

October 2014 Newsletter



Mountain Home School Charter

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Sep 22 Block 2 Sign-ups open **
Oct 7 Block 2 Classes begin
Oct 10 Attendance Due
Oct 20-24 Oct Break ~ School Closed



Reminder: We are a peanut-free school!! Please make sure students are not bringing peanut products, pbj sandwiches, etc.. to Mountain Home. ~ Thank You!



Four students from Mountain Home School along with one recent graduate of Glacier High School put on a dance performance for the Oakhurst Healthcare & Wellness Center recently.

They put smiles on a lot of faces!

The students included:

Front Row

Miriam Rumohr
Elisa Heidebrecht
Serafina Montanez

Back Row

Audrey Phillips
Elseana Skowronski

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~ The "Coyote Times" Student Newsletter ~

The Coyote Times student editors want to have all Mountain Home students submit their writing! Some examples include: original poetry, favorite recipes, announcements, short book reviews, stories, or share activities they are involved in.

Submit work in the wooden box in the computer lab!

Check Out our Website Wall in the Computer Lab!

Here's a great educational site for parents to find curriculum-targeted digital resources for their student/s:

<http://www.pbslearningmedia.org>

If you have favorite educational websites that you or your student uses, we hope you will share them on our Website Wall!



ACADEMIC PENTATHLON

Calling all 7th and 8th grade students... it's time to start thinking about Academic Pentathlon. Last year was so much fun, that we've decided to participate again. The competition will include five areas: Math, Literature, Speech, Science, and Writing. Ideally, we would love to have a 7th and 8th grade team. The first meeting, for both parents and students, will be in early November. Please contact Kim Meeks if interested: 642-1422 ext. 14.

Book Club

****It is not too late to join!***



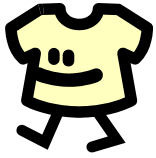
Our Book Club will read and discuss selections from a variety of genres. Project assignments will be given to enhance discussion, highlight literary quality and focus personal points of interest. The separate clubs consist of six classes, meeting in Modular "C", once a month, on Thursdays, from 2:15 to 3:30.

Call Kathi @ 642-1422 # 12 with questions.

A SPECIAL THANKS to Mountain Home parent, Susan Nobles, for donating the profits of her sales, where she works for the company, *Thirty-One* as a consultant. All proceeds helped raise money for our 8th grade students' trip to Catalina Island Marine Institute!



If you missed the great products displayed last week, Susan will be back on
Tuesday, October 28th



SHOW YOUR MOUNTAIN HOME SCHOOL SPIRIT...

Order forms have been placed in your mailbox. They include an option to buy online or to purchase via the form provided. Please return by September 30th to Mrs. Meeks. They can be dropped in the "mailbox" located next to her office.

Underwater Robotics Informational Meeting

Now starting our seventh year, Underwater Robotics and Engineering continues to challenge and engage children in science, math, and engineering. Come find out what all the excitement is about. On Thursday October 2nd, at 12:30pm. Mr. Hagen will be introducing his Underwater Robotics and Engineering class for Mountain Home School Students grades 6th – 8th.

For Glacier High school students, the informational meeting will be at 2:15pm.

It is required that both student and parent attend the informational meeting in order to participate in the class. Signups for the informational meeting will be posted with other class signups.



What is it?

Students design, build, and pilot remotely operated vehicles (ROVs) to compete with other students in Aptos California. The event includes underwater missions, a poster display, and an engineering presentation. This class requires a high level of commitment from student and parent but it is well worth it.

If you have further questions or you cannot make the informational meeting, please contact Eric Hagen at ehagen@mountainhomecharter.org



Attention Families: Start saving your pennies!!

An exciting two-day trip is being planned to see the elephant seals, Hearst Castle, and the Piedras Blancas Light Station. We may be able to experience the end of the birthing season and the peak of mating season of the elephant seals. Arrangements are being made for February 12th & 13th ushering us into our February break. Details will follow.



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 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. If you have any questions, please contact your charter teacher or Kathi.



