

## B2 REGION

### Montford Beta Club inducts new members



2022 Beta Inductees

By: *Chloe Mundt & Duy Le*

During the month of April, students who have shown academic excellence as well as exemplary citizenship are offered a role in the Jr. Beta Club, the largest nonprofit, educational youth organization in the nation. The inductees met in the gym and were awarded a diploma

by the senior members. One inductee describes the merit of being in Beta, saying, "I'm so happy to be recognized for my hard work and can't wait to see where this opportunity leads me!" - Rosemary Atkins. For these diligent students, this award represents the first step toward becoming a leader of tomorrow.

### Rising to the TOP

by: *Hannan Meckes*

We would like to take a moment to congratulate our 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 weeks' Top Award winner, Jack White! Jack is admired by his teachers for his positive contributions to the classroom. He is applauded for his devotion to not only his academic success, but also to the work he has performed in the community as well. We are delighted to give him this much-deserved award. Are you



Jack White accepts his award

curious as to who our 4<sup>th</sup> 9 weeks' winner will be? You will have to find out at the 8<sup>th</sup> grade ceremony on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations, Jack!

### The sun keeps on Shining!

By: *Rose Atkins*

It's an exciting time for Sunshine State Young readers! Recently, the school has taken a vote on which SSYRA book is the top choice. *Bloom*, by Opper, won the most votes. This spring, the state voted for the top three books. In third place was *Becoming Muhammad Ali*, by Patterson and Alexander. Second place goes to *Jinxed* by McCulloch, and finally, the most voted SSYRA book was, *When Stars are Scattered*, by Jamieson and Mohamed.

In addition to this exciting news, the 15 books for 2022-2023 have been released! The books are as follows: *Dragon Ops*, *Double the Danger* and *Zero Zucchini*, *Curse of the Night Witch*, *Concealed*, *The Elephant in the Room*, *Lola Benko Treasure Hunter*, *Pixie Plushes on*, *Rivals*, *Scratch Scratch*, *Quintessence*, *Words on fire*, *Starfish*, *Smartest Kid in the Universe*, and finally, *Shadow School*. So, grab a book, and get ready to expand your imagination!

## C3 REGION

### Lady Mustangs knock it out of the park!

By: *Camden Bennett*

On April 21<sup>st</sup>, our girls softball team played rival school Deerlake and came home with a 13-7 win! Coach Davis has led the team to many victories so far this season and has shown these girls what it's like to work together as a team. Davis feels, "honored, hopeful and proud of the girls' talent and leadership." Some highlights from the Deerlake game include 8<sup>th</sup> grader Ella Kone scoring in the

first inning on a single. 7<sup>th</sup> grader Scout Joyner was a key player during this game, tallying four hits. Joyner singled in the first, second, third and doubled in the fourth. Avery Jones, a hopeful 6<sup>th</sup> grader, was the winning pitcher for the Mustangs. She allowed five hits and seven runs over four innings, striking out two players from the opposing team. We are so proud of our lady Mustangs and hope they have

what it takes to continue their success all the way to the championship!



2022 Lady Mustang Softball Team

### Girls' soccer team rocks the field

By: *Lauren James*

Montford's girls soccer team played an outstanding season from their first game versus Raa in the rain to the girls last game against Deerlake in the championships. Our team has improved so much this season, from working on their ball control and communication to offense

and defense. Every time our ladies step onto the field, they are determined to try their best as a team and drive for the same goal. Our Ladies practiced and played each game with the determination to make it to the championship. Their hard work paid off, and they accomplished their goal. Thank you Coach Swart for coaching a phenomenal group of girls both on and off the field!

### Racing to the finish line

By: *Maddie Ely & Mia Torrado*

The M.M.S. track and field team had a great season this year, led by Coach Busboom. We asked Alyssa Christie (Sprinter) about her experience on the track team. When asked why she decided to try out for track, Christie said, "I grew up running because my mom was a track coach for Chiles High School." We asked her about the benefits of joining the track team, and Alyssa said, "it's a good form of exercise, and it makes you supersonic." Alyssa says that the hardest part of track and field practice is, "on Monday because we do distance running." The team has had a great season.



2022 Track & Field Team

### 7<sup>th</sup> grade takes on Busch Gardens

By: *Alyx Gibbens & Madelyn Hayes*

M.M.S. 7th graders embarked on a field trip to Busch Gardens Amusement Park on April 14th filled with adventure and fun. Everywhere you looked you would find a new thrilling roller coaster or an amusing attraction. When asked about her favorite thing at Busch Gardens, Bella Sosenko said, "my favorite thing at Busch Gardens was definitely the Iron Gwazi. It was really scary, but exciting!" Not only did the students enjoy the day, but the



The Iron Gwazi, a popular Busch Gardens coaster

chaperones had an exciting day too! Every moment of the trip proved a memorable experience for students and teachers alike. Mustangs were glad they could enjoy the day with their friends.

