



School Events

One recent event was the Costume Social. The Costume Social was in our big gym on Friday, 10/25. There were lots of contests and games, and the DJ was amazing. Everyone went crazy when he played FIEN! You had to donate \$5 at the front door. All of the money the school made went to the MRHS Class of 2026. Finally, drinks and snacks were provided for \$1.00.

Another event that occurred was the MRMS Mass STEM Week. During STEM week, every small homeroom competed in a design challenge. Homerooms were challenged to make a device that could pick up trash. One requirement was that the user couldn't bend over to pick up the trash. Another criteria was that the device could pick up ten pieces of trash. The winner of 5th grade was Ms. Thompson's homeroom, 6th grade was Ms. Kane's homeroom, and the winner of 7th grade was Ms. Coles' homeroom. Congratulations to everyone who participated!

To sum it all up, many fun events have happened in our school, and there will be many more.

Halloween Dance/ Costume Social

Halloween is a fun Holiday where you go trick-or-treating and show off your awesome costume. At our MRMS costume social (or Halloween dance) you get another chance to do this! Our Halloween dance had separate times for the 5th graders and the 6th and 7th graders. Last year pizza and additional treats were available as well as drinks.

The dance took place on the 25th of October in the big gym. Each dance was roughly an hour and a half long. The 5th graders arrived at 5:00 and exited at around 6:30. 6th and 7th graders arrived at 6:45 and exited around 8:15. Food was located just outside the gym, slim gym, and band room.

Although this social is to show off your costume, there were still some rules about what you can and can't wear. One rule is that you can't wear a mask or anything that covers your face. You can however rock face paint if you'd like! Another rule is that your costume can not be too gruesome or potentially scare people. We want this to be a fun experience for all!

A costume contest also took place during the dance. The most creative costume award went to Maggie Braz in 7th grade as Taylor Swift. The best group costume award went to Joy, Sadness and Anxiety from Inside Out 2. The best overall costume went to Emma Lowney who was disguised as a duck.

We encourage all to join us for the next dance/social!

What do you think?

Do you think we should ban crop tops? Should we stop wearing crocs and slides?

According to Ms. Thompson, choosing the right clothes for any occasion (weather, sports, spirit days) is an important life skill. She believes that the MRMS dress code guides choices for the occasion of actively learning in school. When asked if she thinks there is anything wrong with what kids are wearing, Ms. Thompson replied that she does not see any offensive outfits at Monomoy. She thinks the students here are respectful. They dress practically and comfortably, often with a personal style twist. A couple of suggestions Ms. Thompson has for the dress code: dress for what you will be doing and TIE YOUR SNEAKERS.

From a student perspective, 6th grader Bella KK thinks the dress code is great. She agrees with not being able to show your stomach, but she would like to add strapless items. Some of the things that kids want are trendy and strapless tops are in fashion right now.

New to MRMS this year is our ability to wear hats. Most students like this new policy. There are many reasons why someone might want to wear a hat. Most importantly, being able to wear hats in school gives us more freedom to express ourselves.

It is true that learning to dress for the occasion is an important life skill. The MRMS dress code gives us some guidelines for our school outfit choices. What do you think?

MRMS Girls Soccer

MRMS girls soccer had a good season. For a closer look, Shark Talk interviewed a few members of the team. Aubrey Capen's jersey number is 23. She has the strongest kick on the team. The first thing I asked was why she joined soccer? Aubrey answered, "I really like playing soccer and I have a passion for it." Next, I asked her, What position do you normally play? Aubrey answered, "I normally play center mid." Next, I asked her how long have you been playing soccer? Aubrey answered, "I've been playing since I was 4 years old. That is around 8 years" What's very interesting is I've been playing since I was 5. Which is around 7 years." Another thing I asked her is how many goals have you scored? Aubrey answered "I can't really remember all the goals I've scored this season but I think around 3." The last thing I asked Aubrey is how does it feel to be a starter every game? Aubrey told me that, "it is very fun, but it can be a little challenging sometimes." That was the last question I asked Aubrey but it will not be the last interview with her.

