

MCS Cross Words March 31, 2017

Differences. They're inevitable. We notice them. We seek them. We praise them, but we also disparage them.

It would be wonderful if we more commonly and actively celebrated them.

Sam Drazin, former MCS and RMS and HHS student, spent a day with us on Thursday talking about differences. He was born with differences, and he talked about the seven surgeries that he had during his childhood and teen years to diminish those differences, and why. He spoke about deeper differences, too: those that are invisible to most, but still important to acknowledge and—yes—celebrate.

On Thursday night we were treated to the 6th-grade production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, directed by Ms. Ames, which highlights the differences between love and revulsion, wealth and penury, acceptable and asinine behavior, sobriety and jest.

Differences require our attention and our analysis, our tolerance and our flexibility. Jest saying.

Calendar

Monday, April 3: Sing Along, K-2, 8:30-8:45, Multi

Tuesday, April 4: Visiting Author, Kelly Bennett, K through 3rd grades

Thursday, April 6: MCS Choral Concert, 3rd through 6th grade, 6:30 pm, Multi

Friday, April 7: Biography Teas, 4th grade (Wilson), 10:15-12:00

School News

(1) Choral Concert Coming

Don't forget that students in grades 3-6 will be performing at the MCS Choral Concert on Thursday, April 6 at 6:30 pm. Students should arrive at 6:15 pm. Thank you!

(2) "Who" would like to write a song?

On April 13, we will celebrate our mascot's birthday. I'm looking for a few students to help me write a little birthday song for our owl. It will be a simple job; we'll probably just take a tune we all know and make up some fun owl words. If you are interested, please join me next Tuesday (April 4) at your lunch recess, either 11:30 or 12:00. Thank you!

(3) How comfortable are you with **your knowledge of learning**? Here's a quiz from NPR to check your understanding. When you take the quiz, simply click on the answer you think is correct:

http://www.npr.org/sections/ed/2017/03/22/520843457/you-probably-believe-some-learning-myths-take-our-quiz-to-find-out?utm_source=npr_newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=20170326&utm_campaign=bestofnpr&utm_term=nprnews

How did you do?

Community News

(1) *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*

Friday, April 7th @ 7:30pm & Saturday, April 8th @ 1:30pm AND 7:30pm in the Richmond Middle School Auditorium!

*Charles Schulz's beloved comic comes to life in *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*. The whole gang is here: bossy Lucy is hopelessly in love with piano prodigy Schroeder, perfectionist Sally is still mocking blanket-toting Linus, Snoopy transforms his doghouse into the infamous Red Baron, and the "blockhead" himself, Charlie Brown, is our avid daydreamer. This revised version features classic songs such as "Happiness" and "The Book Report," as well as new hits like "Beethoven Day" and "My New Philosophy."*

Kate Budney and Henry Lang, two seniors at Hanover High School, have co-produced this production as a Senior Bridges capstone project. The cast includes six Hanover High School seniors. Admission is FREE because the show is funded by The Winthrop Bean Award for Theatre Arts. Kate and Henry chose Charlie Brown because it is a family-friendly musical with one of the most touching, nostalgic storylines in children's theater.

This show will have open-seating (seats are NOT assigned) and the house will open 30 minutes before each show. However, you may reserve tickets by emailing brownshow2017@gmail.com by APRIL 6TH with your name, phone number, and number of seats requested for a particular performance. If you do

reserve seats, please arrive at least 10 minutes before the show or tickets will be given away in the event of a full house.

(2) Dear Parents,

FRIDAY NIGHT BABYSITTING SERVICE -Hope for Haiti Club

Since the last one was such a success, on Friday, April 7th, the Hope for Haiti Club at Hanover High School will be offering another babysitting service from 5pm to 9pm at the Marion Cross School. During these 4 hours, we will be serving macaroni and cheese, and snacks, and offering many activities that include: coloring, playing games, and showing a movie. The cost is \$20 for each child, and \$10 for each additional child in families. You may drop off and pick up your child at any time between 5pm and 9pm.

The Hope for Haiti Club is dedicated to help build a school in Bois D'Avril, Haiti. For more information about our project, please feel free to click on the link below:

<http://www.vnews.com/Despite-Matthew-Hanover-Students-Headed-to-Haiti-5369594>

Any questions can be directed to Jean Vigneault at jean.vigneault@hanovernorwichschools.org.

(3) Hulbert Outdoor Center in Fairlee, VT is offering a **vacation day camp** for April Vacation: 4/17-4/21. Kids in grades K-6 can pack their spring break full of games, exploring, crafts, fresh air, new friends, good food and more! Come one or two days or the entire week. A variety of indoor and outdoor activities, delicious meals and snacks, and experienced and caring staff all without breaking the bank. Transportation available from Hanover, NH. For more information:

<https://alohafoundation.org/hulbert/vacation-camps-registration/> , [802-333-3405](tel:802-333-3405), lynn_daly@alohafoundation.org

(4) **April 11 3:30 - 4:15 Richmond Middle School Robotics**

Team RoadKilz, a group of RMS students, will discuss the FLL robotics program and share some of their robot and project designs as they prepare to head to the FLL World Championship in St Louis. Learn firsthand from the students what this unique extracurricular activity is all about; some robot demonstrations and videos included. All MCS students and parents are encouraged to join in at the Multi to learn more about it.

(5) The **Hanover Rec middle school dance scheduled for Fri., 3/31, is cancelled** due to weather. It is rescheduled to SATURDAY, April 29th 6:30—8:30pm at the REC CENTER.

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Marion Cross School