

The Falcon Flyer



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7th & 8th graders visit Williamsburg/Monticello

On the dates of October 20th, 21st, and 22nd of October, select 7th and 8th grade students, along with several staff members, took a long drive through the Appalachian Mountains to Williamsburg, Virginia Beach, Monticello, and the historic town of Jamestown. On Thursday, the group departed from RMS at 6:00 am, to begin the 9-hour, 590 mile trip all the way to Virginia Beach. Once at Virginia Beach, the students and staff members were able to experience the beauty and the tranquility of the Atlantic Ocean in front of their very eyes. Students were able to search along the shore and the shallow waters freely for about an hour and a half, before heading to Golden Corral for dinner. Once dinner was finished up, an hour-long drive inland led the group to Williamsburg, and their hotel.



In Williamsburg the next morning, the exploration of the landscape surrounding the land of Virginia began at Jamestown, after a short trip down the Colonial Parkway, a 23-mile road completed in 1957, that extends from Yorktown, past Williamsburg, and ending at the Jamestown Settlement. Students and staff members received the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to explore the historic site, including trying on armor, exploring the Susan Constant, the largest ship out of the three used, and even exploring a remake of the Powhatan Indian tribal home. Once the exploration was over, the gift shops and the cafe became crowded with students and staff members. Ryan Boyer, an 8th grader, who bought the Chicken Tenders said, “They were alright, but they could have been a little bit crispier.”



Once lunch was over, the groups departed for Colonial Williamsburg for a city tour, a British band experience, which was actually purely coincidental, and stopped for dinner at Shield’s Tavern, a restaurant in Colonial Williamsburg. After dinner, the ghost tours began. Students and staff members toured throughout Colonial Williamsburg by the light of lit torches beside the sidewalks, hearing several spine-tingling stories, some including a bossy woman, a man longing for his kids, and even a vampire terrorizing the town. After the ghost tours, students boarded the bus back to the hotel, about a ten to twenty minute drive.

On the final day, students and staff went to explore the beauty and pristineness of Thomas Jefferson’s handbuilt Monticello. Students and staff were able to explore Jefferson’s own home on a guided tour, and learned about his home’s history, along with his many achievements including founding the University of Virginia not far away in Charlottesville. He also drafted the Declaration of Independence and the Statute for Religious Freedom. Once finished at the house, students walked down the trail from Jefferson’s Grave, where Thomas Jefferson was buried. Students and staff members ate lunch, and explored the many wonders of Monticello. After the sun set on Monticello, Jamestown, and Williamsburg, the 7th and 8th grade students and staff headed home back to Rushville Middle School.

Girls club soccer team makes history

The all girls middle school team broke stereotypes and made history by being the first all girls club team for Fairfield Union. The new girls team went 9-4 scoring 58 goals and only having 14 scored against them. The girls were able to place 3rd in league play. Special credit to Bailey Osborn, 7th grader, for scoring 20 out of the 58 goals on the team. The players include, Aubrey Anderson, Ellie Barringer, Reagan Toler, Sadie Schultz, Reagan Rowley, Bailey Osborn, Maddilyn Mitchell, Isabella Keirns, Kynzie Stephenson, Alexis Bennett, Makayla Rawlins, Braelynn Peters, Amelia Marshall, Ava Parsley, Emma Spillers, and Cora Noland. Thanks for a great season ladies!

RMS OPINION POLL

Help us determine what is the best Thanksgiving Day food!

Take survey at:

<https://tinyurl.com/29rhzmz64>

Student Council hosts Fun Night and dance

On October 21, the 5th and 6th grade got to have a “Fun Night”. Admission cost \$2 and students got the choice of going outside for an extra recess, the gym for activities, the library for games, or the cafeteria to listen to music. Admission profits all went to the United Methodist Church in Bremen, and the Student Council made 532 dollars in total profits.

On October 28, the 7th and 8th graders had a dance. Adam Roby, a Fairfield Union alumni, was the DJ for the dance. Admission was \$3, a portion of the profits used to pay the DJ and the rest is going to the Student Council to help them do special things like this in the future. In total, the student council raised \$510, some of this profit will go towards future dances to help supply the concession stand and pay for decorations.



