



POWER HOUR

WHITE HOUSE MIDDLE SCHOOL DEBUTS CLUB POWER HOUR

Power Hour

HADLEY BRYAN, EMMALYN DELGADO, AVA ELLIS WHITE HOUSE (Big Blue News)- This year, our school has launched an exciting new thing called Power Hour, aimed at allowing students to explore their interests and connect with peers. Each month, students will meet with the club that they chose for an hour at the end of the day. Power Hour is about creating community, encouraging creativity. How is it going, and what are the student's thoughts on this new experience? We interviewed some of the students and asked what their thoughts were about it.

work out their interests and finding new peers who share the same interests. It is very evident that they enjoy such an opportunity to follow their passion and become a part of something meaningful. With time, this may be the start of something new, exciting, and important.



Students battle in a game of chess
Coach Colley and Mrs. Pay host a chess club



Rick Hearn delivering bows for archery Club

Q: Why did you choose to join the chess club? A: "Just to play with people, that's what I love doing." (Leia Newhouse).

Q: What are you most excited for in the yearbook club?

A: "Just to be able to be a part of it and to create some of it." (Jocelin Kublman).

Q: Have you ever done archery before?

A: "I've been doing it for three years now." (Rick Hearn).

In other words, Power Hour has inspired and brought much activity into the walls of our school. This was attained by giving students time to



students follow coded paths with their robots
Mr. Hunter and Mr. Lamberth host a robotics club



Ms. Lass hosted a much needed meditation club.. Where do we all sign up??!

Upcoming Events

Power Hour

December 18

Sports Games:

Basketball

December 19th, 20th, 21st

January 6th, 9th

Afterschool Clubs

Newspaper Club (Every Tuesday After School)

Robotics Club (Every Other Thursday)

Before School Clubs

FCA Tuesday (Leadership: 7:40 - 8:00: Colley's Room)

FCA Wednesday (bible study: 7:40 - 8:00: Cafeteria)

FCA Thursday (Once or Twice a month in Colley's room: 7:40 - 8:00)

FCA Friday (Big Meeting: 7:40 - 8:00: Library)

Book Club (Once a month: Wednesdays in Library: 7:30 - 8:00)

Newspaper Club (Every Thursday Morning)

Vending

December 19th

January 31st

Breaks

December 20th Half Day before Christmas Break

December 23rd to January 6th (Christmas Break)
(Return to school on January 7th)

January 20th (Martin Luther King Day)

Student Spotlight



Isabel Williamson, a 7th grade student, drew our logo for the newspaper. When asked why she wanted to draw a logo for our club, she replied "I figured I had to put

my artistic abilities to use". When the need for a logo came to surface, she says she automatically thought about how to combine our school with newspapers.

Movie Review

By Gabe Stewart



Unlike Moana 1, Moana 2 I find that it did not create as clear of a storyline, the ending does not create an ending that would keep the story of Moana thriving. The conclusion raises many questions about what the future of Moana's story will become

? Halloween PBL's ?

Sophia Manning and Andrew Thurman


This Halloween the 6th, and 7th grade students completed their PBLs (Problem Based Learning). The 7th grade completed a murder mystery, the 6th grade is doing skateboards for the handicapped next year to save up money.

We interviewed 7th grade students on their take on the PBL. Rowyn Tucker, a 7th grade student, said that "Yes, I loved working together to solve the mystery." And, "I loved being involved in the PBL. It was a fun way to do an assignment." For the 7th grade PBL, the students had to solve the mystery in 1 week. There were 15 student victims and 10 suspects (teachers). The students first discovered who the 15 victims were by solving math problems. They then cleared the names of the suspects in ELA. Next they found the weapon in science. Finally we found our killer, Professor Mortimer Graves. But the real question is how did the teachers come up with this idea.

We interviewed some 7th grade teachers and Mrs Minnick said " We knew that we wanted to. So we collaborated with our team and we came up with the murder mystery."

We also interviewed the 6th grade teachers and Mrs Gardner, a math teacher said, " We are making skateboards for the handicapped," and, " A problem would be being able to fit the kids with wheelchairs onto the boards so we need to tweak the boards a bit.". Mrs Gardener said that "it was a

