

# The Wolverine Word

Molalla River Middle School, Molalla, Oregon — Wednesday, October 10, 2018

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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

10/21 - Red Ribbon Week

10/25 - Pizza Promise

10/26 - Harvest Dance

10/30 - Picture Retakes

10/31 - Halloween Dress-Up Day

## MRMS Recognition Night

Evelyn Eufragio Morales

On September 18, 2018 last year's third trimester Honor Roll students from Molalla River Middle School were honored at the MRMS Recognition Night. Students with a 3.5 GPA or higher are on the MRMS Honor Roll.

70 students and their parents were invited to the middle school for certificate presentations and refreshments. Mr. Dalton and Mr. Lacy addressed all the honorees, congratulating them on their hard work and dedication. Students were asked to share something that they felt contributed to their success at MRMS. The next Recognition Night will be January 9 for this year's Trimester 1 Honor Roll students.

## Cross Country is now at our school!

Julie Mаметіeff

As you know, Mr. Dalton used to work at the high school, and he really enjoyed having cross country as a sport for the students to participate in. Mrs. Farner, the high school cross country and track coach, volunteered to coach the middle school team. Mr. Dalton hopes we will be do it for years to come. "No brainer to bring cross country on. Cross country is cheap, so why not?".

Jaydon Hersel is in cross country. He is in the 8th grade, and is 13 years old. Jaydon chose to do cross country instead of track because cross country is more challenging than track. Also, he doesn't like running on tracks. He said, "Cross country is very different from track. In track you run on a track, but in cross country you run on rocks, hills and sand." Jaydon has improved on his time. In his first meet his time was 45 minutes. He was 5 minutes faster in his second race, and in his last meet his time was 35 minutes.

Mikayla Giard is in 6th grade. She is 11 years old. She chose to do cross country because "in track you can't choose your distance, and you can't go at your own pace." Mikayla's PR is 20 minutes and 26 seconds.



Members of the Molalla Cross Country team line up for the start of their "Conquer the Mountain" race.

## New Electives

Reese Hawkins

Molalla River Middle School is now offering new electives for the school year. Many changes have occurred for students, and this is a big one. In previous school years, students only had four choices: P.E, Band, Choir, and Art. That wasn't a lot to choose from. Mr. Dalton, MRMS Principal, decided to add more. In addition to the old electives, students now can choose from Greek Mythology, Sign Language, Publications, Drama, STEM Machines, Business and Marketing, and many others. That's a big improvement. Now students can have fun and still learn what they need to learn - both important and necessary.

## Lunch Box Holders

Tillee Muffett

This year, Molalla River Middle School has installed binder and lunch box holders outside the sixth grade hall and on the breezeway. The custodians built and installed the holders because students needed a place to put their lunch boxes while they were at break. Last year at lunch, students would just put their lunch boxes down on the steps, and usually they would be kicked off. Students can now put their binders and lunch boxes on the shelf. It is almost always full. The shelves have three tiers and are brown.



Honor Roll students at the September 18 Recognition Night

## The Wolverine Microwave

Nevaeh Lord-Dalton

On a regular lunch day, kids have three choices for lunch. They either eat the school's hot lunch, bring their own cold lunches, or do not eat at all. Mr. Dalton, MRMS principal, has taken this into consideration and has purchased a microwave for students to use during lunch. This will help increase the average percent of kids that do not eat.

Everyone knows that eating breakfast is important, but eating lunch during a school day is also important. Most children do not eat breakfast. Eating lunch is very important for kids who don't eat very much during the day.

A lack of eating can cause slowness with the thinking process and stomach problems. Taking care of your diet during the school year can be very stressful. If you are stressed about school it can be easy to lose your appetite. There are a certain amount of protein, fruits, vegetables and dairy you need a day as a teen and/or adult.

Having a microwave will increase the varieties of food students will eat during lunch.



## The All New Claw Cards

Claire Wallace

At the beginning of the 2018-19 school year MRMS staff decided to introduce the all new Claw Cards to MRMS students.

Claw Cards were introduced to the middle school to show more school spirit through the use of our school mascot, the Wolverine. The Be tickets before did nothing to instill school spirit. Another reason for this replacement is that the look of the card resembles a Dutch Bros. punch card, which is more fitting for middle school students.

According to the principal, Mr. Dalton, Claw Cards are "more cost effective and use less paper than the yellow Be tickets used in previous years."

Even though this new system is working well, these cards are getting lost. Also, some students don't even care for them or use them! Another downside is that teachers have to keep their stampers on them at all times. On a good note these cards are pretty cute, according to some students.

