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# Mustang News

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## JUMP ROPE NINJAS

Mrs. Kelsey's gym students have been working hard earning their Jump Rope Ninja belts! These ninjas continue to challenge themselves physically and mentally!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 6 —No School
- May 7—HS Prom
- May 10 — 6th Grade Band Concert: 7:00 PM
- May 11 — MS Band Concert: 7:00 PM
- May 12 — HS Band Concert: 7:00 PM
- May 13 — Arrive Alive Tour for 9-12th Grade
- May 14 — Daddy Daughter Dance: 3-5:00 PM
- May 17 — Seniors Last Day
- May 17—All library books due
- May 19 —Kindergarten Roundup: 3:30-6:00 PM
- May 19 — Honors Night for Seniors: 7:00 PM
- May 22 —Graduation: 6:00 PM
- May 26 —Students Last Day of School



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## Mustang Pride on the Road

We had a few Mustangs travel to the Fruitport Performing Arts Center to participate in the MOSBA District 7 Honors Band! They spent the day learning to play with students from other districts and then played in front of a large audience.



## Kindergarten Roundup

You are invited!  
May 19th, 2022  
From 3:30 pm—6:00 pm  
Montabella Elementary Office  
Onsite vision & hearing screening  
Call (989) 427-5414 ext. 606 to schedule an appt.

To schedule online, scan QR code and then click on "Look for appointment slots further ahead" until you reach May 19th.

Please complete enrollment packet online. Go to [www.montabella.com](http://www.montabella.com) and click on "Enroll" to be taken to Final Forms. Create an account, if you do not already have one (if you have older students at Montabella you should already have an account). Follow the steps to complete enrollment. This must be completed before roundup.



# New Partnership

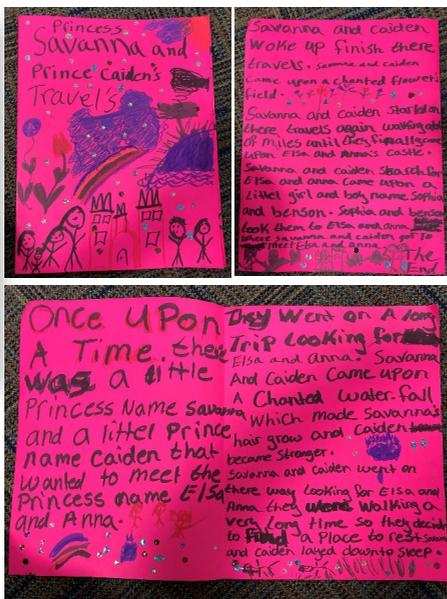
Montabella Community Schools has entered into a partnership with Home Township to provide a School Resource Officer at Montabella Community Schools starting in the 2022-2023 school year. Home Township will be hiring a new police officer that will spend the school days positioned at the school and then during the summer months and school breaks that officer will be an additional patrol officer that will cover Home Township. This partnership allows for both the school and the township to add services that will benefit the community.

A School Resource Officer has some specific duties that they will perform when they are at the school. Some of those duties include: school safety plans, security of the campus, classroom presentations, and truancy support. The School Resource Officer will not be responsible for doing school discipline and violations of school rules will still be handled by the building principals. There are some violations of school rules that result in police reports (assault, illegal drugs, etc.) that the School Resource Officer will be able to handle the law enforcement side of the investigation and reporting. The same officer will be in the schools on a daily basis which also allows for them to build some relationships with students and families in the community.

One of the goals of our district is to provide a safe learning environment for all students. Many school districts, including Montabella, have noticed an increase in potential threats of violence at schools. This partnership will provide a presence of law enforcement which will hopefully deter such threats or events in the future. Thanks to Home Township for working with the school to help provide this additional service.



kindergarten  
storytime



Chartwells is hiring for the 2022-23 school year! No nights or weekends! Paid holidays and summers off! Check out our positions at <https://www.togethergreat.com>

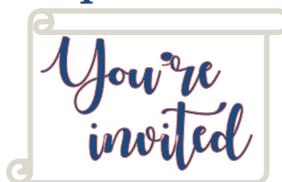


Jay Bennett, from MASB, and Jill Fennessy, president of the MASB board, presented Eylie Foster with the Michigan Association of School Boards Award of Distinction. This award is for completing a certain level of school board classes. Congratulations, Eylie!

