



MOUNTAIN YOUTH SCHOOL *Mustang Moment*

Wednesday, December 12, 2012

Cafeteria Menus



Today - 12/12 (W)

Lunch

MEXICAN CHILI
TOASTED TORTILLA
SALSA & SOUR CREAM
RED COBBLERS
GARDEN SALAD
GALA APPLES
PEACH CUP
MILK

Tomorrow - 12/13 (TH)

Breakfast

BISCUIT & GRAVY

Lunch

SPAGHETTI & MEAT SAUCE
BREAD STICKS
COLLARDS
GREEN BEANS
BANANAS
PEARS
MILK

Student of the Week



Jordan Elkins

For details on the Student of the Week, see page 3.

Daily Attendance

- **Absences:** Jordan Elkins, Jon Fleming, Jacob Haynes, Spenser Hendrix, Colby Phillips, Andrew Watts
- **Work Smart:** Courtney Mosley

Student Announcements

- Today is 12-12-12! According to Megan Hicks, this is the last day in our lives that the date will ever be the same number three times!
- Students, Common Exams continue through the rest of the week. Each student must take his/her final exams in each class. Please be present every day, or you will not receive credit for your classes. Get a good night's rest, and eat breakfast.
- Please be quiet in the halls and respectful of the students testing.
- Senior class, do you have any ideas for a fund-raiser to purchase MYS Class of 2013 apparel?
- Make sure to be here on Monday for a special surprise!

Faculty/Staff Information

- Weekly Duty — Cafeteria: Payne; Hallway: Herr
- Senior Exit presentation schedule (subject to change):
 - Trae Gaddis: Thursday, December 13 at 9:30 AM
 - Hailey Henson: Thursday, December 13 at 10:30 AM
 - Megan Hicks: Thursday, December 13 at 12:00 PM
 - Brent Ledford: Friday, December 14 at 9:00 AM
 - David Holder: Friday, December 14 at 10:30 AM
- We are trying to have each student complete a "Student of the Week" questionnaire this week. Please send students to Ms. Herr to obtain a copy.
- Per Ms. Maxey: Shepherd of the Mountains Church will provide gift bags for all of our students next Monday, December 17.
- Faculty Christmas dinner is at Brother's Willow Ranch Restaurant in Young Harris, GA on Tuesday, December 18 at 7:00 PM. There will be a Chinese Christmas gift exchange; please bring a gift of about \$20 for the game.
- Countdown to winter break: 6 days!

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Quote of the Day

“Even as kids reach adolescence, they need more than ever for us to watch over them. Adolescence is not about letting go. It's about hanging on during a very bumpy ride.”

– Ron Taffel

Fun idea of the day



This section of the newsletter is dedicated to our students and what they are learning.

Today's idea is inspired by our senior class, who have been helping design their Class of 2013 apparel. To create a unique logo, we explored Fonts101, a website featuring thousands of free, downloadable fonts. You can sign up to receive the Font of the Day via e-mail at www.fonts101.com.

Note: This checklist is from the School Turnaround Learning Community's resources for rural schools. Download it at: http://www.schoolturnaroundsupport.org/sites/default/files/handouts_for_family-school_partnerships_in_rural_schools_0.pdf.

Communication tips to encourage partnerships with families

Ask open ended questions as a form of structuring “help.”

- Cannot be answered “yes” or “no” or with a one-word response. Usually elicits a more elaborate response. Examples are:
 - “What is it you want to see for your child?”
 - “What do you hope for your child?”
 - “How can we work together so that your child can accomplish this?”

Actively listen to families’ needs, goals, desires and communicate that understanding.

- Repeat in your own words or those of the parent what the parent says as a way of letting them know you are listening to them and hearing them.
- Responding as an attentive and interested partner to encourage ongoing dialogue. Some examples include:
 - “So you are saying that homework time is particularly difficult for your family.”
 - “So you would like to see Nan get along better with other children.”
 - Often nonverbal actions such as nodding and using good eye contact shows active listening.

Remain focused and provide structure to the dialogue.

- Remain focused and help parent stay focused on the main needs or concerns.
- Assure an understanding of what the parent tells you so that you have a shared conversation. Examples are:
 - “Are you saying you want him walking more or that you are concerned that when he is independently walking he may hurt himself?”
 - “Tell me what you mean by...”

Affirm parents’ competence.

- Communicate belief and trust in parent’s abilities; show value for them as a partner and capable parent.
- Comment on what the parents have done to support their child thus far. Examples are:
 - “Sammy really enjoys it when you read together!”
 - “I can tell that your morning routines are going well. Rachel is so much more organized and happy when she gets to school!”
 - “I think your idea to try pennies during homework time is what made Rachel do so well.”

NOTE: In an effort to learn more about our students and highlight each student's individuality, the Mustang Moment is beginning a new series that will feature a different student each week. We hope to feature every student who is with us at least 20 school days by the end of the year, beginning with our pending December graduates.

