

FOUNDATION NEWS



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Register Your Email

Attention all MHS alumni!

Please register your email address so that reunion committees can contact you! Visit the following address to register

<http://goo.gl/8jApJa>

You address will only be shared with official MHS reunion committees.

Upcoming Events

15th Annual Race to the Future

Tuesday
September 23, 2014
6:30 pm
Morrilton High School Cafeteria

Devil Dog Reunion
June 6, 2015

2014 RACE TO THE FUTURE SEPT. 23RD FOUNDATION CONTINUES ITS EFFORTS TO BOOST TECHNOLOGY

On Tuesday evening, September 23rd, the South Conway County Public School Foundation will host the 15th Annual "Race to the Future" Fund-raising Event. Funds raised during this year's campaign will be used to purchase Chromeboxes for use at Morrilton Intermediate School.

Last year the Foundation raised funds to purchase Chromebooks at Morrilton Senior High School. Because of the investment of countless Friends of the South Conway County Public School Foundation, our school district is on the cutting edge of technology among schools in Arkansas and throughout the U.S.

This year we will continue that trend by providing funding to purchase 90 Chromeboxes at the intermediate school. Chromeboxes are the equivalent of a desktop version of a Chromebook. Like Chromebooks, they are optimized for the web's vast educational resources

and integrate rich content into lessons, inspire collaboration and encourage students to create and share their own content with the world. The 90 Chromeboxes will be utilized in labs, one for each grade level, on the intermediate school campus.

Our goal is to raise \$40,000 in order to provide 90 Chromeboxes and monitors for three labs that will be utilized by all students on the campus for researching, creating, and submitting assignments and for PARK assessments which take the place of Benchmark and End-of-Course Exams for grades 3-11.

The District is investing funds to purchase laptops and Chrome devices at Morrilton Primary, Elementary, Junior High, and High Schools. In total the District will begin the year with 363 new devices in the hands of scholars to equip them with 21st century tools.

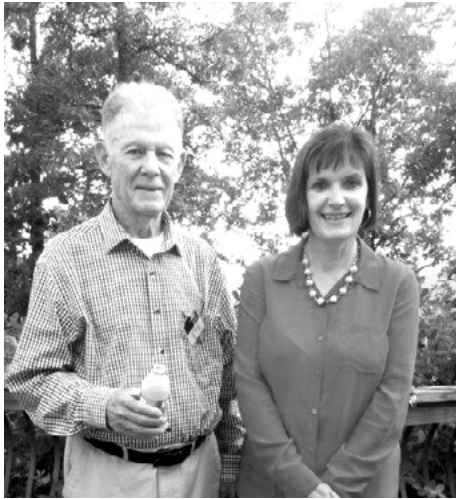
Inside this newsletter you will find an insert detailing

how you can be involved in the Race to the Future event. We hope that you will consider contributing at one of the levels suggested and will join us on September 23rd as we hear from district personnel about how *The Leader in Me* process is impacting our students and staff. Morrilton Primary and Morrilton Elementary are entering their third year as Leader in Me schools. Morrilton Intermediate will begin its second year. The Leader in Me initiative continues to transform our schools and this is an excellent opportunity for you to hear what a difference the initiative is making for the future of our community.

Send your support in early to be included in the printed program. If you prefer to give online that option is available on our web site at www.sccpsf.org.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of the Foundation and its commitment to the South Conway County School District.

14TH ANNUAL DEVIL DOG REUNION BRUNCH HELD



Snapshots from the event.

Pictured Left: Coach Ken Stephens and wife, Donna.

Pictured Above: Butch Dollar, Eleanor Ruth Stanley, Jerry Melton, and Gwen Massingill.

The Morrilton High School Class of 1964 led the way as the newest class to be a part of the MHS Devil Dog Reunion Brunch, an event honoring MHS classes that have had their 50th class reunions. The brunch was held on Saturday morning, June 7, 2014, at the Morrilton High School Cafeteria. Approximately 200 alumni, staff, friends and family attended this special event in its 14th year. Bea Lasater Thompson and Earl Bentley were recognized as the alumni representing the earliest class present, the Class of 1938, while their classmate, Dale Reynolds Meyers, was registered,

