The Wolverine Word

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Veterans Day at MRMS

Veterans Day By Katherine Nunn

On Friday, November 9th, Molalla River Middle School held its annual Veterans Day assembly. "I really enjoy doing these assemblies," says Mr. Clarke. He has been doing these assemblies for 15 years. Mr. Clarke put these assemblies together because he wanted to educate students about Veterans Day and about veterans.

Clarke is a veteran who worked at Molalla River Middle School for 20 years. He puts on the Veterans Day assembly at the middle school and helps with the Veterans Day assemblies at other schools in the Molalla River School District. Mr. Clarke gets a lot of people to speak at assemblies, such as middle school students, veterans, and this year even a congressman. Mr. Clarke posts flyers at businesses asking for guest speakers. Then he comes to the middle school in September to select the student speakers from the middle school.

This year the guest speakers were Colonel Scott Delbridge, US Congressman Kurt Schrader, Master Sergeant Travis Powell, Clackamas County Commissioners Jim Bernard, Paul Savos, and Martha Schrader and Molalla Police Chief, Rod Lucich. The MRMS student speakers were Cayden Conroy, Mattie Danforth, Marinda Haak, Josh Lam, Elena Litchfield, Uliana Mametieff, Kylie Pearce, Emily Rountree, Alexis Schroeder, and Emma Sleight.

The past of the famous red poppy By Katherine Nunn

Have you ever worn a red poppy on Veterans Day? The red poppy is the symbol of Veterans Day, which is why red poppies are often handed out at stores in November by the American Legion Auxiliary in exchange for donations. The donations go to help disabled and hospitalized veterans. The red crepe paper poppies are all hand made by veterans.



Student speakers at the MRMS Veterans Day Assembly - Mattie Danforth, Emily Rountree, Elena Litchfield, Uliana Mametieff, Alexis Schroeder, Emma Sleight, Kylie Pierce, Marinda Haak, Joshua Lam, and Cayden Conroy Photo by Matthew Craig

Moina Michael, an American professor and humanitarian, was so moved by the poem, *In Flanders Fields* that she wrote a response.

The blood of heroes never dies
But lends a luster to the red of the flower
that blooms above the dead.

The red poppy symbolizes hope and remembrance and is now the national symbol of sacrifice, thanks to Moina Michael. It is thanks to her that people wear red poppies to remember the fallen veterans, and it is thanks to the veterans that the world is the way it is today. Without their sacrifices the world we know would be completely different. It is thanks to the many men and women who sacrificed themselves that we live in the country that we know today.

In Flanders Fields
John McCrae, 1872-1918
(Read by Uliana Mametieff)

In Flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place, and in the sky, The larks, still bravely singing, fly, Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead; short days ago We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved and were loved, and now we lie

In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe!
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high!
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies
grow

In Flanders fields.

Quilts of Valor

Healing Quilts of Valor

By Katherine Nunn

A Quilt of Valor is a quilt that is made specifically for veterans. Any veteran can be nominated to receive a Quilt of Valor. The receiving of a quilt is meant to remind our veterans that there are people out there who care about them, even when they feel that they have no one.

If there is a Veteran that you feel deserves this single life-time award then you can fill out a form for him or her to get a Quilt of Valor. To fill out a request go to <u>WWW.Qovf.org</u> and follow the nomination process.



The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.





Presenting the Quilts of Valor. All Photos by Matthew Craig.



Veterans receiving their Quilts of Valor.



US Congressman, Kurt Schrader, speaking to MRMS students and guests.



Molalla Police Chief, Rod Lucich singing, "I'm Proud to be an American"

Quarter Wars are here

By: Joshua Livingston

The 4th Annual Quarter Wars has begun at Molalla River Middle School and will continue through December 11th.

Students and staff can get involved by putting pennies, nickels and dimes into their Homeroom Quarter Wars buckets. Sabotage other homerooms with quarters. The homeroom with the highest positive total will win a prize. All money collected will be given to a local food bank or the Molalla Warming Center.

The newly formed National Junior Honor Society (formerly known as Beta Club) is sponsoring this event.

Mr. Dalton says, "Raising money for a good cause is always a good idea. Turning it into a competition helps raise even more money."

Candy Buy Back

By: Reese Hawkins and Arisbeth Botello Lopez

The Halloween Candy Buy Back is a fundraiser put on by Floyd Family Orthodontics. Its goal is to raise money for Molalla River Middle School and give back to the community. Every time the students bring in a pound of candy, one dollar goes to the school. The homeroom that donates the most candy wins a pizza party.

