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WAVERLY MIDDLE SCHOOL'S NEWSPAPER



DECEMBER MEANS WINTER BREAK!

BY KOLLIE EDE, AVA HEATH, AND CHLOE KEMMER

What do you like best about holiday break? We took a survey of 50 people and asked them what they like best about Holiday Break...these are some of the most popular answers:

Spending time with friends/family-32%

The food, especially turkey- 14%

Decorating the tree- 8%

Receiving presents- 8%

No school- 4%

Receiving Money- 4%



TINSEL-N-LIGHTS ATTENDED BY MANY

summary by Jaidemarie Sutton

Tinsel-n-Lights is an annual tradition in Waverly that I attend every year. It is typically held at Muldoon Park in Waverly. Santa Claus is there to greet children and even have them sit on his lap. There is also hot chocolate, donuts, apple cider (sometimes), and popcorn.

One of the things I like best about Tinsel-n-Lights is the cool ice sculpture. Last year, he created characters from Frozen out of ice-it was really cool! There are also times when there is live reindeer as well. I go to Tinsel-n-Lights with my family and we have a lot of fun.



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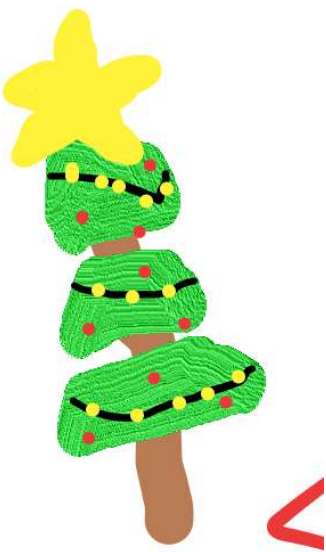
CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

Christmas is one of the biggest holidays in the Catholic religion. It is also favorite holiday, and a holiday that many people love. I love Christmas!

My favorite things about Christmas are giving and receiving presents. I give a present to my mom and my dad. On Christmas Eve we eat chicken, and on Christmas Day we exchange presents.

by Sierra Cook

Drawings by Colin Mullen



Interview with Chloe Kemmer
by Kollie Ede (photo of Chloe and Kollie below)

What is your first name?
Chloe Kemmer: My name is Chloe. This is my first year attending Waverly. Last year I lived in Elmira.

How old are you?
Chloe: I am 10 years old.

What grade are you in?
Chloe: I am in 5th grade, and I have Mr. Myers.

What is your favorite color?
Chloe: blue

What is your favorite food?
Chloe: sub sandwiches

What is your favorite sport?
Chloe: basketball

Do you have any sisters or brothers?
Chloe: I have two brothers and one sister.

What is your favorite animal?
Chloe: My favorite animals are dogs and cats.

Do you like to singing and dancing?
Chloe: Yes, I like them both.

What do you like best about Christmas?
Chloe: Spending time with friends and family



WHAT’S NEW AT WMS:

WMS new 5TH grade teacher
Mrs. Plonski

How long have you been teaching?

Mrs. Plonski: *This is my first full year.*

Are you from Waverly?

Mrs. P: *No, I am from a town called Windsor which is outside of Binghamton, but I have family members who live in Waverly.*

Where did you earn your teaching degree?

Mrs. P: *Binghamton University*

What is your favorite hobby?

Mrs. P: *I like gardening.*

Do you like sports?

Mrs. P: *Yes, I especially like soccer. I played soccer while at Broome Community College and was part of the 2008 National Champion Team.*

What is your favorite animal?

Mrs. P: *My favorite animal is a panda.*

What do you like best about Christmas, and what is your favorite Christmas movie?

Mrs. P: *I like decorating the tree. My favorite Christmas movie is Home Alone.*



Mrs. Plonski with Mrs. MacWhinnie



HOMEROOM 110

BY ELIZABETH ROBINSON AND EMMA VANDERHOOF

What it’s like being in Mr. Munn’s classroom for 2 years? It’s great because Mr. Munn makes school and learning fun.

He is very loud (in a good way), and he pushes you to get better grades. He is also funny and engaging. Mr. Munn is a very good reader because he uses voice and gets into the characters.

