

# McAuliffe Lion Prints Newspaper

## Fall Fun Day

By: Jordyn Osbourne

I had the pleasure of interviewing Ms. Parlow and Ms. Hesnan about the Fall Fun Day student council/student activities hosted:

**Osbourne: Where did you get the idea for fall fun day?**

**P&H:** The idea of Fall Fun Day was a joint effort from Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Parlow, & Mrs. Hesnan. Given the current Covid protocols and restrictions, we were unable to have our annual pep rally that we usually have before the December holiday break. So we tried to incorporate the same ideas but by moving it to the outdoors where it is safer to congregate in a large group. We also thought this would be a good way to kick off the school year with something fun and non-academic, especially after the last 2 school years we have all had.

**Osbourne: How was the process of putting together fall fun day?**

**P&H:** We tried to think of competitive activities, and then put a fall/Halloween spin on it. It was fun to come up with ideas, but it was a team effort of planning, preparing and executing the day so that it went off without a hitch! We had a ton of help from Student Council, Mrs. Nieduzak, Mrs. Menafra, and Mrs. Buonocore and her geometry class.



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**Osbourne: Do you feel the students had a positive experience with fall fun day?**

**P&H:** We received so much positive feedback about fall fun day! We think it was nice for everyone, both students and staff, to take a break from the books, chromebooks, and the state of the world to just simply focus on some good old fashion fun.

**Osbourne: Do you think you will have another fall fun day in the future?**

**P&H:** We are hoping Fall Fun Day will be an annual event! And possibly something for the spring...stay tuned!

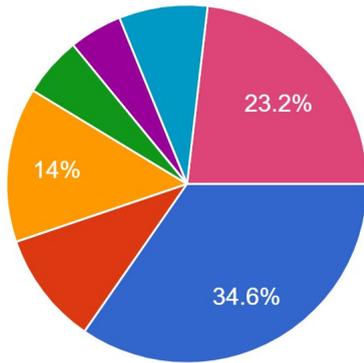
**Osbourne: From a teacher's standpoint, what was your favorite part of fall fun day?**

**P&H:** From a teacher's standpoint, our absolute favorite part of the day was being able to see kids be kids!



# Which event during Fall Fun Day was your favorite?

315 responses



- Balloon Pop
- Pumpkin Sweep
- Sack Race
- Candy Corn Toss
- Hula Hoop
- Egg and Spoon Race
- Skeleton Bone Relay



Mrs. Parlow and Mrs. Hesnan’s class celebrating at Fall Fun Day!

# Fall Boys and Girls Cross Country Recaps

By Jordyn Osbourne

I had the pleasure of interviewing Coach Healy about her most recent cross country season and how it went!

**Osbourne:** *How do you feel your season went?*

**Healy:** Although it was not a winning season, it was a very productive one. I had a total of 8 girls on the team. 4 8th graders and 4 6th graders. All of the girls worked hard all season and showed great improvements from beginning to end with their practice and meet times.

**Osbourne:** *How did it feel to have some normalcy after covid?*

**Healy:** It was wonderful to feel normal after last year's restrictions with Covid. We are almost back to normal.

**Osbourne:** *How was the experience with new additions to the team?*

**Healy:** I love to see new 6th, 7th, and 8th graders join the team each year. My 4 new 6th graders hopefully will return for next season and I hope to have more girls take an interest at every grade level next year.



I had the pleasure of interviewing boys cross country coach Mr. Lavezzo about his most recent cross country season. I asked him the following questions.

**Osbourne:** *How do you feel your season went?*

**Lavezzo:** The season went well, while we didn't get as many wins as we would have liked to, we had a lot of individual improvement and several outstanding performances this season!

**Osbourne:** *How did it feel to have some normalcy after covid?*

**Lavezzo:** It was great to have a "normal" season this year! We followed protocol and kept everyone safe while maintaining normalcy!

**Osbourne:** *How was the experience with new additions to the team?*

**Lavezzo:** The team had several returning runners who brought a lot of experience to the team! We also had several new members who made some really nice contributions to the team!



# Fall Sports Recap: Boys and Girls Soccer

By: Addison Salais

This edition I got the chance to write about the boys soccer team. Although this wasn't their best year with their final standings being 0 wins and 11 losses. I think everyone had a good time together as a team. Even though there were a lot of graduating eighth graders, I think the team will still be able to grow. With that being said we can't wait to see what next year brings. For this team I interviewed their captain Ryan Monday, asking a few questions to recap on his season and finale year on the team. He said his favorite memory was in 6th grade when they won the championship. I then asked him what he will miss. He said he will miss playing for Mr. Novak. Lastly, He said he learned it takes a lot to win a championship. To conclude, there is a quote that I think fits the season. "Keep working even when no one is watching." -Alex Morgan.

The Girls Soccer Team had a great season this year. They started off with a strong win against Lake Riviera, final score being 5-0. They also ended the season strongly against Vets with a 2-1 win. Their final standings for the season was 4-3-3. This year there are 12 graduating eighth graders. Some of them were upset about leaving since they have been on the team since sixth grade. But, they were excited to see the team grow without them. In this article I interviewed Peyton M Brown, and asked her the following.

Her favorite memory, something she will miss, and something she learned. She said her favorite memory from the soccer team from 6th grade till now was finally beating Vets. She said that every time they played them they lost badly but the last time playing them they won. Something she will miss is "having so many great friendships and not being able to see my teammates everyday." Something she learned from the team would have been "it's ok to win or lose. As long as we are working our hardest, good things will happen and the game isn't always about the score." A quote she chose was, "Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all the love of what you are doing." -Pele.