7th Grade holds spooky story contest

The seventh grade students competed in a Spooky Story Contest in October. The students worked diligently to create the most interesting, mind-boggling story to read to their peers around a campfire. Mrs. Murdock created a state of the art campfire and bought ribbons and ultimately a one-of-a-kind duck trophy. After the classwide vote, the trophy was presented to Charlie Herman for the top story. Thank you to all the students who participated in the competition. The winning story is below.

The Old Man Downstairs By: Charlie Herman

The thing starts off slow at first. Then it speeds! It gets closer and closer. Its figure is getting larger. Then I flung shut the door. The year is 1958 in Kentucky; the cold nights of late fall bring chills to anyone in the state. My father and I work on most days. If not, we are having fun or working; We are at a funeral like the one a few days ago for my wrinkled, old Grandpa. His eyes gave everyone chills. One day on November 12th, my Dad asked me to go get something from the basement.

“The basement!” I screamed. “You know that I get scared down there.”

“I know son, but I need a saw to cut this plank.”

I reluctantly went inside to enter the basement. I reached the door and stood at the top of the stairs for what seemed like years. I finally stepped down a stair then another, each one complaining more than the last.

Once I was on the floor of the basement, I looked around. It was very dark. It smelled musty, and the sound of exuding made my hairs stand up on end. When I turned on the light, I saw something move and ran up the stairs. SLAM! The door shut behind me. I ran to my dad screaming telling him that there is something in the basement.

“Ok!” he said. “We can take a break; it’s getting late.”

I could not sleep that night, so I decided to face my fear. I armed myself with a bat, a bike helmet and some granola bars and went to the basement. I reached the bottom again and looked around. The boiler made a sinister smile. The jungle of cobwebs with the native ravenous spiders, and eyes...eyes that stared into my soul. I looked at them and they moved closer and closer, bigger and bigger until it spoke!

The figure started running towards me. I got a glimpse at it until I ran up the stairs slamming the door behind me. Then after I caught my breath, I realized the old, wrinkled man with the spine-chilling eyes looked shockingly like my Grandpa, the wrinkled Grandpa whose funeral we went to days earlier.

New director at helm of Marching Falcons

The Fairfield Union Marching Falcons are run by the new band director, Mr. Kitchen, assisted by Mr. Savage for general help, Mr. Gregory for help with the drumline, and Jessica Howell choreographing the color guard and Falconettes. The band season began in the middle of July with a sweltering three weeks of band camp, with the longest of the days being from 9 to 5. They had theme days such as Disney Day, Mismatch Day, Tropical Tuesday, Wacky Wednesday, Twin Day, and Falcon Pride Day. During the band camp, the band worked on the pregame show, halftime show, and cadences. There are lots of cadences, but the most famed tends to get the crowd cheering more than the others. The Funky Falcon involves pumping the arms as you alternate your left and right leg forward. The pregame show consists of the band members marching onto the field while playing the fight song, followed by the National Anthem and our school's Alma Mater. They had three different halftime performances, including an 80’s show, a dance show, and a Halloween-themed senior show. Each of the different halftime shows incorporated a drum break, leaving the remaining band to do a blueprinted dance. During the Marching Falcons in Concert performance, a select few were chosen to do the dances. These people were the following: Collin, Ruthie, Aydin, Rosemary, Savannah, Jenevieve, Owen T., Abigail, Alaina, Korah, Xander, Deanna, Andrew, Esther, Jonah, Averi, Brian, River, Rachel, Grace, and Ellie.

