



Big Blue News

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WE'RE BACK.....AND P.S. I LOVE YOU!!

P.S. I Love You at WHMS



Ridge Mills WHITE HOUSE (Big Blue News)- Apart from all the Valentine's activities at WHMS, one event that really stands out is P.S. I Love You. Signs and balloons fill the hallways, and candy grams are passed around to spread kindness. Students and teachers dress up in neon, camo, gym clothes, hats, and lots of purple!

I interviewed the Queen of P.S. I Love You, Mrs. Haberman.

Q: Why is P.S. I Love You so important to you?

A: "It is so important to me because it spreads a message of

being kind to others and brings everyone together for a unified message." Q: What is your favorite aspect of P.S. I Love You?

A: "How it brings everyone together in unity for an important message and makes sure everyone is seen and heard."

Q: What is your favorite Valentine's candy?

A: "Nerds Gummy Clusters." We wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day! Be the light, stay unified, and help spread the beautiful message of P.S. I Love You. And if you see Mrs. Haberman, maybe give her a Nerds Gummy Cluster!



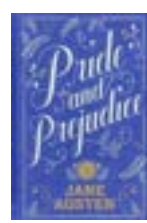
Upcoming Events

EVENTS

- Band Concert — March 3
 - 6th Grade Band CPA — March 4
 - 7th/8th Grade Band CPA — March 6
 - Club Day — March 6
 - Spring Break — March 9-13
 - Choir Goes Nashville- April 9
 - TN Ready Window Begins-** April 21-May 1
 - Club Day**
April 10
 - Vending**
March 27th
April 25th
 - Schools OUT!!**
Good Friday: April 18
 - Upcoming Days to Celebrate!**
Eid al-Fitr - March 30th
April Fool's Day - April 1st
Good Friday - April 18th
Easter - April 20th
Earth Day - April 22nd
- MORE DATES TO COME AS THE END OF THE YEAR APPROACHES!!!

Book of the Month

by HENSLEY BAKER



Pride and Prejudice

Genre: Classic Romance
Pride and Prejudice follows Mr. and Mrs. Bennet and their five daughters in 1800s England. Without a male heir, the Bennets are eager to see their daughters married. Elizabeth Bennet, however, has her own ideas about love. When the wealthy Mr. Darcy enters her life, their relationship begins with misunderstandings and pride. Over time, their clashes turn into something deeper. Will they overcome their differences?



Snowmageddon... or Icema-geddon? HELP! WHHS Band Trailer- Gone??



Chloe Allstar enjoying the snow!

Cole Morgan

WHITE HOUSE (Big Blue News)-

We all know it was fun while it lasted, but Snowmageddon had to come to an end – or honestly, maybe we should call it Icema-geddon! It might have been more fun with more snow and less ice.

Some people went sledding (which may have been even faster because of the ice!), while others stayed cozy inside with hot chocolate and a blanket watching shows like Stranger Things. Many families lost power, but surprisingly, some did not.

It lasted longer than many of us expected, but at least we're back at school seeing our friends and favorite teachers. Let's hope for a few more snow days in the future!



AVA ELLIS WHITE HOUSE (Big Blue News)-

On December 23rd at around 8:30 p.m., a White House High School band trailer was stolen from campus. Thankfully, no instruments were inside. However, the trailer did contain about 50 chairs, music stands, and a music stand rack.

High school band students are currently borrowing chairs from the choir room, which takes time away from class. Replacing the stolen items will be expensive. The trailer was used to transport instruments to football games and marching competitions.

The band would greatly appreciate any help in recovering the stolen items.

Plants That Won't Need a Coat



Alaina Bissell

WHITE HOUSE (Big Blue News)-

As temperatures drop, many plants either cannot survive or go dormant (a sleep-like state similar to hibernation). However, some plants actually thrive in winter!

Winter bloomers include:

- Pansies
- Violas
- Snowdrops

Cold-hardy plants include:

- Boxwood
- Holly
- Hellebores
- Hostas
- Juniper

These plants survive because of deep root systems and natural antifreeze proteins that protect them from freezing. Evergreen plants last through winter thanks to their thick, waxy leaves.

