

Mustang Pride October 2017

Edition 1



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BULLYING AWARENESS DRESSDOWN DAY

Tuesday, October 24th we will have a special dress down day to promote anti-bully month. Since orange is the official color of Anti-Bully month, Students will be allowed to wear jeans and an ORANGE shirt to school this day with the understanding that if they decide to dress down, they are pledging to reduce bullying in their school. There is no charge to dress down on this day.

Welcome to the 1st edition of the new Mustang Pride where you can stay up to date with the exciting activities happening on and off campus, upcoming events, student spotlights,

Mustang athletic program, and the Counseling office.



Seventh grade had a great time visiting the Michigan Renaissance Festival at the end of September. Prior to the trip students learned the basics about Renaissance life. While at the festival students got the chance to live history. Some favorites included; live jousting, glass

blowing, falconry, and even mermaids!

Preschool Happenings Last week the New Haven Fire Department visited the preschool classrooms and taught the preschoolers about fire safety. They brought their big ladder truck and let each child climb into the cab. They also brought in all of their gear and explained how it is used to keep them safe and save people. Thanks NHFD!



Upcoming Events

October- Bully Prevention Month

- 11- PSAT for 11th grade
- 11 & 12- Vision Testing
(Grades 1, 2, 4, 6, 8)
- 12 & 13 Conferences (3:30-6:30)
- 23-27 Book Fair
- 24 – Bully prevention dress down day
- 26- Board Meeting 8:00
- 27- Trunk or Treat 6:00-7:30
- 31- Halloween Parade
Pre K-5th grade

November

- 1, 2, 3- Wintergaurd Auditions 6:00-8:30
- 2- MS and HS Fall Concert 6:00
- 7- School Dentist
- 7- Picture Retakes
- 11- TRG Color Run @ Belle Isle
10:00-3:00
- 16- Board Meeting 8:00
- 17- Taste fest
- 21- Trimester 1 ends
- 22-26 Thanksgiving Break



Only One You



All students at Merritt Academy participated in a colorful school wide art project inspired by the book *Only One You* by Linda Kranz. *Only One You* is an inspirational children's book about a little fish who is about to explore the ocean on his own. His mother and father tell him some of the important lessons they have learned throughout their lives in hopes that it will help him on his journey. The book stresses how everyone is unique, and that each of us has something to contribute to the world. All students at Merritt Academy had the chance to design and paint their own rock to represent themselves. Rocks were then placed around the Merritt Academy campus in a colorful display to remind students that **"there's only one you in this great big world so make it a better place."**

From the Counseling Office

FAFSA INFORMATION

Students of the Month

Elementary

Josephine Mangino
Thomas Thompson
Chase Seabolt
Elyanna Barr
Kennedy French
Brayden Gore
Azari Haines
Montana Thomas
Troy Huntley
Emilio Lynch
Ashley Howard
Grayson James
Sienna Trull

Middle School

Elliott Isbister
Jaylen Weathers
Victoria McDonald
Symphonie Holland

High School

Hannah Schmalzel
Anjnei Drapper
Trevor Wilson
Amber Middleton
Zoe Morgan
Jacob Haggerty
James Rinke

Specials

Haley Williard
Jennifer Mason
Teresa Orduna
Christian Posner
Megan Kula



Student Spotlight

Willow Hollingsworth

Merritt's one person Equestrian Team consists of 10th grader, Willow Hollingsworth and her horse Judd. The pair competed for Merritt at Goodells County Park with the other MIHA District 12 teams on September 23-24th. The other D Division Teams competing were: Marine City, Eisenhower, Dakota and Lake Shore. Willow missed the first meet due to a family commitment but quickly caught up and took the Division D Grand Championship at the next two meets. Willow competed in the following classes, showing in every class but two; Western Showmanship, English Showmanship, Saddleseat Showmanship, Saddleseat Equitation, Saddleseat Pattern, Saddleseat Bareback, English Equitation, English Bareback, Trail, Western Horsemanship, Western Bareback, Western Riding, Indiana flags, Cloverleaf, and Speed and Action. Their Grand Championship placing earned them a spot at Regionals held in Corunna, MI on September 30-October 1, where they placed 4th in their division against seven other teams. Willow and Judd were the only team to have a one rider, one horse team combination. Congratulations to Willow and Judd on a successful Mustang Equestrian season.

October 1st www.fafsa.ed.gov.

FAFSA HELP NIGHT

Mr. Witkowski will be available on October 24th from 4:00-7:00PM to assist parents and students with the FAFSA form.

COLLEGE VISITS

October 2nd: University of Michigan (6th Hour)

October 18th: Saginaw Valley State University (On site admissions) (10:00AM)

October 24th: Oakland University (3rd Hour)

October 25th: Macomb Community College (4th Hour)

October 30th: Wayne State University (3rd Hour)

November 1st: Michigan Apprenticeship Program (3rd Hour)

STUDENT SHOUT-OUTS!!!

Congratulations to the following Seniors on their acceptance into college!

Alexandrea Dalrick:

Saginaw Valley State University

Central Michigan University

Deja Kiekens:

Wayne State University