Two Quiz Bowl teams County Champs

Not every team at MMS competes on the field, the mat or the court. Sometimes a team reads a book, sits at a table and answers questions in order to compete against their opponent.

This, students, is Quiz Bowl.

MMS is proud to sport 3 Quiz Bowl teams, one for each grade. Each team was given a book to help them prepare for the upcoming season, learning more about different topics for their competition. They brushed up on their math, social studies, science, geography and more in order to practice for their competitions that occurred on Nov. 8.

The 6th grade team took on Woodmore and beat them 34-25, making them the Sandusky County Champions. The 7th grade team took on Woodmore and Lakota on the same day, finishing with 31 points, just a point behind Lakota and two points behind Woodmore.

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Similar to the 6th grade team, our 8th grade team dominated their match, finishing as Sandusky County Champions by scoring 48 points compared to 29 for Lakota and 24 for Woodmore.

"The team members worked hard starting from the time they received their competition books last spring," Mrs. Detilwer, said. "They are a competitive bunch."

The 6th and 8th grade teams will compete in the Champions of Champions match at BGSU Firelands on December 5 against the champions from Erie, Ottawa, and Huron counties. Pictured below you can see our Quiz Bowl teams. Members of the 8th grade team (left) are Braden Gilbert, Dillon Liskai, Kennedy Brown, Justice Smith, Robbie Greenslade and Grant McMaster. The 7th grade team members are (middle) Payton Aldrich, Becca Clapp, Karli Deel, Ethan Lantz, Grace Murphy and Alexia Young. The 6th grade team (right) is Emma Castle, Autumn Lindstrom, Kristopher Bonnigson, Cora Liskai, Chance Stanley, Kenyon Bilbrey, Abby Cahill and Olivia Mason.



#### 7th grade boys start year with close loss

With this 2017-2018 7th basketball season underway the Fliers are looking to establish dominance this year against their SBC opponents.

The 7th Grade Fliers kicked off the season at home against Old Fort this past Tuesday. Although the Fliers fought extremely hard until the last buzzer, foul trouble doomed them as they lost, 34-32.

Making up this year's talented squad are: Evan Sterling, Mason Gurney, Keaton Klinski, Cole Schowcow, Javier Plummer, Cyler House, Evan Cook, Colin Cantu, Landen Bailey, Mason Mathis, Abram Morrison, Kaden Paul, and Adam Kauble.

They are coached by Ronnie Morton, Eriq Morton, and Dristen Cook, and Hunter Combs is the manager for the team. The next game for the boys will be at Oak Harbor to square off against the Rockets tonight, Nov. 30, and they hope to bounce back from their early loss.



# Girls basketball splits against Old Fort

With winter coming up, you know what that means. Winter sports! Girls basketball is just one of the four winter sports here at MMS. Girls basketball tryouts were October 27th. There are 12 girls on the 7th grade and 11 girls on the 8th grade. The 7th grade coach is Steve Baker, and the 8th grade coach is Sarah Scruggs.

The girls had a scrimmage Tuesday, November 14th against the Seneca East Tigers. The 7th grade played fairly well, as they played the very first time together.

Coach Scruggs says that they need to improve on defense, but overall they played well for the first time this season.

Lexi Carlson, a member of the 7th grade basketball, thinks her team will do great this season. "I think we have a lot of improving to do, but I think that we are working on it and improving already. I think we will do great this season."

Kaitlyn Moe of the 8th grade basketball team, stated that she is very excited for the season, and believes that it is gonna be a great year for the 8th grade team.

The girls traveled to Old Fort to play their first game. The 7th grade fought hard but sadly lost, 40-36. Lexi Carlson led the way with 34 points. The 8th grade girls won, 34-23.

The girls' next game is tonight, November 30, against Oak Harbor at MMS. The 7th grade starts at 4:30 and 8th grade after that. Come support! Girls games are away on Tuesdays and home on Thursdays.





# THESE ARE A FEW OF MY

Here at the MMS, the students have been engaging in neat activities inside and outside the classrooms. To learn a little more about what is going on, a group of students have asked two kids in each grade level different questions for what activities they have been participating in.

In 6th grade we asked Carissa Rodriguez and Kristopher Bonnigson what their favorite thing about world studies was and they both responded with the same answer.

"I really like the cool country report. I like how we learn about the countries and cultures from around the world."

Then we interviewed two students from 7th grade and their question was, "What is your favorite thing about language arts this year?"

Sage Ruffing replied with, "My favorite thing about language arts is reading because I like to read." Also Ethan Lantz added, "My favorite thing about language arts is spelling."

We lastly interviewed two 8th grade students, they answered the question, "How did you feel about the pumpkin explosion?"