The original Claw Cards had 12 spots that got filled up and lost too easily, but now you can get new cards that are bookmarks with 45 spots. Because all students are supposed to have a silent reading book at all times, these bookmark Claw Cards will work better because students will always have one in their books.



## Phone Policy

Emma Walsh

Molalla River Middle School has a new phone policy in place requiring students to keep their phones in their lockers during school hours. One of the main reasons students are not allowed to have phones is because of health and safety concerns. School should be a safe learning environment for students to learn and grow as people, not where they have to worry about if someone posted a mean Tweet, etc. Sources say that not having cell phones in the classroom has made it easier for students to focus on what they are learning, not what their social status is.

## The Wolverine Way

Jessica Langendorfer

Molalla River Middle School now recognizes student accomplishments!

If you would like to share a personal accomplishment, whether it's winning a sports game or a dog show, just enter your name and what you did on the MRMS website. Other people can nominate you, too. If selected, you will get to sit on the green couch and eat a donut. During the assembly, Mr. Dalton will announce your name and what you did. There have been two assemblies so far and six people have been chosen to sit on the couch and eat a donut.



Lilly Mueller, Emma Walsh and Elliot Kuykendall were the first students honored during the Wolverine Way Assembly on September 11.





### Kona Ice Brings "Coolness" to Our School!

Audrey Hamilton

As a reward for a great start to the new school year Mr. Dalton invited Kona Ice to sell refreshing treats to our students on Friday, September 28. What a great way to hang out with friends during the last days of summer weather. Kona Cones cost around \$6.00. MRMS receives a percentage of the money earned for student body activities.

### You've Got Mail

Staff Reporter

Are you aware that all students have access to their Molallariv email accounts? When you log on to your school Chrome account you will find the Mail App. Students can use these accounts for emailing anyone within the Molallariv domain.

### Walle the Wolverine



### Lunchtime Library

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On September 17th, 2018

Mrs. Hepler, the school librarian, opened the school library during all three lunches at Molalla River Middle school.

The new library opening is able to provide a quiet place to study, play a quiet game, read or draw.

Students must be doing something productive while using the library during lunch. As always, there is no food allowed.

"I think that it's a way of just relaxing during lunch," Mrs. Hepler states. She thinks that the kids enjoy it. "When it's rainy I bet a lot of kids will come in here!"

Students enjoying the library during lunch.



## Club Spotlight

### Agriculture Club

Brooklyn Nagle

Agriculture Club is a fun and interesting way to learn about the outside world. Meetings are the first Monday of every month, either in Mrs. Greenwood's room or the MRMS Greenhouse. In the Agriculture Club, students learn about plants and animals. They go on field trips and plant flowers and plants. Last year, club members made Christmas centerpieces and potato grass heads. Each meeting focuses on a different area of agriculture, and students are provided with a snack that incorporates the lesson.

### Popcorn/Cookie Dough Fundraiser

Katherine Nunn

The Molalla Parent Action Committee (PAC) began a fundraiser on September 11th. MRMS students were asked to sell Popcorn and Cookie Dough to friends and family. Orders were due on September 28 and will be ready for pickup on October 10th. Students can earn prizes, depending on how much money they raised.

The Parent Club uses the money from this fundraiser in many ways around the school. They purchase Chromebooks for students to use, help the teachers with needed supplies, provide breakfast and snacks for hungry students, and they give money to the student body fund for rewards and incentives.

The name of the fundraising company is United Youth Fundraiser. The person who runs our fundraiser is David. We have been doing this fundraiser for three years and it has always been a huge success.

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# Student Opinions

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## Cell Phone Ban

Last year at Molalla River Middle School students were allowed to carry their phones around in their pockets, but of course, you already knew that if you went here last year. That is not the case for this year.

Students are no longer allowed to have phones with them this year because of specific reasons. Some reasons are obvious, like playing on your phone during class. Other reasons are more serious, like cyberbullying. Either way we aren't supposed to be on them. Now there is a rule against it.

Ava Nix, 8th grader, says, "I wish we could have our phones. I understand why we can't, but I don't like not having mine. I know this makes me sound obsessed, which I have to admit I am a little, but I feel safer with mine on me, so if anything happens, I have it there."

The more rules the staff makes the more rules the students have to break. I do not like this rule, just like most 8th graders. Most students that had their phones with them last year still probably carry them.

This can be a bad rule for many, but some agree with the new policy. Elena Litchfield, the ASB president, personally agrees with this rule. She supports this rule because of all the cyberbullying that happened at our school last year.

