



THE MESSENGER

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HALLIE WELLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 10 and 11- Half Days

November 18- Mustang Gallop and Gobble

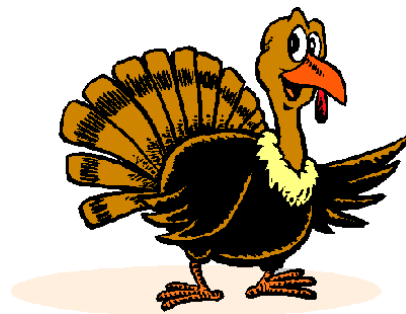
November 24 and 25- No School/ Thanksgiving

December 1- Honor Roll Celebration

GIVING THANKS

Written by Cierra, Senaf, Asifa, Megha, Olivia S, Olivia Z and Madison

Thanksgiving is right around the corner, and everyone is talking about it. So, what is Thanksgiving anyway? The first Thanksgiving was neither a feast, nor a holiday. It was just a simple gathering. The event that Americans commonly call the 'First Thanksgiving' was celebrated by the Pilgrims after their first harvest in the New World in 1621. Abraham Lincoln finally made Thanksgiving a federal holiday in 1863. In 1941, a bill signed by the President moved Thanksgiving to the 4th Thursday in November.



A common practice on Thanksgiving is to go around the dinner table and

say what we are most thankful for. So we asked students and staff what they were thankful for!

Hrishita M is thankful for her family, Taco Bell and dogs!

Paula L said that she was thankful for Starbucks.

Nipun K said that he was thankful for his mom, television, basketball, tennis and video games.

Samira is thankful for her pet fish.

Mrs. Sterling is thankful for living on the East Coast because there are four seasons.

Mr. Owen is thankful for a working car.

Mrs. Albright is thankful for her Pinterest Empower Hour.

Mrs. Hanten is thankful for the ability to travel the way she can.

Mrs. McGee is thankful for the invention of Doritos and pay at the pump.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

VETERANS DAY



Written by Lisa L, Sehaj S. Sephora B, and Alex L.

Veteran's day is a public holiday held on the anniversary of the end of World War I (November 11) to honor US veterans and victims of all wars. Our very own science teacher, Mr. Stevens, served in the military for thirty-four years in the US Army. He served in multiple tours in Iraq. Mr. Stevens stated, "I first joined to help pay for college and I always wanted to fly helicopters." Thank you for your service Mr. Stevens!

MEET MS. THOMAS

Written by Mariya P and Sephora B

Ms. Thomas is our wonderful Assistant Principal here at Hallie Wells. We wanted to get to know her a little more. Here is what we found out!

What college did you go to?

I went to Penn State to get an undergraduate degree in special education. I have a Masters in Instructional Technology from New York Institute of Technology. Then I received an administrative certificate from Johns Hopkins University.

What is your role as the Assistant Principal?

There are a lot of responsibilities. I make sure everyone was is safe and happy while they are learning. That's basically my day!

What made you want to become an Assistant Principal?

I wanted to become an Assistant Principal because I can still work with students and still work with teachers. Dr. Woodward's job is to have the vision and my job is to make it come true. So Dr. Woodward says she want's to have students wear Pink on National Pink Day, so I think who do I have to contact to get it done. I love that about my role as an Assistant Principal.

What's your favorite part of Hallie Wells?

I love everything! I saw the school being built and I couldn't wait for it to open. The first thing I love is the students. Everyday I learn a new student's name. I love to see

you guys learn, it gets me energized. I love the staff, the building, the media center, the high desks in the world studies classrooms...I love it all!

What are your favorite hobbies?

Watching all New York sports teams win, the Giants, Yankees, Knicks, etc. I also like playing Candy Crush and Words with Friends. I love to read and most of all I love to travel, like to the beach. If it could, I would sit on the beach and read or play Candy Crush all day!



RED RIBBON WEEK

Written by Avery C., Isabella D. and Brooke K.

Hallie Wells celebrated Red Ribbon Week October 24-28. Red Ribbon Week began after the kidnapping of Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena in 1985. During Red Ribbon Week students pledged to live a drug free lifestyle.

Our school spread the word of being drug free by participating in PJ Day, Hat Day, School Spirit Day, Sport Teams Day, Wear Red Day and Costume day! Hallie Wells did a great job supporting a drug free lifestyle by going all out on Red Ribbon Week! Now it's your turn, tell your family and friends about the importance of being healthy and drug free!



OUR FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT HWMS

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

We went around and asked a few students about their favorite things about Hallie Wells Middle School. Lisa O. told us her favorite part of her day was the teachers, her friends and lunch! Lisa really enjoys all of her classes but she really likes band and Spanish. Allie B. said the teachers are awesome and nice. Allie also likes Spanish and science and thinks the science rooms are really nice. Finally, Chris T said that he loves the gym, fitness room and the outdoor space. There is so much space for PE, it's awesome! That's what our Mustangs like about Hallie Wells Middle School!