# Fall Sports Recap: Field Hockey

By: Alexandra Ricciardi

The girls field hockey team had a great season! I interviewed players Maggie Braun, Margaret Cappucci, and Yana Kelyman. The first question I asked Maggie and Yana was how they made practice fun. Maggie Braun said that she makes practice fun by helping each other and cheering for everyone. Yana says that the whole team makes practice fun by sharing their skills and love for field hockey. I also asked Yana and Margaret what their favorite part of field hockey was. Margaret liked playing games and the adrenaline you get when playing. While Yana's favorite part of field hockey was how the whole team acted like a family.

No matter the outcome of each game the whole team worked hard. Great job girls!



The McAuliffe boys soccer team with Coach Novak.



The McAuliffe girls soccer team.

## **Interview with Mrs. Parlow**

**By: Kirra Kociyan**

Hello Lions! I had the honor of meeting and interviewing our longest-tenured teacher in the Jackson school district our very own Mrs. Parlow.

You may know Mrs. Parlow as your literacy teacher or from the student council but here are some things you may not know about her. Here are some of the questions I got to ask Mrs. Parlow and her answers.

What is the worst thing you have experienced as a teacher I asked and Mrs. Parlow replied the death of Eddie Warner and of course Covid. If you do not know about Eddie Warner I'd ask your teacher about him and if you get a chance to visit the Eddie Warner garden outside the library. I also asked what's the best thing you have experienced while working as a teacher? "I used to teach its called alternative learning we used to have a program called the alternative school and it was for struggling 8th graders that were failing or having a hard time and I taught that for probably 11 years."

Mrs. Parlow has been teaching for 36 years and we are all so grateful that she teaches here at McAuliffe.

## **Mrs. Fulmer takes on Run for Vets this Year**

**By: Herminio Lopez**

This year Run For Vets was run by Mrs. Fulmer, Mrs. Fulmer is an 8th grade math teacher. We asked her a series of questions about the event. Mrs. Fulmer said she felt a little pressured when planning the event, she felt pressured because the events had to be smaller than the years prior. With the help of Mrs. Lambert, Mrs. Norero, Mrs. Catanese, Mrs. Hay, Mrs. Volpe, and Mrs. Clauburg, Mrs. Fulmer was able to organize multiple mini events all over the school, which included of The "fun run", dog tags, the obstacle course during your gym period, and the flag donations. She also believed the event was a success in many ways such as the donations, and the students that were able to speak to some veterans that came to the school. Mrs. Fulmer also stated that the event turned out better than you thought it would, because she was unsure of something that she would be able to do! She also said that she loved the experience, especially because many of her family members are veterans. Also she confirmed that she will be doing Run For Vets again next year!



# Dear Martin

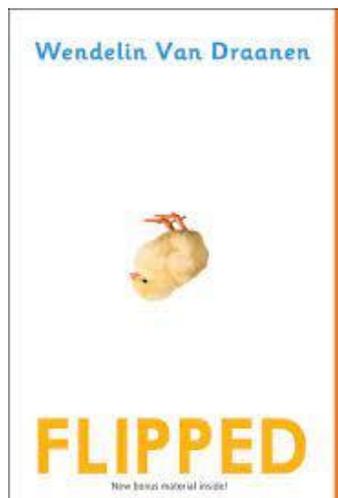
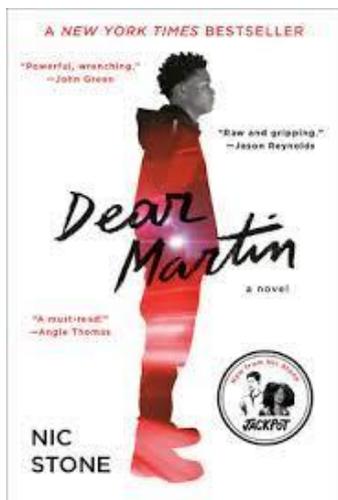
## Book Review

By Jordyn Osbourne

Would you like to read a book about understanding the importance of racial injustices while being thoroughly entertained? If so, a great book is Dear Martin. It is great because it is a riveting story about racial issues in the twenty-first century. This is an important message that needs to go out to so many people. It's powerful, gripping, and will make you want to jump right inside the book.

Another reason this book is so great is because it tells an amazing story about the importance of equality between races. There are many problems with racism, and this book explains those problems. The book also encourages people to keep working and striving to make the world a fair and better place. Hard work pays off and everyone may not agree to cooperate with you because of your race but you can still persevere.

Overall, the book Dear Martin is a great book for its ability to draw people in.



# Flipped

## Book Review

By Kirra Kociyan

If you're looking for a book that will make you laugh, cringe and cry over something as simple as tree Flipped by Wendelin Van Draanen is perfect for you. This coming-of-age rom-com is filled with laughs but beware you may shed some tears as you read about these two characters. When Juli meets Bryce at first she just wants someone to hang out with, but once she saw his eyes she instantly falls in love. That was in second grade. When Bryce first met Juli he thought she was annoying and a know it all, for years all of this never changed until eighth grade and an article about a sycamore tree.

This book tackles issues like self-image and disability as well as family issues. I've read many of Wendelin Van Draanen's books and this one has to be my all-time favorite. I have to admit there are parts in this book that make you want to scream at the characters for making such choices but you will fall in love with the characters whether you like fantasy, historical fiction, or realistic fiction, this book is for you. While I do not recommend watching the movie (is on Netflix if you want to watch the movie) this book is one to remember, take remember take it from me your local bookworm, I 10/10 recommend this coming-of-age rom-com book that will forever have a place in my heart.