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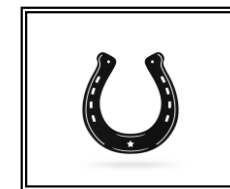
“Leaf” it to the voters!

By: Robyn Pearce & Brynn Jacobson

This year we surveyed students on their favorite fall activities, and their favorite fall food, drinks, and sweets. When polled about their favorite fall activity, 54% of students polled

chose going trick-or- treating, while 20% said they preferred to do something else. Next, we asked everyone to select their favorite fall pie. 46% said pumpkin pie is their top choice, while 26% said a pie other than pumpkin would be their top pick. Another poll question was what students

choose as their favorite cold-weather drink. 58% chose hot chocolate, and 25% said they liked a pumpkin spice latte. The final question was what the best Halloween candy is. 35% said "other," while 28% chose Reese’s Cups, and 20% said that their favorite candy is skittles. Have a happy fall, y’all!



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NO TRICKS, JUST TREATS: SPOOKY GRAMS!

By: Farren Bell & Kinley Marshall



Spooky Gram full of sweet treats

Montford Middle School Distinctive Daughters club held their annual fundraiser throughout spirit week, selling “Spooky Grams” for \$2 each. The girls were hoping to raise around \$200. The variation of goodies in the bags they sold ranged from lollipops and chocolate to hard candies, etc. The money that the club raises is

used to support their club so the girls can participate in outreach and fun activities. Naomi Garrett, Distinctive Daughters Club president, said, “...”. Led by Dr. Wood, club sponsor; the final sales came out to \$540, surpassing their original goal. Thank you to all the Mustangs that supported this Distinctive Daughters club fundraiser by buying a spooky gram to send to a friend!

Spooky Spirit Week

By: Francesca Torrado & Sarah Benson

The week of October 27th was spirit week for our Mustangs! All week, students dressed up leading up to Halloween on Friday. On Monday, students dressed like teachers and vice versa. On Tuesday, students twined with a friend to show their unity as a student body. On Wednesday, everybody wore their favorite camouflage, blending into the background, and on Thursday, everyone dressed up as their favorite



Jisong Kim and Hadley Hobbs dress as Thing 3 & Thing 1 on Twin Day

Disney character. Last but not least, on Friday October 31st, everyone dressed up in their Halloween costume, paying \$2 to support the Relay for Life “Costumes for a Cure” fundraiser. Great job showing your creativity and school spirit, Mustangs!

From Patch to Podium: Pumpkin Contest Wows!

By: Aaron Schwartz

This year’s S.S.Y.R.A. pumpkin decorating contest winner features a pumpkin that draws inspiration from a well-known novel, “Simon Sort of Says.” The pumpkin was painted all black with the same drawing featured in the

center of the book’s cover. This winning pumpkin was brought to life by Gabe Pfeifer and made its way onto the top of the podium to receive the winning title. Congratulations, Gabe, for bringing creativity to Montford this year. And keep reading, Mustangs!

Harvest Apple Bread Recipe

By: Caroline Emerson

Looking for a good recipe for this fall season? This easy apple bread is perfect! Makes 1 loaf

INGREDIENTS

- 2 Large Apples
- 1 ½ cups flour
- 1 ½ tsp baking powder
- 2 tsp ground cinnamon
- ½ tsp kosher salt
- 2 eggs
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup sugar
- ¼ cup milk
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat the oven to 350, then peel and dice apples into small cubes. Measure 2 cups, then set aside. Next, add flour, baking powder, cinnamon, and salt to a medium bowl, set aside. Then, whisk eggs into a large bowl until smooth. Next, add oil, sugar, milk, and vanilla to the eggs. Add the flour mixture to the egg and stir until combined. Add the 2 cups of apples to the mixture and stir until the apples are spread throughout. Spread batter to an 8 x 4-inch loaf pan. Bake for 60-70 minutes. Cool and enjoy!

B2 REGION

DANCING THROUGH THE DECADES

By: Leighton Elliott & Ava Shriver



6th graders pose for a quick picture at the MMS Decades Dance

Student Spotlight: Hadley Hobbs

By: Sarah Christie & Mati Blatt

This year's fall spotlight student was 8th grader Hadley Hobbs. This meant the world to Hadley. She felt overjoyed with happiness when she won this recognition. Hadley always sees the good in people and is on her best behavior even when no one is watching. Being kind and respectful is extremely important to Hadley; her mom always taught her that, "everyone will remember

Mustangs had so much fun at Montford's annual fall dance on Friday, October 17th! The dance had a decades theme, which was shown through the signs, lights, and other decorations put up all around the gym. An estimated 500 students were in attendance. Students had a great time dancing to popular songs played by the amazing D.J. There was a very popular photo booth for

students to take pictures with their friends, and a printout they could take home to show their families. Students reported the line for the photo booth was long. We asked 7th grader, Ella Fansler, what her two favorite parts of the dance were, and she said, "all the fun music and dancing with my best friends." Mustangs are looking forward to what the next dance will be.



