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Adventure to the Capitol By Victoria Hall

Last week, 46 8th grade students went on their annual field trip to Washington, D.C. with chaperones Mr. Mooney, Mr. Backur, Miss Conway, and Miss Lariccia.

Mr. Mooney is the advisor who coordinates the trip every year. He sets up informational meetings for the parents as well as several fund raisers including Handel's pint cards to help offset the costs.

Ethan Van Gorder said, "I have ever been on a big trip before and I am excited because it is a new adventure from me."

On the first day students visited the Holocaust Memorial Museum and Medieval Times.

Anjalena Exline said, "I am interested in going to Washington, D.C. because I can't wait to go see the Holocaust Memorial Museum."

On Monday, students saw the Capitol, Air and Space Museum, toured Ford's Theater, and visited a variety of memorials dedicated to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Thomas Jefferson.

Aiden Socha said, "I am excited about going to Washington, D.C. because I enjoy learning about history and D.C. is a historical landmark."

On the final day, students paid their respects at Arlington Cemetery to participate in a wreath laying ceremony at the tomb of the unknown soldier.



Connor Hanshaw traces the name of a fallen soldier on the Vietnam Memorial



Students pose outside the Washington Monument

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Best Concert Yet?

by Cerina Thorne

On May 17th, the Junior and Senior High are performing a variety of songs including a piece from *Hercules and the Hydra* as well as some Pixar favorites. There will be additional performances from the choir and guitar classes as well.

One senior band member said, "This year's Spring concert will have many twists and turns with the chosen music, but it's a good way to end the last concert for the graduating class."

The choir will be the first to perform with four songs they prepared including a classic from The Beatles and a darker selection with a song called "Hush". This year is the biggest the choir has been in years.

Second year choir performer Rylin Jividen said, "I'm quite excited for the performance this year. With the big voices in the choir, the sound is very strong."

The Junior High band are also performing a variety of songs. Some of their ear-catching stuff includes the song "High Voltage", which has a back track along with the music the students are playing to give it a bolder effect.

Finally, the Senior High band will be performing last with four songs including themes from *Toy Story*, *The Incredibles*, and the film *Up*. This is a unique collaboration with students in the saxophone section and the guitar from the junior high band.

This concert will be the last for the graduating seniors in the band including Jenna O'Neil, Holly Stankewich, and Zach Stevenson. Mr. Anthony said, "We've tackled more challenging songs this year and the overall performances of these sounds are truly going to be great."

Welcoming New Students!

By: Kobie Baker

On Wednesday, May 30th the 6th grade promotion will be held in the High School Auditorium at 6 pm.

The ceremony will honor all of the 6th grade students moving to the high school. The elementary principal, Mr. Jones, will offer some encouraging words and recognize each student for their success. The highest honor given in this ceremony is the Presidential Award for Educational Excellence. This award is given to any student who has maintained straight A's from 2nd-6th grade.

This ceremony is put together by elementary teachers Mrs. Daigle, Mrs. Mason, and Mrs. Kelly.

May 29th will be the practice ceremony to let the students know what to expect during the real ceremony. It is to make sure everything will run smoothly.

It is important for these students to participate in their promotion because it shows that they are heading in the right direction.

7th grader Caiden Morris was accompanied by his parents at the last ceremony. He said, "It was a special moment for me because it is your last true day of being in the Elementary School. After the ceremony, you are officially a high schooler and you are now given extra opportunities to learn and you are given more

responsibilities."

Students are encouraged to dress in neat attire. This means jean/sport pants and shorts are not permitted. Girls usually wear skirts or dresses while boys are encouraged to wear dress pants and a shirt with a tie.

When asked what advice she has for students entering the high school Mrs. Mason said, "My advice to 6th graders entering the high school is to get involved in as many sports and activities as they can. While academics are important, it is also important to try new things and be an active part of the student body."



The guitar class poses with their instruments.



The 6th grade class lined up for a picture.

Dancing All the Way to Prom

By: Marisa Carusso

The 2018 prom was held on May 4th at the Avalon Grand Pavilion. This year the theme was The Masquerade.

