

THE MANE EVENTS

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Bi-Lo Invention Convention Field Trip By Ronald Tep

Earlier this month, Team 6-2 took a field trip to the Bi-Lo Center, where they delivered their inventions and displays for the Invention Convention. Awards were presented on the night of March 3, to Elliot Moore for 1st place and most creative. Also, Jack Nelson placed 3rd. Congratulations to Elliot and Jack, everybody who entered their invention, and also, their wonderful teachers. Our 6th graders' creativity and imaginations really shined at this year's convention. Thanks for representing Mauldin Middle so well!



Book Fair By Emily Smith

If you are interested in reading, make sure to participate in the Mauldin Middle school book fair. The media center sponsors this event and it will be held on April 7-13. Every morning it opens at 8:00 a.m. and closes at 3:30 p.m., but students will have the chance to go with their English teachers in class as well. Volunteers are needed to help out with this event, so if your interested contact Christy Batson at 355- 6776. Come check out all the new books at the book fair.



Got Nierikas? We do! By Ashley Montjoy

Many eighth grade students have seen the Spanish artwork displayed in the hallway. This type of painting is called a Nierika (Near-eeka) Mexican yarn painting. The Nierikas is from the Huichol (Wettchol) People. They didn't have a written language, so they communicated through symbols and stories. To make Nierikas one needs regular glue, Beeswax, and a lot of patience. Mrs. Cassetta had her students complete this project in her Spanish classes in order to expose the students to a Mexican Art form. Go look on the eighth grade hall to see the beautiful Nierikas displays. Your classmates' talents will surprise you!



Picture Time!

By Kelsie Medlin

Ready or not the dreadful picture day at school is coming up, and with that here are some tips to help your school pictures look their best:

1. Practice smiling in the mirror. It sounds cheesy, but figuring out how to make a natural-looking smile for the camera takes a little preparation.
2. Choose your colors wisely. In yearbook photos, lots of people look good in darker colors (brown, navy blue, maroon, purple) because they draw attention to the face. On the flip side, white often isn't the best choice because it can make your skin look a bit gray, especially if you're pale. Stay away from super-bright colors (neon pink, bright yellow, electric blue) unless you're really sure you can pull them off.
3. Don't overdo the hair and/or makeup. Yeah, you want your hair to stay in one place and your face to look ravishing, but go for the "less is more" approach.
4. Leave yourself enough time to do your hair and makeup, and then touch it up right before the yearbook photo shoot. Make sure your lunch isn't on your face or in your teeth.
5. Don't slouch! Hold your head high, look straight into the camera and smile.
6. Bring a comb or brush and a bit of your favorite hairstyling product to the yearbook photo shoot. You never know when stray hairs might make an appearance. The most important tip of all is to be yourself and have fun with the picture. If it doesn't turn out perfect that's okay you always have next year!

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Get to Work By: Kerrie Cloonan

Roll your sleeves up! Mauldin's helping out. Team 6-1 took a service learning field trip for the betterment of the community. They took part in a hard-working, yet rewarding experience. Team 6-1 went to three different community centers, Sterling, Freetown, and Mt. Pleasant. These programs provide tasks for the volunteers. For example, 6th graders collected waste and debris off the ground to be disposed of. They also did activities such as organize closets and other house hold jobs. The purpose of this field trip was to ensure responsibilities that these students may one day overcome. These activities also encouraged students to help in their community and make a difference. All of the help provided by the students to the community was done through Hands on Greenville. You can help Greenville and possibly other cities by going to handsongreenville.org, or by talking to our Careers Counselor, Mrs. Kelly Martin.

Greenville History Trip By: Zach Starnes

The Sandlapper Club will be taking a history trip on Friday, March 18th, 2011, to learn and observe downtown Greenville's great history. The trip will include a Tour of the Upcountry History Museum, a guided walking tour of Greenville, a delicious lunch at the Mellow Mushroom, and the Local History Planetarium Show at Roper Mountain. The club will be leaving Mauldin Middle at around 9 am, and will return for the duration of 6th period. All of the students that will be participating on this trip are responsible for making up any missed work during this day. Have a super fun day, and learn a lot!

