

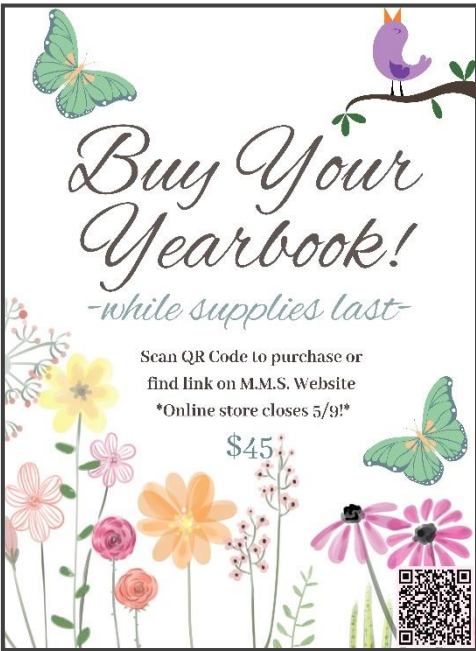
# D4LIFE

## WEATHER

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### FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TALLAHASSEE

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“Missing Egg Mystery”  
By: Harper McLaughlin



### Mighty Mustang Student Spotlight

By: Makennah Nerland

This 9 weeks, we want to recognize 8<sup>th</sup> grader, Bryan Mckinney, for being awarded “most responsible” through the Montford PBIS program. I interviewed Bryan after he won this award, wanting to

know more about his accomplishments.

**Q: What kind of changes helped you become more responsible?**

A: I was doing bad things in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. In 7<sup>th</sup> grade I couldn't play football, so I started focusing on my grades and acting better. Now that I'm in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, I am doing a lot better with my grades & behavior.

**Q: What advice would you give students to become more responsible?**

A: I would tell them to stop hanging out with people who are doing bad things and to improve their grades.

**Q: What did you gain from becoming more responsible?**

A: I gained my teachers' trust which allowed me the privilege to help them.

### TODAY IN HISTORY - By: Aaron Schwartz

**In 1824-** Ludwig van Beethoven's ninth and final symphony debuts at Vienna's Theater am Kärntnertor. Having lost his hearing years earlier, the celebrated composer “conducts” the first performance of his Ninth Symphony.

**In 1915-** a German naval submarine, also known as a U-boat, sank the RMS

Lusitania. During the attack, a staggering 1198 lives were lost, including some Americans. It is now known as the deadliest shipwreck during World War I.

**In 1945-** Nazi Germany surrendered unconditionally, putting an end to the regime. The surrender officially ended World War II, one of the most horrific

conflicts of the world.

**In 1994-** Norway's most famous painting, “The Scream” by Edvard Munch, is recovered almost three months after it was stolen from a museum in Oslo.

**In 2000-** Vladimir Putin became president of Russia.



# The Montford Times



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## NEMO FINDS ITS WAY TO M.M.S.!

By: Sarah Benson & Francesca Torrado

This year our Montford mustangs put on the show, Finding Nemo. Looking back on the production, it is evident each student developed his or her talents and love for the musical. The lead of Nemo was played by Zahari Wilkerson, Marlin was played by Jude Carson, and Dory was played by both

Cameron Broder and Rose Kaufman. Students went through a tough audition process to earn their roles, then practiced acting, dancing, and singing every day and had rehearsals every Thursday. Nemo was performed from February 3<sup>rd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> for friends and family. What an outstanding way to showcase our Mustangs and their talents!



Students rehearse the “tank gang” scene, with Zahari Wilkerson playing Nemo

### Baby Chicks Alert! Warning: Dangerously cute!

By: Farren Bell & Caroline Emerson

The agriculture class has a new flock of baby chicks, and they are adorable! There are around twenty chicks with more on the way. Each period has a different name for each chick that fits its character. There are black, brown, yellow, and multicolored chicks. The most popular chick has multiple names from different periods. Some names are: cinnamon, nugget, and butterscotch; he is a yellow brownish color with speckles of



“Half & Half” as some of Fain's students call it, nestles in the grass

dark brown. The most playful chick is Coco. He is mostly black with stripes of brown on his tail. The students have been tending to the baby chicks by feeding them, giving them water, and cleaning their pen frequently. Interested in buy one? They cost \$5 each, and you need a coop.