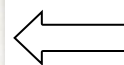
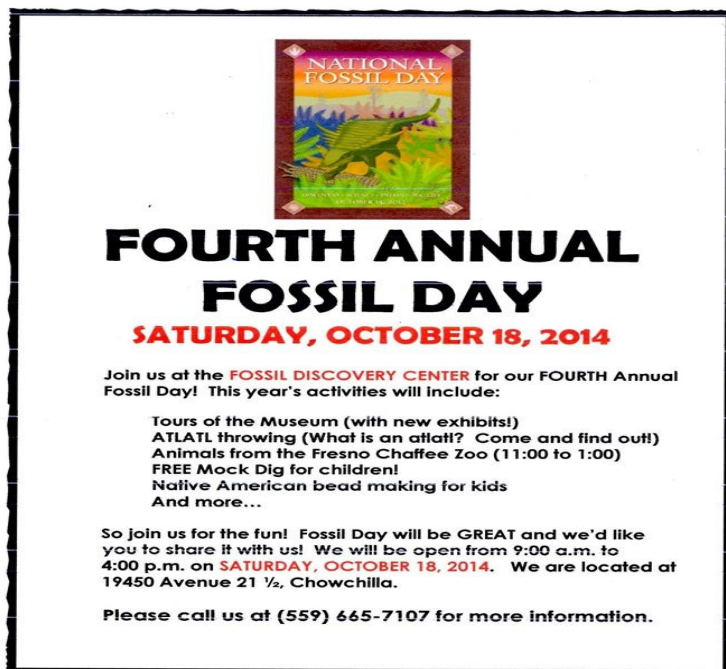
Fun Day at the Fresno Fair!

When: Friday, October 3rd

Time: 8:30

Where: Butler Parking Lot - Fresno

This is a great opportunity to see first-hand and support our agriculturally-rich valley heritage and traditions through the Fair Education Program. This program allows free access for our students. Parents will be offered a discounted price of \$5.00. We will meet at the Butler Parking Lot, which offers free parking to all Fair Education participants, at 8:30 a.m. You may either bring a bag lunch or purchase lunch inside the fairgrounds. If interested, please be sure to sign up on Monday, September 22nd. Questions, call Kathi @ 642-1422 Ext. 12



This might be something of
interest to you for a fun,
family outing!

Worth Quoting: "The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up!" Mark Twain

Block 2 10/07-11/20

Tuesday

<u>Primary</u>	<u>Time</u>
K Variety	10:45-12:15

Secondary

3/4 Writing	9:00-10:30
3-5 Legos	12:30-2:00

Modular A

Math 7/8	10:45-12:15
Mosaic 8	12:30-2:30

Modular C

History 5th	10:45-12:15
7 Writing	12:45-2:00
8 Writing	2:30-3:45

Thursday

<u>Primary</u>	<u>Time</u>
1-2 Variety	10:45-12:15

Secondary

5/6 Math	12:30-2:00
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Modular A

Art 4/5	10:45-12:15
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Modular B

Science 5 th	9:00-10:30
ROV (MHS)	12:30-2:00
ROV (GHS)	2:15-3:45

Modular C

Book Club	2:15-3:30
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Computer Lab

Coyote Times (select dates)	9:00-10:30
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Most classes from Block 1 will be continuing into Block 2. However, the following classes require that you sign-up your student. They include:

4th-5th grade Art

6th-8th grade ROV

5th grade Science

3rd-5th Legos (priority for students who did not participate in Block 1)

Sign-ups begin Monday, Sep 22nd!

~ Attention Parents ~

Recently, we have had some serious (and costly) vandalism occur in the restrooms during operating hours at Mountain Home School. Please talk to your children about proper behavior and accompany your small children, under the age of 6, to the restroom. If you have questions or concerns, please speak with a staff member.

Thank you ~ Mountain Home School Charter Staff

PSAT Test Available for 8th Grade Students:

Attention 8th Graders. Glacier High School will be offering the PSAT test on Wednesday, October 15, 2014 from 8:30 – 12:00 a.m. The test is \$14. There are only 15 available tests. A signup sheet will be posted on the Glacier Informational board. Please pay when you sign up.

The purpose of the test is to give all students an opportunity to experience taking a college readiness test and to identify students who might benefit from advanced coursework.

By taking the PSAT/NMSQT[®] students will have access to resources that will help prepare him/her for the future. Two resources that will be a benefit to all students are

1. a list of personalized careers and potential college majors based on the preferences indicated on the PSAT/NMSQT[®]; and
- access to MyRoad[™], the College Board's interactive college and career planning website.

Other resources that will be provided to all students who participate in the test include the following:

- ✦ MY COLLEGE QUICK START[™], a personalized interactive planning program based on the individual student's test results;
 - ✦ an online score report, including projected SAT[®] score ranges, state percentiles, and the ability to sort answer explanations by difficulty and question type;
 - ✦ opportunity to see what Advanced Placement classes the student has potential to do well;
- a customized SAT[®] study plan including a review of results, SAT[®] practice questions, and personalized skill improvement ideas.

Please note that 8th, 9th, 10th graders are not eligible for the National Merit Qualifying Scholarships. Only 11th grade students may be identified as National Merit Scholars based on the PSAT/NMSQT[®].

Your student's Score Report for the PSAT/NMSQT[®] will arrive here at school early this winter for distribution.

Please see Mrs. Buca prior to 9/24 to get a practice test. Mrs. Buca will also be holding a PSAT math study group to prepare for the test on Sept. 24, Oct. 1, and Oct. 8th from 9:45 – 10:45am in Module A.

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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Our School Theme ...
Digging for Knowledge