



## ***Millionaire Memo***

The Millionaire Memo is a new club in Williamsport Area Middle School. Students work hard to create news-worthy articles and conduct interviews within the Millionaire community. Our goal is to spread light on all of the wonderful things that go on within our walls.

### ***Speaking with the Stars***



Spencer Sponhouse is Buddy in the WAMS musical *Elf*. I had the chance to interview him. He seems just right for the role. From his smile to his personality, he is Elf. I asked him how he got into doing musicals. He said, “my brother influenced me to try.” When asked if he was excited to be Buddy, Spencer said, “Yes! He matches my personality.” This is Spencer’s first lead role in a play. He said, “I have done two musicals before and have gotten minor roles.” I asked him if there were any challenges he was facing. Spencer thought, “memorizing lines” was one of his challenges. Other than his lines being hard to memorize, I asked if learning the dances were a challenge. His response was, “I’ve grown up dancing, so the dance moves aren’t the hardest for me.” It appears our lead role is on his way to play an amazing Elf in our upcoming school musical. Stay tuned for future updates on the musical!

Bella and I were lucky enough to interview Mureanne Lang. She is Jovie in this year’s musical *Elf*. We first asked Mureanne what words do you wish the people who didn’t make the play this

year to hear? She would like those students to know, “You are always getting better if you just try and try again.” We asked if this was her first lead role. She told us she had a couple of lead roles, one being Gabriella in the play *High School Musical*. We look forward to her performance this December.

## Jokes that Will Quack You UP!



- At what time do ducks wake up?
- What did the duck detective say to his partner?
- What do ducks watch on television?
- What has webbed feet and fangs?
- Why did the duck fall down on the sidewalk?

See bottom for answers.

## Teacher Spot Light



Millionaire Memo recently interviewed Mrs. Hickey about the school play, "Elf." When we interviewed Mrs. Hickey, the first question we asked was about how many cast members the play had. She estimated the cast to be roughly 30 members. The main characters are Spencer Spounhouse, playing Buddy the Elf, and Muireanne Tran, playing Jodi. Mrs. Hickey explained how they had lost a week but are now back on track and starting costumes. Crew applications will be posted outside the music room. When asked what the dances are like, Mrs. Hickey replied, "The dances are really hard and quick, but everyone is learning quickly." She explained, "Rehearsals are usually full cast. They learn the song then they learn the dance to the song. And then, we put it all together." Mrs. Hickey told us the play would be performed for the school on December 5th and will be open to the public on December 6th and 7th. We asked Mrs. Hickey if it was hard to pick the leads roles. She said, "It was awful to pick the leads." She explained that she picked "Elf" this for this year's play, "...because there are never winter plays and I knew I would have enough 8th graders to pull it off." We chose Mrs. Hickey as our Millionaire Memo Teacher Spot like because of all of the hard work and time she dedicates to the school and her students. We would like to take this time to thank Mrs. Hickey for allowing us to interview her, take time out of her class to interview the leads in the play, and for everything she does.

One of our Teacher spotlights this edition is Mrs. Deitrick. We had the opportunity to ask her several questions about academic learning. When asked about how she feels about her students and their process of academic learning, she responded by saying, "My students keep me up on my toes, but they say interesting things. And some struggle with history, but they give their all each day to meet their goals." Mrs. Deitrick shows a great interest in her students' learning and academic success. We look forward to seeing what amazing things her students come up with throughout the year.

Our 8th grade Teacher Spotlight is Mr. Lusk. It was a great opportunity for us, as seventh graders, to see meet with an eighth-grade teacher. We asked how he thought his students were doing academically. Mr. Lusk answered, with great spirit, "my students are doing good academically and I want to prepare them for the high school." We are sure that students in Mr. Lusk's class will be ready for their next big steps as students and ready for whatever the high school has to offer them academically. Thank you for all you do, Mr. Lusk! We look forward to seeing you next year.

## Advice Column: You ask, We Answer!



**I have a friend who is often rude and offensive. I don't think she means to be rude or offensive, but how do I make her see that she is coming off that way without hurting her feelings or our friendship?**

*You should pull her aside and tell her what you are feeling inside. But, tell her that you still want to be friends. If she is a good friend, she will understand where you are coming from and understand that you are not trying to attack her. Remember, tone and word choice is everything!*

**There is this person who is constantly saying mean things on social media about a friend of mine. I don't know if I should tell my friend or if I should say something to the person being mean on social media. How do I handle this situation?**

*What you should do is show your friend like, "Hey, look..." and give them a hug. Tell her that she shouldn't let this ruin her day. Encourage her to reach out to the person writing mean things and ask that person to stop. If they don't stop, tell a teacher. If this cannot be handled in a civilized manner, skip reaching out and tell an adult.*

## What's Going On In The Community



### **Trunk-or-Treat:**

Stevens: November 2 from 12-2pm

Jackson: October 25 from 5-6 pm

## Shout outs:

Upcoming events around the school:

November 2: Halloween Dance from 6-9 pm.

WAMS musical: December 6th and 7th beginning at 7pm.

## Hot Topics: Amazon On Fire!



Our Hot Topic for the week is the wild fire in the Amazon rain forest. The fire has destroyed many trees and animal habitats. The wildfire is happening right now, and it is a serious problem. No one really knows what the cause of the fire is. This week we interviewed two teachers and two students about what they thought about the fire. First, we talked with Mr. Fink, an eighth-grade science teacher, about what he thought. Mr. Fink said he knew about the fire from the news. "I think people should pay more attention, but they probably won't. When asked if he thought there was any hope in restoring the forest, Mr. Fink replied, " Yes, as long as the soil isn't washed away." Mr. Fink also thinks it is a valid topic to talk about, being as a large percentage of our Earth's oxygen comes from the Amazon.

We followed up our Hot Topic by talking to Mr. Lundy about his views on the wild fire. Mr. Lundy was unaware of the fire; but after learning about it, he believes it is a valid topic to be discussing. He hopes we have enough resources to contain the fire.

We interviewed two students, Bella and Khaniyah, and found that both students knew about the fire in the Amazon. Both students believe that the Amazon can be restored to its original state if the issue is taken seriously. What people fail to realize is that the Amazon is home to many endangered species, species only indigenous to the Amazon. The Amazon rainforest is often considered to be the lungs of this planet. We should act fast and help preserve and restore the Amazon before it is too late.

## Cherry and White Winners!



### OCTOBER WINNERS

Bacon, Hannah  
Berger, Kenneth  
Batchler, Dajea  
Briel, Nicole  
Blackwell, Halimah  
Aderhold, Tanner  
Huff, Chloe  
Brown, Shakia  
Bell, Sariyah  
Brown, Deacon  
Brown, Sidney  
Buxton, Melesse  
Payton, Kai  
Carson, Nathan  
Brion, Liberty  
Campbell, Chloe  
Brumbaugh, Evan  
Ciabattari, Olivia  
Pennings, Chloe  
Cizike, Jaelyssia  
Folk, Catherine  
Collier, Tamia  
Cox, Liliana  
Counsil, Haley  
Preston, Brayden  
Corter, Kaylee  
Johnson, Parker  
Harden, Jamaire  
Diakite, ElBachir  
Hackenberg, Gregory

Schur, Ryan  
Dixon, Vontez  
Ripka, Shiloh  
Hollenbach, Chloe  
Gehron, Isabella  
Heichel, Zaden  
Swigart, Kendra

## Quacking You Up with Answers



- The quack of dawn!
- A box of quackers!
- Duckumentaries
- Count Duckula!
- He tripped on a quack!