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Former VP Mondale Visits ASL

Former Vice President Walter Mondale spoke to ASL students on Tuesday, 15 November in the gymnasium. Both high school and middle school students attended. After a short speech, Mr. Mondale answered questions from the audience. He then visited the sixth grade to talk with students there. Mr. Mondale was invited to ASL by two students, David Fife from the high school and Patrick Marx from the 6th grade. The fathers of these students work with Mr. Mondale. In the following article, Patrick Marx describes his impressions of Mr. Mondale's visit.

Impressions of Walter Mondale

by Patrick Marx

I heard Walter Mondale speak on the 15th of November 1988 at The American School in London. Mr. Mondale was former Vice President of the United States under President Carter, and was Democratic nominee for President in 1984. Although he lost to Reagan, he is still very well known across the U.S.A. and around the world.

I heard Mr. Mondale speak about the environment, the budget and the trade deficit. He also talked about how American children should be more aggressive in their school work. Another important subject he mentioned is how children of our age should be learning more languages because foreign countries are coming closer every day and that is the best way to learn another culture.

At first Mr. Mondale talked about the budget



Former Vice President Mondale visits with sixth grade students.

and trade deficit. Before he talked about the budget and trade deficit I did not understand anything about those subjects. The budget is how much the federal government spends. The trade deficit is the difference between how much the government spends on imports and how much we get from selling exports. He said that Bush has to raise taxes and lower the deficit, and that if he does this, he will balance the budget and be a popular president.

Walter Mondale also made a big statement about the environment. Using Bush's words, he *continued on page 2*



Dukakis versus Bush

by Irene Mellis and Nicky Jarvis

The 7th grade history teachers took time before the U.S. election to study the background of both candidates, George Bush and Michael Dukakis. They also studied the candidates views on certain issues.

Mrs. Leader's History and English classes studied an article "What's Gone Wrong?" by Michael Davie, from the Observer, on October 30, 1988. The article is about why Dukakis failed and what may be wrong with the way the United States campaigns are conducted. Mrs. Leader's class invited Mr. Trudell from the high school to come tell them about the Iran-Contra Scandal.

Mr. Sox's History and English classes looked at the past elections. They watched a movie on a few elections leading up to Reagan's election.

Mr. Adcock's class studied the election also, except they studied it in a different way. Each student was given a issue such as defense or the economy on which they would give an oral report.

The 7th grade now understands a lot about what happens in the past and present elections. The Middle School then held a mock election involving all four grades. The results follow.

ASL Middle School Mock Presidential Election Results

	BUSH	DUKAKIS
5th grade	47 votes	12 votes
6th grade	56 votes	26 votes
7th grade	37 votes	44 votes
8th grade	57 votes	33 votes
TOTAL	197 votes	118 votes

Sixth Grade Trip To Stonehenge

By Jennifer Englert

On Monday, October 24, 1988, the Hydrick/Heuman/Adcock mini team went on a trip to Stonehenge.

Everyone was full of excitement as we pulled out of the train station. After about an hour and a half, we arrived at Wiltshire Train Station. We left the train and went to the bus.

Soon we arrived at West Kenett Long Barrow. We hiked up a long trail and went inside the caves. It was very dark and some people started to scream.

After we left the Long Barrows, we went to Avebury Circle and ate our lunch. After lunch, we roamed amidst the sheep and rolled down the hill. Then we went to the Avebury Circle Museum.

Soon after that, we went to see Stonehenge. As most of the kids stood staring at the statues in awe, some of the funnier ones made jokes. We didn't spend much time at Stonehenge, but were grateful to our great teachers, Ms. Hydrick, Mrs. Heuman, and Mrs. Adcock for taking us on this wonderfull trip.

Mondale (continued)

said, "This is the year the earth spoke back", when he talked about the ozone layer and how it could damage America in the future. He also talked about acid rain and how it could affect the world. He was advising Bush to look into this subject if he wants even more popular support.

Then the last thing he talked about was how long he prepared for the election and how hard it was to lose. What a strain he was under! He said that after going around the country for four years campaigning, the last six months for eighteen hours every day, it was terrible to lose in one night. He also said he took six months off and during that time all he did was read books, fish and he became a computer whiz. I thought that was great of him to take the time he needed to come back.

I enjoyed listening to his speech.

