

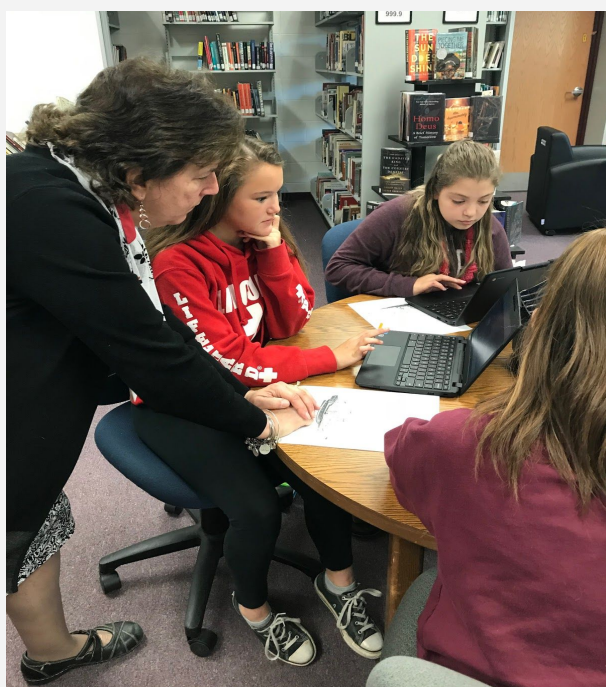


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The Patriot's Pen and A Focus on Writing

By Jennifer Natusch

This month, 6th and 8th grade students in Mrs. Bujak and Ms. Natusch's Language Arts classes participated in the Patriot's Pen Writing Contest. This is a national competition sponsored by the VFW that allows students to express their views on a patriotic theme. This year's theme is, "Why I Honor the American Flag."

During classes, students discussed American ideals and wrote original essays. Instruction was focused learning and practicing the necessary parts of a proper essay. Students were excited to get a chance to express their opinions about a topic close to them and produced well thought out pieces of writing.

Letters to Self in Language Arts

By Gisele Dailey

What would your future self, perhaps as a senior in high school, think about you as an eighth grader? What would they remember about what is going on in history? The Grade 8 Language Arts students were tasked with thinking about this by writing a letter to their future selves. Suggestions for ideas to get started were given such as: who are your friends, what are your interests and how do you feel about school, what is going on in our world right now? The students will have their letters kept safe by their Language Arts teachers and will receive the letters back, by mail, the year they graduate from high school. How will they feel about how much they have changed in four years? It's always interesting to find out!

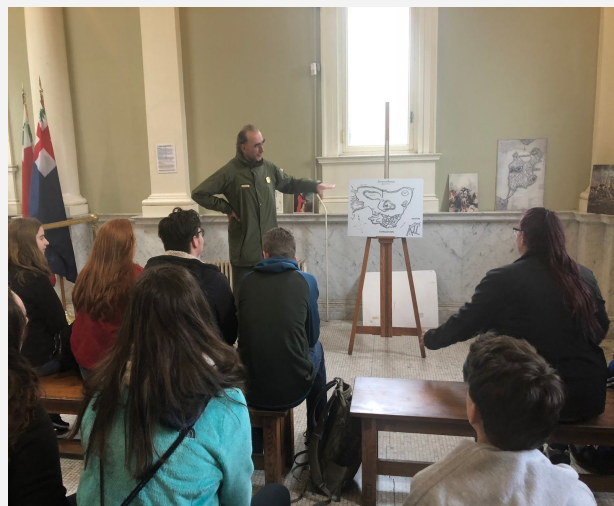
WLC Hits the Freedom Trail in Boston

By Marcia Contarino

Students from Mrs. Contarino's English classes and Mr. Belanger and Mr. Provost's social studies classes, along with our assistant principal Ms. Edmunds, took a field trip to walk the Freedom Trail in Boston on October 23rd. The trip started at the Bunker Hill Monument atop Breed's Hill where we listened to a park ranger tell the story of the battle and its role in the Colonists' fight for freedom. Just a short walk away, we boarded "Old Ironsides," U.S.S. Constitution, docked in Boston Harbor. Naval officers in period costumes, stationed on the ship, were happy to answer questions.

We followed the trail all the way to the Boston Common. Along the way we passed Copps Hill, the burial ground of slaves and stopped at the Old North Church where Paul Revere received the lantern signal from the tower of the church of "one if by land; two if by sea" to begin his famous ride. We saw Paul Revere's house, Quincy Market, Faneuil Hall, and also stopped at the Old State House and the site of the Boston Massacre.

Just for us, the rain held off until we arrived at our luncheon destination, Fire and Ice, a Mongolian style grill. Between climbing the 294 steps of the obelisk and walking the trail, quite a few naps were enjoyed on the ride home.



Bunker Monument park rangers educated the students on the battle.



Morgan Murphy, JJ LeBlanc, Harrison Brown, and Janel Bachand pose in front of the Bunker Hill Monument, the first stop on their adventure along the Freedom Trail in Boston.



Students board the USS Constitution for a first-hand look at "Old Ironsides."



Hungry students enjoy lunch at Fire and Ice after a long, chilly walk.

Helping at the Horseshoe



WLC Faculty spent time after school cleaning up trash at Horseshoe Falls with Wilton Conservation Commissioner, Jennifer Beck. The Wilton Conservation Commission has been studying various scenarios to secure places like Horseshoe Falls and Garwin Falls for public use and ecological protection. Pictured above from left to right: Laura Bujak, Greg Zekser, Justin Kane, Kim Humphreys, Zach Provost, Katy Morshed, Sarah Edmunds, Marc Belanger, and Mandy Kovaliv.



Zach Provost and Marc Belanger haul trash out with a wheelbarrow while Laura Bujak helps navigate.



Congratulations to the October High School Students of the Month

Representing the 9th grade: Alex Balusek and Ella Kelley

Representing the 10th grade: Madison Chase and Chloe Grace

The Music Department Crescendos!

By Eric Schneider

2018 has been off to a fantastic start with the implementation of a couple of new programs! For the first time we have a full combined middle and high school chorus at WLC! This chorus is comprised of around 40 students and is a sound powerhouse. The students have been working hard to adapt to the new group environment and in no time at all have created a group sound that is absolutely incredible. In addition to the full chorus, we have our first large middle school band with more than 20 students. Growing from a 5th grade music level to an advanced middle school level has been a challenge, but the group has really come together and surpassed our expectations. Finally, as well as these new groups we have created an advanced middle school band with five students meeting once a week to practice new instruments and more challenging repertoire.

With the implementation of these new groups and the growing number of students interested in participating in the various musical groups here at WLC, I have never been more excited for a school year and future school years! Don't forget our first concert will be held on Wednesday, December 19 at 6:30pm in the cafe. We hope you can make it; it will be a night to remember!



The combined chorus show us their character during a rehearsal.

Students Create!



8th grader Brie Fish holds up a pin cushion that she created in Mrs. Clark's class.



Above, Kayla Phillips, Zach Johnson, Cali Hagen, and Trevor Swett put the finishing touches on a picnic table for the front lawn of the school. Below, Nick Hughes and Owen O'Halloran rehabilitate an old boat during Open Shop after school.



High School Pumpkin Carving Contest

During advisory on October 31, high school students had the opportunity to compete in the annual pumpkin carving contest. Each high school advisory team works together to create a pumpkin masterpiece. When finished, they go on display during the middle school lunch period and middle school students choose the winning pumpkin. This year, Ms. Nolin's advisory won and they will receive a pizza party as a prize.



Sixth grader Cole Lavallee takes time during lunch to vote for his favorite pumpkin masterpiece.