



THE MESSENGER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 25- BASKETBALL
VS. POOLE MS

JANUARY 27- NO SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 6- NATIONAL
SCHOOL COUNSELORS
WEEK

FEBRUARY 8- REPORT
CARD DISTRIBUTION

BASKETBALL

Written by Megha K., Jed G., Dorothy N., Spencer W., and Ericka M.

The first ever Hallie Wells basketball teams have done a great job this season. Even though they have yet to win a game, they are giving it their all in every game.

This is a growing year for Hallie Wells athletics. Since we do not have an eighth grade, our teams are only made up of seventh graders, which puts us at a disadvantage.

Despite that disadvantage, both the boys and the girls team are becoming more competitive every game. Both teams played really well against Roberto Clemente last week. Their final game is this Wednesday against Poole Middle School and both teams are very confident that they will get their first win.

The boys team is made up of Milan, Javon, Taye, Ethan, Shawn, Tim, Daniel, Julian, Malachi, Ben, Elliot, and Abdul. They are coached by Mr. Hurtado.

The girls team is made up of Megha, Stephanie, Jessica, Erin, Mildred, Carmen, Olivia, Shannon, Adj, Nolani, Alyssa, and Amanda. The girls are coached by Mr. Ricketts.

Good luck teams!



GEOGRAPHY BEE

Written by Riya P., Aya D., Natalya C. and April T.

On Wednesday, January 11, the Geography Bee school championship was held. Winners from individual class competitions were invited to compete in the final. After a tense competition, including a tie breaker at the end, our final winner was Divya Vakkalanka! Divya will represent Hallie Wells in the area competition in hopes of continuing on to the national competition where she will have a chance at a \$50,000 scholarship! When asked about the competition, Divya said, "It was really surprising, I was shocked!" Congratulations Divya and good luck!

ADVICE

Dear True Lips,

*My parents are getting divorced,.
What should I do?*

-Lonely Life

Dear Lonely Life,

We're so sorry to hear about your parents. Even though our parents are not we can still understand how you feel. Understand that divorce is a difficult time for your parents too. Talk to your parents and tell them how you are feeling. Discuss why they are getting divorced. This does impact you so your voice should be heard too.

Don't be afraid to talk to others as well. We suggest to talk to a friend who has divorced parents, if not a very close friend and if you really are brave and think you need to, the school counselor. We hope this advice helps and wish you good luck. Yours truly,
TrueLipss

Dear RedCoat,

I have 2 referrals and I want to clean up my act. I constantly get in trouble and I don't know how to get better. I don't want to be a trouble maker anymore. Please help me get better at school.

Sincerely,

Dabbingmaster31

Dear Dabbingmaster31,

I agree, you are getting older, it is time to clean up your act. Maybe you should talk to the school counselors, they're great and will definitely help you. They have tons of resources for kids like us. Those referrals aren't going to be there forever, move past them for start fresh. Try hard to stay focused in class and really work on being the good student that I know you are. You can do it!

Good luck,

Red Coat



YEAR IN REVIEW

Written by: Sehaj S., Lisa L. and Mariya P.

As the first semester comes to a close, we wanted to look at the top 5 moments so far at Hallie Wells Middle School! Without further ado, here they are:

5. The Hallie Wells Welcome

What a great way to kick-off the school year. It was great to meet all of the teachers!

4. The softball and basketball seasons.

Despite only having 7th graders, our athletes did a great job. Go Mustangs!

3. The Talent Show

Hallie Wells really has some talent! From gymnastics to singing, it was a great night!

2. The Gallop and Gobble

What a great way to have fun and support the community.

1. The Flag Raising Ceremony

It was a moving tribute to our Veterans and great tradition to start.

NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS!

Written by: Caleigh W, Gabby B, Jenna B, Rane V, and Samhitha G.

It may be the end of January, but there is still time to make a New Years Resolution. We asked around the school and here are some of the most popular resolutions at Hallie Wells: exercise more, spend less time on electronics, get better grades, eat healthier, spend more time outside and get organized. So what's it gonna be? Make it a great year!