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Attention 7th grade parents

Washington DC Trip - May 2019

Sign ups are now available for trip next year.
Students will go to Washington DC,
Baltimore, and Philadelphia.
Itinerary and price information is available

**Sign up by June 1
for a discount**

Contact Mrs. Dawson, dawsonm@lockwoodschool.org for more information



VFW BRINGS GIFTS TO TWO TALENTED WRITERS By: Ashlyn Weber

Lockwood's 8th Grade Language Arts students participated in the annual VFW essay contest. These students competed with all 7th and 8th grade students in the Heights and Lockwood areas. This years prompt was "America's Gift to my Generation". The students were required to write about a gift that America has given to their generation. The essay could not be longer than 300 words. For the local VFW post Lockwood came out on top; Colton Cain, took first place with his essay about the "advancements and evolutions of our people to cater to everyone's needs, everyone's wants, and everyone's rights", and Dylan Winters, took third place with his essay about "freedom of speech" and other First Amendment rights. Each boy received a medal, a plaque, and a check. The first place essay will be advanced to the next level.



MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC CONCERTS

The middle school band concert will be held on Friday, May 11. The middle school choir concert will be held on Thursday, May 10. Both concerts will be in the Sturdevant Gym at 1:30 p.m.



8TH GRADE PROMOTION

The 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony will be held Friday, May 25, at 10:00 a.m. in the Sturdevant Gym. All are welcome to attend. Eighth grade students need to be at school at 9:00 a.m.



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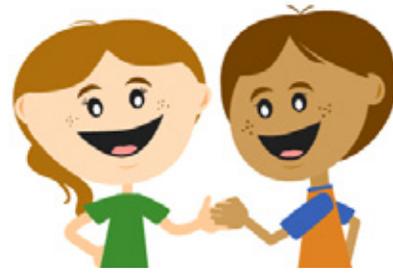
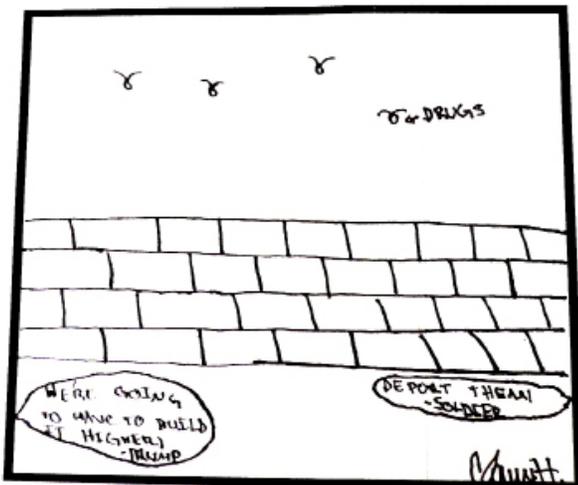
BEING THE NEW KID

By: Cierra Robson

Lockwood has several new students. Let's meet a few. Jesse is a 6th grader; he came to Lockwood school about 2 months ago. His last school was Blue Creek in Billings. The hardest thing about moving schools is changing classes. At Blue Creek he only had 2 teachers. He was surprised that Lockwood that they had pizza every day. At Blue Creek there were fewer choices. Pizza was only on Fridays. His advice for transitioning is staying organized and to not carry around lots of stuff. He did not have a hard time making friends. He just sat down at a table and watched youtube the kids went to sit by him and then hung out.

Kaizen is a 7th grader she started school this fall. He went to McGee school in Idaho. At first it was hard for her to figure out his way around the school. He was surprised at how big the school was because his last school was little. He said some advice for transitioning schools is to stay organized. He has not made any close friends, but he has people who he eats lunch with.

Finally, meet Zac. Zac is an 8th grader and moved here in January. His last school that he was at was Frameworks. The hardest thing about moving schools for him was learning concepts that the other school had not taught yet but that Lockwood kids already knew. His advice for transitioning is to work hard and to study so you can get good grades. He did not have trouble making new friends.



