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Math Masterminds

By: Jackson Melton

The advanced mathematicians of Albritton Middle School have concluded their weekly meetings. They are a mixture of sixth, seventh, and eighth graders who have combined their brain power to win the award for the best new school competitor award at their competition. Mathcounts is like a spelling bee for math and it is for the people that want to take their math skills to a competition level and show their great math skills. There are some great mathematicians in the Mathcounts program. If you're interested in Mathcounts, try doing some math problems at home or hone in on your great math skills that you know that you have. Push your brain power and you can try Mathcounts and impress your friends and community with your math skills. If you want to join the Mathcounts team for next year they meet every Thursday from 3:15 to 4. The 8th graders that are a part of the team are Cole Dermanoski, Ben Jenkins, and KyeAunna Molina-Fox. The 7th grader is Dellissia Jeffrey and the sixth graders are Ely Charqueno, Madelina Owens, and Niyany Owens-Mosley. There are a total of 7 Albritton students who spent part of their Saturday, February 10, 2018 at the PWC Complex in Fayetteville working on math problems individually and as a team. On April 12 they will be resuming in their practices for any 6th and 7th graders that will be here next year. Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Vaden are the teachers who coach the Math Count children.



**MATH
ROCKS**

Shout Outs!

To: Tatiana Bagley
From: Aleyia Lear-Battle
For: She is very smart and funny. She makes me laugh when I'm sad. Also she is very helpful. She is my best friend.

To: Vincent Gonzales
From: Kolonale Noa-Makko
For: Helped me pick up my books that fell on the ground and he is very kind.

To: Tryniti Grason
From: Valeriw Nell
For: She has been my best friend no matter what and always makes me feel happy even when I'm feeling down.

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Advice

Organization Helps With Success

By: Madison Braga

Question: How can I stay organized?

Why you should stay organized:

*You will be less stressed.

*You will get better grades if you know where your work is.

*It will help you eliminate bad habits.

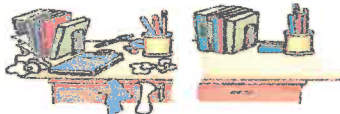
Tip: Have dividers for each class subject.
Why this will help: Having separate dividers or folders for each subject will help declutter your work so you know exactly where it is when your teacher asks for it.

Tip: Use a planner.
Why this will help: Using a planner will help you stay on top of your homework so it will not be late. It will also help remind you to get your assignments finished because often students will forget what assignments are due on certain dates so they don't get it done.

Tip: Highlight important notes.
Why this will help: Highlighting notes will help you know what to study for upcoming tests. Highlighting will also help you find the important information instead of using all of your notes that you don't need to study.

Tip: Clean out your folders at the end of every quarter.
Why this will help: If you clean out your folders and dividers every quarter you won't confuse your recent work that you haven't turned in with your old work from a quarter ago. Keeping clean folders will also help you with organization because you will know where your work is when it is due which will help you keep your grades up.

Tip: Prioritize your time.
Why this will help: Prioritizing time will help you get your homework and projects done by saving time. By doing your homework for a class subject that you understand first, you can spend more time on the challenging homework so you can get a better grade because you are giving that homework more attention.



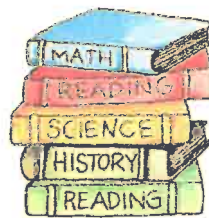
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Teacher Spotlight: Mrs. Marlowe

By: Danielle Baus

Mrs. Marlowe has been teaching for twenty-five years, but twelve of those years have been at Albritton. She grew up in Sterling, VA. She participated in many clubs and sports such as softball, track, band, chorus, drama club, pep squad, and she was a teacher assistant. She went to Marymount College for her undergraduate degree and studied journalism. Then she went to George Washington University and received her Masters degree in education. She started off as an elementary school teacher then moved up to middle school.

Mrs. Marlowe loves knowing her students are understanding what is being taught. If she wasn't a teacher she'd work in a library and read to children. Outside of school she likes shopping and doing crafts.