We also like Mr. Munn because he cares for everyone and treats them equally. Mr. Munn is literally the best teacher literally ever!!!



5th GRADE FRIENDSGIVING

On Thursday November 21, the entire 5th grade ate a Thanksgiving meal of turkey, mashed potatoes, and stuffing together in the cafeteria.

Each of the six 5th grade classes made and brought their own dessert to share with their friends. Some of the desserts that the classes made were apple pie, brownies, pumpkin pie, and Oreo balls.



WAVERLY RECREATION
ATHLETICS:

Girls’ basketball

BY BRISTOL NIX

Waverly Recreation basketball has started, and this is my first year playing. So far, it is a lot of fun! Many of my friends from school also play, including Ryleigh, Chloe, Emma, Hannah, and Karrisa.

We have practice twice a week most weeks, and there is also a travel team. My coach’s name is Coach Judson. We are learning ball handling, passing, and shooting. One of my favorite drills is the figure eight drill because we do it to music.

What I like most about being on the team is playing with my friends and learning the game. Also, Coach Judson is a very good coach. She is patient with us and just wants us to try our best. She makes practice a lot of fun, and she has a great sense of humor.

If you have ever thought about playing basketball and being a part of a team, you should join next year. Sign-ups are every October.



Bills QB Josh Allen.

NFL REVIEW

Race for playoffs heating up

As the *Wolverine Pack* goes to print, it is week 16 in the NFL. Two of the nearby teams are both in position to make the postseason. The Buffalo Bills are having their best season in over 20 years with a record of 10-4. Meanwhile, despite injuries to key players, the Pittsburgh Steelers are 8- and currently hold the sixth seed in the AFC.

Will one of these be able to beat the Patriots or Ravens to represent the AFC in the Super Bowl?

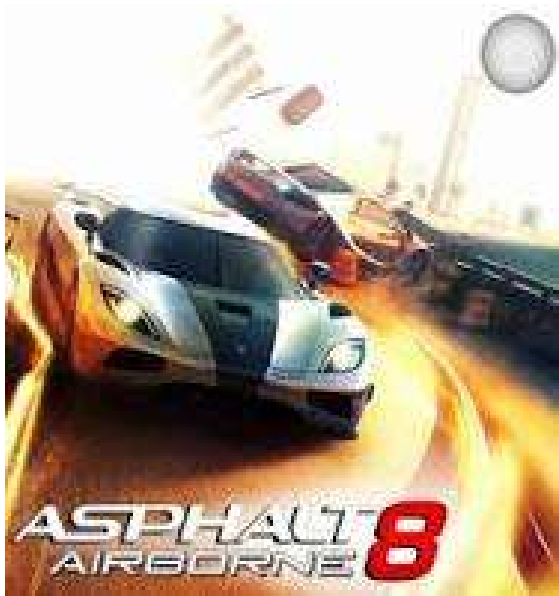
VIDEO GAME REVIEW

ASPHALT8

by Jason Peterson

Asphalt 8 is a mobile game of racing. It can be played on XBOX or PS4, and it is really fun to play. You can buy cars, different tracks, and different levels.

The goal of the game is to be the best racer online so you can buy better cars and upgrade. The upgrades last one day. I really enjoy this game...my review of Asphalt8 is five out of 5 stars!



