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Benjamin Messner happily accepts the honor and title of Mr. Bulldog.



Mr. Bulldog competitors included: Kolton Dias, Benjamin Messner, Brayden Hague, Peyton Hume, Alec Saxton, and Reagan Heyde.



Mr. Groomer instructs Brayden and Kolton on the task they need to complete to claim victory.



Mr. Maronde attempts to coach Alec on the proper way to change and clothe a baby, one of the many tasks competitors faced during the competition.



Peyton runs quickly in an attempt to win the title of Mr. Bulldog.



Peyton, Brayden, and Alec carefully select their ingredients during the cook-off portion of the contest.

## Mr. Bulldog Gets Facelift

By: Evan Saxton  
Staff Reporter

This year Mr. Bulldog was a little bit different. Instead of doing the regular song and dance typical of previous years, FCCLA and FFA combined to incorporate a multitude of different activities. Competitors had a cook off, completed puzzles, and even had an obstacle course to

really test all the participants' skills this year and make the show way more interesting.

Mrs. Meyer says she prefers to do Mr. Bulldog this way because it makes it more interesting to watch and participate in. She does plan to change some of the challenges for next year,

though, to make them a little easier for all.

The competitors this year were Benjamin Messner, Kolton Dias, Brayden Hauge, Peyton Hume, Alec Saxton, and Reagan Heyde, with Mr. Maronde and Mr. Groomer acting as the MCs of the competition.

Though everyone fought hard, Benjamin came away with the win and was crowned Mr. Bulldog.

Everyone can agree the new look of this year's Mr. Bulldog was even more enjoyable for everyone to watch and participate in.

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Juniors Tyler and Austin Schwebach



Freshman Ava and Alec Saxton

## Plethora of Twins at Stanberry R-II

By Evan Saxton  
Staff Reporter

For such a small school Stanberry R-II has quite a few twins that attend it. The twins are spread pretty evenly throughout the school and they come in all varieties. Some of the twins are identical, a couple are of different genders, heck some you can't even tell are twins unless you know them personally. There are so many different types of twins you can have and we have just about every combination here in this tiny little school. One of our teachers, Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Meyer, is even

a twin and they are Stanberry alums.

A few of the twins were asked what it feels like to be a twin. Alec Saxton, twin to Ava, said "having a twin is awesome but it can be annoying sometimes with her being a girl." Tyler Schwebach, twin to Austin, stated "a twin is the closest friend you could ever have and they are really fun." Being a twin is something truly special and even though they are a twin, they can very much be their own individual person.



Seventh graders Kenzi and Ally Santa Cruz



Fourth graders Drevyn and Jude Spence



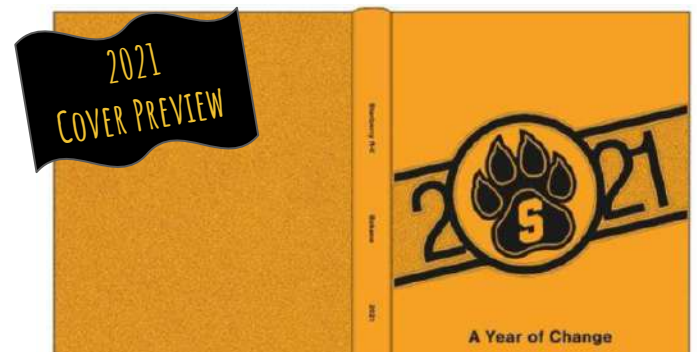
Second graders Blaze and Blakely Hutchcraft



Kindergarteners Amelia and Cora Poff



Kindergarteners Eli and Lennox Horne



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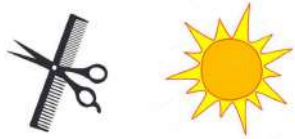
Stanberry Spelling Bee participants: Front row-Drew Parman, Lane McGinley, Faith Gregory, Danielle Denney, Thor Cameron, Kenzi Santa Cruz, Ally Santa Cruz Back row-Aiden Graham, Danielle Van Draska, Brookelyn Robinson, Maranda Evans, Johnathan Clark, Wyatt Taylor, Kaitlin Porterfield.

