



COMMERCE MIDDLE SCHOOL



TIGER TALES



The Legend of Spook Light Road Peoria, Oklahoma



Located near the Missouri border in the northeastern part of the state, the small town of Peoria is home to a big legend. Reports of the mysterious "[Spook Light](#)" have plagued the area for hundreds of years without any concrete explanation despite numerous investigations. Some credit the flickering orbs seen at night to gas and mineral deposits and refracted headlight beams, but all have been discredited upon further examination.

Numerous local legends have tried to explain the phenomenon. Everything from star-crossed lovers who leapt to their deaths to a Civil War soldier who was struck in the head by a cannonball are credited as possible paranormal sources for the anomaly. One of the more popular theories is that a local miner, who tragically lost his head in a mining accident, is now wandering the area by lamp light searching for the lost appendage. The only thing known for certain is that the Army Corps of Engineers described the Spook Light as a "mysterious light of unknown origin" in 1946 and it has remained the best explanation ever since.

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Cry Baby Bridges



While tales of crybaby bridges are spread all across America, there are a surprising number of them in Oklahoma. The most famous ones in the state are in Moore, Bixby, Kellyville, Lawton, and Vinita. In all of these myths, a mother either murders or accidentally kills her children while crossing the bridge. Many claim that at these spots you can hear babies crying, mothers screaming, and that you can even interact with the ghosts of the tiny dead children who haunt the bridges.

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PRIZES!



In this newspaper are three riddles. If you are the first person to solve one of the riddles you can win a prize. Find Ethan Thomason at locker 183 to give your answer and collect your prize. *only one winner per riddle



8th Grade Masked Students

by: Rosalinda & Danni



Who are you going to be for Halloween? I don't celebrate Halloween
What is your shoe size- 5
How tall are you- 5' 1/2"
Hint about me- I wear one bracelet everyday
Hobby- eating spicy food
How many siblings- 6
Hair color- Black



Who are you going to be for Halloween? No one
What's your shoe size- 10 1/2
How tall are you- 5' 7"
Hints about me:
Wanna be Edgar, plays football
How many siblings- 3
Hobby- hanging with friends
Hair color- brown-ish

If you can identify one of the "masked students" from their question answers, find Rosa or Danni DURING LUNCH to answer and receive your prize.

Riddle #1

Hint: a common object

With pointed fangs I sit and wait
With piercing force, I dole out fate
Over bloodless victims, I proclaim
my might
I can eternally join with a single
bite.
What am I?

October Birthdays

By: Dailan

Ezequiel M. -1
Yanell G. - 4
Nathan F. -8
Hayden C. -9
Kenzie B. -12
Maycie M. -14
Jaxon D. -15
Braxton R. -16
Bailey V. -16
Alyssa E. -21
A'lona L. -28
Jorge M. -28
Zaylan F. -31



A Note From Your Principal

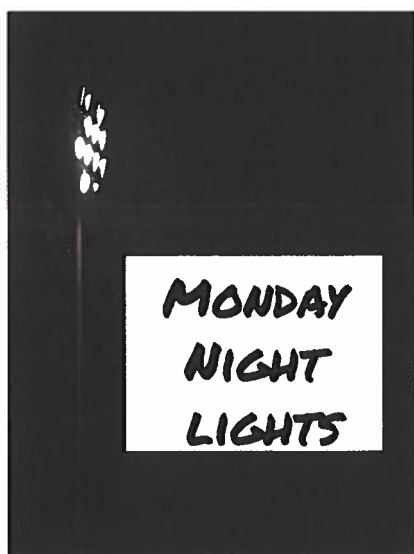
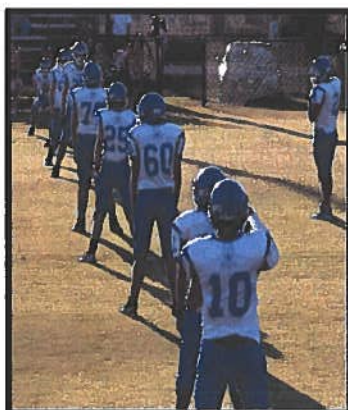
Congratulations students and staff. We have reached the end of the 1st 9 weeks of the 2022/23 school year.