Find Us

## Montabella Alumni Association Banquet

Montabella Junior/Senior High School Cafeteria  
Saturday, June 25, 2022  
Building Tour – 4:00pm  
Social Hour – 5:00pm  
Dinner and Program – 6:00pm  
Bring a dish to pass and table service. Drinks will be provided.  
We will be honoring the Class of 1970, Class of 1971, and Class of 1972.



[www.montabella.com](http://www.montabella.com)  
[www.montabellamustangs.com](http://www.montabellamustangs.com) (Athletics)



Montabella Community Schools  
Montabella Elementary

Be Responsible



Mpride\_stampede (Mr. Riley)

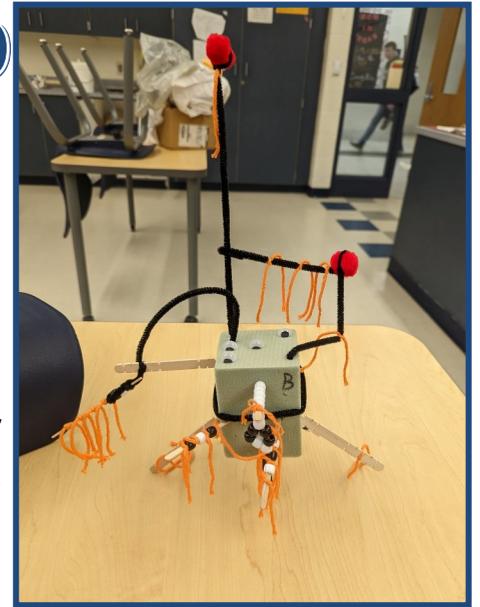
Be Respectful

Be Safe



# SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

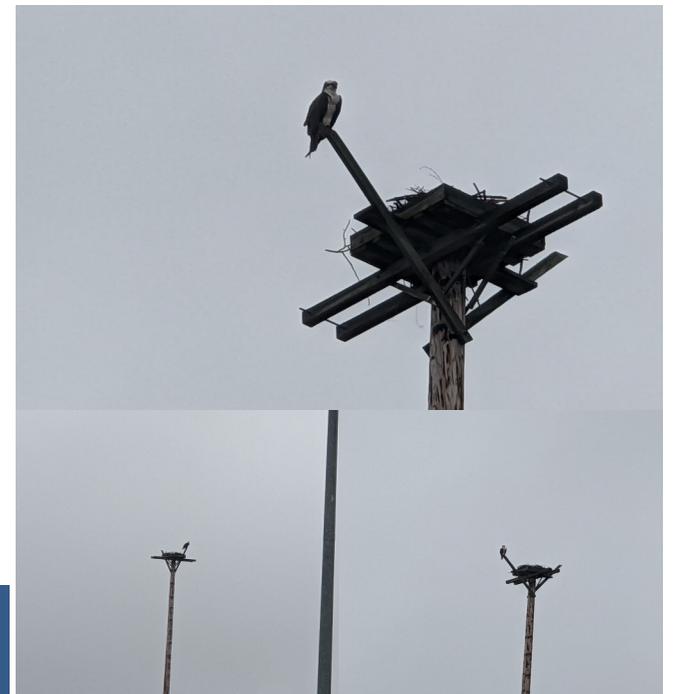
Ella Kotenko and Peyton Webb competed on March 19th, for Montabella High School, in the Regional Science Olympiad Tournament at Haslett High School. They took 10<sup>th</sup> place overall, missing out on 9<sup>th</sup> place by 12 points. The two girls competed in three different competitions: Forensics, Codebusters, and Write-It-Do-It. In Forensics, they took sixth out of nine, but gained valuable experience and had fun "mixing chemicals". In Codebusters, they took eighth out of the nine teams that competed. In Write-It-Do-It, they took fifth out of nine while trying to describe and make this funky little guy.



## Mustang Pride



*Mrs. Crowley's class has been learning the importance of safe strength training. Most had no experience in the weight room prior to this class and have caught on quick and are really pushing themselves, and others, to improve.*



**SPRING IS HERE...**

**AND SO ARE MONTY AND BELLA!**

Winter-like weather may have us questioning if spring has arrived, but Monty and Bella's return surely must mean warmer weather will soon follow.

