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Mr. Schaefer and the Memorial School Band performing at the town's annual tree lighting ceremony.



Mrs. Barreto, Memorial School's new principal and fifth grade student reporter, Jayden Byles.

Holiday Tree Lighting

By: Ava Beirne

The Memorial School music program really expanded this year. Instead of meeting once a week after school like in years past, each band now meets 3 times a week during the school day. This now gives the director, Mr. Schaefer, an opportunity to work a lot more with the band. Choir, which was also after school, is not a part of the school day during period 9.

Mr. Schaefer and his band and choir have been very busy this school year. On December 8th, the Memorial School band played for the annual tree lighting ceremony in Woodland Park. The choir performed for Senior citizens and took part in a community concert for Alfred Baumann Public Library. Both the band and the choir also performed in the winter concert in the Memorial School gymnasium. Kudos to Mr. Schaefer and his wonderful musicians.



Memorial School's seventh grade band in action, led by Mr. Schaefer, in the brand-new music room.

Principal Interview

BY: JAYDEN BYLES

I interviewed Mrs. Barreto to learn more about the school and to get to know our new principal.

Q: "How have the first two marking period been?"

A: "They've been very busy and we have been doing a lot of work for the students.

Q: "What made or inspired you to be a principal?"

A: "A former principal told me that I had leadership qualities. She encouraged me to go back to college to earn a Master's in Educational Leadership and I wanted to be able to inspire a larger group of children than just one class."

Q: "What events did you change?"

A: "I added guidelines for overnight field trips, changed some things such as newspaper club and yearbook club. Mr. Scholtz and I have added ninth period and music as an elective."

Q: "I have one last question; Did you think being principal was going to be easy?"

A: I did not think it was going to be easy. I knew it would be challenging but I have a lot of support from the staff and community.

Q: "Thanks for your time Mrs. Barreto. Is there anything else you would like to add?"

A: "Yes. I am proud to be the new principal and enjoy working with the students and staff everyday.

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Getting to Know Mrs. Colucci

BY: AMY MOYA

Mrs. Colucci is a sixth-grade teacher here at Memorial Middle School. She specializes in math. Although she is a teacher, some students and some staff may not know her very well. So, I'm going to be asking her a few questions about her life when she's not teaching.

Q: What are some hobbies you have?

A: "I love to read and do yoga. Weirdly enough, I like to keep track of my family's finances."

Q: If you weren't a teacher, what job would you have?

A: "I would most likely work in the banking and financing department. Anything that has to do with numbers, really."

Q: Do you have any pets? Kids?

A: "Yes, I have three thirteen-year-old daughters. I also have a dog."

Q: Do you like to travel?

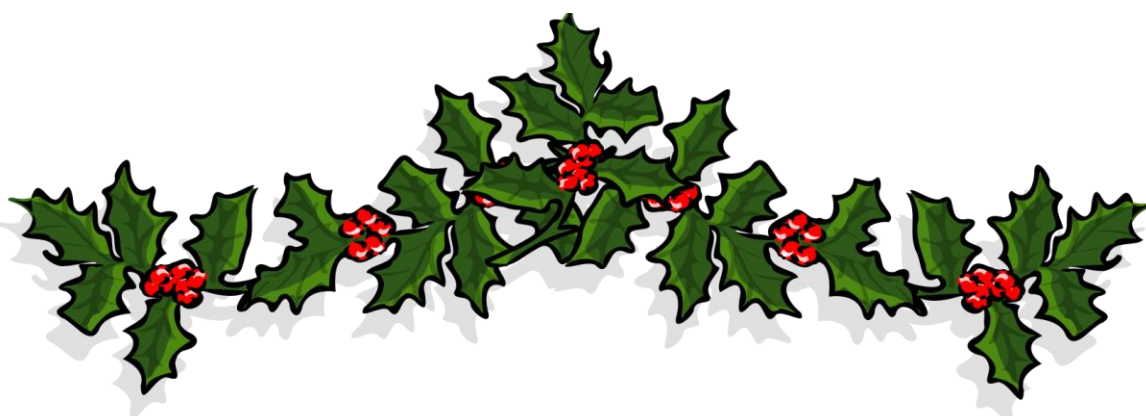
A: "Yes, I love traveling to much! In fact, I wish I could travel more!"