Wrestling, Try it Out

By: Alani Rodriguez

Many people don't want to be part of the sport of wrestling; therefore, they provide many excuses. "Pushing people down to the ground in uncomfortable tight uniforms isn't my forte." Others have said that "they don't want to get hurt or that they are not strong enough to participate." Many of these claims are just excuses. First of all, wrestling is much more complicated than many people think. People perceive wrestling as a sport where you have to take down someone who's scary and twice your size. In actuality, they place you on a scale to ensure that you are in the weight class you fit in so you will be wrestling someone close to your size. You can be ensured that at Albritton Middle School (AMS) the coaches try to keep everyone safe and in shape. At AMS's wrestling practices the wrestler stretches, and completes warm-ups. After that, they do drill exercises with their partners. Even if you are not strong, you can get stronger through practice. Now with the "uncomfortable, tight," wrestling uniforms which are called singlets. Singlets are really nice to wear for a wrestler. The material is flexible allowing for smooth movement, and is more difficult for the opponent to grab during a match than regular clothes. Even though it's an excellent investment for a wrestler, singlets are not required at AMS. Wrestling is a combat sport, and as in any other sport, there is a risk of getting hurt. Officials enforce rules so that there is a smaller risk of getting injured. Don't let that scare you into not trying it out. If you are thinking about joining wrestling, it will be a fun experience and you should try it.



What's Happening?



Day of Love

By: Nevaeh Hill

Valentine's Day can be traced all the way back to Ancient Rome. Valentine's Day was not always Valentine's Day. It was known as "Lucerciana" and it was celebrated on February 15 in honor of the first day of spring. On February 14, a young man would pull a girl's name out of a vase, then that girl would become that guy's festival partner for that upcoming night. Sometimes the two would even get married! Valentine's Day is named after the priest, St. Valentine. The background behind him is that he was the emperor of Rome and he had banned young soldiers from getting married because then they would not want to leave their families to join the army. St. Valentine thought this rule was not fair so he secretly performed weddings for adolescents to marry. He was put to death on February 14. This is why we celebrate Valentine's Day as the day of love.



Spot that Coach

By: Hannah Lewis



For this article I decided to choose Dr. Stillman to interview for the boys basketball team. I had asked him 10 questions pertaining to the boys basketball team and here are his answers.

Hannah- Is this your first time coaching basketball?

Dr.Stillman- Yes this is my first time coaching basketball. I played but never coached.

Hannah- Did you play basketball when you were in middle school/high school or college?

Dr.Stillman- Yes I have played basketball I had played basketball when I was in middle school, high school, and college.

Hannah- Did you go to college? If so where? How many years?

Dr.Stillman- Yes I did go to college I went to Boyce College. I attended Boyce College for

4 years.

Hannah- Is this your first year at Albritton?

Dr.Stillman-Yes this is my first year at Albritton

Hannah- If you had the choice of doing any other job what would it be and why?

Dr.Stillman- If I had any other job I would like to be a police officer because I would be doing something different everyday instead of the same thing everyday. And because it is a fast paced job.

Hannah- How well do you think the basketball team did from the beginning of the season to the end of the season?

Dr.Stillman- All of the players had greatly improved with everything I had given them to do or work on. All of the players had gotten better on their individual skill sets.

Hannah- Do you coach any other sports? If so what sport?

Dr.Stillman- No I do not coach any other sports. The only sport I coach is basketball because I like playing and teaching other kids how to play.

Hannah- What do you like to do in your free time?

Dr.Stillman- I like to read, play basketball, and spend time with my family.

Hannah- Do you play any sports?

Dr.Stillman- I love to play basketball that is basically what I do all the time.

Hannah- What is your favorite color?

Dr.Stillman- My favorite color is the blue from the school colors.

Nuts (and Bolts) About Robotics

By: Hannah Lewis

The Robotics Club is a school club that is taught by Mrs. Poz-Rob. Mrs. Poz-Rob loves teaching students not only with book work but with hands on activities. When she was interviewed she stated "When I teach the Robotics Club or anything, I like to see smiles on the students' faces, which gives me a boost of confidence knowing that they are enjoying what I am teaching them." She also stated that "when the students build these robots I don't give them any instructions. The students have to read them by themselves". I believe this club helps kids understand how to work as a team and to build things by yourself without having a teacher explain them step by step. Mrs. Poz-Rob would like to see more students join her club. So stop by Mrs. Poz-Rob's room for more details and check out what the Robotics Club has to offer.

the Robotics Club?

