



Mill River Union Middle School Newsletter

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A Taste of India

by Tesa Gould

This week in 8th grade Social Studies we started our study of India. To learn more about this country, our teacher (Mrs. Pecor) asked Mrs. White to come in and talk about what the country looked like and what their customs were. What many people didn't know about Mrs. White, before she came to talk with us, was that she spent about 2 years in India. She stayed there between 4th and 6th grade and got to learn how they lived, what they did for fun, and how diverse they were compared to the United States. She started off telling us who worked in her family's home. They had a maid, a nanny, and a chef. Then she talked about what people of all ages wear in India. She wanted us to see what people wear for travel so she dressed up in an outfit: she said that they were considered pants. The outfit looked like a long shirt with baggy pants. This outfit met the "dress code" of India, meaning that it was appropriate. In India people are not allowed to wear tank tops and the upper arm must not be shown. Another form of clothing that is worn is called a Sari. This is a long cloth that is about 18-27 feet long and is wrapped around the body to cover the women. Something that is commonly worn by the men is called a Kurta. This is a semi-long shirt that is white. Next, she talked about the dolls that she brought in and what their significance was; they were dressed as people in many different styles. Then she showed us jewelry and carved rock. Lastly, she told us that India was a wonderful place to go. This was an experience that helped our class understand and learn about a country halfway around the world. If you would like to know more about India, see Mrs. White; it will help you explore the knowledge of the world.

Upcoming Dates

- MARCH** 6th - Odyssey Of The Mind State Competition
 11th - "The Witches" One Act Play 7:30 pm
 12th - GMMD Music Festival/Concert Band
 8th grade awards 7:50 am
 17th - Stage 20 Auditions
 19th - No School/District Inservice
 24th - Music In Our Schools Day
 26th - Middle School March Madness Night
 30th - 8th Grade Language Arts Field Trip
- APRIL** - 2nd - Show Me Gala/Talent Show
 12th-19th - Spring Break
 27th - 8th Grade Job shadow Day

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Sustained Silent Reading is now Wednesday and Thursday after TA.

Spring Sports



Sign up sheets for spring sports are in the middle school office.



March 14th - 6:00 PM

Sign up & informational spring sports meeting in the cafeteria.

March 12th - 7:50 AM

8th grade winter sports awards in the cafeteria.

April 5th

Spring sports practices start outside!

GOOD LUCK Odyssey Of The Mind Team!



Sarah Osmer Ethan Burkett
 Anjelica Carroll Rowan Dubin-Masuck Tim Heffernan

ONE ACT PLAY

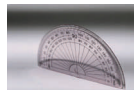
"The Witches" by Roald Dahl

The author who brought you Charlie and the Chocolate Factory!

MARCH 11th - 7:30pm

submitted by David Waller

A boy and his grandmother face the evils of England's witches after the boy becomes an orphan. Filled with suspense, witches and magic, "The Witches" is brought to you by Mill River's very own stage 40 and is directed by Mr. Bruno. The performance will be at 7:30pm in the auditorium. Those students who will be 9th graders next year should consider becoming a part of stage 40's fun!



New England Math League



The New England Math League Contest is held annually and gives students 30 minutes to answer 40 challenging math questions. The top five scores for each grade level are added together to become Mill River's team score for that grade. In several weeks we will find out how we did compared with other schools in Vermont and New England.

Here are the top finishers for the New England Math League Contest at Mill River:

Grade 7 (team score 152)

1. Andrew Lindell
2. (tie) Ian Dansereau & Quinn Kimball
3. (tie) Katy Czar & Mariz Mangundayao

Grade 8 (team score 153)

1. Greg Ziegler
2. Sam Pelkey
3. Lucas Kretvix
4. Robyn Shapiro
5. (tie) Brittany Chapin, Kyle Weatherhogg & Alexa Mullin