Q: What are some places you wish you could go to?

A: "I'd love to go to Greece, Portugal and Eastern Europe. Also, Haiti and the Western United States would be nice."

Q: What other jobs did you have before becoming a teacher?

A: "I used to work in a bagel shop, and I was a financial analyst. I also was a consultant for a software company. I used to be a 5th grade teacher in New York as well."



5th Grade Social Studies

BY: JASON SYNDER

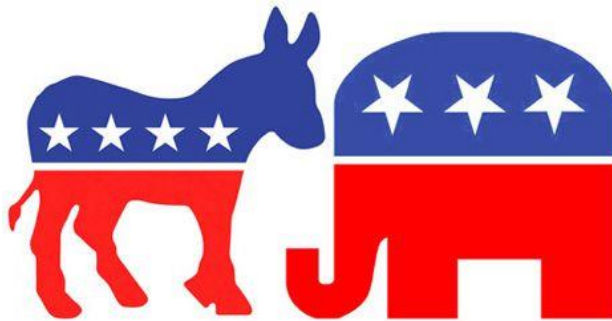
You learn many important things in fifth grade, especially in Social Studies. Right now in Mr. Sans' class, we are learning how to write an Americanism essay for the town. All of the fifth grade is doing this project. The essays will be submitted to the American Legion Auxiliary There will be three winners per category. In Mr. Sans' class we are also learning about George Washington. Another topic that interests us fifth graders is famous explores that have found land for their territory. Everyone is enjoying learning about these topics because a lot of people in fifth grade and in Mr. Sans class love history. They want to know more about it. As you can see, we are learning very interesting things in Mr. San's history class and the 5th graders are enjoying it.

The 2020 Presidential Election

By: Kaitlyn Amanullah

As 2019 comes to a close, we can now think about the exciting and important events that will occur in 2020. First and foremost, the next presidential election will occur in November, 2020. In the last presidential election in 2016, Donald Trump was elected as the 45th president of the United States. President Trump will be running, in the upcoming election, in hopes of being re-elected. He is currently running against two candidates in the Republican Party, but they are not considered tough competition according to recent polls. As for the Democratic Party, many decided to run this year. The top democratic candidates according to voters, were former vice president Joe Biden, senator Bernie Sanders, senator Elizabeth Warren and mayor Pete Buttigieg. As you can see, the 2020 presidential election will have fierce competition and both the Republican and Democratic Parties are ready to win.

Furthermore, each candidate, both Democratic and Republican, have a strategy in their campaign. Democratic candidate Bernie Sanders has a rather risky strategy. His plan includes having volunteers going house to house and talking to potential voters. He also wants to attend many small issue-based forums and town halls. In addition, republican candidate Donald Trump has a very different strategy. "Nationalist Populism" is an idea that Trump promotes. This basically means that he encourages all Americans to have patriotism because it is an important trait. Trump also wants to show that he is the better candidate by showing how the democratic candidates are "socialists". As you can see, every candidate has their own campaign strategy, and presidential candidates Bernie Sanders and Donald Trump have very different ones.



The symbols of the Republican and Democratic parties.



The White House where the president lives.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

A Note from the Advisor

BY: MS. AMENT

This year marks my first year as the Memorial Times Newspaper Advisor and what a crazy year it has been so far!

It was decided back in early October that The Memorial Times would be getting a complete make over to update the layout and modernize the format. In addition, the paper would be more school focused with the articles emphasizing the amazing things going on within the school. Memorial School has so many amazing things going on within its hallways that many students do not even know about. Therefore, we hope that the newspaper will become a highlight of what is happening within the school and also serve as an inspiration to students to try out and join new things.

Apart from completely redesigning the entire newspaper, the entire newspaper staff has worked extremely hard to get this first issue of the paper out in just over a little month. Each staff member picked a type of reporter job that they wanted to participate in. These jobs ranged from school wide reporter, to fifth grade reporter, to current even reporter. Every single staff member eagerly took on their jobs and delivered outstanding news articles to report directly back to the students here in Memorial School.

It is our hope that in the future, all newspaper will be available within the school library and be printed on actual newspaper quality paper! In addition, the newspaper will be available on the school website as a digital copy. We want to provide the students and staff with the best reading optional as possible in order to spread the great news of Memorial School all over! Enjoy!