## Gentry County Spelling Bee Held at Stanberry R-II

By Lydia Dokken  
Staff Reporter

On Tuesday, February 2nd, the Gentry County Spelling Bee took place at Stanberry R-II. Winners of the Oral Spelling Bee were (1st place) Caden Achterberg from Albany, (2nd place) Lexi Knisley from Albany, (3rd place) Alexa Granger from Albany, and (4th place) Kenzi Santa Cruz from Stanberry. Caden Achterberg and Lexi Knisley will move on to the Northwest Missouri Regional Spelling Bee, which will take place in St. Joseph, Missouri, on March 13th.

The first place winners of the Written Spelling Bee were Lexi Knisley from Albany, Dylan Williams from Albany, and Kaitlin Porterfield and Lane McGinley from Stanberry. The second place winners were Ally Santa Cruz from Stanberry, Caden Achterberg from Albany, Karlie Stevens from Albany, and Alexa May Granger from Albany. The event was organized by Mrs. Kristine Palmer and Mrs. Kristi Porterfield, with help from many teachers and staff. Congratulations to the winners and participants!



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Junior High Scholar Bowl members: Front row-Hannah McQuinn, Jaren Stoll, Kenzi Santa Cruz, Ally Santa Cruz. Back row-Coach Mrs. Michele Kelley, Maranda Evans, Decker Heyde, Katie Libby, and Wyatt Taylor.

## Junior High Scholar Bowl Finishes Season

By Collin Sager  
Staff Reporter

The Junior High Scholar Bowl has wrapped their season. The season didn't go quite how they wanted, but they did walk away winning two matches against King City. They had fun with their team and learned a lot from this year's season.

The team was coached by Mrs. Michele Kelley, who does a great job with the team and bonds with each of them. The

7th grade members were Hannah McQuinn, Ally Santa Cruz, Kenzi Santa Cruz, Katie Libby and Jaren Stoll. The 8th graders were Maranda Evans, Decker Heyde and Wyatt Taylor. They are all looking forward to next year's season and working to improve their record.



The Junior High Scholar Bowl members pose for the camera prior to a home match.



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## Music Students Host Fundraiser

By Lydia Dokken  
Staff Reporter



Stanberry's 7th-12th grade music students are selling World's Finest Chocolate Bars for their fundraiser. These delicious bars are available to buy from any Junior High or High School music student at Stanberry. The chocolate bars are \$1 each, and come in five different flavors; Milk Chocolate, Crispy/Wafer, Almond, Caramel, and Dark Chocolate.

The proceeds will go towards essential percussion equipment; a new timpani and percussion harnesses (which are both long overdue to be replaced), and a gong. The music students aim to sell 40 boxes by March 10th. If you'd like to contribute toward their goal while enjoying these sweets, talk to a band or choir student.



**GRC Champions!** First row-Riley McQueen and Morgan Wallace. Second row-Isabella Wright, Sadie Runde, Katie Angle, Tarynn Mattson, Astasia Brown, and Manager Hannah McQuinn. 3rd row-Assistant Coach Kelli Hilton, Morgon Showers, Maci Duley, Lexi Craig, Amelia Wallace, Kiley Mattson, Manager Marli Hilton, Manager Eva Cameron, and Head Coach Karla McQueen. Congratulations on a phenomenal season and best of luck at Districts!

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Cooper Adcock

Paige Campbell

Brody Carroll

Johnathan Clark



Allison Cook

Maranda Evans

Decker Heyde

Marli Hilton



Jenci James

Brea Jenson

Kaiden Keough

Trista Lager



Colby McQueen

Calvin Smithson

Hannah Stevens

Devon Strawhacker



Wyatt Taylor

Payton Williams

Treston Williams

Paige Woods



Jordan Wright



\*Not pictured Lindsay Sherman

## 8th Grade Excited for High School Next Year

By Collin Sager  
Staff Reporter

The eighth graders are currently preparing for changes next year as they prepare for their first year of high school. In their final year of junior high, the eighth graders are excelling and continue to grow and prepare for their future. They have been involved in many activities, from band to scholar bowl and softball to

basketball, with many things in between.

