

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Academic teams are organized and participate in the Belle-Fair Conference.

High Mount extra-curricular programs are designed to provide the students with a disciplined and competitive environment that allows for the acquisition of skills and the furtherance of the educational process. Eligibility for these activities may be terminated as a result of poor academic performance or misconduct.

Art Club Grades: 7th & 8th

Sponsor: George Wilkerson

The art club is an elite group of 7th and 8th grade students who participate on accelerated art projects, visit museums and galleries, study art history, with introductions to various art occupations and serve as the curators of the school's annual art show. In the past these students have had various works displayed at Belleville's ***Art On The Square*** and other venues.

Boy Scouts – Cub Scouts

Sponsor: Mike Biver (Okaw Valley Council)

Phone: 618-234-9111

Boy Scouts is available to boys ages 11-17. Leadership, team work, self-reliance, good decision making and the opportunity to develop life-long friendships is the emphasis of this program.

Cub Scouts is available to boys in grades 1st – 5th. They participate in family centered activities.

Both programs are facilitated through the Okaw Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Please contact Mr. Biver for additional information.

Chess Team Grades: 5th – 8th

Sponsor: TBA

Tryouts take place during January. Practices are generally scheduled before school or during lunch recess. Meets take place at Belleville East or West during February and March.

Computer Cleaners Grades: 7th – 8th

Sponsor: Julie Kirkland

Students sign up at the beginning of the year and select which quarter they wish to work. Students work in teams of 2 to 4 to assist in cleaning school computers a minimum of one time per week during recess or study hall. Participants are recognized for their efforts by the sponsor.

Healthy Morning Strollers Walking Club All Grades

Sponsor: HMS PTC Chair: Lorraine Cange Phone: 618-236-7920

This activity was created in an effort to give students of every age an opportunity to participate in a healthy activity while promoting healthy lifestyle choices through physical activity. Students walk before school with staff and parent volunteers. Individual mileage is recorded and recognition awards are earned for reaching “milestones”.

Just Desserts Book Club Grades: 2nd – 8th

Sponsor: Julie Kirkland

This program is organized into groups that purchase and read books which are pre-selected according to reading level. Student groups meet throughout the year and enjoy dessert while they share and converse their insights and personal synopsis of the selected books.

Math Team Grades: 6th – 8th

Sponsors: Karen Jansen Casey Hardesty

The Math Team engages students in creative approaches to learning mathematics and helps to create tomorrow’s problem solvers in all areas of society. The students participate in math contests such as the Belleville West Math Conference held at the end of September and Math Counts held in February at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. Practice meetings are set as student’s schedules allow, usually during lunch recess.

Recycling Grades: 7th – 8th

Sponsor: Jackie Brenner

Recycling and the environment are focal points of science units at this grade level. Students participate in collecting and recycling various items such as **cellular phones, ink cartridges, clothing and paper products**. Students are responsible for collecting recyclable paper throughout the school on a weekly basis. Paper and clothing recycling bins are located on the school parking lot to encourage community participation. Funds received from all the recycled items go back into our school to provide additional equipment and services for our students.

Please deposit recyclable items into the bins provided. We encourage you and your family to send in old cell phones & ink cartridges for inclusion in our efforts.

Sponsor: HMS PTC

HMS PTC sponsors the aluminum recycling program which will help defray costs associated with 8th grade graduation. Please deposit your aluminum cans in the bin located on the school parking lot.

Scholar Bowl Grades: 7th – 8th

Sponsor: Emily Knowlton

Students are selected by their teacher and the coach to participate in this academic team competition. Practices take place after school for one hour Monday, Tuesday & Thursday. Matches take place after school on Wednesdays. The season takes place January through March.

Student Council Grades: 6th – 8th

Sponsor: Joan Mentzer

The purpose of Student Council is to maintain a connection between administration and the student body. Student leaders share ideas, interests and concerns with teachers and the principal. They participate in fundraising for school-wide projects, perform community service, organize the Red Ribbon Week activities, Spirit Week activities, Teacher Appreciation Day, Junior High Dances and provide support to Needy Families. Student Council promotes cooperation, respect, responsibility and the importance of giving back to your community. Students must maintain acceptable academic standards to participate.

Student Newspaper Grades: 7th – 8th

Sponsor: TBA

This program is designed to encourage and broaden students writing abilities and interests by developing skills as reporters, writers and editors of our school newspaper. Students keep our school up-to-date with HMS latest and greatest events. Articles feature information and stories relating to High Mount students, staff and activities, as well as creative writing selections.

Teens Against Tobacco Use (TATU) Grades: 7th – 8th

Sponsor: Yvette Hicks

The purpose of this student facilitated program is to educate other students on the harmful effects of tobacco use. Students expose tobacco companies tactics through plays, presentations and other venues. Members must maintain academic standards and possess leadership qualities to participate.

Visionary Club Grades: 7th – 8th

(Formerly Jr. Optimists)

Sponsors: Jackie Brenner Julie Kirkland

This service club provides students the opportunity to promote character and citizenship. Students volunteer to assist residents of local care centers for the elderly and handicapped adults. Other service opportunities include; serving breakfast to the homeless, assisting participants at Special Olympics events, as well as community cleanup efforts.

Yearbook Grades: 7th – 8th

Sponsors: Kelly Maher Stephanie Bontemps

Student members of the yearbook committee work all year to help compile the school's yearbook. Students participate in design choices, photography, editing and assist with schedule organization of picture days. Members meet occasionally on Saturdays to organize their ideas.