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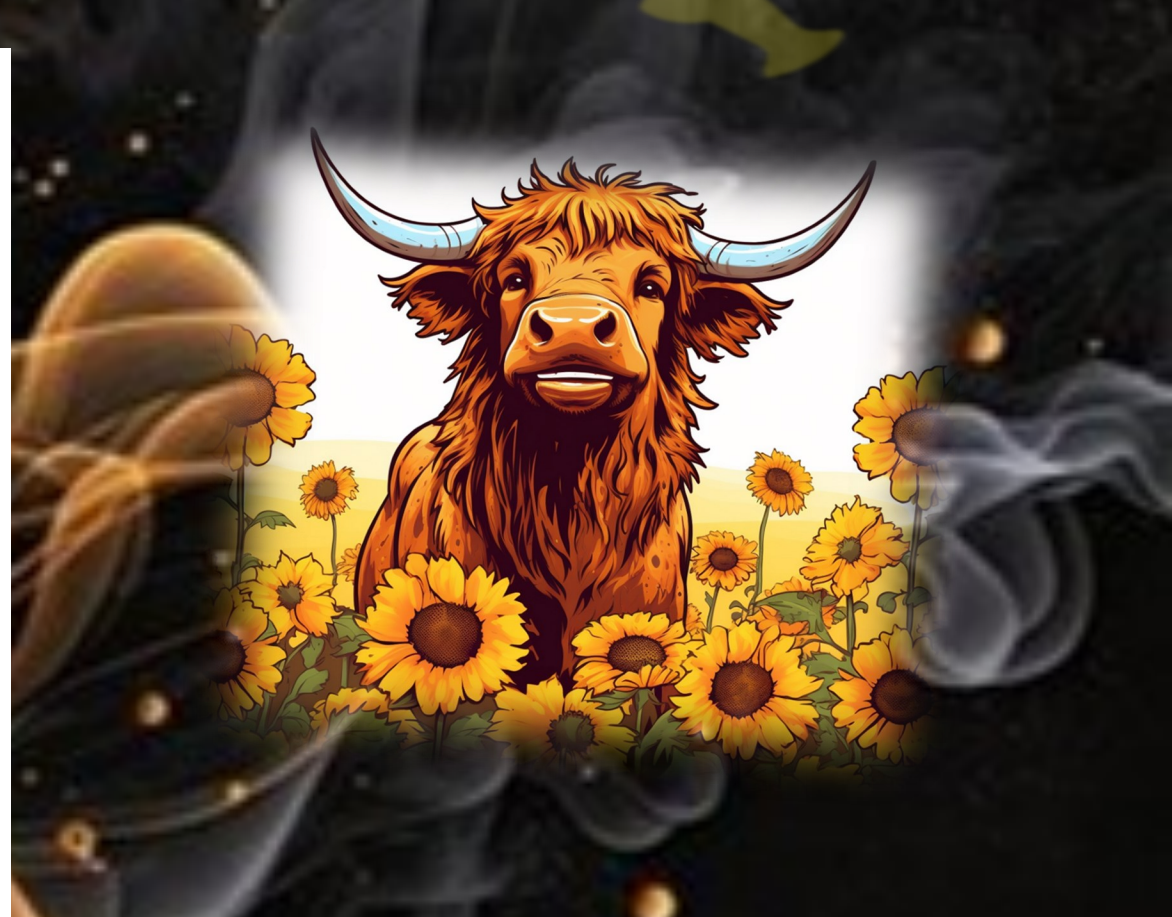
Bulletin

WORDS OF ADVICE

Mrs. Marty's Words of Advice

Written By: Liam Novak

In this issue of the Blazing Bulletin, we interviewed one of our awesome math teachers, Mrs. Marty. We talked with her about what advice she would give her students. She said, "I would give students the advice to always work hard". I also asked her "What the best examples of students using advice would be?", and she replied, "The examples would be when students ask questions, check answers, redo work, and get help when needed". We were excited to hear the advice that Mrs. Marty discussed with us for this issue of The Blazing Bulletin.



