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Have a Successful School Year

By: Shylyne Funke

Summer's over and school has begun. It's the time of the year that some of us dread and that others live for. Whichever category you may belong to, all of us can probably agree that having a bad school year is terrible. To help us avoid one, some of the amazing teachers here at Mansfield wanted to give us some advice.

"Come to school everyday with a positive attitude and be ready to learn. Be prepared to take yourself to high school and beyond," advised our new counselor, Mrs. Bias "Everything you do now will help decide your future. You have to decide to make the best of your situation."

Mr. Dobson wants everyone to stay organized. Keeping track of everything will help you turn in your papers on time. It would also make it easier to study.

Mrs. Grubbs suggested, "Do what your teacher expects of you, be confident, and be informed."

"Keep a growth mindset, stay on task, get your work turned in, and try your hardest. I believe every student can be successful if they choose to be successful," was the advice of Mrs. Walker.

Mr. Russo says that students should pay attention in class. He also wants students to study outside of class.

"You should always strive to meet your teachers' expectations. To accomplish this, you need to get to know your teacher." commented Mrs. Snow. "Knowing your teacher will help you know how they want you to answer their questions and tests and do their assignments."

These are just a few suggestions of how to be successful in school this year. You should also ask yourself this: Is this school year going to be better than last year? If you stick to this advice, the answer to that question should be, YES!

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after the basketball games.
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The Life of Care Bear

By: Kylie Cody

Cara Peine is an 8th grade student who joined pub because she likes English. Another reason she joined is because we are going to edit so much. This year she's looking forward to interviewing people and getting to know them better. Her job this year is copy editor; she thinks it will be fun.

Cara has been at the Mansfield school district all her life. She has six brothers and five sisters. Her favorite subject at school is math.

Cara's nickname is "Care Bear" because Madeline Coble started calling her that in kindergarten and it just stuck. Cara is 5'7" and has blue eyes. She is a very loving person from a very loving family. She loves to worship God with friends and family. She is also a part of choir, cheerleading, softball, and track. She loves choir because she loves singing and she has a beautiful voice. A lot of people believe that cheerleading comes naturally to Cara because she's a stud at it.

Shortie Shylyne Funkepants

By: Tyra Lansdown

There are many new writers in pub this year and Shylyne Funke is one of them. Shylyne said, "I love writing and I'm good at it. I'm also considering being a journalist when I grow up, so I think this will be a good experience for me." Shylyne Funke is this year's editor in pub.

She also loves music, so it's not surprising that she is part of both choir and band. She joined band when she was in sixth grade and is first chair flute. Shylyne is also a soprano in choir and she has been in choir ever since the *Treble Clefs* were formed. Both of her parents come from big families, but she only has one sibling in seventh grade, Flormae Funke. Shylyne's favorite colors are hot pink and magenta. Her favorite food is cheeseburgers. Shylyne is a huge book nerd and one of her favorite books is *Winter* by Marissa Meyer.

Shylyne also loves traveling. She's been around the world twice. Her favorite country has been the Philippines, and she would like to visit Italy one day. Her dad is an American and her mom is from the Philippines, so she learned Tagalog, the main language of the Philippines, so that she would know when her mom was talking about her to her Filipino friends. I wouldn't ask her to talk in Tagalog if I were you; it annoys her. Shylyne is an awesome person with an amazing personality. That was just a little bit about Shylyne.

The Life and Times of Ky Ky

By: Cara Peine

Kylie Sue Cody is 13 years old and in the 8th grade. In pub, she looks forward to walking around school and interviewing multiple people.. She wanted to be in pub because she wanted to be a part of the school.

Kylie likes coming to school to see her friends, Mrs. Snow, and Mrs. Walker. She misses being able to hangout with friends all hours of the day now that summer is over. Her nickname is "Ky Ky" because that is what her dad has always called her.

Ky Ky was here in preschool up until 1st grade, but she moved away. Lucky for us, she moved back at the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year. She is here with us now as a publications copy editor, in charge of printing the paper.

A couple fun facts about Kylie are she is 5'6, her eyes are blue, she likes football, and her favorite movie is *The Notebook*. She has one brother, seven sisters, and her favorite store in the mall is Charlotte Russe. Her favorite school subject is math because she is best at that. Thank you for reading *The Life and Times Of Ky Ky!*

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Respect Your Elders, II

By: Joshua Calhoun

Joshua Elder, II is one of the new members of the 2017 Mansfield Middle School publications class and one of the new ad agents. He joined because he thought this class would be fun. Josh was accepted for his excellent linguistic skills.

Josh is an atheist and has to put up with disapproval from most of his classmates. He comes from California. Josh has 8 half siblings and one stepbrother.

Joshua likes anime, particularly the DragonBall series. He owns 31 volumes of the DragonBall manga. Josh likes Nu Metal, a newer genre of metal rock. His favorite band is Disturbed. Josh likes video games; fighting games to be precise.

