

# September/October

## Royal Review

Edited by Lillian Deter



### Manhu: The Music By Aidan Flanagan

As you are all well aware (maybe), a few weeks ago Woodlawn hosted an assembly at RMS. This assembly was just a taste of the concert to come on Saturday at the Centennial Auditorium in Sterling. The band featured was “Manhu” a traditional Sunni Chinese band that has a little bit of pop and a lot of folk feeling in its songs. They have come to this area as a part of a program called Arts Midwest that seeks to provide international music to an area that generally doesn’t get much exposure to cultures from around the world. Our very own Woodlawn Arts Academy was chosen as the host for quite

### Mr. Bishop Interview

By Lillian Deter

One of our teachers here at Reagan Middle School has switched from a social studies teacher to a gym teacher. Mr. Bishop says that he had really enjoyed teaching social studies, but that it was time for a change.

He says that the hardest thing about being in the gym setting is trying to get control and authority over the much larger groups of students. He says that he misses teaching history, but is having fun getting to be

### Fact of the Month

Kelsey Woolard

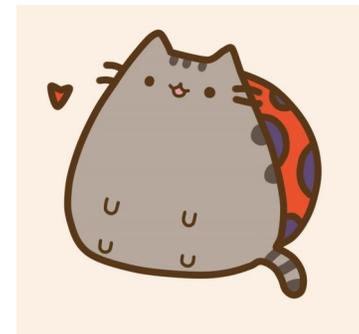
Paul Winchell, the voice of Tigger in The Many Adventures of Winnie the



### Cell Phone Zones

by Halley-Ann Moore

Snapchat, Instagram, Musical.ly we all use but there are some restrictions of where we can use that some people don't follow. Sometimes we break them by accident, sometimes we just put no regard to them but we need to learn these so here they are: Red- red is a definite no, not in the hallways, and most of the time not in the classroom; Yellow- yellow is at the teachers regard which means you can use it for whatever the teacher tells you to not for playing games or for texting your friends or Snapchatting them unless teacher says so..... which is very unlikely; and last but not least Green- green means definitely it means you can have it in there you can play games, Snapchat, text your friends it means that there's no technical restrictions unless you're doing something and that isn't school appropriate... so I guess that's it just follow the



## Interview with Mr. Danekas

By Halley-Ann Moore

To all who doesn't know him well, I've interviewed one who is new. For a while we have wondered who is he, well you're about to find out! "I've always been interested in helping young minds and teaching them things they didn't know."

Danekas said enthusiastically, "I have always had an interest in history."

He says "Young minds have always been a mystery, and it's good for them to know what happened in the past." So I asked him how he likes this school and his classes and his reply was simple "I have a lot of fun with it." So if you want to see someone determined to make a difference he's your teacher.

Mrs. Hall is one of the coaches of the 7th and 8th grade cheer team, she has been coaching for 7 years with the Royal's. There's 17 girls in the 7th/8th grade team, and all of them have to learn a dance and a cheer; they have two days to learn both of these and one day of tryouts to get on the team. Some cheers are made up and some are for past years, and the ones who help are none other than the Dixon Duchesses. "If you love cheerleading and you are coming into 7th or 8th grade come and tryout for the team! It will be a great time."

- Mrs. Hall

## Birthday Club

By Halley-Anne Moore

To all who wants to join the Birthday Club they meet once a week, in Mrs. Lind's room directly after school on Friday. If you like to color, be creative, and want to get together with some friends, and have a good time, then consider joining the Birthday Club. "We are looking for a bright and positive way to encourage the students and we think that this might just be it."- Mrs. Whitcombe.



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Paul Winchell, the voice of Tigger in The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh, invented the artificial heart.



## "Flipped" Book Review

By Karissa DuBois

Flipped is about a boy named Bryce Loski and girl named Julianna Baker or better known as Julie. Ever since second grade all Julie has wanted was for Bryce to like her back, but Bryce and his dad despised her. They thought she was obnoxious, annoying, and home invasive. The only reason Julie acted the way she did was because she never had anyone in her neighborhood to play with that is her age. This book is mostly about them in seventh and eighth grade so when they were in eighth grade a switch FLIPPED, and Bryce started liking Julie more and more as she started liking him less and less. It starts with some eggs, then a newspaper article, and it all comes up to when Bryce tries to... well you'll have to read to find that out. Will Julie give Bryce one last chance? This is truly an amazing book and I totally recommend this to anyone, but specifically people who enjoy books including a lot of drama and books with twists that you don't expect coming.

## Student of The Month Interview Questions by Karissa DuBois

### Madison Cumberland

1. Do you think you've earned this award and why?  
"I work really hard to keep my grades up and make sure everything is done on time."
2. If you didn't win, who would you nominate to win receive this award?  
"Holli Miller because she always knows what's happening and understands what's going on, she has helped me a lot."
3. Are there certain things you've done to catch teachers' attention?  
"I ask a lot of questions, I make sure my homework is neat and on time, and if I don't understand something I make time to go ask them."
4. Why do you think it caught their attention?  
"It made it clear to them that school is a priority to me and that I do really want to learn."
5. Was this a goal of yours for 8<sup>th</sup> grade?  
"YES! I really wanted to be Student Of The Month since 6<sup>th</sup> grade."
6. If this award earned you \$10,000 what would you use the money for?  
"Well, one of my life time goals when I'm older, after I'm done with my career. I want to go to Ethiopia and bring them food, so I feel like my money would go to that. I just really love to see people smile, and be the cause of it."
7. What was your reaction when you found out you were Student Of The Month?  
"I was shocked. I was just reading a really slow starting book, so I was kind of confused when I got called out to the hall and Mr. Bullock told me."
8. Do you get extra attention now?  
"Yeah, my mom works at Washington, so all the teachers there are congratulating me and my teachers from past years."
9. Is this a big deal to you or not, and why?  
"It's a huge deal because a teacher who has over 100 students thought 'wow Madi is doing a great job she should be student of the month' it's an honor."
10. Do you have any advice for other people wanting to be Student Of The Month?  
"Always work hard. Do the extra credit. Look forward to school. Be a good student in the classroom; respectful."

## Halloween

### Ximena Hernandez

Halloween is the one of the oldest holidays still celebrated today. It's one of the most popular holidays, second only to Christmas. While millions of people celebrate Halloween without knowing its origins and myths, the history and facts of Halloween make the holiday more fascinating.

#### History

Halloween is on October 31st, the last day of the Celtic calendar. It was originally a pagan holiday, honoring the dead. Halloween was referred to as All Hallows Eve and dates back to over 2000 years ago.

#### Legend

A really famous legend is The Vanishing Hitchhiker. This legend tells a tale about hitchhikers that are picked up by truck drivers, tourists travelling the country, young teenagers out on joyrides, and the hitchhiker usually tells a long story about an accident or a murder. Then after the drivers drop off the hitchhiker, petrified of the story, they watch the hitchhiker vanish into thin air. The story was about that hitchhiker.

# Spirit Week

Participation by Emma  
Kerley

I went and asked many people their thoughts on Spirit Week, and if they would participate. The first couple people that were asked said that the Spirit Week themes were really odd this year, the one most didn't like was the tourist day. I thought the tourist day was cool but, yes a little odd. Anyhow when they said that tourist day was weird, they were still going to participate, just not that certain day.

If I had to estimate the participation on Spirit Week I would say a lot of people said they would participate, about 30 said that they'll participate some days but not all, and about 10 said they would not participate at all.

Though it has passed Spirit Week, a lot of people actually participated every day. So that gets rid of my conclusion that a lot of people wouldn't participate.

I think it would be more frequent for people to be dressing up if there a prize for the homeroom that had the most people dressed up for Spirit Week, that's what I think would get more kids to participate.

# Thoughts on 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Thoughts on sixth grade... Coming from a 6<sup>th</sup> grader, I had some 6<sup>th</sup> friends to ask them what they thought 😊

Noting right now, not all of these people are my friends. So most of them are people I just saw walking down the halls in Homeroom.

"It's actually harder than I thought it would be" "I thought it would be like 5<sup>th</sup> just switching classes, I forget them almost every single day, But once you get used to it you'll remember your classes."

"Honestly I kind of like 6<sup>th</sup> grade at first the time limit on the hall passing was a bit short, but then when I knew where I was going it was getting easier by the class."

"I like 6<sup>th</sup> grade, the only thing I'm struggling with is, going to the restroom while passing time." "I'm starting to get to know my other classmates also, the classes are getting easier too."

"I LOVE 6<sup>th</sup> grade, it was so much better than last year, you get to move around to your classes." "Well now that I think of it, I miss the people I used to share ALL DAY with, and the 3 minute passing is tough, but I'm getting through it."

All of these answers were pretty surprising, I thought kids would have loved everything about 6<sup>th</sup> grade, but oh well. I guess not everyone can like the same thing at the same time as someone else. We all have our opinions and that's amazing! 😊