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THE GREAT MONTH OF NOVEMBER IS FILLED WITH A BUNCH OF IMPORTANT EVENTS!

This Month is Child Safety Protection Month, National Adoption Awareness Month, and National Native American Month. These events are extremely important. Make sure to take time out of your day to spread awareness about these events.

November 1st is the day of the dead -- also known as Día de Los Muertos! The day of the dead is a holiday usually celebrated on November 1st and 2nd. This holiday combines the ancient Aztec custom of celebrating ancestors with All Souls' Day, a holiday that Spanish invaders brought to Mexico starting in the early 1500s. Día de los Muertos is like a family reunion, except dead ancestors are the guests of honor. While the holiday originated in Mexico, it is celebrated all over Latin America with colorful Calaveras (skulls) and esqueletos (skeletons). The Day of The Dead is the celebration of life and death.

November 11th Veterans Day is a federal holiday in the United States, honoring military veterans of the United States Armed Forces. Make sure to send a letter to a Veteran showing your appreciation toward them!

November 24th is Thanksgiving Day, an annual national holiday in the United States and Canada celebrating the harvest and other blessings of the past year. Thanksgiving is modeled on a 1621 harvest feast shared by the English colonists (Pilgrims) of Plymouth and the Wampanoag people. The event that Americans commonly call the "First Thanksgiving" was celebrated by the New World in October 1621, but it is now commonly celebrated in November.

On the threshold of the huge Christmas holiday season, we get a chance to slow down and give thanks for all that we have. Some people enjoy Thanksgiving more than any other holiday. Simply because Thanksgiving is all about food, family, football, and fun. Make sure to show the people you care about ALL your thanks!

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INTERVIEW WITH COACH TYRONE LARKINS!

What made you want to teach football? "When I was young, I was a rambunctious young man, and one day I got in trouble, and [coach] said, 'You like to fight a lot, so why don't you play football?' And so I started playing football, and that changed my life. And so I look at it this way. I owe it to young men to be that same ambassador that coach was to me. So to have somebody like me to be able to be in their corner and support them when they need it, that's really why I decided to be a coach."

Where do you see yourself in five years? "Retired on the beach somewhere. I'll be fishing on the beach somewhere. Hopefully just enjoying the fact that I've spent 30 years as a teacher and a coach and being able to enjoy my off time, my wife, and my dogs. That sounds very nice."

What do you look for in football players? "What do I look for in a football player? I think I am looking for this in everybody. I look for somebody who has good character, somebody who's willing to work hard, somebody who's ready to be dedicated to their craft, somebody that I can trust to do the right thing. Those are the same qualities I look for in a person. Those are the kind of football players that can help you be successful. That's why I believe that we're successful here. I know. I say that our kids are

smart. Players get in trouble. It's not like they're trouble; they just have this normal middle school thing that happened. But a lot of our kids, especially our eighth graders, they're super smart. They are dedicated, and they work hard. I could do things with them that I couldn't even do when I was in high school. If I keep that mindset that I'm always going to do right now. I hope that they realize that even though I'm hard on them and I sometimes have expectations that they don't think they can meet, that they always end up meeting them, because I see something in them a lot of times that they don't see because they're young."

By: Demario Jones & Bridgett Hankey





Book 1 - Scythe | Book 2 - Thunder Head | Book 3 - The Toll

Two teens must master the “art of killing” in this New York Times bestselling, Printz Honor-winning series from Neal Shusterman.

Thou shalt not kill:

A world with no hunger, no disease, no war, no misery. Humanity has conquered all those things and has even conquered death. Now scythes are the only ones who can end life—and they are commanded to do so, in order to keep the size of the population under control.

Citra and Rowan are chosen to apprentice with a scythe—a role that neither wants. These teens must master the “art” of taking life, knowing that the consequence of failure could mean losing their own.

When they try to break free of their roles, the two apprentices discover those in power will not peacefully relinquish their control. Can Citra and Rowan change things for the better without being silenced themselves?

“One of my favorite dystopian series has to be the Scythe trilogy by Neal Shusterman. It kept me on the edge of my seat the entire time! If you like futuristic societies and imagining different worlds, this is for you.”

- Mrs. Parker, Librarian

BOOK REVIEW

BY SAGE LAZO

INTERVIEW WITH JONATHAN ADAMO!



Mr. Adamo wanted to guarantee children the spectacular opportunity of learning to play jazz music. If he hadn't gone into instructing music, he would have started counseling others instead. Mr. Adamo began working at Dan F. Long Middle School in 2015. One of his favorite classes to teach is the Wind Symphony. Mr. Adamo stated, “In 5 or 10 years, I'd still be in the same place. Same job, no changes. Just with more gray hairs.” He dreams of visiting the Machu Picchu mountains. These incredible landmarks are located in Peru. They are also the area's highest mountains, standing at a whopping 10,111 feet.

