CURRENT EVENTS @ THE MALTA MIDDLE SCHOOL

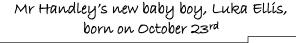
- Written by the 7th grade students in Mrs. Lien's *Current Events* classes



The Malta Middle School Student Council 2021

BY BELLA VAN NUS

This year the Malta Middle School Student Council has been very busy! Some of the things the Student Council has done so far is the Elliot's of Montana fundraiser where we sold cookie dough, pasta, trail mix, etc. We also put up a unity tree in the hallway of the middle school with leaves of kindness that students wrote anti-bullying messages on. The advisor of the student council is Mrs. Clausen. There are about 40 students in Student Council this year. The Student Council Officers this year are: President -Rylee Brusse, Vice President - Denvyr Tuss, and Secretary - Neva Jacobson. Some upcoming Student Council events are the Middle School dance on Friday, December 17th, Gifts of Kindness board in the hallway with acts of kindness for each day of the week, a coloring contest and holiday apparel week, December 15-22. On Wednesday, December 22nd we are going to do Christmas movies and reindeer games for the final day of school before Christmas break!







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Middle School Fall Play

"Wind in the Willows"

BY AMELIA JOHANNESEN

The Malta Middle School Fall Play, under the direction of Mrs. LaBrie, was called Wind in the Willows, By Michael Hulett. The play was performed on November 29th and 30thin the auditorium. The performers practiced the play for about 6 weeks. There were 9 people in the play; 5 middle school students (Sabre Simms, Courtney Merriman, Brittalia Drabbles, Taya Wilke and Kyle Mayer), 4 High School students, 3 stagehands and Mrs. Murdock was the accompanist. I interviewed Mrs. LaBrie and she said that her favorite part of the play was when the Toad (Sabra) and the Judge (Emma) were fighting. Another of her favorite scenes was when the Mole (Courtney) was walking behind the audience, she also said that all of the scenes were really good! The hardest scene she said was the Gypsy scene because there was a big prop that they had to move on the stage. I asked her if it was fun setting up for the play and she said, "yes it was very fun!" She doesn't have a favorite character but she said, "they all were great". I watched the play on the opening night and thought it was really good.







THE SPORTS PAGE

GIRLS BASKETBALL SEASON A SUCCESS!

8TH GRADE BASKETBALL

BY CARSON SAUTTER

The 8th grade girls' basketball team had a perfect season with 13 wins and 0 losses. They played against Scobey, Poplar, Whitewater, Wolf Point, Glasgow and Harlem and beat them all. There were 12 girls on the team, Mrs. Cederberg was the coach and Mackayla was their manager. Mrs. Cederberg said their toughest competition was against Scobey and Poplar. Denvyr was the high scorer of the season with 162 points. I asked Mrs. Cederberg who the MVP of the team was and she said, "the whole team". Congratulations on winning the Championship this year and going undefeated this season!

7TH GRADE BASKETBALL

BY KAYDEN GREEN

Ms. Scott said that the 7th grade girls team had a very good this year and their record was 5-6. There were 11 girls on the basketball team and the manager was Saydee. The top scorer for the 7th grade team was Tailynn. The most improved player was Carly. Ms. Scott said, "It was a really good season. The whole team improved every day and came to learn. They are a great bunch of girls and I can't wait to watch their basketball careers unfold." Ms. Scott is looking forward to next year with this crew! Congratulations girls.



The 8th grade girls' basketball team goes undefeated for the season and wins the Championship in the tournament in Glasgow.

L to R: Back row: Coach Cederberg, Brooklynn, Karlie, Denvyr, Shaylee, Kendall, Emree, Kenzie, Mackayla. Front row: Tyson Cederberg, Karl, Neva, Layla, Sadie, M.J.



The 7th grade girls' basketball team wins 2nd place in the year end tournament in Glasgow.

L to R: Back row: Saydee, Tilli, Danny, Emma, Tailynn, Averee, Coach Scott. Front row: Renzey, Amelia, Bella, Carly, Caitlyn.

BASKETBALL

7th AND 8th GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL

BY FINN WITMER

Boys 7th and 8th grade basketball practice starts January 3rd. The first game is the Glasgow Jamboree on January 8th. The final games will be on February 12th at the tournament held here in Malta. The coach for 7th and 8th grade is going to be Jake Stuart and Allen Williamson. Best of luck to the Malta Middle School basketball boys teams this season.

5TH AND 6TH GRADE BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL

BY BOBBY MAYER

The 5th and 6th grade basketball season is starting soon. The first day of practice for the boys is Monday, December 13th at the Elementary gym (practices Mondays and Tuesdays) and the first day of practice for the girls is Thursday, December 16th at the Elementary gym (practices Thursdays and Fridays). They will play at half time of some of the home varsity basketball games this season. The coach will be Mrs. Depuydt.

