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Time to Give Thanks

I want to take the opportunity to discuss tradition. Seems fitting this time of year to reflect on all that we are grateful for. I am most thankful for my family, loving wife and two great children. In addition, I am grateful to be a part of one of the oldest living rivalries in our country.

The Millville – Vineland football rivalry is the 12th oldest in the United States; it began back in 1894. I was once asked to talk to the team and share what Millville Tradition means to me, to share my experiences in the orange and blue, and hopefully help them understand that they are part of something much bigger than football.

My grandfather played in the Thanksgiving game back in 1929. He died as one of the biggest Thunderbolt fans I've ever known. He watched every game I ever played in, and watched every game I coached when I began my teaching career in Millville. Coach Surace, athletic director at the time, would actually drive him in his golf cart out to the fields in the later years because the walk was just too far. My grandfather was like many grandfathers in this town. They bled the "Orange and Blue". To bleed the Orange and Blue means you carry yourself with integrity, you are a good sport, and you recognize that winning the game is not the most important part of being a Millville Thunderbolt. Well, winning on Thanksgiving is pretty darn important.

Tradition is knowing that generations of people will be rooting for you as my pop-pop did for players he didn't even know - he didn't have to know them, they were family. He talked proudly of their wins, and felt the sting of the defeats as if he had played that day himself. The saying, "we bleed orange and blue" is so true. To this year's team, when you take the field vs. Vineland on Thanksgiving, the spirit, the blood, sweat, and tears of those who came before you will be there, behind you, watching over you-they can't make the block for you, or throw the winning pass, but when you are feeling winded and feel like there is nothing left to give, they will be there to breathe new life into you, to give you that second wind. They will be there with you when you raise those four fingers heading into the fourth and final quarter, they will be behind you-we will be behind you! That is what this tradition is. It is an entire community coming together over a common goal. It is more than just football.

Our players must know that no matter what they have done this year, the success or setbacks, nothing matters at this point except to "Beat Vineland". Beat Vineland for all of those who have sacrificed so much before you, Beat Vineland for those who will follow you, Beat Vineland for all of those grandfathers who may be watching their last Thanksgiving Day battle! Just Beat Vineland!

Now, I fully understand that this article is being shared throughout South Jersey. Vineland fans are reading this. And they get it. Throughout this article, they can simply reverse the position of Millville and Vineland. The tradition runs just as deep for them. That is what makes this one of the greatest rivalries in our county.

Thanksgiving 1991, my junior year, we began the season 5-0 with 5 straight shutout victories. We ended the season a solid 6-3 and a winning record. We lost to Vineland on a cold Thanksgiving morning 28-0. Nobody remembered the five in a row.

Thanksgiving 1992, my senior year, our team upset a highly rated Ocean City team in our home opener but went on to a mediocre season ending with a record a 4-5 record (a losing record). Unlike my junior year, we beat Vineland. My senior year team was not as talented as the group before, and was made of mostly underclassman. All people remembered of that season was that we beat Vineland.

I tell people all the time how great Millville is. This is one example of what makes us great. I want to wish this year's athletes the best. They carry all of the Orange and Blue on their shoulders. The student body, the community, and all who have ever worn the Orange and Blue are counting on you to put in a heroic effort. We expect good sportsmanship and class while you are representing us as well. We are counting on you, but most importantly we believe in you, this community so rich in pride and tradition believes in you.

To everyone, I hope you enjoy your Thanksgiving after watching a great rivalry.

Go BOLTS! "It's a great day to be a Bolt"

— Dr. David Gentile
Superintendent of the Millville Public Schools



Dr. David Gentile

Rieck Avenue Walks for a Great Cause

At Rieck Avenue School, we are very dedicated to service work. Every year Rieck Avenue school raises money for a worthy cause. This year we chose a local charity, The Marshall R. Smith Foundation, which helps families of children who are extremely ill. The foundation was named for a very special boy named Marshall who tragically lost his battle, but had made it his purpose to truly help other families of children battling serious illness.

First, our school had a lemonade stand and a magician to kick off our week of fundraising. From the NJEA Pride money and courtesy of the Millville Education Association, we were able to purchase a t-shirt for every child and staff member participating in our assembly and cancer walk. The students collected donations all week and on September 30, 2016, the students and staff walked our building as a group and ended with a dance party in our gym.

