



Mrs. Hitt to retire after 26 years of directing choirs and teaching music.



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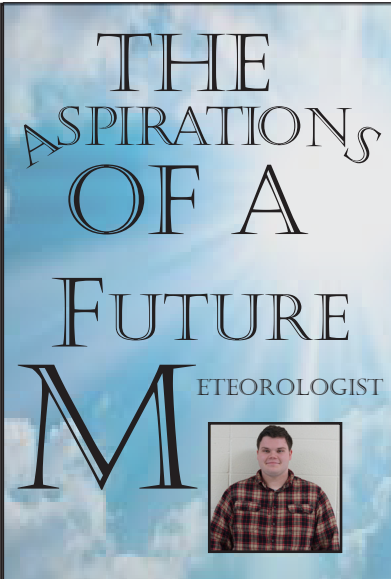


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By Brandon Belcher, MHHS 11th Grade

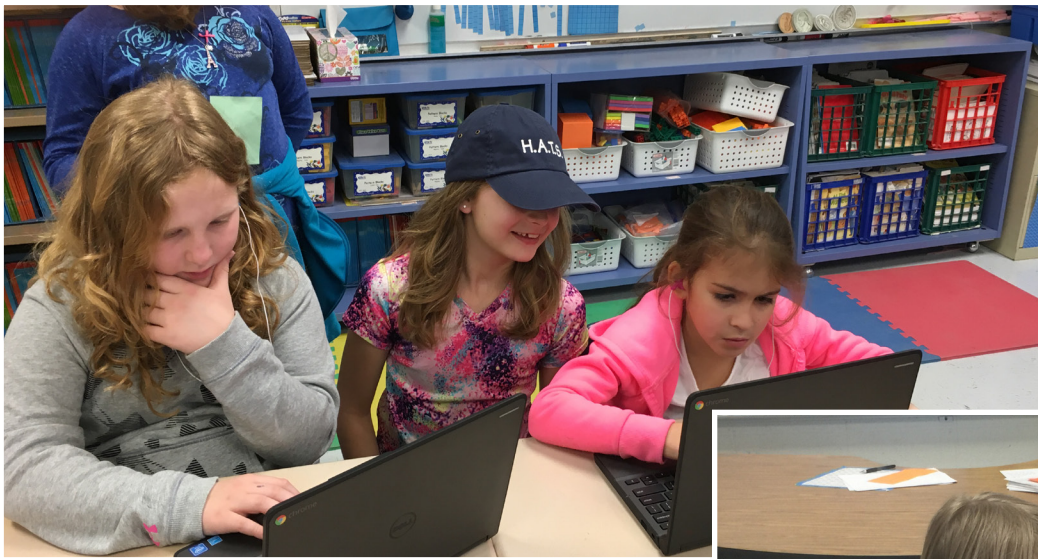
Hi, my name is Brandon Belcher Jr. I am a junior at Mountain Home High School, and one of the two co-editors of *The Bomber Bulletin* newspaper. Some of you may recall the column I wrote for the spring issue of last year's copy of the Bomber Bulletin. Briefly, I wrote about the weather and what the weather change means for spring. I also described that for my future career that I want to be a meteorologist.

Here I am! Back one year later with the same goal and the same aspirations. My primary goal with this column is to express my overall goal, intentions, and maybe even share a little about what I feel is so exciting about meteorology, especially in the season of spring. Meteorology is, "a science that deals with the atmosphere and its phenomena and especially with weather and weather forecasting," thanks to merriam-webster.com for the definition. When the climate begins to change in the spring it can spark rather unusual weather such as blizzards, thunderstorms, and can even bring ranges in heat and cold temperatures throughout a single week. For me, personally, this is very exciting! It keeps life interesting!

