

### FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TALLAHASSEE

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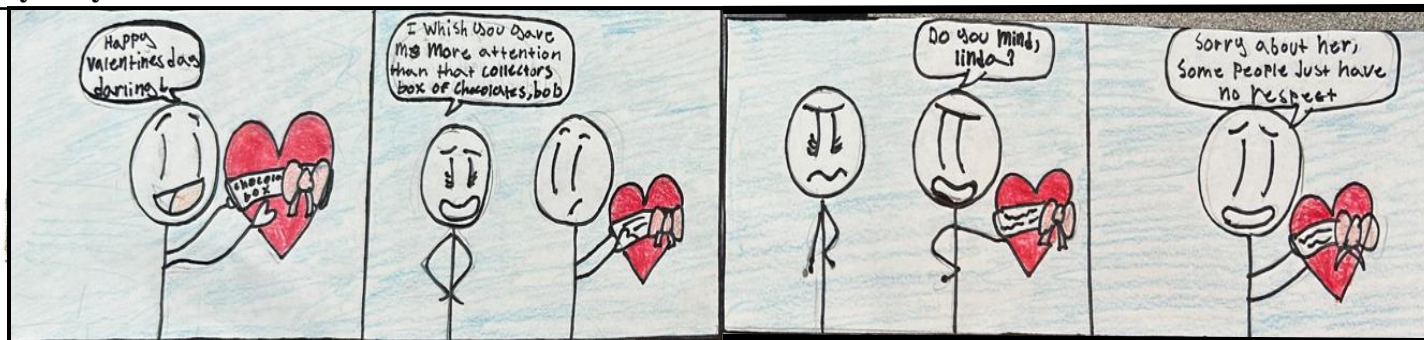
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### “Valentine’s Day Drama” By: Layla Adams



### Welcome to Montford, Ms. Castle

By: Josie Hill & Charlotte Ely

While Montford students and faculty were sad to say goodbye to Mrs. Kissiah in December, they eagerly welcomed Ms. Castle when they returned in January.

Ms. Castle is already becoming a beloved teacher, according to her students. Some of her goals as a new teacher are getting to know the kids and teachers and helping kids fill their learning gaps. She would like her students to know that she is friendly and able to help. She told us that her favorite

subject to teach is world history. Some of Ms. Castle’s favorite things to do outside of school are hiking and reading. A fun fact about her is that she has lived in five different states! She envisions herself teaching here for many years to come. Ms. Castle, welcome to the Montford family!



## “ANNIE” TAKES THE STAGE!

By: Emily Guta

Montford has put on multiple Broadway-style musicals in the past, providing students with the opportunity to express their talents on and off stage. The musical theater class gives students the chance to express themselves and learn responsibility by keeping up with multiple deadlines, handling technology, memorizing

lines, and making set changes. The cast and the crew are very excited to welcome you back to their production of, “Annie” after three years without putting on a show. If you're interested, there will be a 6:00 P.M show on February 7th. Tickets will be \$3 at the door. Come out and show your support for our Mustang cast and crew!



Rosalie Gibbens plays an intimidating Ms. Hannigan.

### Cheerleaders light up the winter parade

By: Belle Beaver

The Montford cheerleaders performed in the Tallahassee Winter Festival Parade. The cheerleaders worked hard to learn a dance to perform and won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the school category in the 2022 Winter Festival Parade! Way to go girls! The Cheerleaders work hard to show the school spirit and that is exactly what they did at the parade! They represented us in a cheerful way! Let us thank the cheer coaches



The M.M.S. cheer team poses with the Coca-Cola bear before the parade.

too, Mrs. Montgomery and Mrs. Lowery for supporting these girls! The Cheerleaders work hard to show the school spirit and it showed off here! Keep Cheering Girls!

### Ribbet-ing news

By: Will Trexler

Hands-on learning happens all the time at Montford, and frog dissection is something the 6<sup>th</sup> graders look forward to every year. While learning about the organ systems of the human body, students were able to compare a frog's digestive and circulatory system to that of a human's. The students removed the frog's organs, measured the diameter of the frog's tympanic membrane, and found the length of the frog in centimeters. Charlotte Ely said of the dissection, “I was nervous, but it was neat to see the insides of a frog.” Stay tuned for more science news!

### Valentine’s Day... the history behind the mystery

By: Dakota Davis & Amiya Robinson

Valentine's Day might have you thinking of flowers, chocolate, and heart-eye emojis, but before you start crafting Valentine's Day cards and searching for the best gifts for your Valentine, you might be

interested in why we still celebrate Valentine's Day. While we may think of Valentine's Day as a modern holiday, this day of heart-shaped festivity has a fascinating history...or rather, mystery. Long ago, in Ancient Rome, a saint named Valentine helped young couples get married

because a law had been put in place to prevent young soldiers from marrying. He was eventually caught and sent to death. However, before he died, Valentine confessed to his true love in a letter titled, “From your Valentine,” inspiring Valentine’s traditions we still celebrate today!