Another MRMS girls soccer player is Harper Lesh. Harper's jersey number is 10. She is a very good player. The first thing I asked Harper is how long have you been playing soccer? Harper answered, "I have been playing competitive soccer since third grade, but I started playing little kids soccer when I was two." The second question I asked her is what position do you normally play? Harper answered, "I am normally a striker." The last question I asked Harper is how does soccer make you feel? Harper answered, "It can make me feel happy but it can be overwhelming and make me get mad." Harper plays different sports, so she will probably be in a couple of interviews with the newspaper over this year.

Esme Schiltz is another member of the soccer team. Esme's jersey number is 20. The first thing I asked Esme is how many years have you been playing soccer for? Esme answered, "I have been playing soccer for about three and a half years." The second question I asked her is what is your normal position? Esme said, "I am normally a midfielder." The last question I asked her is why did you join soccer? Esme answered, "I wanted to do some exercise and it is really fun because I get to hang out with my friends."

Middle Eastern Conflict

Currently, the countries of Israel and Palestine are engulfed in conflict. Even though this war began relatively recently, the tensions between Palestine and Israel have been a problem for decades. Ever since Jewish people moved into the Middle East after World War II, Palestinian people have been enraged at being pushed out of their homeland by Israeli people. Some Palestinians took things a step further, launching missile strikes against Israel. The missiles were sent by Hamas, a Middle Eastern terrorist group that despises the Israeli government.

The Israel-Gaza conflict has gotten much worse since the start of the war. One good thing is that the man responsible for the October 7, 2023 attacks has been killed. Yahya Sinwar, the leader of Hamas, was killed by Israeli troops on October 17, 2024. This was a great victory for Israel but Yahya Sinwar has a brother, Mohammed Sinwar who will likely take control of Hamas. Other countries in the region, like Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and Syria are trying to remain neutral despite the conflict.

There have been numerous civilian deaths on both sides of the conflict, many being refugees forced to leave their homes once the fighting reached their cities and towns. A lot of civilians were killed in the cities and when trying to escape the conflict. People who were able to escape have become refugees. Some refugees were able to escape the intense fighting, some were unfortunately taken hostage by Hamas which is one the most pressing matters of the entire war. There were about 101 hostages as of September 1st. With tensions rising, more military support has been sent to the Gaza Strip. This war is also affecting the United States, as the nation and others are divided on which group they support. The Israeli forces are just as hostile to Palestinian civilians as Hamas has been to Israeli civilians.

The current conflict between Israel and Palestine is tearing apart the Middle East, historically one of the most divided regions in the world.

Real-Life News

What's going on now?

In this edition of real life news, we will be covering a pretty tragic topic. Most people know about the hurricanes that hit Florida and North Carolina. In just 13 days, two hurricanes caused massive destruction to many areas. The two hurricanes were named "Hurricane Helene" and "Hurricane Milton". Hurricane Helene is one of the deadliest hurricanes to occur, leaving at least 228 people dead. in the Atlantic this year and it is known for its rapid intensification. About 100 people still remain missing in North Carolina after hurricane Helene wreaked havoc on six states. Hurricane Helene made its landfall in northwestern Florida and made its way up to Tennessee, Georgia, Virginia and North Carolina. Hurricane Milton was a category three hurricane. Hurricane Milton caused immense damage, leaving more than 3.2 million people without power and at least 24 dead. Hurricane Milton was known as a category three hurricane but made it up to a category five at one point in the storm. Hurricane Milton left destruction in Florida, Georgia, Cuba and the Bahamas. Please keep the victims of the hurricanes in your hearts! People here can help the victims of the storm by making financial contributions or other types of donations at "Disaster relief organization."

Two Sentence Spooky Story

"DAD! THERE'S A MASSIVE SPIDER IN MY ROOM!" I said as I ran into the living room. I just hoped that the man in my closet didn't realise I was home alone, or that I noticed him.

History Talk

The Great Emu War was a small war that took place in Australia during the early 1930s. An emu is a large flightless bird like an ostrich, the bird from the Liberty Mutual ads is an emu. The war was started by the emus who trampled wheat fields that were growing crops, such as wheat, for the Aussies to eat. Emus were also beginning to overpopulate the area, so drastic measures were undertaken.

The Australians decided to hunt the emus to lower their population. Most of the fighting between the two factions, the emus and Australians, was carried out in Campion, an area in western Australia with many farms and fields that provided resources. The war wasn't fought between Australian armed forces and the emus but rather it was fought by the local farmers protecting the valuable crops that they needed to sustain both themselves and the economy.

