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Montford honors veterans

By: Mia Torrado

Montford held its annual Veteran's Day assembly on November 9th. It started with a fantastic performance of the Star-Spangled Banner by the symphonic band followed the pledge of allegiance. The orchestra played, "Honor and Glory" before Beta President Haley Heitmeyer and V.P., Belle

Beaver, gave a speech on the significant of Veterans Day. An incredibly special guest, Major Mark Glass, Commissioner of F.D.L.E., gave a video presentation on the experiences and benefits of joining the military. Afterwards, Tim Rice, an officer of the F.D.L.E., capital police and a U.S. Marine Corps

veteran talked about his experience in the Marine corps and how it changed his life. The assembly ended with Montford Chorus singing, "America the Beautiful," and the band, Permanent Record, playing "Born in the U.S.A." and "Rockin' in the Free World." Thank you, veterans, for our freedom!

Costumes for a cure

By: Maddie Ely

On Halloween Day, students paid \$2 to wear a costume to school. The fundraiser was headed by Mrs. Thompson, and all proceeds go to Relay For Life.

Montford hosts various events throughout the school year to help raise money for the cause. Relay For Life is an organization run by the American Cancer Society that works to provide the money and supplies needed to find a cure for cancer. On October 31st, students showed up to school wearing costumes ranging anywhere from bananas and hot dogs, to favorite characters from various movies and T.V. shows such as Harry Potter, Star Wars, or Cobra Kai. Some students donned classic costumes like monsters, witches, werewolves, or vampires. We even saw a few inflatable costumes, like the "tube man" that you might see in front of a car dealership. With the help of our amazing ghosts and ghouls, we ended up raising close to \$375 to help the cause!

Pink for a purpose

By: Addy Remy

The Montford cheerleaders held a fundraiser on Monday October 3rd, called Montford Goes Pink! This event was in support of breast cancer survivors. Participants dressed up in all pink and sold pink lemonade and donuts before school. The group raised over \$1,000.00, and proceeds were donated to the Joanna Francis Living Well Org. Cheerleading coaches Lowery and Montgomery host this event every year. A



Cheerleaders sell pink lemonade and donuts before school

survivor of breast cancer survivor herself, Mrs. Lowery is an inspiration! This fundraiser is just one way for our mustang family to show her our love and support.

History with Ms. Hogan

By: Charlotte Ely & Josie Hill

Ms. Hogan has been teaching at Montford since it opened in 2008 and has been inspiring her students to care about history since the beginning! One way she does this is by talking about events that happened in the past and relating them to things that are happening currently. We asked Ms. Hogan about her favorite outside-of-school interests. She shared that she loves watching baseball and football. Travel is another favorite



Ms. Hogan travels to Florence, Italy

pastime for her. She has been to 40 states and 12 countries! Ms. Hogan's favorite part of teaching at Montford is, "working with the students and faculty." Thank you, Ms. Hogan, for inspiring your students every day!

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Spiked in another win!

By: Alyssa Lowe

The M.M.S. volleyball team showed outstanding dedication and hard work this season. Their determination paid off, bringing in yet another championship win! This was our lady mustangs' third consecutive year without losing a set. In the championship game against Deerlake on October 3rd, the Mustangs came out on top, scoring 25-8, 25-7, 25-13 in only three sets. In the past three years,

the team has gone 30-0 in matches and 90-0 in sets! The team, coached by Mrs. Angela Hulquist, had a perfect 10-0 season in matches, and 30-0 in sets. It takes commitment to be the best; the team practiced from 7 am until 9 almost every morning, and it paid off. With the help of assistant coaches Kenzie and Devan Hulquist, the lady Mustangs claimed yet another victory. I interviewed 8th grader Meg Hearn, who has played for the Mustangs

for the past 3 years. Meg says she has, "hopes to play in high school and at the collegiate level."



2022 District Volleyball Champs

Checking in with the Lady Mustang basketball team

By: Will Trexler

Montford recently held tryouts for the Lady Mustangs' basketball team. We would like to say congratulations to the athletes who made it! Our 8th graders are Sadie Quiggins, Gwen Kukus, Chanel Robinson, Andrea Suarez, Laney Crisafulli, and Teagan Brown. 7th graders are Dyani

Bolden, Trinity Harris, Ariel Triggs, Kimberly Knight, and Journey Roberts. The 6th graders on the team are Janyla Payne, Payton Halloway, Laurenne Nelson, and Taviona Wilson-Watkins. Led by Head Coach Scott, the Lady Mustangs are currently 1 in 3. They had an awesome victory versus the Cobb Cubs, with a final score of 31-16. Please come out to show your school spirit and support for our Lady Mustangs!

Crossing the finish line

By: Emily Redfern & Mariam Randeree

We want to say congratulations to our Montford Cross Country team. They have had a great season this year. Our boys' team won the 2022 City Championship, and our girls finished in 2nd place. The races took place at Apalachee Regional Park, which is one of the favorite meet spots. We would like to thank the two wonderful coaches, Coach Busboom and Coach Knauf. Overall, for the girls' team, Haley Heitmeyer came in 2nd place, while Salvatore Giove came in 2nd place for the boys' team. Haley and Salvatore are both 8th graders who cherished running for Montford for the last time. Salvatore Giove said, "When I heard that we won, I grabbed my teammates and cried of happiness." We are going to miss all of our 8th grade runners next year. Way to go Mustangs!

Cottrell brings change to football team!

By: Madelyn Hayes & Bella Sosenko

Our football team showed strength and perseverance this season! Coach Cottrell has improved the team immensely by enhancing their skills and pushing them to do their best. The team's dedication surely payed off when they brought home a win in the final game. Cottrell says, "I think a great player doesn't have to be the best athlete. I think a great player is any guy who is willing to work hard every day, not just when it is easy,



Players in a huddle talking offense

puts others before himself, and isn't too proud to be coached. Great teammates make for great players." Congratulations to our Montford football team who made for a great season. Go Mustangs!