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Humans of WV Interview

BERNADETTE MCDADE

What do you teach here at WVMS? I'm on the 6C Team teaching science with Mrs. Andrews and language arts writing with Mrs. Wells.

What is your educational background? What was the most rewarding part of attending that university? I received my Bachelors of Science in Education from Kutztown University of Pennsylvania. The best part of Kutztown is that it is close to home. My family is very important to me so attending a school that was close enough for me to come home on the weekends was very important. I also loved Kutztown because of the size. Only approximately 9,000 students attend Kutztown. This made it easy to meet new people and the classes weren't so large that I became overwhelmed.

What are you currently reading for enjoyment? I am currently reading Bossypants by Tina Fey.

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The Corny Corner

By NICHOLAS BIGLIN

-What do you call a plant that abandons you?

A **Leaver!**

-How did the hiker describe the trail?

Hillarious!

-What do you call a conveyor belt full of monsters?

A **Dragon!**

-What do you call a lemon who helps out?

Lemon **Aid!**

-If April showers bring May flowers, then what do May showers bring?

Pilgrims! (*Get it: the **May**flower!*)

-What do you call a piece of glass that is victorious?

A **Window!**

Keep your eye out for more of the Corny Corner for the next issue!

When did you decide to become a teacher, and why did you choose this field? I decided to become a teacher when I was in elementary school. I knew from a very young age that I wanted to help students in the same way that my teachers have helped me. I had really fun and kind teachers who cared a lot about kids. I can only hope that my students feel the same way about me!

Why do you want to teach at the middle school level? I love teaching middle school because I know that when I was in school middle school was the most difficult for me. I love supporting students as they become more independent and learn how to navigate the social and academic demands of middle school.

What do you think is the greatest challenge facing students today? The greatest challenge facing students today is peer pressure. It is very difficult to stand up for what you know is right.

List five adjectives that describe you. Loyal, thoughtful, funny, hard working, and resourceful.

What interests do you pursue outside of the classroom? I love spending time on the beach in Brigantine, New Jersey. I also am very proud to be volunteering for a foundation called SEANstrong. The SEANstrong foundation provides childcare for children whose parents are undergoing cancer treatment. It also provides funding for research on Cholangiocarcinoma.

What is your favorite food? Pizza without any doubt! You can put anything on pizza and it will always turn out absolutely delicious.



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Sports

Welsh Valley Field Hockey 2015

By TESSA KEEFE



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Welsh Valley had a wonderful field hockey season this year. The Dragons fought their way to the top, defeating several undefeated teams and showing great skill and perseverance. Congratulations to our team captains, Sydney and Ashton Odiorne and Alice Zehner for the seventh grade team and Sara Gallagher, Lucy Dwyer and Kat Berberian for the eighth grade team. Thank you to our coaches, Coach Weber and Coach Kirsten, for an amazing season. Good job, girls!

To all future sixth grade girls interested in field hockey next year, feel free to sign up! Even if you're a beginner (as I was this season), you develop a skill and desire to play, along with having loads of fun!

"The most important thing about winning is believing that you can win no matter who you are playing."

-Lawrence Dallaglio

Field Hockey 101

By TESSA KEEFE

Ever wonder why so many girls invest their time in such a seemingly strange sport? What is the point of hitting around a ball with a stick? Maybe you need to learn more about this sport before you make your final opinion.

Here are some of the most basic rules and reminders you'll need to know:

1. Try not to let the ball touch your feet.
2. Only hit the ball with the flat side of your stick.
3. When playing in mid, defense, or striker position, you must always wear shin guards, a mouth guard and goggles.
4. You may not trip or foul someone with your stick or body.
5. KEEP YOUR STICK DOWN! (Remember to keep that in mind WVFH girls!)



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Now that you have learned some of the most basic rules of field hockey, let's learn about the most basic hits. When you are passing to your teammate you can either...

-Push pass-Start with the ball on your stick, and push the ball using your upper and lower body

-Drive the ball-Put your hands together near the top of your stick and swing your stick up and back to hit the ball. (Don't bring the stick all the way up to your shoulder while driving.)

-Slap pass-Start with the ball on your stick. Swing your stick back a little bit (not as much as your drive), and slap the ball to the receiver

Great! Now you can play a basic game of field hockey using the right passes, hits and rules. Now get out there and play!

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Film of The Month

Captain America Civil War

By GABRIEL KLAUMENZER

Calling all Marvel comics fans! Captain America Civil War is due to be released on **May 6, 2016!** After the events of Age of Ultron, Captain America (A.K.A. Cap) leads the New Avengers around the world stopping terrorists. But after a crossover with the villain named Crossbones, lots of collateral damage is caused. Superheroes are then forced to register their secret identities! Cap starts a rebellion with other superheroes, while others register and side with Iron Man. Then, Iron Man's team tries to capture and arrest Cap's team. Suddenly, it is superhero verses superhero!



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TEAM CAP

TEAM IRON MAN

Captain America
Hawk-eye
Falcon
Scarlet Witch
The Winter Soldier
Ant Man



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The Vision
Spider Man
Iron Man
Black Widow
War Machine



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Cube-Shaped Watermelons

By MACY BRONTE

Have you ever had a problem with fitting a watermelon in your fridge? No need to worry because Japan's got you covered! They have made square watermelons! But despite a high price and practical shape, they don't always taste the best.