Mr. Adamo explained that music inspired his emotions. “I just really enjoy a lot of different kinds of music, and making it,” he said. He says he delights in teaching on most days. “Even though you have a kid in the room that's being disrespectful, you also have a bunch that aren't. They want to try hard, and they need your help.” He continues to keep in touch with some of his past students. He even plays in gigs with one of his previous scholars. In the sixth grade, that student was taught how to play the trombone by Mr. Adamo. Many of Mr. Adamo's students have gone on to be successful, professional musicians and teachers.

By Bridget Bassey



NOVEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1 PICTURE MAKE-UP DAY FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS DAY OF THE DEAD	2	3 BAND FALL CONCERT	4 PROGRESS REPORT CARD NATIONAL CANDY DAY	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 VETERAN'S DAY	12
13 WORLD KINDNESS DAY	14 BB-GIRLS 7th vs. BLALACK	15 NATIONAL CLEAN YOUR FRIDGE DAY	16 THEATER PLAY (6-8 PM)	17 BB-GIRLS 8th vs. BLALACK NATIONAL HOMEMADE BREAD DAY	18	19 NATIONAL MEN'S DAY
20	21 THANKSGIVING BREAK	22 THANKSGIVING BREAK	23 THANKSGIVING BREAK	24 THANKSGIVING!	25 THANKSGIVING BREAK BLACK FRIDAY!!!	26
27	28 BB-GIRLS 7th vs. POLK CYBER MONDAY	29	30	1	2	3

WHOSE BIRTHDAYS ARE GONNA BE CELEBRATED?

Ms. Jenkins (11/5) Ms. Boulden (11/20)
 Mr. Massey (11/23) Mr. Germany (11/24)
 Ms. Peek (11/25) Ms. Herrera (11/11)
 Ms. Pelchat (11/16) Ms. Jackson (11/26)

By Valerie Nanton

SPORTS

8TH GRADE FOOTBALL

A-Team B-Team

9/6-Polk	Win	Loss
9/13-Bush	Win	Loss
9/20-Blalack	Win	Win
9/27-Perry	Win	Win
10/4-Field	Win	Loss
10/11-Polk	Win	Loss
10/18-Bush	Win	BYE
10/25-Blalack	???	???
11/1-Playoffs	???	???

7TH GRADE FOOTBALL

A-Team

9/7-Polk	Win
9/12-Bush	Win
9/19-Blalack	Win
9/26-Perry	Win
10/3-Field	Win
10/12-Polk	Win
10/17-Bush	Win
10/24-Blalack	???
11/1-Playoffs	???

8TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL

A-Team B-Team

9/8-Polk	Win	Win
9/15-Bush	Win	Win
9/22-Blalack	Loss	Loss
9/29-Perry	Loss	Win
10/6-Field	Loss	Loss
10/13-Polk	Win	Win
10/20-Bush	???	???

7TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL

A-Team B-Team

9/7-Polk	Win	Win
9/12-Bush	Win	Win
9/19-Blalack	Loss	Win
9/26-Perry	Win	Win
10/3-Field	Loss	Loss
10/12-Polk	Win	Win
10/17-Bush	Loss	Win

By: Daniel Mata



By Gillian Keith

- Sea otters hold hands while they sleep so they don't drift apart.
- Penguins spend ages looking for a pebble to give another penguin to "propose."
- If you shave a guinea pig, it looks like a baby hippo.
- Mice and rats are ticklish and they laugh when you tickle them!
- Studies have shown that goats have accents, just like people do.
- Cats will headbutt you to show they trust you.
- A group of kittens is called a kindle.
- And a group of pugs is called a grumble!



WHAT ELSE HAPPENED LAST MONTH?

LAYOUT BY VALERIE NANTON

PICTURES BY CAMBRAYA MASK

PACK THE PARK!



FERNANDA THE FALCON



FIRST PEP RALLY SINCE 2019!



SCAN THESE QR CODES!



FIRST DANCE OF THE YEAR: GLOW IN THE DARK!



TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE!



1. How many lives is a cat said to have?
2. What is a female elephant called?
3. What is the main ingredient in guacamole?
4. How many wisdom teeth does the average adult have?
5. Rojo is the Spanish word for which color?
6. How many time zones are there in mainland USA?
7. What is the name of the daughter in The Addams Family?
8. What is a young giraffe called?
9. Emma Bunton is known as which Spice Girl?
10. How many rings is the Olympic symbol made up of?

1) : 9
2) : cow
3) : avocado
4) : 4
5) : red
6) : 4
7) : wednesday
8) : calf
9) : baby spide
10) : 5

BY ROSHAEL CARUAJULCA