Newcastle 21 CCLC Middle School Programs Production of "Alice in Wonderland"

Written By: Miss Zoey

After months of running lines, set building and other preparations for their play, Alice in Wonderland, the Newcastle 21 CCLC Programs Middle School Drama Club finally got their chance to put all their hard work to the test and perform in front of the community. Lots of laughing and singing took place, with participation from the audience, making the play go off without a hitch. Everyone who had a role really showed their dedication to their craft by executing their lines flawlessly, leaving the staff, family members and friends blown away.

From learning which play they would be performing, to practicing, to the actual performance, and finally ending with the disassembling of the sets, each student worked incredibly hard, and it showed. The Drama Club would like to give a special thanks to Mrs. Allen, Heather C., Kaitlyn B., Ivy B., Jessica G., and Yaquelin M. for helping fill roles that were vacant. The play would not have been possible without them!



FALL AND WINTER GIRLS SPORTS

Written By: Eden-Joy Novak, helped by Serenity Rayburn, Allie Hall, Rena Carr, and Emiley Lange.

At Newcastle Middle School, there are several sports that are offered during the Fall and Winter months. These include sports like cross country, volleyball, basketball, and wrestling. All our girls did well overall, and we are immensely proud.

Cross Country began in August and several girls from the 6th, 7th and 8th grade chose to go out. There were not as many 6th graders, but the girls who did go out for Cross Country were strong and worked hard. In the first meet a couple of girls placed in the top 20 while the others mainly placed 30-90 places in the 3000 meters (about 1.86 mi). In the second they had all placed in top 70, yet a few got in the 20's. One girl even got in the top five in the second 3000 meters which is amazing. At the district meet our NMS Girls Cross Country did well with several placing in the top 20.

This year, our 6th grade volleyball team was massive. It was exciting to see so many girls interested in the sport. There was a good group of 7th graders and another big group of 8th graders that went out for Volleyball as well. Throughout the season, there were numerous games. Each team grew exponentially throughout the season. Although the season didn't end how they wanted, they worked well together, empowered each other, and worked really hard.

For the basketball team, they played lots of games. They won some games and lost some games but played well throughout the season. Some of our 6th graders were able to play with the 7th graders during a game. All the teams worked hard and had fun working together as a team. They all showed continual growth throughout the season.

Wrestling went very well for the girls who participated this year. They worked hard throughout the whole season. It seemed like the girls had fun and practices and tournaments. They did fantastically in their matches. The talented team ended the season by winning districts!

Academic Teams

Written By: Liam Novak

Robotics

During the months of October and November the Newcastle 21 CCLC Middle School Programs Robotics team of ten designed and built a robot, programmed said robot to perform tasks on a board, and researched a topic to create an innovation project. The innovation project was a website where students could share their hobbies and passions. On December 2nd, the team went to Casper to compete with over 40 other teams from across the state to get the most points on the game board. They also presented the innovation project to the judges. This year's team got a high score of 135 in one of the Robot Rounds. During the awards ceremony they were also shocked to hear their names called for 2nd place in the Core Values category. Overall, the team demonstrated immense growth from the beginning to the end.

Science Bowl

Science Bowl is a competition where there are two teams of four that compete to answer the most questions and get the most points. There is a set of questions that someone asks, and you have 5 seconds after they ask to buzz in to attempt to answer. If they get it right, their team gets a chance to answer a bonus question, and if they get it wrong the other team gets to answer the question. There were three teams that went to regionals, it went well and two of the teams tied in the round robin. This meant that only one of them would go to the elimination rounds. Team One ended up moving on, but unfortunately got out in the first round.

Math Club

Math Club is a team that does math tests and many other fun and thrilling activities including math sheets and math games. There are two competitions where participants will take multiple tests. The first competition was on February 8th. Thairon Sidener (6th grade), Payton Overman (6th grade), and Ethan Parsons (8th grade) all were able to qualify for state. The second competition is on April 3rd. If interested in joining next year, talk to Mrs. Marty about joining. (P.S. you get cookies)

Science Olympiad

The Science Olympiad competition is based on science driven activities. There are numerous activities that are available to students who participate. This includes Life, Personal & Social Science, Earth and Space Science, Physical Science & Chemistry, Technology & Engineering, and Inquiry & Nature of Science. Most categories are in an assessment format. Participants go around to different stations answering questions or take an assessment about the category they are participating in. Some activities are building activities where you will use engineering, problems solving, and prompted thinking to plan, construct, test, reflect, improve, and write down data about a structure or vehicle. As of right now there is one team, there are at most 15 people per team.