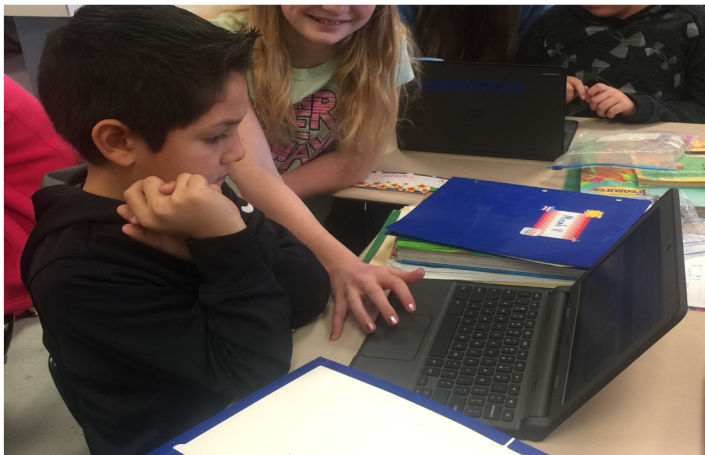
Spring brings forth warm fronts and cold fronts or dips and changes in temperature. This can bring blizzards, thunderstorms, cold brisk days, and even balmy, sunny days. The weather always keeps people on their toes, especially myself, as it leads to not knowing what to expect. This is very true for the state of Arkansas. I know everyone reading this column will relate, but Arkansas is the one place where we can have all four seasons, (winter, spring, summer, and fall), in one month. Always unpredictable, and definitely always exciting is the weather!

I am originally from Springfield, Missouri. After living in Missouri, my family and I moved to Wyoming and New Mexico. During my young life I have experienced many different types of climate and the weather that those climates bring, but with that being said, Arkansas' weather, as unpredictable as it is, without a doubt makes it my favorite. By moving to Arkansas and experiencing the rapid downpours from the thunderstorms, the leaves changes when the air grows cold in the fall, the multitudes of snow that fall during the winter, but not to mention the hot and humid summer days! The Arkansas climate has furthered my wanting of being a meteorologist.

We are now rolling into the spring season which brings forth thunderstorms, and a range of warm and cold air. March will bring thunderstorms, which will lead to colder days, while we will also have warm days that will be perfect for fishing, hiking, and spending time in the sun. I want to thank you for reading my column. My main purpose behind this column was to explain my excitement and absolute love for the weather. I hope to be a broadcast meteorologist for my future career, and hope I have been able to both entertain and inform you. Thank you for your time, and I hope you all have a wonderful spring!



LEFT: 5th grade student, Harlie Wood, teaches 2nd grade students, Avery Rice and Estelle Garcia, about their new Chromebooks and how to bookmark their favorite websites. BOTTOM LEFT: Micah VonAllmen, 2nd grade, works with Emily Goettler, 5th Grade, on his Chromebook. BELOW: Liam Pace, 5th Grade, shows Madison VanMatre, 5th Grade, how to do something on the Chromebook.



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H.A.T.S. off to helping 2nd graders

By Anna Cullipher, MHHS 10th Grade

Hackler Intermediate School (Hackler) students teamed up Nelson Wilks-Herron-Elementary School (NWH) students for the H.A.T.S. or Hackler Advanced Technology Students program.

The Hackler fifth graders went to NWH on February 16th to teach the second graders more about their

Chromebooks. The fifth graders taught them how to bookmark fun sites and how to find a website called spellingcity.com. This site will help the NWH students practice their spelling words.

The fifth graders also taught the second graders how to create login information such as passwords for

spellingcity.com. Mrs. Roper's fifth grade class traveled to NWH to visit Mrs. Patti Bell, Mrs. Tammy Barnes, Mrs. Twila Volkman, and Miss Elizabeth Kidd's second grade classrooms.

"I loved having the fifth graders here to assist each child. The children loved kids helping them. It

was awesome having a fifth grader with each second grader. Everyone listened and worked well together," Mrs. Bell, second grade teacher, said. "I liked the fifth grade students coming. It was fun having kids teach me something," Landon Newton said.

MHK spreads kindness through notes and donations

By Savana Jackson, MHHS 10th Grade

Mountain Home Kindergarten (MHK) students accepted the daily "kindness tasks" during the weeks of Jan. 23-27 and Feb. 6-24. The kindergartners had the following challenge;

- Monday: Say at least three nice things to people.
- Tuesday: Make a friendship or kindness card for someone and give it to him or her.
- Wednesday: Draw a picture and/or write a kind note to put on someone's door.
- Thursday: Smile at five people today.
- Friday: Tell each person in your

classroom something nice that you like about him or her.