Josh's dislikes are dying, people who said that Zamasu did wrong, when Gowasu ordered Zamasu to make him tea, and Zamasu's death. He speaks a little bit of Japanese. That is the newest infor-

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Photo by Mrs.
Walker

An Interview with Bruce Wayne

By: Joshua Elder, II

Joshua "Bruce Wayne" Calhoun is a new member of the 2017 middle school publications class. He was accepted into this class late last year and joined at the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year. He was accepted for his exceptional grasp of the English language and the unique outlook he will bring to pub. Joshua joined because he enjoys writing. He applied for the job of ad agent and he got the position. Josh happens to be an atheist, and is widely disapproved of by his peers for not having a religion. Josh has attended Mansfield schools for 9 years. He has 3 siblings; two are adopted and one is a half sibling.

Josh likes music, specifically Nu Thrash and heavy metal. He also enjoys both the anime and manga forms of *DragonBall*, as well as *My Hero Academia*, *JoJo's Bizarre Adventure*, and *One Punch Man*. Josh likes video games and mobile games. He also likes American cartoons, such as *Star VS. The Forces of Evil* and *Adventure Time*. Josh dislikes racism, homophobes, transphobes, and Nazis just to name a few. This is the latest on Josh C, a new pub student.

Interview With a Classmate

By: Tristan Frecks

Savannah Kastning is a quiet student who likes to keep to herself. She feels being quiet is a great way to learn about the way she thinks.

This is her second year of pub. Savannah was an intern last year. She decided to do it again because she loves to write and it is one of her hobbies. She writes stories for fun and they normally involve animals. She also enjoys poems and reading.

She owns three house dogs. She also has nine horses, five cats, and multiple hunting dogs.

Her favorite hobby is creating digital art. One of the main reasons is to gain money and recognition.

Savannah has one sister, Bethany. Savannah "implies" that Bethany is an awful child.

Her favorite genre of books is adventure. The main reason she likes adventure is that it makes her "feel like Frodo." I hope you learned something about Savannah.



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Look Around, it's Tyra Lansdown

By: Shylyne Funke

"I joined pub because when I learned that our school had a newspaper, I always wanted to be a part of it." says Tyra Lansdown, a new writer in pub this year.

Tyra is one of this year's photo editors in pub. Tyra Lansdown is very active in sports. She has played right field, catcher, and 3rd base in softball. This year she became a cheerleader. Tyra is also a very musical person. She joined band in sixth grade and has played the flute ever since. She named her flute Flanddown. She is tied for third chair with Jamisen Henry this year. When the *Treble Clefs*, the choir for fifth and sixth graders, was formed she joined and she sang the alto part. She is still an alto and she thinks she will be one forever. She comes from a big family; she has 9 siblings. Her favorite store to shop at is Academy and her favorite shoe brand is Nike. Tyra loves food, like any rational person, and her favorite food is spaghetti.

Tyra loves traveling and this year she went to Orlando, Florida for summer vacation. They visited SeaWorld and Cocoa Beach. She has also been to Dallas, Texas. Her favorite place has been Florida. The one place she wants to visit the most is Hawaii. Tyra is a very loyal, and I am lucky to have her as a friend. Hopefully you learned a little bit about Tyra today!

Morganouskie

By: Madeline Coble

Morgan McGuire joined pub because she likes writing and taking pictures. She believes that joining pub was a good idea and she can't wait to see what else she gets to do. Morgan's job in pub this year is accountant, she will be responsible for counting and collecting money from the sale of newspapers.

Morgan has moved five times but she has lived in Mansfield her whole life. When she was 11, a shovel went into her knee and she had to get stitches; now she has a scar. She cares about her friends and family. She is good at a lot of things. She likes softball and school. Morgan wants to be a detective when she grows up.

She plays softball for Mansfield. She has two brothers and one just went off to college. She has three dogs and a mean chicken. She lives out in the country and doesn't ever want to live in the city. She has glasses because she has bad eyesight. That was a little bit about Morgan McGuire.

The Curious Shawnia Dill

By: Bethany Severance

This year Shawnia Dill joined journalism as a photo editor, she is in charge of making sure there are pictures for the newspaper. Shawnia joined pub because she thought it would be a fun experience because she would get to interact with friends, and know the basics about how to write in a newspaper. She was extremely excited that she got into pub this year and is very enthusiastic about writing for the newspaper.

Shawnia thinks of herself as someone who is misunderstood" by most students. She is also taking care of a kid (goat) at 13 years old. Her favorite animal is a horse. She has two horses of her own named Ebony and Hope, both who she loves dearly. Shawnia also loves Chinese food. Her favorite color is cobalt blue. She likes it because it is the color of the ocean. Now you know a little bit more about Shawnia Dill.



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Mari Morris the Great

By: MaKayla McNeil

Mari Morris joined pub because she likes to write and talk. She is looking forward to having fun in class and interviewing people.

Mari has four sisters whom she loves very much. She also has six nieces; Mari says that they are all adorable. She said that she always has fun with them. Mari's favorite foods are pizza, tacos, and apples. Her favorite color is light blue because she thinks its an awesome color.

