



Is this story real?

In this edition of "Is The Story Real?" we'll be informing you on the new development about honeybees! Scientists at the journal *Frontiers in Ecology and Evolution* have discovered that honeybees are the only other non-human animal that can tell the difference between odd and even numbers!

Researchers trained the bees to recognize the difference by associating even numbers with sugar water and odd numbers with a bitter-tasting liquid called quinine. The other group was instructed to associate odd numbers with sugar water and even numbers with quinine. As children, we learn that numbers can either be even or odd. There are many ways to categorize numbers as even or odd. They then tested each bee on new numbers that were not shown during training. Notably, they categorized the latest numbers of II or I2 elements as odd or even with an accuracy of approximately 70%.

So what do you think? Is the story real? Find out at the back of the paper!

Shark Naming Competition

What Shark?

You're probably wondering, what shark are we talking about? Well if you haven't noticed, in the cafeteria above where, normally, Ms. Vickie checks you out. There is a shark head mounted on the wall. Cape Cod Five wanted us to give it a name, and we need everyone's help picking one!

What should we name it?

We have made a list in Google Form for everyone to vote on. There are five different names that our amazing newspaper committee has agreed on. The survey will be shared with you soon, and be sure to vote your honest opinion! Good luck, Sharks!



The Munion Sale

Shout out to Ms. Weik and her class for running it and participating!

Have you ever heard of a munion before? This past December the sixth graders put on a munion sale. The munion sale was a sale that Ms. Weik's class put on in the slim gym to make their own companies and be successful in their creation of a company. Some companies that the students created were sweet treat companies, baked goods, drawings, and much more. The munions act like money you use to buy all of the things you would like.

More things that the munion sale put on was a raffle and fun games. In the raffle you could've won some candy and much more.

My partner and I attended the munion sale and when we stepped into the slim gym, it was a chaotic but fun environment to be in, and a busy gym full of kids working hard and thinking of what they should spend their munions on!

Flashback! 2026=2016

We chose this because people this year are trying to bring back 2016 as the new 2026, and thought we'd hop on the trend! This era was all about skinny jeans, athleisure, heavily-filtered photos, and popular colors like millennial pink.



Girls Basketball interviews

We have interviewed 3 players/ coaches on the girls basketball teams to find out how their season is going so far!

Q: Are you looking forward to starting the basketball season?

A: Very much so. We did tryouts for the week, a couple decided it was not for them for a variety of reasons, and we have an A and B team.

-Ms. Donovan

Q: Overall, how well do you think basketball tryouts went?

A: Good, we did lots of running and I am looking forward to the season and we have many games coming up!

- Samantha C

Q: How important do you think teamwork is in basketball?

A: I think teamwork is very crucial, and it's good to have relationships with the players since there are only 5 players per team on the court at once.

-Ms. Babb

Boys Basketball interviews

The basketball season was here before we knew it! In this article, we are talking to Mr. Clancy about the basketball season.

Q: What's the most important part of a strong team?

A: The team is willing to buy in and support each other. It is a long season and not a lot of time together, and things will get tough along the way to be there.

Q: Do you have any advice for the student-athletes?

A: Find a balance. Many athletes are trying to add a lot to their plate, including playing a vital role. It's still the most important thing to make sure you're on your students before the athletes' path begins.

Great job to our teams this year!

Student Opinions

For our school to function it relies on everybody for advice if things need to be changed. That's where opinions come in handy. We asked one student from each grade level the same question to get their opinions.

Shout out to all the students who took time out of their classes to answer our questions.

6th Grade Hallie H.:

Q: "Do you think we should have more school events?"

A: "I think we should have more school events because it would allow the grades to come together."

Q: "Who is your favorite teacher?"

A: "Ms. Thompson because she's really nice and she makes everyone feel welcomed."

Q: "What is your favorite subject?"

A: "Math because I feel everything is a question waiting to be solved."

5th Grade Declan R.:

Q: "Should we have more school events?"

A: "Yes, because it's boring without any."