Your hard work has made it a great start to the year. Enjoy your well-earned Fall Break and come back on October 17th ready for the push toward the holidays. Thank you for all of your hard work. Have a safe and fun long weekend.

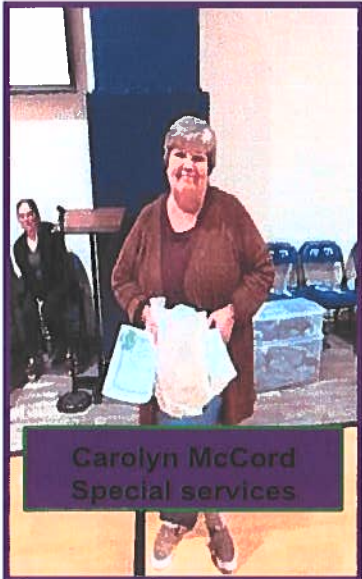
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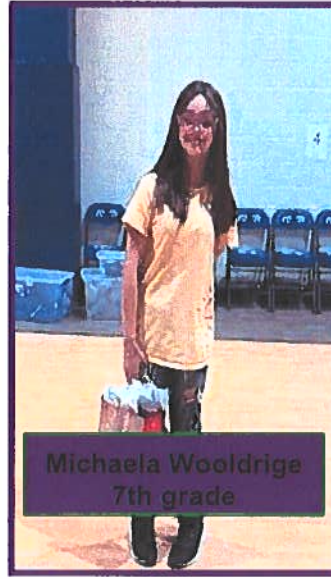
OCTOBER EMPLOYEE AND STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



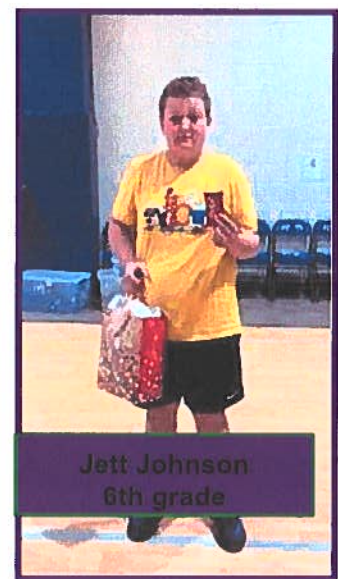
Carolyn McCord
Special services



Brittany Pascual-Gonzalez
8th grade



Michaela Wooldrige
7th grade



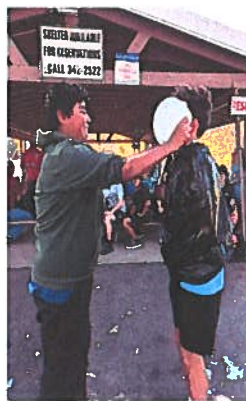
Jett Johnson
6th grade

TSA FUN DAY BY: DONTAY



CMS TSA Officers

The Eastern region kicked off the year with a Fun Day on October 4th. The purpose was to meet the local chapters and enjoy fun competitions. They had a glider competition, volleyball, face painting, capture the flag, hot dog eating contest, and the regional officers and advisors were it with pies for an American Cancer Society fundraiser.



The Superstition of the Black Cat Explained

By: Julian Ciccarello



In some cultures, such as the Egyptians, cats were considered divine symbols, and in Greek mythology cats were also highly regarded. However, to the Christian church cats were considered a threat. During the middle ages it was not uncommon for cats to be blamed for certain events that happened. Some blamed cats for spreading the Bubonic plague. The belief in medieval Europe was that the devil and witches were able to transform into cats. Therefore, they thought that a black cat crossing your path might be a witch or a devil, and no one wants to cross paths with the devil. This is probably why black cats are seen as bad omens. (history.com).

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Riddle #2

By: Ethan Thomason

I have a name but it isn't mine
You don't think of me in your prime
People cry when I'm in their sight
Others lie with me all day and night
What am I?



Halloween art by Brayden Cody



Student Survey-Video Games & You Tube Creators

by: Dontay Ware

Top 5 Games :

1# FNAF

FNAF, Or Five Night At Freddy's, Is a horror game franchise where you play as a nightguard in a pizza restaurant. The game is fairly dark, so consider this a warning.

