







## B2 REGION

### Mustangs dance, “Under the Sea”

By: Charlotte Ely & Tatum Draa



6<sup>th</sup> Graders Farren Bell, Ila Ledford, & Hailey Jo Buck pose under balloon arch

The 2024 Montford fall dance was themed, “Under the Sea.” An estimated 500 students attended! The P.T.S.O. did a wonderful job setting up the dance; there were lots of neon lights, and the gym lobby was decorated with a balloon arch and glowing jellyfish streamers. The music was great, and there were delicious snacks for the students. This year they added

two photo booths that everyone loved. There was a constant line of students waiting to get a cute photo with their friends. Lorelei Bryan, 6<sup>th</sup> grader, attended the dance, and said, “It was super fun, and my favorite thing was getting to dress up and hang out with my friends, as well the photobooth and taking pictures with my friends.” We can’t wait to see what the next dance theme is!

### M.M.S. going pink!

By: Caroline Emerson



Grayson Irwin, fall spotlight student cancer in 2013, when he was just 11 months old. Ms. Davis, Grayson’s language arts teacher says, “you can count on [Grayson] to offer an idea, an answer, or just a random fact. Grayson makes class fun every week!” Way to represent our school, Grayson!

On October 8<sup>th</sup>, the Montford Cheerleaders held a lemonade stand to raise money for the Joanna Francis Living Well Foundation. The Fundraiser raised more than \$1,500! The proceeds will be donated to breast cancer survivors, people who are currently battling breast cancer, and their families. Through the month of October, breast cancer awareness month, the Cheerleaders wore pink to support breast cancer awareness and encouraged other students and staff to do the same. On October 8, the whole school wore pink to show their spirit and support of the cause. In addition to the lemonade stand fundraiser, the cheerleaders attended a dinner at Goodwood for the Joanna Frances Living Well organization where they met some amazing survivors. Breast Cancer awareness month is incredibly special to us because our very own Mrs. Lowrey had breast cancer, and all who knew her at the time know how hard she fought to win the battle!

### Student Spotlight- Grayson Irwin

By: Emma Wells

We are very excited to announce that Grayson Irwin is our spotlight student this fall. Grayson is in 6th grade; he is on the Montford Boys’ Cross-Country Team, and he plays basketball, too. Grayson says his favorite part of school is P.E., and that one of his favorite hobbies is playing basketball with friends. He says his greatest accomplishment so far is beating the fight against

### Welcoming a new pumpkin to our patch!

By: Cameron Broder & Makannah Nerland

A new mustang was born on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:13 am to our very own, Mrs. Monroe. Her name is Persephone James, while she is lovingly known as, “P.J.” Filling in since early September while Mrs. Monroe while is on maternity leave is Ms. Micaela Cuellar. She has been in the field of teaching since 2019, and her dream is to become a professor. She will be completing and submitting her final dissertation soon, which she hopes to publish after her time at Montford is over. However, this was not always her



P.J. Monroe at one month old dream. Ms. Cuellar says, “originally I wanted to be a singer because I always liked to sing.” Her time in college changed this sentiment, and she soon decided to be a professor. Be sure to pop in and say hello before Mrs. Monroe returns!

## C3 REGION

### FOOTBALL TEAM WINS CHAMPIONSHIP!

By: Aniston Ledford

The football team had an amazing season ending with a dominating game in 2A division championship. The team ended the season with a 7-1 record, losing only to Raa Middle School. They came back and beat Raa in the championship when it really mattered. 6<sup>th</sup> grader D.J. Read said he, “enjoyed playing football with my boys and am excited to be a part of a team of champions. New

to the coaching staff this year, Dayne Read said that he is honored to be a coach and is so proud of the boys and cannot wait to coach them next year. It is so much fun going to games and supporting the football team. The amount of fan support is impressive and encouraging. This team is an inspiring group, and we look forward to seeing them come back next even stronger! Keep up the good work, boys!



Football team after winning the district championship game

### Volleyball wins district championship for 5<sup>th</sup> year straight!

By: Farren Bell & Ila Ledford

The 2024-2025 Montford volleyball team dominated this season! Lead by Coach Angela Hultquist along with her three daughters and son-in-law, the team started off with only two losses to Deerlake Middle School. The team worked tirelessly at practices in the Montford gym from 7-9 am every

day with the exception of game days. The girls worked together and beat every other opponent all season in just three sets. After putting in extra practice time, including a weekend practice, the team defeated the Deerlake Bucks in the championship game on October 7<sup>th</sup> at Deerlake in only 3 sets and clenched the title of district champs for the 5<sup>th</sup> year straight! They ended the season with an 8-2 record. We are so proud of this amazing group.

### Let’s get Loud!

By: Brynn Jacobson

Montford has a dance team for the first time since 2020! The dancers had their first performance at the girls’ basketball game on October 28<sup>th</sup>. They did amazing performing their, “Let’s Get Loud” routine using their green and silver pom poms and wearing beautiful maroon dresses! The team practices every Monday and Wednesday for two hours before school. The coaches are Ms. Guanche, school guidance counselor, and Coach Sullivan, P.E. coach. The dancers



2024 dance team before their first performance

will perform at halftime and timeouts of the boys’ and girls’ home basketball games. The team is excited about future performances and cheering on our basketball players. Come support our dancing Mustangs!

### Mustang Cross-Country Update

By: Addison Shriver

The boys’ and girls’ cross-country team worked tirelessly this year. They run early in the mornings, before school, four days a week in preparation for their cross-country meets. At the end of the year, the girls ended with 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the district meet, and the boys ended with 1<sup>st</sup> place at nationals! The boys’ team now has a 3-peat record, meaning they have won the championships 3 years in a row! Girls’ cross-country member, Lawson Haley, said her favorite part about being on the cross-country team is all the people she gets to spend time with and all the fun times they have during the season. The girls’ team is coached by Mrs. Knauf, and boys’ team is coached by Mr. Busboom. The fastest person on the boys’ team Jack Nottingham, with a personal record of 10:42 for the 3k. The fastest person on the girls’ team Acadia Hassell, with a PR of 11:21 for the 3k.