Labrador Retriever mix, came to the district four years ago. Her owner and handler, Eddie Helmert, is a school resource officer with Mountain Home Police Department. Officer Helmert says five-year-old Bomber proved to be a natural for the K-9 program. "We recruited her out of a K-9 training program in Fort Wayne, Indiana," Officer Helmert said. "Her drive for the tennis ball and her calm demeanor made her the perfect candidate for working as a K-9 dog in the school district." The training program was rigorous. Officer Helmert said Bomber proved up to the task.

Officer Eddie Helmert shows off Bomber's training to **Mrs. Amber Wescoat's** class at Hackler Intermediate School. The children watched with rapt attention as Bomber demonstrated his drug finding abilities. The tennis ball chase is more than a game, however. Using this tool, **Officer Helmert** is able to focus Bomber on a particular task such as finding illegal items in school lockers.

"It was a seven-week program. We had obedience training every day as well as training for finding drugs in school lockers and outdoors in vehicles. She is also trained in tracking. By far, however, the most important aspect was the obedience training," Officer Helmert said.

Law enforcement agencies have been using dogs since the Middle Ages. In the mid-1800s, many police departments in Europe began using canines in an official status but they were used mostly to apprehend criminals. It wasn't until the 1970s that police dogs became common in the United States with the advent of the "drug dog" soon to follow.

Senior Allen Deutscher says Bomber has been a fixture in the halls of Guy Berry College and Career Academy since he has been a student there.

"This is my third year here and there she's been, every step of the way. It's interesting, to say the least, to be in school and have a dog occasionally walking in between your legs. It's a very unique situation having her around," Deutscher said.

Depending on the role of the animal, law enforcement agencies seek out animals that are intelligent,

aggressive, strong, and have a good sense of smell. In Bomber's case, Officer Helmert believes her inviting personality makes her well-suited to a public school environment.

"She is a very sweet and friendly dog," he said. "She loves the attention of the students."

Bomber is also a minor celebrity when she's not on campus.

"It is very challenging at times to be her owner!" exclaimed Helmert. "Wherever I go, she goes, and people do recognize her."

Helmert's and Bomber's duties also go beyond the school district. If the community needs a K-9 dog, the duo is ready. Other departments within the city have been known to request their services, anytime, day or night. Bomber's main duty is, of course, to find illegal drugs within the district. The pair conducts random searches throughout the day, putting Bomber's nose to the test searching school lockers and vehicles on school grounds.

"Bomber will literally sit completely still when she is alerted to something inside a locker or vehicle," he said. "It is fascinating to watch her at work. She loves her job."

Hackler launches the Great Kindness Challenge

By HACKLER HELPERS, 3RD - 5TH GRADERS

Ancient Greek Fabulist Aesop wrote "No act of kindness, no matter how small is ever wasted."

This was the concept that the staff and students at Hackler Intermediate School spent the week focusing on as they participated in the Great Kindness Challenge during the week of January 25-29th.

The Great Kindness Challenge, a proactive bullying prevention initiative, reached millions of students during the last week of January. The Hackler Intermediate School staff planned events for the week to spotlight "kindness" in the district's schools.

The first event Monday morning began with every student and staff member being greeted by members of the Mountain Home High School basketball team and coaches, members of the Mountain Home Police Department or members of the Mountain Home Fire Department. People from each of these groups greeted the Hackler students and staff at the car line, the bus line or in the hall with high fives, waves, and friendly greetings.

Hackler staff members shared kindness quotes every morning during the announcements and encouraged the students to perform random acts of kindness not only during this week but throughout the entire school year.

Hackler students and staff dressed up differently every day in honor of the Great Challenge Week.

They were "Crazy for Kindness" with crazy hair on Monday. They wore their favorite team shirt to show good team spirit on Tuesday. Then they "Rode the Wave" on Wednesday by wearing beach attire. On Thursday, they dreamt of kindness in their pajamas and on Friday they celebrated peace, love and kindness while dressed as hippies.

Teachers also competed in a kindness-themed door decorating contest. Teachers also incorporated kindness lessons into their weekly curriculum through stories, discussions and even how to edit kindly. The 4th grade literacy teacher, Tracy Webers, taught students how to edit their peers' work with kindness. She taught the students to begin the editing process with a compliment, followed by a suggestion and to complete the process with corrections. She also taught them different ways to compliment their peers' work and that editing never involves insulting someone or his or her work.

One of the classes at Hackler performs community service at the building; called Hackler Helpers. This group is made up of 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students and they helped launch the Great Kindness Challenge at Hackler.

These students helped promote the event by creating posters, bulletin boards, and door decorations throughout the school encouraging students to practice kindness every day.