Talking with a Veteran: Interviewing Edward Ward

BY: KATHRYN RYAN

1. What made you enlist in the Marines?

“When I was in grade school, I enjoyed reading about the US military conflicts “

2. When were you in Vietnam?

“I enlisted in September 1967 and went to Bootcamp at MCRD San Diego, California. I was sent to Vietnam from June 1968 to July 1969.”

3. How old were you when you went to Vietnam?

“When I went to Vietnam, I was 20 years old.”

4. Where were you stationed in Vietnam?

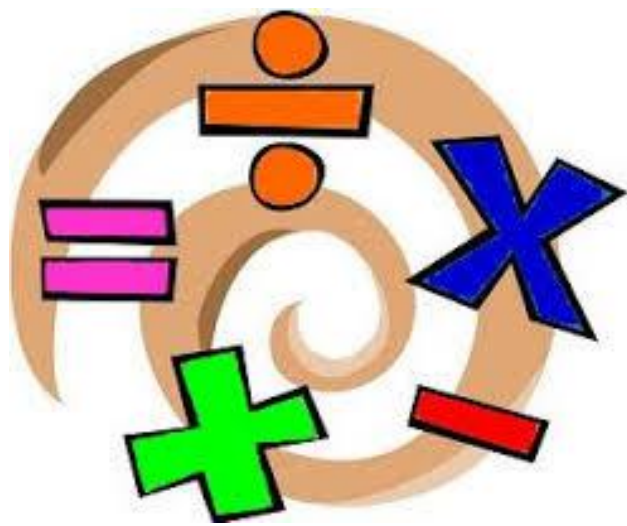
“I was stationed at Dong Ha. My duties were going out to fireplaces and repairing weapons.”

5. What is your best memory about the marines?

“The camaraderie with all my fellow Marines.”

6. Are you still in touch with any friends from the Marines or Vietnam?

“I am in touch with a Marine that was in Vietnam around the same time as me. I also belong to a Marine Corp League Detachment. I am also friends with other Marines from a Vietnam group on Facebook.”



Ms. Tashayodi’s fifth grade math class is currently learning about division.

Speaking of Math:

An Interview with Ms. Tashayodi

BY: BRAYDEN MCGOVERN

In 5th grade math class, we are learning about division. I interviewed Ms. Tashayodi to learn more about fifth grade math this year.

Q: Is it difficult to teach math?

A: “ Math has different ways to solve like drawing a picture”.

Q: Do you like teaching fifth grade?

A: “ I love the age. Math is my favorite subject”.

Q: What are some unique ways you like to teach?

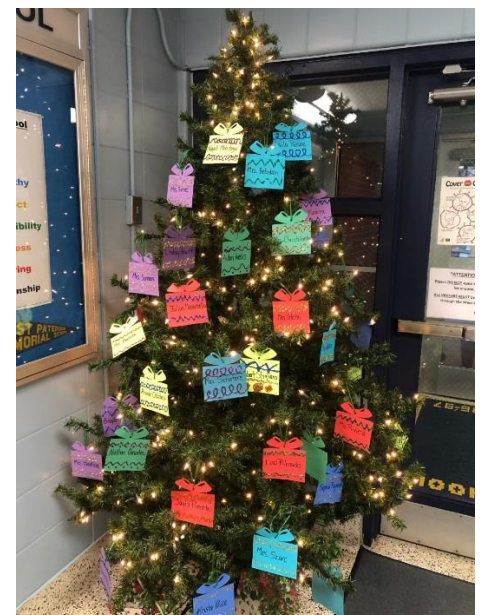
A: “ Drawing pictures and tricks help in math.”

The Giving Tree Spree

BY: AAYAN MALIK

Sadly, many children with cancer in the hospital don’t have food or other essentials. Their parents who sit in the waiting room for hours struggle to make ends meet. This is an ongoing problem but Memorial School has helped many families suffering from this problem because of the Giving Tree. If you have any gift cards for gas, groceries, food and many more, please give it to your homeroom teacher to help someone else. Our principal, Mrs. Barreto, has kept this awesome tradition for a few years now. The Giving Tree is also in Beatrice Gilmore.