They also had an At Home Challenge, in which they had to talk to their families on how to add that kindness to their home life.

"We should treat others nice so they treat us nice, too." Connor Murray from Mrs. Kim Crecelius kindergarten class said.

Everyone was encouraged to do something spontaneous for Random Acts of Kindness Day on Feb. 24. The goal of raising awareness was to show students that kindness makes a difference in the world one

step and one act at a time. Students also set up a "fill the bucket" which motivated others to bring in foods.

The MHK Share Love and Kindness Penny Drive was held during the February dates. This program's goal was to raise money for the "Feed the Pack Program" to help send school district students home with extra food for the weekends.

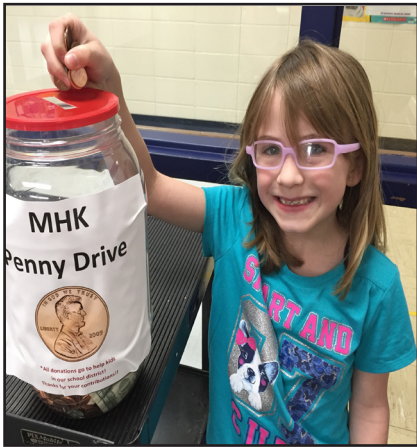
"I think raising money to help families with food is a good idea, it's a good thing." Cadence Fuller from Mrs. Kimberly Ducker's class said.

All the teachers had a plastic collection container in their rooms into

which the students to drop change and bills in. They also had one sitting in the office for staff members and visitors to donate. The money donated will help buy lower priced food at the local food banks at lower price which means that more food can be purchased for less money. MHK raised \$295.73, which was \$43.73 over the goal. Each student was asked to bring in \$1 and donate it. With only 252 students in the school, they were glad to see how much they raised.



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TOP LEFT: Hayden Wagner, kindergartner, from Mrs. Lesa Henderson's room is spreading kindness using his dry erase board. ABOVE: Students from Mrs. Lesa Henderson's class donate money for the Penny Drive. FAR LEFT: Students from Mrs. Dana Rowlett's class are on a mission to spread kindness throughout the Kindergarten with sticky notes. LEFT: Mountain Home Kindergarten student Alissa Moranz donates money to participate in the Penny Drive.

MHJH Lady Bombers reflect on season

By: MHJH JOURNALISM STAFF

The Junior Lady Bomber basketball team participated in the North Arkansas Classic on Feb. 11 and 13 at Harrison High School.

According to Junior Lady Bomber Coach Brenda Yancey, “We faced a very tough Farmington team the first round and played hard to secure a 54-46 win. The finals were set for Saturday against the Goblins. The Lady Bombers and Goblins had already met 3 previous times this season. The Lady Bombers were 3-0 against the Goblins going into the finals. We beat them by one to close down the old high school gym on Crooked Creek in Harrison by playing the last game to be held in that gym in early January. As expected, it was a battle the fourth time. It was tied at 22 at the end of regulation. In overtime, Abby Martin hit a 3 and Lauren Helmert sealed the win with 2 free throws to end the Goblins season and win the Classic 25-22.”

Freshman team member Anna Grace Foreman said that she feels that the reason that the Junior Lady Bombers won the Classic against Harrison was because, “we kept our cool even though Harrison played dirty. Coach Yancey

was our glue that held us together. When you have a close game, a good coach is what keeps you focused.”

The Junior Lady Bombers then entered the 6A East tournament as the last seed. The team turned around Monday and traveled to Jonesboro to play Annie Camp,

the No. 2 seed. Abby Dietsche hit a buzzer beater from her knees to win the game to keep the team’s tournament hopes alive. They returned to Jonesboro Wednesday to play No. 3 seed Marion and came up just short of making the finals.