We were so excited that the amazing students and staff of Rieck Avenue raised close to \$2800 for the Marshall R. Smith Foundation! It was a great day for a very worthy cause. We had four children receive special prizes donated from the Rieck Avenue PTO for raising large amounts for the foundation. A special thank you to Mrs. Oliver for organizing the walk for the foundation which is very close to her heart. Well done Rieck Avenue.



Students at Rieck Avenue raised close to \$2,800.

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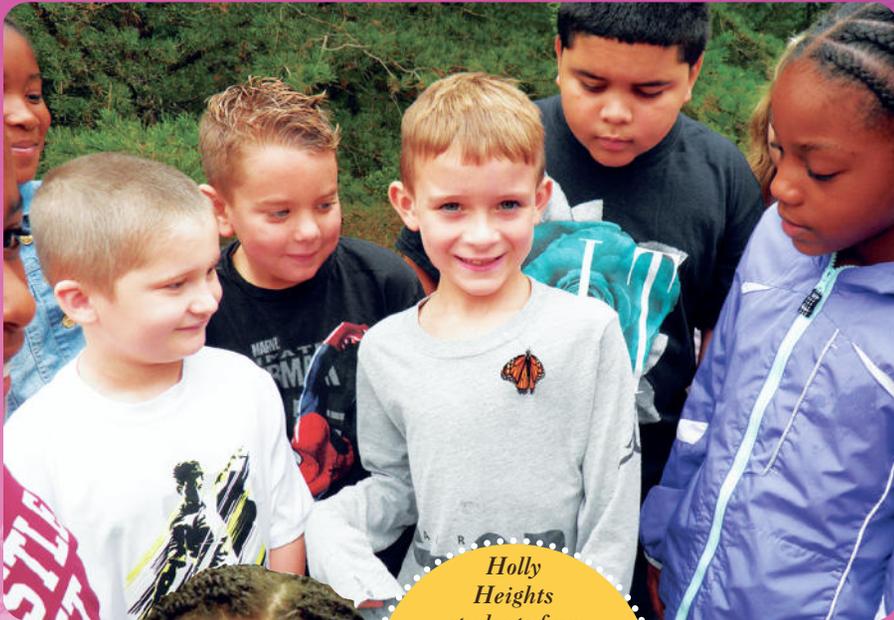
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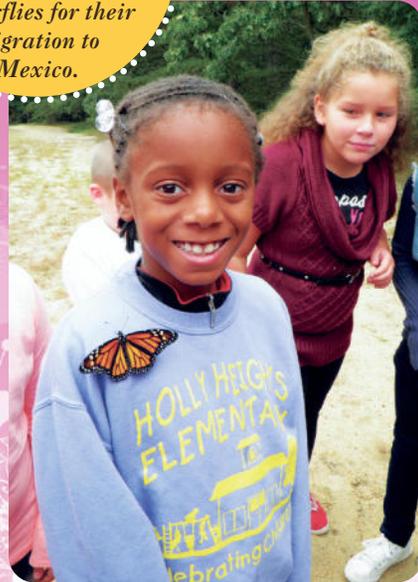
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Holly Heights students from Mr. Burns and Mrs. Kavanagh's classes release their monarch butterflies for their migration to Mexico.

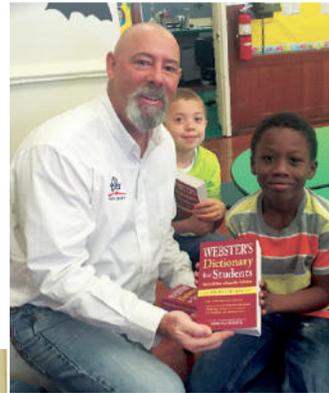


Millville Elks Spread the Word at R.D. Wood School

Recently Mr. Keith Rafine, the Exalted Ruler of the Millville Elks, visited the third grade classes at R.D. Wood School. He came with a message and dictionaries for every student in the third grade class. His message to the students was the importance of increasing your vocabulary and how important a dictionary can be in helping students to learn and grow.

For the last ten years the Millville Elks have donated free dictionaries to the students that attend R.D. Wood School. The students and teachers were excited about receiving the dictionaries. The students began looking through the dictionaries the second they received them.