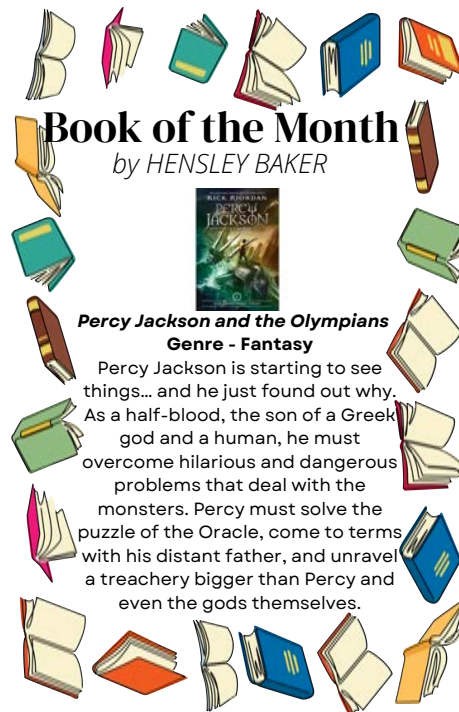
great experience for the 6th grade." We also interviewed Mrs Thurman who thought of the idea and she said. "I have a son in CDC. He is wheelchair bound and providing him with the opportunity to do what a typical kid would be able to do like riding a skateboard, helps him feel normal." Overall the students enjoyed the PBLs because it was a fun way to do an assignment other than taking a test.



Poetry Corner


By Sophia Manning

*I made myself a snow ball,
as perfect as could be,
I thought I'd keep it as a pet,
and let it sleep with me.
I made it some pajamas,
and a pillow for its head.
Then last night it ran away.
But first, it wet the bed!*



Book of the Month

by HENSLEY BAKER



Percy Jackson and the Olympians
Genre - Fantasy

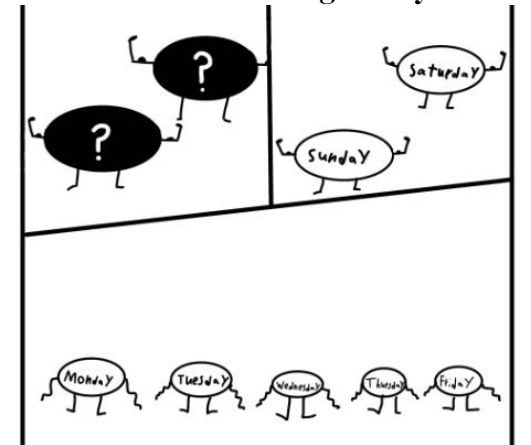
Percy Jackson is starting to see things... and he just found out why. As a half-blood, the son of a Greek god and a human, he must overcome hilarious and dangerous problems that deal with the monsters. Percy must solve the puzzle of the Oracle, come to terms with his distant father, and unravel a treachery bigger than Percy and even the gods themselves.

Words to Live By

By Micheal Young

When someone does something that makes you upset or mad, don't yell at them, just remember, always be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other. Give a second chance to the people who anger you, people make mistakes but it can all be cleaned up if you just forgive. Have a great day!

What are the strongest days?



Saturday and Sunday! The rest are weak days!

Choir Concert

HADLEY BRYAN, WHITE HOUSE (Big Blue News)-On December 3rd the choir performed. According to Rinnon Ivey, the concert was awesome. The songs that seventh grade sang were Born in Bethlehem, Midwinter Snow, and Solfège Christmas. The eighth graders sang Pat a Pan, Winter Song, and Jingle All the Ways. The sixth graders sang Ding Dong Merrily on High and Bethlehem Night.

BD Sports!



Right to left Cannon Fitch shooting his shot, Maya Wallace getting her chance at a shot, Ally Handlin, Izzy Hampton, the blue crew student section showing their support with Officer Shivers

Boys and Girls Basketball

MICHAEL YOUNG, ASHTON MUSTOE

On Wednesday November 20th, WHMS Ladies Basketball played across town rival Heritage Ladies Basketball. Coach Auburn and Coach Tyler led their team through a rough start to the first period, the girls came back in the second period tying the game 15 to 15. After half time, Aly Thompson dominated the court, passing the ball back and forth to her teammates. The girls won with a score of 36 to 32, defeating White House Heritage Middle.

The Blue Devils Boys team played after the girls. During the first half, the boys had put up 38 points leading 38 to 21. During the game, Jacob Fields scored a wide open 3-pointer.

Coach Wise and Coach Evetts led their team to victory with a 55 to 34 win over White House Heritage Middle.

When the games were over, players on the both boys and girls varsity were interviewed about many topics of the game. Majority of players said that winning felt good when asked about the results of the game. Coach Auburn said "Before the game I was very excited, and nervous, but I knew we were going to win." He also thought the team played hard, but they still had a lot to learn. Coach Tyler said, "We did a good job playing as a team, and picking each other up when needed."

When asked about the opposing team's performance, Coach Tyler said, "They played well, they were very fundamental but we did a good job of taking away what they do well." Addi Slagle said, "I played decently, but my shots were off." When Myah Wallace was asked about how she felt winning the game she said "It was a very good win, and I'm happy to be a player of the game." When asked about his opponent's play style Kaden said "They played the zone most of the time, they didn't do anything and it was Arizona BBQ chicken from there."