### “Welcome Springtime!”

By: Sarah Benson



Springtime is here  
All my friends are near  
Birds chirping is all that I hear  
Springtime is here  
Young animals are everywhere  
The smell of nature fills the air  
Springtime is here  
The grass is full of flowers  
There is more light in each hour  
Springtime is here  
In the wind, trees are swaying  
In the yard, kids are playing  
Springtime is here

## Inspiring art in the Media Center

By: Leighton Elliot

This year marked the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Art Day at Montford. It was held on February 24 from 10 am to 3 pm in the Media Center. Students visited the artists in intervals scheduled by their teachers to view works of art and ask questions to the

visiting artists. The visiting artists were: Leslie Cohen, Carol Davey, Gerald Gallon, Sabrina Gonzalez, Michael Hogan, Michelle Martos, Kenneth Reshard, Eluster Richardson, William "Bill" McKeown, Al Williams, Tah Williams, and Harris Wilsher. Montford students enjoyed seeing

caricatures drawn and learning about art and sculpture. You may not know, but Art Day was started by Montford's inaugural art Teacher, Al Williams. When Dr. Donald Sheppard became the art teacher, he continued this tradition, including year 2021 when the event was held virtually.



# B2 REGION

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Semi Formal, “A Night to Remember”

By: *Tatum Draa*



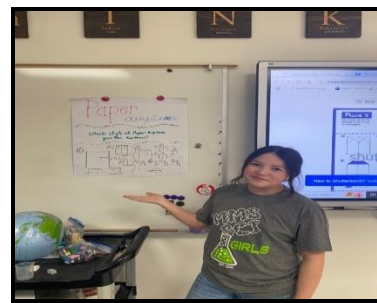
Montford’s first annual Semi-formal dance is on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students only. The dance will be from 5:30 to 7:30 PM in the cafeteria to celebrate our 8<sup>th</sup> graders completing their time as Mustangs. The attire for the dance is semi formal, so students are able to dress up in formal wear or wear their “professional” attire from that morning’s 8<sup>th</sup>

grade ceremony. In order to plan the amount of food, 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents will receive an email with the link to R.S.V.P. by May 9<sup>th</sup>. Students will receive their “meal ticket” at check in for dinner and dessert. Students can attend the dance without R.S.V.P.’ing, they just will not be included in the dinner count. In addition to dinner, there will be a photobooth, a D.J., and a formal photo balloon arch.

## S.T.E.M. Night

By: *Cameron Broder*

On January 30<sup>th</sup>, the Sci-Girls hosted Montford’s annual STEM Night. The girls lead different activities in each room of the building. Sarah Benson, Sci-Girls member, said “I worked on the paper airplane station. We set up directions for how to make two different kinds of paper airplanes and then had people hypothesize which they thought would work better. We then had them test each style, and once they had come to a



*Sarah Benson showcases directions for the paper airplane activity*

conclusion, we kept a tally of which they thought worked better.” Also at STEM Night was the annual school-wide egg drop competition. Congrats to Jaiden Harvey for winning 1<sup>st</sup> place!

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Top Award Winners

By: *Robyn Pearce*

The TOP Award winner is an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student who excels academically, earns excellent citizenship marks, and works hard outside of school, too. A new TOP Award winner is chosen every nine weeks. Teachers vote on students they think deserve the award, and that student is awarded on the morning news. This year’s winners were Eleanor Grandstaff, Acardio Herring, Drew Evans, and Ryan Rusich. The TOP Award is sponsored by Montford Partner for Excellence and local orthodontist, Dr. Heather Burch. The winners have the option to write



*Rusich, poses with his parents, Dr. Burch, & Mr. McQuade*

an essay to be submitted to a competition to win a \$500 scholarship. The winner will be announced at the 8<sup>th</sup> grade awards ceremony on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to all these TOP students; keep up the good work, Mustangs!