Hadley Hobbs, fall spotlight student

the person who was rude to their peers but will treasure the person who went out of their way to be kind." Her biggest motivations are her friends and twin brother, Blake Hobbs. Being fall spotlight student reminds her that kindness and respect never go unnoticed.

Building 3 Power Trio

By: Ella Cooksey & Robyn Pearce

Ms. Koprowski, Ms. Rivera, and Ms. Cosenza are all new teachers working in building three. They've already become good friends and are a great addition to the Montford staff! Over the first quarter, they've been able to work together and support each other as new teachers. They're a smart, creative, hardworking, funny, and kind bunch. They're always ready to help their students with anything they need, whether it's schoolwork or advice. They make learning fun and always bring good vibes to the



Ms. Cosenza, Ms. Koprowski, & Ms. Rivera dressed up for Spirit Week

classroom. It's clear they care about their students, and we're lucky to have them here at Montford. We know they'll continue to make a huge impact on our Mustangs!

Go Pink Campaign

By: Lorelei Bryan & Liliana Razzano

On Wednesday, October 1st, the Cheerleaders held the "Go Pink!" campaign for Breast Cancer Awareness, selling donuts and pink lemonade and painting faces with dots, ribbons and handprints before school. All money raised went to the Joanna Francis Living Well Foundation, which helps support people through their battle with breast cancer. The campaign earned a total of \$1,600. The campus wore pink to support the campaign. The cheerleaders lead this yearly for a great cause, as Mrs. Lowery overcame breast cancer herself. She said, "Go Pink holds a very special place in my heart. The entire month of October fills me with hope- hope that one day we'll find a cure for this devastating disease. Hope that the women currently fighting breast cancer recognize the incredible strength within themselves. And hope that my journey as a nine-year survivor reminds those newly diagnosed that they are not alone, and that they, too, can overcome this."

C3 REGION

MUSTANG VOLLEYBALL FOR THE 6-PEAT!

By: Aniston Ledford

M.M.S. Volleyball Team won the 25-26 2A championship on October 1st! This is their sixth consecutive championship win, and their Coach, Angela Hultquist's, seventh championship while coaching at Montford. This year they went undefeated, not losing a single set! Team captain, Aniston Ledford, stated that, "being a part of Montford volleyball has been the best experience ever. I could not even

imagine what my time at Montford would be without it." The championship game was held at Montford, and it was a packed house with the cheerleading squad & members of the band in attendance, making it a great experience for the players and fans. Being a part of a team and or a club at Montford is such a great way to meet new people and be a part of something. The volleyball team is a great example, as such a tight-knit group of amazing girls! Congratulations, 2025 Champs!



Volleyball team after winning the district championship for 6th year in a row!

Cross Country Wins District Championship!

By: Rylin Buck & Oliver Prowant

This year our Mustangs set new heights for cross-country. Both boys and girls won their championships in Leon County. These Mustangs put in a lot of work and effort into this season. They had practice before school every day from 7:45 to 8:30. Our Mustangs put in hard

work and dedication to always make the top of the leaderboards. Both of our teams came in either first or second place the whole season. During their season, the cross-country team ran every Wednesday until the beginning of October. Both Montford teams placed in the top ten when they ran in the F.L.Y.R.A. Middle School Championship in Lakeland, Florida. Way to go. Mustangs!

Montford band kids head to All District!

By: Natalie Trimble & Payton Davis

Montford band students auditioned at Lincoln high school on November 1st for All District. MMS finished with by far the most students selected to join the All District band with 28 students selected! While there are too many to list all students, we have listed those who ranked first chair in their instrument: flute-Gabby Delgado, oboe-Emily Large, bari saxophone-Caden Preikschas, bass clarinet-Aurora DeCoste, horn- Colin



Mr. McManus prepares students for competition

Ruane, tuba- Emily Vanderhoof, percussion- Noah Jaworksi, and string bass- Annabelle Speed. Please join us in congratulating these students and wishing them well in All State band; way to go!

Q. & A. With Dr. Edwards

By: Ila Ledford & Harper Poston

We wanted to get to know a little more about our new Dean of Students, Dr. Edwards. Here is what we learned. Next time you see him on campus, say "hi!"

Q: Where did you work prior to working at Montford?

A: "I used to work at the Sheriff's Department."

Q: What are some of your goals for this year?

A: "I want to be able to help and continue a safe learning environment for our school."

Q: How are you enjoying working at Montford?

A: "Working here is absolutely wonderful!"

Q: What is your favorite thing about Montford?

A: "I love the kids."

Q: What's one fact about you no one would know?

A: "I am a musician!"