



MMS students do well in Art Contest

This year, Bellevue Hospital celebrated their centennial year. To help celebrate, Bellevue Hospital held a holiday card contest for middle school art students. The theme of the card contest was "Happy and Healthy Holidays," where students had to come up with a design that promoted individuals to have a happy and healthy holiday this winter season.

The top winners would have their card design displayed in the hospital and on their website as well as receive a certificate of outstanding artwork with some gift certificates to Wendy's and East of Chicago Pizza.

The winner of the contest would have their card design printed for all of Bellevue Hospital's holiday cards that they mail out as well as receive a certificate of outstanding work and a gift certificate to Kalahari Water Park.

There were three schools who competed in the competition: McPherson Middle School, Bellevue Middle School, and Immaculate Conception School in Bellevue.

There were around 70 students who competed in the art competition who were judged by three judges from Bellevue who also have experience in the arts.



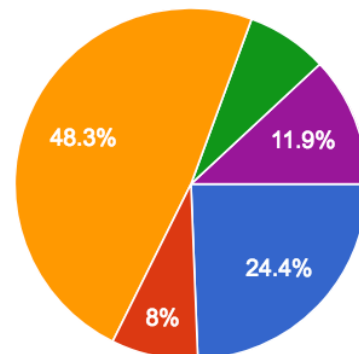
Above: MMS contest winners Schuyler Battelline, Maddie Ochs, Ariaahna Bradshaw, Audrey Distel, Colin Cutcher, Danielle Ahrendt, Grayson Morgan, and Hannah White

Below: Top 3 MMS winners Schuyler Battelline, Ariaahna Bradshaw and Maddie Ochs



What is your favorite thing you do on Christmas?

- Visit relatives
- Make Cookies
- open gifts
- Nothing
- Eat Food!!!!



Boys Basketball Recap

7th grade record drops to 1-5

by Adam Kauble

With the first five games under their belt, the 7th Grade Boys Basketball team has achieved a record of 1-4.

They suffered a severe 41-17 loss to The Bellevue Redmen. They then traveled over to Sandusky and took a heartbreaking 42-48 loss after coming back from a 22-2 deficit in the first quarter.

After that close loss, the boys took on Willard in home territory, looking for their first win of the season. The thrilling game came right down to the wire, and the boys held on, 25-24, for the first win of the season.

8th grade has another good week, remains undefeated at 6-0

by Dillon Liskai

So far, the 8th Grade Fliers basketball season has been a success. The team is currently 6-0, and looking to continue on their hot streak.

Since the last issue, the Fliers have had a great showing, going 3-0. The Fliers got off to a good start two weeks ago with a game against our main school rival, the Bellevue Redmen. What looked like a tough game was quite the opposite, as the Fliers steamrolled the Redmen, 51-17.

The Fliers then traveled over to Sandusky to play the talented Blue Streaks. The game was extremely close, as teams switched leads and switched shots, but in the end, the Fliers won, 37-33.

The Fliers then took to the home court on a rare Monday matchup against the Willard Crimson Flashes. The guys started out slow, but an explosive second half propelled them to victory, 57-30.

The Fliers then got on the bus for the start of a two game road trip. They were able to beat the Tiffin Tornadoes by 14 on the first game of the trip, and they face the Perkins Pirates tomorrow, December 22, looking to keep their undefeated streak in tact.



Wrestlers look to improve as the season moves on

by Ethan Lantz

The wrestling season is underway and the team is doing well so far.

At their first tournament in Fremont, Cade Carroll and Josh Stanley each got first place with 4 pins. Walker Britt finished third with 2 pins while Mason Ash finished 5th in his weight class and both Ruel Pendleton and Ethan Lantz had 1 pin.

At last week's tournament in Clyde, Cade Carroll and Joshua Stanley both placed in their weight classes with 3 pins each. Dalton Boyd placed with 2 pins, and Ruel Pendleton and Ari Daniel both had 1 pin.

At their most recent duel against Fremont, the Fliers lost 37-31. Mason Ash and Joshua Church both had wins against Fremont.

Personally, I think the season is going okay now but it won't be as good as I hoped," Josh said. "That's because we have so many newcomers, but that's a good thing because that means more people will learn and it will make a good and informed team for next year's season."

The boys hope are hoping for better success as the season moves on and they get into more tournaments and duels with other SBC schools.

FUN FACTS

Nearly **41%** of students say they will

VISIT RELATIVES during

break. And **23%** say they

will be doing "nothing

SPECIAL during **Christmas Break**



Ability Grouping



In one of our editorials this week, Loreli Phillips and Katelin Morrison debate whether students should be placed in classes based on abilities.

