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Veterans Day 2023

Veterans Day is a day to honor all who have served and still serve today in the United States Armed Forces.

One way we celebrate veterans here at Moon Area Middle School, is by holding a Veterans Day assembly. With the help of Mrs. Joyce, this has become a tradition here at MAMS.

Veteran speakers graciously volunteer their time to come in and share their experiences during the time they spent serving our country.

This year, the speakers were Mr. Dennis McMahon and Sgt. Mariah Joyce. Mr. McMahon is a retired guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The eighth grade chorus members also performed patriotic songs under Mrs. Barthen's direction. Mr. Minamyer performed Taps after the moment of silent to honor soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

During the assembly, the winners of the poster contest (one from each grade level) were also announced. Congratulations to all the winners!





JOKE OF THE DAY:

How do you get a squirrel to like you?

Act like a nut!

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MAMS Service Project

Moon Area Middle School held the first school-wide service project to benefit veterans and troops around the world.

Students first collected left-over Halloween candy after trick-or-treat. Candy was sorted and then over 20 boxes were shipped to military stations overseas.

In addition to the candy collection and with the organization of Mrs. Cairns and Mrs. Joyce, a "Stocking Drive" was held to collect donations of basic care items. The goal was to collect enough for 400 stockings .

MAMS also partnered with Military Mission and the Blue Star Mothers of Southwestern Pennsylvania to help with shipping the items all over the world.

With the help of the amazing community, students, parents, and staff—the goal was met!



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New Teacher Feature



Dr. Pohland

What college did you attend for your teaching degree? I went to Slippery Rock for my Masters in Secondary Ed.

What are some things you like about teaching at Moon? I really enjoy being an Assistant Principal at Moon because of the amazing culture among the Teachers and Students. Everyone has been so welcoming here!

What are some of your hobbies or interests? I love hockey and football, being outdoors, especially hiking, biking, or kayaking and I love to travel.

Reveal something about yourself that few people know or would be surprised to learn about you. I ran the Pittsburgh Marathon twice.

What message would you like to send to your students this year? Let's have a great year and find something that you can improve in. Also, no running in the halls!!!!!!!!



Mrs. Macon

What college did you attend for your teaching degree? Slippery Rock University.

What are some things you like about teaching at Moon? I love teaching in the same district that I graduated from. It feels like home being back in Moon. Everyone is very welcoming here at Moon including both the students and faculty/staff.

What are some of your hobbies or interests? In my free time, I enjoy cooking, baking, reading, traveling, and spending time with friends and family.

Reveal something about yourself that few people know or would be surprised to learn about you. I would love to open my own bakery one day.

What message would you like to send to your students this year? This year I would like for my students to have fun in F.C.S.!



Mrs. Silva

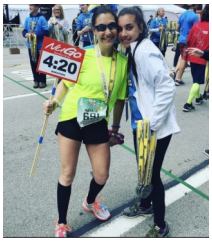
What college did you attend for your teaching degree? Utah State University.

What are some things you like about teaching at Moon? I love that I get to teach in the same building as my sister, Mrs. Leto. I also have enjoyed coming back to MASD and getting to work alongside many of the amazing teachers that I had when I went to school here!

What are some of your hobbies or interests? I love to spend time with my cat and dog, and also like to go out with my husband, family, and friends and do things like hiking, pickleball, and going to concerts.

Reveal something about yourself that few people know or would be surprised to learn about you. Singing, drawing, and musicals have always been a huge passion of mine.

What message would you like to send to your students this year? I want my students to know that owning their actions can make a world of difference.



Mrs. Spang

What college did you attend for your teaching degree? Robert Morris University and Edinboro.

What are some things you like about teaching at Moon? The people are my #1 reason. Moon is full of the nicest, most helpful, and supportive people. Our students are fun and make me want to come to work everyday because of their enthusiasm.

What are some of your hobbies or interests? I love running! I also love volunteering within the running community.

Reveal something about yourself that few people know or would be surprised to learn about you. I've run the Boston Marathon five times!

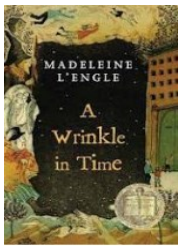
What message would you like to send to your students this year? I hope you all have as much fun learning as I do teaching!

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FALL for a Good Book

Fall is officially in full-swing and winter is on the horizon. With the cooler temperatures setting in, it's the perfect opportunity to warm up with a good book. Not sure what to read? Check some of these out!

A Wrinkle in Time
by: Madeleine L'Engle



A Wrinkle in Time is a fabulous book, written by Madeleine L'Engle, about alternate universes.