When asked what he's looking forward to next year, Jordyn Wright said, "I am excited to finally be in high school and living the high school life." The eighth graders will do great next year and continue to mature into successful young adults.

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Baylee Albright   Quinn Jensen   Brayden Makings   Kaitlyn Van Draska   Jaxon Baker   Zoey Chambers   Aryanna Clayton   AnJelita Cooley Smallwood   Emilie Denbow   Kaleb Evans



Journie Farnsworth   Payden Fones   Brodie Gibson   Drake Ginther   Addison Graham   Colten Heckman   Harper Heyde   Alexa Horne   Bryson Hume   Jacob Jamieson



Charlotte Jennings   Brynn Johnson   Serenity Keough   Delilah Libby   Kaci Porterfield   Kylee Runde   Emily Santa Cruz   Paxton Schieber   Katelyn Shisler   Drevyn Spence



Jude Spence   Daynen Vietz   Ellison Vietz   Aelyn Wiederholt   Kiara Willoughby   Madison Wilmes   Mrs. LeAnn Jessmer   Mrs. Tanya Goodyear

\*Not pictured: Brenden Ledford and Jayden Wilson

FOURTH  
GRADE  
squad

## Fourth Grade Moves to the Intermediate Years

By Evan Saxton  
Staff Reporter

Fourth grade is one exciting time and a great marker for growing up in our school. They still get the fun of having recess, yet aren't quite into the responsibility of what upper primary and junior high will bring. They still get to have a little pride in moving up in the school world. For the first time ever, these fourth graders

have lockers to put their own items into and have their own privacy.

Our younger classes are quickly growing in size, with the fourth grade class having over forty kids in it, the largest currently in school. Drevyn Spence says "I am excited about 4th grade and getting my own locker, but I still hate going to

school." With such a massive class this year we get two fresh new teachers, Mrs. LeAnn Jessmer and Mrs. Tanya Goodyear, to help the fourth graders learn. Going into fourth grade is a big milestone for these younglings, one of many they will encounter over the next few years at Stanberry R-II.



# OPINION

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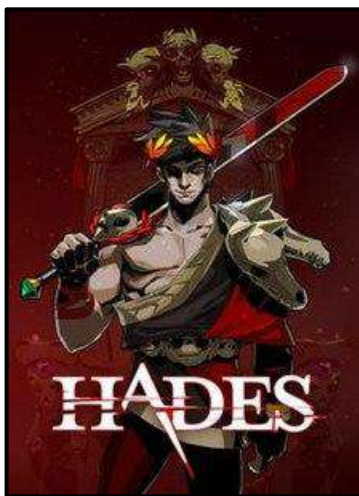
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## Video Game Review: Hades

By Evan Saxton  
Staff Reporter

*Hades* is a roguelike game, which means you progress in the game by dying and restarting with new paths open for you. You play as Zagreus the son of Hades, who is trying to escape the underworld to meet up with other gods to try and find his mother.

This game shows great character development as you play. Zagreus interacts with other gods by accepting gifts from them, while trying to escape the underworld and the more interaction with them the better items he receives. The combat is simple but interesting. With a base attack, a special, and a projectile there aren't many forms of attack, but you can get upgrades called "boons" which give you special damage with your base attacks, like poison or shock.

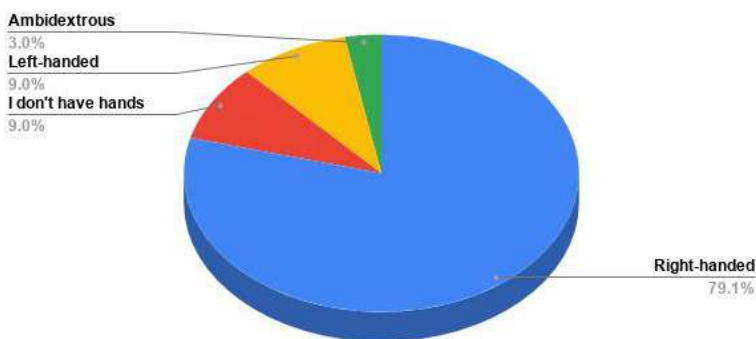


All together this game has a great story with amazing characters to back it up, while also having an interesting combat system, leaving little to hate. This game certainly deserved to be one of the possible contenders for game of the year in 2020.

