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THANKSGIVING FACTS

- Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national bird, not the eagle.
- Americans eat 46 million turkeys each **Thanksgiving**
- Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin's first meal in space after walking on the moon was foil packets with roasted turkey.
- The first Thanksgiving was held in the autumn of 1621.
- The first Thanksgiving did not serve turkey.
- Thanksgiving is the reason for TV dinners.
- The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade began in 1924.
- The woman behind "Mary Had a Little Lamb" is also responsible for Thanksgiving's recognition as a national holiday.
- An estimated 50 million pumpkin pies are eaten on Thanksgiving.



Poetry Contest

Create a fun fall themed poem to celebrate this wondrous season!
Make sure it conveys the true feeling of autumn
Many will enter few will win [Click here to enter](#)

Interview with Ms. Skimel

The 7th Grade Asst. Principal

Reporter: What is your favorite Thanksgiving food?

Ms. Skimel: I absolutely love my homemade stuffing. I learned from my mom and my grandma how to make stuffing the way we always make it. Which includes sausage, onions, celery, chicken broth, and stuffing. Then we actually put it in the turkey and its juices go into the stuffing. That is my absolute favorite. I look forward to it every year.

Reporter: What do you do as the 7th-grade assistant principal?

Ms. Skimel: My door is always filled with people wanting to come in and talk to me. I went in and introduced myself to all the students and I told them I have two main responsibilities as the assistant principal. The first is their safety, to make sure they are socially, emotionally, and educationally secure and safe. The second is to make sure that the teachers have the resources they need to make sure the students get the best education possible.

Reporter: Who would you say, outside your work life, helps you the most?

Ms. Skimel: My dogs. When I go home it is just such a stress relief because they will love you no matter what and they just put a smile on your face as soon as you see them. When I see them the stress and worries of the day are no longer there and it just helps me start anew the next day.

Reporter: What would you say is the favorite thing to do in school?

Ms. Skimel: My favorite thing to do is to recognize the students who are outstanding. Doing excellent in their schoolwork, doing excellent following the Wildcat Way, going above

and beyond to help other students. I recognize it and I support them in making our school a better community.

Reporter: What made you want to become an educator?

Ms. Skimel: I knew from second grade I wanted to be a teacher. I was one of those who played school. After School, I would pretend to be the teacher and assign homework to my stuffed animals. I can help someone grow and help them be the best they can be. I pursued that and was lucky enough to find a job at a middle school. I've been in middle schools by entire teaching career. I can spread my impact by moving into administration. Then, not only my students were impacted but a whole entire grade level.

Reporter: What do you value most in a person?

Ms. Skimel: Honesty. It is so hard nowadays to say how they really feel. I can't help students as much if I don't have the whole idea. Not telling us the whole story means we can't help you as much as if you are completely honest.

Reporter: What is the most important part of the Wildcat Way?

Ms. Skimel: Respect. I think a lot of people miss what it means to be respectful because that is a very broad topic. It means to be respectful to yourself, to others, to property, you can go on and on. People don't need to choose one part, they need to respect all.

Reporter: What would your words of advice be to everyone reading this be?

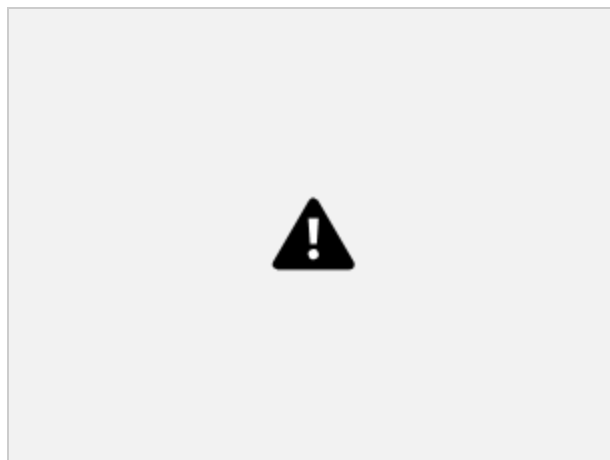
Ms. Skimel: Believe in yourself and be truthful to yourself.