2# Granny

Granny is a Horror Game where you try to escape from a crazy grandma's house. The game is somewhat dark, so consider this a warning.

3# Doors - Roblox

Doors is a horror game on Roblox where you try to escape a hotel with seemingly infinite doors. The game is almost not dark at all other than death

4# COD Zombies

COD Zombies, Or Call Of Duty Zombies is a Survival Horror game where you try to survive as long as you can against an infinite hoard of zombies. The game is fairly dark and has some blood, so consider this your warning

5# Shrek in the Backrooms - Roblox

Shrek in the Backrooms is a meme horror game where you try to escape the backrooms while Shrek chases you. The game isn't really dark at all other than implied death, but it does have jumpscars.

Top 5 Youtubers :

1# Sam and Colby

Sam and Colby are haunted exploration and ghost hunter youtubers that explore haunted places. Their most popular video is The Stanley Hotel /.

2# Tubbo

Tubbo is a youtuber that streams Minecraft and is part of the Dream SMP. He is British and loves his fans and friends.

3# Leigh McNasty

Leigh McNasty is a content creator on TikTok that found his way into making content by getting over 3 million followers. He posts mainly funny content.

4# Coryxkenshin

Coryxkenshin is a black youtuber that streams lots of different games. He also does his special Skoopy Scary Sunday every sunday, and he refers to his fans as "samurai"

5# Emberjack18

Emberjack18 is a small youtuber that is very dedicated to his fans. He posts mostly FNF content, but sometimes he posts other content.



DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT

A scary story by creative writing student Kalliah Taylor



I was stirred suddenly from my slumber and my dreams by the thundering sound of my telephone on the bedside table. I gathered my thoughts as I clumsily reached for the phone. As I placed the receiver to my ear, all I could hear were twisted screams sounding like people in pain begging for help. It was difficult, but I heard one indescribable voice say, "Get out of the house"

The call ended abruptly. I could have sworn that voice felt closer to me than at the end of a telephone line. I shifted myself back to my side of the bed while rubbing my tired eyes. My wife nudged me, apparently also woken by the call. She wrapped her arms around me giving me a soft kiss on the cheek.

"Don't worry about it," she whispered softly.

Her gentle voice calmed me down and I dozed back into my dreams. A few hours later, the phone rang again. I shot up in bed, fumbled for the phone dropping it to the ground. As I reached for the floor to pick it up, I felt my wife pull away from me. Suddenly a cold, sharp hand tightened around my neck stopping me from reaching the phone. It was then I realized this was not the touch of my wife.

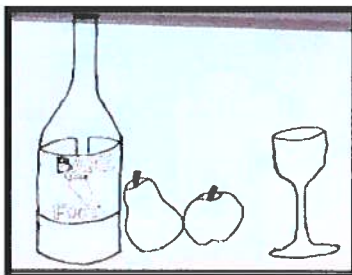
"Don't worry about it. It's too late to save her now"



What is growing on Coach Medlin's ceiling? His seventh grade geography class just finished a recent project for making balloons into globes. The globes display the seven continents and major oceans. The eighth grade classes are also working on a project about the American Revolution. By: Michaela Churchill

RIDDLE #3 By: Ethan Thomason

It is Halloween and your friends dare you to go into a haunted house. You creep up to the entrance; a little scared wondering what is behind the door. As you enter, there is a long hallway leading to three doors. You try to turn back, but when you turn around the door is closed and locked. You yell for help but there is only silence. The room is dark, but you see a light switch and turn it on. Sadly, the power is out. You have no choice but to follow the long hallway to the three doors in pitch black. Behind one door is a bottomless pit with no end. Behind another door is an electric chair which you must sit in. Behind the last door is a pool full of acid. You must enter one of the rooms. Which one should you choose?



CMS art classes completed an assignment on contour. Next, they will be learning about Google apps and creating spooky slides for Halloween. By Michaela Churchill

CMS STUDENT COUNCIL

ANNUAL
HALLOWEEN DANCE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2022
7:00-9:00 PM

MIDDLE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

MOVE YOUR BONES TO THE DJ DUNN BEAT
Students 5th grade to 8th grade only!