She loves playing her trumpet, Donald Trumpeton. She is 2nd chair in band. She also loves Ms. Bennett and band. Mari says that her favorite sport to watch is football because she likes the Denver Broncos. Mari's favorite subject is science because she likes to learn new things about the world and do experiments. Her favorite thing to do at home is gymnastics and hanging out with her friends. She is normally very talkative. I hope you learned something about Mari Jane Morris today!

Maddie The Great

By: Morgan McGuire

Madeline Coble, also known as Maddie, joined pub because she likes writing and interviewing people. She believes she has made the right choice in choosing pub for her 7th hour class. She likes her job, which is ad agent.

Maddie plays softball and basketball. Her favorite baseball team is the Kansas City Royals. Everyone likes to be around Madeline because she is really fun and she does some strange things. Madeline has cut her own hair and stuck her pinkie in a pencil sharpener. She tries to scare her friends at the sale barn, and she likes playing truth or dare.

She loves animals and owns 13 dogs. Maddie is a great friend and we all love her. That is a little bit about Madeline Coble.

The Life Of an Ivy Dragon

By: Haley Tripp

Madalyn Ivy joined pub because she thought it would be fun, but mostly she liked the idea of pub more than P.E. Some interesting facts about Madalyn are that she is completely addicted to her cell phone and she loves pizza more than her significant other. She also loves Jesus and she enjoys playing basketball with her BFF, Haley Tripp. She is the alto section leader and president in choir. Don't even get me started about her killer dance moves.

She started on the softball A team as a seventh grader at the position first base. She has a completely crazy personality even though she seems normal outside of her friend circle. Madalyn is super sweet and very trustworthy. She has blue and green eyes, brown and blonde hair, and she is 5'4.

Madalyn is all around a great friend. Everyone needs someone like her to make stupid faces at in class when you're bored. She's loyal and one of the nicest people you will ever meet. I'm glad I got to meet Madalyn.

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Tristan the Gentle Giant

By: Savannah Kastning

This marks a new beginning of pub, with new writers. One person who joined this year is Tristan Frecks, who towers above the rest of the class.

Tristan is an assistant editor in pub who says he wanted to join pub for two reasons: to be better than his sister, and to write, since he loves writing. He is excited this year for the same reasons as many of the other staff in pub; he gets to be creative and write.

Tristan enjoys baseball and football. He likes playing baseball, but prefers to watch football.

He has three inside dogs. He also says he cares for a kennel of beagles, with an unknown amount of them.

Like most of our generation, Tristan also likes to play video games. Many adults like to say video games make students "violent" or "stupid". However, Tristan has proven them wrong for he is a highly intelligent, gentle giant. Anybody who has met him knows this.

He has multiple hobbies such as riding his bike, riding his skateboard and hunting. Tristan is also a fan of pizza.

Now you know just about everything available to the public about Tristan! If you want secrets, you'll have to talk to him in person.

The Incredible Kailey Davis

By: Meladi Roberts

Kailey chose to be in pub because the former 8th graders said it was fun and Mrs. Walker lets you eat in class. Her job in pub is to be a copy editor, she is in charge of printing the paper.

Kailey was not ready for the basketball season at the beginning of the season because she was worried and nervous. Now that season has started she isn't nervous for the games. Her favorite subject in school is English because she thinks learning vocab words is fun. Her least favorite subject is history because she thinks learning about the past is boring.

Kailey has seven people in her family; 1 older brother, Devin; 1 older sister, Megan; 1 younger brother, Austin; and 1 younger sister, Avery. Kailey grew up in Fordland, MO. Her favorite food is sushi. Her favorite thing to do when she has free time is to watch TV.

Now you know a little about the Davis named Kailey.

The One and Only Meladi Roberts

By: Kailey Davis

Meladi Roberts is an ad agent in pub this year, she is in charge of selling advertisements to local businesses. Meladi joined pub because she thought it would be a lot of fun to do interviews and to write stories. She is most excited to spend time with Mrs. Walker in pub. Meladi is a publications legacy student, as all of her older sibling also wrote for the school newspaper.

Meladi has four siblings; Molli, Maci, Malori, and John Michael. She is the second youngest of five children. Unlike most siblings, she gets along great with all of her sisters and brother.

She does not live in city limits. Meladi was born at 2:30 a.m. Her favorite animal is a standard poodle. She has 22 animals living at her house. She loves to sing during her free time. Her favorite foods are pizza, mashed potatoes, and fruit. I hope you learned something new about Meladi today!

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Trippin' On Trippie

By: Madalyn Ivy

Haley Tripp joined pub because she thought it would be fun and she likes writing. She is excited to get to interview her fellow peers and teachers.

Haley is a 13 year old eighth grader who enjoys eating cheese and grapes in her free time. Haley loves to sleep and she likes shopping for herself.

She enjoys playing basketball and she runs track. Last track season she medaled 5 times in 4 meets. One of her special talents is that she can grab her toe and raise it to almost her hips!

Haley is also talented when it comes to music; she is soprano section leader and vice president in choir council.

Haley is a very genuine person. You will never find another like her. She is outgoing and when she enters a room, you can tell that everyone is drawn near her. Haley smiles all the time and she is truly a great friend. She always knows how to make someone smile or laugh when they're not having the best day. Haley is a beautiful person, inside and out. If you don't know Haley, then you should meet her today.

