

The Wolverine Word

Molalla River Middle School, Molalla, Oregon — Friday, November 2, 2018

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

11/6 - WOW Assembly
11/9 - Veteran's Day Assembly
11/12-11/13 - No School
11/19 - Pizza Promise
11/20 - WOW Assembly

S.T.E.A.M. comes to our library

By Tillee Muffett and Benjamin Suarez

The Public Library of Molalla came to our middle school on Friday, October 26, to offer the S.T.E.A.M (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) Activity Club to our students at lunch in the MRMS library.

Devon Seale is the programming coordinator for the public library, which means he sets up programs and events for people who come to the library, specifically teens and adults. Devon came to our school to talk about the Molalla Public Library's clubs and events, specifically S.T.E.A.M.

Forty-three students from A, B, and C lunches came into the library to make catapults. "I had them build catapults out of rubber bands and plastic caps. I gave them a model that they could base their project on. The students built them on their own, so they could figure it out themselves," Devon Seale said.



Seale started S.T.E.A.M. because he wanted kids to have a fun program that is also educational. Devon will be getting opinions on the kinds of activities that teenagers want to do and see. He wants the S.T.E.A.M. club to grow in the direction the teens want.

The S.T.E.A.M. club has meetings on the 4th Saturday of each month at the Molalla Public Library at 2:00.



New MRSD phone app

By Matthew Craig

Did you know that Molalla River School District now has a phone app? The app will enable parents and students to keep up with school work, grades, events, important notifications, and news. The app will be supported on the Google Play store and the Apple App Store.

This app will make it so parents and students don't need separate applications for each task, like Studentvue for grades and a calendar for events and days off of school.



Debbie Bare

By Caidynce Cann

Debbie Bare, a lunch lady at our school, unexpectedly passed away on Sunday, October 7th, 2018, while in the hospital fighting an illness.



For two and a half years, Debbie Bare was a kitchen lead who helped make and serve lunches at our school. In the years prior to coming to Molalla River Middle School she worked at Molalla High School in the cafeteria.

Bare was known as an amazing artist and a comedian among those associated with her. Her co-workers say that her most memorable traits were being cheerful, funny, and hard working. Both her boyfriend and her sister were deaf, so she was able to become fluent in sign language. The people she worked with have described Debbie as having a big heart. The other lunch ladies at MRMS also say Debbie loved dogs, and the beach. She valued her sons and her family most in life. Debbie's birthday was October 14th, and she was going to be 58 years old this year.

Debbie will forever be in our hearts and remembered by all those who knew her as the amazing, hard working person she was.



Wolverine Spirit Week

By Kelsee Smith

Molalla River Middle School had its own Spirit Week the week of October 8-11.

MRMS leadership students put on Spirit Week because it was Homecoming week for the Molalla High School, and they wanted to support them.

Tillee Muffett, MRMS student body Vice President, says, "On Homecoming week, we had a Spirit Week, and in that week we had four dress up days because there were only four days of school. On Monday, we had pajama day. A lot of staff and students dressed up for that. Many students wore onesies, and it was really funny to look at everyone's pajamas. Tuesday was mix and match day, and that was really cool too, because some people had mix and match hair. Wednesday we had Disney Day, and the last day we had Orange and Black Day. Almost everyone was wearing orange and black. I think that it was really fun for our students to have a fun week like this."

Spirit Week only happens once a school year, during the Homecoming week of the high school. Be sure to participate next year.



The last game

By Jessica Langendorfer

Molalla High School's Last Volleyball Game

On October 15th, 2018 Molalla High School's Varsity, JV, and JV2 had their last home volleyball games. The JV team lost, the JV2 team won, and the varsity team won, as well! Each of the teams were matched up against Madras. Some of the players from the middle school teams came as well!

The famous audience tunnel was up and going as the players threw candy while they were going through the tunnel. It was also senior night for the players. Among balloons, family gathered to take pictures of the seniors who committed their time to playing volleyball. Their coach, Lori Nelzen, looked very proud of her girls. The band was there, as well, playing their fun tunes.



Mrs. Buckley mixing and matching.



Ryker Mouse!



6th Graders showing Molalla spirit.