CREATIVE SHORT STORY

The Silhouette, with a Twist

Written By: Brooklyn Guzman, Ethan Parsons, Savannah Smith, and Liam Novak

Deep in the forest, there was a house that always had a haunting demeanor. On a dreary night at exactly 3 A.M., a 13-year-old boy named Cooper was lying awake in his bed. While his mother was doing the laundry in the basement, Cooper heard his mother call, "Cooper Carry Jackson!!!". He was so worried, he rushed down the stairs to where he heard his mom calling his name. He reached the door, opened it and was startled to find a silhouette in the top left corner of the basement. However, it was so late that he thought it was just a figment of his imagination. Not thinking much of it, Cooper went back to sleep but at precisely 4:37 am he woke up in a cold sweat, not able to move. He saw a looming figure lurking outside of his window. The figure had glowing red eyes like two pools filled with a mysterious red liquid. He finally got so tired; he fell back into a deep sleep where he didn't wake for eight days. While unconscious he had constant nightmares of the figure. After two more weeks of torment, he saw the silhouette in the reflection of his spoon while he was eating his cereal. Cooper decided to tell his mother. As soon as he did this, he saw the silhouette in a shadowy corner of the room. He exclaimed to his mom about the danger they were in. But it was too late. His mom was suddenly engulfed by shadows and replaced with a silhouette. He ran out of the house in a rush, continuing to run till he was at his barn. He turned around to see the silhouette again. In a frantic attempt to get away, he ran into the woods where he became lost. In result of this, he ends up in front of the cabin of Shia Lebouf.

THE END

Or is it...

Animal Spot Light

Written By: Dantae DeMerritt

Allistar is our female bearded dragon. She is almost 5 years old. She is the coolest lizard/reptile. She has a good appetite. Allistar is fun to play with and shares the room with many other awesome animals. Also, she likes walking around, she has a great life, and she is really awesome with the students in Empowering Teens. Allistar is sometimes stubborn and has many different colors on her. She has a good life and enjoys lots of different foods. We have been able to watch her grow from a baby which has been really awesome!



FALL AND WINTER BOYS SPORTS

Written By: Eden-Joy Novak, helped by Serenity Rayburn, Allie Hall, Emiley Lange, Caiadra Bogan.

We have many different sports for middle school boys. The boys at NMS can participate in Cross Country, Football, Wrestling, and Basketball. They all did amazing and wonderful things in their sports.

In Cross Country the coaches try to make it as fun as possible by including riding bikes and running in practices. A couple of the boys got around the top 10, while most of the others got in or around the top 100 places in several of the meets. At the district meet a few of our boys placed in the top 20 and one even took first place! They did well, worked hard, and gave it their best.

The football team did well in their games. They trained hard for each of their games and become stronger people because of it. The NMS football team this year was made up of 7th and 8th graders, but our 6th grade boys participated in football outside of the school. From the stands, it seemed like they had a great team bond and worked well together.

There was a huge number of boys who participated in wrestling this year. They worked hard and were great teammates. They practiced hard and did well in the matches. They supported each other throughout the season and showed their dedication to the team. They also showed good sportsmanship whether they won or lost.

Boys' basketball provided another opportunity for our boys to participate in an athletic team. There were several boys' teams. There were teams that had a mixture of grades and teams that only had one grade. Our mixed teams played well throughout the season and continually grew. Our 7th grade team showed growth and ended their season with a District win! Although the 8th grade boys' team didn't end the season like they wanted, they worked hard and left it all on the court.

PEER THOUGHTS & BLAZING BULLETIN CHALLENGE



PEER THOUGHTS

By Isabel Parsons

In each newsletter, we will pose a question to our fellow students.

If you could be anyone, living, dead, real, or fictional who would you be and why?

Blazing Bulletin Challenge

By Ethan Parsons

I protect, I stand tall.
My purpose is to strike fear in all.

What am I?

