



THE MESSENGER

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HALLIE WELLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

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UPCOMING EVENTS

December 8- Talent Show
December 8- Book Fair Begins
December 15- Basketball Season Begins
December 23- Basketball Jamboree
December 24-January 2- Winter Break

THE INAUGURAL MUSTANG GALLOP AND GOBBLE

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

The inaugural Mustang Gallop and Gobble was held on Friday, November 18. The Gallop and Gobble featured around 100 student runners and a few parents who ran the one and a half mile course. The rest of the student body walked a separate mile long course. The weather was perfect for the run. It was a warm day in which the sun was shining in everyone's eyes. Some local neighbors even watched from their windows and driveways.

The Gallop and Gobble supported a local charity, Damascus Help. Damascus Help provides food and clothing to needy families in the Damascus and Clarksburg communities. The students at Hallie Wells were asked to donate 1000 cans and/or dollars for the charity. We exceeded our goal, raising over 1,500 cans and dollars!

After the Gallop and Gobble all of the runners and walkers met in the cafeteria to present the cans of food to Damascus Help and to hear the names of the winners of the run. In sixth grade, the girls race was won by Riley Nelson, followed by Ellie Tsahalís and Irene Lee. Jed Garner won the boys race, followed by Josiah Lim and Michael Mitchell. In seventh grade, the girls race was won by Hailey Chung, followed by Karis Suh and Victoria Bergstrom. Matthew Levine won the boys race followed by Javon Walker and Emeka Nsolo. The top winners from each grade level won a Gallop and Gobble shirt designed by Morgan Mason.

We are so proud of our winners and all of the Hallie Wells Mustangs and we look forward to next year's event!



EMPOWER HOUR

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

Have you ever wondered what Empower Hour is? Empower Hour is an activity held almost every day at school. Hallie Wells is one of a few schools that have Empower Hour. Dr. Woodward introduced the idea because she wanted to give the staff and students a chance to explore different interests during the school day. Some examples of Empower Hour activities include SGA, Pop Culture, The Newspaper Club, Pinterest Interest, Sewing, Rubik's Cube and Play40. It's a time for students to participate in activities they might not be able to do in a normal school day and to build relationships with teachers they might not normally have. Students will be able to choose new activities next semester. Students and teachers both really seem to enjoy Empower Hour!

MEET MS. RAY AND MR. LEVI

Written by Izzy H., Riya P., Jamie C., and Sam N.

Ms. Ray and Mr. Levi are part of the wonderful staff at Hallie Wells Middle School. When you visit Hallie Wells you are likely to see one of their smiling faces right away because they both work in the main office.

Ms. Ray is our attendance secretary. She came to Hallie Wells from Jones Lane Elementary School. Among many other things, Ms. Ray compiles the schools attendance everyday. Working in a school wasn't always Ms. Ray's dream. When she was a child she always wanted to be an auto mechanic!

Ms. Ray is a die hard Green Bay Packers fan. In fact, her dream job is to one days coach the Packers in the NFL! She recently went to the Redskins Packers game at FedEx field. Unfortunately she came away disappointed as the Packers lost on a very cold night. In her spare time Ms. Ray loves to babysit her grandchildren and spend time at the beach. Her favorite food is peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and her favorite holiday is Christmas.

Mr. Levi works in the main office as well. He came to Hallie Wells from Neelsville Middle School. Mr. Levi does many different jobs at Hallie

Wells including working in the office, greeting visitors, helping in the cafeteria and working with students. He loves working at Hallie Wells, but his dream job would be to be a statesman. His favorite sports team is the Terrapins from the University of Maryland!

In his spare time, Mr. Levi enjoys playing chess. He loves the challenge of the game. One of his favorite foods is lobster. Fancy! His favorite holiday is Easter.

Ms. Ray and Mr. Levi do a lot to help the school run smoothly and we are very lucky to have them.



LOCKER TIPS AND TRICKS

Written by: Athira Nair

We all know that middle school can be tough, and having a messy locker doesn't help. So what to do? Well, these few tips and tricks can make middle school lockers neat and organized.

Tip #1: By placing magnetized whiteboards on the inside of your locker door, you can write down notes, your schedule or after school activities you participate in.

Tip #2: Locker shelves can be found from stores like Walmart or Target. You can put them in the bottom of your locker and store your books and notebook in them. Or, you can find one that sticks on the side and store pens and pencils. The possibilities are endless.

Tip #3: Hooks that are removable like Command allows you to easily hang your backpack, lunch box, or binder if the hooks in your locker aren't suitable. Now, you won't have a cluttered mess on the bottom of your locker or things constantly falling off.

ADVICE

Dear Redcoat,

"My friends are not making time for me and are not hanging out with me. I think they are avoiding me. What should I do?" -Harambe 125

Dear Harambe125,

If your friends are acting like this then they are not true friends. Find friends that will treat you better and don't ignore you. Make sure you don't change yourself to make friends. Stay true to who you are.

XOXO, Redcoat

Do you need advice. Submit your questions in the box in the Media Center and our experts will reply with fantastic advice!

