

# Mountain Home School Charter

*Tis the Season . . . . .*

November—December Newsletter

## School Happenings:

- \* Parent Group: Tue., Nov. 5 from 11:00-12:00 (see Topic on page 5)
- \* WSCS Board Meeting ~ Wed., Nov. 13 at 2:30
- \* Academic Pentathlon Parent & Student mtg. ~ Thur., Nov. 14 at 3:00
- \* Theme Day—Fri., Nov. 15 at 10:00 a.m. (Measurement Mania)
- \* Kid's Gift Workshop Week: Mon., Dec. 2 ~ Thur., Dec. 5
- \* Ski Registration Due: Fri., Dec. 6
- \* **Block 3 Class Sign-Ups begin: Mon., Dec. 2**
- \* Block 3 Classes begin: Tue., Jan. 7



## Attendance Due Dates:

- \* Friday, November 8
- \* Friday, December 6
- \* Thursday, December 19

*Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season!*

## School Closure Dates:

- \* Monday, November 11 (Veteran's Day)
- \* November 25 ~ 29 (Happy Thanksgiving)
- \* December 23 ~ January 3 (Winter Break)



## Our librarian is tops!

Thank you, Miss Michelle, for the wonderful way you set out the seasonal books in the library. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated by everyone.

## ACADEMIC PENTATHLON MEETING

*~Attention all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students~*

Come join us and learn about this fantastic opportunity to participate in an academic competition. This meeting is for parents and students.

We will be meeting at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 14th at Mountain Home School. This is an informational meeting, no obligation to participate at this time. If you should have any questions please contact Kim Meeks at ext. 14 or Mindy Klang at ext. 15.

# Looking Towards 2014



## Ski Season

Let it snow! It's time to start planning for the coming ski season. Please look for important sign up information in your box by the middle of November. If you have internet access, forms will be posted online in November and we will also make them available here at MHS. **Ski registration forms will be due by Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.** Subject to conditions, the first ski day will be Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at Badger Pass. Also, we hope to have a volunteer training day at Badger right before the Christmas break, we will update you as soon as we know. Try to make this fun training event if you plan to teach snowboarding or skiing this year. We are always in need of volunteer instructors, we depend on them to make the program run smoothly! Sign up information will be included in the ski packet. Please contact John Rumohr at MHS if you have any questions. It's going to be a great season!

## Fun with Numbers Musical



We will be having our second annual musical this spring! The musical will revolve around our theme for the year- Fun with Numbers. 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will meet weekly during Block 3 and Block 4 to work on acting, singing, dancing, props, and sets. If your son or daughter plans on participating in our musical, please plan on attending an informational meeting for parents on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 in Modular C. We need parent volunteers for each week as well as your expertise in music, dance, or drama to make this musical happen! Please see Miss Brook for questions.

## Here is another great educational website!

<http://www.homeschoolshare.com>

This website provides free quality literature-based unit studies and lapbooks!

# Measurement Mania Expo 2013

Date: Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>

Where: Main building of Mountain Home School

Time: 10:00-12:00

In honor of our theme “Fun with Numbers,” our first presentation expo will involve measurement. Each student will prepare a 1-2 minute presentation explaining how he or she used measurement to complete his or her task.

Here are some examples:

- Cook something (fractions, dimension of pan, baking time)
- Build something (dimensions, perimeter, area, height)
- Summer travel (mileage, distance, time frame)
- Visit amusement park (height and speed of roller coaster)
- Sports (batting average, soccer goals, amount of games)
- Swimming (distance across pool, graphing, speed)
- Hiking or running (mileage, length of trail)
- Quilting (measurement, area, fabric dimensions)
- Shopping (how much you spent, what you bought, % saved)

You can take any of the ideas above and expand on how you used math and measurement in your project. Share how you calculated the different measurements, what areas were challenging, and your final reflection on doing the project. Feel free to utilize props, pictures, graphs, PowerPoint, etc. Your charter teacher would love a written sample of your presentation to use as a work sample!