## Survey Results

Students in grades 7-12 were asked the question: *What hand is your dominant hand?* 67 students responded.

Their options included: "left-handed", "right-handed", "ambidextrous", or "I don't have hands".



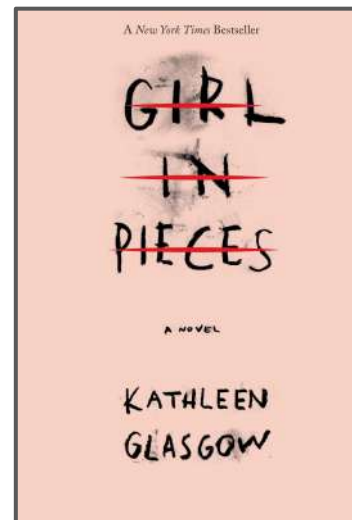
## Book Review

By Lydia Dokken  
Staff Reporter

This month I read a book called *Girl in Pieces* by Kathleen Glasgow. The plot follows the life of a 17-year-old homeless girl named Charlie Davis. Charlie was hospitalized for self-injury which turned out to be almost fatal.

As the story progresses, with her going through therapy and self-reflecting through her art, we learn the story of how Charlie ended up hospitalized. She reminisces about her old friends, enemies, addictions and habits. The way in which her past is revealed makes the story interesting and emotional, and helps her to feel more real as a character. The people she meets along the way are also deeply flawed - reflections of who Charlie used to be, tempting her to fall back into her old, harmful patterns.

Through this whole story, she fights against her own impulses and tries her best to stick to the path of recovery.



*Girl in Pieces*  
by Kathleen Glasgow

I really enjoyed this book, despite the fact it was depressing at times (most of the time). The ending felt unresolved, but fitting - it shows real-world problems have no simple solution. The unfinished feel of the ending signifies that life goes on, despite how often it's felt like the end - despite all the mistakes, struggles, and losses. The problems you face will never totally go away, but the way you handle them can have a huge impact on your life. I'd give this book a 10/10, and I can't wait to read other works by the author.

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# OPINION

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## It's Your Call

By Evan Saxton  
Staff Reporter



*Do you like the new AMI days, why or why not?*



Sixth grader Max Hilton said "No, I don't want to do the homework"!



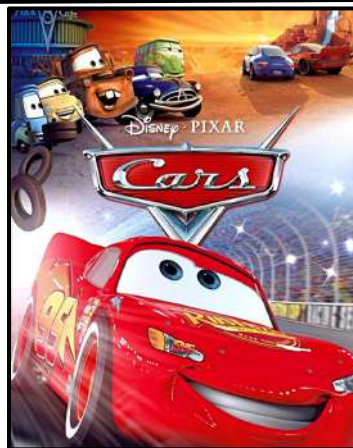
Third grader, Quinn Heyde said, "yes, because I can do more math"!



By Collin Sager  
Staff Reporter

*Cars*, the original, is a really good, family friendly movie to watch. This movie was my favorite growing up and it still is one of my favorites now.

In the movie *Cars*, Lightning McQueen, a race car, is headed to California to race against The King and Chick Hicks. On his way to California he gets lost after falling out of his racing trailer near a rundown Radiator Springs. While there, he makes it known he does not want to be there and the feeling with the townspeople is mutual, yet they need him to help fix up their roads. Slowly he befriends the people there and



*Cars*  
Streaming on Disney+

becomes really good friends with Sally, Doc Hudson and Mater. When it comes time for him to leave for the championship race, he realizes it is not his priority anymore and Radiator Springs has changed him.

Overall, I give this movie a 10/10 because it is just a great, feel-good movie and one to watch with your family.



Freshman Leo Fletchall commented "no, I have to do homework".



Sophomore Katelyn Stoll said "yes, I'm able to stay home".



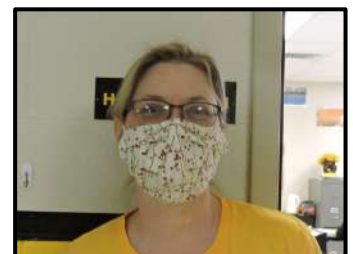
"The work is easy to do," stated eighth grader Lindsay Sherman.