### United we stand!

By: *Audrey Johnson*

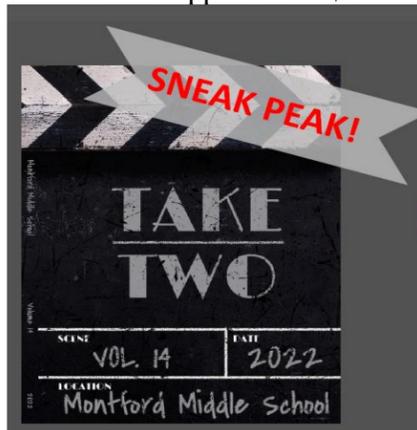
Our school has held Mustangs United for 11 years. The main event was a basketball game with a final score of 30 to 26. We enjoyed the impressive musical entertainment of Mr. Horn, Mr. McManus, Mr. Zauche, Mr. Velez, Jordan Herron, Abigail Mansouri and Max Mansouri, while Evyn Wells sang, "Life is a Highway" and Evelyn Andre sang "It's the Climb" along with the crowd. Other entertainment

included a shoot-off contest between Coach Thompson and Jacob Redfern. Emily and Jacob Redfern moved the crowd with an inspirational speech promoting their campaign to stop the "R" word. A speech about the importance of being kind by Britton Miller (Chiles SGA President), Hunter Gruen (Chiles SGA Vice President) and Colette Bell (Lincoln SGA President) inspired all of us to include everyone. The event culminated with a poignant slide show.

### FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TALLAHASSEE

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**Did you buy your yearbook yet?** Purchase forms are available on the MMS website or in the front office while supplies last! \$35



**“Spring-ing Flowers”**  
By: Evan Huckaby



**Mr. Blessing says farewell to 8<sup>th</sup> grade class**

By: Sarah Peterson & Karina Martinez

“Dear 8th Graders, I know when you entered your 6th grade year in August of 2019, you couldn’t have possibly predicted what you would face during your middle school

### TODAY IN HISTORY - Liliana Vizcarrondo

**In May 1914-** President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation that officially established the first national Mother’s Day. Wilson stated that the holiday offered a chance to “[publicly express] our love and reverence for the mothers of our country.”

**In May 1974-** Impeachment hearings against President Nixon were opened by the House of Representatives. This famous impeachment was the result of obstruction of power, abuse of power, and keeping information from congress. Nixon

resigned from office on August 9, 1974. **In May 1990-** West Germany formally joined the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). This was 10 years after the Nazis were defeated in World War II. This was also a step towards a future where Germany would reunite.

careers. This experience is something that you will remember throughout your entire lives. Going home for Spring Break and never returning, learning on-line or in half empty classrooms, quarantining, etc... Through all of this, I know you have learned how to persevere and overcome obstacles. These are two skills that will serve you

well in life- in many situations. Despite everything you have been through, you have still helped in our community, achieved great things in the classroom, and shown your many talents through athletics and art. I am so proud of each and every one of you, and I wish you the best in high school and all of your future endeavors.”



## MUSTANGS PLAY FOR A CURE

By: Sasha Alexander

At Relay for Life, people come together every year and raise money to donate to the American Cancer Society to support research dedicated to finding a cure for cancer. Montford is a school filled with caring students and staff, who support Relay for life in many ways. This school

year, through hat days, classroom competitions, “Dime Wars” and the Boys vs. Girls basketball game, we raised a grand total of \$8,159.85. for Relay for Life! Each year, our Mustang family continues to work hard to make sure no one goes through the battle with cancer alone.



Boys vs. Girls basketball game

### Spring is in the air!

By: Toby King & Carson Rennels

The sixth-grade agriculture students have a few new members in their class! This year, the sixth graders helped hatch some adorable chickens that will be raised for years to come. When asked about his favorite part of the chickens hatching, Nolan Sapp said, “playing with the chicks.” The chickens hatching was a huge part of the agriculture students' experience this year. For the next few years, the agriculture



The chicks explore their new home

classes will have the joy of feeding and taking care of these chickens. Vivienne Pettit said her favorite part about the chickens hatching was, “Seeing them fluff up.” The chickens hatched on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Making history at Montford

By: Olivia Sickler

We want to congratulate our Mustangs who participated in the National History Fair this year on Debate and Diplomacy! Our independent winners were Brianna Pittman, Ashtyn Parker, Hannah Meckes, Ashtin Dinkleman, Natalie Gibson, Cassidy Boone, Cole Lawson, Ella Tobe, Kenzie Poppell, Madelyn Hayes, and Rainey Bryson. Let’s give a special shout out to our duos, Madison Bates and Charlotte Simone, and Izzy Cummings and Violet Ashley.

### McManus inspires musicians

By: Evan Huckaby

During the 2021-2022 school year, Montford’s beginning band performed in multiple concerts in which they received awards and played pieces such as *Eagle Summit March*, *Armada*,

and *Dragon*. I spoke with Mr. McManus about what inspired him to become a band teacher, and he said, “I love teaching band because I have the opportunity to get to know the same group of students for as many as three

years...Making music is amazing, and the high pace and energy needed for teaching band are exciting...the ability to work with and hopefully positively impact students...is the biggest reason I keep doing what I do.”