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Student Spotlight



Kacey Dirksen ~ 7th Grade

Hello, my name is Kacey Dirksen! I am 12 years old, born on February 8th. I have hazel eyes & I'm about 4'11. My hobby and favorite sports I enjoy doing are riding horses and playing soccer. When I grow up I hope to be a Dentist. I love talking to my best friend, Jayla McPherson in my favorite subject, Language Arts. I love the Miami Red Hawks & the Twilight Saga. My favorite place to shop at is Abercrombie; you'll see me wearing anything blue, because it's my favorite color. I love going out to eat with my family; mom, dad & brother and eating crab legs. You'll always see pictures of me hanging out with my friends on Facebook! If I won a million dollars I would buy a cow farm. I also was very surprised when finding out that I won the Student Spotlight, I am very honored; thank you Miss Doan for nominating me!

Morgan Bruno ~ 8th Grade

Hi, my name is Morgan Bruno! I was born April 13, 1998 so that makes me 13. I'm 5'3 with brown eyes. My sister's name is McKenna, and I have 2 dogs. My best friend is Alexce-unna Krewson. When I grow up I want to be a teacher! I play volleyball and softball. My hobby is softball! In my spare time I hang out with my friends! But I don't have a Facebook. MY favorites! Science is the best subject! The Reds is my favorite sports team. My favorite movie is National Treasure. The store I love to shop at is T.J. Max. Blue is my favorite color! But I don't really have a favorite food. With a million dollars I would buy a huge house! And I was very surprised to be student spotlight!



Tyler May ~ 7th Grade

Hi my name is Tyler May. I am 13 years old and I was born on May 24. I don't play any sports and my hobby is battle cards. In my spare time I like to play video games. My favorite subject in school is Language Arts. My best friend is Austin Lamb. I don't really know what I want to be when I grow up. My favorite sports team is the Bengals and my favorite food is hamburgers. My favorite color is green, my favorite store is Dicks, and my favorite movie is Captain America. I have a Facebook. I'm 5'5 and my eye color is blue. I have two siblings, Chloe and K.C. I have 7 pets, 5 cats and 2 dogs. If I had a million dollars I would buy video games. I was very surprised to be the Spotlight Student.



Tyler Burnside ~ 8th Grade

Tyler Burnside is thirteen and plays football and lacrosse. He wants to be in the Navy and his favorite subject is social studies. His favorite sports team is the Baltimore Ravens and his favorite food is pizza. His favorite movie is remember the titans, longest yard. His favorite store is Nike and his favorite color is red. His best friend is Ty Pruet. His birthday is March 19th 1998. He doesn't have any siblings. He has a dog and he has a face book. He plays Xbox in his spare time and his eyes are brown. If he had a million dollars he would buy a sports team and he was surprised that he won the student spotlight.

Christmas List

Acrostic Poem By:
Abbey Martin & Emily Thompson

Caroling

Hot Chocolate

Reindeer

Icy Days

Snow

Trees

Mistletoe

Asking for Presents

Stockings

Lazy Days Off of School

Ice Skating

Santa

'Tis the Season!



Gift Wrapping Tips



By: Austin Gore

Set aside a day for gift wrapping. Make a gift wrapping station. Make a list of all the gifts and who they are for check each item off as you go along .(to stay organized)

If you want you can make your own gift paper, by using brown paper, or the news paper.

If you know woodworking you could use a homemade wooden box.

If you want you could use a gift bag.

Things you might need:

- Scissors
- Weighted tape
- Wrapping paper
- And your creative mind .

How to Make the Perfect Snowman

By: Austin Crist



First you will need a whole lot of snow. Then you need to make a big ball of snow to make the base of the snow man. Then you need to make the middle/ body. You will need a medium sized ball of snow. To make it look good I would put rocks or coal as the buttons . For the head I would make it a little bit smaller than the middle body and use a stick or carrot for the nose. The mouth you need to use something like red licorice and bend it to make the smile. For the arms use sticks about the same size and then you're done.