Seventh grader Brayden Dias agrees with Leo, "no, I have to do homework".



High School Science Teacher Roxanne Hoover says, "yes, it counts as a school day"!



"Yes, it lets students do work without having to make up the day", commented High School English Teacher Sheryl Walker.



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## Elementary Valentine's Day Class Parties



Fifth grade students watch Lane McGinley attempt the game at their Valentine's class party.



Second graders feast on their Valentine's candy and check to see what each other received.



Kindergarten students sift through all the Valentines they received from one another



First grade students enjoy all the treats they received and anticipate the fun game they are about to play.



First grade students wait patiently for directions from the parent's on what the next step in their party will be.



Third graders attempt to see who can pick up M&M's and move them to a cup the fastest as part of their Valentine's game.



## March Activities

Monday, March 1st

4:00-High School Scholar Bowl @ Pattonsburg

4:30-Junior High Wrestling @ Rock Port

Tuesday, March 2nd

4:00-ACT School Date

4:30-Junior High Wrestling @ Tarkio

Friday, March, 5th

End of 3rd Quarter

6:00-Junior High Wrestling @ Home

Monday, March 8th

4:00-High School Scholar Bowl @ Home

5:30-Junior High Wrestling @ Albany

Tuesday, March 9th

9:00-State Wrestling Tournament

4:30-Area FFA LDE Contest

Wednesday, March 10th

NO SCHOOL-Teacher Inservice & Conferences

9:00-State Wrestling Tournament

**Wednesday, March 10th-Monday, March 15th-SPRING BREAK**

Monday, March 15th

MO Small Band Festival

4:00-High School Scholar Bowl @ Albany

Wednesday, March 17th

2:30-District FFA CDE Contest

Thursday, March 18th-5:30-FFA Officer Interviews

Friday, March 19th-FBLA Field Trip

Monday, March 22nd

9:00-District FFA LDE Contest

4:00-High School Scholar Bowl-Home

FCCLA State Star Events Contest

7:00-BOE Meeting

Wednesday, March 24th

2:30-District FFA CDE Contest

4:00-Boys Golf @ Home

5:00-FCCLA Officer Installation Banquet

Thursday, March 25th-3:30-Varsity Track @ Grant City

Friday, March 26th-8:15-Prom Setup

Saturday, March 27th-6:00-Prom

Monday, March 29th-4:00-High School Scholar Bowl @ King City

Tuesday, March 30th-4:00-Junior High Track @ Grant City

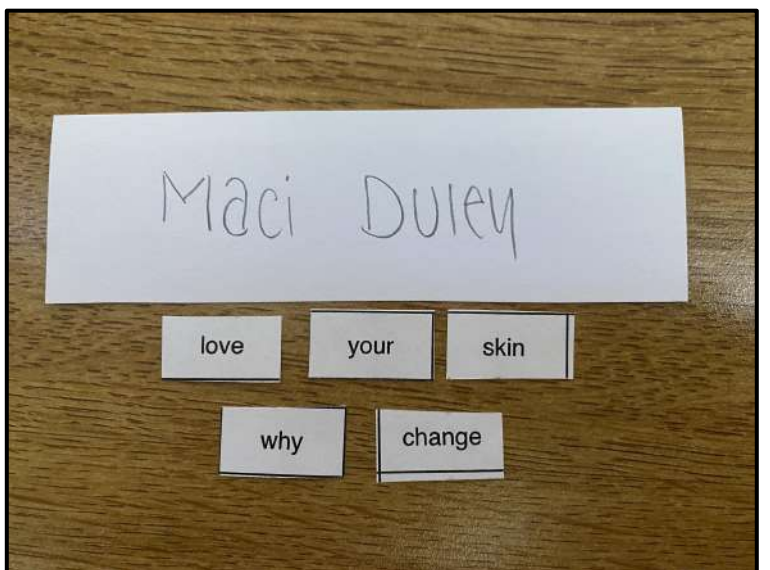
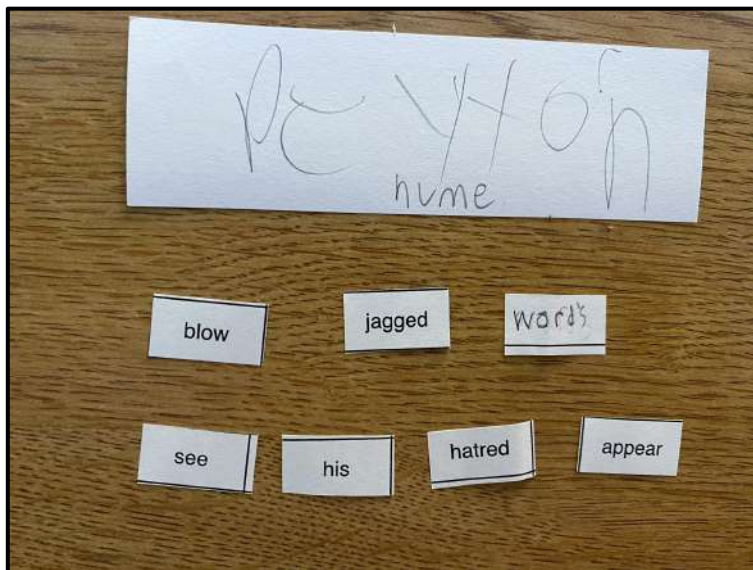
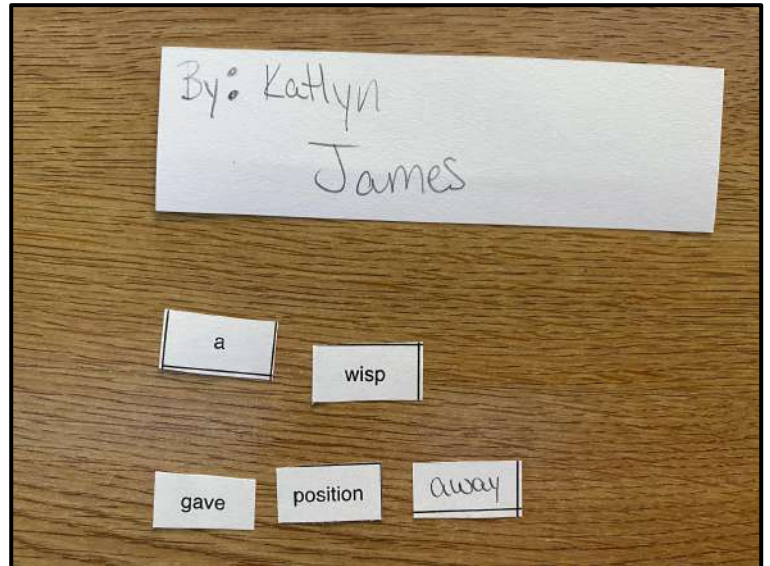
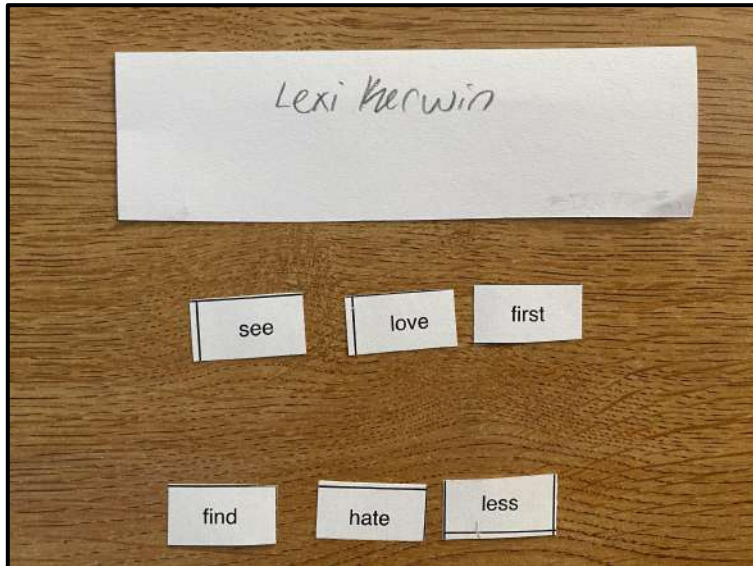
Wednesday, March 31st-4:00-Boys Golf @ Mound City