Lauryn Berger was someone we interviewed and she said, "I thought that it was cool, interesting and I got out of choir so it was fantastic."

We also interviewed Tristin Leal to get his ideas about the explosion and he responded with, "I think it was a pretty relaxed event and it was pretty exciting with the explosion."

Here at the MMS there are many different activities that we do inside and outside the classroom. Hopefully you have enjoyed some of your activities in your grade so far!

# 8th grade boys continue winning

#### by Dillon Liskai

As the leaves begin to change here at MMS, local basketball teams are practicing and getting ready to hit the hardwood. This upcoming season, our 8th Grade Fliers are striving to be on top of the SBC once again, and win the SBC Championship for a second year in a row. This year will be tough with new contenders stepping into the ring, like Sandusky, Old Fort and Tiffin, but the Clyde Fliers still look to be back on top.

This years dynamic roster consists of Jaden Cook, Will Lozier, Caden Gillmor, Jarrin Bulger, Kaiden Olson, Brady Wilson, Dillon Liskai, Kyle Flewelling, Andrew Kauble, Griffin Noftz, Grant McMaster, Robbie Greenslade, Dillon Overmyer. They are coached by Brad Elfring, and their manager is Dristen Cook.

The Fliers first home game came on Tuesday versus the talented Old Fort Stockaders. The Fliers won a hard fought war against Old Fort, 47-35. In the end, the physicality against the tall and lengthy Stockaders won the game.



The Fliers are now heading over tonight to face the Oak Harbor Rockets, and hopefully to run their record to 2-0.

## Wrestlers hitting the mats real soon

Wrestling is under way already this winter. The 7th and 8th graders have been practicing hard and are extremely ready for the fastapproaching season. They've got a bright look on their faces with some tough athletes on their side.

Most of them have wrestled for many years before, but some newcomers are still learning the ropes fast. It's going to be a good wrestling season, so be sure to attend some of their meets.

Their first one is December 2nd so try to attend. Here are their rosters:

#### 7th Grade

# 8th grade

Ethan Lantz Payton Aldrich Zane Ball Mason Ash Nathan Parkhurst Nolan Donnersbach Joshua Church Ariel Daniel Ruel Pendleton Walker Britt Cade Carroll Dalton Boyd Joshua Stanley



# Should schools have dress codes?

In this issue our editorial writers, Cal Cahill, Brenna Caudill and Katelin Morrison, talk about school dress codes and our opinions on them. We are not writing this to be disrespectful in anyway, it is just our opinions. We also believe that you are entitled to your own opinion and that's why we're writing from both perspectives of the argument.

### In support of school dress codes

For starters, the style that teenagers wear today during school is usually inappropriate and students should not be able to wear them, especially at school. The outfits the students wear could also distract others, or they wear them to show off at school. Different schools think that there should be a strict dress code, and some schools don't have a dress code, their main focus is the student's education.

An example of clothing that shouldn't be allowed is belly shirts. They are inappropriate because they show too much of a girl's body, more specifically their stomach. Another example is shorts. Girls occasionally wear very short shorts, to draw attention to themselves. School is where people go to learn, not to show off their skin by their inappropriate clothing. In high school, many different schools aren't as concerned about what the students wear. Mostly in high school to junior high you are judged by your appearance, but you can also be judged by how expensive your items of clothing are. In other cases, there are kids in schools that don't have enough money for expensive clothing, or the money to wash the clothing.

Another essential point is the type of clothing. Brand name clothes like, "Under Armour" or "Nike" or even "Pink" are normally expensive and if you wear it you are immediately considered "popular" or "cool" to some people. In some schools, kids are very judgmental and inappropriate that they have to wear uniforms. To conclude, the reason for dress code is that you should be able to express yourself as long as it is appropriate.



# Dress codes need changed!

In this article I will be arguing that dress codes are too strict and why I think so. I will start off by saying that wearing what you choose is a way to express yourself and your personality. Wearing uniforms is bland and does not show any expression at all. In order for a person to be happy they have to wear something that makes them happy. People need to show their personality because they might not have any other way to do it. People at school shouldn't have to fit standards set by the school, they should wear what they want! Middle school is supposed to be the place where you have more freedom, but by having dress codes they are limiting our freedom.

Dress codes overall are more sexist than they are anything else. The dress code rules don't even apply to boys because they wear clothing that "fits the dress code" all the time. The main reason that dress codes are enforced is because if a girl doesn't wear the approved clothing than it is "distracting." I don't think that showing a girl's shoulder distracts people from what they came to school for, to learn. Boys should learn to not be distracted, instead of girls sacrificing what they want to wear because it distracts boys. The dress code itself is distracting. Girls are focused on what they should be wearing and if they are going to be called out on it. It's not even worth the stress. If you are going to even have dress codes make them less strict or have uniforms.