Coach Yancey said that, “Overall, this group had an outstand-

ing year after losing starting point guard and leading scorer, Emma Martin, to the high school. We finished 15-5 and played the toughest schedule we could possibly play with most of our games being long road trips. The coaching staff is very proud of how this group of young ladies represented

MHJH on and off the court. They are a class act.”

Anna Grace believes that the reason the Junior Lady Bombers had such great success this season, is because the team “always works hard in every game. We are a close family.”



The Junior Lady Bombers finishes with a season 15-5, playing a tough schedule. They also participated in the North Arkansas Classic on Feb. 11 and 13 in Harrison.

Mrs. Sandra Hitt recalls fond memories

MHSD veteran choir director retires after 26 years

By ALEXIS YEARWOOD, MHHS 11TH GRADE

Mrs. Sandra Hitt, a hardworking and talented choir director for 26 years and the choir director for both MHHS and MHJH for 12 years, will retire her position at the end of the year.

Many choir students, and any others who may know her, are sad to hear of her leaving. For many of her students, Mrs. Hitt has been the only choir director in their lives.

Mrs. Hitt studied at Arkansas State University Jonesboro and Williams Baptist College. She first began her dream of music when she was a little girl with the hope of being a “star.” That dream changed, of course, when she saw a high school performance with a women conductor.

“I thought it was just the most magnificent thing I had ever seen, and thought, ‘I want to do that. I want to be a choir director,’” she said.

After college graduation, she taught at a private school in Fort Worth, Texas and also at Gurdon High School in Gurdon Arkansas. before coming to Mountain Home High School.

“I like the creative aspect [of the choir] and how you can take a piece of music and help students [learn it], talk them through [the music], and

how they get in tune with your hand signs and your movements and your eyes and your face and your body, and together, make beautiful music,” she said.

However, this bittersweet event has a bright side for Mrs. Hitt’s life. When she retires, she plans to spend more time with her husband, Mau-

rice Hitt, and hopes to travel to visit her three daughters and five grandchildren more often. She also plans on using her voice more by touring with her good friend Mrs. Larissa Denman and opening a private studio to give separate voice and piano lessons, among many other things.

“I would like to say that being a

choir director, next to being a wife and mother, has been the absolute most rewarding experience of my life. When I hear that one of my students has gone off to college and majored in music, or when someone says, ‘I love choral music now because I got to experience it in high school and now I have a different

opinion of music,’ that means so much to me,” Mrs. Hitt said. “But also I would like to say to my students, never settle for mediocre music, and don’t ever settle for mediocre singing. Because anyone can sing poorly, and any choir can sing poorly, but it takes a good choir (and a lot of hard work) to sing well.”



LEFT: Mrs. Sandra Hitt’s Chamber Choir pauses for their last photo with Mrs. Hitt on the steps of the Capitol after performing. ABOVE: Choir students from Mrs. Hitt’s various choirs receive an award for getting 1’s in the regional Choral Performance Assessment.

Leila’s “farewell to high school” musings

MHHS seniors fall into “Senioritis” rut

By LEILA NELSON, MHHS 12TH GRADE

What are the words that come foremost to your mind when you think of freshmen in high school? Young, eager, and maybe even annoying should be among your normal vernacular for typical freshmen. They’re seen roaming everywhere in the halls like lost lambs for the slaughter, but freshmen students are actually not unlike the lifeblood of the school. These are fledglings, some may say, that begin to flap their wings and learn to fly.

Of course, I say this all affectionately because I was once a freshman myself, whether we’re talking about the school’s pecking order or about a metaphor for life itself. It’s just how life goes, you know? Now for the important question that’s at the core of this article. Clear your mind of fresh-

men and all that you associate with them.

No matter how long ago it may have been, most have lived through high school and made it to graduation. It is an old rite of passage where members of the community (ranging from the current student body to excitable townsfolk gathering at the strange place of worship known as the football field) to celebrate the newly-minted adults’ start in the real world. It is now imperative that you tell me what words come to mind when you think of current high school seniors. I can take several good guesses about what you fine folks reading this are thinking that merely depends on how old you are at this time.