The Marching Falcons have put a lot of effort into these shows and performances and are rewarded for doing their best. At the football games, you may have noticed a few marchers with red plumes instead of white ones. The “Red Plume” Award is a weekly award given to students who demonstrated excellent behavior, discipline, work ethic, and musical ability during the week of practice. The individuals that won the award were given a red plume to wear to our school's football games on Friday. All of the red plume winners consist of Collin Mahler, Jonah Squires, Esther Boggs, Megan King, Brian Morgan, Owen Bailey, Korah Duemmel, Jenevieve Squires, Luke Sattler, Izellah Price, Chloe Shifflet, Xander Haynes, Aydin Shields, Collin Bosch, Savannah Ashton, Carter McCrady, Ruthie Bailey, and Isaac Tripp. A band banquet was hosted as well, a tribute to a successful season, where more awards were given, such as most improved, most outstanding, and others. The most improved for each grade respectively consists of Gabe Simkins, Calvin Householder, Aydin Shields, Abigail Williams, and Savannah Ashton. The most outstanding for each grade was awarded to Luke Sattler, Jonah Squires, Megan King, Andrew Landis, and Collin Mahler. The most outstanding marcher award was given to Korah Duemmel, with Jenevieve Squires being awarded the spirit award. Despite heavy debate, the best section award was gifted to the trumpets. The most improved section award was proffered to the sousaphones, who all had just completed their first year of marching band. The Marching Falcons band season was great, but still isn’t quite over yet, as a few independent performances are expected to take place throughout the year.

Upcoming Events

- November 23rd - 25th
Thanksgiving Break
- December 5th
5th & 6th Grade
Christmas Concert
- December 7th
7th & 8th Grade
Christmas Concert
- December 16th
Reindeer Games
Two Hour Early Dismissal
- December 19th - January 2nd
Christmas Break

December Lunch Menus

- Breakfast**
<https://fairfieldunion.nutrislice.com/menu/rushville-middle-school/breakfast/2022-12-01>
- Lunch**
<https://fairfieldunion.nutrislice.com/menu/rushville-middle-school/lunch/2022-12-01>

November Students of the Month

- 5th Grade**
Rylee Montgomery
Mollie Tipton
- 6th Grade**
Brody Lecrone
Sadie Schultz
- 7th Grade**
Hudson Miller
Tori Spicer
- 8th Grade**
Isaac Tripp
Celeste Carruth

First Quarter Honor Roll

<https://tinyurl.com/y5yjt9k9>



New staff joins RMS for the 2022-23 school year

Mrs. Warnock

By: Reagan Toler and Audrey Barr

Mrs. Warnock joined the Fairfield Union staff this year, as a 5th and 6th grade specialist. Fresh out of college, Mrs. Warnock has always had an eye for working in RMS, especially considering the small community and culture. She enjoys teaching students, helping them learn and grow to be the best they can be. Growing up, she always imagined herself working in the position of a flight nurse in the Air Force. Her life was ultimately changed when she experienced the remarkable mark a teacher can leave in a student's life. She especially enjoys creating a special bond with students, which can further help them grow as a learner. Mrs. Warnock expressed, "When you teach, there is a moment where the content clicks." Using the knowledge students learn and applying it to everyday life is a memorable moment for a teacher.

According to Mrs. Warnock, pineapple should under no circumstances belong on pizza. She stands strongly on the belief that warm pineapple is repulsive. Following up the wacky food opinions, she also gives credence to the fact that milk dilutes the explosive flavor of cereal. Uncommonly, she prefers her cereal dry and crunchy, unlike the popular opinion, stating the belief that the cereal is moist. Last but not least, there's the never ending debate on who might be the suburb Spiderman; Tobey Maguire, Andrew Garfield, and Tom Holland. Mrs. Warnock clearly promotes her opinion that the original Spiderman, Tobey Maguire, is undoubtedly the most favorable of the three.

Mr. Smith

By: Bryce Lepi, Lincoln Johnson, Easton Dompier

Mr. Bart Smith is Rushville Middle School's new Wellness teacher. Here is some information to know about him. Mr. Smith strongly encourages his students to never miss an opportunity in life and in school. Growing up in his life, Mr. Smith heartily looked up to his father as his idol. In the classroom, Mr. Smith always tries to help a student understand why they should and should not make a decision. Mr. Smith's first impression of Fairfield Union School District was that they invest monumental time and effort into giving students an excellent education. Here are some interesting facts about Mr. Smith. He was inducted into the Sheridan Generals Athletic Hall of Fame. He says that if his dogs could talk, they would say that they were smarter than most children. He believes that Shameik Moore is the best Spiderman. His favorite smell is the smell of the smoke coming out of a smoker cooking BBQ ribs. Due to his dislike, Mr. Smith will never eat asparagus. His favorite book is *All Quiet on the Western Front* by Eric Remarque. His favorite place for a vacation is Grand Teton National Park, located in Wyoming and Idaho.

