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Bell takes 1st place in school bee!



Gabi Bell wins bee on "squabbling"

By: Chloe Mundt

The oldest language puzzle of our time involving strategy and memorization is the spelling bee. Montford's annual spelling bee expands students' knowledge of English and improves their spelling. The winner of the 2021 Montford Spelling Bee was 8th grader

Gabi Bell. Gabi worked tirelessly, triumphing in over thirty rounds. When asked about her victory, Gabi shared, "I have never really had anything I was amazing at... so when I walked into my 3rd period and everyone cheered for me, I was so incredibly happy." Bell went on to place 3rd in the district.

Taking it to the TOP

By: Hannah Meckes

What makes a TOP student? Each nine weeks, an 8th grader who excels academically, earns excellent citizenship marks, and volunteers extensively earns the TOP Award, sponsored by Dr. Burch. The 1st 9 weeks' award went to Jasmine Meadors. Jasmine's teachers applaud her for her focus at school and participation in the community.



Jasmine Meadors



Crew Carlile

The 2nd 9 weeks' winner was Crew Carlile. Crew is commended by his teachers and peers for his thoughtful personality and hardworking attitude. Congratulations to both winners!

Got Sunshine?

By: Rose Atkins & Stella Krupilis

Ever wondered what SSYRA stands for? The Sunshine State Young Readers Award is a highly praised award system, designed to encourage young readers to keep reading. It is a chance for avid readers to enjoy what they are doing with positive support from teachers and the county. In addition to the enjoyment of reading, there are added rewards for reading SSYRA books each year. Some prizes include a pencil and eraser, a Chromebook sticker, a free book, or something from the school store. What's more, if you read 15 books, you can get a cup for your first time, a T-shirt for your second, and a \$20 gift card to a bookstore if you read 15 books 3 times!



"Bloom," a popular SSYRA choice

Williamson wins election!

By: Alyx Gibbens & Madelyn Hayes

We interviewed Chloe Williamson, the SGA president, for the inside scoop on Student Government and her initial goals for the school. "I ran for SGA president because I saw that there were a lot of kids being bullied, and I knew there needed to be a change" says Chloe. "I think my friends, and my parents most importantly, keep me going. My mom has helped me through a lot, and she's encouraged me so



Chloe Williamson flashes a winning smile

much throughout my presidency." Chloe and all the SGA officers have accomplished so much, and we are excited to see how the school will improve by the end of the year.

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Volleyball wins championship!

By: Carson Rennels

The MMS 2021 Volleyball team showed nothing but excellence on the court this season. Exhibiting true skill and expertise, they stormed through the season to be crowned county champs. When asked about her favorite part of the season, 8th grader Mackenzie Poppell said, "I liked the people I got to know, and the

competitiveness of the games and the coaches." Defeating every opponent in the regular season with ease, the pressure of the playoffs was still no match for our Lady Mustangs, who beat Deerlake in the championship three sets to none. We are so proud of our 2021 Montford Volleyball Team, who showed mastery in what they did both on and off the court this season.



Superintendent Hannah and M.M.S. admin pose with the team after their victory

A peek into P.E.

By: Camden Bennett & Toby King

Coach Usina has been inspiring students at Montford since it opened in 2008. When asked about her inspiration to become a coach, Usina stated, "[e]very single student deserves kindness, understanding, and respect." Usina believes that daily

physical education provides students with the ability and confidence to be physically active for a lifetime. One 8th grade student commented on the impact Coach Usina had on her 6th grade year saying, "[Coach Usina] was always there for us and made us feel comfortable." Usina continues to have a positive influence on students, teachers, and our school community.

Boys' soccer team fights for victory

By: Duy Le & Lauren James

Head Coach Busboom has led the Montford Boys' Soccer Team to victory and encouraged them to keep persevering through every game. When asked what inspired the boys to play, Colby Harden shared, "I was inspired by Coach Busboom." The boys' soccer team has pushed through all their games and are an extraordinary soccer team. Cole Lawson, an 8th grader on the

team, says playing defense is his favorite position and why he loves playing soccer. Another valuable player on the team is number 18, Salvatore Giove. In an exclusive interview with Giove, we learned that he was inspired by his uncle at an early age and decided to start playing soccer. The team ended the season with 6 wins and 3 losses. We can't wait to see what's in store for the next season!

What's cookin'?

By: Toby King & Carson Rennels

Hello future chefs of Montford! Have you ever wondered what our 6th graders do in agriculture? The class includes activities such as gardening, taking care of chickens, and, you guessed it, cooking! In a recent visit to Ms. Fain's agriculture class, some of the students were making Bok Choy Tofu Stir-fry. Bok Choy Tofu Stir-fry originated from China; it is a delicious and healthy meal that features the Chinese vegetable-Bok Choy, added to Tofu, and soy sauce for extra flavor. Want to try it at home? Contact Ms. Fain or find a great recipe online!



Students prepare Bok Choy Tofu Stir-fry