The junior class officers and the prom planning committee organized the entire event. Invitations were sent out to the seniors a few weeks before tickets went on sale. The turnout for the dance was great this year.

Promenade was held in the auditorium and the King and Queen were crowned. Also, juniors and seniors had the opportunity to participate in walking across the stage while being announced and having their pictures taken. Promenade gives everyone the chance to show off their prom look and shine for a few moments.

Senior boys who made up the prom court were Paul Oakes, Tommy Schadl, Martin Rodriguez-Joe, Tyrese Johnson, and Braedon Poole. The girls were Bailey Conley, Ally Jamison, Emily Gilligan, Jenna O'Neil, and Abbie Matig. Winning Prom King was Martin Rodriguez-Joe and winning Queen was Abbie Matig.

When asked what she likes about planning prom and being involved, Mrs. Ronghi said, "I enjoy leading a group of juniors in planning the evening. They decide on a theme and decorations, then we make it happen. Prom is always fun because we are close to the end of the school year and it is one

of the last memorable events for the seniors before they graduate."

This year, the junior class President is Olivia Perry. When asked what her advice was to students attending the dance she said, "Enjoy your prom, especially if it's your last, and spend the night making memories." Prom is not something that should be missed because it's a great memory to be able to look back on.

For seniors, prom is their last time being at a dance all together and that is something to cherish. Besides graduation, prom is the last big event spent together since they will soon be going their separate ways.

To any underclassmen, when the chance is given, take it and go to Prom. Make memories and cherish the last events with classmates who may be going miles away in different directions once high school is over.



2018 Prom Court wearing their sashes

Impacting Our Village

By: Autumn Mason

Positive Impact Day is quickly approaching and it's important to be ready for it. For most of you this is not your first gig, but for the seventh and eighth graders and anyone that transferred this year or last, this may be a bit nerve racking.

Don't worry, you'll be fine. This day is a fantastic way to connect with people you otherwise may not and you are coming together for a great cause.

Now that you have your permission slip filled out and food and t-shirt order placed, it is time to gather your materials. Teachers are currently helping to put together your teams and there will be a group meeting on May 8th during 5th period.

You will find out who is in your group as well as your work location on the 9th and what tools would be appropriate to bring for your group. You should be in a group with at least two people from your grade.

Mr. Rupe said, "I know people have done Positive Impact Day before and are getting excited. It's a lot of work, but it is for a great cause. I'm excited to see all the students and faculty working hard together to clean up our community."

The ecology classes are currently working on getting donations together as well as having food prepared for the day. Seniors Tori Lowe and Kaitlyn Johnson said, "We expect it to be a great Positive Impact Day and very fun because we are also celebrating the 100 year anniversary of the village. This Positive Impact Day is definitely a lot different than previous years."



"McDonald History" is a display in the main hallway celebrating the 100 year anniversary of the village.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR "SPORT'LIGHT"

ZACH GRAY By Lea Brown



He's a Junior that has participated in track for 3 years

He throws shot put and discus

Zach's goal for this season is to go to state again

He is looking forward to having fun with his teammates, going to invitationals, and improving over the year.

MINDY BROWN



Mindy is a 7th Grader and this is her first year of track

She runs the 100, 200, and the 4x100

This season her goal is to break 13 seconds in the 100

She's looking forward to running at invitationals, and hopefully winning

ABBIE MATIG



She's a Senior who has run track since 7th grade

Abbie runs track because she enjoys being around her friends, and loves going to meets

She runs the 200, 400, 4x200, and 4x400
Her goal is to make it to state again for her senior year

CONNOR HANSHAW



He's an 8th grader running track for the second year.

Connor throws the shot put and discus

His goal for the season is to have new Personal Records

Connor is doing track this year because he enjoys challenging himself

He looks forward to throwing at meets and being with his friends

Marshmallow Fudge

By: Kara Meehan

A really easy and tasty recipe to make is marshmallow fudge. This is one of my favorite desserts and thought that others would also enjoy this. This is a treat that my family loves to make and it reminds me of my childhood. I got this recipe from www.tablespoon.com

Step 1: Use a paper towel to grease an 8x8x2-inch pan with butter -- all over the sides and bottom. Set aside.