PRIZES FOR BEST COSTUME



UNITY DAY
OCT 19, 2022

WEAR AND SHARE
ORANGE
FOR
KINDNESS
ACCEPTANCE
INCLUSION

UNITY DAY
PACER ORG/UNITY DAY

The Counselor's Corner
By: Katelynn Boman

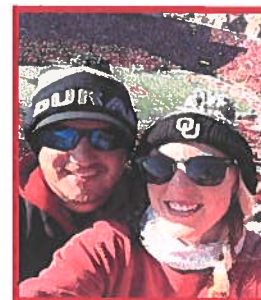
October was designated as National Bullying Prevention Month. Unity Day is an anti-bullying campaign being held on October 19th. This special day was created to unite all people in schools, communities, and online against bullying. The color orange was chosen to represent Unity Day because it is described as vibrant, warm, and inviting, and is commonly associated with safety and visibility. Every student is encouraged to wear something orange on Wednesday, October 19th. Let's have 100% participation.



Teacher Spotlight

Mr. Lee Lawson

By: Deana Martinez



Why did you choose to come to Commerce Middle School? I love working with young people and helping them reach their goals and dreams. Commerce Middle School has a reputation as a school that cares for its students and supports its staff.

If teaching doesn't work out for you, what job do you have in mind? Well, I certainly hope that teaching does work out! But I am also coaching, and I intend to develop my skill set where I can do one, the other, or both in the future. A long term goal of mine is to become a golf coach.

When did you realize you wanted to be a teacher? It has been in the back of my mind for a long time. My mother-in-law has been a teacher for 25+ years, and she has always encouraged me to give it a try.

Where did you grow up? I grew up in Owasso - a suburb just north of Tulsa. I graduated high school there in 2002. Yeah - I know I'm older than I look...

What pets do you have and how many, what's their names and how long have you had all of them for? My wife and I have one little dog. Her name is Oreo. We have had her for 9 months. She was a rescue from the Grove animal shelter, and she is the best little dog that we could ask for. We take her on adventures everywhere, and her favorite thing to do is ride around in our golf cart and hunt for squirrels!

When did you meet your wife? I met her when I was working at the Oklahoma State University campus in Okmulgee in 2011.

Have you ever been out of the United States? Yes, only once. To Costa Rica many years ago. There was an earthquake when I was there!

Where would you go for your vacation? Anywhere there is sunshine, golf, and preferably mountains!

What's your favorite meal that your wife makes? Um, my wife doesn't really cook. Our arrangement is that I do most of the cooking, and she is generous enough to do most of the cleaning. Thankfully she thinks I am a good cook! Our favorite food, which we will always choose when we eat out, is sushi.

Who's your favorite person at the moment? Interesting question. I have to say my wife Tara, because she is the same now as she was when I met her. She is smart, humble, trustworthy, supportive, successful, and hard working. She definitely deserves the credit for the wonderful relationship that we have and the life that we enjoy together. I am fortunate to have a good group of friends too, all of which share many of those same characteristics.

A BOOK REVIEW BY: NICHOLAS LAYMAN

The Percy Jackson Series

One of my favorite book series is Percy Jackson and the Olympians by Rick Riordan. It's an amazing book series that I started reading around a year or two ago after hearing about it. Percy Jackson follows the story of Perseus "Percy" Jackson, a boy who discovers he is a demigod, the son of Poseidon. He was abandoned by his father because of an oath made by the Big Three (Zeus, Poseidon and Hades), the sons of Cronus, to not father any more children after World War II.

If you like a book where you can sit down and just enjoy it then I would recommend Percy Jackson. It takes time to develop the characters and the story at a moderate rate with the story getting more and more interesting as the series goes on. The main character Percy is a character that you can't help liking. He's brave, adventurous and loyal to his friends. You also have Grover, a Satyr from Greek mythology on a search for the great god Pan and a girl named Annabeth, a daughter of Athena who desires to be an architect. Both amazing characters could have books of their own. The characters are that well written. I have to keep this short but if anything on here peaked your interest. The series is in the library. The first book being Percy Jackson and The Lightning Thief.

The series titles are: Lightning Thief, Sea of Monsters, Titan's Curse, Battle of the Labyrinth, and Last Olympian.