Candy Cane Cookies

By: Sage Beermann and Davis Baker

Ingredients

- 1 cups of butter (soften)
- 1 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 tsp almond extract
- ½ tsp of salt
- 2 ½ cups all purpose flour
- ½ tsp of red food coloring
- 24 pieces of round peppermint candies
- ¼ sugar
- Melted chocolate (optional for drizzling)

Directions

- Preheat oven to 375°F
- In a mixer bowl, cream the butter and confectioner sugar till lightly fluffy, it takes about beat in the egg, almond extract, vanilla, and add salt. Blend the flour into the mixture in several addictions you need to beat until combine
- Remove half the dough from the bowl. Blend red food coloring into the half remaining in the bowl until the red coloring is mixed even. Cover the dough in a kitchen towel to keep it from drying out as you work.
- use a floured teaspoon to measure 1 tsp each of white and red dough for each cookie.
- roll it into 4in ropes on a lightly floured surface
- You wrap the white and red dough together and you get the candy cane then you put it in the oven
- it will take 20 min to cook when done take off sheet and put on a cooling rack then put the peppermint candy that you crushed in a bag in little pieces on the cookies.



The Rockettes!

By: Emily Thompson



The Rockettes preformed November 28, 2011 in Nashville Tennessee in Gaylord Theater. To be a Rockette you have to be between 5'6 and 5'10. The Rockettes have performed five shows a Day, seven days a week, for 77 years. During Thanksgiving weekend they did a performance in Nashville that I saw. It was a Christmas themed performance. They had 12 scenes they performed. My favorite scene they preformed was the soldiers, they got in a line and fell, it was so cool. At the end of the show they had a part about why we have Christmas it was very pretty. They had real camels and everything! I would definitely recommend seeing the Rockettes performances.

Top 10 Christmas Foods and Drinks

BY: Matt Collom

1. A hot mug of apple cider.
2. Eggnog from the carton or make your own.
3. Leg of lamb- a juicy slice of boneless lamb wrapped in homemade mint pesto.
4. Roasted turkey. If you don't want to deal with the bones, you can get a boneless turkey. They cook faster and they are easier to cut.
5. Cornbread stuffing- sweet, moist and fluffy.
6. Candied sweet potatoes to give more of a sweet taste to your meal.
7. Cranberry sauce. Preferably homemade.
8. Pumpkin Pecan Pie. It is a combination of pumpkin and pecan pie.
9. Christmas Cookies- Snicker Doodles, Truffles, Cinnamon Cookies, etc.
10. Christmas Candy- fudge, peppermints, hard butterscotch candy, butter toffee and whatever else you might like.

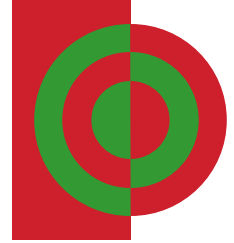
Top 10 Christmas Songs

By: Mitchell Wambach

- 1- *Rudolph, The Red Nosed Reindeer*
- 2- *Frosty The Snowman*
- 3- *I Want A Hippopotamus For Christmas*
- 4- *All I want For Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth*
- 5- *Blue Christmas*
- 6- *Jingle Bell Rock*
- 7- *Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree*
- 8- *Winter Wonderland*
- 9- *Do You Hear What I Hear?*
- 10- *Feliz Navidad*

Peer Mediation is Coming ...

If you are a student who would like to help resolve conflict among your peers and bring peace to MJH, please see Mrs. Barger to learn how to apply to become a peer mediator. Students who are chosen will attend a two-day training with Mrs. Barger in January. After the training occurs, peer mediators will be made available during advisory to help students resolve conflict.



Breaking Dawn Movie Review

By: Hollie Horak And Kenna Bowers

The Twilight Saga, Breaking Dawn Part 1 is a must see! The movie is romantic, funny, and exciting. This one might be the best yet. If you haven't read the books or seen the movies, get up and go! Now it's time to decide, are you team Jacob or team Edward?

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Staff Spotlight:

Mrs. Meibers ~ Language Arts



Hello, my name is Mrs. Meibers. I was born on April 16th. I wanted so bad to be a news reporter when I was younger. I have 2 siblings I am the oldest. I went to Colerain high school. In college I went to the University of Findley. I played volleyball in college because I had a scholarship. If I had to choose any other job in the world it would be a administrative assistant. I am happily married, and have 2 kids. My son, Jackson is 4 1/2 and my daughter, Makenna is 2 1/2. I have been teaching at Monroe for 4 years. I have taught at another school and I loved it. Some of my hobbies would be coaching, and arts and crafts. My favorite sports team would be Oregon State. Some of my favorites are Christmas, and Frisch's. I do not like rides. I watch the Super Bowl every year but I would rather watch college football. I was really surprised to be chosen for teacher spotlight!