The Life of MaKayla McNeil

By: Mari Morris

MaKayla McNeil is a very talkative person. MaKayla joined pub because she thought it would be fun and exciting. She also wanted to have fun with friends.

MaKayla has four brothers and she says, "Some of them are nice and some of them annoy me." Her favorite food is pizza. Her hobbies include gymnastics and playing her flute named FluKayla. She learned how to play flute in band.

She likes to ride four wheelers because it's fun and it is something she does with her family. MaKayla's favorite subject is English because she likes to write and read. I hope you learned something new about MaKayla today.

Mysterious Severance

By: Shawnia Dill

Bethany Severance is an eighth grader who joined pub because she thought it would be fun. She received the job of assistant editor this year.

She loves alternative music and bands, such as My Chemical Romance and Twenty One Pilots. She loves to read books, especially the Harry Potter series. She loves her sister and they play board games together. Bethany is sweet, kind, and understanding.

She loves the color black because it matches everything. She is obsessed with goats, and she wishes her mom would let her keep one inside their house. She loves small goats, which are called Algerian Dwarf goats. She said if she had a genie she would ask for a cure for cancer. There is a little bit you may not have known about Bethany Severance.

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What a Wonderful Day for Wilder Days

By: Shawnia Dill

Wilder Days is a festival celebrating Mansfield's celebrity, Laura Ingalls Wilder. Laura is famous for writing the Little House books in Mansfield, Missouri. This festival is always the third weekend of September. Wilder Days was created in 1974 to celebrate Laura and her life.

Wilder Days includes fun for the whole family. There was live music, clowns, contests, funnel cakes, dancing, booths, and even a car show. Each year there is a parade, the fourth grade sings at the square, and there are tons of activities. There is also a pageant, which gives kids the opportunity to be part of the community while having fun. The Mansfield band did an amazing job marching in the parade they were joined by Seymour and Hartville bands.

Kyra Thomson rode on a float in the parade. She always looks forward to the jewelry booths. She is going next year and she has gone every year.

Addison Black enjoyed the booth that had bracelets that changed because it was a magnet. She has gone every year and looks forward to next year.

Kaden Coble enjoyed the game room. His favorite part of the parade was the candy thrown by local business owners. Wilder Days is a tradition and he attends every year.

Austin Kingery also loved the game room. His family works for Mansfield Towing and he has to go every year as they are part of the parade each year.

Dana Nelson said her favorite part was hanging out with her friends. She is looking forward to going again next year.

Trinity Lansdown loved it when the truck was doing the burnouts in the parade. She has gone every year and is planning on continuing the tradition each year.



4th grade sings for Wilder Days - photo from WilderDaysMansfieldMO Facebook page

Bryce Bolfig enjoyed hanging out in the game room with his friends. His favorite part was the four wheelers in the parade because he got to yell at his friend. He started going to this event two years ago and is looking forward to going again next year.

Tom Emerick enjoyed walking around but his favorite part was the candy thrown by passing floats. He has been going to Wilder Days for seven years. He looks forward to next year's Wilder Days.

Dillon Bell enjoyed the free water from Sweet Nellie's and wanted to thank them. His favorite part was the game room and he enjoyed hanging out with friends. He is definitely going next year; he has been going his whole life.

Elizabeth McGinnis loved hanging out with her friends and plans on marching in the parade next year. Elizabeth has been going to Wilder

Days for the past three years.

Jasmine Connors loved the ballet dancers in in the parade, but she enjoyed hanging out with friends more. She has gone every year and will be marching in the parade with the band next year.

Ethan Bennett liked the old cars in the parade. He goes every year as his family owns businesses down town.

If you missed the festival this year, don't worry, Mansfield has one every year.



The Mansfield Marching band rocked the parade photo by Autumn Bennett



photo from Wilder-DaysMansfieldMO Facebook



Little Laura and Farmer Boy contestants - photo from WilderDaysMansfieldMO Facebook page

Ask Leo: Middle School Advice Column

Dear Leo,

I like this girl and she said she likes me. We talk online and text. However, I am too afraid to ask her out. What should I do?

Thank you,
Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

Face your fears and ask her out. Especially if she likes you back. You don't have anything to lose if she says no, you still have no girlfriend. However, if she says yes you gain a girlfriend.

Leo

Dear Leo,

I like this guy in my class, but all my friends say he is no good for me. That he is not worth my time and he will break my heart. But I really like him and he is so cute and we flirt all the time

Your friend,
Flirty

Dear Flirty,

Listen to your heart ask him out, if you believe the feeling is mutual. Not knowing what is going to happen is better than dreaming what could've been.

Leo

Leo,

I am struggling with math, apparently I am just dumb I don't understand any of it. I can add, subtract, multiply, and divide but negative numbers and inverse operation WHAT? I am so lost.

LOST

Dear Lost,

You're not dumb many students struggle in school. Ask a teacher to help you. It doesn't make you look stupid, others need help, too. You could also write down extra notes.

