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"Turkey Trauma"

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TODAY IN HISTORY- Harper McLaughlin

In 1851- Herman Melville publishes "Moby-Dick" in the U.S.

In 1914- The Ottoman **In 1960-** Ruby Empire declared a holy Bridges desegregated war, leading to WWI. The main territory that Orleans. Ruby was joined with Turkey was Germany, fighting Frantz Elementary against Britain, France, school with federal Russia, Serbia, and Montenegro.

In 1948- Prince Charles, the eldest

child of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, was born.

her school in New escorted into William officials; she was one of six African American children allowed to go to Franz Elementary.

In 1969- Apollo 12 launched the second mission towards the moon. On board Apollo 12 were: Charles Conrad Jr. Richard F Gordon Jr, and Alan L Bean.

In 1776- *The St.* James Chronicle announced that Benjamin Franklin would be joining as a head leader in the American Revolution.



How our Mustangs give thanks

By: Leighton Elliot & Ella Cooksey

What does Thanksgiving mean to you? Is it time with friends and family, or food and traveling? Last week, we polled Montford

students about their thoughts on Thanksgiving. 58% of students said that time with friends and family is their favorite part of Thanksgiving, while 23% of students said that eating food is their favorite part. When asked about their favorite food, 27% chose turkey, while 40% of students said their favorite was

something other than turkey. As far as where our Mustangs celebrate this holiday, 34% of students said they spend Thanksgiving at home, while 48% spend it with family in Florida. Wherever you spend Thanksgiving, and whatever you do, we hope all of our Mustangs have a safe and restful holiday!



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PUMPKINS PROMOTE S.S.Y.R.A. BOOKS!

By: Aaron Schwartz



Winning pumpkin featuring, "Adrift"

The S.S.Y.R.A. pumpkindecorating contest was a blast! Seven students created pumpkins featuring their favorite books from this year's Sunshine State book list. The student body voted on their favorite pumpkin. Mr. Horne's class won in the end, with a pumpkin featuring the book, "Adrift." The pumpkin was decorated as a deserted island, just like in the book. Although there could only be one contestant to win the competition, that is not the main thing that matters. Mrs. Thompson said, "I enjoy the S.S.Y.R.A. character pumpkin contest because so many students read [these] books. Perhaps it also may pique the interest of others to pick up another one." What a creative way to encourage our Mustangs to keep reading!

Mustangs celebrate their school spirit

By: Francesca Torrado & Sarah Benson

Montford had a very exciting sprit week October 28th-November 1st. On Monday, our Mustangs dressed up as Country vs. Country Club, and on Tuesday our favorite Mustang duos twinned! Wednesday, we celebrated Unity Day and all came together as a school community and wore orange. Thursday was Halloween, so many of our Mustangs paid \$2 for a wristband and wore their



Sarah Benson and Adelaide Johnson dressed as, "Wicked" characters

Halloween costumes to support "Costumes for a Cure," an annual fundraiser where proceeds go to support Relay for Life. Friday's theme was B.B.Q. dads vs. Soccer Moms, and many students went all out! What an exciting week it was to see students and teachers having fun and being silly.

Student government helps families in need

By: Robyn Pearce

S.G.A. is conducting their annual food drive November 12th-18th to help feed families. Mrs. Hogan, S.G.A. sponsor, is always eager to find ways to help the community around us. The first period class that collects the most cans will win a doughnut

and juice party. All items will be donated to Second Harvest, who will donate the cans to Hurricane Helene victims. Donatable items are: canned and freeze-dried foods, bottled water or juice, personal care items such as shampoo, soap, and toothbrushes. Send in those items, Mustangs!

Kitty Draa's Chocolate Chip Pumpkin Spice Muffins

By: Lorelei Bryan

Looking for a good recipe for this fall season? These easy muffins that anyone can make are perfect for Thanksgiving and will bring joy to your holiday season! Makes ~16 muffins

INGREDIENTS

- -1 box of Spice Cake Mix (prepare according to box)
- -1 15 oz. can of Pumpkin Puree
- -1 cup of Chocolate Chips

INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 350 degrees, and line muffin tin with cupcake liners. Prepare spice cake mix according to box instructions. Add pumpkin puree to the spice cake mix. Add chocolate chips to the spice cake mix. Mix all ingredients together well. Divide batter evenly into the muffin tins. Bake muffins according to box instructions for 20-25 minutes or when a toothpick comes out clean.



B2 REGION

Mustangs dance, "Under the Sea"

By: Charlotte Ely & Tatum Draa



6th 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, 6th 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!

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



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!

Welcoming a new pumpkin to our patch!

By: Cameron Broder & Makennah Nerland

A new mustang was born on September 12th 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!

M.M.S. going pink!

On October 8th, the Montford

By: Caroline Emerson

Cheerleaders held a lemonade stand to raise money for the Francis Living Joanna The Foundation. Well 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!

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. 6th 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 5th 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 7th at Deerlake in only 3 sets and clenched the title of district champs for the 5th 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 28th. 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' crosscountry 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 3rd place at the district meet, and the boys ended with 1st place at nationals! The boys' team now has a 3-peat record, meaning they have won the championships 3 years in a row! Girls' crosscountry 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.