Welcome back Snowbirds!

## AMERICA & ME ESSAY

Winners from the annual America and Me Essay contest.

- 1st Place—Natalie Ludwig (She moves on to the state finals)
- 2nd Place—Kenzie Karcher
- 3rd Place—Brady Kieff

Great job Mustangs!



# 2022 Top Ten



*Riley Daily*

Riley is the son of Gary and Corrinne Daily. He currently resides in Six Lakes, Michigan and is graduating first in his class. Riley has participated in National Honors Society (3 years), Cross Country (4 years), Track (4 years), Wrestling (1 year), Language Arts Team (2 years), Science Olympiad (3 years), Model UN (1 year), SADD (1 year) Clay Target Team (1 year), and Band (4 years). Riley plans to attend Saginaw Valley State University to pursue a career in medicine.

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*Sara Courser*

Sara is the daughter of Brian and Jennifer Courser. She currently resides in Remus, Michigan and is graduating second in her class. Sara has participated in National Honors Society (3 years), Volleyball (4 years), Basketball (4 years), Softball (4 year), SADD (3 years), Student Council (3 years), Yearbook (1 years), Character Counts (4 years), 4-H, Peer to Peer (1 year), Band (2 years), STEM Cruise, Roadside Clean-Up, hosted a youth softball camp, and coached travel softball. Outside of school, Sara works at Gordon Food Service in Mt. Pleasant. She was the senior class president. Sara plans to attend Western Michigan University to pursue a career in emergency medicine as a doctor.



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Hailee McElhane is the Daughter of Wm Roger and Kristina McElhane. She currently resides in Six Lakes, Michigan and is graduating third in her class. Hailee has participated in Band (4 years), Career Center—Public Safety (1 year), Character Counts (4 years), Language Arts team (1 year), NHS (4 years), Peer to Peer (1 year), Student Advisory (4 years), Student Council (3 years), Yellow Ribbon Club (4 years), Robotics (4 years), Robotic Camp at Kettering, SADD (2 years), Links (4 years), Student of the Month, Unified Special Olympics (1 year), STEM in Chicago, "I Dare You" Award, AWANA Club and Missions Trips @ Chippewa Hills Baptist Church. Hailee was the senior class Treasurer. Hailee plans to Attend M.J. Murphy Beauty College to pursue a career in Cosmetology.

*Hailee McElhane*

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Trista is the daughter of Tim and Sheila Perkins. She currently resides in Edmore, Michigan and is graduating fourth in her class. Trista has participated in Student Council (2 year), National Honors Society (2 years), Varsity Softball (4 years), Volleyball (2 years) Auto Career Center Honors (2 years), Prom Committee, Peer to Peer (1 year), and Highest Honors. Outside of school Trista is involved in Waves youth group and 4-H archery (1 year). She was the senior class Vice President. Trista will be pursuing a career in business.

*Trista Perkins*



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*Julie Spohn*



Julie is the daughter of Amber and Randy Spohn. She currently resides in Vestaburg, Michigan and is graduating fifth in her class. Julie has participated in National Honors Society (3 years), Cross Country (3years), Basketball (4 years), Softball (4 years), and Track (4 years). In Softball she earned all conference honorable mention in 2019, 2nd team all conference for shortstop and all district team in 2021.

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# 2022 Top Ten



*Madison Wood*

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Madison Wood is the daughter of Staci and Travis Wood. She currently resides in Blanchard, Michigan and is graduating sixth in her class. She has participated in National Honors Society (2 years) and Volleyball (6 years). Outside of school she has participated in soccer (9 years) and 4-H (5 years). Madison plans to attend MJ Murphy Cosmetology School.

*Ryan Cook*

Ryan is the son of Steve and Beth Cook. He currently resides in Blanchard, Michigan and is graduating seventh in his class. Ryan has participated in Football, Wrestling, Baseball, Honor Roll, and Peer-to-Peer. Ryan plans to pursue a career as an electrician.

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Tabitha is the daughter of Melissa Collins and David Anderson. She currently resides in Edmore, Michigan and is graduating eighth in her class. Tabitha has participated in Sideline Cheer (1 year), Links (1 year), and Yearbook (1 year). Tabitha plans to

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*Tabitha Anderson*

attend the University of Michigan to pursue a career in Law.