Mr. Stemen

By: Kyla Gasser and Kaden Woltz

Mr. Stemen joined RMS this year, teaching 7th grade reading. He wanted to join RMS because it seemed like a great opportunity. His first impression of our school was that it was a lot larger than what it appears from the outside. He graduated from Ohio University and his major was actually Sociology/Criminology. He has been teaching for 12 years and worked at a couple different schools.

Mr. Stemen lives with his wife, two boys, and his two dogs. He enjoys spending time with his family. In high school, Mr. Stemen played various sports. He played soccer, basketball, and baseball but soccer was the only mainstay throughout the 4 years of high school. He was in Honor Society because he was an excellent student.

A few fun facts about Mr. Stemen likes pineapple on pizza, which is an unpopular opinion. He thinks it's delicious and everyone should try it! Also, when asked what his favorite vacation spot is, he answered anywhere because he enjoys seeing something new. And lastly, his first celebrity crush was Britney Spears.



More New Staff and Fall Sports articles coming in our December issue

Thanksgiving

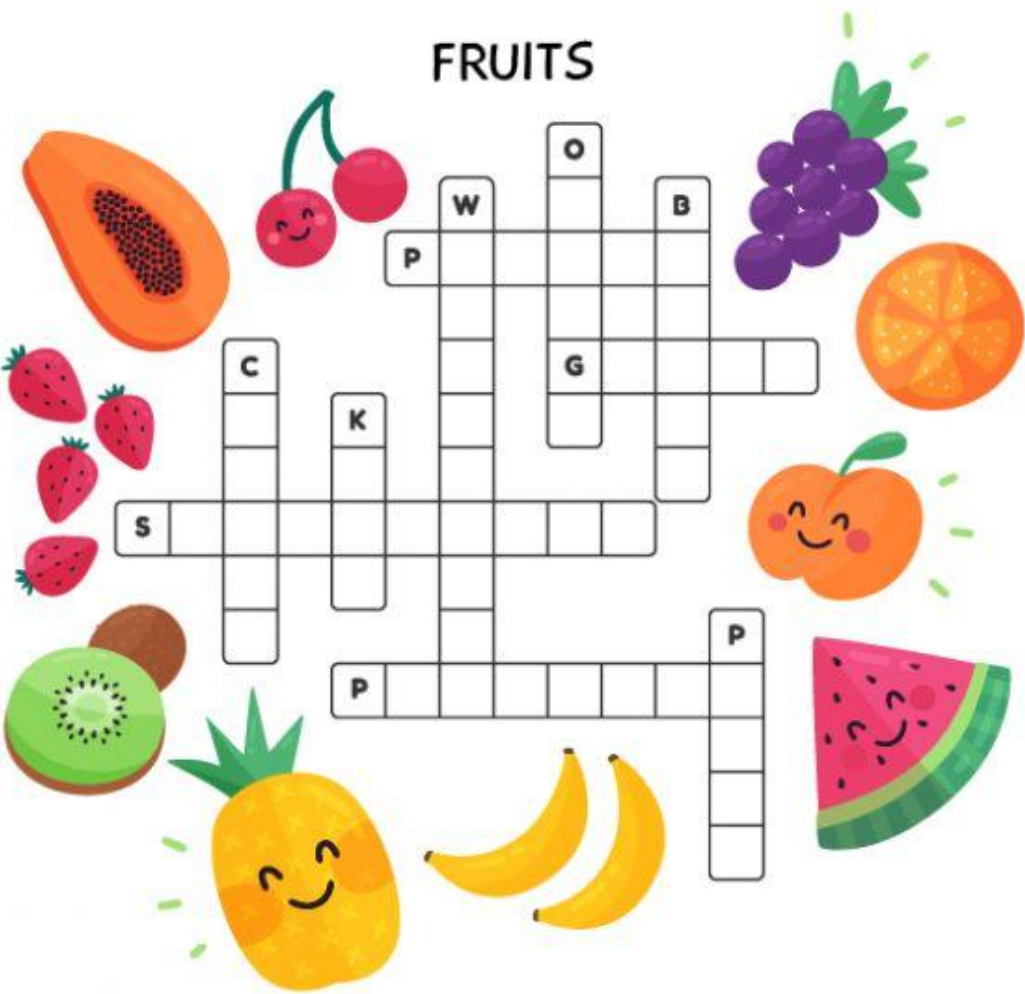
WORD SEARCH



- CHILDREN
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- HOLIDAY
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- PARENTS
RELATIVES
SEASON
VISITING
THANKFUL



Use the picture clues to solve these crossword puzzles.



8th grade co-ed soccer finishes second in league

This year’s 8th grade co-ed team finished the season with a record of 9-4-4. They were coached by Steven Fox and David Henwood. The team scored 47 total goals, while only giving up 26 goals to their opponents. The team finished the tournament with 2nd place, after a Championship Game loss to West Muskingum.

The only teams they lost to this season were West Muskingum and Zanesville.

Kaden Metzler finished with the most goals with 17, followed by Bryce Lepi with 12, Jake King with 6, Nick Henwood with 4, Connor Staten, Katie Welsh, and Ashlynn Crapps with 2 each, and Lincoln Johnson and Hailey Johnson each with 1.

Team Awards were:

- Ryan Boyer and Ashlynn Crapps - Defensive Players of the Year
- Bryce Lepi - Offensive Player of the Year
- Jakob King - Midfielder of the Year