Principal Harry Drew said, "The Millville Elks are always involved with our school and the Millville community. They sponsor Millville Youth Week activities and help donate to our school when the need arises."



Mr. Keith Rafine, the Exalted Ruler of the Millville Elks, presents dictionaries to third grade students Cor'teze Hudson and Dyavion Broughton.



R.D. Wood School third grade students receiving dictionaries from Mr. Keith Rafine of the Millville Elks

MSHS Seeks Graduation Information

Millville Senior High School's Class of 2017 will begin preparing for graduation. The school seeks information about individuals who have died, but would have been part of that class had they continued through Millville Public Schools. If you are a family member or loved one of someone who would have been in the Class of 2017, call the school at 856-327-6040 as soon as possible.



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An Awesome Bucket Filler

The students, their families and the staff of Holly Heights have been participants of the "Bucket Filling Philosophy" for many years.

Bucket fillers are individuals who find joy in helping others. Lucas Williams, a third grader in Ms. Hartman's class, is a perfect example of an "Awesome Bucket Filler". Lucas, on his own, decided to create a story about the importance of kindness. An act of kindness is a sure fired way to guarantee a full bucket, for both the person who is being kind and the one receiving that gift of kindness. His story also emphasizes that when we "dip" into someone's bucket, hurting their feelings or causing them to feel sad, it is important to admit your mistakes and be accountable

for your actions.

A true "Bucket Filler" will always make a choice to improve the situation as soon as they can. The character in Lucas's story teaches us that apologizing for our behavior, whether it is accidental or intentional, is an amazing way to re-fill that person's bucket.

Not only did Lucas share his story with me, but also with all the kindergarten classes at Holly Heights. He even created a coloring page, with a little help from his mom, for each kindergarten student. Lucas spread kindness to our Holly Heights kindergarten classes through the simple act of sharing his ideas. Kudos to Lucas for using his creativity and taking the initiative to be a first-rate example of a "Bucket Filler".

Lucas shares his story and illustrations with a kindergarten class.



Project Grad Fund-Raising

Millville High School PTSA is on a mission. This organization is made up of parents, teachers, administrators, and students. Our mission is to raise \$25,000 each year for Project Graduation. Project Graduation is a safe and fun night after graduation for all the students of the graduating class. Project graduation was started with the class of 1992 and continues to this day. Last year, the graduating class went to Dave and Busters in Philadelphia. The PTSA also purchased over 30 prizes consisting of gift cards, laptops, televisions, Apple Watch and more. Students win prizes all night long. We hope to continue Project Graduation each year so if your child attends Millville Public Schools, we can use your help! PTSA runs the Millville Football Concession Stand and the profits go to Project Graduation. We are thankful for all of the parents, teachers and administrators that volunteer in the stand to help us serve up our legendary cheese fries, hot chocolate, and other tasty offerings in support of our mission. To volunteer, or if you have any questions, feel free to contact Karen McCafferty, president of the PTSA, at 327-7590.



PAWS UP to You!

This year at RM Bacon, we started our PAWS UP program that recognizes exemplary behavior and good deeds from within our student body. Here's the concept - if a student is "caught in the act" doing something that is worthy of recognition, the staff member fills out a PAWS UP (the Bacon Bear version of a high five) ticket. One copy is given to the student so they can take it home, and another copy is sent to the main office. About 10 minutes before dismissal, I jump on the PA system and read each ticket which highlights who was caught in the act being good, what they were doing that was good, and who caught them. This way, the students are recognized within a short period of time for their good deeds and great behavior. We then add those tickets to our "Caught being Awesome" board by the main office which is clearly visible to parents and other guests who come in the school. We love to show off the good things happening at Bacon.

But it doesn't end there. After being on display throughout the month, those same tickets get collected and entered into a drawing that takes place at our PBIS Pep Rally held at the end of each month. During these rallies, we cover such things as learning, discipline, and attendance. When that's done, we draw 15-20 PAWS UP tickets. Those names selected get to

participate in minute-to-win-it style games in front of their classmates. It's a true pep rally atmosphere as the students cheer one another, and it's all because they were caught being awesome.

In September, we had about 75 PAWS UP tickets awarded to our students. In October, that number jumped to over 150. Positive behavior and recognition is catching on, and I appreciate how much our teachers are participating in the program. The students love hearing their names called out at the end of each day, and they also love seeing their tickets proudly on display in the hall. Good job, Bears! Keep being great!