Ethan is the son of Matthew and Amanda Scheese. He currently resides in Six Lakes, Michigan and is graduating ninth in his class. Ethan has participated in Varsity Football (2 years), Track and Field (1 year), and Robotics (1 year). Ethan plans to attend Montcalm Community College to pursue a career in Computer Developing and Programming.

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*Ethan Buccieri*



*Tabitha Lumbert*



Tabby is the daughter of Troy Lumbert and Amy Brickman. She currently resides in Remus and is graduating tenth in her class. Tabby has participated in Links (2 years) and SADD (1 year). Tabby plans to attend MJ Murphy to pursue a career in Cosmetology.

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# Congratulations!



Dewayne Helder



Alivia Peterson



Rowan Harvell



Brantley Brooks



Uriah Davis



McCoy Garner



Easton Dawson



Gracie Hyzer



Mac Burke



Deakon Keeler



Addilyn Arganbright



Easton Finney



Cayden Deal



Waylon Harvell



Preston Kosmowski



Emmitt Hudson



Kaila Darnell



Caylee Decker



Nash Bartlett



Kinleigh Bailey



Justin Hanses



Korbin Loomis



Justin Hanses



Korbin Loomis



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Korbin Loomis



Avery Keeler



Blaine Kieff



Matthew Musser



Kathryn Graham



Ethan Foster



Noah Arganbright



Janson Swarts



Alyssa Helmer



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Danial McCarthy



Avery McElhane



Eleanor Compton



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Patyn Recker



Gavin Robinson



Olivia Lau



Emma Teed



Raelynn Perkins



Breanna Miller



Ashlynn Bott



Annabell Ault



Kolton Mayer



Mrs. Michele



Mrs. Margo



Ms. Kris



## BE RESPECTFUL, BE RESPONSIBLE, BE SAFE

### \*\*\*Preschool Matters\*\*\*

Studies show children with two years of quality preschool education have greater success in reading and math comprehension and perform better in school overall. The Great Start Readiness and Head Start Programs are FREE preschools that may be available for your 3 or 4-year-old. Apply for preschool at [GreatStartMontcalm.org](http://GreatStartMontcalm.org) or call 1-800-227-2437.



Miss Jazmyn

# JR/SR STUDENT OF THE MONTH RECIPIENTS



## January

*Gavin Aldrich (6), Ryann Ball (7), Ashlyn Binge (8), Addyson Strohl (9), Ami Beij (10), Hayley Reffitt (11), Trista Perkins (12)*



## February

*Rhesa Bauman (6), Noah Carlson (7), Isabell Darling (8), Nathanyal Voorhees (9), Kylie Pifer (10), Seth Hallock (11), Austin Recker (12)*



## March

*Anthony Race (6), Dakarai Ely (7), Donovan Lampo (8), Jamison Stockwell (9), Daisy Fitzgerald (10), Sydney Adgate (11), Gracie Weigold (12)*

Miss Moyer's group has had a busy last few months! Alma Walmart awarded them with a gift card to buy food. Students planned 4 meals and were able to stick within the budget. They are also spending time working out with the Special Olympics Fit Program every Monday. Two guest instructors come to teach activities and teach a mini health lesson afterward. There has been a lot of progress made. If you have any questions about the Special Olympics program please contact Miss Moyer.



Meetings held Third Monday of the Month  
 JR/SR High School Cafeteria  
 1390 North County Line Rd. Blanchard, MI 49310  
 989-427-5148 (p) 989-427-3828 (f)

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As always, we thank the Sons of the American Legion Post 240, from Blanchard, for making sure we have flags to fly at the Central Office, Jr/Sr High and our Elementary.



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## BUS NEWS

We are hiring, training provided. Please call 989-427-5024 ext. 631 to learn more.

Please give the bus garage a call if your child will not be riding the bus.



Send in your Coca-Cola caps and Box Tops to help us earn cash for our school.



SEE THIS...  
**CLIP IT**



SEE THIS...  
**SCAN YOUR RECEIPT**

*Class motto: I can't believe we really made it, I'm partly surprised. —Drake*

# Class

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*Class Colors  
 Navy & White*

*Class Flower  
 White Rose*

*Class Song: Time of Our Lives  
 By Tyrone Wells*