MENTORING

By: Mackinzy Ruff

Under the supervision of 8th grade teacher Eric Karls, a group of students have begun a mentoring program for younger students. On Wednesdays during lunch a group of 8th grade girls goes to the 4th and 5th grade areas and talk with a group of girls. The boys go during their first period class and talk with the boys. Some days you have special topics to talk about, but some days the mentors will talk about issues the boys and girls want to discuss. Most times when the mentors go down to the younger grades," it is really fun and challenging" and "you love it and hate leaving the younger girls and boys". "You have a really tight bond with most of the kids and that is what makes it fun." The 8th grade girls will take their lunches down to the Intermediate grades, get their discussion topics, and then you go off in little groups. Most of the time the students go on walks in the little groups they are in. It has been an effective program and all the kids are loving this experience. It gives those involved something to look forward to each week.





STURDEVANT GYM MURAL

By: Isaac Hodson

Megan Hodson (this writer's mom) was Vice President of the Art Club in the 8th grade in 1996, here at Lockwood School. Towards the end of the year the art club thought of an idea that was to paint a mural on the wall of the Sturdevant Gym. So they started painting each separate part for each student. After a while they had realized that there were not enough people so Megan's choice was to have the A.P. math class come and join them. Each student had gotten one scene of the mural to paint. Megan's painting on the mural was the Volleyball picture 3 spaces up from the ground. She also helped paint the lion face across the intersecting hall from the mural. You can see her signature drawn in gold above the left ear. This mural took about 5 weeks to complete, but Megan said it was worth it.



BAILEY O'DONNELL'S ART

By: Deleica Forshee

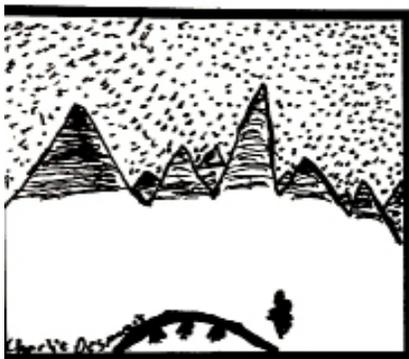
The week before Christmas break the seventh graders at Eileen Johnson Middle School were working on pictures that they had to paint. Bailey O'Donnell painted an owl using acrylic paint. Bailey chose an owl because she thought it would be a challenge for her. She used four colors to make her picture: yellow, black, brown, and white. The painting took her four to five days to paint.

TIME OF THE YEAR

by: Kinzy Ruff

Spring is here
The Birds are Back
The Green Grass
Is coming soon
Flowers are Blooming
And it's
Time for Allergies
Again
Busy Bees are Humming
Time to get some
HONEY
Spring is Full of
Joy
Now Let's Go Enjoy

HANG TIME





OPPOSING THE WORD "BULLYING"

By: Daniella Mcdowell

The word "bullying" means pressuring or hurting people to do what someone else wants them to do. To be considered bullying it must be consistent. A lot of people say there are getting bullied the first time someone is being mean to them, but that is not really bullying. I think that if someone is mean to you once and you cry out that you are being bullied then you keep crying out when you actually get bullied it makes it sound like the story the boy who cried wolf. There are many different types of bullying for example, physical bullying, social bullying, verbal bullying, and cyberbullying. I think that kids should stop using the word 'bullying' unless it is actually is bullying.

SPRING

by: Sydney Emond

Flowers grow
Lawns have to be mowed
The fresh air is here
But sometimes the snow still won't go
Spring is here
I hope it will stay
Spring is in the air
Please don't go away