Sign-Up sheet posted on bulletin board.

## Furballs & Friends—the Christmas Visit

Bring your fun-loving kids and animals to spread some Christmas joy to the senior citizens at Oakhurst Community Living Centre off of Hwy. 49. We have scheduled Thurs., Dec. 19th at 2:30 for our visit. Homemade cards and cookies are always appreciated at the center, as well as your good natured pets.

See Joanie Madaus if you have questions!



## 8th Grade Updates

CIMI Deposit #2 due Nov. 1 \$60

CIMI Deposit #3 due Dec. 6 \$60

**Mosaic Class:** Oct. 22– Dec. 3 10:45-12:45 Bring a board to the first class. See/email Joanie for more information.

**Constitution Class** begins Tues., Jan. 7, 2014 10:45-12:15 (Sign ups will be posted.)

## *The Coyote Times* ~ A Newsletter by Students for Students!

Our student editors are wanting your children to submit their written stories, poems, recipes, book reviews, articles, and homeschool & family Adventure articles to be published in the Coyote Times!



There is a wooden box at Mountain Home where work can be submitted or you can attach in an email to Mindy Klang at [mklang@mountainhomecharter.org](mailto:mklang@mountainhomecharter.org)

## ♪ Tree Decorating and Caroling ♪

Join us to help decorate our Mountain Home School Christmas Tree on the corner of 41 and 426 (at the Talking Bear). We will meet on Thursday, December 5th at 1:30 to hang our decorations. Feel free to bring cookies to share!

The Oakhurst Chamber of Commerce will have the Tree Lighting on the evening of December 7th if you would like to participate in the festivities!

## Kids Gift Workshop

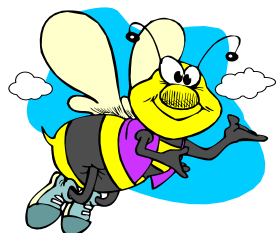
We're approaching the holiday season, and once again, the staff is preparing to have your children participate in our annual secret holiday gift-making workshop! It is open to students in K-8th where they will be given instructions for making 2 gifts (1 male/1 female). If you have more than 1 student who will attend, each can decide ahead of time if their gift will be for parent, aunt, grandparent, etc. This activity is meant to be a secret, so parents, please do not plan to stay in the main building during the morning hours for the week this is held.



**The workshop is being held from Monday, December 2—Thursday, December 5th.**  
**Two sessions held each day: 9:00-10:30 and 11:00-12:30**

Sign-ups will begin the 1st week of November and posted on the class sign-up board. Please sign your children up for one of the sessions on one of the scheduled dates.

## SPELLING BEE



MHCS Kindergarten to Eighth Grade Spelling Bee will be buzzing in soon. You can pick up the word list Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Take the list of your child's grade plus the next three grades, tiebreaker list and rules.

Sign-Up in January! See Kathi for questions.

## Opinions Wanted!

Share your wealth of knowledge and experience with others! Post a question or ask for advice. MHSC's new Curriculum Review in the Resources section on our website offers you the chance to share your opinions. Thinking of changing curriculum? Check the reviews. Love what you use? Post a review. Too hard, too easy or just needs a few tweaks? Your post could make all the difference. Follow the link below to get started today!

<http://www.mountainhomecharter.org/curriculum-reviews.html#/>

## Parent Group

The first parent "networking" group met on Thursday, September 11th with many great ideas shared for future meetings! Based on feedback from those who attended, the meeting dates will move to Tuesdays. We hope you will be able to attend!

