

# Mountain Home School Charter

## October 2013 Newsletter



### Mark Your Calendar!

Sep. 30	Block 2 classes –sign-ups begin
Oct. 1	8th gr. meeting @ 10:40
Oct. 3	Parent Group meets
Oct. 3	Block 1 classes end
Oct. 4	8th Catalina Deposit \$40 due
Oct. 10	Gold Rush field trip
Oct. 11	Attendance 2 Due
Oct. 22	Block 2 Tuesday classes begin
Oct. 14 ~ Oct. 18	MHS Closed for October Break
Oct. 30	Furballs & Friends
Oct. 30	PSAT Test (option for 8th graders)
Nov. 13	Jack & Beanstalk Play

### Gold Miners' Bonanza!

The Deadline to sign-up & pay is approaching!  
Confirmation needed by Thursday, September 26th!

**Where:** Miner's Camp in Jamestown & Mercer Caverns in Murphys

**When:** Thursday, October 10

This is an all day trip:

A 2 hour adventure at Jamestown's 1849 Mining Camp

A 45 minute tour in Mercer Cavern

**Description:** Gold Prospecting Adventures in Jamestown, CA are welcoming our families for a 2 hour adventure to include: a living history presentation & gold panning from 9:30-11:30 a.m. At 11:30 we will break for lunch & a bit of exploring in Jamestown. Then, we will leave by 12:45 & travel to Murphy's (about 1 hour drive north) to Mercer Caverns for a 45 minute guided tour which will begin at 2:00 p.m.

**Jamestown cost:** \$21.50/students (only students will be panning for gold)

**Mercer Caverns Cost:** \$5.50 for students, ages 3-12 \$8/adult

See the sign-up sheet at Mountain Home. Payment is due at time of sign-ups!

**Trip Coordinator:** Mindy Klang 642-1422 ext. 15

[mklang@mountainhomecharter.org](mailto:mklang@mountainhomecharter.org)

### Contacts

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

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# Block 2 Classes

Sign-ups for Block 2 classes begin Monday, September 30th! Classes meet weekly for 5 weeks with the exception of Flat Stanley & Book Club.

Block 2—10/22-11/21

## Tuesday

### Primary

K-1 Yakety Yak  
1-2 Math

### Time

11:00-12:00  
12:30-1:30

### Secondary

7-8 Math

9:00-10:30

### Modular A

Mosaic (8<sup>th</sup>)

10:45-12:45

### Modular B

8 Science

12:30-1:30

### Modular C

Book Clubs  
Flat Stanley-11/19 only

12:30-2:00  
9:00-10:30

## Thursday

### Primary

K Story/Variety  
3-4 Math  
2-3 Art

### Time

9:00-10:30  
12:30-1:30  
10:45-11:45

### Secondary

5-6 Math

11:00-12:00

### Modular A

4-5 Art

2:00-3:30

### Modular B

9-12 ROV (Glacier)  
6-8 ROV (MHS)

11:00-12:30  
1:30-3:00

### Modular C

4<sup>th</sup> Gold Rush  
(This is a continuing class!)

10:15-12:15

\*Sessions for 5th-7th research report writing classes will be offered in Blocks 3 and 4

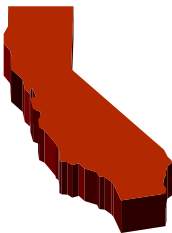
**~Parent Group ~ Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 11:00-12:00**

## Friday P.E. Classes

### **\*ATTENTION 8TH GRADERS!\***

### **Environmental Education :**

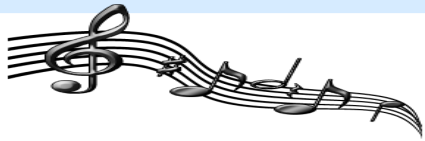
### **California's Water**



**An exciting new class is being offered just for you! Miss Brook will be teaching a 4 week**

**course during Block 2 that will focus on water in California.**

**Some of the topics we will discuss include the San Joaquin River, oceans, and marine biology. This class will give you some great background in preparation for the Catalina trip. Keep your eyes open for an 8th Grade Physical Science class in Block 3!**



## Music Ensemble Opportunity

Mountain Home School is working with musician, Boris Nixon, to provide your students with the opportunity to be part of an instrumental ensemble. We hope to have interest for 3 separate groups comprised of the following: a beginning ensemble, an intermediate & above ensemble, and a strings group. Prospective students need to be in 5th grade or higher. Consideration may be made for a student in 4th grade based on musical experience.

Practice sessions will be on Mondays @ Sierra Vista Church. Exact times will be determined once we know how many students plan to participate. Mr. Nixon will interview prospective students to determine which group will be most appropriate.

See the individual student sign-up sheets at Mountain Home. For additional questions, feel welcome to contact Mindy @ [mklang@mountainhomecharter.org](mailto:mklang@mountainhomecharter.org) or (559) 642-1422 ext. 15

## 8th Grade News

**Deposit for CIMI:** Don't forget that the Catalina **nonrefundable deposit of \$40** is due by Oct. 4 or you can bring it to the 8th grade meeting on Oct. 1st at 10:40 right after math.

**Flower Power:** Just a reminder that the Flower Power hard copies are in and orders can be taken now though October 25th. Also, the online version is easy and efficient. So you have two ways to make Flower Power money for the Catalina trip.

**See's:** Get your boxes of See's Candy and sell, sell, sell!

**Classes:** Don't forget to sign-up for Block 2 classes on Sep 30! They begin on Oct. 22: **Math Class, Mosaic Class (bring a 12"x14" board to first class)** and the **Environmental Education Class**. We'll have fun, fun, fun!

