

THE COUGAR CHRONICLE



Produced by the 8th Grade Student Newspaper Club under the direction of Ms. Mathena & Ms. Thompson.

Spotlight on Mr. Malphurs by a Random 6th grader



Mr. Malphurs is like no other teacher I have had. He is creative and really funny. As he teaches he makes it fun and not boring. He is an awesome teacher and I am glad I have him this year.

SPRING CELEBRATION THURSDAY, MAY 13

Our Spring Celebration will be held after school on Thursday, May 13. Many activities will take place:

Spaghetti Dinner (5:00-7:00 p.m.)

Merit ELA Student-Led Conferences

Scholastic Book Fair in the Media Center until 8:30 p.m.

Literature Festival of student projects and stories on display in the Media Center until 8:30 p.m.

Art Contest

National History Day Projects (grade 6 and 8)

Project Citizen Reports (grade 7)

Antietam Dairy Ice Cream Truck



MY BROTHER, INFANTRY SOLDIER IN AFGHANISTAN BY NIA

My brother Kyle is an infantry soldier in Afghanistan. He says that the living conditions are very bad. It gets to be up to 126 degrees a day. What's really funny is the temperature goes down to 30 degrees and they are freezing.

My brother's job is a mortarman. Basically he shoots bombs. Pretty cool, huh?

You would think that Afghanistan has no wildlife. Oh, it has plenty. There are camels, spiders, donkeys, hedgehogs, scorpions, snakes, bugs, and dogs.

Kyle usually eats rations, MRE's (Meals Ready-to-Eat.) They come in green packaging and they can be good or sometimes bad. They also eat camels, goats, potatoes, chicken, rice, herbs and spices. I hope you enjoyed learning about Afghanistan.





8th Grader Wins Poe-Inspired Writing Competition!
Imagine weaving a tale of “The Raven,” “The Tell-Tale Heart,” “The Pit and the Pendulum,” and “The Cask of Amontillado” all into one. 8th grader Toby did just that. “I like Edgar Allan Poe and a bunch of his stories had missing ends, I’m kind of merging a bunch of stories together,” Toby said. Toby’s story, “The Fates of Fortunato and Montresor” won first place in the eighth grade category of the Poe-inspired writing competition.

Quebec

By Brett

On March 30th to April 3rd Springfield Middle School 7th and 8th grade students traveled to Québec City, Canada. While on the trip, students practiced their French vocabulary while touring the old city. Students participated in century old techniques of <<repoussé>> or copper working. Some of the activities we participated

in were going to an authentic “Sugar Shack” where they make maple syrup. One of everyone’s favorite activities was at the “Soldiers Tower” where we practiced loading 1800s muskets, and unscrambling French military vocabulary. We got to visit the “Montmorency Falls”, which are 30 meters higher than Niagara Falls. This trip was a trip many will never forget. This was an amazing experience to have and enjoy.



Springfield Celebrates the Earth

The Green Team celebrated Earth week successfully! Thanks to many students who supported our green efforts; we collected and recycled many items. Our school collected 3159 items: 1236 magazines, 90 phonebooks, 247 electronics and 1586 bottles and cans. Think of how much trash we could recycle if we celebrated Earth week every week. Students can easily recycle at home too. Find separate containers for paper, comingled (plastic, aluminum, glass) and trash. Simply bag up your recyclables and drop them off at your nearest center. Use the chart to find your nearest center. They are closer than you think!



Posing in front of the hotel in Quebec

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| Boonsboro Park & Ride | corner of Route 67 & Old National Pike | open 24 hrs/day |
| Clear Spring Community Park | Off of Martin Street south Clear Spring | open 24 hrs/day |
| Funkstown Fire Station | Off W. Baltimore just before the one lane bridge | open 24 hrs/day |
| Hagerstown Food Lion Grocery Store | 246 Eastern Blvd North, Hagerstown MD 21742 | open 24 hrs/day |
| Hagerstown on Dual Highway | 607 Dual Highway, Hagerstown MD 21740 | open 24 hrs/day |
| Hagerstown (former Giant Eagle site) | 835 West Hillcrest Road, Hagerstown MD 21742 | open 24 hrs/day |
| Hagerstown South End Shopping Center | 1029 Maryland Avenue, Hagerstown MD 21740 | open 24 hrs/day |
| Hagerstown (Wash Cty Hospital) | parking lot corner of Mill & Baltimore Street | open 24 hrs/day |
| Keedysville behind Red Byrd Restaurant | 19409 Shepherdstown Pike, Keedysville MD 21756 | open 24 hrs/day |

Recycling Centers in Washington County