Q: "Who is your favorite teacher?"

A: "Ms. Lower, because I like science."

Q: "What is your favorite subject?"

A: "Art or gym."

7th Grade Lillian M.:

Q: "Do you think we should have more school events?"

A: "Yea we don't have that many."

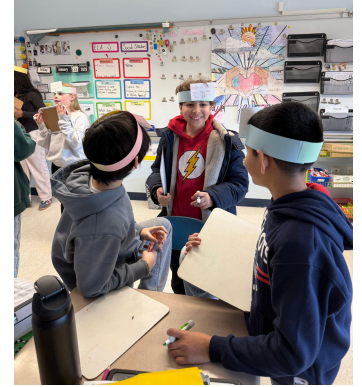
Q: "Who are your favorite teachers?"

A: "Ms. Donovan because she is a really good teacher and she challenged me."

Q: "What is your favorite subject?"

A: "Math with Ms. Looney because I've always liked my math teachers and they do a good job helping me when I'm stuck."

School Candids!



Fifth Graders Go to Truro

Are you a fifth grader who's nervous about going to Truro or a 6th or 7th grader who wants to remember what Truro was like? Then this is the perfect article for you.

The fifth grade Truro trip is a trip taken by everyone in fifth grade. They go on a bus on Monday morning to a place called the NEED (National Environmental Education Development) academy which is a two story 'house' with a basement. This is where they'll stay and do all sorts of fun science related activities and visit a couple cool museums and go on lots of nature walks.

The NEED academy is run by a group of teachers who dedicate their time to helping at the NEED academy. During the free time students have at the academy when they aren't sleeping, eating, or at the newest adventure, the teachers lead games and fun activities, or simply spend some time relaxing and playing games with their friends, or even writing letters home.

This is a fun experience for all as you can see through my interviews with two fifth grade students who have gone on the trip, I interviewed Jayden, Fiona, Tristan, Brayden, Bernardo, and Dilano. All students said they greatly enjoyed the trip, Jayden said his favorite part was to find walking sticks while on walks, but his least favorite was sleeping, which just shows how fun the trip is. Jayden also said he was nervous before going on the trip, but after he got there the stress just kind of went away.

I then interviewed another group of students who also went on the trip to Truro recently. They all agreed that their least favorite part was having to sleep, but they had different answers for what their favorite part was: two of them agreed that they loved getting to see a red fox! One of them loved the night walk, and another student thought the hike where they go to "the end of the world" was the coolest.

Truro is always a fun experience for everyone and if you're nervous, there's nothing to worry about, and remember that you're not the only one.

Interview with Nurse Kim

Have you ever been sick and didn't know why? I interviewed Nurse Kim to find out and provide you with some tips.

According to Dr. Mesrobian in an article for *Atlantic Health*, most people get sick in the winter due to cold weather and spending more time indoors, which is the peak of virus season. Here's what nurse Kim had to say:

Q: What is a way we can stay healthy when there are a lot of germs in the air?

A: You can maintain personal space, no sharing food/ drinks. Elderberry, sleep, and maintaining nutrition are key to a healthy lifestyle.

Q: How can students prevent sickness?

A: Washing hands is very important. You can sing the ABCs twice or Happy Birthday once [to make sure you are washing for long enough]. Also, self-care is very important.

So, what does all of this mean? It means staying healthy during sickness season isn't just one person's job; it's everyone's job. My interview with Nurse Kim shows that small actions can make a huge difference, and if we all do our part, we can make sickness season a whole lot easier for everyone.

Advice Box Questions

*Dear Diary,
I have an assignment due tomorrow
and I haven't got almost anything
done! What do I do?
-Anonymous*

Well we can see that you are in a pickle and we have some advice. First off, you could ask your teacher for the subject or if you could come in for lunch or depending on your seminar at that time too. Or you could come in before or after school as well. We hope this helps!
-Diary

Student Interviews

Want to know more about MRMS students and teachers? This is the place! We interview students and teachers about sports, school, and more! You might even learn more about your friends and teachers!