Cross Country

Riley Garrett , Jewell Hamilton, Coltyn Noyes

We asked girls from the track team who made it to the state competition what goes on in their heads? What do they do before Their big race? These are their answers.

Lilli Zwingle says that she stretches, prays, and takes deep breaths to physically prepare herself. Reagen Whiley says that She is normally frustrated and nervous, and after her race she is tired and relieved.

Olivia Driver says she drinks a lot of water before the race and she is normally scared and so glad when it over. Callie Mathis says before her race she eats a really good meal with a lot of carb. Water is so important, more than you would think! And sleep is a MUST! But nothing is worse than the nerves at the starting line.

They've accomplished so much this year and we are extremely proud of them. Way to go girls!!

Top Ten Songs of 2024

- Hadley Bryan
- "Espresso"
- "Beautiful Things"
- "BIRDS OF A FEATHER"
- "Gala Only"
- "Lose Control"
- "End of Beginnings"
- "Too Sweet"
- "One of the Girls"
- "Cruel Summer"
- "Die With A Smile"

Helping Through the Holiday Season

By Jayne Keene

The Beta Club has recently finished their successful toy drive, and these toys will go to kids who may have not gotten presents. However, many others could use some help during this time of year. There are several places with wish lists for homeless shelters, retired veterans, pet shelters, and really anyone who could be helped. You can adopt these people and will receive a wishlist of what they might need. You could also bring things like paper plates, napkins, and plastic utensils. Necessities like these are usually welcomed at most places. Pet shelters also will take supplies like blankets, newspapers, food, and other things that are easily found on social media websites and the internet, where many keep lists of things that they would benefit from. While it isn't required to donate, it's an easy way to brighten someone's day.

Holiday Traditions

By Jewell Hamilton, Riley Garrett, and Coltyn Noyes

There are many different things families like to do during the holidays. Since the holidays are coming up we interviewed fellow WHMS students to see what they did during Christmas time. Izzie Hampton, an 8th grader here at WHMS says that she sees both sides of her family, she goes up to her cabin, and goes to church. Zoey Donoho, also an 8th grader, says that her whole family puts up her Christmas tree. Her family also makes cookies and pigs in a

also makes cookies and pigs in a blanket! Lexi Chadwick, another 8th grader says: "Every year on Christmas my nana hides a pickle ornament on the tree and whoever finds it first gets to open the first present". She also says that her mom makes a "cheese ball." Alyna George, also an 8th grader says that her and her girl cousins all go Christmas caroling for her other family members. They also create "Christmas stories" and perform them in front of her family. Finally she says that they have gingerbread building competitions and whoever wins gets money! So many traditions and so fun! We all can't wait for that highly anticipated BREAK!

A Winter Story

By Isabel Williamson

Once upon a winter's eve, I stood in the evergreen forests, my family standing straight around me as my pine green hair flowed in the frosty breeze. It was storming hard. A white fury of snow blew all around me. I was completely covered in white flakes of snow- even my chocolate brown skirt.

Then they came. The two-legged animals, the ones with their fur on only their heads, who had to wear fur coats to keep warm, came out of a monstrous creature. The animal had no fur, it did have two glowing yellow eyes that helped the two-legged animals see.

They looked around, trying to find a something. A Christmas tree. Their eyes then landed on me, they went to the back of

their vehicle, taking out a shiny object.

The large one then walked back to me, taking their sharp object and cutting me down, they cut off my feet and dragged me back to the monster. They strapped me to the top of their vehicle, making sure I wouldn't escape.

I cried, but no words came out, no sound, just the sound of the breeze blowing around, the snow painted me a white color as the small family climbed into the stomach of the eye-glowing monster.... **TO BE**

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Holiday Recipe



By: Hensley Baker

Ingredients:

- 1 package of Oreos
- 1 cup (one block) of cream cheese
- 2 1/2 cups good quality chocolate chips
- Sprinkles for decorating (optional)

Equipment:

- 1 small cookie scoop
- 1 dipping too,
- 1 double boiler

Crush Oreos and mix with cream cheese and refrigerate for 1 hour

Line pan with parchment and take Oreo mixture and roll into 1 balls, place in freezer for 30 min.

Melt chocolate in a double boiler or microwave

Take Oreo mixture out of the freezer. Using a fork, dip each truffle ball in the chocolate mixture and place back on parchment lined pan

Serve immediately or store in an air-tight dish

Merry Christmas

Across

- 1 A Christmas tradition
- 2 Baking with an oven
- 3 The month of Christmas

Down

- 1 Another way of saying Christmas
- 2 Ice related activity
- 3 An egg drink of Christmas

Word bank

Christmas	December
Christmastide	Eggnog
Cookie	Ice climbing