Crosswalk safety

By Christian Zannotti

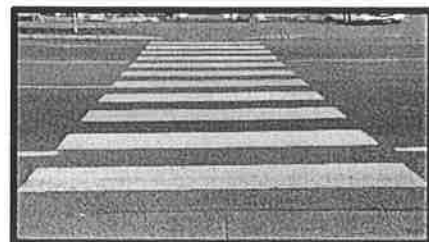
On October 5th, Mrs. Bauge noticed something while helping out with the Walk, Bike, and Roll to School event - there was no crosswalk for the kids to use to cross Highway 211 from the Stone Place Apartments.

This is an issue that Mrs. Bauge has good reason to be worried about. A student at our middle school was hit by a car last year while crossing over to the Stone Place Apartments. While in this instance he was lucky and had minimal injuries, it could have been worse.

"The reason I would like a crosswalk at that location is because I am afraid another student is going to get hit. A crosswalk was put in near Woodburn High School after someone was hit and killed at that location. I don't want to wait until something this tragic happens in order to get a crosswalk."

Mrs. Bauge has been in contact with ODOT (Oregon Department of Transportation) to inquire about a crosswalk being put there. While they are in the planning stages to "increase student safety for the children who cross Highway 211 from the Stoneplace Apartments," it is going to take approximately two years to get a crosswalk in that location."

Mrs. Bauge is also working with Albert Garcia to get a crosswalk there. They are having a meeting on November 14th with the Safe Routes to School group and the County Transportation and Development Department to discuss this further.



Another Wolverine Way

Audrey Hamilton

On October 9th another Wolverine Way assembly was held. Two more kids have been elected to sit on the green couch, Dylan Benz, and Ashley Laplante. Dylan was selected to sit on the couch because Mrs. Philips put his name in for being a good typist, not looking at the keyboard and having good posture. Ashley was nominated because she won a belt buckle in a horse riding competition against many other people. While they were enjoying their donuts, the leadership class and some students from each grade participated in some activities and fun games.

S.T.E.M Mechanics

By Isabelle Bryant

S.T.E.M Mechanics is a class for students that want to be future inventors. Students have been working on several projects, such as upgrading batteries for electric scooters and inventing useful products. Students learn how electronic things work and how to make batteries. Students have even learned a bit about the inventing history; such as why there was a feud between Nikola Tesla and Thomas Edison. Students usually work in groups to brainstorm ideas for new projects, but independent work is also allowed.

Mr. St. Clair says, "S.T.E.M. stands for science, technology, engineering and math. We focus on new technologies that will shape our future, such as electric vehicles (drones, skateboard, RC, etc.). We also look at the engineering process. It is much like the scientific method: find a problem, try a solution, make adjustments, repeat. Great problem solvers run and will continue to run our world. With new technology coming to us everyday, it is important that our students know the skills they will need for our changing world. Plus, it's a ton of fun. We have improved and upgraded electric scooters, built Lego Bridges and Balsa wood race cars. Learning doesn't have to be boring, and in S.T.E.M, it isn't."

Alexia Burkey, a current student in the class says, "The class is really cool and entertaining. Plus, we learn a lot about batteries and motors. I was able to build a rechargeable battery for my electric scooter. It's great to learn about things like this because it will help me in the future."

Food trucks in Molalla?

By Christian Zannotti

Earlier this month, the kids in Mrs. Greenwood's Business and Marketing class, were given a food truck assignment.

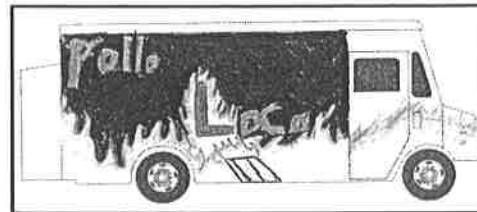
Students were broken up into teams of three and had to design a food truck for the Molalla Homecoming Game. Not only did each team design a food truck, they also developed a menu and gave a presentation to the class.

This work was divided among the three people in a given group; one designed the food truck, one wrote the speech, and one created the menu. There were also a few people per class that were the judges who judged which food trucks were the best.

While everyone made good food trucks and had good ideas, one in each of the two classes took first place, based on the judges scoring. The judges who decided the winners in the 2nd period class were Caidynce Cann and Harley Justice, and judges in the 5th period class were Dustin Rivera, Paulina Beteran Munoz, and Stephanie Beteran Munoz.

The winning food trucks were Pollo Loco and CARS. These two food trucks won because they had the best food truck design, best menu, and the best speeches, according to the judges.

Even though two food trucks came in first place, all the food trucks were winners! Mrs. Greenwood said that all the food trucks were good, did what they had to do, and all had good designs.



Enrique Eufrazio, Aner Negrete and Chris Herrera's winning design from 2nd period.