EMAIL YOUR ANSWERS TO MISS
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BOOK AND WEBSITE RECOMMENDATIONS

Liam's Recommendations

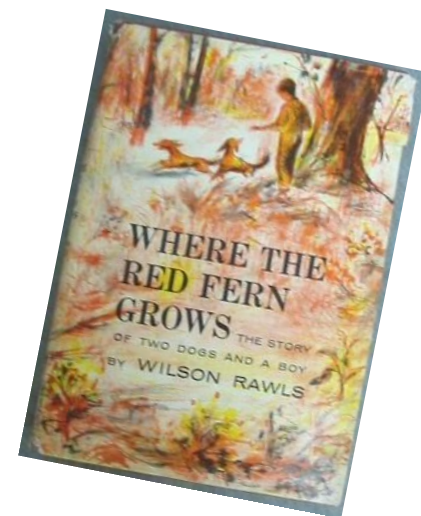
Books- *Where the Red Fern Grows*

by Wilson Rawls

Pax by Sara Pennypacker

Website: Factris

<https://mathigon.org/factris>



Isabel's Recommendation

If you like shorter books that still have adventure, then you should read *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell. It's about a group of kids and a plane crash in a jungle. As they struggle to survive, they pick up on techniques from the surrounding jungle animals.

How to Stay Warm During Cold Weather

Written By: Serenity Rayburn

There are many ways that you can stay warm during winter. The first way is to wear a winter jacket. It is one of the most important ways to keep warm during winter. You can also wear a hat and gloves so that your ears and hands don't freeze. When there is snow on the ground, make sure to wear a good pair of snow boots. Snow boots that can resist moisture and have some grip on the bottom are the best. If it is really cold and there is a lot of snow on the ground, snowpants are also important. This will keep your pants from getting wet from the snow melting and will keep your legs warm. These are some ways to stay warm during cold weather.

Pig Latin How-To-Guide

Written By: Liam Novak

Pig Latin is a game where people alter English words. Someone who wants to speak in Pig Latin would need to move the first consonant to the back of the word and add "ay". If the words begins with a vowel then a person must add a "yay" to the end of the word.

Don't Quit

When times are hard, you might stop for a bit,
But it's not over until the moment you quit.
On a river's bridge, failures are the planks;
Take one step at a time until you reach its banks.

Don't give up on your dreams; chase them instead;
You will find, one morning, as you wake up from bed,

That you are the person about whom you dreamed,
And you can reach great heights, impossible though it seemed.

When things go wrong and your back is to the wall,
Try to stand up; no more can you fall.
Life is full of ups and downs; take them in your stride.
You will discover your little star hidden inside.

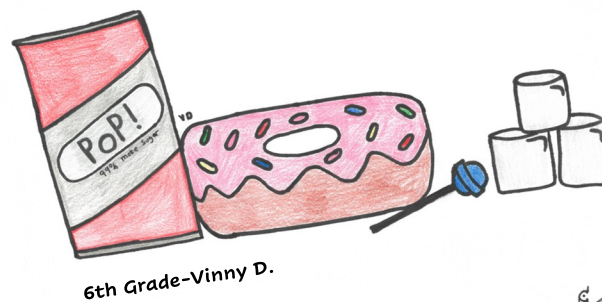
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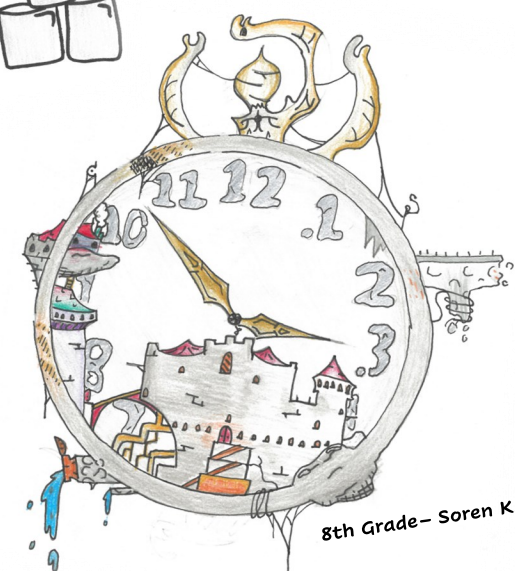
8th Grade- Rena C.



6th Grade-Vinny D.



6th Grade-Vinny D.



8th Grade- Soren K.

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