This event started on December 3rd, 2019 and will continue till the holiday break. You still have a lot of time to give a gift card. For showing your appreciation, your name will be hung on the tree right next to the main office. Your name will be on a “gift tag”. Sometimes people want to know why Mrs. Barreto started this. You could ask her if you interview her. Make sure you see the tree while heading out at dismissal.



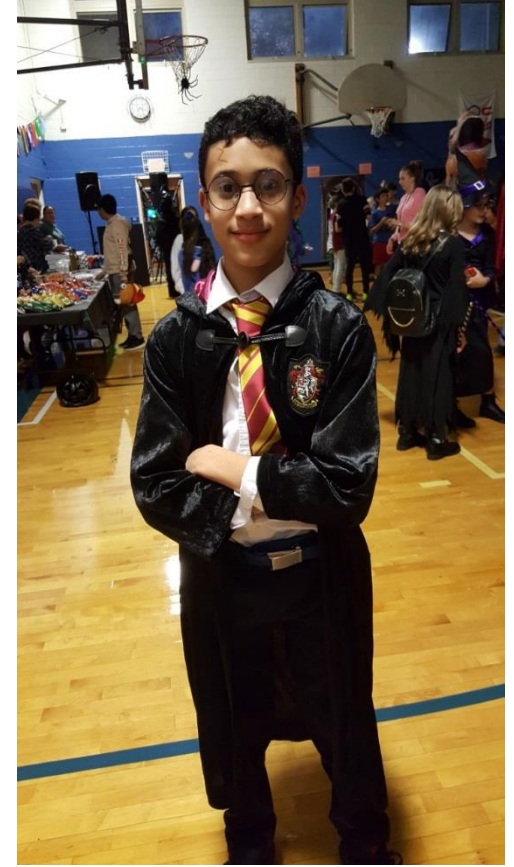
Every student who donates, receives an ornament that is displayed on the Giving Tree.

The Halloween Dance

BY: PATRICK RYAN

During the Halloween Party/Dance there were plenty of great costumes. The costumes ranged from the typical witch, to the chipmunks, and vampires. This year the big trend was blow up costumes. These costumes create a bubble of air around the costume wearer and make for some pretty amusing costumes. This year, someone actually dressed up as the poop emoji. It gave everyone a good laugh. In addition, two people were dressed up as blow up dinosaurs. They brought the dinosaurs back from the dead!

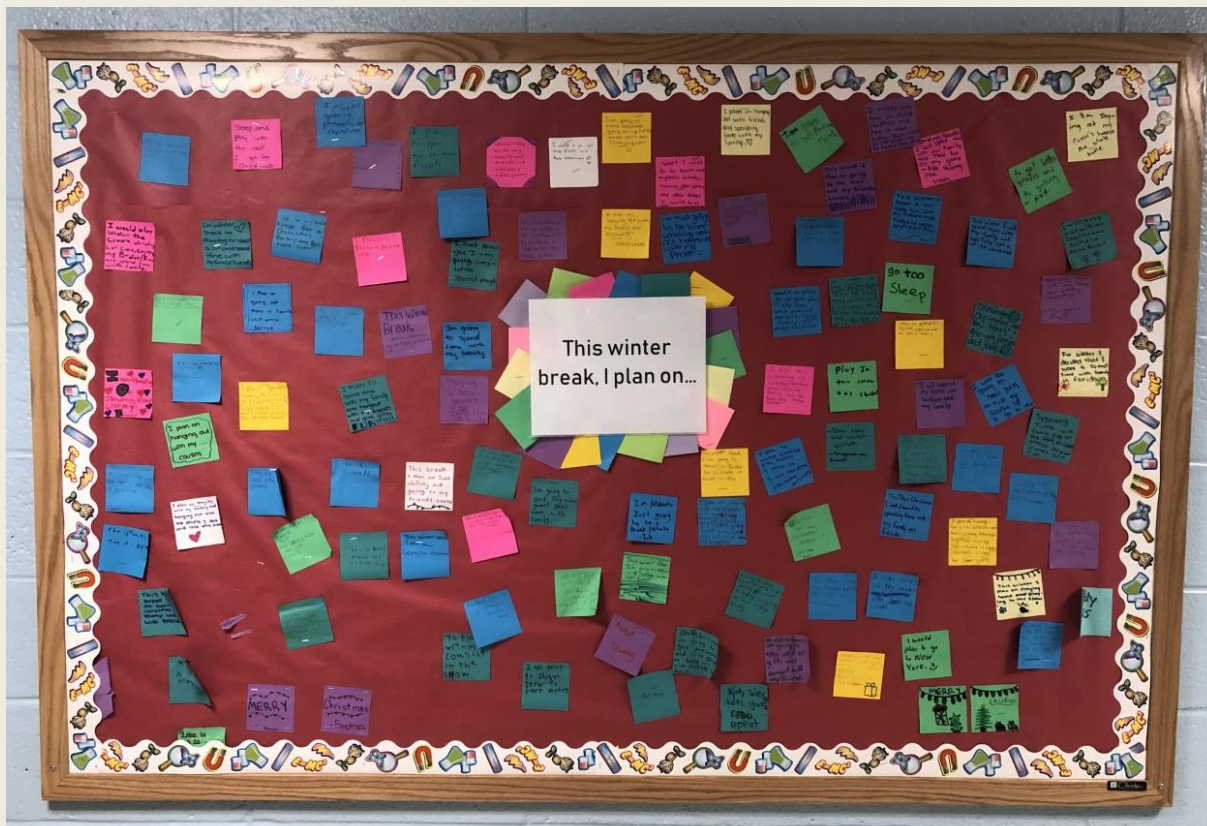
During the Halloween Party/Dance there were plenty of great costumes. The students danced the night away from music from an awesome DJ, ate yummy treats provided by various local eateries, and walked through a haunted house. A great time was had by all!