Fun fact: Some gardeners use a strategy called the “flaming carpet effect,” planting sedum closely together to create a vibrant, star-shaped ground cover.

Craft Corner!!

Have you ever wanted to make a craft on a random spring day? Well I have just the right craft for you! It's called rock painting and here's how to do it!

1. Pick out a rock from anywhere outside. (The bigger the better.)
2. No matter where you get the rock make sure it's nice and clean if you want the paint to stick well. (not the water well)
3. Find the best paint in your favorite color of course.
4. Paint the most beautiful painting on the rock.
5. Have fun!!!!



SHOUT OUT!! WHMS ALL COUNTY Participants

7th Grade

Stephenie Williams – 1st Chair Oboe
Carter Burghardt – 3rd Chair Baritone
Megan Walters – 3rd Chair French Horn

8th Grade

Quinton Cells – 4th Chair Saxophone
Zak Doeden – 7th Chair Trumpet
Ava Ellis – 1st Chair French Horn

Congratulations to these outstanding musicians!

Mad About March

The Myth of the Lebrechaun



Ally Tackett-- WHITE HOUSE
(Big Blue News)

Leprechauns come from Irish mythology and date back to the 8th century. They are often described as small, mischievous beings who work as shoemakers and guard hidden pots of gold.

Though they are symbols of luck and four-leaf clovers, they are also known for playing tricks like making messes or tying shoelaces together.

Have a happy St. Patrick's Day – and watch out for mischief!

Lucky Charms Treats



By Everleigh Keeler



- Just like Rice Krispies treats – but with Lucky Charms!
- Ingredients:
- 3 tbsp butter
- 1 bag marshmallows
- 6 cups Lucky Charms cereal
- Directions:
- Melt butter. Stir in marshmallows until smooth. Mix with cereal. Press into a pan, cool, and cut into squares.

The History of March



Tanner Alestra- WHITE HOUSE
(Big Blue News)The month of March is named after Mars, the Roman god of war. In the ancient Roman calendar, March (called Martius) was originally the first month of the year. It marked the end of winter and the beginning of agricultural work and military campaigns.

Later, March became the third month of the year. Mars was also connected to agriculture and fertility, symbolizing the rebirth of nature in spring.

Birthday Celebrations

January and February birthdays are very common – along with spring birthdays! Here are a few fun ways to celebrate:

- Go out for a sweet treat at Deja Moo or another favorite dessert spot.
- Eat at your favorite restaurant with family and friends.
- Try something adventurous like exploring a cave (for those who love adventure!).

No matter how you celebrate, make it special and fun!

The Power of Seeing

Elise Waller and Evie Sheel BIG BLUE NEWS: “Aisling Saorise, Seeing!” Professor Ravenwood shouted. I looked at my cousins, smiling, then at Katelyn, who looked ready to fight me.

“Aisling,” I turned to Aine. “You got Seeing! I wish I had your power,” she said, pouting. “Ferrokinesis is boring.”

“Metal?” I asked.

Aine nodded.

A boy about our age ran up, curly brown hair falling into his face. He stopped, grinning so big I thought he'd burst, and started talking fast.

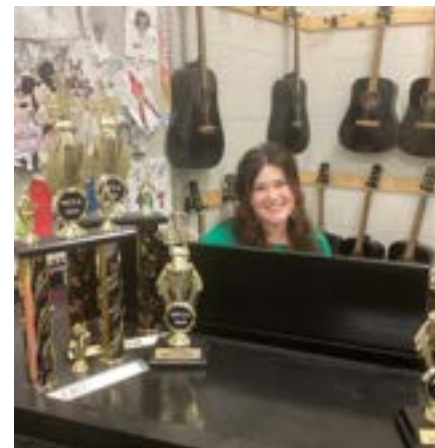
“Hi! I'm Elliott, and I think Seeing is awesome. I love it here. Have you seen the gate? It's amazing. I should stop talking—everyone says I talk too much—but I'm excited and you seem nice and my name is Elliott—oh, I already said that. Hi.”

I blinked. Aine shook her head and walked away, amused.

“Want to find our dorms?” I asked.

As we walked down the stone hallway, Elliott told me the school's history.