In my opinion, students should be grouped based on their abilities. In this article I will be explaining why students should be grouped based upon their learning abilities.

Advanced classes would be a good idea because this way the advanced students can do work that challenges them intellectually instead of being in classes that they are bored in and are just waiting for the other students to get caught up.

Having students with all different kinds of abilities in their classes, teachers feel pressured to move on for the advanced students, but then the other students would not understand the information being taught to them. If you were in an honors class, you can move ahead to other information while the regular classes are taking more time to teach the information to everyone. Let's say an honors class has already finished a topic, and the typical learning class hasn't finished the topic yet. The honors class could work on a "game" or "activity" that has to do with the topic that both the typical, and honor classes are working on. So, the average learning class isn't necessarily learning different things than the honors class. They are just learning this subject at different paces. When all different types of students at different learning levels are in one class, they have a hard time meeting everyone's needs. With advanced and average learning classes, teachers, and students, you will most likely not have these dilemmas in school. This is why students should be grouped based on their learning and intellectual abilities.

Do you think students should be put in different classes based on their different learning abilities? Well I don't! In my opinion, I think that students should be mixed by fast learners and slower learners. I know that the fast learners might get bored during class because they are ahead, but they could always help their classmates. I mean think about it, if the students helped their classmates, then it would save the teacher some time. The teachers could also give them an advanced paper on the same topic, so it takes them longer.

On the other hand, if the students were in certain classes based on their learning abilities, then the fast learning students would be way ahead. Since the faster learning kids can obviously learn faster, the slower kids wouldn't gain all of the information at the end of the year. That may affect their testing scores at the end of the year.

The honors students could always have a free day, while the other classes catch up on their work, but is that fair to the other kids? The honors students get a fun day and the other students have to sit in class and work. Well, I don't think that is fair! If they were to be in different classes based on their learning abilities, then I think they should have close to the same amount of learning of the same topic. Maybe the honors class would have more/harder papers, but they should be learning the same topic.

Another reason it would be a good idea for the students to be all mixed up by learning abilities is because let's say that you are really good friends with someone, but they are smarter than you. If the school did honors and regular class, you may not see that person a lot because they are in different classes than you. As a result, you might drift apart.

How would you feel to get bullied because you were in regular learning classes? Well, another possibility is maybe (but this should NEVER happen, but it's a possibility) if you are in regular classes you got bullied because you didn't learn as fast as the other kids.

Overall I think it's important to have mixed classes because the slower learners won't feel pressured since they learn at a different speed and the faster learners won't think that have it all, just because their class is way ahead.



WORK HOLIDAY

We live in a service-based society where we always need things from other people and from stores. And sometimes, stores make people work even on days most people don't want to work on.

So in our second editorial of this edition, Caroline Cahill and Mercedes Bailey debate if people should have to work on major holidays like Christmas, Thanksgiving and Easter.

A topic of common controversy is if people should work on major holidays like Easter, Christmas, and Thanksgiving. I think that people should work on the holidays if they want. I think that if businesses want to make more money, they should leave stores open all the time.

One of the busiest times to shop is on holidays. If people need something after their holiday parties they should have a place to go to buy their things they need. Businesses can make a considerable profit on these holidays, and I don't think it's the best idea to just give everyone the day off when they could be making money.

I do think that there is another solution for this. If people don't have any holiday plans, then they should be the ones to work on the holidays. Another thing is, it's not fair to the people (police, hospitals, etc.) who are required to work on these holidays.

People say that they want to spend time with their families on holidays and they can't work, but they can easily find a way around this. They can schedule their family time around when they have to work.

The Fair Labor Standards says that employees are required to be paid more if they work on holidays. I don't see why people would turn down the chance of being paid almost double. If people want days off on the busiest days of the year, then maybe they should reconsider where they are working.



🇺🇸 Federal Holidays 2018		
Date	Federal holiday	Day of the week
January 1, 2018	New Year's Day	Monday
January 15, 2018	Martin Luther King Day	Monday
February 19, 2018	Presidents' Day	Monday
May 28, 2018	Memorial Day	Monday
July 4, 2018	Independence Day	Wednesday
September 3, 2018	Labor Day	Monday
October 8, 2018	Columbus Day	Monday
November 11, 2018	Veterans Day	Sunday
November 12, 2018	Veterans Day (observed)	Monday
November 22, 2018	Thanksgiving Day	Thursday
December 25, 2018	Christmas Day	Tuesday

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In this article I will be arguing that people should not have to work on major holidays such as Christmas, Thanksgiving, Easter, etc. I think people should not work on major holidays because people should be at home spending time with friends and family. If people work all week then they would be tired and want to rest during weekends. If they are working all the time then that would give them no time to visit with friends or family. If people get time off from work then they would get time to visit with the people they love.