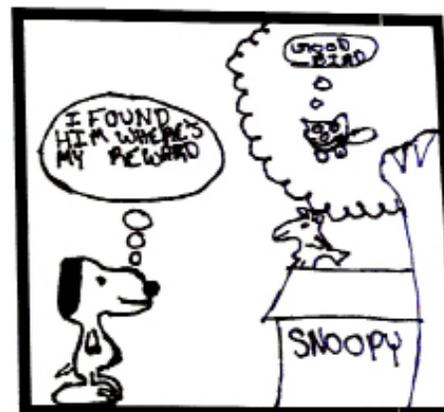
STUDENT COUNCIL

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By: Kaiya Schneider

Student council has a very important role for Lockwood School. Student council is a group of students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade, including teachers who put together events that support the school. These events consists of hat days, spirit days and many other things. Student Council also helps put together field trips. Without these kids and teachers most of these things would not happen. They also make posters to put together these events and make the Lockwood kids aware of the events being held. Elizabeth Kaminga is one of the many kids in Student Council. She says that she joined this activity because it helped her become more of a leader and helping kids is one of her favorite parts of being a part of the group. If you would like to join Students Council you are going to have to wait until the beginning of the next school year, unfortunately. Next fall all you have to do is fill out a packet from the teacher hosting Student Council. You have to give a reason that the school can benefit from your ideas, and you have to be accepted so give a very good reason why you would be a wonderful addition to the group.

WOODSTALK!?!?





WHERE TROUBLED STUDENTS SHINE

By: Ashlyn Weber

Aside from physical benefits from playing sports, emotional and psychological benefits are just as high. Every kid needs a place where they can just let loose and have fun instead of worrying about all the problems in their life. Sports give kids that opportunity to find peace within themselves and feel positive energy when they are on the court or field. Whatever is going on in a kid's life, sports will give them an outlet and a controlled environment where they can put away stress. Sports are therapy in themselves. Yes, talking to a therapist or counselor is helpful but words can only do so much. Exercising is a huge way to cope with depression, anger, and even anxiety while having fun and bonding with other kids. Usually starting in middle school, cliques become a very common problem. Kids start to feel like they do not belong or are outcasts and that can cause multiple problems in a kid's behavior. Sports cut across social divides, pulling together kids from disparate groups and increasing the number of people kids will know. Being a part of a team gives kids a sense of belonging. Being part of something larger than themselves and working toward a common goal is always great. Teams succeed and fail together and the value of group effort is reinforced everyday. Not feeling like you belong can cause kids to act out and get in trouble, also being defiant is a common act most teenagers pull as a way to get attention and deal with stress. Having extra time on their hands does not help the issue, but sports gives them less time for mischief, it could also stop the act in itself. I found out first hand how sports can affect behavior and emotions in a positive way. While I am not very fond of sports personally, I know they can really change a kids life. The adrenaline that pumps through you while doing something active with a group of kids and the feeling of doing something right is exciting, even if it is as small as making a shot or two in basketball, that could make your mood and your whole day way better. I personally know the feeling of being angry all the time and not having a way to express that anger in a healthy manner. That was until I found volleyball. Being able to hit something and not getting in trouble or hurting someone is truly awesome. If you are depressed, angry, anxious, find yourself getting in trouble a lot, or just feel like you don't belong, I highly recommend you try sports, any sport. Trust me you won't regret it. You will have fun, feel better about yourself, and might make a couple friends. It might be the best decision you ever make. If you do choose to play a sport or already play a sport, please thank your coaches.

THE LIFE OF A JOURNALIST

By: Ashlyn Weber



The lockwood journalism class took a break from interviewing fellow students and teachers to experiencing the life of a news reporter and a journalist for a couple of hours. We learned what it's like to be in the news business and what news reporters and journalists are required to do to make news become what it appears on television or in the paper. We went to KTVQ and witnessed news behind the scenes. At the news station the first crew arrives at work at around 2 a.m. to get the morning show ready to go. News is not a slack around job, it is fun but it also requires a lot of work and very early mornings. Not only did we learn about how our local news is put together, but we also went to the Billings Gazette and we got to see how trained journalists put together our newspaper and all the pressure they are put under to get it done. Journalism is a fun and exciting job, however, journalist and news reporters are working all the time. They have someone working for the newspaper almost 24/7 with some people staying until 1 in the morning and someone getting to work as early as 5 in the morning. One of my favorite parts of the field trip was when we talked to Mike Ferguson, a journalist working for the Billings Gazette and he gave us amazing answers and his opinion on his job, journalism. One thing he said really caught my eye he told me that "no field is hard to get into if you really want it," it really made me start thinking. I learned a lot from just the couple of hours we were gone and it was an amazing experience for not only me but the whole journalism class. I really do think that journalism might be a good path for me to take and I think this field trip really helped form that thought.