“And apparently someone died here,” he said.



White House CPA

Christian McCauley BIG BLUE NEWS: CPA stands for Choir Performance Assessment. All of the grade-level choirs performed and earned different awards for their hard work.

Each choir arrived dressed in all black, showing off their classy style. The 8th graders arrived on the late bus, which was an hour behind schedule. Luckily, they still had plenty of time and performed at 12:30 as planned. Every choir performed their music confidently and showed how much they have improved throughout the school year.

The 8th grade choir left around 1:00 and celebrated with a mini pizza party after their performance. They enjoyed spending time with their well-loved teacher, Ms. Hoefler.

The choir director, Kendall Hoefler, was very proud of every student and the musical talent they shared. Not only did they showcase their skills, but they also shared the pride and joy of being part of the White House Middle School Choir.

The History of Conversation Hearts



Elaina Hendricks WHITE HOUSE (Big Blue News)-Conversation Hearts are a Valentine’s Day staple. Every February 14th, these candy hearts appear everywhere – but where did they come from? The original candy-making machine was invented by Oliver R. Chase to produce lozenges (cough drops). When he added sugar and flavoring to the machine, he accidentally created what we now know as Necco Wafers. Later, his brother Daniel Chase added printed messages to the candies.

In 2018, the Spangler Candy Company purchased Necco at a bankruptcy auction for \$17.3 million. Because of the change in ownership, Conversation Hearts were not produced from 2018 to 2020. When production restarted in 2020, some candies had faded or missing messages. Today, they’re back on shelves as a Valentine’s favorite.

Movie of the Month

by HENSLEY BAKER



The Princess Diaries
Genre: Comedy, Romance

Mia Thermopolis is a shy teenager living in San Francisco – until she discovers she is the heir to the throne of Genovia. Her grandmother, Queen Clarisse Renaldi, begins giving her “princess lessons.”

As Mia navigates friendships, school drama, and possible romance, she must decide whether to accept her royal destiny.



The Sweetheart Dance

Everliegh Keeler
WHITE HOUSE (Big Blue News)-The Sweetheart Dance at my school was so much fun! The gym was decorated in pink and red, the DJ played loud music, and there was a 360 camera spinning around while everyone posed for videos. There was pizza, cotton candy, soda, and Powerade, and it all smelled amazing.

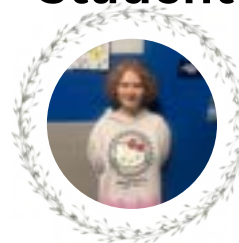


Most of the boys wore hoodies and sweatpants, and most of the girls wore pretty dresses. They were also selling carnations. Ryder, who is in sixth grade, surprised me with one. Since I’m in seventh grade, it made the night feel even more special.

Unsung Heros

Sadie CobbWHITE HOUSE (Big Blue News)-Most of us were taught that Rosa Parks was the first one to famously refuse to give up her seat on the Montgomery, Alabama bus. Did you know that nine months before Rosa Parks' protest in 1943 15 year old Claudette Colvin was arrested for not giving up her seat. She was forced off the bus and arrested.later on in her life she would become a principal plaintiff for the Browder vs. Gayle case that declared segregation on the bus to be unconstitutional in the 14th amendment.

Student Spotlight



Emma Brown!
Some one you might not know, but are missing out!

Emma said she wants to be an anesthesiologist because it has always interested her. Next, we asked if she plays any sports or participates in activities. She said she is in book club at our school and color guard at the high school.

Then we asked what historical event she would want to witness and why. She said, “I want to see the dinosaurs because they’re cool.” We also asked if she could live in the world of any TV show, which one it would be and why. Emma said Ginny & Georgia because she would want to see Georgia’s murder trial.

The Story of Valentine



Leia Newhouse
WHITE HOUSE (Big Blue News)-Long ago in ancient Rome, there was a priest named Valentine. At the time, the emperor believed soldiers should not marry, so he made it illegal. Valentine disagreed and secretly married couples. When he was caught, he was sent to prison. Legend says that before he died on February 14th, he wrote a note signed, “From your Valentine.” Today, Valentine’s Day celebrates love, friendship, and kindness.