"English Language Arts"

In 11th Grade English, we are reading historical nonfiction documents to explore the essential question, “What is the meaning of freedom?”. In the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson explains that we have certain unalienable rights that the British were not acknowledging. We have analyzed the Preamble to the Constitution and Bill of Rights which gives a more detailed description of citizens’ individual rights and places limitations to the power the government has.

Ms. Pemberton & Ms. Cain, ELA III

In 9th grade English, we have just started to dive into identifying themes in literature! We spent last week reading Mansfield’s “Doll’s House” which considers the ways classism is a learned behavior, passed from one generation to the next. Students took their first shot at identifying theme using this text and used ACE format to write about it!

Ms. Stout & Ms. Coleman, ELA I

ATHLETICS

- Volleyball vs Douglass Oct 3
- Football @ Wooddale Oct 7
- Football @ Hamilton Oct 14
- Football vs Kirby Oct 21, Senior Night
- Football @ Ridgeway Oct 27

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

SELF HELP TIP:

The SEL focus of October is Emotional Wellness. During the three weeks of October, students will do lessons on empathy, cultural competence, and support systems.

Qualities of an Empathetic Person:
Cultivate curiosity about strangers, Challenge prejudices and discover commonalities, Try another person’s life, Listen hard—and open up, Inspire mass action and social change, Develop an ambitious imagination

Let’s all try to be more empathetic to our peers, family and friends!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- National Principal Month – Entire Month of October
- School Custodian Appreciation Day, Oct 2
- October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month – Wear pink, Oct 3
- ACT 12th Grade – Seniors, Oct 4
- PSAT 9th Grade – All 9th Grade students PSAT, Oct 4
- PSAT 11th Grade – 11th Grade students may participate, pre-registration is necessary, Oct 15 or 25
- Senior Photo and Luncheon, Oct 6 – Cost $10 (See Mr. Burton or Ms. Morrow to signup)
- A Taste of Hispanic Heritage, Oct 7 – Library (See Mrs. Rice to signup)
- Fall Break, Oct 10–14 (No School Students or Teachers)
- National Boss’s Day, Oct 16

REMINDERS

- School starts at 7:15am, breakfast 7:00am
- Students must be in school uniform daily
- Send note to attendance office after every absence
- Students are expected to bring charge device with charger to school daily
- Parents check your students attendance, grades, assignment due dates and conduct in the PowerSchool App daily (download from the App Store on cellular device)

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**STAFF OF THE MONTH**

**BEHAVIOR SPECIALIST, MR. FARRIS**

Mr. Farris lives his life sharing his experience and knowledge, his education, his desire to serve and help heal, to all those that he encounter. He believes in pouring into others and helping them to try to be the best that they can be. He is a counseling graduate student and upon graduation, plans to use his degree to continue the purpose of serving others. His life’s mantra is a quote from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., “Tell them I tried to help somebody”… He is humbled and proud to be a Melrose Golden Wildcat and will always represent, “Melrose STRONG”.

Mr. Farris was chosen by his peers because he is the most hardworking behavioral specialist. When he is called, no matter the situation he is there. He handles behavioral issues and gives out life lessons. He also handles the SHAPE Program. He is a great leader. The students look up to him. He is a true example of a great person to work with.

**STUDENT OF THE MONTH**

**SENIOR, AUNDREA WRIGHT**

Aundrea is a Senior here at Melrose High, her hobbies include , watching TV, going to work and spending time with her family. Her favorite subject is English because she enjoys reading and loves writing. When she graduates, she would like to attend JSU and become an Entrepreneur. Aundrea was selected by her Senior teachers because she comes to class on time with a positive attitude, her smile warms the class and she is willing to work hard and challenge herself even when the task is complex! She embodies the S’Ps!

**STUDENT OF THE MONTH**

**JUNIOR, EMELI TORRES**

Emeli is a Junior here at Melrose High, her hobbies includes working and perfecting the craft of makeup artistry. Her favorite subject is Algebra and she would like to pursue a career in Translating after graduation. She has a passion for helping others in and out of school. Emeli was selected by her Junior teachers because she is an awesome helper, she is willing to assist students in need, she offers to translate for newcomers and finishes all task assigned to her! Emeli embodies productivity!

**STUDENT OF THE MONTH**

**FRESHMAN, ANTWON FLEMING**

Antwon is a Freshman here at Melrose High, his hobbies include reading and writing stories. His favorite subject is English and he loves reading all types of books. After graduation, he plans on pursuing a career as a Therapist. Antwon was selected by his Freshman teachers because he is punctual and prepared. He is the first to complete his classwork, he always offers to help and provides great insight in class discussions. He is actively engaged in all activities. Antwon embodies Punctuality and Preparedness!

**STUDENT OF THE MONTH**

**SOPHOMORE, MONICA ATKINS**

Monica is a Sophomore here at Melrose High, her hobbies include praise dancing, singing and reading all genres of books. Her favorite subject is reading and she would like to pursue a career in Nursing after graduation. Monica was selected by her Sophomore teachers because she is punctual and on task at all times in her classes. She is helpful to her peers and is on all around student that goes above and beyond the expected contribution towards learning. She comes to class prepared to produce good results. She does not give up on anything, she is determined to make a difference in the classroom environment. Monica embodies the S’Ps!