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## Freshman English Class Show Creativity with Magnetic Poetry

By Mrs. Kelley and her Freshman English class  
Guest Reporters

Dave Kapell, founder of Magnetic Poetry, was suffering from writer's block while trying to compose song lyrics. To overcome this problem, he wrote down interesting words on pieces of paper and rearranged them, looking for

inspiration. What he hadn't figured into this experiment was his allergies. One good sneeze and any progress was sent flying across the room. Dave decided to glue the words to pieces of magnets and stick them to a pizza tin. Then he got hungry, and the now magnetized words

made their way to the refrigerator door. Before too long, Dave wasn't the only one rearranging his would-be song lyrics. When friends came over, Dave noticed they started to move the magnets around, amusing themselves by writing the first magnetic poems.

Mrs. Michele Kelley's freshman English class has been exploring writing using Magnetic Poetry. We have featured some of their poems above. For more information on Magnetic Poetry visit: <https://magneticpoetry.com/>



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Karli Ginther  
Kindergarten



Nathaniel Judy  
First Grade



Hudson Hague  
Second Grade



Kayla McQuinn  
Third Grade



Kaci Porterfield  
Fourth Grade

## JH Leadership Class Sponsors Coloring Contest

By Junior High Leadership Class  
Guest Reporters



The junior high boys' leadership class hosted a coloring contest for grades kindergarten through sixth grade. Students could pick from five different coloring page designs that were focused around respect. Respect was the monthly character trait the students were learning about and thought that would be a good theme for the coloring

pages.

Money raised is going towards service projects that the junior high leadership classes are completing. Thank you to everyone who participated. Winners of the coloring contest received a candy bar of their choosing. Congratulations to the featured students for winning the coloring contest!



Lane McGinley  
Fifth Grade



Kaitlin Porterfield  
Sixth Grade



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Third grader Harlan Eckard with his seal watercolor.

Fifth grader Lauren Henggeler with her snowman drawing.



Eighth grader Calvin Smithson with his Koi Fish painting.

Eighth grader Paige Woods with her intricate vase drawing.



Sophomore Kaedon Showers shows off his mug he hand spun on the pottery wheel.

Freshman Brayden Hague displays his clay vase.



## Artist of the Month

By Collin Sager  
Staff Reporter

February's *Artists of the Month* was very hard to choose. The high school has started their clay projects and have been working hard on the pottery wheel to make them perfect. Freshman Brayden Hague's clay project was a challenge for him because at first it kept breaking, but he didn't quit and kept working. Brayden's has been one of the best ones off the pottery wheel. Close behind is Kaedon Showers ceramic mug. While not painted yet, his detail helps bring it to the next level.

The junior high projects were also very hard to choose from. Calvin Smithson was a perfect one to pick. In his picture you can see he used bright colors and lots of

detail to finish up his Koi Fish project. The other junior higher was Paige Woods, her picture is an intricate vase. Paige worked really hard on this project, drawing really fine details and straight lines.

The elementary projects are all amazing, but third grader Harlan Eckard and fifth grader Lauren Henggeler really stuck out. Harlan worked really hard on his water color project, depicting a seal in the ocean and it turned out amazing. Lauren was extremely proud of snowman, as she should be. The details and dimension she gave, make it look 3D and elevate the entire picture to perfection. Great job to all artists this month!

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## Brutus' Corner

By Lydia Dokken  
Staff Reporter

Each month *The Bulldog's Bark* will feature a school staff member. It is your job, based on the clues, to guess who the staff member is. The answer will be revealed in next month's issue. In January, we featured high school secretary Mrs. Sarah Schieber. Who do you think February's staff member is?



Do you have kids? If so, how many?  
**Not yet...**

Where did you graduate high school?  
**Marion Independent School District**

How many years have you been teaching?  
**Three Years**

Are you married? If so how long?  
**Yes, almost 2 years**

Favorite part about teaching?  
**I love to learn, so when students have the lightbulb moment and learn something new, it makes me so happy!**



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