



THE MESSENGER

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HALLIE WELLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 4- End of MP1
- November 7- No School for students
- November 8- No School/ Election Day
- November 18- Mustang Gallop and Gobble (details in PE classes)
- November 24 and 25- No School/ Thanksgiving

FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

Written by Athira Nair, Jasmine Parsons and Rane Aina Vitug

The first annual flag raising ceremony was held at Hallie Wells Middle School on October 18, 2016. There, Dr. Woodward invited three guest speakers, Ibi Sofillas of the Clarksburg Chamber of Commerce, Anthony DeShiro from the American Legion, and Mr. Patrick Stevens, a retired Army Chief Warrant Officer and teacher at Hallie Wells, to talk about the three flags being raised, the American Flag, the Maryland Flag, and the newly made Clarksburg Flag. Students from both sixth and seventh grade had the honor of leading the audience in the pledge of allegiance. For sixth grade, they were Riley Nelson, Kayla Wittsack, Yash Sankar, Donwego Moore, and Khalil Turay. For seventh grade, they were Giovana Alvarenga, Lance Carr, Akaal Bhutani, Mildred Degboe, Luyanda Dlamini and Vyoma Mehta.

The 7th grade band and the

combined 6th and 7th grade chorus performed a few songs. The band played the Star Spangled Banner and Glorioso. At the end of the performance God Bless America was played by soloist Sarah Dohlin. The wonderful performance was directed by Mr. Dahlin.

The 6th and 7th grade chorus also had their chance in the spotlight. They beautifully sung America the Beautiful, with Mr. Tilkens accompanying them on the piano.

Hallie Wells' first annual flag raising ceremony was a complete success and we all look forward for many more to come .



GRAND OPENING!

Written by Caleigh, Jenna and Gabriella

Do you know how our middle school got its name? Our middle school is named after Hallie Wells. Hallie and her husband Ovid owned a 235 acre farm near the site of our school. Instead of selling their land, Hallie decided to donate it to the community that she loved. Construction on our school began around 2 years ago when it was clear that Rocky Hill Middle School was overcrowded. The community rallied to name the school after Hallie Wells so that she could be remembered for her generosity for years to come. Now 473 students from Wlms and Cedar Grove elementary call Hallie Wells Middle School home!

BOYS AND GIRLS SOFTBALL OFF TO A GREAT START

Written by Megha Krisghnakumar, Jed Garner, Spencer Williams, Dorothy Nathan and Ericka Montoya Salgado

The first girls and boys softball teams for Hallie Wells has done a great job of representing our school. Our boys team is coached by Mr. Mahoney and our girls team is coached by Ms. Goyne.



When asked why he chose to coach the boys team Mr. Mahoney said, "I enjoy playing baseball and I played it in college as well. Softball and baseball are very similar sports so it is something I enjoy doing. I also wanted to help establish Hallie Wells' first ever softball team."

Both the boys and girls team are made up of some great athletes. The boys team includes 7th graders Dylan, Nicholas, Ethan, Daerek, Jack, Ben, Isaiah, Javon, Taye, Julian, Elijah, Abdul, Jude and John Robert. The girls team includes 7th graders Amanda, Jillian, Megha, Carmen, Jade, Alyssa, Giovanna, Divya, Sanakriti and Hailey.



In their game on October 25th, the boys played outstanding beating King Middle School 17-4. Daerek, Taye and Robbie all hit home runs. Javon pitched a great game with a few strikeouts.

Despite scoring 12 runs, the girls lost a tough game to King on the same day. Carmen had a great day on the mound and Divya and Sanskriti split the catching duties. Amanda and Jade led the team in batting with multiple hits and RBI's.

Both boys and girls teams will finish off their inaugural season on Wednesday October 26. Go Mustangs!



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HALLOWEEN

Written by: Jamie Carlos, Sam Nag, Izzy Hyatt, and Riya Patel.

Halloween is a time of superstitions and celebrations. It is said that Halloween originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain where people wore masks to avoid contact with ghosts.

We asked a few of your favorite staff members at Hallie Wells what they are going to be for Halloween. Click on the link below to guess what they are dressing up as for Halloween.

<https://docs.google.com/a/mustangs-halliewells.org/d512tyM/prefill>

DO YOU NEED ADVICE?

Do you need advice? Well we've got your back! This is AD (7th grade) and TrueLips (6th grade) and we're here to help you through the toughest years of life A.K.A middle school! If you need advice on life or school problems, just drop your letter in the advice box that is in the media center. When you write your letter, please use an anonymous name and we will get back to you ASAP. We'll check them very often and we hope you'll come to us for advice, because we're very helpful and supportive!