Carli Richins, Asvery Guijosa Gonzalez, and Rainny Sahagun were the 5th period winners.

Walk, Bike, and Roll to School

By Brennen Soderlund

On October 10th, students at MRMS participated in their first Walk, Bike, and Roll to School.

Students who participated met at one of three locations: Hi School Pharmacy, Molalla Elementary School, and the Stone Place Apartments. Two to three staff members were at each location. Students began to gather at each location at 7:00 am. Healthy snacks were provided. Students and staff members started to walk to school around 7:15 am and arrived at school around 7:30.

More than 5,100 schools from around the nation registered for the Walk, Bike and Roll to School event this year. Walking or riding a bike to school can often enable students to incorporate regular physical activity into their daily routine. Regular physical activity can help children grow stronger muscles, bones, and joints. It can also lead to a longer lifespan. The school hoped that this event would inspire students to have a healthier lifestyle and walk, bike or roll to school when possible.

Mr. Kaseweter, one of the staff volunteers, had a few words to say about this event. When asked why he helped with this event he said, "It's a national day, so we should all be active."

Club Corner

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Homework Club

By Katherine Nunn

If you would like a little help on homework and extra time to do your homework then you can join the MRMS Homework Club.

Homework club is run by Mrs. Landry and Ms. Reeder. The meetings are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:20 to 3:30. Anyone can join. Applications can be found across from the office.

Art Club

By Kamila Bedolla

Art Club is every Thursday in room 30 from 2:30 to 3:30. Students in Art Club can work on 3D sculpture, painting, and drawing. They also create quilts for the Quilts of Valor and premature babies.

The Quilts of Valor are sent to military hospitals and given to veterans.

Mrs. Dean asks that club members pay a one time fee of \$20 for the purchase of supplies. Permission slips are available across from the office. School rules apply.



Students from Art Club working on ceramic sculptures.

Cooking Club

By Katherine Nunn

Cooking club is a good way to learn to cook easy, 30 minute meals. The meetings are every other Wednesday in the Home Economics room, which is room 42. There is a \$20 participation fee for the club. The participation fee money goes towards buying the supplies for this club. The meetings are from 2:30 to 3:15. There are only 10 spots in the club. Permission slips for next trimester can be found in the hallway to the right of the Wolverine Publications room. At the last meeting the cooking club made chocolate chip oatmeal cookies.

Equality Club

By Kenzie Prock

The Equality Club is a club that was designed around accepting people and supporting ideas. Equality club meets every second and fourth Friday of the month in Mrs. Lowe's office. The club has ten agreements that were sorted out in the first meeting, and many roles were made as well.

The roles are as follows; President: Izzy Manlove, Vice President: Kiana Pippin, Secretary: Landon Hagadorn, Treasurer: Kylie Mcmanigal, and the club representatives are Kenzie Prock, Kylie McManigal, and Destiny Bridgwater.

The club does many events; such as the Day of Silence and the end of the year Talent Show. Members plans to have even more events this school year.

The club begins with an icebreaker, where the members go around the circle and say one good/bad thing about their week and closes with each member saying something they like about themselves or something that they did. During each meeting the club does something to help the students feel safer and more welcomed at MRMS, and members get a snack every meeting provided by members Kenzie Prock and Kylie McManigal.



By Brooklynn Nagle and Julie Mametieff

Life is Your Journey, So Travel Drug-Free was the theme of this year's Red Ribbon Week.

The first ever Red Ribbon Week was in 1988, sponsored by NFP (National Family Partnership). Red Ribbon Week is always the second to last week in October and is designed to create awareness concerning the problems related to the use of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs and to support the decision to live a drug-free lifestyle. Every year Red Ribbon Week is celebrated throughout the United States. Every day of the week there is a different theme for the day.

- *Monday - Team up against drugs!
- *Tuesday - Sock it to drugs!
- *Wednesday - Hide from drugs!
- *Thursday - Put a cap on drugs!
- *Friday - Show you are drug free!

Staff and students all supported Red Ribbon Week very well and dressed up for the week. It is very important to be drug-free and live a healthy life. Students use Red Ribbon Week to show that they are drug-free and to encourage others not to use drugs.

Other Red Ribbon Week activities included a photo booth, lunchtime surveys and quizzes, the signing of a pledge to stay drug free. Door decorating is still taking place and winners will be announced on Friday, November 2.