Suppose you can invite one special person, living or dead, to share your family's Thanksgiving dinner this year. Would you choose a favorite relative who lives far away? A famous explorer you have studied in school? The Queen of England? Your best friend who moved away? [POLL HERE](#)

Legally Blonde!

This year the drama department is putting on the show Legally Blonde Jr, so our reporters decided to take a behind the scenes look at the club.

First, the cast members had to go through a brutal 3-day audition that lasted hours after school. When they finally got into the musical they found out they will be enduring long practices 4 days a week and some



Saturdays. But the end result will be worth it, be sure to check out there show in December!

Below we have an exclusive interview with some members of the Legally Blonde cast and crew:

Ms. Moore;

Reporter: What is your favorite thing to do in school?

Ms. Moore: Connect with my students

Reporter: What is your favorite thing to do out of school?

Ms. Moore: Go see local theater companies

Reporter: What is the funniest thing that has happened in your career as a teacher?

Ms. Moore: When Mrs deal and I dressed up as Hamilton characters for Halloween

Reporter: What is your favorite thing to do after school?

Ms. Moore: Legally blonde rehearsal

Reporter: What do you do/what do you teach?

Ms. Moore: Drama

Reporter: What do you do for legally blonde?

Ms. Moore: Director of legally blonde



Reporter: The Best part of teaching vs worst part?

Ms. Moore: Best- watching students fall in love with drama. Worst- is that my kids leave my class so quickly after I get to know them

Parker Mitchell;

Reporter: What is your favorite thing to do in school?

Parker Mitchell: Coming to rehearsals

Reporter: What is your favorite thing to do out of school?

Go dancing, hang out with friends, and practicing piano

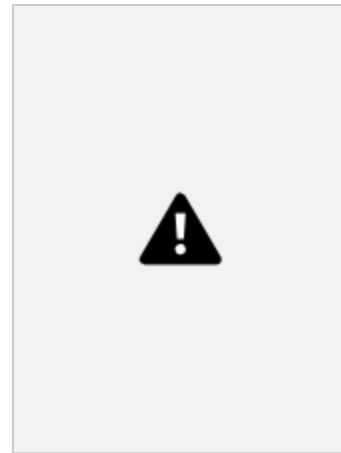
Reporter: What is the most challenging part of your school?

Parker Mitchell: Later periods because I am so burnt out from the day.

Reporter: Best vs worst part of the day?

Parker Mitchell: Best- chorus or rehearsal- worst- science, sorry Mrs. Adams

Parker Mitchell is the lead female role in Legally Blonde.



Malone McMichael;

Reporter: What is your favorite thing to do in school?

Malone McMichael: This, (Drama club and *Legally Blonde* rehearsals)

Reporter: What is your favorite thing to do out of school?

Malone McMichael: Probably just hang out at my house and play with my dog.

Reporter: What is the funniest thing that has happened in your career as a student?

Malone McMichael: Probably when I was 10 and my brother was on the tube, and he smacked me in the face and we both fell off.

Reporter: What are the best and worst parts of school for you?

Malone McMichael: The best part is probably science: the worst parts, I'd probably say, is social studies, because I just don't understand it.

Reporter: What is the most challenging part of your school?

Malone McMichael: Math, it comes up easy, putting me in a harder class.

Reporter: What is the best part about Drama club?

Malone McMichael: We just get to hang out with all of our friends while still being productive, although we still goof around a bit.

Malone McMichael is the lead male role in Legally Blonde.

We also found out that both Malone and Parker like the color black and spicy Asian food!

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If you crack this code go to Mrs. Biesiadecki in room 625 for your prize.

**INKTOBER WINNER:
GRACE ALLEN**



Poll Results

we wanted to know what you were for Halloween. Here is what we heard.



We want to know what you think of the NMS Newspaper. Tell us what you think [here](#).