Step 2: Combine the sweetened condensed milk and chocolate chips in a saucepan. Heat the mixture over low heat, stirring constantly, until the chocolate is completely melted. Once the mixture is smooth, remove the pan from the heat.

Step 3: Stir in the vanilla extract until completely combined. Add the marshmallows and stir just enough to envelope them in the fudge mixture -- but don't overstir, the marshmallows will melt in if you stir too long.

Step 4: Pour the fudge into the prepared pan and smooth the top slightly. Refrigerate to set, 1 1/2 hours or longer. Once set, cut into 1-inch squares and devour.

Ingredients:

- 1 can (14 oz) sweetened condensed milk (nonfat, if possible)
- 1 bag (12 oz) semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1cup mini marshmallows



Featured Artist: Allyson Jamison

By Emily Gilligan

This issue, our featured artist is Allyson Jamison, a senior in the Independent Study with Mrs. Mills. Allyson's preferred medium is colored pencil because it gives her complete control of her work. She loves art because she feels that every artist has their own style and no two artists are the same.



Allyson poses with a portrait she entered in the Trumbull County Art Show.



Allyson's fear of death and aging inspired this work.



Allyson used every color she could think of to portray the happiness of her dog.



Allyson was trying to convey the message that the earth needs to be better taken care of.

Top 5 Fruits

By: Jessica Stamp

1. Apples
2. Bananas
3. Strawberries
4. Oranges
5. Blueberries

Any one of these fruits will keep you healthy and going throughout your day. Bananas for potassium, oranges for vitamin C, each of these have something that will benefit you. Eat one of these sweet and tangy fruits and you'll be wanting more. From apples to blueberries, these fresh and delightful fruits are something you don't want to miss.

A Legend to Remember

By Kara Meehan

I love music from the '80s, and one of my favorite artists from then would be Whitney Houston. Whitney Houston is an American pop singer who started her journey in 1985 with her first album *Self-Titled*. This album became the best-selling debut album by a woman in history, and was named the best album of 1986 by *Rolling Stone*. Her second album, *Whitney*, became the first album by a woman to debut at number one on the *Billboard* 200 albums chart. In 2009, *Guinness World Records* cited her as the most awarded female of all time.

My favorite album of hers would have to be her second album, *Whitney*, which came out in 1987. This would have to be my favorite album because I feel like she became more confident with her work after knowing that so many people loved her first album. My favorite song of hers from the album would have to be "I Wanna Dance with Somebody" because it's a fun song and it makes me really happy.



ROCCO'S BOOK CORNER

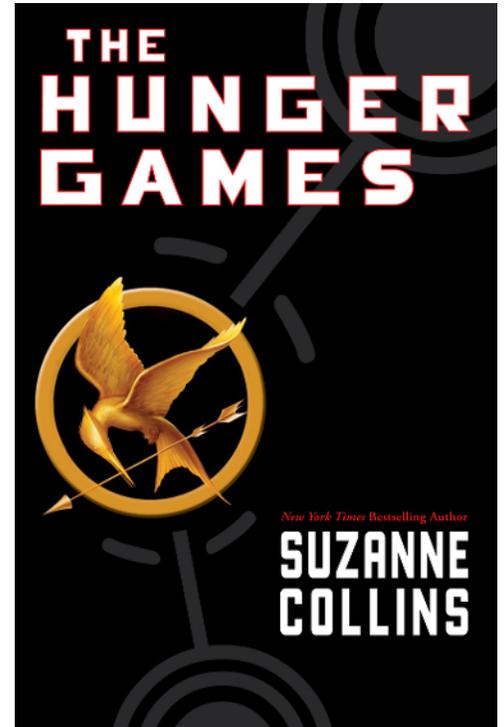
BY: ROCCO PASCARELLA

This month's book up for review is *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins. This book is about a girl named Katniss who will participate in the Hunger Games. The Hunger Games are when twenty four teens, one boy and one girl from each district, will fight to the death for the entertainment of rich people. Out of these twenty four teens, only one will win. This takes place in the future where the U.S. is gone and the city of The Capitol is where the rich people and the government reside.