A Ban on Tan By Sarah Austin

The American Academy of Pediatrics is hoping that tanning salons will ban teens. They are hoping that doing this will prevent teens from getting skin cancer. They are considering banning teens 14 years and younger unless they have a parent's permission. Last year, 68,130 people were diagnosed with skin cancer and 8,700 people died from it. Dr. Sophie Balk says teen girls mainly only do it for prom. When ever a person goes into a tanning bed it increases their risk by 75%. So, let's just go back to the old fashion way of tanning.

Discrimination in 2011? By Kelsie Medlin

Seventh-grader Maheen Haq from Hagerstown, Maryland was forced to sit out the first half of a basketball game because her headscarf was a safety hazard. The twelve year old was allowed to play the second half and wear the hijab after a league administrator told the referee it was okay for the girl to play. A source says the girl's parents will have to provide a letter stating that the headscarf is part of their daughter's religion and accept liability for any injuries. Even in 2011 we still have discrimination despite the years of fighting against it.

Chip Bag Too Loud? By: Rachel Jones



All companies have to deal with their customers complaints and concerns. Frito-Lay chip company had complaints that their Sun Chips bag was too loud. Frito-Lay introduced their first biodegradable chip bag in April of 2009. The bag was made from plants and could break down in compost. All the complaints forced the company to go back to the old bag. They are one of many companies trying to develop a more environmentally friendly bag. The company recently found a way to lower the noise and use the biodegradable design. They hope to get the new bags back out onto stores as soon as possible. Everyone can do something to make our planet a better place, whether it be creating a recyclable chip bag or recycling bottles and cans.

Wii vs. Xbox 360 vs. PS3 By Ronald Tep

The video game console war is continuing as each company introduces new accessories to add to the fun. Since introduction in 2006, many have been intrigued by its 3D motion sensing controllers. Nintendo has brought other things to the plate too, like the Wii Fit balance board. The Wii is capable of playing Gamecube and Wii games and supports several types of controllers. Graphics on it aren't as great as the Xbox 360 or PS3's, and complaints have also been made on the accuracy of the remote, which relies on an optical sensor bar and accelerometers. Because of this, Wii Motion Plus has been introduced to increase accuracy. Currently the Wii is about \$199 and the Wii Fit \$99. Its best selling game is besides *Wii Sports* and *Wii Play* are *Mario Kart Wii*, *New Super Mario Bros. Wii*, and *Super Smash Bros. Brawl*. The Wii is currently the best selling console over the PS3 and Xbox 360, who have both released more movement orientated hardware. Playstation has come up with Move, which uses a combination of a Playstation Eye camera and a wand that lights up against the background to track movement. It's been noted as extremely accurate by some reviewers compared to the Wii without MotionPlus. The PS3 Slim costs \$299 and \$399 in a Move bundle with more memory. The Move bundle alone is \$99, about half the price of a Wii. Some of the most popular games for PS3 include *Gran Turismo 5*, *Uncharted 2*, and *Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2*. Microsoft has taken a slightly different approach, using only a camera, "You are the controller." The Xbox 360's Kinect camera can track 6 people at once, including only two active players and features depth, images, and 3D motion capture, and voice and face recognition. The Xbox 360 Slim costs \$199 with about the same amount of memory as a flash drive, \$299 with a much higher 250 GB hard drive, and \$149 for the Kinect camera bundle alone. Prices vary with different bundles. Xbox can play *Halo 3*, *Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2*, and *Gears of War*. Both consoles from Sony and Microsoft are capable of producing HD, crystal clear images. Their motion technology is also pretty new, so game selection might be limited. Also, video game consoles aren't just for games anymore. For example the Playstation 3 has utilized Blu-ray technology for games and movies. All three act as DVD players and have access to online services, though Xbox Live has a fee. There's browsing, Netflix, and more. How will you play?