but was unable to attend. All three of these alumni have helped significantly with this event as longtime alumni committee members. Recognized as the classmate who came the longest distance was Stanley Stewart, Class of 1964, who traveled from Bakersville, California. Recognized as the classmate who has been married the longest at 66 years was Joyce Hays Alston (and her husband Bennett) from the class of 1945. In addition to alums previously mentioned, in attendance was another special group who were recognizing and celebrat-

ing at least their 65th class reunions: Betty Ruth Coleman Merrick, '42, Evelyn Hallett Sears, '43, Imogene Stroud Pollard, '44, Dorothy Reynolds King, '45, Alfretha Abston Kendrick, '46, Bill Wofford, '48, Betty "Ish" Flack Lienhart, '49, JoAnn Lasater Powell, '49, and Billy Joe Green, '49. Many members of the class of 1963 were present to celebrate their 51st reunion. The largest number of attendees, however, was the class of 1964, who attended the brunch as a part of a multi-event weekend reunion, which included Petit Jean

Mountain activities and culminated in a dinner at the Rialto Gallery in downtown Morrilton. Congratulations to the newest members of this golden group! Anyone wanting further information about this event, held on the first Saturday in June, may call Bea Lasater Thompson at 501-354-4003, Betty Bridgman Swope at 354-2931, or Jeannene Ring Ellis at 354-2149. The class of 1965 will be the honored class at the 2015 Devil Dog Reunion Brunch.

MHS GRADUATION RATE SOARS

Recently, the official graduation rates for 2012-2013 were released. South Conway County School District is celebrating a soaring increase. In 2011-2012, the Morrilton High School graduation rate was 80.63%. This percentage rapidly increased to 91.72% in 2012-2013, an increase of 11.09%!!! To put these numbers in perspective, the State of Arkansas had an average graduation rate of

84.13% in 2011-2012 and 84.94% in 2012-2013. That means that Morrilton High School's graduating class was 6.78% higher than the state average, according to the most recent data.

It takes an entire school community to accomplish a 91.72% graduation rate, one of the highest graduation rates in surrounding areas of the state. We are proud of the efforts of our scholars, families,

community partners, and school-wide staff. Congratulations, South Conway County School District graduates! We expect great things from the class of 2015 this year. Thank you for partnering with South Conway County School District, as the district works to accomplish its mission for every scholar, every day.



2014 Season's Home Devil Dog Football Games

- 9/19 Dogs vs Searcy
- 9/26 Dogs vs Greenbrier
- 10/10 Dogs vs Harrison
(Homecoming)
- 10/24 Dogs vs Maumelle
- 11/7 Dogs vs Clarksville
(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 support the ongoing efforts of the South Conway County Public School Foundation.

Your support through the Friends program also

shows your personal commitment to raising the bar for education in the Morrilton area.

We believe that the Foundation's influence remains instrumental in giving the district confidence to step-out and try new approaches in the

education of its students.

Help us continue to be a positive influence for education in the Morrilton area by becoming a Friend of the Foundation today!

The SCCPSF is a 501(c)(3) organization, making all your donations tax deductible!

Did you know that the South Conway County Public School Foundation has virtually no administrative costs? All money contributed goes toward enhancing student achievement!

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ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE ON AND OFF THE FIELD

Historically, South Conway County School District has held to a strong culture of hard work, excellence, and achievement. During the 2013-2014 school year, students represented our community in several state championship appearances.

On December 14, 2013, the Morrilton High School Devil Dog Football team was victorious over Batesville in the 5A State Championship. After almost four grueling quarters, Devil Dog fans held their breath as Batesville, attempting to tie the game, missed a field goal wide left with only seconds remaining. The final score

was 27 to 24, awarding Morrilton High School its third state championship football title and first state championship football victory since 1973.

South Conway County School District scholars also represented Morrilton High School at the 5A State Quiz Bowl Championship where they were awarded the state runner-up title and trophy. The future looks bright for academic quiz bowl competition, with all members of the MHS quiz bowl team returning for their senior year. In addition, the 9th grade quiz bowl team and MIS intermediate team won regional championships in 2014,

with the 9th grade team advancing to the state tournament and placing third.

Shawanna Brockman, 2014 graduate, excelled in track and field events by winning the 5A State Championship in shot put and placing runner-up in discus.

The future looks bright for the Tennis Team, as Jordan Ryals, only a freshman, placed 3rd at the conference tournament.

The school community celebrates the daily dedication of all student athletes and scholars. It is an exceptional time to be a Devil Dog!!! Go Dogs!!!

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