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Pink up the Pace 5k

By Sydney Hermes and Isabella Tranchina

Pink up the Pace is an event held to support Christa Heitter and other people in the community that may need support with financial expenses. The event was held on Saturday, October 22nd. The 5k started at 11:00 am, while the 1 mile fun run started at 10:30 am. Those who participated in either of the races received an event t-shirt and a wrist band. This year's Pink up the Pace was the second one held here in Mt. Morris, IL.

Austin Ebert won this year's 5k with his dad and had a time of 22 minutes, 2 seconds. This year's teachers who ran the 5k include Ms. Leamanczyk, Mr. Martin, Mrs. Nelson, old Mr. Gale and young Mr. Gale. Old Mr. Gale ran in a Hillary Clinton mask and a pink dress, and young Mr. Gale ran in a Bill Clinton mask; it was hilarious.



Above: Mr. Gale dressed has Hillary Clinton. Right: Young Mr. Gale with his Bill Clinton mask running with his companion.

We interviewed Jarren Heitter and Mrs. O'Neil prior the Pink up the Pace Run. We asked them a few questions about the run and about Jarren's mother, Christa Heitter. This was the second annual Pink up the Pace. Jarren told us that his mom has had Metastatic Cancer for 4 years and is now in its 4th stage.

When we asked Jarren if he was excited about the Run,

he replied, "Yes, because I'll get to eat food!" we then laughed at his exclamation. Because

of Christa's medical situation, she didn't run the race, but was attending. Jarren and Mrs. O'Neil both attended the race as well, but didn't run because they were helping to set up and manage the race. Mrs. O'Neil and Jarren had both helped out with the Pink up the Pace last year as well. We asked Mrs. O'Neil why she thought it was important to participate in this fundraiser and she said that it was for a good cause and it shows the community's support. Mrs. O'Neil encouraged students to participate in the race, so we would like to especially thank her for that. We would also like to thank those who helped make signs, cheer for the runners, ran the race, and any others that also helped out in any way.



Autumn on Parade

By: Jady Bothe and Adam Glendenning

The 46th Autumn on Parade was October 1-2 2016. There were many activities for ages young and old, including the 5k, parade, and tons of booths. The weather was pretty good too, around 65 degrees.

Most things were free, unless you went to the Old English Fair, participated in the 5k or donut eating contest, and of course anything you ate or bought at the farmers market, food court or craft fair. The craft fair and farmers market was located around the courthouse square. Our very own Jr. High band marched in the parade this year. So the 46th Autumn on Parade was another good experience.



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**November/
December
Birthdays
8th Grade
November:**
 7-Ciara Swan
 8-Tyler Zellers
 9-Colton Manser
 11-Maddie Page
 15-Kilee Diehl
 17-Shakia Morris
 18-Ryan Hussung
 Wylee Rjce
 20-Mackenzie Avery
 22-Taylor Sheely
 26-Breccan Berns
 27-Madysen Clark
 30-NICK Beitel

December:
 4-Andrew Barnhart
 7-Sam Bowers
 13-LeRoy Brooks
 30-Erin Schmidt

**7th Grade
November:**
 5-Ethan George
 13-Miranda Merritt
 Kaydin Reber
 18-Jason Ballard
 19-Cody Bailey
 21-Lena Trampel
 Mia Trampel
 23-Dylan Alcalá
 27-Victoria Marchetti

December:
 2-Cassandra Aylward
 5-Mya Hernandez
 12-Brooklyn Fritts-Lachat
 22-Issac Reber
 26-Avery Sellers
 28-Cayden Bielema
 29-Shyanne Hanson
 31-Ciara Irvin
 Brady Schwartz
 Jesse Suter

Eighth Grade Interview:

Grace White

By: Olivia Ankeney and McKenna Tremble

For this interview, we didn't want to ask boring or generic questions. We chose more thought provoking and unique questions. Our first question was, if she could have any super power, which one would it be?