- Kennedy Barringer and Gabe Scott - Most Improved Player
- Katie Welsh - Coach’s Award
- Ashten McCafferty - The Wall Award
- Maddie Fox - Team Spirit Award
- Nicholas Henwood - MVP

Cross country improves throughout season

Though the season didn’t go as planned, we still had many highlights. The girl's team placed first in the Bob Reall against themselves and the boys placed second against nine teams. Connor Runkle placed first while Xaley Bojanowski placed ninth. Ryan Boyer got twelfth and Ava Wilkinson placed eleventh, placing second for their teams. Another highlight was the Panther Invitational at Pickerington. The girls placed twelfth out of nineteen teams and the boys placed ninth out of twenty-one. Connor Runkle placed nineteenth and Xaley Bojanowski placed thirtieth. Ryan Boyer got fifty-sixth and Ava Wilkinson got fortieth. Although they couldn’t place as teams in the state meet, Connor Runkle got twenty-third and Xaley Bojanowski got fifty-fourth.

Both teams worked hard during the season, and many got a new pr. The boy's team consisted of Connor Runkle, Ryan Boyer, Ethan Phillips, Anthony Barnecut, Collin Rheindle, and David Valencia. The girl's team consisted of Xaley Bojanowski, Ava Wilkinson, Ellen Morgan, Kayla Miller, Addison Kellenbarger, Kendal Mason, and Alexis Mason. Both teams did excellent this season and will continue to get better for next season.



Red Ribbon Week highlights drug free lifestyle

Red Ribbon Week was a very successful week for RMS. During this time, we had over half of the RMS students participate in the planned activities.

For this week, we had different spirit days. Wednesday was Jersey Day, Thursday was Red Day, and on Friday we had Costume Day or Pajama Day.

At lunch each day, there was a different activities that many students participated in such as Truth or Dare, cornhole, and “What is your Natural High?” There was also a locker sign coloring contest for students to participate in throughout the week.

Red Ribbon Week is a very special week that honors the officers working to stop importing drugs. One of the most famous officers is Agent Enrique Camarena. She worked most of her life just to stop drugs from being imported. This is why we celebrate Red Ribbon Week and pledge to be Drug-Free.

First quarter Falcon Brunch celebrates student successes