Leo

Dear Leo

I am new and shy; not a good combination. It is already September and I don't have any friends. Sure people say hi and are nice, but there is no one that I feel I can talk to and trust. I sit alone in most of my classes unless the teacher has us grouped and I eat quietly at a table during lunch although there are others around me.

Sincerely,
Lonely but Shy

Dear Lonely but Shy,

Try to include yourself with others! Maybe look for others who sit alone and asks about their interests. I understand being shy, take deep breaths and try to interact.

Love,
Leo

Leo,

I have an issue with a boy in one of my classes. he is constantly being inappropriate. Saying rude and mean things as well as making comments that make me and my friends uncomfortable. A lot of the time he makes demeaning comments toward or about girls. I have asked him to stop and the teachers have told him to stop. what should we do? Your friend,
FED UP!

Dear Fed Up,

Tell your teacher, after calmly asking him to stop. If it doesn't stop, go to your parents or Dr. Greene.

Love,
Leo



What's New In the Library?

By: Savannah Kastning

With a new school year here at Mansfield Middle School, new books are needed. Unfortunately, new books haven't arrived yet, but there are new, non reading things.

The movies have been moved to where the "new books" stand had once been placed, a kind of lounging area residing there as well, where you can sit down and read a nice book.

There are some new things in the Maker Space, too. More tables, more fun! This will keep students entertained for several minutes at a time.

Mrs. Sanders has goals this year, as well. Her main goal is extending the collectables in the book sections so we have more worlds to read about. I'm looking forward to going to the library this year, and I hope you are, too.

The Library is closed 4th hour and Tee-Time, every day.

Boom Boom Crash Band is Back!

By: Mari Morris

With a new school year comes a new year in band. The students in band felt excited about band this year.

Blaine Hill stated, "I play the trumpet; I feel like it was my destiny to play it."

Dawson Paige said, "I am so excited that I get to have Ms. Bennett again this year."

Erin Palmer likes everything about band. She likes that she gets to be with her friends and make music with them.

Jadan McNeil stated, "Ms. Bennett persuaded me to play clarinet."

Bethany Severance said, "I'm excited, I really like Ms. Bennett."

Shylyne Funke replied, "I play the flute. *A Rockin' Halloween* is my favorite song because it's harder to play than the rest of the music."

Ashton Pierson is going to play trombone. but sixth grade hasn't started learning their instruments yet.

Carter Garrison will play trumpet but they don't have music yet. band.

Be on the lookout for upcoming concerts.

New Student Council

By: Kylie Cody

The people elected to student council this year want to make our school better for the student and the teachers. They will try their hardest to be good leaders and set good examples for other students.

Mrs. Snow is the student council sponsor. She is thankful for the members because she knows that they will try their hardest and not give up.

This year's president is Madalyn Ivy and she's looking forward to dances and making school great again. Trevor Williams is the vice president. Our secretary is Hailey Nelson and our treasurer is Shylyne Funke. They want to achieve many things this year.

The eighth grade representatives are Carter Brooke, Josh Elder, Tyra Lansdown, and Jamisen Henry. They all agreed that we need to have better dances this year.

The seventh grade representatives are Jacob Cook, Wyatt Kinser, Trinity Davis, and Brandie Frost. They are hoping that the students this year will be happy with their decisions.

The sixth grade representatives are Carter Garrison, Brock Gray, Madison Hanger, and Kyra Thompson. They want to have better spirit weeks.

If you have any questions or ideas, talk to a member of the elected student council in your grade.

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Summer Movies

By: MaKayla McNeil

Summer is two and a half months of freedom and relaxation. Many students watched movies on their summer break. What did students watch this summer?

Sharidan Calhoun enjoyed the *Trolls* movie because it is cute and funny.

Hailey Nelson's favorite was *Stitches* because she likes scary movies.

Ashton Pierson likes the *Fast and Furious* movies because he really likes action movies.

Braxton Lunn loves the movie *Seventeen Again* because it is really funny.

Madison Adamson's favorite movies are the *Fast and the Furious* movies because there are cool cars.

Frank Morton likes the *Fast and the Furious* movies because he likes movies with action.

Jamie Kirkland likes the movie *Twilight* because it is cool.

Levi Bouchard likes the *Star Wars* series because they are fun to watch.

What was your favorite summer movie?



I Know What You Did This Summer

By: Kailey Davis

Summer was here and gone again, how did Mansfield students pick their summer.?

Skyler Berry said, "Went to St. Louis and visited my family. We played football and goofed around together, it was very nice to see them."

Dillon Bell said he went swimming, ate lots of junk food, and he played basketball with friends and his brother. He also visited with friends and spent time hanging around resting.

Elizabeth McGinnis said she went to White Water and rode a lot of water slides. She had a blast. She loved hanging out with her friends and family. She liked watching them go down the slides screaming.

Jasmine Connors went to Silver Dollar City in Branson, Missouri. She said it was a lot of fun, not only was she having fun, she was having fun with all her friends from band.

Dana Nelson went to Florida and played on the beach. She got to play with her siblings, cousins, and grandparents.

Jadan McNeil said, "I went to Colorado and got to see snow. I enjoyed driving on the mountains and seeing all the pretty sites."