Meg Murry's father goes missing and she needs to know what happened. Her father talked about time travel all the time and believed it to be real. So, Meg, her brother, Charles Wallace, and her neighbor Calvin O'Keefe embark on a crazy adventure to save Meg's dad.

The School for Good and Evil
by: Sharon M. Draper

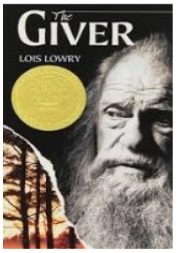


Out of My Mind is a heart breaking, yet very open-minded book written by Sharon M. Draper.

In this book, we follow Melody Brooks, who cannot do anything by herself. Not even talk. She hates being labeled as a 'special needs' kid.

She can't speak and share her thoughts, but when she finds a machine that could speak for her, is the world ready for Melody?

The Giver
by: Lois Lowry

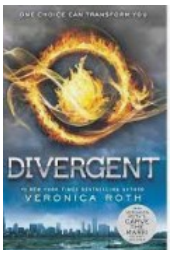


The Giver is a novel about 'utopia' written by Lois Lowry. In this world everyone has a job that they do without question.

At a certain age, everyone is assigned a job, but Jonas is assigned something different then everyone else.

He is assigned to be The Receiver of Memory. As the receiver of memory, he is the only one who will bear the terrible memories of the past to save the rest of the world from it. Can Jonas do this task? Can he break every rule in his book?

Divergent
by: Veronica Roth



Divergent is a novel by Veronica Roth about a division system.

Everyone in this system fits into one of the 5 categories: Dauntless (Brave), Erudite (Smart), Abnegation (Self-less), Amity (Kind), and Candor (Honest).

Everyone must take a test to determine what they are, but when Beatrice takes the test, she gets 3. That means she is Divergent and cannot be controlled by the government. If she is caught, she may be killed.

Photos of books: Amazon.com

Red Ribbon Week at MAMS

Red Ribbon week was October 23-27. This year, student council and the middle school counselors—Mrs. Valdiserri, Mrs. Spear, and Mr. Krokonko—partnered together to come up with student activities for the week.

Red Ribbon week is all about showing how important it is to live drug-free.

Each morning of Red Ribbon week, the student council members read a positive, daily message on the morning announcements.

Student Council also organized a week of specialty dress days for all students to participate in.

Students also created healthy selfies to show how they make healthy choices. A nice display of the healthy selfies can be found outside of the cafeteria.

Overall, members of the student council and our counselors made Red Ribbon Week a success here at MAMS.





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Fall Treats

Harvest Corn Cake

Ingredients:

-1 package (9 ounces) yellow cake mix
-½ cup of finely chopped nuts
-1 can (16 ounces) of vanilla frosting
-2 packages (32 ounces) of Reese's pieces
-Dried corn husks

Tasteofhome.com



Directions:

1. Prepare cake batter; add nuts to the batter.
2. Grease and flour a 9-in. round baking pan. Add batter and bake. Cool for 10 minutes.
3. Remove cake from pan and put on a wire rack to cool. Freeze cake to make it easier to cut. Cut the cake into ears of corn.
4. Put cakes on serving plate. Frost the tops and sides with frosting. Decorate tops, sides, bottom ends with Reese's Pieces.
5. Cut corn husks to about 8-12 inches in length and then attach them to the cakes using additional frosting.



Holiday Attractions

Looking for exciting activities in the community? Check out these ideas.

There are many exciting holiday activities taking place in Moon and the neighboring areas in the upcoming weeks. Here are a few:

- **Moon Lights Holiday Festival**—December 2nd from 5-7:30pm at Moon Park. There will be holiday lights, food, music, and Santa will be riding in on a fire-truck!
- **Fireside Chats with Santa**—December 5th & 6th from 5-7pm at Moon Park. Santa will be coming back to host a fun night where kids can make s'mores and crafts. Kids will also get a gift bag to take home. You will need to register and pay for this one!
- **Sewickley Light Up Night**—December 1st from 5-9pm. There will be food trucks, caroling, live music, and fireworks. This one is also free!
- **Ice Skating at PPG Place**—You can visit just to see the lights for free, but if you want to skate, you will need to order tickets ahead of time.



Upcoming Events:

Thanksgiving Break—November 23rd-27th
Chorus Concerts (Grades 6-8)—December 7th
Band Concerts (Grades 6-8)—December 14th
Orchestra Concerts (Grades 6-8)—December 19th
Winter Break—December 25th-January 2nd

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