Stress Headaches

By: Faizan Cheema

Have a stress headache due to school? Here is a solution. The reason you get headaches is due over thinking or too much worrying about a bad grade (this is what you get for sleeping in class). Young adults are the ones who usually get headaches. I want to say it is caused by going to school but it's not. This type of headache can be caused by depression, lack of sleep. (You can't get enough sleep when you have to wake up and 6 in the morning to go to school) and visual disturbances (That means that you watch too much Television). Solutions would be to calm down and try to study and be ready for the next quiz you have in that class. Or if you're not getting enough sleep then try going to sleep at like 9 pm (that means no playing until 1 in the morning). Also if it is due to your depression then it's probably due to mood swings caused by puberty.

Bullying; are you a bystander?

By: Maddie Hogan

Bullying situations usually involve more than the bully and the victim. They also involve bystanders—people who watch bullying happen or hear about it. ~Some bystanders instigate the bullying by prodding the bully to begin.

~Other bystanders encourage the bullying by laughing, cheering, or making comments that further stimulate the bully. They are the bullies "cheerleaders".

~And other bystanders join in the bullying once it has begun.

~Most bystanders passively accept bullying by watching and doing nothing. Often without realizing it, these bystanders also contribute to the problem. Passive bystanders provide the audience a bully craves and the silent acceptance that allows bullies to continue their hurtful behavior.

You don't have to be the bystander, though. You can stand up for the victim.

~Some bystanders directly intervene, by discouraging the bully, defending the victim, or redirecting the situation away from bullying.

~Other bystanders get help, by rallying support from peers to stand up against bullying or by reporting the bullying to adults.

Bystanders who don't intervene or don't report the bullying often suffer negative consequences themselves. They may experience:

- ~Pressure to participate in the bullying
- ~Anxiety about speaking to anyone about the bullying
- ~Powerlessness to stop bullying
- ~Vulnerability to becoming victimized
- ~Fear of associating with the victim, the bully, or the bully's pals
- ~Guilt for not having defended the victim

Bullies are afraid of numbers. They often pick on people who are alone, or who they know will not report the situation. If you know bullying is happening, get people in numbers to stop the situation. When a bully is confronted with a group of people against them, they get nervous and will most likely stop.

It is important to always stand up for people being bullied. The victim usually can not stand up for themselves, and need help from other people to bring the bully down. It is important to stand up for people being bullied verbally and physically. When you think about bullying, most people think about physical bullying. But in reality, more people are bullied verbally. Bullies often say they are "just kidding" to cover up their hurtful words so they will not be in trouble.

Remember what is considered "hurtful" though. Sometimes your friends are truly kidding around with you. It is when things get out of control, that it is bullying. Or if you are not even really friends with someone and they say hurtful words to you, that is also bullying.

Season Tips Off in Location unlike Any Other

NORTH CAROLINA 67, MICHIGAN STATE 55

The first college basketball game held on a 95,000-ton, Nimitz-class aircraft carrier, and the court was constructed on its flight deck, where fighter jets normally speed away, propelled by catapults that shoot them off at 150 miles an hour into war zones.

With President Obama among the crowd of 8,111, the flight tower, which sailors call The Island, loomed above the court, its radar antennas spinning, its satellites standing sentry.

In his pre-game address, Obama, wearing a brown leather bomber jacket, he seemed struck by the surroundings. His voice echoed across the U.S.S. Carl Vinson, which has provided relief in Haiti after an earthquake, launched air strikes in the Middle East after Sept. 11 and dumped Osama bin Laden's body out at sea.

Even that trick did not work. Michigan State made 27.8 percent of its first-half shots, while North Carolina shot 50 percent, giving the Tar Heels a 36-25 lead. Some of the players said their hands felt cold, which caused North Carolina to design many of its plays to go inside. The Spartans rallied in the second half, but the Tar Heels proved too deep and talented in their camouflage powder blue uniforms.



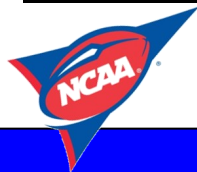
BCS STANDINGS

RANK	TEAM	RECORD
1	LSU	12-0
2	ALABAMA	11-1
3	OKLAHOMA STATE	10-1
4	STANFORD	11-1
5	VIRGINIA TECH	11-1
6	HOUSTON	12-0
7	BOISE STATE	10-1
8	ARKANSAS	10-2
9	OREGON	10-2
10	OKLAHOMA	9-2

WHAT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO SEE?