Grace said she would fly because she could go anywhere. The next question did not have a very common answer; apparently her biggest fear is vomit, as opposed to snakes or heights. Grace's least favorite thing is boys who have little or no respect for girls (agreed). Most people have that one weird food combination that they like or foods that would typically not go well together. For Grace that would be chicken strips and nacho cheese (actually that sounds somewhat decent). Have you ever wondered why the sky is blue? We certainly did, so we decided to ask Grace her opinion; she says that it's a reflection from all the blueberry fields. Grace describes the word "sour" as mouthwatering and squinchy. Maybe Webster can add that as a new word. Her favorite hour of the day is 9 p.m. because she is on her phone quietly. The next question was a little more personal: Who is your spirit animal? Instantly, she said Adam Sandler. Funny enough, the next question was "if you were and Adam Sandler movie, which one would you be?" after much thought she replied "50 First Dates". Lastly, we decided to go with a classic question, her favorite color is salmon; however, she hates the food.

7th Grade Interview:

Simona Dupre

By: Claudia Reckamp and Leah Watters

For this newspaper, Simona Dupre was the lucky chosen 7th grader. Here's a look into Simona's heart and soul. The first question we bombarded her with was, "What's your favorite subject?" She responded with a short answer of ELA. We asked her for an explanation and got the answer "Because it's easy." Simona's favorite movie is Disney Pixar's Cars because it's cute. Dr. Schuster is her all-time favorite teacher since they did "top secret fun stuff." The reason she loves Christmas is because of the snow, so hopefully this winter is full of it. For this next question, we asked Simona to dig deep inside her soul and tell us who her role model was. She answered very quickly with "My dad, because he's always there for me in times of trouble." Next, a very exotic question: "What sound does your favorite animal make?" Simona replied with, "Oink."



Keeping on the pig topic, if Simona found herself on a deserted island she would want her teacup pig (Sausage) with her. When she's in the kitchen, Simona is baking cookies, although we don't know what kind, they're probably pretty rad. A few moments of awkward silence later, we asked her what she last dreamed about. Simona doesn't quite remember, but she recalls dreaming about a zombie apocalypse. As our closer, "What is your spirit animal?" She said, "A red panda." That concludes this month's 7th grade interview.

Teacher Interview: Mrs. Rasmussen

By McAuley Humphrey and Abigail Tomlinson

This month, we interviewed Mrs. Rasmussen. We actually had to interview her twice because, as you may remember, Mrs. Rasmussen was slightly loopy for a few days due to a medication, and the first interview fell into those days. Fortunately for you, we are including segments of both interviews for your enjoyment.



Mrs. Rasmussen says that her favorite part about being a science teacher is the students and the labs (obviously not in that order). When we asked her where she would travel to if she could go anywhere, she replied without hesitation, "Italy." Off per I 'Italia! When asked if she had any affiliation with Rasmussen College during the first interview, she replies, "I don't know. Skip that question!" When we asked her again, she replied with, "If I did, I'd send my kids there for free." When questioned about her least favorite food, she knew for sure that it is liver, both times. Her favorite subject as a child was English, because, as she recalls, her teacher was very admirable. As our last question, we asked her what her favorite meme, pun or joke is. She had two very different answers. "I like the Kermit memes, but that's none of my business." Here's a great joke that you shouldn't tell your dad:

"What's a doctor's favorite element?"
 "Helium!"

Afterwards, she still agreed that she does love the Kermit memes. After many laughs, we bring this interview to an end. If you see her in the hallway, ask her for today's great joke. I'm sure she has many to spare.

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School Lunches

By: Jed Bothe and Libby Hinshaw

These past few years the school has heard many complaints about the school lunches, but what is causing the lunch program to lack quality? The school doesn't have much of a say what goes on our trays. We interviewed Marty Boyd, the staff member who makes our lunch menus and orders our food. We also interviewed Deborah Smice to get a student's look on the school lunches.

To get a basis on students thoughts we asked some pretty basic and general questions.

"What did you think of the survey?"

"I feel not much will be done with it and nothing can really change."

"How often do you eat the schools lunch?"

"Every day."

"What do you think the schools lunches lack?"

"Fresh food, quality, and salad available every day would be nice."

"What is one thing you would like to change or have available every day?"

"Water bottles should be available for everyone at the school during lunch hour for kids who don't like milk."