What I like about this book is that Katniss takes her sister's place so that her younger sister can still live another day. This shows that family runs deep through Katniss's veins and that she would do anything to protect her sister and her family. While in the competition Katniss is with a boy from her district named Peeta, who she falls in love with. Peeta and Katniss fight together and change the way the game is played.

What I didn't like about the book is the fact that the people playing in the Hunger Games are dying for rich people's entertainment. These poor innocent people are killing each other and it doesn't matter if they are kids or teens. They will do anything to bring victory to their districts, and that includes killing innocent people. People shouldn't have to fight and kill for the entertainment of others.

This book is a good read that is full of suspense and tears because people die, but it also shows the compassion that people can have for each other. This book will show you the journey of sixteen year old Katniss who will be faced with hard choices throughout the book. It is full of cool science fiction and action scenes and how the way people acted has change. If you're looking for a good read full of suspense and tears, definitely give this book a read.



McDonald, Briefly... By Victoria Hall



On Friday, April 13th, the first and second graders participated in the annual Spring Sing. This year's theme was "The Roosevelt Round Up." Students got to dress up as cowboys and cowgirls as they performed their songs.



On Friday, April 20th, several sophomore girls participated in The Road Not Taken at Kent State- Trumbull to get experience in careers that revolve around science and math.

Editorial: The Final Stretch

By: Lea Brown

The end of the school year is finally approaching! It's nice that we can finally see the light at the end of the tunnel for this year, however we still have to keep in mind that we have a whole other half to the four nine weeks to bring up our grades, finals, and state testing.

The last few weeks of school are quickly approaching, and instead of coasting through them, make sure to keep up on assignments. Procrastination always seems like the best answer, but it's better to get your assignments done as soon as possible, so you don't fall behind.

Although the end of the year may seem to drag on, we have to stay positive, work hard, keep our heads up, and finish the year strong. After all this hard work is finished, warm weather, free time, family vacations, hanging out with friends, and much more will be rewarded by three months of no school.

Start Off Your Summer With These Blockbusters!

By Emily Gilligan



The Incredibles 2 -- Released on June 15th

After the fourteen year wait, The Incredibles finally return with Elastigirl, Mr. Incredible, Violet, Dash, and Jack Jack. The plot is set where the first one ended--with Mr. Incredible at home, caring for the children, and Elastigirl, fighting crime as usual. Only this time, a new villain called the Screenslaver is introduced--posing a new threat to the Incredibles gang. This movie is one of the most anticipated movies of the summer, and will definitely gather a large crowd, including me.



Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again -- Released on July 20th

This one is for all my fellow musical lovers. Starring Meryl Streep, Amanda Seyfried, Lily James, Cher, and more, *Mamma Mia* returns in this romantic comedy featuring Sophia, who seeks guidance from her mother after she finds out she is pregnant. In the process, she discovers a lot more about her mother's past than she thought she knew.



Christopher Robin -- Released on August 3rd

Christopher Robin features Christopher, the young boy in the Winnie-the-Pooh series--only now, he's all grown up, and finds himself lacking the imagination that he once had. As a result, his old friends Pooh, Tigger, Eeyore, Owl, Piglet, Rabbit, Kanga, and Roo return to help him rediscover his imagination. For all the kids who loved Winnie-the-Pooh like I did, this movie could be a new classic.

The Month of May

By: Jessica Stamp

Birthstone: Emerald

Holidays: *Star Wars* Day (May 4th)

: Mother's Day (May 13th)

: Memorial Day (May 28th)

Events: National Asparagus month

: National Strawberry month

: National Salad month

Fun Facts: It's considered unlucky to marry in May

: Amelia Earhart was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic

: In some beliefs, cats born in May wouldn't catch mice, but instead snakes



Backpage Pics



By: Rocco Pascarella