TEACHER'S POLL

GAME	VOTING %
LSU vs. ALABAMA	53.33%
LSU vs. OKLAHOMA STATE	26.66%
BOISE STATE vs. ALABAMA	0%
LSU vs. BOISE STATE	6.66%
OREGON vs. LSU	13.33%
OKLAHOMA vs. LSU	0%
ARKANSAS vs. LSU	0%



TENTATIVE NBA LABOR DEAL REACHED

NBA owners and players reached a tentative agreement to end the 149-day lockout and hope to begin the delayed season on Christmas Day. Without a change in scheduling, the 2011-12 season will open with the Boston Celtics at New York Knicks, followed by Miami at Dallas in an NBA Finals rematch, before MVP Derrick Rose and Chicago close the tripleheader vs. Kobe Bryant and the Lakers. The league plans a 66-game season and aims to open training camps Dec. 9. Stern has said it would take about 30 days from an agreement to playing the first game.



December Birthdays!

8th Grade

Alexa Coburn
Jordan Bridge
Hannah Gobbo
Danielle Wells
Gabriel Turner
Jacob Vancleave
Hannah Lawson
Kayla Stephens
Adam Mcknight
Savannah McAfee
Dylan Rhodus

7th Grade

Desiree Austin
Gabriel Allen
Kaine Burkett
Nicolo Paola Comendador
Brooke Galdeen
Seth Ledford
Brooklyn Massie
Dylan McGrath
Shayla Meadows
Kaitlin Smith
Aleah Varletts

Did you know?!

By: Matt Collom and Dylan Heitfeld

Who invented Basketball?

James Naismith invented basketball. He invented basketball in 1891. Dr. Luther Gulick instructed for James to invent a indoor game to keep people active. James later founded the University of Kansas basketball program.

Who is Steve Jobs?

Steve Jobs was the founder of apple. He was also the CEO of Pixar Animations. He also became a board member of Walt Disney Company in 2006. Steve Jobs died Oct. 5th 2011. He was only 56 years old. He was born on Fed. 24th, 1955.

What is taurine?

Taurine is an acid that helps balance out the level of salt in the blood. It's most commonly known as an ingredient in energy drinks. It's not proven to provide an energy boost. It is used in meat and fish.

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What is your New Year's Resolution?

By: Hollie and Kenna

Hannah Lawson- Get straight A's all year.

Bailey Jones- Be on homecoming court next year.

Jordan Nerderman- Straight A's

Ryan Grant- Get stronger

Kade Russel- Lose weight

Ni Odametey- Gain weight

Mr. Roy Bechtel- Sweep carpets every other day for my wife

Officer Kahny- Be healthy and happy

There are 3 teacher B-days this month Mr. Stubbs was the 1st, Miss Kaiser was the 5th, and Mrs. Barger's was the 10th.

Mr. Stubbs, a 7th and 8th grade Social Studies teacher just had a birthday on December 1st. He has 3 brothers. His favorite age was 15. He said life was good then. All of his memories are too special to name one of his favorite. We asked some of his school buddies what their favorite memory was with him and here are their answers. Mr. Popplewell said, "I remember when Coach Stubbs won his first game as Head Coach. What a great game and great memory!" Mr. Hunt said, "When we were coaching and we beat Edgewood. Since we both worked there it was a great memory." Mr. Halcomb said "Singing 'What a Beautiful Morning,' before football practice." With the help of Mr. Manning's second block class, we found out Mr. Stubbs turned 48. Congratulations!

Miss Kaiser just had a birthday on December 5th. We asked some of her friends about their memories and here are their answers. Mrs. Thompson said, "When we put hissing cockroaches from Mr. Zimmerman's room in Mrs. Blankenship's desk." Mrs. Hendrickson said, "The golf trip and the exploding golf ball." Mrs. Blankenship said, "When some other teachers and I decorated her room, hid her markers, and put shaving cream on her things for her last birthday." Hope you had a great birthday Miss Kaiser!

Mrs. Barger had a birthday on December 10th. She said her favorite age was the current one. Her favorite memory was when she was 26 and she saw the play 'A Christmas Carol' in San Francisco. That was also the year she met her husband <3. Mrs. Barger is an only child. She normally goes to her parents for her birthday to have dinner. We asked some of her friends about their memories and this is what they had to say. Ms. Badgett remembers her training for olweus for the elementary. Mrs. Hendrickson said "When we found out we were both in the Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority." Ms. Doan said, "Mrs. Barger always makes me laugh and she is very sarcastic. She likes working with her because she is motivated and always on task. They are going to run in a mini-marathon." Mrs. Miebers said, "Hanging out with our friends house and watching football games." Mrs. Dennis said, "The Toledo conference." She was looking for a teacher and knocked on a closet thinking it was her room. Hope you had a great birthday Mrs. Barger.



Make sure to watch for the Yearbook Flyers to come home December 21st!



Where's Rudolf?

Max Armbruster

&

Kyle Humfleet