FOOTBALL

7th and 8th Grade Football

BY FINN WITMER

The Middle School Mustangs played against three different teams this season; Wolf Point, Glasgow and Lewistown. The 7th and 8th grade played together against the Wolf Point 7th and 8th grade team and won. The 7th graders played the Glasgow 7th grade and Lewistown 7th grade teams and lost. The 8th graders also played against the Glasgow 8th grade and Lewistown 8th grade and lost. We lost more than we won, but we did really well. Our coach Hal Moore even said that "We had a great football season."



FFA



Malta Middle School had 4 students in FFA that traveled to Geraldine to compete at winter districts. One middle school student competed in prepared speaking and a team of four for sales. Congratulations Sadie Branham for placing 3rd in prepared speaking! For sales: Sadie Branham - 12th place, Layla Messerly - 17th place, Kenzie LaBrie - 28th place, Karlie LaBrie - 31st place. "This was their first contest selling Safe-guard animal dewormer and did absolutely fantastic!" Mrs. Murphy, FFA Teacher.



Our Malta Middle School Principal

Middle School 1st Trimester Honor Roll

BY LASHAWNTAY LAPLANTE

Cth Crede	7th Crode	Oth Crode
6 th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th Grade
Addison Benson	Bridger Benton	MJ Beaman
Steeler Blunt	Emma Ereaux	Kylie Bishop
Kamber Brockie	Caitlyn Lankford	Sadie Branham
Liv Cote	Averee Matthews	Kendall Clausen
Hudson Honey	Carly Mears	Sonny Gray
Trevor Knowles	Renzey Raymond	Brooklynn Knowles
Hoyt Mahan	Isabella Van Nus	Shaylee Hines
Kazner Oxarart	Tailynn Wilke	Neva Jacobson
Jeremey Scott		Karl Johnson
Sabra Sims		Karlie LaBrie
Lane Spencer		Kenzie LaBrie
Silas Young	4	Layla Messerly
Olias Tourig		Dawson Hammond
		Alyssa Scott
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		TJ Siewing
CONGRATULATIONS!		Straud Sims
		Lola Snell
		Emree Stuart
		Denvyr Tuss
		Amanda Volk
	•	Kael Young

New Middle School Principal

BY BELLA VAN NUS

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Mrs. Cederberg is our new Malta Middle School Principal this year and she has been a wonderful principal so far! Montana State University Billings must've taught her well while she was in college because she is the best. Mrs. Cederberg grew up in Ronan, MT and graduated from high school there. After high school she attended MSU-Billings and received a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education with a minor in Health and Physical Education. In 2020 she got her Master's degree in K-12 School Counseling and she is currently attending MSU online for her Master's in Educational Leadership. She said that she got into teaching because she loves education and teaching kids. Some facts about her are that her favorite color is blue and she loves dogs. Things she likes to do with school other than teaching is the extra curriculars school has to offer like sports, musicals, and plays. Mrs. Cederberg's favorite sports are Mustang and M-Ette Basketball. She has two sons; Tyson, 9 years old and Tanner, 6 years old. Mrs. Cederberg says that she loves sports. She hasn't only coached sports but she has also played many sports. In middle school and high school, she played volleyball, basketball, track and tennis. She also coached 8th grade girls basketball this year and they were undefeated. She has a lot of experience in teaching. She taught 3rd grade for two years, K-8 teacher at a Hutterite Colony for three years, 4th grade for 2 years and was a middle school tutor here. Now she teaches PE and Health as well as being our Middle School Principal.



Chosen, Interviewed and Written BY IZABELLA DUMAS

Rylee's favorite subject in school this year is Geography. Most kids don't enjoy school but Rylee said she does! Rylee's birthday is April 14th and she's currently 12. Rylee lives with her mom, Tara, step-dad, Steve and twin sister Averee. She also has another sister, Emmy and 3 brothers; Taylor, Andrew and Satchel. For the holidays this year Rylee is staying home and her cousins and other family are coming to Malta for Christmas. Rylee's favorite season is winter and her favorite color is white, kind of like winter. She said she is a dog and cat person but sadly is allergic to cats. Rylee doesn't have a favorite sports team but she loves to go to all the sports games and cheer teams on. She used to play basketball and volleyball but can't anymore because she has knee problems. Her favorite holiday is Christmas because she likes to drink hot chocolate and drive around and see the houses decorated in Christmas lights!

Band and Music Christmas Concert:

Thursday, December 16th at 7pm



BY LANDON HONEY

Band Christmas Concert

On Thursday, December 16th there will be a Middle School Christmas band and choir concert. There are 44 students in the 7th and 8th grade band and 21 students in the 6th grade band. The songs the band will play are "Merry Bells of Christmas", "Crazy Mixed-up Christmas", and "Doctor Rockenstein". Mr Engebretson said these will be the main songs played but there might also be more. The concert will be held in the Malta Auditorium along with the music concert.