Pizza Promise

By Arisbeth Botello Lopez, Evelyn Eufragio Morales and Gavyn Taylor

On October 25, 2018 MRMS held its first Pizza Promise.

Students who study do better on a test. That is why MRMS is offering students free pizza for their study groups. Every group of four students will receive a pepperoni or cheese pizza from Little Caesars.



Mr. Dalton came up with this idea when he was the principal at Molalla High School. He wanted kids to study more and thought that this could be fun and help students earn good grades. Eating pizza is a common thing for a college student who studies, so why not try it with younger kids?

The Pizza Promise days are selected purposefully to land during the middle of each six week period. The study session is from 2:30 to 4:00. Pizza is delivered at 3:30, but groups still must study while they eat.

Sixty-four students participated and the school ordered fourteen pizzas for this Pizza Promise. The next Pizza Promise is on Monday, November 19.



Pizza Promise in Mrs. Greenwood's room.



Studying with Mr. Ferguson

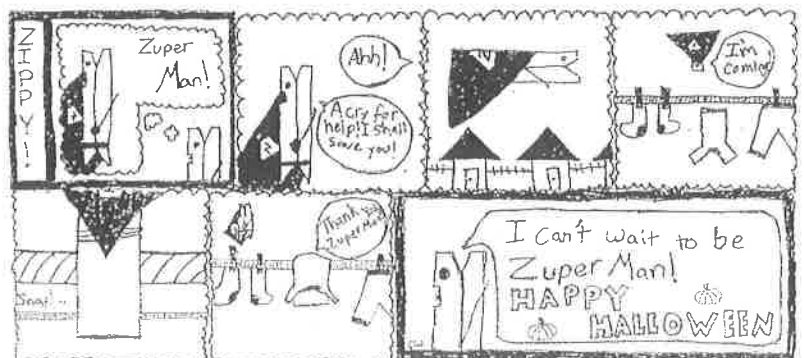
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Student Spotlight

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Kenzie Prock

Age 13

Molalla, OR

(Interviewed by Claire Wallace)

I'm afraid of commitment just because the idea of being in the same thing for so long or having the same thing for so long just makes me worry.

The toughest thing about being a teenager is probably being told to act like an adult but still being treated like a child. You're told that you need to get ready for high school, and that you need to be responsible, and you need to do this and do that but

at the same time people still treat you like you're 5-years old.

I believe that there is a higher power of some sort. I don't know if it's necessarily God.

My family is pretty religious, so if I'm at a funeral or something, and they want to pray then I will.

When I'm at those types of things they say the prayer, but if they don't I pray for everlasting happiness or something like that.

It doesn't really give me anything. It doesn't give me a sense of security that there is someone there. I don't think that any God would watch you every second.

Money is important to me. I don't have much, but (chuckles) it's still an important thing.

I would want kind of a similar lifestyle maybe, I mean I live in the middle of nowhere and I would rather live in a town where there's people and things I could do (laughs), but other than that I have a pretty nice lifestyle. I would like to have a little more flexibility when it comes to money and stuff though.

At home it's me, my mom, my sister Brianna, and just my pets. Only about ten minutes away I have another sister named Sierra, her husband Clint, and my nephew Brayden. On every other weekend I go to my dad's. I get along pretty well with my family. I don't really talk much in general, so I don't really talk much to my family. Family is important to me. Some of my friends are like my family, some are even closer to me than some of my family is.

I would want a family that's a good support system. They don't really hide things from each other. In my dream family, there wouldn't be many lies.

I am in eighth grade, and my favorite subject is English because all of my favorite teachers have been English teachers. I understand everything in my English classes better than any other subject.

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 Room.

Teacher Feature

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Let's TACO 'bout Trosko

By Ramona Shockley and Emma Walsh

It is Mr. Trosko's first year as a Learning Specialist at Molalla River Middle School and he says, "Everyone here has been super supportive. I really enjoy it here. I knew straight from the interview that this was the place I wanted to be, even though I was going to have to drive almost an hour each way to work."

Mr. Trosko is also working on getting his Master's Degree. Even though he is a very busy person, he still manages to help several kids every single day on top of what he has to do for himself.

Mr. Trosko is very involved in helping the community. He explained this by saying, "I work for a non-profit organization called ACAP. It is a summer camp for kids with autism. At the camp we go on field trips, swimming, and picnics. We also do other things, like going to the mall or going out to eat." They also do many other things.

