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Bottle Flip Challenge

Written by Macie Clifton, Brightin DeSantiago, Loren Morazzano, and Brayden Weathers

Lately there has been a new challenge called the water bottle flip. Most teachers despise this challenge because they say it is disruptive to the class and the sound of the water bottle landing can get old fast. The creator of this new challenge is Michael Senator. He decided to do it in his school's senior talent show. Since the discovery of the challenge has gone viral and a new water bottle flip app has been created, there have been many homemade bottle flip songs posted on different websites. MISD staff is

getting tired of this challenge and would like it to stop. Some teachers do not even allow water bottles in their classrooms anymore because they have become too much of a distraction from the lesson. Some students like to try with different sized water bottles and Gatorade bottles. What do you think of this challenge? Is it worth the disruption? Is it worth the distraction from homework and assignments? Is it worth all of the disciplinary issues students are going through just to flip a bottle? Or should students just wait to do this silly chal-

lenge on their own time at home or outside of school with friends? You decide! In the meantime, PREACH ON TEACHERS!!! We've got your back!



New Furniture for MISD

By: Macie Clifton, Loren Morazzano, Brayden Weathers, Brightin DeSantiago

We have recently got new furniture. We have got new furniture because the old furniture was getting old and teachers like to put the desks into groups and rearrange their desks very often. Our new desks are light and easy to move. The process of getting new furniture was pretty interesting. The company allowed us to test the furniture in one classroom last year. All of the new furniture is in unique shapes. The unique shapes give you the

ability to put them in different shapes and arrangements. The company the school purchased the furniture is called Indeco. Indeco has a variety of furniture. Some benefits of having unique desks and chairs is one, it is easier for the custodial staff to clean the rooms and your backpacks also fit perfectly on the back of your chair. In conclusion the shape and looks of the desks are very unique and these desks are definitely a privilege to have!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Water bottle flip challenge: Good or bad?*
- *Is the new furniture beneficial to our student?*
- *What is going on in our community?*
- *Way to go Millsap Athletics!!!*



Millsap Water Supply

By: Dylan Irwin, Macie Clifton, Issac Bourdelais, and Shelby Collins

The Millsap water supply building is old and needs to be repaired. To do this we'll raise money and hopefully get sponsors. Hopefully we will be able to get a sponsor from a lawyer's office, doctor's office, Nike, Ford, and Starbucks. By getting a sponsor, we will hopefully find the right person to approach as our sponsor for our school activity. We will always be impeccable with our words, and we will always follow up! By fixing these buildings, we'll be able to have more jobs in Millsap, which will bring more money to the community.



Millsap Middle School Computers

By: Rhett Gilstrap, Judith Martinez, Aldo Calvillo, and Raven Walter

Millsap Middle School needs more computers so each student will be able to use a computer. Everyone having a computer will help a lot because now if a class needs to use the computers they can't because other classes are using it so that makes each class slow down until the other class is finished. What we're trying to say is that we need more computers so each student can have the same education. We will raise money by doing fundraisers.



Millsap Middle School Library

By: Ashlin Buchanan and Stormie Ingersoll

The Millsap Middle School library is in need of more modern (new) books to enhance the encouragement of the school and teachers becoming better readers. We would also like to develop a love for reading and literature throughout the school. An idea to improve this problem is to raise money and provide more books to the Middle school library. We have also considered having a few books and novels donated to the Millsap Middle school library. We can have students make suggestions about what books they would like in library. This can be done by students putting their ideas on a white board near the front office. We are hoping to get this project rolling in the upcoming future.



The 6th Grade Experience

By: Dylan Irwin

Each year the top dogs of the Elementary have been coming to Middle School. The Middle School is a whole different experience. I asked one of the 6th graders, Avery Maldonado, and this is her opinion on the difference between the Elementary and the Middle School. She replied, “Well in Middle School, they don’t treat you like a baby, and it’s a lot of fun!” She also said, “Also, we don’t

have to wait in line while going to classes.” Last year the older kids were kind of mean but most of them just did not pay attention. Avery said, “It was the same for me. I feel like we should make them feel welcome to the Middle School.” The last response from Avery was, “I like Middle School. The teachers don’t take you everywhere and you don’t have to stand in line. It’s so fun!” I think it is important that the

6th Graders like Middle School because they are going to have to be here for 2 more years.