**Tuesday, November 5  
11:00-12:00 in Modular B**

~ **Topic: Curriculum Planning** (enjoy camaraderie, get ideas from other parents as you complete your students' lesson plans!) Future topics: planning unit studies, sharing online resources, teaching (with preschoolers) in the home, "Make & Take" workshop, Common Core teaching

### \*\*\*Calling All Authors\*\*\*

Kids Are Authors is an annual competition open to students in grades K-8 and is designed to encourage students to use their reading, writing, and artistic skills. Under the guidance of Mrs. Cudd, children work in teams of **three or more** students to write and illustrate their own children's book. One Grand-Prize winning book will be published in each of these categories: Fiction and Nonfiction. The winning books will be published by Scholastic and sold at Book Fairs throughout the country. Twenty-five books receive an honorable mention and \$500 in Scholastic resources for their school. In 2012, a group of Mrs. Cudd's sixth-graders won an honorable mention in this competition.

An informational meeting will be held on **January 14, 2014 - 3:00 pm**

## Contacts

To contact a staff member by phone, dial 559-642-1422 and press the extension number for the person you need.

### **Executive Director**

Michael Cox Ext. 11

### **Principal/Charter Teacher**

Mindy Klang Ext. 15

### **Technology Coordinator/ Charter Teacher**

Eric Hagen Ext. 16

### **Secretary**

Cheryl Wilhite Ext. 10

### **Librarian**

Michele Williams Ext. 22

### **Custodian**

Ramon Mendoza Ext. 23

### **Charter Teachers**

Kathi Bales Ext. 12

Brook Bullock Ext. 20

Joanne Cable Ext. 30

Denise Cudd Ext. 18

Joanie Madaus Ext. 13

Kim Meeks Ext. 14

John Rumohr Ext. 19

### **Speech**

Rita Rothchild Ext. 32





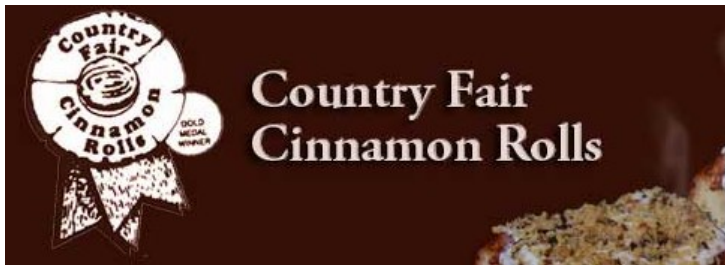
# Happenings at Glacier High!

## *Help Support Our Seniors!*

Fundraising never tasted so good...

Sale proceeds will help reduce graduation costs for seniors!

Country Fair Cinnamon Rolls will be sold by the tray (6 individual rolls) through December 20th. Look in the recently installed freezer near the front desk (Oakhurst site). A tray will cost \$20, the normal retail price.



## **On-Site Classes**

- ⇒ Biology
- ⇒ Chemistry
- ⇒ Geometry
- ⇒ Algebra 1
- ⇒ Algebra 2
- ⇒ Writing
- ⇒ ASB
- ⇒ Yearbook
- ⇒ Advanced Robotics
- ⇒ Leadership

## *Art Classes with Ms. Buca*

Ms. Buca will be instructing/coordinating the workshops, which will feature the creation of beautiful ladies handbags, each made from three men's silk ties. Examples of this novel idea are on display in the Glacier-Mountain HS foyer in Oakhurst.

Participants may bring ties of their own choosing (thrift store purchase recommended), or use those provided at the workshop. Embellishments are also an option.

Those attending all three workshops are eligible for 2.5 credits through Glacier; guests are welcome at all (or any) of the three sessions- whether or not they are participating for class credit.

Thanks to Ms. Buca for again bringing an innovative touch of culture to our campus, in her usual stylish way!



**Glacier students are fundraising by selling Christmas wreaths! See details at the school.**

## *ASB Has Been Busy*

Recent ASB activities have included visits to the Woodward Shakespeare Festival, the CSU Fresno Planetarium, and the Golden Chain Theatre.

Upcoming projected events include the Castle Air Museum and Fresno State football, as well as the annual Christmas party (an event not to be missed).

