

CMS NEWS

Team Thunder Fires up CMS

Students throughout the nation constantly ask the question, "When will I ever use this in real life?" Team Thunder arrived at CMS with their version of an answer to this question. Sam Parton a co-owner and operator of a national top fuel dragster arrived early Thursday morning with a message to the student body that was delivered in the traditional auditorium style and followed with another more deafening message as he fired up his 285 mph 6 second quarter mile dragster, ...and the crowd went wild.



Parton's motivational message included making good choices throughout your school years; staying in school, and never giving up on your dreams. Parton stated, "As students you aren't living in the real world now. Your world is dictated by parents and school bells; but, in the real world there are no teachers and school bells to dictate your life. That's why it's so important for you to learn these lessons now." He followed by explaining how their education is carried throughout their lives, and how he personally uses math, science, English and technology to live his dream. He emphasized the importance of good language arts skills for public relations as well as communication skills to obtain sponsors. He explained how his understanding of math and scientific knowledge aided in figuring force, resistance energy, volume pressure, percentages and ratios in styling equipping, and fueling his dragster. He concluded his presentation with a short video of what drag racing is really about emphasizing the need for people around the driver to be knowledgeable. "After all," he stated, "my life is in their hands."



Following the motivational speech, the students were taken outside to look at the dragster and ask questions. Parton explained that the body was designed for speed and every detail right up to the pressure in the tires had to be exact. Next he removed the stops from the open exhausts pipes, had everyone stand back, and he fired

September

- 01 No School Labor Day
- 02 End of Fundraiser
- 08 1st Pep Assembly 11:30
Softball (H) Quapaw
- 09 Softball (T) Jay
Teacher's Meeting 7:45a.m.
- 11 Progress Reports Due
Softball (T) Miami
Fall Sport Pictures
- 12 Progress Reports go Out
- 15 Football (T) Quapaw
Softball (T) Fairland
- 16 Softball (H) Welch
- 18 Parent Teacher Conferences
3:30 - 6:30
- 19 Parent Teacher Conferences
8:00 - 12:00
Softball (H) Miami
- 20 Softball Welch festival
- 22 Football (T) Joplin McAuley
- 29 Football (H) Fairland



the motor up. The noise according to Parton was 160 decibels about 20 decibels louder than a 747 jet taking off. Parton stated, "It's hard to beat a 30 foot long visual aid that can produce a noise louder than a jet engine."