In the interview with Marty Boyd she gave us straight-forward facts on the requirements for the lunch program. The boundaries she has been given the by the government are tough to get around. She has to serve us 650-750 calories per day. We must have two ounces of meat available, 3 1/4 cup of vegetables, 1/2 cup of fruit, a grain component, 1% white milk, and skim chocolate milk. Since those requirements are so elaborate, it is hard to get fresh food. If

Marty had a choice she said, "I would reform the lunch program, and put in an a la carte line." So you could say that our school does the best they can do to make sure we are healthy and happy.



2016 8th Grade Eagles

Volleyball

By Nate Schone and Taylor Sheely

For this month's newspaper on sports, we chose volleyball. We interviewed eighth grade volleyball player, Alexis Wilhelm. Our first question for her was, "How long have you been playing volleyball?" She responded, "I've been playing since 6th grade, first in park district, and in Power-Up volleyball." The second question we had for her was, "What is your favorite thing about playing volleyball?" She answered, "EVERYTHING! There's nothing about volleyball she likes more than the other. Volleyball is just my favorite thing in the world." Thirdly, we asked, "What made you want to play volleyball?" She countered, "Because of my cousins. My cousin, Faye McCormick, got a full scholarship for volleyball to Wisconsin for the Wisconsin badgers. My other cousin, Claire McCormick, played for Delaware, so they both inspired me to play. Our last question was, "What are your thoughts on the game you played tonight?" She responded, "I'm very proud of the game and the team. I felt I played well tonight, especially my serving and setting."

The eighth grade team had a successful volleyball season. They tied for first place in the conference for the regular season and their overall season record was 18-9. The eighth grade players were: Ella Martin, Olivia Ankeny, Ashlyn Kitzmiller, Jayden Bothe, Claudia Reckamp, Heather Braden, Sophia Hughes, Alexis Wilhelm, Lily Gillingham, Abby Ruter, Madison Clark, Madyson Black, Brenna Noon, and Grace White.



Heather Braden attacks the ball as Jadyn Bothe, Lily Gillingham, and Ashlyn Kitzmiller look on in anticipation.

Mystery Person

This person has 5 siblings that are all younger than this person.

Their favorite hobby is golfing.

Their favorite sport is basketball, but their favorite sports team is the Vikings.

Their favorite subject is science.

When they get older they want to get a job and retire.

This person's biggest fear is rollercoasters.

Report who this person is to **Brody Massole** and receive a treat from Ms. Leamanczyk



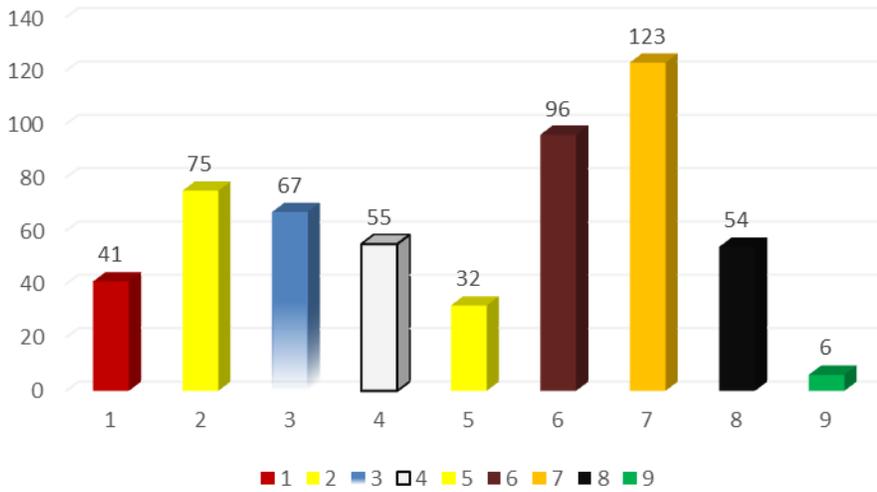
Mean Girls Movie Review

By: Heather Braden and Lydia Cermak

You've probably all seen it before, but it's a classic – Mean Girls. In this movie, Cady is originally from Africa, but then moves to Illinois, where she finally gets to experience public school and all of the drama that comes with it. She starts to become friends with a popular group called "The Plastics" and finds herself facing a decision. Should she be with this group of friends, (who are not so nice, I might add), or should she try to make new friends and not get into trouble? She chooses the Plastics, and things start to go wrong fast. We'd rate this movie a 4/5 because it is slightly unrealistic. Overall, it's a great movie that we would recommend to re-watch sometime.