First, we start off with Stella Rose, who we interviewed about basketball.

Q: What sport do you play?

A: Basketball.

Q: Are you excited for the basketball season?

A: Yes, I like playing in front of people.

Q: What position do you play?

A: Point Guard and Shooting Guard.

Here is some insight about sixth grade with Evan L.!

Q: How is 6th grade going?

A: I like my teachers, and I have good grades.

Q: Do you play sports for the school?

A: Yes, baseball.

Q: What's your favorite subject in 6th grade?

A: Math, because my teachers are nice.

In this interview, we can learn about seventh grade with Grace F.

Q: What is your favorite subject?

A: Science.

Q: What sports do you play?

A: Soccer, Softball, Sailing, and Basketball.

Q: How is 7th grade going?

A: It is going well.

Finally, we interviewed Max F. to gather more information on 6th grade and the band!

Q: How is the band going for you?

A: Good! The concert was on January 15th

Q: How are your grades in 6th grade?

A: Good, all A's.

Q: Do you play sports for the school?

A: Yes, baseball.

Q: What's your favorite subject?

A: Math, because it is fun.

Drama Seminar Play

If you went to see the play for the drama seminar, you'd know just how great it was, but what's going on behind the scenes? For the 7th grade (yes the fifth and sixth graders also hosted an AMAZING play, but that will hopefully be the subject of a later article) they wrote a play called Pallapolooza, about a princess from a great kingdom called Pallapolooza (played by Ilea Z.) who was forced to marry the royal musicianist sir Redenbocker (played by Pedro). However, she loved the guard, sir Smellybelly (played by Roy W.), and in a surprising twist the princess was captured by a pirate king (played by Lillie M.) and his evil sidekicks Tiny, and Stalky (played by Beatriz C. and Ariya D).

It was a student written and directed play, which just makes it even better. The play was directed by Sammy Sneed, who also played the narrator. Out of these amazing students (and the other students who participated) I interviewed Lillie and Ilea.

Both students said that the play was wonderful and a fun experience that they would 100% do again if they had the chance. They said it was difficult to do in the beginning with remembering lines and all that, but it got easier as they progressed. They both agreed that before the show they were very nervous, but also super excited. To deal with the nerves, Lillie said she had talked with others, and felt a little better because she knew they were nervous too. To remember their lines, they both said they based it off of their movements and what they were doing during that line on stage (this is called blocking); Ilea said she would practice her lines backstage before the scene so as not to forget.

To sum it all up, being in a play can be just as fun as going to see one, and it takes a lot of effort on the part of everyone. A fun saying to remember if you're acting, no small parts, only small actors.

Mystery Teacher

Challenge! Can you guess the Mystery teacher? Hint: Seventh grade

Q: Where do you get your shoes from?

A: Online or Journeys

Q: How many pairs of shoes do you have?

A: Around 100

Q: What's your favorite brand of shoes?

A: Jordans and Birkenstocks

Q: Do you like teaching math?

A: Yes

Inspirational Quotes

Have you ever wondered what your teacher's favorite quote is? We asked a few teachers and staff members for quotes that are meaningful to them.

"Your future self will thank you." - Dr. Dudley

"Keeping your body healthy is an expression of gratitude to the whole cosmos." -Thich Nhat Hanh (Ms. Thompson)

"If there is a book you want to read but it hasn't been written yet, then *you* must write it." -Toni Morrison (Ms. Macomber)

"The best way out is always through." -Robert Frost (Ms. Majka)

"There's power in allowing yourself to be known and heard, in owning your unique story, in using your authentic voice. And there's grace in being willing to know and hear others. This, for me, is how we become." -Michelle Obama (Ms. Babb)

The 2026 Winter Olympics

Imagine you are watching people ski, figure skate, and playing ice hockey all in ONE DAY! Well if you are interested in any of these things you would LOVE the Winter Olympics.

The Winter Olympics is a major international event for snow, and ice sports that is held every four years, with the next edition, Milano Cortina 2026, taking place in Italy from February 6-22, 2026.