Mike Coyle
— Principal,
RM Bacon Elementary School
— Home of the Bacon Bears



Principal Mike Coyle holds a mic to allow RM Bacon students to share their thoughts.

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Engineering a Q&A with Engineers

Millville Senior High School recently invited local engineers and architects to participate in a Q & A session with students to further investigate career paths through the information presented by industry professionals. Students attended the session with an open mind and questions prepared for the panel. Each participant started with answering five basic questions:

Where did you attend college?

What was your major?

What courses did you take in high school to help prepare for college?

What was your first job upon college graduation?

What is your current job/responsibilities?

Once the panel had completed the introductions the floor opened and students had the opportunity to ask questions to the panel or specific participants. Students had the ability to sit and listen, or participate and engage the panel with any questions they may have about the specific fields the professionals work in, past experiences, interests, what led them to their career, and what they would recommend for students today.

The Q & A session lasted for an hour, but the information shared and the knowledge gained will have a lasting impression on all students that participated. Senior Jared Buckson said, "This was a great session. It gave me an opportunity to see some of the careers out there that I may not have thought about."

This is the second year MSHS has hosted a panel of professionals from STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) related careers. "Last year was so well received we decided to make this a yearly event," stated Jamie Burrows, CADD teacher at MSHS. The panel was made up of current industry professionals, a college professor, and an engineering college student. This gave the students a variety of opinions and exposure to an array of experiences to discuss. Senior Devon Cooper said, "I really like that there are different careers represented with this assembly, and I felt comfortable enough to ask questions that I was really interested in."

"We are so pleased with how well received these sessions are and have already began to reach out to participants for next year," said Burrows.



Taking part in the session were: Shea Jones (Millville graduate), Mike LeMole, Mary Staehle, Charles Fralinger, Larry Merighi, and Yazmin Moreno (Millville graduate).

Journey Back To a Groovier Time

Millville Fine and Performing Arts Department presents A Midsummer Night's Dream at 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 17-19 at the Millville Senior High School auditorium.

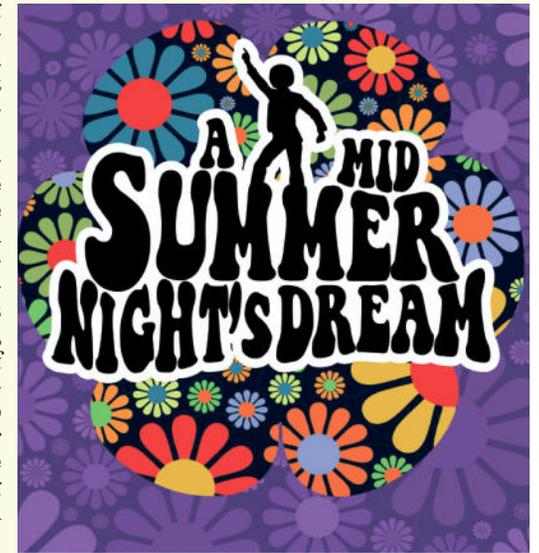
Centered in Athens, mayhem ensues as four young lovers enter the forest only to be caught up in the schemes of a feuding fairy king and queen. Add in a curious band of actors, love potions and a transformative spell of barnyard proportions and you have a tale of friendship, love and mistaken identity. If Shakespeare's comedic wit and eloquence wasn't enough, we have also added a disco 70's twist. You never know when or where one of the characters might burst into a song or dance featuring disco moves and beats.

The show also includes original interludes written by the directors and staff. Directed by Mrs. Margaret Keefer and Ms. Valerie Archetto, the play features over 20 talented actors in grades 9-12.

"The students have risen to the challenge of 'acting' Shakespeare! We couldn't be prouder!" said Mrs. Keefer. You don't want to miss the fantasy filled night of hilarity and 70's harmony.

Tickets may be purchased online by going to Millville Senior High School's web site <http://mps.millvillenj.gov/Domain/16>

All tickets are \$8. Tickets may be purchased at the door but seating is limited. For more information or to set up an interview time, please contact Margaret Keefer, Director margaret.keefe@millvillenj.gov or call 327-6040 ext. 2902.



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