#### With Mr.

Mr. Cannon took time out of his busy schedule to answer some of our questions about the dress codes. Here are his answers.

- 1. Why don't we have uniforms? "Most public schools don't. They mostly go to uniforms if things are really out of hand."
- 2. What are your thoughts on schools that don't have dress codes? "Pretty much every school has a dress code. You might find schools that don't have the same dress code as our school, but they still have them."
- 3. Do you think that dress codes could be less strict during the summer? shorts, tank tops, etc. "It's kind of like when you go out to a fancy restaurant or church, you want to look nice because it sends a message about the image of our school. It's not like if you wear too short of shorts, you will get expelled, but at the same time you should be wearing what you're supposed to."
- 4. Was the dress code your decision or was it a must have? "Every school pretty much has a dress code. When I came in the dress code was already in place. We don't have a huge issue with what kids wear in the sense."
- 5. Do you think part of the reason why we have dress codes is because of how inappropriate kids are these days? "No. The dress code has been in place for years. The dress code is in place to make sure kids are dressing appropriate. If we didn't have a dress code, shirts with cuss words or other suggestive terms would be all over the place. It's not a matter of kids nowadays, kids are the same as they were when I was in school."
- 6. If it was your choice, would you require uniforms? "Yes and no. I enjoy watching people represent our school by what they wear. The way the students are currently dressing is not a big deal. "
- 7. Why are shoulders not allowed to be shown? "Younger girls, the more skin you show, the more attention you will get. It's not always good attention. If the shoulders are allowed it provokes drama."
- 8. Do you think students would take it too far if we didn't have uniforms? "Yes. If we didn't have a dress code it would be a whole lot more of a problem."
- **9.** Do you prefer uniforms or dress code? "Dress code in our situation. Some schools out there would benefit from a dress code I just don't think we're one of them. It doesn't really cause a lot of problems here."
- **10.** Do you think dress codes are too gender specific? "Yes. At the same time, I also believe that most of the clothes that are made that would cause problems are towards females. Guys do not wear those kinds of things."
- 11. Does what girls wear distract guys? "It is how you want to define the word distract. It can also provide unwanted attention, unwanted comments, possibly unwanted behavior towards girls. Does it go against girls? Yes, but at the same time, who wears clothing that is considered inappropriate. If you put your clothes on in the morning and you're not sure, you just shouldn't wear it. There is a place and a time for different clothes."



We wish to feature some creative writing done by students. These voluntary submissions can be over anything, whether it is written for class or not. Here is a story by Elise Miller.

If I told you that I, The Magical Hans Inis, was a time traveler, would you be surprised? Well, nice to meet you because that's just who I am.

If you saw me on the street walking my dog, Hans Jr. you would probably stare. I mean I do have purple eyes. Most people think that's weird, but in the 3018's you can choose your eye color after your born. Oh, and yes, most newborns talk here. The most beloved scientist, Dr. Freedine developed an attachment to the brain that can make babies already talk, eat solid foods, and walk without physically learning. My, my! I do get off subject! Okay, are you ready for the real story?

I work at the time traveling center of the world. The UAS! United American States! (They wanted a new name) Daily, I go back in time to try to get helpful technology to people who need it. Today, I am going back to the 1800's to tell them about the Z Phone. Man, the needed the technology.

I pressed my ID into the computer. "Welcome Hans Inis," said Piri the *latest* best computer technology. "Why thank you!" I said smiling. This day was beginning to me fun! I headed to my office on the 4,000th floor, taking the subway up, of course. "1800's today, huh Inis?" my *least* favorite coworker smirked. "Why, yes!" I answered as I grabbed the door to my floating office. "Catch you later Inis." the slick man said.

I walked into the time traveling room, where I soon would disappear to the dull time period where I must go. I grabbed all the iPhones. There where chips you put in your brain that was basically a walked computer inside of your head.

I pushed the flashing button after typing all the need information on the computer. "Off we go!" I yelled as the room dumped me in the middle of the United American States, well I guess the United States of America back then.

In the dusty old western town I headed to the main square. "People of all kinds!" the customers gathered. "I have the Zphone, the best technology EVER MADE!" I saw a black clothed figure in the back of the gathering crowd. Oh no. Panic formed in my throat. Could she have possibly followed me here?

I finished my speech and handed out the Z Phones. The figure moved. "And thank you!" I said to the people. She ran down the alley.

She turned. "Hans Inis, why are you working for them?" she asked bearing her eyes into mine. "They are evil, giving there technology to people for there gold and money?" "Do you ever think that you are messing up are history?" "People have become lazy because of these super inventions." I paused. "I'm sorry Hans, but I must stop this company." With that she disappeared into the wind.

To be continued.