If those young freshmen are the baby birds of the school cage, then seniors are the backbone in the

school. I could be self-deprecating and witty by saying that seniors are the gallbladder -- not necessary yet present for some reason-- though hear me out on us being the backbone. Seniors have “been there” and now these slightly jaded young adults are ready to move on. While they’re still at the school, seniors teach and even guide the younger folks around. We’re not exactly “wizened old owls” but we’re not kids either.

Let me tell you that the next time I hear a little freshman say “I have senioritis and I’m not even a senior yet!” there will be a price! For every non-senior who utters that cursed phrase, one of their classes should drop one full letter grade. It’s only fair that if you supposedly have senioritis so early, why not suffer all of the symptoms?

BOARD OF INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES

- “It’s not that I’m so smart; it’s that I stay with problems longer.”**
-Albert Einstein
- “A year from now you will wish you started today.”*
-Karen Lamb
- “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”**
-Nelson Mandela
- “The surest way to corrupt a youth is to instruct him to hold in higher esteem those who think alike than those who think differently.”*
-Friedrich Nietzsche
- “The purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows.”**
-Sydney J. Harris
- “You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. Oh, the places you’ll go!”*
-Dr. Seuss

GRADUATION definition (per Leila!)

“It is an old rite of passage where members of the community (ranging from the current student body or excitable townsfolk) gather at the strange place of worship known as the football field to celebrate the newly-minted adults’ start in the real world.”

Pinkston students explore free Mountain Home Christian Clinic

By Ashley Garrison, MHHS 11th Grade

Pinkston Middle School (PMS) 7th grade health classes visited the Mountain Home Christian Clinic (MHCC) on Feb. 9 to learn about medical guidelines and community services. Coach Keith Newsom's health students learned about all the free services that MHCC offers such as the insurance consulting, dental, medical, vision, lab, and pharmacy emergencies for the Mountain Home community.

"It is a great experience for students to have hands on learning of the many services a health clinic provides to our community," Coach Newsom said.

Mrs. Brandi Sharp, the clinic director, had the students divided into groups to tour each part of

the clinic, ranging from dentistry to ophthalmology.

"The most interesting part of the trip was when we got to visit the dentistry area of the clinic," 7th grader Jakob Sharp said.

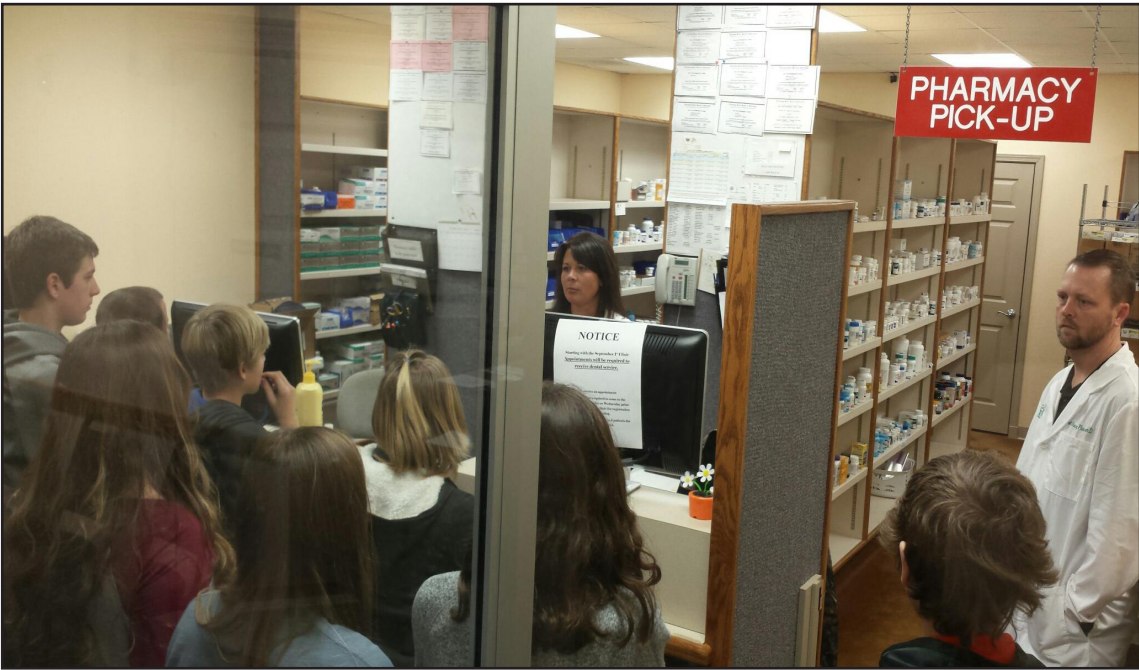
Dr. Brett Sharp allowed the students to visit the pharmacy and learn about the safety guidelines in place for pharmaceuticals. While the students were visiting this section of the clinic, they learned about the regulations involving prescriptions. They were also taught what to do if a client needs two different medicines that would cause unwanted chemical imbalances.