These watermelons can be grown at home! But you will need certain supplies first. Growing these watermelons by yourself won't force you to pay over \$850 for their usual market value.

But it doesn't stop there! Cubic watermelons have been taken a step further. Japanese farmer, Hiroichi Kimura, has grown the first heart shaped watermelon! After years of research and much trial and error, Kimura finally developed a heart shaped watermelon. Unlike the other cube-shaped watermelons, Kimura made sure his heart shaped watermelons still tastes good.

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Market Analysis

By GRAHAM BRANSCOM

DOW JONES INDU AVERAGE INDEX

(Dow Jones Global Indexes:INDU)



US Markets dropped drastically in August, but bounced right back up in early September to around \$16,500 per share in the DOW J. Higher gains flooded the markets throughout October, gaining to a high peak this early November. This three month recap gives us an overall change of -1.33%.

Fall

By ZOE WRIGHT-RILEY

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Fall is a time of year to spend time with your family, have fires in the fireplace, and roast marshmallows in a fire while the leaves fall from the trees.

Etymology-The word “fall” came from the old English word from the seventeenth century.

In the Northern Hemisphere, fall is considered to be in the months of September, October and November. In the Southern Hemisphere, however, fall is considered to be in the months of March, April and May.

Weather

By GRAHAM
BRANSCOM *Editor-In-Chief*

The Rest of November's looking partly cloudy with highs in the mid 60s to lows in the low 40s. Thanksgiving traveling is looking all cleared up. Minimal showers this month, and so far we're not seeing any close signs of snowfall.



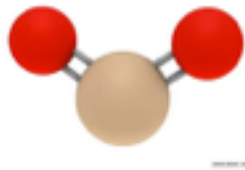
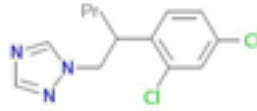
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November Birthstones: Citrine And Topaz

By NICHOLAS BIGLIN

Topaz naturally has no coloration. But when impurities are added, the color alternates between several colors. Topaz has a Mohs hardness of 8, meaning that only Corundum (Ruby and Emerald) and Diamond can scratch it!

Citrine varies in color from lemony yellow to orangey brown. Citrine is pretty durable, although Topaz, Spinel, Sapphire and Diamond are capable of scratching it.



Topaz

Citrine

Citrine's molecular structure: SiO₂.

Year Round: A Poem

By SAMMY BIGLIN

The beginning of hope
the start of joy,
Cold no longer nips at our skin,
The little red robin up in the tree
has four new beautiful bright baby birds,
They all sing in the morning light.

Soon,
Children playing in the street,
Ice cream dripping from cones
and soiling hands,
The beach is crowded,
And those little birds outside my window
are learning to fly.

Halloween Candy or Cavities?

By KAELYN KLATTE

Every child has something they look forward to on Halloween. It might be dressing up, trick-or-treating, carving pumpkins, playing Halloween games, or spending time with their family and friends. Most kids, however, like trick-or-treating best. Each year, Americans spent over 2.3 billion dollars on candy only this Halloween. Now that halloween has passed and we're blowing through our candy, it brings up an important question, is all this candy really worth it?



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You've all heard of your parents say, "Don't eat too much candy, it'll rot your teeth!" This statement is in fact, true. About 54% of American kids need one or more dental fillings after Halloween. Cavities come from bacteria called *Streptococcus mutans*. This bacteria sticks to the outer surface of your teeth, forming dental plaque which is a pale yellow and extremely sticky deposit of biofilm. This releases acids that dissolve the top layer of your teeth or the enamel.

Can this sour sweet problem be solved? It already has been! A company called Organo Balance located in Berlin, Germany, created candy that prevents your sweet tooth's issues. They discovered *Lactobacillus*, a bacterium that sticks to *Streptococcus mutans* causing them to detach. Another "good guy" in this candy crisis is a natural substance called Xylitol. Xylitol is a healthy sugar-free sweetener used in mints, gum, other candies, and even toothpaste. So, can these teeth cleaning substances save our teeth, or will they fail?

Teacher Sleuths

By SAMMY BIGLIN

There are teachers on the loose! They are running around rampant and doing crazy things like giving out homework! We only have a little bit of information about them, and we need your help to find out who they are.



-This teacher's family built the Bala Theater a long time ago.

-This teacher is known as the "Smart Board Master."

-WHO AM I?

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Student Government Important Info.

By GRAHAM BRANSCOM *Editor-In-Chief*

- Please encourage your homeroom to come up with ideas for a fundraiser for each grade.
- Anyway fun and interesting way to raise money would be greatly appreciated.
- All food drive donations have ended as of Monday, the 16th of November.
- All reps please check your student email regarding important information regarding meetings, reminders, events, etc.

Monthly Life Hack

By GRAHAM BRANSCOM

Use a spring from a pen to keep your phone charger from breaking.



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TSA Survey

By YASMINE MEZIANI

The Welsh Valley TSA team would like to hold a survey questioning why people would not join TSA. Our team wants to boost membership throughout our club and to do so we would like to have the schools opinion on why you would not join TSA or, for anyone who did quit this club we would like to have your opinion as well.

Please answer the quick survey below for anyone who does not participate in TSA. Tear the bottom part of this sheet off and return to the Tech Ed Room, or give to Yasmine Meziani in the 8th grade POV room.



Too Much Work



It Is Boring



Have Other School Activities



You Have No Friends In The Club



It Does Not Fit You Personally



Other

