

McAuliffe Lion Prints Newspaper

Run for Vets: Celebrating the 20th Annual Year!



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“Run for Vets is a very special event that we have proudly held for 20 years at Christa McAuliffe Middle School. The day starts with a lovely breakfast that honors our guest veterans and active military members, who are accompanied by a student from McAuliffe who presents a small statement why their Honored Vet is so special. Afterwards, veterans volunteer to share their experiences and stories with students by doing classroom visits. At the end of the school day is our cumulative event of the day—the actual run where we have different categories for racing, walking, and relay teams. We had music, face painting (by NJHS), the mascot, a bake sale, RC car racing for the vets, and friends, family, and staff members all having a great time out to honor veterans and active military members. For our 20th annual event, we also created Grade Wars throughout the month for the students to get more involved. Each gym period was put through a team obstacle course, we had Color Wars, and the culminating event is Operation Shoebox where each grade collects supplies to send overseas. All proceeds are donated to a local veteran organization, and the supplies gathered will be sent overseas. A special thank you goes out to all who helped in any way, and especially to our active military members and our veterans.”- Mrs. Volpe



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Congratulations to all...

2019 Run for Vets First Place Winners

8th Grade Boys: Grayson Wolf

8th Grade Girls: Queeni Lin

7th Grade Boys: Colin Menafra

7th Grade Girls: Kathryn and Delaney Spalthoff

6th Grade Boys: Jack Slocum

6th Grade Girls: Kylie Schuber



Male Veteran Winner: Patrick O'Brein

All Student Relay Winners:
Grayson Wolf, Dylan Teopaco, and Ethan Lamberto; Jack Slocum, Rocco Malangone, and Dylan Teopaco

Golden Flops Winning Team: Mr. Green with Cameron Fletcher and Sabrina Watts

Golden Boot Winning Team: Mrs. Beldowicz with Matt LaBianca and Anthony Urso

Non-Staff Team: Liberty Student, Carl Barth, with Maggie Braun and Samantha Barth

McAuliffe Fall Sports

Boys Cross Country Highlights

By Joey Proetto

The McAuliffe Boys Cross Country team had a great season! The team went 4-1 this season, only losing once! A few meets got canceled due to weather but other than that the boys had an incredible year. Coach Lavezzo had a great way of hyping up all of the students to win the next meet. There was an amazing deal of great runners this year. Will Bradley was named the team MVP. Everyone ran incredibly well and some people even improved their best time by ten minutes. Our JV team placed 3rd at the Ocean County Meet of Champions and our Varsity team took 5th, respectively. Great job boys cross country and we hope to see you next year!



McAuliffe Girls Soccer

Interviewed by: Addison Salais

This month I had the chance to interview a few members of the girls soccer team. I interviewed Ms. Nieduzak, along with 6th graders, Sam Kosek, Grace Chiafullo, and Peyton Brown; from 7th grade, Kathryn Spalthoff and Delaney Spalthoff, and from 8th grade Leanna Silva and Chelsea Lavezzo. Ms. Nieduzak has been coaching the girls soccer team for 14 years, she was an assistant coach for 6 years and has now been head coach for the past 8 seasons. Since Ms. Nieduzak has played soccer her entire life, becoming the soccer coach was an easy decision after she got her job as a physical education teacher.

When I asked her what her favorite part of being a coach is, she said her favorite part is seeing her players succeed, watching them make memories with their teammates, and seeing them take pride in their school.

While interviewing the players, I asked them what their favorite part of soccer is. Grace's favorite part is scoring goals, Sam's favorite part is improving and making new friends, Peyton's favorite part is being aggressive, and Kathryn and Delaney's favorite part is being with all their friends and expressing their passion for soccer. Eighth grader Leanna's favorite part is thinking about nothing else except the game when she is on the field, and Chelsea's favorite part is getting to see her friends and having a good work out at the same time. She also said "It's not about how great you are all that matters is that your having the time of your life with the people you love!"

Staff Interviews

Welcome to McAuliffe, Mr. Bradley!

Interviewed by: Addison Salais

This month, I had the privilege to interview one of our new teachers, Mr. Bradley. The first question I asked him was how long he's been teaching and he said about one year. Then I asked him what college he went to and Mr. Bradley said he went to Brookdale, Ocean County College, and Kean University. He also graduated with a 4.0 average, which is very good! Next I asked what some of his outside school hobbies are and Mr. Bradley said he has many hobbies. They include playing video games, playing guitar, playing drums and playing baseball. He also likes to collect Funk-o-Pops and records. Lastly he likes to barbeque and go to concerts. My fourth question was did you always want to be a teacher and Mr. Bradley exclaimed that he first wanted to be a rock star and tour the world. Finally I asked Mr. Bradley why he wanted to be a teacher. His response was that he wanted to be a role model for the youth. In conclusion, I found out some fun and interesting facts about Mr. Bradley. Even though he wanted to be a rockstar I know his students are glad he is a teacher!

An Interview with Vice Principal, Mr. Saulnier

Interviewed By: George Doe

I had the privilege to have lunch with the Vice Principal, Mr. Saulnier. He is a very nice man! I learned about him while talking with him. I found out he LOVES to cook, specifically tacos. I also found out he has worked at McAuliffe for 16 years: twelve of those as a teacher and four as a vice principal. A fun fact about Mr. Saulnier is that he was originally went to school to become a physical therapist before deciding to become a teacher. He also told me he has a dog named June. When I asked him what it's like to be a vice principal, he said it's challenging but exciting! We are lucky to have such a great vice principal here at McAuliffe!

Getting to Know Mr. Monday

Interviewed by: Joey Proetto

Proetto: How do you like McAuliffe?
Monday: It's been a lot of fun all of the teachers and students have been great.
Proetto: What is your job?
Monday: I am a Paraprofessional in a self contained MD classroom.
Proetto: What is the best the best part of your job?
Monday: I enjoy the mornings and welcoming the students to school.
Proetto: Are you going to stay a paraprofessional at McAuliffe?
Monday: I plan on staying as a paraprofessional at McAuliffe for a long time!

Mrs. DeLucia Makes Science Fun

Interviewed by: Kristyl Asiain

Asiain: How has your experience at McAuliffe been so far?
DeLucia: My experience at CMMS has been wonderful so far! Faculty members have really made me feel welcome in a new school setting and have been super helpful as I've adjusted here. I also love the students and each of my classes!
Asiain: How was your old school different than McAuliffe?
DeLucia: My old school was very different. It was a very small school district where I knew every faculty member's name. We also had recess at my old school. The school day started much later and we got out later. I love being able to leave work earlier this year as well as having a much shorter commute!
Asiain: How many years have you been teaching and what grades have you taught?
DeLucia: This is my 11th year teaching. In my old school I taught 6th grade Science and Social Studies as well as 7th grade Science. Now, I teach 6th grade Science and 8th grade Forensics.