The candy is donated to a local women's shelter. The money earned by the Candy Buy Back will help purchase awards and incentives for the MRMS Claw Cards.

The workers at Floyd Family Orthodontics weighed each collected candy bin and dug up a grand total of \$70.60. Mr. Claxton's homeroom was the winner of the pizza party for collecting 28.3 pounds of candy.

Become a mathlete

By: Christian Zannotti

Are you interested in showing off your mathematical skills on a team or by yourself in a competition? Then consider participating in the Perennial Math Competition. It will be held on Saturday, December 8th at Molalla High School, from 8:00am - 12:30pm.

Practices will be held on Mondays, beginning November 19. The practices will be in the MRMS cafeteria during homeroom. Mrs. Greenwood, Mr. Michel, and Mr. St. Clair will be advising the practices.

To sign up, pick up an application from one of the advisors. The cost is \$10 per student and an extra \$10 for a T-shirt.

The individual competition consists of 15 questions that have to be answered in 30 minutes or less. In the group competition, teams of five work together to answer 10 questions, There is a 20 minutes time limit.

Awards are given to the top three individual and team competitors. The top three winners also get to compete in a national tournament held in May.

Wow assembly, yet again

By: Audrey Hamilton

On November 6th, 2018 the fourth WOW assembly of the year was held. Three kids had the opportunity to sit on the WOW couch: Emma Sleight, Eric Cason, and Austin Case. They earned 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the MRMS cookie dough and popcorn sales.

The leadership class also came up with a new Wolverine clap. The sixth graders won because they were the loudest. In the WOW obstacle race the seventh grade and staff won. Mrs. Lowell did a sign language performance with her students. They performed the song *Zombies* by Bad Wolves.

And the winners of the door competition are...

By: Brooklyn Nagle and Julie Mametieff

The door decorating winners for the MRMS 2018 Red Ribbon Week door competition were Olivia Ehleringer, Taylor Gates, Codie Gump, Jessi Langendorfer, and Kelsee Smith. They tied with Suzie Viramontes and Morgan Arellano. Both groups received a pizza lunch. The second place door was created by Brooklyn Nagle, Claire Wallace, and Julie Mametieff. They received ice cream as their prize.

Band is grand

By: Ava Nix

The Molalla band concert was held Monday, November 19, at Molalla High School. Both the beginning and concert middle school bands played at the concert. The beginning band played Aunt Rhody's Appetite, which included, Go Tell Aunt Rhody and Funeral March. The concert band played The Hanukkah Song, Simple Song, and God Bless the USA.

As the beginning and concert bands walked up to the stage they received a round of applause from the high school bands. Band members started with a five note warm up, using the Bb (B flat) scale. The concert lasted about two hours, with the Jazz, Beginning, Concert, Symphonic, and Wind Ensemble bands all playing.



The MRMS beginning band playing *Go Tell Aunt Rhody*.



Concert band flutists.

8th graders and OHSET

By: Kenzie Prock

Molalla OHSET is all about horses, riders, and learning how to improve together, and for the first time ever, 8th grade students can join. OHSET stands for Oregon High School Equestrian Team. Molalla High School has a team of 17 members: Kianna Fox, Hannah Berreth, Taylor Berreth, Kamryn Linder, Hunter Kluver, Fionna Letzer, Chloe Corless, Brianna Byrne-Groshong, Kelsey Morgan, Emma King, Brooke King, Alia Enard, Shelby Nunn, Kalina Rogers, Olivia Leonhart, Sarah Hamilton and Raelynne Nogle.

Even though it's the Oregon High School Equestrian Team, this year 8th grade students are able to join the team. Although they can not compete, 8th grade students can still go and ride in the arena at practices and get the chance to work with horses on another level. The cost to join the team is \$75 for the district fee and \$45 for the uniform. 8th graders will also have to help fundraise or pay for a portion of the arena fees.

The team meets every Tuesday at 6:30, and the drill team meets on Thursdays at 6:30 at the Bar 88 Arena. All of the OHSET teams across the state compete three times a year during the third weekend of February, March, and April. The OHSET team gives their all at every meet, and they work really hard with their horses to make it to where they are. At each practice they practice different skills, but they always start with a warm up, then they move to group activities like barrels, poles, and flags. The team has two coaches, Tiffany Laplante and Lisa Banyard.

Head coach, Tiffany Laplante, has been coaching for three years, and it all started with an athlete asking her to step up, since the team didn't have a coach. She has been around horses her entire life, and horses have always been her happy place. "There is really something freeing and special about being able to connect on such a deep level with a 1000 pound animal." She says. "When I swing up in the saddle it's like the worries and stress of normal life disappear." Tiffany also adds that it was voted on at the state level to allow 8th graders to join as non-competing athletes. "I think it's a really good way for 8th graders to get their foot in the door and see what the equestrian team is all about."