Mr. Rasco: Band and Choir

By: Joseph Howard

Mr. Rasco has been teaching band and choir at this school for one whole year here at Millsap Middle School. He especially likes woodwind instruments and his favorite instrument is the clarinet. He is working very hard with his 6th graders in getting them new instruments and getting them ready for their first concert. He is working especially hard with his 7th and 8th graders since we have a lot of students from last year’s 6th grade band and Garner stu-

dents. He says we can play a lot louder and better with such an excessively large number of students. 7th and 8th grade have been working very hard on our competition music. He demonstrated last year that he can play a lot of pieces of music, but his overall favorite note is the E flat. His group of students has exceptional talents and he has high expectations for them. He wants his students to be respectful to everyone, strive to be the best, and work very

hard. He wants us to be great musicians and leaders of this community. He has a few choir students as well. He enjoys teaching them “now” music. He says it is the most enjoyable part of choir because every moment is full of excitement. Overall, Mr. Rasco has a lot of fun with all of his students and is obviously a lover of music.



Volleyball

By: Stormie Ingersoll and Judith Martinez

Volleyball is one of the many sports offered at Millsap ISD. Volleyball is an indoor and outdoor sport involving 1 court, 2 teams, 3 touches, 25 points and 1 winner. For our district we have four amazing teams. I have spoken with our own Cady Schade on our Millsap eighth grade A team. As Cady clarified, we have 4 good teams in our district: Brock, Peaster, Tolar, and ourselves. She said, "if we keep our minds on task then we will have an amazing season." On

game days, they focus on serve receive and communicating. On non-game days, they prepare physically for games such as conditioning, lifting weights, and working on the fundamentals of the game. She wants to be physically and mentally in shape and have no regrets over the season. Daily practices prepare Cady physically for games and she



becomes mentally prepared for games by going over rotations in her head and also praying before games. Cady and all of the Millsap Lady Bulldogs hope to see you at their home games to cheer them on and support their hard work. The Lady Bulldogs play in the Brewer tournament this Saturday and play Peaster at home on October 17. We hope to see you

Football

By: Gary O'Bannon and Rhett Gilstrap

Millsap Middle School is proud of our football program. Millsap is victorious and has won all games so far in this season. We talked to the second string quarterback and 1st string cornerback of the 8th grade team Nathan Sykes. We asked him some questions about the team. One question was



identify the reasons that you have won all of your beginning games and his response was, we worked as a team and were more physical than the other teams. The second question we asked him was why he decided to play football. His response was because he loves the game and did not want to let his team down.

Because he played last year with the team and helped them out last year. The last question we asked him was explain and describe your favorite football practice this year and he said I am pretty sure that I am speaking for the whole team here because it was the first practice this year and it was blood alley.

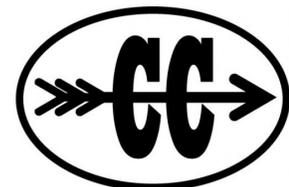
Cross Country

By: Stormie Ingersoll, Rhett Gilstrap, Gary O'Bannon, and Judith Martinez

Millsap is proud to offer cross country as a physical outdoors sport. Cross country is a natural terrain individual and team running sport. As one of Millsap's many runners, Kristen Farriel has a lot to say about cross country. She states that she runs "to stay in shape". Their past two meets were in Weatherford and Glen Rose, but she also states they will go to Brock and Santo as well. Cross country practice

begins in the mornings. During practice, our cross country team goes through multiple rigorous workouts. They do anything from running 4 miles, work on pacing, and even jump rope. She states she gets up early and works hard "because the harder you work, the better you get". In meets, girls start thirty minutes before the boys begin to run. Cross country has had a lot of success so far this year and we

wish them the best for the rest of their season!



Happy Birthday!!!