Student of the Week: Jordan Elkins

Birthday: October 16

Birthplace: Murphy, NC

Siblings: Four sisters, one brother

Favorite color: Orange

Favorite food: Chinese

Favorite dessert: Cheesecake

Favorite pastime/hobby: Riding dirt bikes and four-wheelers

Favorite band/group/singer: Haystack, CWB

Favorite sports team: Oklahoma Sooners

Senior Exit Project: Blacksmithing

Plans after graduation: Work, take care of my family

What he wanted to be when he was a kid: A billionaire, because I like money

If he could go anywhere in the world, it would be: Alaska, because I like snow

Something interesting few people know about him: I am related to George Washington somehow

Something he is good at: Football

Role model: My grandpa, because he teaches me lots of stuff

What he considers to be a good role model: Someone who you look up to

If she could describe himself in one word: Awesome

What teachers say about Jordan: "Jordan is a well-rounded young man with a lot of undiscovered potential. He is persistent. When he sets his mind to accomplish something and applies himself, he will achieve great things." – Ms. Herr



Mountain Youth School Common Exam Testing

December 11-14, 2012

Course	English IV	Earth Science	ELPS	English III	Phys. Science	Geometry	World History	U.S. History
Date	12.11.12	12.11.12	12.11.12	12.12.12	12.12.12	12.13.12	12.13.12	12.13.12
Administrator	Crosby	Dougherty	Scott	Scott	Dougherty	Crosby	Crouch	Dougherty
Location	Dougherty	Crosby	Scott	Scott	Dougherty	Crouch	Crosby	Dougherty
Students	J. Diesz J. Elkins T. Gaddis L. Hamby H. Henson M. Hicks D. Holder B. Ledford K. Morgan K. Morrow C. Mosley D. Riggs K. Rollins R. Stiles E. Whitener	J. Seabolt	C. Armitage K. Morrow CJ Hobson S. Kendrick P. Smith	C. Jones S. Kendrick J. Lovingood C. Phillips T. Thorley	C. Armitage H. Henson S. Hibberts CJ Hobson A. Moore A. Rogers P. Smith	J. Anderson J. Fleming C. Jones S. Kendrick A. Moore J. Nelson	S. Hibberts J. Seabolt	J. Elkins J. Haynes M. Hicks D. Holder C. Jones J. Nelson C. Phillips T. Thorley E. Whitener PM

Fall 2012 Master Schedule

Teacher	1 st Period	2 nd Period	3 rd Period	4 th Period
Dougherty	English IV	English III	English II	English I
	Julian Diesz Jordan Elkins Trae Gaddis Lindsay Hamby Hailey Henson Megan Hicks David Holder Brent Ledford Kalyn Morgan	Kristen Morrow Courtney Mosley Daniel Riggs Keith Rollins Robbie Stiles Emily Whitener Jeremy Lovingood (R-Eng II) Johnny Anderson (R)	Cody Jones Sam Kendrick Jeremy Lovingood Courtney Mosley (R) Cory Phillips Tommy Thorley	Cody Armitage Jacob Haynes CJ Hobson Amber Rogers
Crosby	US History	Geography	World History	ELPS
	Jacob Haynes Cody Jones James Nelson Cory Phillips Tommy Thorley	CJ Hobson (ELPS) Sam Kendrick (ELPS) Amber Rogers (R-WH) Preston Smith (ELPS)	Johnny Anderson Jacob Haynes Brent Ledford Kristen Morrow James Nelson	Justin Seabolt Jordan Elkins (US) Megan Hicks (US) David Holder (US) Emily Whitener (US)
Crouch	Algebra IA	8th	Geometry	ACT Math
	Cody Armitage (R) Aaron Moore (R) Jon Fleming (Geom)	Trae Gaddis (R) Jon Fleming	Johnny Anderson Cody Jones Sam Kendrick Aaron Moore James Nelson	Johnny Anderson Jeremy Lovingood Julian Diesz Kalyn Morgan Jordan Elkins Courtney Mosley Cory Phillips Daniel Riggs Preston Smith Robbie Stiles Tommy Thorley Brent Ledford
Worley	Earth Science	Physical Science	Special Topics	Biology
	Sydney Hibberts (R) Justin Seabolt	Cody Armitage Hailey Henson Sydney Hibberts CJ Hobson	Aaron Moore Amber Rogers Preston Smith	David Holder Jeremy Lovingood Hailey Henson (SH) Emily Whitener (Dig Photo) Daniel Riggs (Gr. Design) Keith Rollins (Art I) Robbie Stiles (MS Word)
Payne	MS	MS	MS	MS
			Jon Fleming	Jon Fleming
Davenport			Intro T&I	Intro T&I
		Daniel Riggs (Graphic Design) Keith Rollins (Horticulture) Robbie Stiles (Foods I)	Megan Hicks Kristen Morrow (AS) Courtney Mosley	Cory Phillips (AS) Preston Smith (AS) Tommy Thorley