Even if 8th graders aren't able to compete, many members of the team report having found a sort of family within these groups. "We are all really like a family in this group." says Brianna Byrne-Groshong, a sophomore on the team, "We all celebrate each others victories, and we all grow together as a family." The team is really a way to find people who love to do the same thing as you and to make friendships that will last a lifetime. All of the girls on the team pour every ounce of their souls into what they do, and they they really love their horses with everything they have.

Edgar Allan Poe escapes

By: Evelyn Eufragio Morales

During the week of Halloween, Mrs.Buckley's 8th grade English classes were given the daunting task of breaking out of an Edgar Allan Poe Escape Room.

Students were divided into teams and had to solve a series of tasks in order to gain entry into five different locked boxes. The purpose of this was for everyone to learn about the life and works of Edgar Allan Poe.

The escape room was set up with five clues. The first clue was handed out to everyone at the same time. When the first puzzle was solved, the answer was a four-digit number that opened a lock on the box that held the second clue. As students made their way through the different clues they were given access to each box. The first group to open the last box got to choose a prize from the candy box. It took approximately 20 minutes for the winning teams to open the last box.

The winners from first period were Fatima Hernandez and Lily Kitzrobertson. The winners from fifth period were Ephriam Carr and Victor Anglin Rivera. The winners from sixth period were Hannah Simms, Alexis Mellin & Jaydon Hersel. The winners from seventh period were Graham Amann, Kylie Brownlee, Elena Litchfield, Delaney Mitchell & Morgan Mount.

Mrs. Buckley said, "It was not an easy project because it took real research and work to find the answers." Mrs. Buckley spent about three hours writing, organizing and printing out the clues. She also had to buy the locks (there were 5 different kinds, including a 3-digit passcode, a 4-digit passcode, a key lock, a 5-letter code, and a directional lock), and she spent about \$60 to buy candy for prizes.

When asked if she would do an Escape Room again Mrs. Buckley said, "Yes, definitely! I loved seeing all the students excited and working together. It was also fun to see them celebrate when they were successful, since some of the clues were quite difficult.

Current Events

Deadliest fire in California history

By: Tillee Muffett

On November 8, 2018, the deadliest and most destructive wildfire in California history started at sunrise in Butte County, California.

According to the BBC News, the fire may have started due to a damaged power line. Pacific Gas and Electric Company, the company that managed that power line, is now facing a lawsuit.

The fire got its name, Camp Fire, from its place of origin, Camp Creek Road. Paradise is the town that was completely decimated from the fire. The fire spread so fast to the town that its citizens were caught in their cars and in their homes.

On November 25, the state fire official declared the fire 100% contained. In the 17 days it burned, it caused eighty-five citizen fatalities, twelve citizen injuries, and five firefighter injuries. There are still 249 people missing. The Paradise Fire burned a total of 153,336 acres. It also destroyed 18,793 structures. The cost of the fire is \$7.5-10 billion dollars.

Teacher Feature

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Mr. Nation arrives at Wolverine Station

By: Joshua Livingston and Brennen Soderlund

Mr. Nation is our new health and PE teacher here at Molalla River Middle School. Mr. Nation says he loves his new job. "The staff members have been great here with showing me the ropes, and the students have been highly respectful." He also said that he loves building relationships with all of the students and staff.

In August things really changed for Mr. Nation. He and his wife had their first born child, a daughter named Aria, and he also started this job. "It's been a big three months for me."

When asked why he likes to stay fit Mr. Nation said, "I think it started when I was in middle school. I always loved competing in sports and staying fit. I became interested in health when I was in college, but the reason I became a teacher is because I like to help kids. I want to make a difference. I like making that connection and building those relationships. My brother was a student who always needed extra help, and I want to be able to prime myself in helping students who might be like my brother."

Sports have always been a hobby of Mr. Nation. "When I was little I enjoyed playing basketball, soccer, baseball, and football. I'm not sure where it started from. My grandpa passed away about 10 to 15 years ago, and that got me into health and really caring about my body and just wanting to stay healthy and fit." Mr. Nation really likes to watch sports. Football, soccer, and baseball are his favorites. He is a big Forty-Niners fan,and likes watching the Trailblazers, the Warriors and the Hornets.

We'd like to give a special thanks to Mr. Nation for being such a great teacher this year, and we hope that the next few years go well for you.