If you don't already know, skiing is a winter sport and recreational activity involving gliding over snow on long, flat runners called skis, attached to boots, for transport, sport, or fun, encompassing downhill (Alpine) racing, cross-country (Nordic) gliding, and acrobatic freestyle, using equipment like skis, boots, and poles, and ranging from resort-based leisure to backcountry exploration.

Figure skating is a graceful yet athletic winter sport where individuals, pairs, or groups perform spins, jumps, lifts, and footwork on ice skates, it is often set to music, blending athleticism with artistry in competitive disciplines like singles, pairs, ice dance, and synchronized skating. To make it easier to understand, it is a sport where you do tricks on ice.

Ice hockey is a fast-paced, physical team sport which is played on ice where two teams of skaters use bended sticks to shoot a rubber puck into the opponent's net to score goals, with each team typically having six players on the ice (five skaters and one goalie).



Fit Checks!

Have you ever seen a middle school Fit Check? Everyone has a personal style that is unique to them. A Fit Check is when you ask people what they are wearing and they tell you about their favorite fashion trends and things to wear. We went around MRMS looking for people that were interested in answering our questions about their style!

Townes

1. Fit check: Red Nike sweatshirt, football team pajama pants and Jordans.
2. What's your favorite clothing brand: Probably Nike.
3. What's your favorite shoe brand: Definitely Jordans.
4. Do you prefer necklaces or bracelets: Necklaces.



Jaxson

1. Fit check: Nike tee, Nike pajama pants and Yeezy slides.
2. What's your favorite clothing brand: Nike.
3. What's your favorite shoe brand: Nike.
4. Do you prefer necklaces or bracelets: Necklaces.



Sam

1. Fit check: Jeans, running shoes and a Boarding House sweatshirt.
2. What's your favorite clothing brand: Nike.
3. What's your favorite shoe brand: Nike.
4. Do you prefer necklaces or bracelets: Necklaces.



Victoria

1. Fit check: Hollister sweatshirt, Hollister jeans, Nike shoes.
2. What's your favorite clothing brand: Lululemon.
3. What's your favorite shoe brand: Nike
4. Do you prefer necklaces or rings: Rings.



Audrey

1. Fit check: Hollister top, Nike pants and Uggs.
2. What's your favorite clothing brand: Hollister.
3. What's your favorite shoe brand: Ugg.
4. Do you prefer necklaces or rings: Necklaces.



Emily

1. Fit check: Pink Palm puff, Old Navy leggings, and Uggs.
2. What's your favorite clothing brand: Hollister.
3. What's your favorite shoe brand: Nike.
4. Do you prefer necklaces or rings: Necklaces.



Harley

1. Fit check: Sweatshirt from my brother, pj's from my brother, shoes I don't know.
2. What's your favorite clothing brand: Nike.
3. What's your favorite shoe brand: Nike.
4. Do you prefer necklaces or rings: Rings.



Quick quiz!
What's $4 + 4 \times 3 - 15$?
 Write it here:

Basketball

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Find the following words in the puzzle.
 Words are hidden →, ↓, and ↘.

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| SNEAKERS | HOOP | RIM |
| 3POINTER | BALL | NET |
| BUCKET | TEAM | |
| COURT | DUNK | |

Is This Story Real?

YES!



Staff Blooket

Shark Talk staff member Declan R. created a student-focused Blooket! To play, use this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/yvmx7nmt>

Pictures from our Student Interviews



Mystery Teacher:

Ms. Bonicoro!

Shark Talk Staff

- Autumn Pickett
- Emily Copenhagen
- Bryce Adams
- Eliana Amidon-Marshall
- Lyndsey Berner
- Shawn Bombanti
- Samantha Crowe
- Allie Hartnett
- Alexis Hastbacka
- Adrian Hercun
- Elijah Leighton
- Mia Lyons
- Brady Malloy
- Mila Margotta
- Aiden Meincke
- Max Nye
- Alex Roszak
- Declan Rugg
- Siena Young