One of Mr. Trosko's biggest inspirations is his father. His father was a teacher and is now a principal at Sandy High School. Mr Trosko says, "My dad was probably my role model growing up. He was one of the best teachers I have ever had and one of the greatest coaches I have ever had. He was someone I looked up to and wanted to be like, so I became a teacher."

Mr. Trosko loves being outdoors, especially when fishing is involved. "I would love to go to Alaska because I'm really into fishing, and they have some of the best fishing in the world. In the summertime ... you will always find me at the river swimming, hiking, and hanging out with my friends."

Mr. Trosko loves teaching, even though this is his first official year. Prior to working at Molalla Middle School he worked at two other schools and coached. He did his student teaching at West Orient Middle School and was an educational assistant at Reynolds Middle School. He says, "This group of kids has made this a great experience so far." He also coached for the Special Olympics for about three years. He explained, "I loved that. It was a really good experience. I coached basketball, soccer, and softball down in Forest Grove, Oregon. That was pretty cool."

Mr. Trosko does not know if his job in Molalla is a stepping stone or a more permanent job, but whatever it is he is very happy to be a part of MRMS right now.



Mr. Trosko



Mr. Brady

Mr. Brady

Ava Nix

Mr. Brady is a Speech Language Pathologist, who just started working full time at MRMS. He loves working with kids, and loves to help them learn. Before he worked at MRMS, he worked at the elementary school, just down the road from here. He likes Molalla because it is a homey school. He likes being able to share his ideas and make a difference.

Even though Mr. Brady loves his job as a Speech Language Pathologist he thinks it would be really fun to work in a circus. "I would like to be the Master of Ceremonies."

Mr. Brady enjoys hiking, reading and listening to music and hanging out with his wife and three year old daughter. He also likes to travel and even lived in Italy where he taught English. The reason he became a speech language pathologist was because of a friend he met in Italy. She was a Speech Language Pathologist and she liked it a lot. "She got to help people learn how to improve their communication, and that was kind of what I was doing when teaching English abroad, so I looked into it and I thought it would be a good path for me, and it's has turned out really well!"

Teacher Feature

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Who the heck is Mr. Peck?

By Kenzie Prock

Mr. Peck is a new teacher this year, and as expected, not many students know anything about him. Most people know that he is the new science teacher, but he truly is much more than that.

He first decided to be a teacher during his sophomore year of high school when he worked at a camp with some kids. He quickly found that he loved working with kids and helping them discover who they are. During his senior year of high school he thought that he might want to be a veterinarian or field researcher, but ultimately, the social aspect of being a teacher ruled.

He is currently in his sixth year of college to receive his Master's Degree. His two majors throughout college have been Biology and Education. His favorite thing about being a teacher is to socialize with his students and help them in anyway that he can.

His favorite part about the school day is when he assigns online work. Then he can just spend the day checking in on students. His least favorite thing, as expected, is waking up early in the morning every day, as he has never really been a morning person.

When Mr. Peck was asked if he had any heroes he responded, "I think my dad is probably my greatest hero." He goes further to explain that he admires his father so much because his dad is the reason that he is able to be a teacher. His dad was a poor child and worked hard so that his children could have a comfortable life. Peck is very grateful that his dad was able to end this vicious cycle of poverty to give his son the life he always wanted.



Time to read about Miss Reeder

By Reese Hawkins

Ms. Reeder is a new learning specialist at MRMS. Before this school year, she was an instructional assistant at our middle school. I've asked around and many students know Ms. Reeder, but they don't know much about her as a person and not as a teacher.

She's wanted to be a teacher ever since she was in the fourth grade. She had some teachers that weren't very good at their jobs, and she wanted to be different than them. Ms. Reeder says that she never wanted to be anything different in life. She always knew she wanted to be a teacher. In fact, she used to play teacher as a child with her sister at home.

Ms. Reeder accomplished four years of college at a small christian private school in Eugene to get her Bachelor's Degree, and now she is aiming for her Master's. Also, her major was teacher education. She was a designated "Hall Mom" of the dorms, but she loved it. The best part of her job is working with kids, but the worst part is all of the paperwork. Sherry hopes to influence and inspire her students in a positive way to help them be the best they can be.

When Ms. Reeder was asked if she had any heroes, she replied: "I have a lot of family members who are my heroes, and Mr. Frazier, my fourth grader teacher who inspired me to be a teacher in the first place, is also my hero."

Someday Ms. Reeder wishes to become a principal, but says that she is happy, and even though she has more dreams and goals, she is good with where she is in her life.