Trentyn Lansdown also went to Florida, played on the beach, and went to Sea World.

Caleb Howard went to a lot of different states because his parents are truck drivers. He enjoyed spending time with his dad on the road.

Camilla Farris went to Florida and fed stingrays. She said it was a lot of fun to hang out on the beach and to play with her siblings.

Nicola Scofield said, "I went swimming on the beach and it was fun. I enjoyed seeing my family together."

Judd Watterson played baseball and went swimming. He also stayed the night with friends and cousins. He enjoyed playing with his friends that are on his baseball team.

Austin Kingery went to the Arkansas diamond digging place and the hot springs. He was sad he didn't find millions worth of diamonds and become rich.

Sadly summer is over now and everyone had to come back to school. You should never forget the fun memories you made. We had a lot of fun and we can't wait for school to be out so we can have more fun and make more memories.



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Mrs. Garrison's First and Fabulous Year

By: Meladi Roberts



Picture taken by: Meladi Roberts

Prior to teaching at Mansfield, Mrs. Garrison taught at our rival school, Hartville, for 12 years; but we will not hold that against her. She currently teaches 6th grade social studies, 6th grade reading, and 7th grade English. She replaced Mrs. Whorton, who moved down to the elementary as a counselor.

Mrs. Garrison loves teaching here at Mansfield because she has awesome students, the technology is great, she loves that students can utilize Chromebooks, and Mansfield has a great atmosphere. She is excited for her own children to have so many opportunities to get involved with sports and friends. Her 3rd grade son believes: "Mansfield has the best kickball ever."

She balances family and school life very well because her husband also joined the Mansfield staff this year. Mr. Garrison runs ISS and is the new high school baseball coach. She enjoys having her husband here because it's more convenient and loves her family to be together.

The Return of Mr. Garrison

By: Joshua Calhoun

Mr. Garrison is the new ISS teacher and high school baseball coach. Mr. Garrison taught in Hartville for 16 years, but used to live in Mansfield. He loves being back in Mansfield especially since it is his hometown.

His plans for this school year in regards to both his students and coworkers are getting to know them. He would like his family to join the Mansfield way. He wants to help carry on the great traditions of Mansfield schools.

Mr. Garrison's wife, Mrs. Garrison, also made the move to Mansfield this year and took the place of Mrs. Whorton in the 6th grade building. Both of their sons attend Mansfield and are already enjoying the many activities Mansfield has to offer.



Mr. Garrison

Picture by Josh Calhoun

The One... The Only... Mrs. Lorrh!

By Joshua Elder, II



Picture taken By: Mrs. Lorrh

Mrs. Lorrh is a student teacher in Mrs. Walker's class. She claims to enjoy being a student teacher, and does so with gusto.

She says that her favorite age group to teach is middle school, saying "The older kids are no fun and the little kids are too small, I think that the middle schoolers are great." She enjoys Mansfield middle school and thinks that it is fun, and the students are great.

She used to have a husband, but he unfortunately passed in 2009. She has 4 children of her own, inherited one, and unofficially adopted 4 more. Before teaching she was a truck driver. She drove an 18-wheeler almost three million miles. She has been to all 48 continental states doing so, although she says that when she retires she'd prefer Missouri.

Mrs. Lorrh will graduate from Missouri State University in Springfield. After she graduates she plans to continue teaching and being a grandma.

She thinks that Mrs. Walker is a great person. She thinks that she is smart and very nice. She also enjoys the students she gets to work with daily here in the middle school.

Mrs. Lorrh says that her dream job is to work with middle schoolers who are frustrated, that way she can teach them that if they work hard enough they can achieve their goals.

The New Club F.C.C.L.A

By: Tristan Frecks

Mrs. Payseur has recently opened another club for middle school students. It is called F.C.C.L.A which is an acronym for Family, Career, Community, Leaders of America. Her goals for the club is to become an active part of the community. This club will be close to student council because of the leadership in the school and making the school better.

This club will be meeting after school or during T-time once a month. These meetings will be covering the service projects and other ideas.

All service projects will be aided by the high schoolers. These service projects might be cleaning around the school, collecting cans, and other ways of improving the community.

In this club you will get to lead projects and be in a club that will improve your chance to be accepted into a job that involves your town and the area around it. If you want to join you should talk to Mrs. Payseur. The first meeting was September 28th.

Junior Choir Singers

By: Morgan McGuire

They are a mature and well rounded group. In the past they have had incredible ratings. The Junior Singers have to keep up their reputation. How good do you think the Junior Singers are as a group and how do you feel they will do at contests this year?

Trinity Lansdown thinks the choir is doing really well and she thinks that they will get a one at contests again this year.

Blake Rhodes says they are really good and he thinks they will do well and get a one rating.

Taron Hammond thinks they will get a one, and he also thinks they are sounding really good.

Heavenly Jones thinks the choir is sounding really good, and since choir is her favorite subject, she really hopes to do really great in contests.

What is their favorite song that they are singing in choir right now?

Hailey Nelson, Dylan Barrett and Kylie Cody all say that their favorite song is "The Long Day Closes."

Madix Gray says that his favorite song is "The Star Spangled Banner."