Also, if an employee works all year they deserve to have a day to themselves for visiting people and celebrating like everyone else. In addition, if employees are forced to work on holidays than they may not give a full effort in what they have to do because of being tired and not wanting to be there. Not only are you upsetting the worker but their families will start to get involved because they would be upset too.

You could miss out on a lot of important or special family moments from your kids opening their first present to inside jokes between your family. I think that the people who don't have plans should take the holidays to work, but the people who do have plans to celebrate should not have to work.





Café

Girls Basketball teams both around .500

by Karlee Lozier

Winter has come and so has the beginning of the season for basketball! As the Lady Fliers have already started their season off great with a record of 8th grade 4-2 and 7th grade 3-3, they still are improving and raising their basketball IQ at the moment. The girls have played very defensively and have been showing off their skills to a lot of teams. Some of these games have been close calls, but they have managed to pull it off or learn from them.

The Lady Fliers played their last couple games this week before Christmas Break! They recently played Willard. This week instead of playing on a Tuesday, the Lady fliers played on a Monday defeating the Willard Crimson Flashes with while the 7th grade lost a tough battle of 25-11. Due to school being cancelled on Thursday, the girls game was also cancelled.

This week the girls played Tiffin Columbian at home, and both teams used the advantage of their own home court and won both games. The 8th grade beat Tiffin were 25-2 while the 7th grade won 27-12,. Both teams play tonight, Thursday, against the Perkins Pirates.

After the game today, the girls break has now arrived the girls will take a little two week break from games, but they will still be practicing and improving for their upcoming games ahead.



Brynn Cook, Emily Hammer and Kristen Harrah gang up on defense in a recent game against Sandusky.



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.
Elise Miller concludes her short story started in the [November Issue](#)

Hans the time traveller, Part 2

LAST TIME: 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.

“What?” I muttered pausing. I know the company made a lot of money off of this, but that didn’t make it wrong? Right? “Wow. You must rethink thine life Hans.” I thought. My hours, my days, my life revolved around this business. People being lazy? Well, I guess all the average Earthian does is tell there butler (a robot of course!) what to do.

I knew the lady, her name is Jahba, someone from the planet Jupiter. She normally wears all black, (she was just now) and has brown hair with black eyes. Her powers are flight and invisibility and she is extremely smart.

“Well I must join her!!” my common sense programed into my brain flared. “Go with the winning side!” I knew Jahba would win, she’s out of this world! Haha! Yes, I am extremely funny, go ahead and get used to it!

“Heyyyy JAHBA?!” I yelled in my magically beautiful voice. “She landed next to be her zappy thingy flarin’.” “Do. You. Want. Them. To. Come?” she said each word with disdain like they burned her throat to come out.

“I will JOIN YOU!!!” I stated. Man, she must be so excited to get an offer from one of the best, most talented humans. “What’s in it for you?” “Nothin’ I want to help!” I exclaimed. “Okay then, we are going back to the headquarters!”

She clicked a button on her left arm and told me to do the same. “ But *that* button only helps us fly!” “WE CAN’T FLY THROUGH TIME!” “Too late.” We zoomed through time painfully. I couldn’t feel my arms, or legs, or anything at all. It could have been 5 seconds or 5 years. Time is like that,

I fell on my face at the step of headquarters. Of course, just to make me feel inadequate, she landed in a back flip and on her feet.

“We need to SHUT IT DOWN.” she whispered, really forcing the SHUT IT DOWN to be focused on in her sentence. I allowed Jehba to lead the way through the building. Well, she was invisible, but she gave me a chip to put on my eye so I could see her. We walked straight up the stairs and to the control room. If you pressed the red button, they time travel would be over. I entered my pin, han print, and voice recognition.

My boss sat at his desk. His greasy gray hair shone. I ran for the button. As like I was in slow motion my fingers glided across it pushing down. This action would take back all the robots, Z phones - anything that we gave to the past. In one zapp it was all over. I was hit by a electric shock so hard the room shook. I fell.

I’ll never know the person who killed me,

I’ll only know the sacrifice I took to rewrite the future. I am Han Iris, and this is my story.

Student

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HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA

