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VFW Patriot's Pen Essay Contest Winners

We are excited to announce that 7th grader Colin English was awarded \$500.00 for his winning essay in the VFW's Patriot's Pen Youth Essay Contest! This fall students in grades 6-8 had the opportunity to enter this annual contest that "encourages young minds to examine America's history, along with their own experiences in modern American society, by drafting a 300- to 400-word essay, expressing their views based on a patriotic theme chosen by the VFW Commander-in-Chief." (<https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>) This year's theme was "My Pledge to Our Veterans". Colin's essay will be submitted for consideration at the VFW District 12 level. Colin was not the only winner from MMS! 8th grader Libby Harper won \$300.00 for her 2nd place finish, and in third place, 6th grader Luisa Rizzo won a \$200.00 prize! The prizes were awarded to our talented winners by Kevin Beck, Commander of Hull VFW Post 1787.



Aspen and Google Classroom Workshop for Parents

School Psychologists Ali Caputo and Lauren Snowdale are ready to show the ropes to any Hull Public School Parents and Guardians who want to learn more about Aspen and Google Classroom! Interested parties may attend either of two workshops scheduled for January 18 and January 19 at the Memorial Middle School Library. Please click on this link for more information and to sign up: [SEPAC Aspen/Google Workshop](#)
Hosted by Hull SEPAC

National Junior Honor Society Update

Students who are academically eligible for consideration for membership in the National Junior Honor Society as administered at our school will receive notification by email in late January. Eligibility is determined by cumulative grade point average, which must meet or exceed our chapter's standard for Scholarship, currently set at 3.7 on a 4.0 scale.

Before the applications become available, we want to remind students and families that *ten hours of community service is a requirement*. Here are a few ideas for completing community service:

- ✓ Rake a neighbor's leaves
 - ✓ Beach Clean-Up
 - ✓ Assist with a walk or run
 - ✓ Tutor 6th Graders during homework club
 - ✓ Babysit for free
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Project 351

Project 351 is an organization that builds a movement of youth-led service by engaging an unsung hero from each of Massachusetts 351 cities and towns. They are united for a year of leadership and service. Ambassadors transform communities, elevate kindness, advance social justice and gain the courage, compassion, and capabilities to lead.

Last year, Hull's Project 351 Ambassador was Emily Irby. Emily did an outstanding job representing Hull and the Memorial Middle School. As Ambassadors, students participate in four statewide service and civic engagement campaigns, Spring and Fall Service, Hope & Gratitude Walk and 911 Tribute Service.

This years' Hull Project 351 Ambassador is Bruno Andrews-Mundo. We are very excited to have Bruno engage in leadership training and service at the local and state-wide level.



A Note from the MMS School Nurse

MMS is seeing an increase in respiratory illnesses in both children and adults. Everyday prevention measures to help avoid these and other illnesses include:

- Washing hands is a very effective measure to prevent the spread of infectious disease. Hand sanitizer, available in every classroom, can be used if washing facilities are not available.
- Due to our recent increase in student absences, students and staff are strongly encouraged to wear a mask for the weeks leading up to the winter break and the first week upon return in January.
- Teachers are encouraged to open windows in their classrooms to increase air intake and improve filtration.
- Children should cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, or cough into your elbow. Children should wash their hands after coughing or sneezing.
- Do not share drinks or other items that touch the mouth.
- Children should stay home if they are ill, and/or have a fever of 100.0 degrees or higher. Children should be fever free without taking any Motrin or Tylenol for 24 hours before returning to school.
- Your child should avoid social gatherings if they are ill.
- Contact your child's healthcare provider if your symptoms warrant medical care.
- Parents are strongly encouraged to keep their children up to date with vaccinations and boosters as vaccines remain the best way to help protect yourself and others.
- Flu vaccine is available at the school for children and families. Please call the school nurse if you are interested in getting a flu vaccine.

Current COVID Protocols:

- Individuals who test positive must isolate for a full 5 days.
- To count days for isolation, Day Zero is the first day of symptoms OR the day the positive test was taken, whichever is earlier.
- They may return to school on Day 6 if symptoms have resolved, and are fever free without the use of fever-reducing medication. Individuals will need to wear a mask through Day 10.
- If the individual is unable to mask they may return to school with a negative test on Day 5 or later.
- All exposed individuals may continue to attend school as long as they remain asymptomatic.

If anyone has any questions, please contact the school nurse @ 781-925-2040 ext. 1106

PTO Corner

- ***Don't throw out those old books!*** The Hull PTO will be sponsoring a book swap at the Memorial Middle School in conjunction with the 2023 MMS Read-A-Thon. More details will be provided in the next newsletter, but we wanted to give you a heads up in case you were planning on cleaning out your bookcases over the Holiday break: ***We want your books!*** Contact Ms. Hyde at ahyde@town.hull.ma.us if you have any questions.
- PTO's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 12, at 7pm at the Jacobs School Library.
- We still have some signs left for sale, marked down to \$10.



MMS: Reminders & Important Dates

Dec 20 – Chorus Concert @7pm

Dec 22 – Early Release @ 11:15am

Dec 23-Jan 2 – Vacation!

Jan 3 – Back to School!

Since our last newsletter...

It feels like long ago, but the Thanksgiving Pep Rally was a blast!

- 🦁 The Jazz Band performed!
- 🦁 Alyssa Donato sang the National Anthem!
- 🦁 Grade 6-8 Cheerleading Squad showed their skills!
- 🦁 Term 1 Honor Roll students were recognized!
- 🦁 There was a Robot Competition with Mr. Sullivan/Tech, a Scooter Relay Race, a 3-Point shot contest, and a Pass the Hula Hoop Contest!