We hope to see you all come out and support your fellow classmates and friends.

FCA

By: Haley Tripp

FCA is an opportunity to get closer to the Lord and your fellow students. FCA stands for Fellowship of Christian Athletes and, on the bright side, you don't have to be an athlete to join!

FCA meets every Wednesday from 8:00-8:16, in Mrs. Gray's room. Mrs. Gray said that she is planning to take a trip to both FCA game days at the Springfield Cardinals game and a MSU basketball game. She also says that she is planning to do the candy cane grams in December. The student leaders are Meladi Roberts and Kailey Davis. They would both love if you joined them for the Word.

Bible Verse "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful." (Hebrews 10:23).

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Starting off the Season, Boys' Basketball

By: Madeline Coble

Fordland Eagles: The Mansfield Middle School basketball boys had their first basketball game on the 5th of September against Fordland. It was an interesting game, both teams were scoring, but only one could win. The Mansfield boys started out a little rough but in the end they pulled through and won the game. The score ended up being 43-24. Tom, the starting 7th grader, had 13 points alone. A team boys won 43:24.

Greenwood Blue Jays: On the 7th of September the Mansfield Middle School basketball boys played hard but they ended up losing in the end. They played against Greenwood, the score of the game was 47-15 Greenwood. The B team boys won 28-2.

Seymour Tigers: On September 11th the boys played Seymour. All the boys played hard, they played a good game and won it in the end. The A team boys won 36-18. The B boys won 19-10.

Hartville Eagles: The boys played one of their biggest game of the whole season on September 14th against Hartville. It was a tragic loss but the boys played hard. The boys lost 31-27. The B team boys won 12-10.

Gainesville Bulldogs: On September 19th both B team boys and A team boys played hard. They were tough losses, the A boys lost 30-14 and the B boys lost 24-6.

Sparta Trojans: September 21st A team and B team boys played really well and they played hard. Both A team and B team boys won their games. The A boys won 52-26 and the B boys won 24-14.

MCE Panthers: On the 26th of September both boys' teams played hard but only one boys team got the win. The A team boys played hard but ended up losing in the end, and the score was 45:31. The B teamboys played a hard game and got down a few times but came back in the end and won it, and the score was 27:20.



B-Team Boys Battle Seymour Tigers
Photo by Madalyn Ivy

Tonight all teams play Conway followed by 5th quarter sponsored by FCA.

Hoop, Hoop, Hooray! Girls Basketball 2017

By Madalyn Ivy

The girls' basketball season has started off quite well. On Tuesday, September 5th, the Mansfield Lady Lions took on the Fordland Eagles. The game was a total blow out and the girls took the win, 49-3. The next game they played was on Thursday, September 7th at Greenwood. The game was not as easy as Fordland but the Lady Lions still won. The Mansfield Lady lions won 36-13 against

the Greenwood Lady Blue Jays. On Monday, September 11th, the Lady Lions played the Seymour Tigers. The A team Lions blew the Tigers out of the water and took the win, 54-4 and the B team Lady Lions won 12-7, in their 2 quarter game. On Thursday, September 14th they took on their rivals, the Hartville Eagles, The Lady Lions lost, 27-28. On September 19th, they play the Gainesville Bulldogs, they lost 31-15. On September 21, they played the Sparta Trojans, at Sparta. They lost 51-14. On September 26th, the Lady Lions played Marion C Early. It was an away game and they won by one point, 36-35. Tonight, September 29th, they play Conway at home.

Coach K says "We are going to be number one in our conference and I am most excited to play Hartville because we lost by two last year, so I want revenge and that is where I graduated from so that would be nice." However, the Lady Lions lost in a tight race, 27-28. Madeline Coble, Kailey Davis, and Madalyn Ivy racked up 19 of the 27 points.



B-Team Girls Dominate Seymour Tigers
Photo by Madalyn Ivy

Run, Lions Run!

By: Cara Peine

This year the middle school cross country team consists of four runners: Caige Henry, Hailey Nelson, Brady Corder, and Trey Ussery. Coach Grubbs is the coach again this year. He says, "I am excited to see the upcoming talent."

You would think that there wasn't much to cross country besides running, but there is. Caige likes building up her muscles. Hailey likes meeting new people at the different places they go. Brady likes the sweat and Trey likes to run up hills. All the runners plan on running for the rest of their school lives.

When going to Willow Springs on September 7th, the middle school did not medal, but they all ran hard. The team went to Alton on September 13th, and got third. As individuals, Hailey Nelson medaled in 7th place and Brady Corder medaled in 6th place. Their next meet will be on October 2nd. Congratulations and good luck to all the runners! If you get the chance you should stop by one of their meets and cheer them on.

Blood, Sweat, and Cheer

By: Tyra Lansdown

Cheer, yes it is a sport. Cheerleaders practice hard, work hard, and cheer harder. Cheering is harder than you think; cheerleaders have to memorize all the cheers and choreography. Their practices are after school to 5:30. During those times they practice really hard to get everything. If you are a cheerleader, you cheer at all the home games. In fact you are on your feet the whole time cheering and supporting your team. Cheerleaders also have to be strong. If you are the one holding up the flyer you have to be very careful to try not to drop the flyer.