CHARACTER TRAIT OF NOVEMBER: RESPECT



Kindness Manners

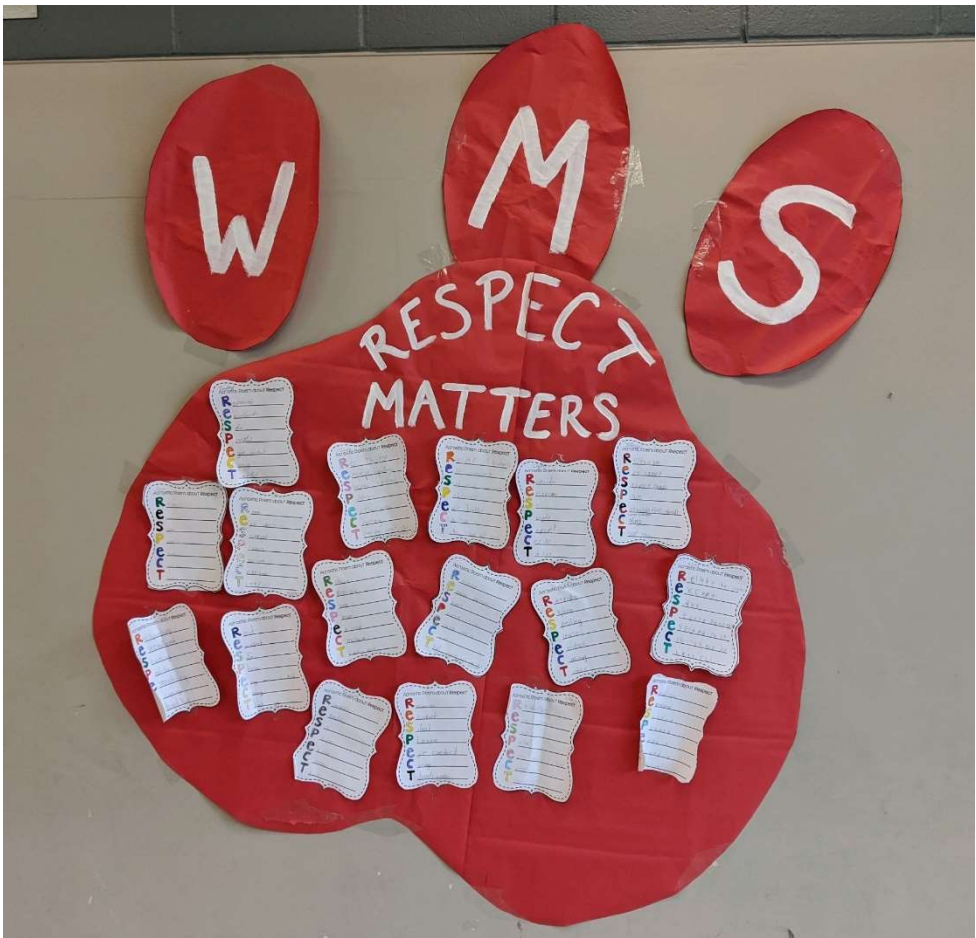
The character trait for the month of October was kindness. There was an assembly held in the auditorium, at which time teachers announced the winners for each grade level:

8th: Mia Bakely,
Joey Tomasso,
Roger Webster

7th: Sakari McCarthy,
Zachary Moran,
Nate Peters,
Kiley Stillman

6th: Mikella Myers,
Rylie Newbury, Logan
Roskow, Ryan Mwangi

5th: Addison Bill, Maddox
Montanye, Nico Rae



WHY RESPECT MATTERS

BY CLAIRE CLEMONS

R-E-S-P-E-C-T, find out what it means to me! As great soul singer Aretha Franklin once famously sang, respect is very important, and the character trait for the month of November was respect. Being respectful is important because it means being nice and very responsible. When you show respect to others, they are respectful and nice to you. When people show respect to one another, everyone feels good about seeing other people and coming to school. Some easy examples of showing respect in school include:

-saying please and thank you

-addressing people by their name

-helping people in need

-treating people the way you would want to be treated

-listening to people when they speak to you

6TH GRADE DUO BIG HELP TO VARSITY GIRLS' SWIMMING:

Emma Vanderhoof and Elizabeth Robinson completed their second consecutive year as managers



Holiday Humor

BY CHLOE KEMMER

What do snowmen do on the weekend?
They chill out.

What does Santa suffer from if gets stuck in a chimney?
Claustrophobia

Why did Santa go to the doctor?
He had a bad “elf.”

What kind of motorbike does Santa ride?
A Holly Davidson

What do you call a cat in the desert?
Sandy Claw



We love swimming with the Varsity Swimming team! This is our second year of managing on the swim team. Practices and/or games were every weekday. We went to about many the meets, including meets at other schools.

The coaches were Amy Steck and Carrie Wright. They both pushed the athletes to be their best, and everyone on the team was kind and caring. As managers, our jobs were to time the swimmers and cheer them on.

As 7th graders next year, we are looking forward to swimming competitively for our school. And we can't wait to join next year!