STUDENT SURVEY



What is your favorite part of Halloween?

1:Dressing up 2:Getting Candy 3:Halloween dance

Whats your Favorite Fall food?

4:Carmel Apples 5:Pumpkin Pie 6:Turkey

What is your Favorite fall sport to watch?

7:Football 8:Volleyball 9:Cross Country

By: Gavin Bradshaw and Ella Martin.

For the month of October we asked the DLR students multiple fall themed questions. First was “What is your favorite part of Halloween?” Out of 183 students getting candy was the top choice with a vote of 75. Trailing closely behind was the Halloween dance with 67. I guess this one was a given since we have all grown out of that stage but dressing up only had 41 votes.

We also asked “What is your favorite fall food?” The choices were Carmel apples, Pumpkin pie, and Turkey. Turkey put the others to the dust with 96 votes on its side, again out of 183. Carmel apples and Pumpkin pie were pretty even with 55 and 32 students raising their hand for them.

Our final question was “What is your favorite fall sport to watch?” There was no question about this one. Football took over half with 123 elects. Volleyball wasn’t anywhere near Football and only had 54 votes. Sadly Cross-country only had 6 people voting for it and who were all on the cross-country team.

Fall Fashion

By: Adam Thorsen and Colton Manser

It’s that time of year again. Fall! And that means it’s time for fall fashion. Ditch those tank tops and short shorts for the latest trends of 2016. First is a fall classic: That’s right, Ugg boots. This conventional footwear is the perfect accessory to tie any look together. But of course, this is nothing new. You probably already knew about Ugg boots, but get yourself a pair of Timbs to really set the fashion world ablaze. If you didn’t already know, the word Timbs is short for Timberlands. If you really want to draw some attention, you can find yourself a pair of high heel Timbs. They average at the somewhat affordable price of \$130. The great thing about Timbs is that they are great for both boys *and* girls. In fact, there are quite a few guys in NYC who are wearing Timberlands.

Now that you got your footwear in check, you have to get yourself a nice new pair of pants. Lululemon leggings are really in style for girls this season. American Eagle or Hollister skinny jeans are some pretty good options to tie your outfit together. You can even get a pair of Victoria’s secret yoga pants if you’re really feeling basic this fall.

So now you have what you need for your pants and shoes, it’s time for some expert fashion advice about tops. Fall is a delicate time for shirts. You have to perfectly balance warmth and fashion. You could go for a coat, very warm, but not very fashionable. Or you could go for a tee shirt, cold, but very fashionable. Or you could choose the perfect thing for fall,

a flannel shirt or a sweatshirt from Pink. All you guys out there can wear flannels too. If you put all of that together this fall, you will be sure to draw some attention and get noticed.

Fall is a great time for fashion. It’s that special time after shorts and before sweatpants. And remember, dress to impress. We hope our fashion advice is helpful for you this fall season. This information is backed by 8th graders in Mrs. Leamanczyk’s 3rd hour English class.



At right is a high-heeled Timberland, which is quite a trend this fall for girls.

Some Notes from the Editor in Chief, Ms. Leamanczyk:

First, we apologize that we did not get the 7th Grade Volleyball article in the paper this time. We will surely place it in our next paper, which will come out in December.

Second, whoever guessed last month’s mystery student, please let Heather Braden know what you would like for a treat, as Ms. Leamanczyk doesn’t know who you are or what you want!

Third: ANNOUNCEMENT: DLR Play auditions will be Monday December 19th and Tuesday, December 20th from 3-4pm. Parts will be posted on Wednesday, December 21st. Watch Announcements for more information.

Last: Our next newspaper will be a combined November/December Issue.