

# FOUNDATION NEWS



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## 2011 RACE TO THE FUTURE DATE SET

### FUNDING WILL PLACE iPADS IN STUDENTS' HANDS

On Tuesday evening, September 13th, the South Conway County Public School Foundation will host the 12th Annual "Race to the Future" Fundraising Event. Funds raised during this year's campaign will be used to purchase iPad Labs at all three of the South Conway County Public School Elementary Campuses.

Before his departure from the district, Dr. Douglas Adams had met with the Foundation Board and demonstrated the ways learning could be enhanced using iPads in the classroom. After experiencing the possibilities the Board voted to set this year's goal at \$50,000 in order to fund mobile iPad labs at Morrilton Primary, Morrilton Elementary, and Morrilton Intermediate schools.

When Dr. Henderson took over leadership of the district she immediately confirmed her desire to place the iPad labs into the district. The iPad is proving to be a very valuable tool to

place in young students' hands because of its ability to excite and engage.

The three mobile labs will contain 25 iPads and will allow for charging and synchronizing so that the tablets are available for classroom use daily. There are numerous applications available to teach core educational concepts to students and more are being developed daily. Another very appealing aspect of the iPad is that applications for the tablet are very inexpensive or free, making the technology extremely cost efficient after the initial investment.

To help patrons of the district understand the value of deploying the iPad in our district there will be a hands-on demonstration during the Race to the Future event. Harry Dickens, Associate Director of Technology at the Arkansas Public School Resource Center, will guide the demonstration using the actual iPad mobile labs that will be used in the districts classrooms. This

activity will take the place of a speaker for the evening and there will be an opportunity for questions at the end of the demonstration.

The Foundation realizes that our \$50,000 goal is large but we feel sure that our students are worth this level of investment. Our goal is to provide every tool possible to aid our students and facility in their journey to be among the top districts in the State of Arkansas. Please consider contributing to this effort by locating the form inside this newsletter and giving at one of the levels suggested. Join us as we stay on course to win our "Race to the Future."



### Upcoming Event

**12th Annual  
Race to the Future  
Tuesday  
September 13, 2011  
6:30 pm  
Morrilton High School  
Cafeteria**

### Devil Dog Reunion

**Date has not been set  
but will be announced  
soon!**

## SUPERINTENDENT DR. DOUG ADAMS RESIGNS

After eight years as Superintendent of the South Conway County School District, Dr. Doug Adams submitted his resignation to the School Board of Directors in June to accept the position of Superintendent of Schools in the Ramapo Central School District in New York. The district is located approximately 30 miles northwest of New York City and serves nearly 4800 students in nine local communities.

Under Dr. Adam's leadership, our student achievement has con-

sistently risen to meet and, at most levels, exceed state averages. With the help of a millage increase passed before his arrival, he has overseen the addition of several buildings and major renovations totaling over \$25 million, as well as the sale of the Westside Kindergarten campus. No new tax increases were required during his tenure.

All classifications of staff have enjoyed salary increases each year he has been superintendent, despite maintaining stu-

dent to teacher ratios below state requirements to enhance student learning. He has worked well with the South Conway County Public School Foundation to see that all gifts to the district from the Foundation and particularly those projects designated each year for "Race to the Future" were put to greatest use in augmenting technology and technology education for students.

At a time when many districts in wealthier communities are strug-

gling financially and academically, Dr. Adams leaves South Conway County School District in excellent condition financially and with a sound plan for continued improvement and success in educating the students of our community. He will be missed but goes with our wishes for continued success in his career.

## BOARD NAMES DR. ANNETTE HENDERSON NEW SUPERINTENDENT

The South Conway County School Board of Directors named Dr. Annette Henderson to succeed Dr. Doug Adams as Superintendent for the South Conway County School District effective July 1, 2011.

Dr. Henderson is well known in the district having served as Assistant Principal, Principal, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, and most recently, Deputy Superintendent in our district. She has also served as Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and Instruction in the Russellville School District, Praxis III Assessor for the Arkansas Department of Education, and

Clinical/Adjunct Instructor at the University of Central Arkansas. She has 20 years of experience in public school administration, six years of experience in the university graduate program as clinical professor/adjunct, and five years of experience teaching in the classroom.

