

EXCITED FOR ENGINEERING Full of focus, Megan McCulloch (8) and Josie Mackey (8) work on their marshmallow and toothpick bridge on November 6. This was just one of the many activities that went on during this year's Career Day. "My favorite part was learning about all the different careers and some of that I hadn't known about before," McCulloch said. "It was just cool to learn about them." *photo by Sarah Yousif*



1) **GIVING BACK** Showing off their collection of 1526 shoes, Owen Gall (7) and some of his Team 5G teammates celebrate the end of their Soles4Souls shoe drive. They worked hard pairing shoes together and packing them into boxes. This experience allowed them to do a good deed in their community and to make new memories. "My favorite part was sorting or putting the shoes in the boxes, because it just felt like we were helping," Gall said. *photo courtesy of Mr. Ed Gall*



2) **PACK A PUNCH** Down in their boxing stances, Lily Hennessey (8) and Hadley Griffin (8) pose for a picture in their Halloween costumes. After some last-minute browsing and hard work, the girls were able to decide on a coordinating costume. It took them about half an hour to do their makeup and get fully into costume. "We needed something that was kinda original, but also easy to do, and we all agreed on," Hennessey said. *photo by Delaney Lee*



FRIENDS FOR LIFE After a long school week, Emma Raft (8) and Shayla Fritts (8) hang out at Olga's Kitchen, a restaurant in Briarwood Mall. This was a very common spot to hang out during the weekend for these two friends. Raft and Fritts became good friends three years ago. "My favorite part of spending time with friends is [talking] about school, personal life, and everything else," Raft said. *photo by Emma Raft*



BOO After two hours of getting into outfit, Jack Kelley (8) finally gets to show off his impressive Halloween costume. His outfit was inspired by the movie IT. This wasn't his first time in a clown costume, either. Kelley went to the first movie as Pennywise and has his own YouTube channel where he features his experiences with clown makeup. "In the movie, they used stencils, but I had to do it hand-drawn," Kelley said. "I want to pursue a field in prosthetics." *photo by Delaney Lee*

CAREER, *cruisin*

Students keep their minds off of school work by focusing on weekends, life after school

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For most students, there aren't many school days that offer chances to look into our out-of-school careers. Career Day was one of the days that offered students a glimpse into their future. In this annual tradition, students get to participate in several sessions, where they learn about different career options from experts in that field.

"A career that I would like to pursue in the future, that I saw was a veterinarian, because I really love animals and I am really interested in that career," Karli Dorr (8) said.

Thinking about future career options wasn't the only thing on students' minds. Weekends were also a popular topic among students. Weekends were a great time for students to take a little break from school, hang out with friends and family, and have some fun.

"[On the weekends] usually I hang out with my friends. But

sometimes I do family events or go shopping," Ellery Langdale (7) said.

Even with weekends filled with sports, games, and activities, it was still hard for students to keep their minds off of school. Everyone needs both a physical and mental break, and students, such as Sidney White (7), have many ways of doing so.

"I like to relax and play volleyball to get my mind off of school," White said.

Many students all have traditions that help keep their mind off of school. Traditions with family and friends are a great way to spend some time with them and build great relationships.

"I watch a movie with my family every Friday night and we sit, watch, and eat popcorn together," Mackenzie Beckington (8) said.

REACHING *new* HEIGHTS

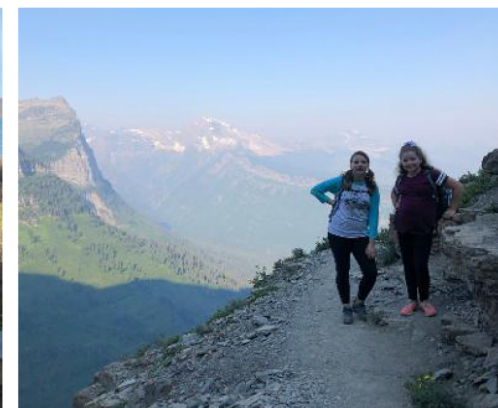
Outside of school trips, activities highlight students' interests, talents



While performing at the Renaissance Center in Detroit, Owen Gall (7) does an ariel as part of his duet with Ella Martino (8). Their team won a Platinum Award and got first place in their category. For Gall, dancing provided many new opportunities to learn perseverance and do something he is passionate about. "My favorite type of dance is contemporary," Gall said.



On their trip to California, Luke Helmer (8) and Caleb Helmer (8) defy gravity and release their inner karate kicks. Luke is a black belt in karate, however getting the photo just right was still a challenge. "The photo was very hard to time," Caleb said. "Honestly, we took like seven photos."



Up in the mountains, Malia Goerlitz (6), along with her family, scale the hiking trails in the mountains of Montana. Hiking was a great opportunity to spend time with family and have some fun. "We went through many hikes, but that one was probably the scariest, cause it was really high and it was above a road," Goerlitz said.