What is your opinion?

**Gwen Bloom**  
8th Grade

## MRMS Dress Code

Student dress codes are well known throughout school districts. Some people agree with them; others do not. It's my opinion that the girls' dress code is extremely harsh at MRMS. We all know that there is a boundary when it comes to different styles and trends. But some of the dress codes towards young women are not right. Yes, I get that teenagers need boundaries but some are ridiculous.

Girls at our school can get sent home or asked to change if their jeans have too many holes. I get that some pants are extreme, but if the hole is too high and you see the girl's upper thigh then it's a problem. How about bra straps? We all know that teenage girls have changing bodies. Why is it such a problem if their bra straps are showing? It is no secret that boobs exist. Teachers have told me and other female students that they would prefer to see girls wear baggy clothes, rather than clothes that are tight.

Here is why I think the school's dress code is so strict towards girls. In today's world, women are judged by the way they are dressed. If a girl is wearing shorts or a tank top they are told they are being distracting to young men. I think it's completely unfair that we are told to change our way of dressing because of the behavior of boys. Instead, the schools and internet should be teaching young men to not sexualize women. In this society, if women are wearing sweatpants or baggy clothes they are considered unattractive. If a girl decides she wants to dress "pretty" and wear shorts or a dress then she has automatically put herself on a man's radar. Teaching women to change their style in order to control men's minds at such a young age is the reason for our messed up world now. If a girl walks out on the street in shorts a man can look at her and think she is easy to get at. Because she is showing skin she has been automatically thought of in a sexual way. Women and girls are harassed by men on a daily basis. That's really sad. Women are taught when they are young to change who they are and how they dress in order to not draw attention from men. Why are young boys not taught to be respectful towards women no matter what they are wearing? Dress codes are sexist. Boys don't have to worry about being sexually harassed in school or on the streets; but women, young and old, have to worry about it daily.

We need to change something. One step at a time. One mind at a time.

**Nevaeh Lord-Dalton**  
8th Grade

Do you have an opinion you would like to share? Send it to:  
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My biggest fear is heights and spiders.

I think the toughest thing about being a teenager is being misunderstood and most teenagers hate when they're treated like a child.

I like that I have the ability to listen to someone, and their, and understand their emotions and problems.

I have really (pause) bad anger issues. [laughs]

I have a mother and a father, and they're both active in my life. My mom and dad aren't together, but they're like best friends. I live with my mom and my two little brothers, Deshaun and Marquis. Me and my mom have a strong bond, and the same with my dad. I'm the oldest on my mom's side, so my brothers get on my nerves. Family is really important to me, and I do want a family of my own, many years from now. I want at least two kids; a boy first and then a girl. I want to be married, but that's after college, and everything. Family is very important, and any family is perfect.

I don't have a boyfriend, but my longest relationship started in sixth grade. It ended the end of seventh. It was a year and one month long. I was kind of pressured to break up with him by my friends.

**Nevaeh Lord-Dalton, 13**  
**Molalla, Oregon**  
(interviewed by Kelsee Smith)



Nevaeh's last day at our school was Friday, Oct. 5. She and her family moved back to Colorado. Nevaeh was a contributing staff member of Wolverine Publications.

If you would like to be featured in the Student Spotlight section of our newspaper you can pick up an application outside of the Wolverine Publications Newsroom.

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What makes me the happiest is music because I'm a big music fan, like 80s music and 70s music, and its just an escape from everything.

My biggest fear is not doing anything with my life because I don't want to die having regrets.

My most frequent emotion is irritation. I don't really know why. It just is for me.

The toughest thing about being a teenager is probably hormones because they're all over the place, and it's just difficult having to deal with them.

What bothers me the most about myself is that I'm very self-critical, and I wish I wasn't.

I think I can have an impact on the world by either buying a rundown daycare or an animal sanctuary and helping the kids and animals in need.

I have a mom and dad. My mom is out of the picture. She lives over in the Tualatin area. I live with my dad and grandma. I don't really get along with my dad as much as I'd like to. I did start talking with my mom recently, and so far that's going okay. I have two younger siblings, both are six and seven, and I get along with them okay. I have four other brothers and sisters over in Medford, but I don't see them as much. I think family is important, because I mean if you didn't have family you wouldn't have anywhere to go, right?

I want a family of my own one day, because I don't really want to be alone, and I want to be able to raise a human being. The perfect family would be one that communicates a lot.

**Reese Hawkins, Age 13**  
**Molalla, Oregon**  
**(Interview by Isabelle Bryant)**