Mrs. Poz-Rob: I have been teaching my Robotics Club since 2015.

Hannah: What all do you do in your Robotics Club?

Mrs. Poz-Rob: Part of STEAM, coding, and hands on activities.

Hannah: Why did you decide to start the Robotics Club?

Mrs. Poz-Rob: I like to do hands on activities cause I like giving the students the experience with hands on activities.

Hannah: Did one of your students ask you to start the Robotics Club, or did you just decide to start it on your own?

Mrs. Poz-Rob: I thought it would be fun for my students to have something to be a part of after school. And they would have fun doing it.

Hannah: How many people do you allow in your Robotics Club? Why?

Mrs. Poz-Rob: Fifteen because when they are building the robots they need a lot of space to work so it does not get over crowded.

Hannah: How many steps are there to building a robot?

Mrs.Poz-Rob: Depends on what the end project will be.

Hannah: How long does it take to build the robots?

Mrs. Poz-Rob: Depends on what you are building.

Hannah: Do you use online programming to program the robots?

Mrs. Poz-Rob: Yes, that is the last step. It applies their own knowledge and skills to learn.

Hannah: Do you test the robots after programming them?

Mrs.Poz-Rob: Definitely because that is the funnest part of building the robot. They also have little competitions inside the club (racing).

Hannah: What days do you hold your club?

Mrs.Poz-Rob: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday. At least 2 days a week.

Hannah: How long have you been teaching

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Isabella Garcia



Logan Constandse



Grayson Taylor



Kendall Foster



Erika Hansen



Malina Ramos

By: Erika Hanson

What is your dream college? Why?

Logan Constandse- Brigham Young University (BYU) because most of my family has gone there and because of my religion.
 Isabella Garcia- Arizona State University because it's a family college.
 Grayson Taylor- Duke because it seems like a good school.
 Kendall Foster- University of California, Los Angeles because I don't want to go to a college around here and it seems like a good school.

Do you participate in any after-school activities?

Logan Constandse- Not on school grounds but I do play lacrosse, football, and my family is looking at gymnastics.
 Isabella Garcia- Yes, I participate in the babysitting club.
 Grayson Taylor- Yes, I'm part of the gaming club.
 Kendall Foster- Not at this moment, but I'll be trying out for softball.

What is your dream job?

Logan Constandse- I don't have one.
 Isabella Garcia- I want to be an architect or an engineer.
 Grayson Taylor- I want to be a marine biologist or an engineer.
 Kendall Foster- I want to be an obstetrics and gynecology specialist.

What' is your favorite animal?

Logan Constandse- Any kind of lizard
 Isabella Garcia- Horse
 Grayson Taylor- Turtle
 Kendall Foster- Pigs

What is your advice to those who want to be student of the month?

Logan Constandse- Do your best and be the best you can be.
 Isabella Garcia- Do your best and don't get infractions.
 Grayson Taylor- Be confident and try your best.
 Kendall Foster- Keep up with homework, follow the rules, and listen in class.

By: Breanna Chao

Why do you think you are the student of the month?

Erika Hansen: I am good in class.
 Malina Ramos: I am more engaged now, and I am mature when other people weren't.

Do you have any advice for those trying to achieve SOM?

Erika Hansen: My advice is to do your best.
 Malina Ramos: My advice is to realize that it's time to work at school and not to goof off.

What's your motivation in school?

Erika Hansen: My motivation is my parents. They push me to do my best and they don't let me slack.
 Malina Ramos: My motivation is to have good grades and be accepted into the high schools that I applied for.

Who inspires you?

Erika Hansen: My parents.
 Malina Ramos: The teachers here inspire me because they have to deal with all of us.

What do you think your best characteristics are?

Erika Hansen: My best characteristics are bravery and courage.
 Malina Ramos: I am responsible and mature.