*Prices are estimations and may not be fully accurate.



Taylor All Around the World By Emily Smith

Who hasn't heard of Taylor Swift? If you haven't, take a look at the news because her music is spreading throughout the world. She is steadily gaining many fans outside the United States with her confessional lyrics and country sound. Since she released her third hit album in October, and is a four-time Grammy winner, she is a good considerable global follower. Taylor's Speak now tour has even traveled to Asia. Swift said she's proud to be an international ambassador for country music and is happy to be accepted all over the world. Many singers dream about having the option to spread their music with the rest of the world, Taylor Swift has made it a reality.

Serbian Boy ATTRACTS Attention By: Bridget Walsh

Recently, a young boy from Serbia, named Bogdan, has attracted a lot of attention in the media/news. Why? Bogdan and his family claim that he is magnetic. In videos and photos, Bogdan is shown with magnetic objects stuck to him. It seems very cool that someone could have magnetic powers, but scientists say that Bogdan is not really magnetic. The reality of it is that smooth, flat objects easily stick to smooth, hairless skin like Bogdan's. In addition, when a compass was placed around Bogdan's neck, it continued to point North instead of pointing towards Bogdan. There still isn't anyone in the world proven to have magnetic powers, but there are some people that have proven to be attractive...

NFL Brain Donated By: Zach Starnes

Dave Duerson was the Chicago Bears strong safety for eleven very successful years in the NFL. Duerson was the third round pick in the 1983 season, out of Notre Dame. Duerson was found on Thursday, February 17, dead in his home in Sunny Isles Beach, FL. The medical examiners' ruling was that it was a suicide. Text messages were found sent to his family from Duerson saying to donate his brain for study of chronic traumatic encephalopathy, which is a disease connected to depression, suicide, and dementia. This condition is most common in football players who have taken

many hard blows over the tears and have suffered concussions. Once his family found out about this unfortunate occurrence they decided to donate the players' brain to the NFL for research of this disease. The purpose of this research is to find out treatments as well as hopefully a cure one day. More than 300 athletes are on the brain registry. This is a major problem for professional athlete, and a cure must be found.



How Long Did it Take You to Do That? By: Reed Horton

In the eastern Spanish resort city of Benidorm, a Polish stunt cyclist climbed to the top of a skyscraper in nineteen minutes and twenty-seven seconds! The journey was 921 steps and the cyclist plans to take on the 1,344 steps of a German skyscraper next! In this past October, he hopped to the top of a fifty story Millennium Tower in Vienna, the tallest building in Austria. Good luck and continue to succeed.

Miley Helps out Haiti By: Sarah Feaster

Miley Cyrus is doing more than just concerts. The 18-year-old girl is in Haiti now to support the Starkey Hearing Foundation, which helps deaf kids get the supplies they need. Another girl, Paige Livesay, who is 16, moved to Haiti in 2006, in order to do missionary work. Paige's family and Miley teamed up and gave the gift of hearing to about 200 Haitian children. Molds of the children's ears were sent away so custom hearing aids could be made in Minnesota. Miley helped deliver the hearing aids, and Paige helped translate the Creole language into English. Miley has helped aid the people in Haiti before; She donated the proceed of the Helping Haiti campaign, the Disasters Emergency Committee, and she auctioned off her Grammys dress to benefit the American Red Cross' efforts in Haiti. We should all work together to help places, and people in need, like Miley is. You don't have to be a star to make a difference.

Registration By: Rachel Jones

It's time for High School. From March 14th through March 25th, eighth graders will be registering for high school courses through their Social Studies classes. The students will be able to choose their electives. Their English, Math, Science, and Social Studies classes will come from recommendations from their current teachers which are based on their averages, MAP scores, PASS scores and behavior. Choose wisely because there are plenty of classes available and many advanced classes available for those students who are willing to put some extra effort into their classes.