History Talk Continued

Despite being farmers, they still used military-grade weapons like light machine guns and rifles. Emus were some of the toughest birds on the planet so it took large amounts of ammo just to kill one of the flightless birds.

The great emu war ended in a humiliating defeat for the Aussies. There were zero human casualties but 986 emus were killed. The war was very short being only one month, one week, and one day. It ended on December 10, 1932. There were approximately 20,000 emus against thousands of angry citizens.

The aftermath of the Great Emu War resulted in around 10,000 rounds of ammunition being wasted, lots of crops being destroyed, and a lot of lost money. Multiple movies and articles exist about this unusual conflict.



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WOULD YOU RATHER?

Circle your choice and share it with your friends

Would you rather be 10ft tall OR 4ft tall?

Would you rather be able to heal animals by touching them or heal humans by touching them?

Would you rather have 5 million dollars OR the power of super strength?

Would you rather have 30 million loyal friends OR 30 million dollars?

Would you rather have an abnormally big toe OR an abnormally big ear?

Would you rather have a gift card with unlimited money on it to any place or have 75 million dollars?

Spotlight On Cool Staff Member

In this edition of Spotlight On A Cool Staff Member, we will be interviewing the Monomoy Middle School Health teacher, Mrs. Thompson.

How long have you worked at MRMS?

"I have worked here for three years, so this is my third year."

Why did you start teaching at MRMS?

"I was living in London and I wanted to come home to Cape Cod for a year to help take care of my family. There was an opening at MRMS and I loved it so much I decided to stay."

What made you choose teaching as your career?

"I was job hunting in Boston and subbing for teachers on Cape Cod many years ago. I enjoyed subbing so much, it became my full time job! Every day is different and I love this community so much, it is so special to me."

Do you work well with your colleagues?

"Yes, I am really lucky to be with the people I work with here."

Did anyone inspire you in teaching, if yes who?

"My father and grandfather were teachers, and I didn't plan to be a teacher, I guess it runs in the family! My brother is also a teacher."

Spotlight On A Cool Person

In this edition of spotlight on a cool person, we will interview Dreyden Porter who will have some interesting opinions.

Shark Talk: How has sixth grade been for you so far?

Dreyden: It's been really good because I got the better team. I know I got the better team because all the teachers are really nice and in every single class we do something fun. Also, my UAs are really fun. We always learn something new about the subject.

Shark Talk: What is your favorite subject and why?

Dreyden: My favorite subject is gym because it gets all my energy out of my body so I can focus during other classes.

Shark Talk: Do you play any school sports?

Dreyden: I don't play any school sports right now. But I am going to play basketball in the winter.

Shark Talk: If you could be principal for one day, what would you do or where would you take the school?

Dreyden: If I was principal for a day, Fresh air time would be for 7 hours. Also, we would take a field trip to Disney World every week and we would have McDonald's for lunch every single day because I am a kind person. I would make it so that if someone gets in trouble they would sit in the corner for the entirety of fresh air time which is 7 hours. We would have a breakfast buffet, and if you want you can stay after school for more fresh air time, field trips and a dinner buffet. If you want to, you can go home at 12:00. Finally, we would go to the best restaurant on Cape Cod, the Lanyard.

Shark Talk: What is your favorite lunch?

Dreyden: The nachos because I really love nachos and they just taste so bussin'.

Wow, Dreyden had some interesting opinions! If you don't know him, now you have something to ask him about. Start a conversation with Drey & make friends with a cool person!

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Shark Talk here to talk about amazing snowy owls!

From their thick feathers to their huge eyes, these animals are awesome! Snowy owls prefer to live in open areas with few trees. In the Arctic, they live in a tundra biome. They also inhabit grasslands and open fields.

Snowy owls use their sharp hearing to pinpoint exactly where prey is moving. They can detect a vole's exact location, pounce down and grab it out of the snow without ever laying eyes on it! Snowy owl ears are asymmetrically positioned on their heads to assist with pinpointing the source of the sounds. The feathers of the snowy owl are very soft, which helps muffle the sound of their approach when hunting.

Snowy owls' eyes are proportionately smaller than most owls' eyes are. They also cannot move their eyes, so they look around by turning their heads. Like all owls, snowy owls have a very flexible neck, which can rotate approximately 270 degrees. While an owl's eyes are adapted to nighttime hunting, most see fairly well during the day. When you see an owl out and about during the day with partially-closed eyes, it probably isn't drowsing, but rather squinting to limit the amount of light that enters the eye.