## The Return of Furballs & Friends

It sounds like a horror story but actually it's a bunch of fun-loving kids and animals spreading joy to the senior citizens at Oakhurst Community Living Centre. We have scheduled two dates for this semester: Wed., Oct. 30th at 1:30 (Don't forget to dress up!) and Thurs., Dec. 19th at 2:30. All sizes and shapes of animals are embraced.

See Joanie Madaus if you have questions!



## ***News Flash!! Pick up your copy of Scholastic News***



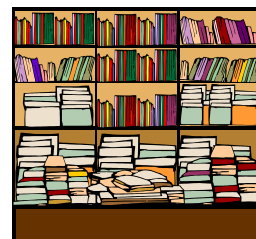
Scholastic News is often very informative and helpful. Many students enjoy reading their level edition and completing the activity page. The activities follow Common Core suggestions. In addition, the activity pages could be used as samples to be turned into your charter teacher. They may be collected under the heading of Current Events, Reading, Science or Social Studies. Each edition includes a teacher guide. In the teacher guide, you will find lesson plans, additional activities and digital resources. Contact your charter teacher or Kathi if you are interested.

### **Library Access**

Did you know that our school library is now online? Go to [www.mountainhomecharter.org](http://www.mountainhomecharter.org) and click on the resource tab. Your charter teacher can give you your username and password with detailed instructions on how to login.

Once you are logged in you will be able to view what books and curriculum you have checked out. You can also search the library for what books or materials we have in.

Next month we will give you more details on some of the additional great features like the Destiny Quest and the Ipad App. For additional questions please contact Eric Hagen at [ehagen@glacierhighcharter.org](mailto:ehagen@glacierhighcharter.org)



## **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 date in November will move to Tuesday, with future dates switching to Tuesdays.**

**Thursday, October 3                      9:30-10:30 in Modular A**

**~ Topic: Creative Learning** (come share the creative learning that’s happening in your home! How are you making learning fun? What do you do “outside the box” to help your students learn important concepts? - Bring Props!)

**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!)

Other future topics: planning unit studies, sharing online resources, teaching (with preschoolers) in the home, “Make & Take” workshop

*Hope to see you October 3rd!*

You're invited! Come join us for a day at the theater!  
California Theatre Center is presenting a performance of  
**Jack and the Beanstalk**

When: November 13, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.

Plan on arriving no later than 10:30 a.m. The play will last approximately one hour.

Where: Tower Theater: 815 E. Olive Fresno, CA

Who: Children 4 years to 4th grade and parents

Cost: Advanced ticket price is \$5.50 per person and is non-refundable.

Sign-up and payment due date: Wednesday, October 9, 2013.

Questions? Contact Denise Cudd at 642-1422 ext. 18 or email

[dcudd@mountainhomecharter.org](mailto:dcudd@mountainhomecharter.org)

Want even more information? Visit [ctcinc.org](http://ctcinc.org). Under the Teacher Information section there are FAQ, a map to the theater, and a study guide.

## Save the date...

# MEASUREMENT MANIA EXPO

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

Charter Teachers will have more information  
available in the near future.

### College Prep for 8th Grade Students

Glacier Teacher, Irina Buca, is inviting interested 8th grade students to participate in her math study group for PSAT preparation on Wednesdays, beginning Oct. 2 from 9:45-10:30 am until the PSAT test on Oct. 30th which 8th graders are invited to take.

The PSAT is a standardized test that provides practice for the college entrance exam SAT. It also gives students a chance to access college and career planning tools. Some students begin to receive early scholarship offers if results are exceptionally good on the PSAT. The test covers reading, writing, and math and is designed for 10th and 11th grade students. For more information, check out the PSAT website at: <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/about.html>.

The fee to take the test is \$14. Only 20 tests have been ordered so if you want your student to participate, payment is due now. Please see Cheryl at the front desk. <http://www.mountainhomecharter.org/curriculum-reviews.html#/>

# Happenings at Glacier High!

## *Student Involvement at Glacier & in the Community!*

- Musical Pursuits
- Explorer Program
- Cadet Corps
- Melodramas
- Field Trips
- Volunteerism

## **New Course Offerings!**

EMT Course being offered in 2nd semester! Working with Sierra Ambulance, students will earn 10 class credits & be able to work as an Emergency Medical Technician when they turn 18!

A Pharmacy Technician Training Program prepares students for careers for pharmacy technician & other health careers. This is a self-paced independent study program for high school seniors.

## **On-Site Classes**

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



Please welcome to the GHS staff Mr. Eric Hagen, who will be serving as the Oakhurst Assistant Principal, in addition to servicing a few students as a charter teacher.

Mr. Hagen will retain a limited charter teacher position at Mountain Home School, as well as handling the tech department of both sites. Eric will also be teaching Underwater Robotics for both GHS and MHSC sites. No one will be wearing more hats around here!

Eric is a local product, having grown up in Oakhurst and tracing roots back several generations. He formerly taught classroom style at Oakhurst Elementary at the 4th grade level and Junior High Science at Wasuma Elementary.

In his spare time, Eric spends time with family and church. He is an accomplished musician on keyboard and guitar, and is involved musically at Sierra Vista Presbyterian Church. He is also involved in swing dance, rock climbing, wakeboarding, and does DJ-ing on the side. Eric and wife Michelle homeschool their daughters Olivia and Emma through MHSC.