## Math-Minded Mustangs

By: *Ella Cooksey & Brynn Jacobson*

The math team did an excellent job this year! They placed 4<sup>th</sup> at the Maclay competition, and 4<sup>th</sup> place at the Lincoln competition! The sponsor for this club is one of our lovely 6<sup>th</sup> grade math teachers, Ms. Angeleen Harry. To celebrate their achievements, students went to Hanger 38 for their end of the year trip. Interested in joining this club? It is a great opportunity to learn new math skills that are more advanced and compete with the other students around the district. The Mustangs in this club are 6<sup>th</sup> graders: Reem Alhalabi, Jackson Davis, Hitarth Patel, MaKayla Harvey and Ryder Hamblin. 7<sup>th</sup> graders: Skylar Liu, Liam Mickel and Everett Tucker. Not only do these students learn math skills, but they also learn life skills, like team building and how to persevere. Keep up the great work Mustangs, and keep setting the bar high here at Montford!

# C3 SPORTS

## Girls’ soccer brings the boom- wins district champs!

By: *Aniston & Ila Ledford*

The girls’ soccer team had an amazing season this year! They worked really hard during practices 4 times a week. They won all but two of their games and beat Swift creek in the championship. The girls are amazing on and off the field. They train really hard, and it shows. They had to persevere through many hurtles, one being inclement weather. This season, there were five thunderstorms that affected their practice schedule, but they still

pulled through and dominated every game. The team showed great sportsmanship and won most games in a respectable manner. The games were fun to watch, and the crowds were buzzing with energy. Lawson Haley, center mid for the Mustangs, stated, “I loved playing with this team. Everyone was so nice, and I can’t wait to be a part of it next year.” She also said that she loves how close the girls are and is so lucky to have a built-in family through MMS soccer. Congrats, lady Mustangs!!



*The 2025 girls’ soccer team poses with the Championship trophy*

## Mustangs Unite!

By: *Emma Wells*

Mustangs United was a success, as students from Ms. Allen and Ms. Rebekah Bell’s class participated in Special Olympics. SGA President, Will Vedder, introduced the participants, and Zhae sung the National Anthem. Students then played basketball and Bryan McKinny and Jamar Jones danced at half time. Permanent Summer played “Come Together,” followed by relay races and another song, “I Fought the Law,” while the cheerleaders and Deputy Halligan danced. A cup-stacking competition was next, followed by Montford’s band, dance team, and cheerleaders performing. Ms. Bell and Ms. Allen’s class did the “Cha Cha Slide,” and teachers did a surprise flash mob dance. Special guests from Chiles, Lena Sullivan, Miles Mott-Smith, and Henry Searcy, spoke about inclusion. Finally, Ma’Kya Huggins, Naomi Garrett, Naomi Wicker, and Maya Wicker sang, “Scars to Your Beautiful” followed by a slide show and participant receipt of medals.

## Lady Mustangs Softball

By: *Charlotte Ely*

The 2025 MMS softball team has already beat their record from last year. The girls defeated Raa twice and Cobb twice as well, but took losses against Swift Creek and Deer Lake. The lady Mustangs went on to beat Swift Creek 18-9 in the playoffs on May 5<sup>th</sup> and will face rival Deerlake in the championship game on May

6<sup>th</sup>. Softball coaches are Monford history teacher, Benjamin Davis, and Craig Gibbons, parent and volunteer. The team consists of eight 8<sup>th</sup> graders, six 7<sup>th</sup> graders, and six 6<sup>th</sup> graders, all putting in hard work on and off the field, maintaining good grades and being amazing athletes at the same time. We want to thank our fans for coming out and supporting the girls this season. We couldn’t do it without you! Best of luck in the championship game, girls!

## Track & Field Breaks School Records

By: *Addison Shriver*

The track and field team worked tirelessly throughout the season and broke three school records. The three records were girls’ 4x100m on April 15, boys’ 4x800m on April 2, and boys’ 800m on April 15. The girls who ran the 4x100m were Channing Savoy, Ma’Kya Huggins, Ava Lannaman, and Amani Groomes with a record of 52.87. The boys included in the 4x800m were Isaiah Renn, Ethan Wolfe, Chase Sims, and Jack Nottingham with a record of 10:02.74. The boys’ 800m record holder went to Jack Nottingham with a PR of 2:18.89. The track and field coaches are Mr.



*Lannaman, Groomes, Huggins, and Savoy pose for a picture after breaking the school record for the 4x100m*

Busboom and Mrs. Knauf. Practices were Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays with meets taking place on Wednesdays. The district championship meet will be at Godby High School on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30.