Interacting with the Students

BY: ERIN RYAN

As you may have seen, Ms. Change, a 7th grade science teacher along with other 7th grade homeroom teachers, have recently decorated her bulletin board a lot differently than most teachers. Ms. Change's entire 7th grade class participated in the bulletin board activity. All 7th grade students were allowed to put a post-it on the bulletin board. In the month of December, everyone put on their post-it describing what they planned on doing over winter break. In November, the question was "What Are You Thankful For?". Every month Ms. Chang changes the questions. Ms. Chang started this in the beginning of the school year, however, after the school was painted, she decided to move the 7th grade response onto her bulletin board. If you have not seen this bulletin board, it is located across from her classroom in Room 47.



We'll Miss You Mrs. Gonzalez

BY: YASTIKA SINGH

We are melancholy to report that our cherished science teacher Mrs. Gonzalez, who teaches eighth grade, will not be teaching at Memorial School after December 20th, 2019. I was fortunate enough to be in her class these past few months and I can say with full admiration that Mrs. Gonzalez is a tremendous teacher and person. I was also lucky enough to interview her so we as a Memorial School family can get some closure.

Q: Hi Mrs. Gonzalez! Today I'd like to interview you about your upcoming departure from the Memorial School Teaching Staff on December 20th, 2019. I'm sure you've heard this from many other people but we will all miss your presence very dearly. We don't have to go into specifics, but what would you say really prompted you to leave this year?

Mrs. Gonzalez: "I'm leaving to care for my children. And I think, the whole eighth grade knows it's tough for me to care for two special needs children and have a full time job."

Q: What is the most important thing you'd like this year's eighth grade students, who only had you for half a year, remember science-wise? What about life-wise?

A: "To not be afraid to get the wrong answer and to not give up looking for the right answer. Life wise, I guess not to get too caught up in pleasing other people. I think you should be the first one you make happy and when you're happy, you make others happy."

Q: What teaching philosophy do you hold to be sacred?

A: "Allow your students the opportunity to see mistakes and imperfections as part of the process."

Q: Do you have any plans to resume teaching later on, either as a teacher or as a tutor?

A: "I definitely hope that I'm able to come back to the profession. I absolutely love science and teaching science. I think I'm good at it, but family first."

Q: Will Memorial School students see you later on in the year at school functions?

A: "I will definitely be at graduation."

Me: Thank you so much for your time Mrs. Gonzalez. We at Memorial School thank you for your dedication and care you've always shown to our Memorial School family and we wish you the very best. I, for one, can't wait to see you soon at school events. Is there any last advice or things you'd like your students to know?

Mrs. Gonzalez: "I live by this quote: "It must be remembered that the purpose of education is not to fill the minds of students with facts... it is to teach them to think and to think for themselves." –Robert Hutchins"

Ghostly Game Pal – A Comic

By: Mohammed Abualouf