Dr. Henderson earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education at Arkansas Tech University, a Masters Degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Central Arkansas, and a Doctorate in Educational Administration and Supervision from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. She has served on the

UCA Graduate School of Management, Leadership and Administration Advisory Committee from 2006 to 2010 and recently completed a four year term as a member of the Board of Directors of the Arkansas Association of School Personnel Administrators.

She has twice received the Distinguished Leadership Award from the Arkansas Leadership Academy, and has served as New Administrator Mentor for the Arkansas Department of Education. She has been honored with the Teacher of the Year Award in the Wonderview School District in 1989, and the Administrator of the Year Award in the Russellville

School District for the 2006-2007 school year.

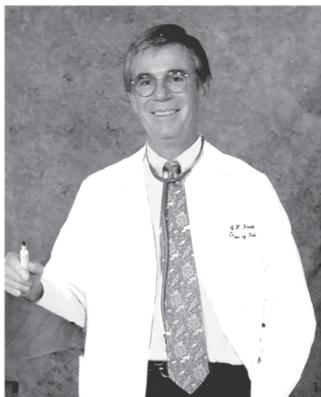
Dr. Henderson and her husband Dennis reside in Morrilton and are the parents of two sons, Matthew and his fiancé, Ashley, of Chicago, Illinois and Aaron and his wife, Karen, and their two sons Nathan, and Nicholas, of Fort Worth, Texas.



Dr. Annette Henderson

## DR. ROBERT "BOB" FISER, JR.

On July 20th Dr. Bob Fiser, MHS Class of 1959, passed away. Dr. Fiser was the older son of Sarah Del Fiser and the late Robert Fiser.



Dr. Fiser was a superb multi-sport athlete and scholar at Morrilton High School. He attended Texas A&M, Arkansas Tech, and Hendrix College. He graduated from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in 1966. After spending several years away from Arkansas Dr. Fiser returned in 1973 to the College of Medicine pediatrics facility of UAMS. In 1975 Dr. Fiser was named chairman of the Dept. of Pediatrics at

UAMS becoming the youngest department chair in the country.

Dr. Fiser always had a special place in his heart for his hometown and in 2005 he was the honored guest at the Foundation's Race to the Future event. The MHS Class of 1959 took that opportunity to establish a scholarship fund in his honor which became the foundation of the School Counts Initiative in Conway County.



### This Season's Home Devil Dog Football Games

- 9/2 Dogs vs Russellville
- 9/9 Dogs vs Dardanelle
- 9/30 Dogs vs Greenwood
- 10/14 Dogs vs Vilonia  
(Homecoming)
- 10/28 Dogs vs Huntsville  
(all games begin at 7:00 pm)

## WHY SHOULD YOU BE A FRIEND OF THE FOUNDATION?

Friends of the Foundation are very important. Funds gained through Friends of the Foundation help us continue to fund important projects within the South Conway County Public Schools. Your support through the Friends program also

shows your personal commitment to raising the bar on education in the Conway County area. We believe that the Foundation's influence has been instrumental in convincing the district to step-out and try new approaches to education.

Help us continue to influence education in this area by becoming a Friend of the Foundation today!

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**SAFE ROOM UNDER CONSTRUCTION**

Morrilton Intermediate School will soon have a Safe Room for its students to use during dangerous weather conditions.

On the southwest corner of the MIS campus, the 4,466 square foot room is under construction. The addition of pre-cast concrete panels

with outer veneer to match the main building will have a standing seam metal roof. A state grant will help cover 75% of the estimated cost with the district paying the other 25%.

The structure has a capacity of 677 persons with three exits and will

be handicap accessible. The new addition may be used for classrooms when not needed as a Safe Room. The Intermediate School for students in grades four through six has an enrollment of approximately 530 students and 60 faculty and staff members.



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