**2 Day Trip**

Letters were sent home last week that outlines the details of the 2 day CDE trip this year (April 6th & 7th). If your student is being asked to participate on a team, you will need to sign and return the form that will be attached to the outline. Please be as diligent and speedy as you can in returning these as we will need to finalize the list of students going for attendance as soon as possible. Forms and money will need to be returned by Tuesday April 5th by 2:35pm, if not returned on time, students will not be allowed to go on the trip.

**Record Books**

Thank you to those students that came to work on their record books last week. If you are looking to get your LoneStar this year, you need to stop by Ms. Bozarth’s room ASAP to find out how to get started. LoneStar applications need to be finished by the beginning of May. Ms. Bozarth will see about getting a laptop cart reserved for after school a couple of days a week for students to come by and work on them.

**Summer Animal Raisers**

Any students that are interested in raising an animal over the summer for the State Fair of Texas or any other major shows will need to come to a meeting.

The meeting will be held Today (Monday, April 4) at 5:30pm in Ms. Nite’s room. If you are interested in raising a steer for a major show, you should have already been in contact with Mr. Finke. Pig, sheep, and goat raisers and parents will need to attend this meeting to get information regarding rules and important dates for raising over the summer.

**Upcoming Judging Contests**

Students should be continuing to study with their teams as judging season gets busy and area contests are approaching soon.

McLennan Invitational 4/6 – Wildlife, Poultry, Milk Quality, Dairy Cattle, Livestock, Floriculture, Land, Horse, Vet Tech

Tarleton Invitational 4/7 - Wildlife, Poultry, Milk Quality, Dairy Cattle, Livestock, Floriculture, Land, Horse, Vet Tech

Region 3 Wildlife Contest 4/11

SHSU Invitational 4/12 – Forage, Milk Quality, Land, Floriculture

Tarleton Area 4/13 – Dairy Cattle, Vet Tech

TAMU Area 4/16 – Floriculture, Milk Quality, Livestock, Land, Horse, Poultry

**Course Verification**

Students will be receiving their course verification sheets tomorrow. Students need to make sure the electives (ag classes) they wish to take next year are listed on this sheet. This is the FINAL time students can make changes to their courses for next year. ***If you are an animal raiser or have interest in being an animal raiser next year you must be in an ag class both semesters – make sure you are in an ag class!! PLEASE do not hesitate to ask an ag teacher is your child is in an ag class or the “right” ag class.*  REMEMBER: floral design counts as a fine arts credit, animal science counts as a science credit, and ag business counts as a speech credit!!!**

***From the counseling office:***

* **This is the *absolute last time* to make elective changes.  Please review and consider all courses carefully.**
* **To change a course, mark through the original course and write in the new course.**
* **If no changes are needed in your course requests, write “Okay” at the bottom of the form and have a parent sign.**
* **ALL STUDENTS must turn in this signed form to one of the counseling offices (*main or 9th grade office*) by April 10, 2015.**

**2016-2017 FFA Chapter Officers**

Congratulations to the students who made the officer team for next year. Competition was tough this year and the advisors are proud of everyone who tried out. The following students made the officer team and will find out their position on May 19th at the banquet.

Jacob Anderson

Avery Cegielski

Samantha Hamilton

Jeffery Johnson

Katie McGee

Savannah Murphy

Evelyn Reyes

Lindsey Walston

**Steers**

**KISD Steers** will cost $2400.00 along with $180.00 for pen rent, $10.00 for barn cards, $25.00 entry fee, is all due April 18that the Merrell Center from 3-7:00pm. No checks will be accepted for KISD animals so make sure it is cash, cashier’s check, money order, or credit card. **Remember insurance is no longer available to students.**  Students interested in a KISD steer should have spoken with Mr. Finke already.

**Banquet & Senior Slide Show**

Seniors interested in participating in the senior slide show may submit 5 photos by May 6th to an advisor. Anyone who has pictures of functions or events throughout the year please be sharing those with the chapter or posting them to the Morton Ranch FFA Shutterfly account. We need all chapter pictures so we can feature everyone in the banquet slide show.

**Greenhands**

Students who are a 1st year member in FFA could receive their Greenhand degree. Students receiving this honor have built a foundation on which they will strive on during their high school career. Students earning the Greenhand degree will be awarded the bronze pin at the banquet. The Bronze pin worn by Greenhands symbolizes the endurance these chapter members have. If your student is a first time FFA member please make sure they fill out the Greenhand degree application and turn it into an ag teacher by April 24th.

**Chapter Members**

Students who are a 2nd year FFA member could receive the silver FFA chapter pin. These students have already earned the bronze pin as a Greenhand and now seek the silver pin of the chapter member. FFA members need to fill out the chapter degree application and turn it in to an Ag teacher by April 24th.  The Silver pin of a chapter member is a precious pin, as the students graduate from Greenhands and await the honor of the golden charm of the state degree.

**Sponsorships**

MRHS has lost two Maverick FFA members in the past and the families would like to continue in honoring their children with a sponsorship in their child’s honor. The sponsorship helps student(s) with the initial purchase cost of a KISD Livestock Project of rabbits, a pig, a sheep, or a goat.  The applications are available on the white board in the ag hall and are attached. Applications are due back to Nite by May 4th.

**BOOSTER CLUB NEWS**

At the last meeting we decided on Bens Chuck Wagon for the banquet and will be serving chicken spaghetti, mixed vegetables, salad, and pasta salad.  Be on the look-out for meal tickets soon.  We will also post sign-up on shutterfly for desserts, for

Banquet on May 19th.

**Cookies- we need volunteers for this Friday 4/8/16**

This is a huge money maker for us.  Profiting an average of $200 a week. We are in need of more volunteers if you can help come on Friday to the main office and tell them you are there to help with cookies.

We bake from 7:30 1015, and sell from 1015 until gone  (usually about 1 pm).  The more help we can get the better.

**Thanks to all the volunteers that help out the chapter and the children!!!**

Adult FFA Volunteer Hours should be submitted to me by emailing them to:

elhamilton77@yahoo.com or texting to 832-517-8577.

**Upcoming Events (Partial List)**

4/6  McLennan Invitational

4/7 Tarleton Invitational

4/11 Wildlife Regional Contest

4/12 SHSU Invitational

4/13     Tarleton Area CDE Contest

4/15     End of the 5th six weeks

4/16     TAMU Area Contest

4/18 KISD Steer payment

4/20     District Convention

4/22     gain/lose eligibility

4/29 SHSU State Contest

4/29 Student Holiday

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If you have questions about any of the above, or anything else (explanation, conflicts, etc.) please ask.

If your e-mail has changed or we have missed someone please let us know.

If you would prefer not to receive e-mails from an MRHS advisor in the future, please let us know and we will remove you from the e-mail list.