This year's cheer squad is larger; it contains eight seventh and eighth graders. They have worked harder than any other Mansfield Middle School squads in the past. The cheer coach, Mrs. Keith, is looking forward to having a bigger squad this year and seeing what they can do.

Jadan Farris's favorite cheer is "Cut, Loose, and Jam".

This is Avery Lansdown's first year in cheer and her favorite cheer is "A.T.T.A.C.K."

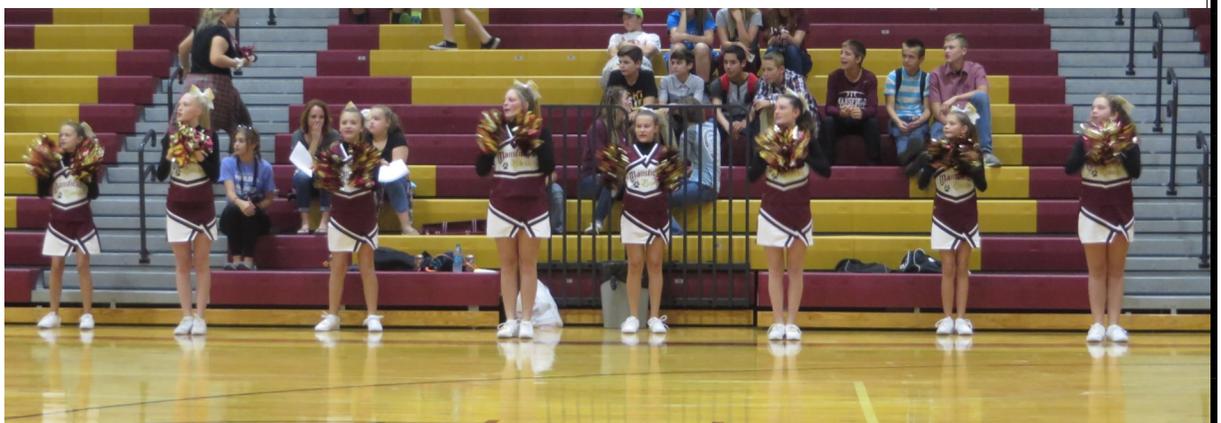
Lily Clark is also new this year. She stated, "My favorite cheer is 'Defense Take Control.'"

Caige Henry stated, "I am looking forward to learning new skills and getting flexible. My favorite cheer is 'Hey, Hey, Go Lions.'" Caige Henry has been in cheer since 2nd grade.

Jamisen Henry has also been cheering since elementary. Her favorite cheers are "Hey, Hey, Go Lions" and "Defense Take Control". "I am looking forward to learning new cheers and helping out our new cheerleaders." comments Jamisen.

Cara Peine, Jamisen Henry, and Lily Clark are the cheerleader's callers; the callers are the ones who call out the cheers. Make sure to come to the games and check out the Mansfield Middle School cheerleaders!

Erin Palmer,
Caige Henry,
Avery Lansdown,
Cara Peine,
Lily Clark,
Jamisen Henry,
Jadan Farris, and
Tyra Lansdown.





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Upcoming Events

- Oct. 3** - Choir concert 5th - 12th grade in the gym, 7:00
- Oct. 6** - End of 1st quarter
- Oct. 9** - NO SCHOOL
- Oct. 11** - Flag retirement ceremony (rain date: Oct. 13)
- Oct. 17** - parent/teacher conferences 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. (no appointment necessary)
- Oct. 19** - parent/teacher conferences 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. (no appointment necessary)
- Oct. 20** - NO SCHOOL
- Oct. 24** - MS Band Fall Festival Concert (grades 7 & 8) 6:30 in the gym
- Oct. 25** - Club photos
- Nov. 7** - picture retakes, Election

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Welcome to Mansfield Mrs. Bias

By: Bethany Severance

Mrs. Bias is the new school counselor for the middle school and high school. Fun fact, Mrs. Bias is actually from Mansfield and loves that she is back in her hometown, but before she came back, she was working on her bachelor's degree in psychology at College of the Ozarks. As counselor for middle and high school she must take on loads of responsibility. For one she is here for emotional support, like family and friend drama. She is also here to help you build friendships and help students learn people skills. In high school she helps with college choices and career choices, mainly wants all students to succeed. She also hosts the college fair for the high school. Mrs. Bias's goal this year is to develop relationships with all students in the high school and the middle school.

Mrs. Bias mainly wanted to be a school counselor to help make school a safe environment for students and to help them achieve their life goals. She realized she wanted to be a school counselor when she was in her junior year of college. She attended College of the Ozarks, at the Lake of the Ozarks. Mrs. Bias was recently married to Blane Bias, who is a fire-fighter. They got married this summer in June. Mrs. Bias' brother attends Mansfield, and her mother works here. Her favorite color is cheetah print. Mansfield hopes Mrs. Bias enjoys her first year back at Mansfield school. Now you know a little more about our new counselor Mrs. Bias, and make sure to stop by her office if you need someone to talk to.