Kristen K.-October 13

Derek-October 14

Isaac-October 15

Jake K.-October 16

Richard-October 19

Callie A.-October 20

Rachael-October 21

Dylan-October 23

Keagin H.-October 24

Hunter H.-October 24

Orisha G.-October 25

Tyler G.- October 27

Justin M.-October 27

Haylee- October 28

Harley- October 29

Raine I.- October 31

Stormie I.- October 31

Mitchell W.- October 31



By: Shelby Collins and Kyler Pettit

Band

By: Heather Stagner

Mr. Rasco and Mr. Johnson have many fun and exciting plans this year! The band is performing a Christmas concert, spring concert; along with a premier concert on October 22nd. This year's goal is to have each and every student grow as a musician! They are determined to get their students to make the all district band, they're also anticipating on doing well at UIL this year make sure to cheer them on! One huge question asked is, why the students pay for their instruments. With students paying to rent instruments, it allows them to send them in for maintenance and to be cleaned. They also have money left over to get essential things such as reed, valve oil, etc... Be sure you cheer on and support our amazing bulldog band!



New Dress Code

Alyssa Morgan

As we have all noticed there is a new dress code, the lengths might be a little longer than we might like but it's all needed. The reason we have a dress code is so that students look appropriate for school and school functions. Things changed in our dress code, the main thing is to have skirts, shorts and also shirts worn with tights to be no more than three inches above the knee. There are consequences for not following the dress code, the first time you're out of dress code call your parent or guardian and ask if they can bring you some extra clothing that is,

yes, school appropriate. If you keep being out of dress code you will be in lunch detention, if the infractions continue there will be further discipline. If you have any questions about the dress code, go to the Millsap Secondary Student Handbook page 36.



New Superintendent

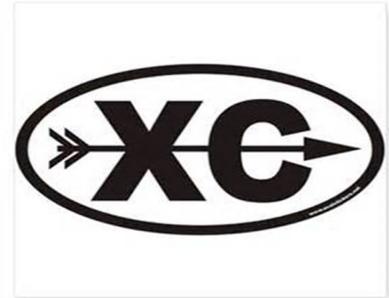
By: Hailey Walter

Our new superintendent Ms. Lee says compared to other districts Millsap ISD one of the “most special districts” in Texas. According to Ms. Lee some of the things that make Millsap special are having a community and school board that make decisions based on what is best for our students and staff. The community completely supports them and their partners in the education of the students. “MISD is also special because we are never satisfied with the status quo.” When Mrs. Lee came to Millsap she left with 23 years at her pervious district. She was seeking a place to serve where she could still interact with students and challenge herself to learn new things she was not exposed to her in previous years. “I also sought a community that believes in value, ethics, and faith.” Ms. Lee is implementing the Strategic Plan which the whole community spent last year developing. The Strategic Plan has two main goals: 1. Every student will be empowered and prepared to develop into a productive citizen throughout life. 2. Every student will be challenged in a safe and nurturing environment.

Cross Country

By: Cadence Schade

As all of you know the Millsap Middle School cross country team has been working really hard for their upcoming events. They are traveling to Stephenville's Thrill of the Hill on 10/12/2016 at 4:00 PM to make the school proud. The Cross Country runners are not only making the school proud by running but also with their new uniforms. According to Coach Humphrey, "The new uniforms not only make our team look good but it makes them have confidence and pride in our school." The members are learning so much more than just how to run. Coach Humphrey and Coach Pyle are teaching them about nutrition, character development, growth mindset and endurance. These guys aren't just in it for the running experience they are in it to get in shape, to represent the school, and a way to enjoy the outdoors. Come cheer on the Bulldogs!



Can Food Drive

By: Ana Perez

The benefits of the can food drive are allowing Millsap Middle School students to come together and support the community, as well as providing leadership opportunities for those students organizing the drive.

The dates of the can food drive will be in November but we are still establishing a specific date. The food pantry will be open for those that are in need, at the First Baptist Church of Millsap. The church will be open Tuesday morning 9:30-10AM, or by calling the number posted on the door of the church.

Some items that the church request include oatmeal (smaller sized), sugar, can milk, macaroni, peanut butter and jelly and ranch style beans. Some items that they don't need are corn, green beans, black beans, pumpkin or cranberry sauce. They can also accept donations of meat and game.

