**Pen Clean out**

HLSR animals must have their pen and barrel cleaned out by **Friday, March 25th**; students who fail to clean out their pen from housing their Houston project will lose privileges of ever housing major projects at the barn again.

**Easter Egg Hunt**

Today after school students have been working hard to stuff eggs for the annual Easter Egg Hunt tomorrow.

Tomorrow after school we will start getting ready for the Easter Egg Hunt. Students can earn community service hours for helping out. The hunt will start at 6pm and will not last long, but we will need help starting after school to get the fields ready.

**Buyer Thank you letters**

By now all students should have received their list of buyers and should start on their Thank You letters if they haven’t already. Thank you letters should be:

Handwritten in pen, on stationary or decorative cards, addressed and in a stamped envelope **unsealed.**

Some things to include in your letter:

who you are, grade level, school, what animal you raised, how will buyer contribution affect you, show memories/something learned, thank them again, and invite them to next year’s show.

Please be sure to use correct grammar!!!!!

Letters must be written to each buyer and add on (even if it is a close family friend, relative, or parent)

All letters need to be brought to an advisor for approval. Any letters not approved by April 1st will receive a late deduction of $25 per day.

**Show Checks – steps to be completed before receiving checks**

* Turn in approved thank you letters by deadline.
* Complete barn clean-up by deadline.
* **Attend March and April FFA meetings.**
* **Deliver pictures to auction buyers**
* All of your buyers + Ad on sponsors have paid.
* Overwhelming majority of all buyers have paid.
* Advisors release + complete paper work for you.
* KISD / Livestock show staff complete paperwork + cuts checks.
* Checks sent directly to student’s home in student’s name.
* **This is typically done in May.**

**Incoming officers**

Students who submitted an officer application to run for chapter officer for the 2016 – 2017 school year should be preparing. Wednesday all students running for office should bring appropriate official dress with them to school for officer interview and test. Interview will take place at 3:00pm followed by the test. For the FFA meeting on Thursday 3/31 students need to bring official dress and stay after school as well to help current officers with any meeting preparations and to get ready to present their speech to the chapter.

**“April” FFA and Booster Club meeting**

Thursday, March 31st is our April monthly FFA and booster club meeting and a really important one. In both meetings new officer candidates for the 2016 – 2017 school year will be voted on. Meetings will start at 6:45pm and be full of important information. It is imperative that parents and students show up to this meeting to have a say in who is on our booster club board and who will represent our chapter officer team.  Remember you must be a paid booster club member in order to vote or run for office and students must be a paid chapter member and turned in their officer application, interviewed, and tested to become a chapter officer. All meetings are mandatory for students who exhibited an animal.

**Judging Contests**

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

**Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo**

While many students finished their SAE project in February few continued to make their animal the best that it could be for the illustrious GREEN shavings of Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Judging and show results are to follow:

* Samantha Hamilton, Allyson Pena, and Dylan Peack exhibited their Sheep and Goat. Each student did a great job exhibiting their animal and presenting it against some tough competition.
* Laura Myerscough placed 3rd in her class in the Scramble show and also placed 2nd with her stall design
* Tyler Hamilton and Taylor Schriener spent time out of their spring break to show their pigs. Although their pigs went to the trailer they did a great job representing MRHS.
* Jared Anderson and MacKenzie Herring also spent their spring break at HLSR. They both did a great job but just didn’t have what the judge was looking for and went to the trailer.
* The Dairy team placed 41st with team members Katrina Heichel, Laura Myerscough, and Avery Cegielski.
* A BIG THANK YOU to those students who helped with program sales!
* For the first time we also participated in tour guiding and walked away with a 3rd place finish. Great job to the kids that came out and comtributed!
* The ag mechanics students ended our HLSR adventure with Daniel Rodriguez’s gate placing a blue ribbon and Edgar Zungia and Hector Zuniga’s shop table receiving a blue ribbon and placing 3rd in its class.

There is a long list of accomplishments and praise that the students who participated in HLSR should receive. Please congratulate these students for participating in the largest livestock show in the world from judging to exhibiting.  Congratulations…

**BOOSTER CLUB NEWS:**

Booster club Board Elections will take place on March 31. If you are interesting in running for a position make sure you are a paid booster club member and please let Erica know what position you would like to run for.

You must be a current paid booster club member to vote; 1 vote per family.

**Cookies-**

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](mailto:elhamilton77@yahoo.com) or texting to 832-517-8577.

**Upcoming Events (Partial List)**

3/21     Stuff Easter eggs after school

3/22     Easter Egg Hunt

3/23      2016-2017 FFA officer interview and Test

3/25 Good Friday – no school

3/30 SFA Invitational

3/31     April FFA and Booster Club Meeting

4/1 Thank you letter deadline – after this day $25.00 a day will be assessed to any late letter or unapproved letter

4/1       Wildlife Contest

4/1 Chicken Little and Texas State Invitational

4/2 TAMU Clinics

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

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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.