All about Ms. Alton

By: Brooklyn Nagle

Ms. Alton is a new staff member, as of this year, at Molalla River Middle School. She has been working hard to become a teacher. When she was in college she majored in Special Education. As she was growing up Ms. Alton dreamed of working with kids and being a coach. She achieved her goals and is happy with what she has accomplished.





Ms. Alton

Mr. Nation

Ms. Alton had amazing inspiration from her dad. With that inspiration she became a wonderful teacher and coach. "I am happy with what I have achieved as a teacher."

Ms. Alton has a positive impact on kids. She helps to teach them, calm them down, learn how to behave, and she is calm and sweet in the way she teaches. She believes, by the way her students act, that they also believe she is inspiring them and helping them learn. Her goal when she became a teacher was to positively impact students, and she believes she has yet achieved another one of her goals.

"I enjoy working at MRMS. All the staff and students are supportive and cool," states Ms. Alton. She enjoys working with, teaching and supporting children. Ms. Alton has brought a new, fabulous learning environment to her classroom and has inspired so many kids to do better and improve in school.

Upcoming Events

11/27 - Signing Idol

11/29 - End of Trimester 1

11/30 - No School/Grade Day

12/03 - Beginning of Trimester 2

12/06 - WOW Assembly

12/13-12/16 - Singing Christmas Tree

12/19 - Winter Music Concert

12/20 - WOW Assembly

Club Corner

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Clash of Clans

By: Claire Wallace



6th Grade Clash of Clans members battle during lunch.

Clash of Clans Club is a club that takes place during the school day at A, B, and C lunches on Tuesdays and Fridays. Meetings are held in Mrs. Thomas's room, located in the sixth grade wing of the Molalla River Middle School. Clash of Clans is a strategy war game available in the Android and Apple play stores.

To join the club there is no fee, as well as no price to download the game, but "In Game" purchases are available. This, of course, is optional. To sign up grab an application across from the office.

The club is made up about 50 sixth, seventh, and eighth graders, plus Mrs. Thomas as the leader. As this club becomes more popular, inactive players may be kicked out to allow more active members to join. This has to be done since there is a limit of 50 players in the school clan at one time. The school clan is named Mattapoisett.

Alex Alonzo, a 7th grader, known as AJ by his clanmates, is in his second year of playing the game. He stated, "I think it is a simple and easy game," which is why he got hooked on the game. Alex explained, "I was losing interest in the game and saw that the school had a club dedicated to the game. I then joined and got hooked, yet again."

Michael Minko, a 7th grader, also known as Firefox16, has played for one year. "I have been in two other clans before I joined Mattapoisett." He then added, "I joined because of the great leader, Ms. Thomas".

Jackson Blomquist, or ☆ JacksonBoi☆, is a 6th grader. He is also a Co-leader in the Mattapoisett clan. He is the person that started the very first Clan War League for Mattapoisett. His advice for new players is, "Don't rush your base and put a lot of focus into it. I rushed my base and regretted it."

Landon Schindler, a 7th grader, also known as Superman, is also a Co-leader in the clan. He helps out the people in the clan by giving advice and helping members with their bases. He suggests that "new players shouldn't rush their bases and that players should always keep their defenses upgraded." He also states, "I enjoy this game because of the strategizing involved in it." Because the game is mostly played online Landon has even designed T-shirts for club members. That way they can recognize each other when they are at school

Mrs. Thomas was the person that started Clash of Clans Club. In the game she is under the usernames of Lobstah Girl and Quahog. She was an assistant Lego Robotics coach for Mr. Lazar, the former dean of students at the Molalla High School. The team, as well as Mr. Lazar, got into the game and played for a while. Mrs.Thomas explained, "The team slowly stopped playing the game, I still really liked Clash of Clans and I noticed other kids in my classes played it." She further explained, "I then made a club for the school and started a clan for people to join in on the fun". This clan that she has started is very safe because only students from the school can join.

Green Team

By: Ben Suarez



Last year Karen McElfish, MRMS head custodian, founded the Green Team at Molalla River Middle School. Through her hard work MRMS has become an official Green School. Now, the Green Team is thriving and helping our school create a healthy environment.

Being green means that you recycle and help the earth. This year, Mrs. McElfish has had the team try and create a cleaner environment for MRMS students. "It's a team that revolves around recycling, repurposing and reusing things," states McElfish.

At the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year Miss Karen bought reusable lunch baskets instead of styrofoam plates because styrofoam is very bad for the environment. The team has collected cans and bottles on campus. The money they earned bought the baskets so that students would not have to use and throw away styrofoam containers.