Along with learning interesting tips and facts regarding the necessities of the medical specialties of

MHCC, Coach Newsom's 7th grade students worked on a scavenger hunt using their health class curriculum.

The trip to the Mountain Home Christian Clinic also taught the students how to help their community in the medical field. They were given hands on experiences to show the benefits of community service and what the medical field is like.

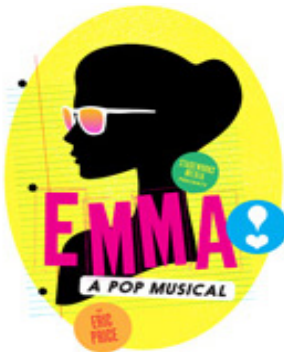
"There is nothing more important than providing our students with examples of community service. This is just one great example of how our community helps our students by providing them real world experiences," Principal Allyson Dewey said.



Students learn about the pharmacy rules and regulations from Dr. Brett Sharp during their visit at Mountain Home Christian Clinic. In addition, Mrs. Brandi Sharp, the clinic director, set up the tour of MHCC.

Emma! Musical

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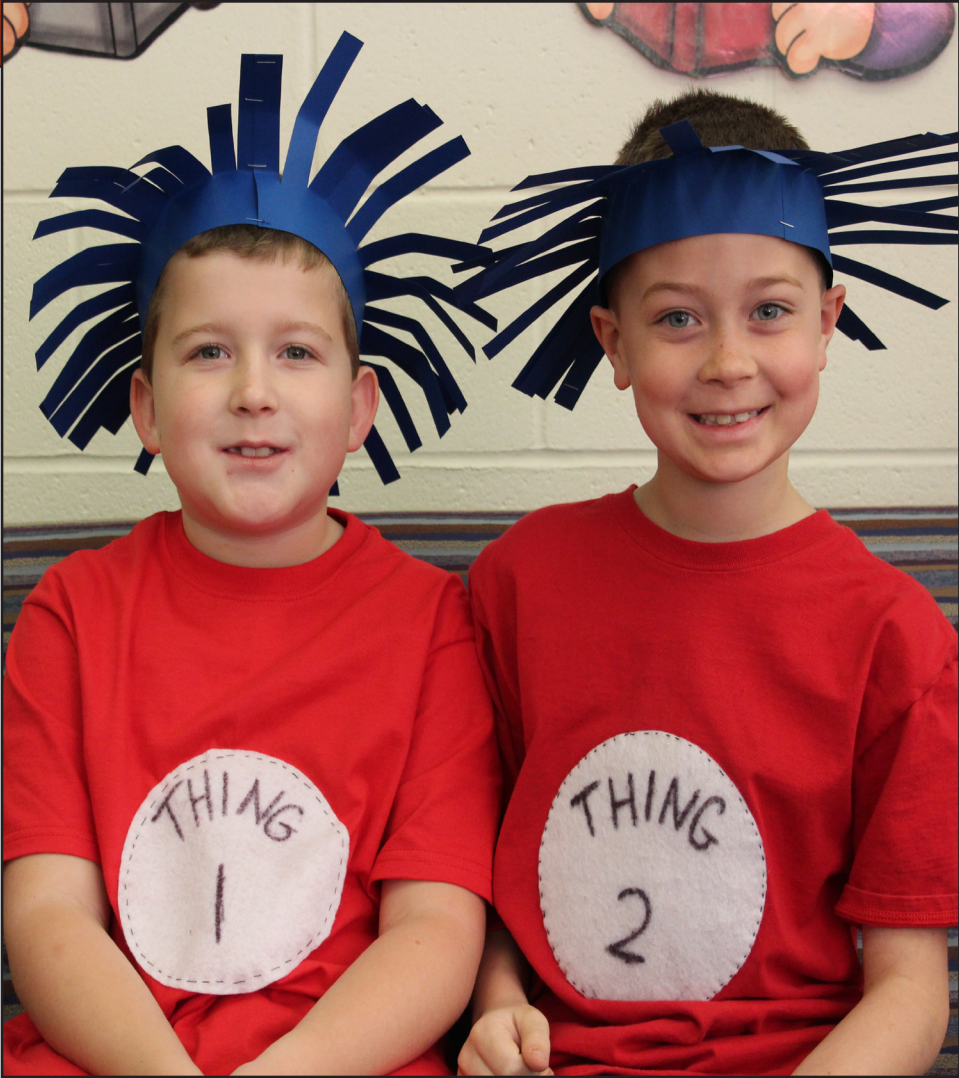
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CORRECTION

