Welcome Back Serpents

Welcome back, students and staff! School has officially been back in session for over a month, and everyone is starting to settle into another year at MCHS. Classes are underway, fall sports are in full swing, and students are getting back into their normal routines. We hope everyone has had a great start to the school year, and we are excited to bring you another issue of the Serpentine.

As we move into October, there is plenty to look forward to before we head into the winter holiday season. Cooler weather, Halloween, fall sports, school activities, and other events will make the next couple of months a busy and fun time around our school and community. Be sure to enjoy everything coming up, support your fellow Serpents, and have a great fall!

A Big October in Hawthorne History

October isn't just about Halloween and cooler weather in Hawthorne. It also marks an important event in our town's history. In October 1930, the Naval Ammunition Depot Hawthorne received its first shipment of high explosives, just over a month after the depot was officially commissioned on September 15. Construction had begun in July 1928, and the depot was designed using new ammunition-storage safety standards developed after the deadly 1926 explosion at the Naval Ammunition Depot in Lake Denmark, New Jersey.

That first shipment was the beginning of something that would become a huge part of Hawthorne. The depot played an important role during World War II and continued supporting the military through the Korean and Vietnam Wars. The facility was transferred from the Navy to the Army in 1977 and is known today as the Hawthorne Army Depot. This October marks 96 years since that first shipment arrived. It's pretty crazy to think that something that happened here almost a century ago is still such a big part of our community today.



Kit Kat Takes the Halloween Candy Crown!

We asked students to vote for their favorite Halloween candy, and the results are in! Kit Kat took first place, with Reese's Peanut Butter Cups coming in second. There were plenty of different favorites, but when the votes were counted, Kit Kats came out on top and earned the title of our favorite Halloween candy.

Whether you're handing out candy, dressing up, watching scary movies, or just enjoying the cooler weather, we hope everyone has a fun and safe Halloween.

Forget Ghosts, We've Got Bears!



Halloween is right around the corner, but MCHS already had a surprise visitor earlier this fall! A few weeks ago, a bear was spotted on campus, giving students and staff something a little different to talk about. While most people are getting ready for scary movies, haunted houses, and Halloween costumes, our school had a real wild animal show up instead. Bears spend much of the fall searching for food as they prepare for winter, which can sometimes bring them closer to neighborhoods and schools. Although seeing a bear on campus isn't something that happens every day, it's a good reminder to stay alert and give wildlife plenty of space. Who needs Halloween decorations when you've got a bear wandering around?

Staff Spotlight

Christell Seit came to Hawthorne after teaching in the Philippines for eight years. She wanted to try something new and have a new adventure. Mrs. Seit enjoys living in Hawthorne because it is a small town with a low cost of living. She says teaching is more than just a job to her. It is something she has always felt called to do.

One of the biggest differences Mrs. Seit has noticed is the culture and education system. She appreciates the advanced technology and support from the administration. Her husband works at Mount Grant General Hospital, and her kids attend school here. Mrs. Seit hopes to stay in Hawthorne for a few more years and looks forward to what the future holds for her and her family.

Homecoming King & Queen



Quentin Isom & Hailey Moyers



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