Miss Karen and her team also bought a worm bin. Not only will the worm bin help compost leftover food, but it will also help the Agriculture Club. The worm bin will help the school decompose food that is leftover. The food will then be eaten by the worms. Then the worms will produce a juice. The juice is collected and can be used as natural fertilizer for the Agriculture Club's plants.

The Green Team is helping our school by recycling and composting. It is a double win because they are not throwing away food, and they are helping another club within the school.

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MRMS Coding Club

By: Catarina Mendoza

Are you interested in creating websites and small video games or learning hardware repair and maintenance? Then come join the MRMS coding club!

Club members meet before school on the 2nd and 4th of the month from 7:00 to 7:30 in Lab 19. Mr. St. Clair is the club advisor. "My relationship with computers started when I built my first computer from scratch when I was 18," St. Clair states. "Since then, I have learned as much as I can about computers." He also shared that he has "been installing Linux operating systems to practice coding and modifying the OS for the past 10 years".

Mr. St. Clair shared some personal history that links him to his current love of computers. "My first love was hot-rodding old cars. Now I do it to my computers. I make them my own and customize them to fit my needs."

In order to join the Coding Club students need to fill out a permission slip and have it signed. Permission slips are located outside the MRMS office. If this is your interest, then come join this club! Mr. St. Clair would love to have you!

Board Game Club

By: Brennen Soderlund



Design Squad Club

By: Caidynce Cann

This year Mr. Dalton has created the MRMS Design Squad. Design Squad is a club that is focused around science. Mr. Dalton, MRMS principal and a former science teacher, runs the club, with the help of Mrs. Benz and Mrs. Goldsby.

Mr. Dalton wanted to give opportunities for students to get excited and familiar with science and engineering, with the hopes that more students will pursue engineering as a career. Mr. Dalton got the inspiration for the club last year when a group of students from Molalla High School ran a science club at MRMS as their Senior Project.

Each Design Squad member is provided with a notebook, ruler, eraser,mechanical pencil, scissors, a bin, and a drawer. Mr. Dalton hopes to connect with another school to do a partner type project and eventually wants the community to come up with problems for the Design Squad to solve.

So far, Design Squad has made attack blimps, boats, and is currently working on building live mouse traps. Dalton said, "I want to get kids excited about engineering."

Design Squad member, Zach Clinton, was asked about his favorite project in Design Squad. "I like the mouse trap one because it's the only project I've done that I think I will be able to make work."

Design Squad meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month in room 38. Meetings run from 2:20-3:20.

Have you ever wanted to play board games with your friends? MRMS has the club just for you. Mrs. Thomas hosts a board game club every Monday after school from 2:20 to 3:15.

Mrs. Thomas started the board game club two years ago during school lunches. She thought students needed a place to play when it was cold and rainy outside. Last year she moved the game club to after school when Mr Dalton started recruiting staff members to host clubs. Students also can come in during all three lunches on Mondays to play.

Mrs Thomas chose to host this club because when she was a kid she loved to play board games. Sorry, Yahtzee and Monopoly were some of her favorites. She offers her room to students and provides games and snacks, but she just lets the club members to "do their own thing." Club members can also bring in games from home. When asked what he liked best about Board Game Club Osten Terry, one of the club members, said, "Game club is really fun because, you get to play games, hang out with your friends, and eat snacks….and it's just a fun time."

Entertainment

Just So You Know

Thanksgiving Jokes

By: Kelsee Smith & Tillee Muffett

Q: What is a turkey's favorite dessert?

A: Peach gobbler!

Q: Why did the turkey cross the road?A: It was Thanksgiving Day, and he wanted people to think he was a chicken!

Q: What did the turkey say to the computer?

A: "Google, google, google."

Q: What sound does a limping turkey make?

A: "Wobble, wobble, wobble!"

Q: Which November holiday is Dracula's favorite?

A: Fangs-giving!

Q: What do you call a turkey on the day after

Thanksgiving?

A: Lucky.

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Q: When do you serve tofu turkey?

A: Pranksgiving.

Q: Why did the band let the turkey join?

A: Because he had drumsticks.

Is Supercalifragilistic expialidocious a real word?

By: Isabelle Bryant

You know that word that you said all the time when you were little? Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious? It turns out, it isn't an actual word. It's a nonsense word made famous from a song of the same name in the 1964 Mary Poppins film. It has an entry in the Oxford English Dictionary: "A nonsense word, originally used esp. by children, and typically expressing excited approbation: fantastic, fabulous."

Just so you know

Wolverine Word Search

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