In the fourth issue of The Bomber Bulletin, the Pinkston Intermediate School's article on Internet Safety had an error that was published. While the story was edited by Brittney Engles, it was written by Kenna Vostatek and Mia Batterton. We sincerely apologize for leaving these young authors' names out of the byline. - MHHS Newspaper Staff

“Reading Across America” comes to a close



Top: Mrs. Cynthia Arki's 1st grade students Avery Howell, Kenneth Looney, and Allison Carpenter wear green to represent Green Eggs and Ham. Bottom Left: Mrs. Tammy Barnes' 2nd grade students Victoria Flowers, Ashleigh Lucas, and Andrea McInnis wear their favorite hats for "Cat in the Hat Day" while reading Dr. Seuss books. Bottom Right: Mrs. Twila Volkman's 2nd grade students Gavin Welch and Gus Wilber dress up as Thing 1 and Thing 2 for "Twin Day" at Nelson-Wilks-Herron Elementary School.

The Flight Plan

MARCH 20 - 24



MARCH 29 - APRIL 1

MHHS-Bomb Squad Midwest Regional
Midwest Regional in Chicago, IL

MARCH 30

MHHS Our Voice
Both Lunches
NWH Spring Music Program
2nd Grade Performances
@ Dunbar Auditorium
Times will be 5:30, 6:30, & 7:30



APRIL 2 - 4

MHHS-FBLA State Leadership
Little Rock, AR

APRIL 5

Hackler Spring Pictures

APRIL 8



APRIL 12

MHHS-Arkansas Young Artist
Arkansas Young Artist Association
Convention and Competition.
Little Rock, AR



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APRIL 12

Pinkston Student Government Day
6th Grade



APRIL 25

Hackler Dare Graduation
Doors open at 6:00
Program at 6:30

MAY 1-5

NWH Teacher Appreciation Week



MAY 4

Board Noon Meeting
Kindergarten
MHHS Band-End of Year
Concert/Awards
Dunbar Auditorium

MAY 8

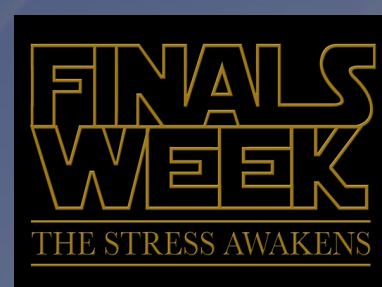
Pinkston Band Spring Concert
Dunbar Auditorium @ 7pm

MAY 9

MHHS-FFA Banquet

MAY 10 - 11


MHHS-Senior Odd/Even Finals



MAY 12

MHHS - Senior Last Day

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