Spirit of Giving

Connie Melton’s and Peggy Sanchey’s CREW Class planned a community service project for the middle school and high school to participate in. They chose to collect money and non-perishable food items to fill baskets to give to needy families in the community. Together the students collected enough food products to share four full baskets of food with three families. CREW classes who collected the most were Ms. Gilbert’s and Ms. Melton’s. The students in those classes received a root beer float prize. Individuals with the highest contribution were Leilani Wheeler, Eileen Redhorn, Caleb Kinkade, and Tyrell Wyman. Those students received Cougar Den gift cards as a prize. Baskets were delivered by Vicente Medelez and Verna Yallup on December 18th.

Our first annual pie in the face contest gave students the opportunity to throw a pie into the face of the teacher they wanted to. The way it worked was those teachers and administrators who volunteered were put on sign-up sheets. Students then had the opportunity to bid on the teacher or administrator they wanted to pie. At the end of the week, the student who had the highest bid on each sign-up sheet won the bid and thusly the opportunity to throw a pie into that teacher or administrator’s face. All the money raised went into the fundraiser that helped buy turkey dinners for those in need during the Thanksgiving Holiday. The actual pie in the face took place the Thursday before Christmas break in front of the entire middle school.
Last month our student-musicians delivered for to our community a Winter Band Concert titled “Do You Want to Build a Snowman.” The performance included instrumentalists from grades five through twelve. The audience was highly engaged and impressed in the musicianship of our students. The community was particularly enthralled with watching the performances progress from the lower grades on up. It was neat to see how the bands progress in difficulty and skill as they grow.

Mr. Pendon, the director of bands at Mount Adams School District stated “I am beyond proud of the work our kids did this fall. They are respectful, and performing both in band and in the classroom. Our kids are the best!”

Next up for the bands includes competitions and a spring concert.

“Music brushes from the soul the dust of everyday life!”

Katie Dick, 12th Grader

Describe yourself in three words
Creative, Intelligent, Sleepy

If you could visit with anyone for one hour, who would you choose?
Ialee, a singer

I dream that someday I will...
Live in Tokyo

Katie Dick, 12th Grader

January

Words of the Month:
Teamwork
Piná’iwaat kwa’aláni
Trabajar unos
The White Swan Award is a traveling award that is given to deserving staff members each month. Staff members nominate a colleague for a variety of reasons including: best teaching practices, going above and beyond to help students or staff members, special achievements, or community involvement. January’s recipients of the White Swan award are Michael Clinton and Brad Urquhart. They worked together to plan and implement Showghetti, a bi-weekly event for the community that provides a free spaghetti dinner and student-generated entertainment. Previous winners of the White Swan Award were: September, Courtney Lear, Kristin Trease, and Cheree Williams, October, Jenny Saiz, November-December, Aletha Thrush.

One of the many bulletin boards created by Linda King!

Thank you Linda King!!!

Mt. Adams School District Board of Directors member, Linda King, generously provided stockings stuffed with treats including movie money and candy for a special holiday drawing for all middle school students. Winners of the stockings were Cameron Heath and Damaris Yallup. Winners of movie money and candy were David Zuniga and Jaynell Lee.

If that is not enough generosity, Linda also volunteers her time and resources to keeping our hallways decorated. Above is a picture of one of her displays featuring a celebration of Music In Our Schools Month, and her own personal “lost moccasin” collection.
White Swan HS Gets a 3D Printer!

As a part of the Gear Up program, our school is the proud recipient of two new 3D printers. The machines are being used in a special project called the “Entrepreneur Challenge. This semester our students will be designing anything their minds can imagine! Above (right) is a picture of one of the machines, and a Nike iPhone case that was designed and printed on the 3D printer.

Be the change you want to see... Volunteer at Mount Adams!

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