"This is the first year that we have

participated in this national event but it is a concept we teach our students all year" Hackler Principal Sondra Monger, said. "We will participate again with the goal of making this an annual event at Hackler. It was great seeing all Hackler

teachers, staff and students participate. With the students' work displayed the conversations that students and staff are having about the importance of kindness as well as seeing their participation in the dress up days promoting kindness,



TOP RIGHT: Fifth graders **Ali King**, **Kearstin Ford**, and **Zach Barr** ride the wave of kindness for Beach Day during "Great Kindness Challenge Week." Each day a topic and theme relating to kindness was chosen for students and staff to enjoy.

MIDDLE: Members of the Mountain Home Police Department and Fire Department stand outside Hackler in the car loading area to greet students and staff.

BOTTOM: Basketball team and high school students prepare to greet Hackler students and staff as they unload and head inside in the morning.

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MHHS Bomb Squad will hold “Robot Reveal” to Baxter County community

By Alexis Yearwood, MHHS 10th Grade

The Mountain Home Robotics Team, also known as the Bomb Squad, will be competing in the medieval-themed game called “FIRST Stronghold” in its 2016 season.

In the game, the Bomb Squad has to build a robot to traverse the opponent’s defenses, which consist of obstacles such as a moat, a rock wall, and rough terrain among many others. The goal is to take down their opponent’s castle by shooting eight 10 inch balls into a 7 foot tall goal.

The Mountain Home Bomb Squad is having a “Robot Reveal” at 7 p.m. on February 29th that is free and open to the public. In addition for a \$25 admission charge, the public may also attend a medieval reception dinner which will start at 5:30. Dinner includes Cornish hen, mashed potatoes, corn, a

roll, bread pudding, and apple cider. The reveal will be at 7 p.m. Please go to www.baxterbombsquad.com or contact Miss Jackie Meissner, five year Bomb Squad sponsor, at Mountain Home High School (870)-425-1215 for more information.

The Bomb Squad will be celebrating its 20th season. In 1996, the Bomb Squad entered into a partnership between Mountain Home High School and Baxter Healthcare. The Bome Squad brings together a diverse group a people who work as a team to build and present robots. It’s a part of the FIRST Robotics organization. Students partner with professionals in S.T.E.M. (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) fields who mentor the students and teach them knowledge about S.T.E.M. careers.

“The thing I like so much about the Bomb Squad is seeing how students come in their first year and how they’re really shy and intimidated,” Miss Meissner said. “Then as the season progresses, they begin to grow. By the time they

graduate they have a confidence about them because the program allows them to grow in that direction,”

The Bomb Squad is open to all to join and has something for everyone. It’s not just about building robots. “I enjoy being on the

Bomb Squad because I like learning new engineering skills. There’s always something new to learn,” Rowan Laidler, the traveling and fundraising captain, said.

The Bomb Squad has many different jobs, in-

cluding marketing, photography, fundraising, event design and hosting, and programming, among many others, and each job is equally important to the overall layout of the team.



LEFT: Sophomore **Jacob Carter** and junior **Mason Sanborn** work together on the electrical plans for the Bomb Squad robot. **Carter** and **Sanborn** are both on the Wiring Team. **RIGHT:** Junior **Brady Villiger** works on the robot frame for the game “Stronghold.” **Villiger** is a member of the Build Team.

The Flight Plan

February 11

District Early Dismissal

Parent/Student/Teacher Conference 2p.m. – 8 p.m.

@ Pinkston These conferences will be Student-Led. Your student will guide you through his or her

February 16

Hackler Valentine’s Dance 5th Grade ONLY

February 17-20

MHHS All State Band Clinic & Concerts Depart on Feb 17th Clinic and Concerts at Hot Springs Convention Center

February 18

MHHS Our Voice

During both lunches in the MHHS library

February 19

NWH Movie Night

Mr. Magorium’s Wonder Emporium 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Pre-Register @ NWH Office

February 23

Pinkston 7th Grade Band Concert

February 24

MHHS and Pinkston CSI Event Baxter County Fairgrounds

February 29



Come check out how the robot defeats opponents defense and captures their tower. Tickets can be purchased at: www.frcteam16.com, Integrity First Bank, and KTLO

March 1

Hackler Fine Arts Family Night/ Book Fair Family Night/Symphonix and Forte Performances

4:30 p.m.–6:00 p.m. Fine Arts Family Night through the school and Book Fair Family Night in the Library
6:00 p.m. Symphonix and Forte Choirs performing in the Cafeteria

March 10

Pinkston Pasta Night

5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
kids under 5 are free with an adult
\$5 a ticket in advance @ Pinkston Office
\$7 at the door
\$8 take out
Come out to feed your family and support Pinkston at our Annual Pasta Night!! Great food, book fair & raffle prizes!

MHHS Teen Girls Go to College

Thursday, March 10th, 2016 at the Sheid on the campus of ASU Mountain Home from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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March 14

Third Quarter Ends

March 15-17

Hackler, Pinkston, MHJH, and MHHS EAST Conference

Hot Springs, AR

March 18

MHHS Report Cards

March 21-25