Did you know that snowy owl's feet are feathered like little slippers? The feathers on their feet provide insulation so they don't get cold. Also their talons are an important part of their lives. It's how they catch and eat their prey, so their large, sharp talons carry a lot of weight.

Snowy owls have an abundance of feathers to keep them warm, which adds to their weight of around 4 pounds. This thick feathering makes snowy owls the heaviest owl species in North America; they're a pound heavier than a great horned owl and double the weight of North America's tallest owl, the great gray owl. Female snowy owls are larger than males, as they're over 2 feet tall and have a wingspan of up to 6 feet.

A snowy owl's diet is lemmings, Arctic hare, mice, ducks, and seabirds. Snowy owls can track their prey using the bristles on their beaks that can sense nearby objects even when they're hiding in the snow. That's what I call a nightmare! Once it knows where it is, that's when they swoop in and pluck it out of the snow.

These are just some of the facts about snowy owls, there are even more that we don't even know. Hope you learned something!

Book Recommendation

Hey you! Do you like cats? Look at them, they are so fluffy (unless you have a sphinx cat) and cute. I wonder what truly happens to them when they go missing? Well the hit book series Warrior Cats answers that question! Follow Rusty, A ginger housecat who journeys into the forest and joins a group called Thunderclan, one of the 4 wild cat clans! He has to prove his loyalty to being a warrior, all while dealing with conflicts of his own. Will Rusty end up failing on his path to be a warrior? Will he succeed and become a legend? Find out by reading the Warrior cat's (Also known as WARRIOR'S) and find out!!

AUTHOR: ERIN HUNTER

AGE RATING: 10-99

DISCLAIMERS: Hey, I forgot to include that there is a lot of violence in this series, and a lot of gruesome deaths. So if you dont like animal violence or violence in general, maybe don't read this series.

Is it on Kindle Unlimited?: The first arc is, but the others are not on it.

WHERE TO FIND?: Libraries, Youtube (Audiobooks), kindle, bookstores, amazon and more!

Check out WarriorCats.com for more information! (do it on your home computer)

Fun Fact Corner

The fear of long words is called Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia. (Which is a HUGE word!)

Bananas are radioactive!

Giraffes are 30 times more likely to get hit by lightning than humans.

Unity Day

Unity day is a day when people in our school or community come together to prevent bullying.

To give you a better understanding of Unity Day, today we will be interviewing Mrs. Rice.

Shark Talk: Did our school come up with the idea of Unity Day? If not, who did?

Mrs. Rice: Pacers National bullying prevention has a day to send a visible message of its bullying and community Through kindness, acceptance, and inclusion to prevent bullying.

Shark Talk: Why did monomy choose to have Unity Day?

Mrs Rice: We chose to recognize you today here at MRMS because it is important and goes along with with our slogan "our words matter"

Shark Talk: When did MRMS start doing Unity Day

Mrs Rice: Last year was our first year of celebrating Unity day at MRMS and we hoped to continue every year!

Shark Talk: Why do we wear orange on Unity Day?

Mrs Rice: MRMS wore orange because orange is associated with safety and visibility.

Shark Talk: Who led Unity Day this year?

Mrs Rice: This year shells buddies were the leader of unity day students in our seminar created posters, a paper chain and wore orange to support Unity Day.

Fall Holidays Around the World

One fall holiday is the Moon Festival. It is celebrated mostly in China and Vietnam. Some fun activities are eating moon cakes, setting up lanterns and appreciating the full moon. People who celebrate the Moon Festival like to do a dragon dance.

Another fall holiday that people in North America celebrate is Thanksgiving. People like to eat turkeys during Thanksgiving and have a big family dinner. People like to play board games with their family. Sometimes cousins and aunts and uncles and grandmas and grandpas come over to people's houses.

Veterans Day is an important celebration when people celebrate people who used to be in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines, and the Space Force. It is important because people who used to be in the military could have lost their lives. Veterans are very brave and tough! Veterans Day is a very important day for people who live in America.

In conclusion there are a lot of amazing holidays that people celebrate around the world!

A Bit of Inspiration:

"Quality is not an act, it is a habit."

Aristotle



Word Search

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