Music Christmas Concert

The Middle School Christmas choir concert is also at 7:00pm on the 16th. The 6th, 7th and 8th grade students will be doing a concert with the 6th graders doing an act. The songs they will play and sing are "Silent Night, "Here Comes Santa Claus", and "Jingle Bell Rock". The 6th graders are acting while they sing the songs "Here Comes Santa Claus" and "Jolly Old St- Nicholas". The 6-8th grade boys are going to sing one song called "Little Drummer Boy". The 6-8th grade girls are going to sing "Jingle all the way" and "Bethlehem Lullaby". Come and see the Christmas concert for yourself to hear these songs and your middle school musicians.



BUILDER'S CLUB

Builder's Club having a lunch meeting and planning their December service projects.

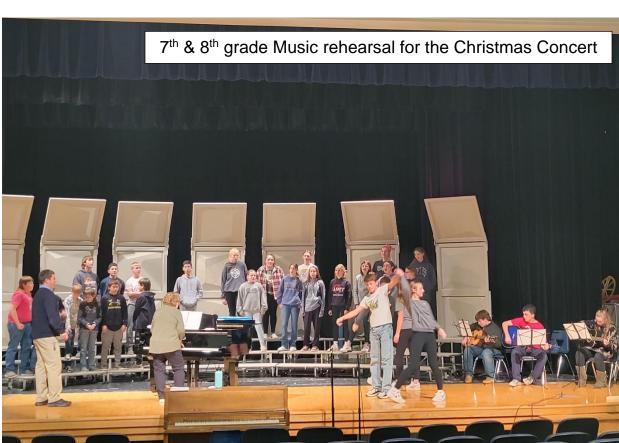


BY BELLA VAN NUS AND AMELIA JOHANNESEN

Our Middle School Builder's Club advisor is Mrs. Simanton, the officers for this year are;

President - Layla Messerly, Vice President - Renzey Raymond, Secretary - Caitlyn Lankford, Treasurer - Saydee Kapp. There are 22 students in Builder's Club this year. The projects we're currently working on are buying toys for the Toys for Tots program for the holiday season, making donations to the Kid's Club in Malta, making Christmas cards for the Retirement home and we are also planning to start a new student buddy system to help new students feel welcome and comfortable at our school.







WE APPRECIATE OUR TEACHERS AT MALTA MIDDLE SCHOOL!



Teacher Spotlight

Mrs. LaBrie

Chosen, Interviewed and Written By Izabella Dumas

Mrs. LaBrie was born in Lewistown and then she moved to Fort Peck and went to school from Kindergarten-4th grade there. She lived in town for just a couple of years and then moved to the house her great grandfather had built in Nashua. Then her family moved to the farm and started raising black angus bulls. When she was a sophomore she moved to Glasgow and that's where she graduated from high school (don't tell anyone she's a Scottie though!). In high school she decided she wanted to do something in art and art education seemed to be the best fit and that's what she did! Mrs. LaBrie went to college at MSU Bozeman for Art and graduated in 2005. She almost ended up with a double major, she has a major in K-12 broad field and 2 minors; English Education and English Lit, the only thing keeping her from a double major in Art was doing student teaching and English. Mrs. LaBrie's favorite color is purple, she doesn't really have a favorite preference of art. One of her favorite things to do is taking pictures of flowers up close to get the texture.

Mrs. LaBrie doesn't really like just one season she likes things from every season. She said she likes the newness and colors of Spring and being able to go out on the water in Summer she likes the snow in Winter and loves the changing of the colors and the falling leaves in the Fall. Thank you for the Interview.

NEW TEACHER:

Mr. Hough

BY TRIPP LEFDAHL

Everybody knows the new teacher is Mr. Hough but not a lot is known about him. Mr. Hough was born in California, then moved to Arlington, Washington with his parents who were in the Navy. When he was 9 his family moved to Conrad, MT where he graduated from High School. Mr. Hough said that the reason he wanted be a teacher was so that his students had a place to be safe. Also, Mr. Hough went to the University of Montana Western. After that, he took a head teacher job in the small town of Wisdom where he was pushed to his limits for work. After that, he decided to become a junior high science teacher in our very own hometown. Mr. Hough said, "I knew I wanted to be a teacher when I helped an elementary student with his homework", that sense of helping a kid work was amazing". I was touched by some of the stuff said during the interview we had last Wednesday. Thank you for the interview.

<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>

MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

CHRISTMAS MOVIES, REINDEER GAMES AND SNACKS FOR CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY! SCHOOL IS OUT AT 12:30 FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK ON WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 22ND



HAVE A GREAT CHRISTMAS BREAK

WE WILL BE BACK TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, JANUARY 3RD NEXT YEAR!

