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Staff/Student Basketball Game Upset

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For the first time ever, the students finally defeated the teachers in the annual Meads Mill staff/student basketball game 47 to 46.

maining and center Andrew Meacham was clutching the basketball for the victorious team.

Inside this issue:



The leadership classes of Ms. Debien and Mr. Timm helped put the exciting game and festivities together. They organized and planned the days leading up to the event and halftime show. There were two days that were devoted to school spirit—color day and school spirit day.

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Andrew reaches high for two of his points as Ms. Debien attempts to block the shot.

For color day everyone was encouraged to wear their class colors. Red for the 6th grade, green for the 7th grade and blue for the 8th grade.

Special points of interest:

- Track vs. Hillside May 6 at 4:00 NHS
- Track vs Frost May 13 at 4:00 home
- Track vs. Smart May 19 at 4:00 away
- Memorial Day May 31 No School

The gym was filled to capacity as over 800 students viewed the game and the crowd saved its loudest ovation when the scoreboard read 0 seconds re-

For spirit day student wore maroon and gold or a specially designed shirt celebrating the game. The leadership class sold spirals of strength key chains and



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bracelets and raffle tickets for courtside seats and a chance to participate during the halftime contest.

The money raised went towards Christoph's All-Stars—the charity 8th grader Christoph established to provide money to research juvenile cancer.

Jake Cheslik, one of the key contributors to the student team, remembers when his older brothers participated in the staff/student game. He was really looking forward to participating and boasted before the game that this year he would be part of a winning team.



Jake's 3-point shot is good!

The 8th grade team, composed of boys



Nate gets a hero's welcome as he is introduced to the students.

and girls who participated on the basket-

ball team this season began the game with a three-pointer. It was quickly matched by Mr.



Allie evades Mr. Clark's block attempt for two points.



A furious finish wasn't enough as the teachers missed their last three shots in the closing seconds.

Tripp on a banked shot, but then the students exploded to a fourteen point lead by the end of the first quarter.

This was the only game where the students never were behind. But the teachers had several chances to pull out a

victory at the end when Mr. Soukup hit back-to-back three pointers and Mr. Wickens hit a floating ten pointer and a layup to give the teachers a 10-0 run. Three missed shots in the final

ten seconds by the teachers sealed their fate.



Science Olympiad

Less than a month ago, on March 27, 2010, the Meads Mill Science Olympiad Team traveled to University of Michigan Dearborn to compete in the regional tournament. Team members arrived there at around 7:45 a.m. to find the homeroom and drop off their stuff. The team then walked to the Field House where they were welcomed, along with numerous other teams from different areas, to the tournament. After a cheerful good luck to all the teams, the tournament began.

Meads Mill's students each had at least three different events. Each team mem-

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Congratulations to Ms. Brode's 2010 Meads Mill Science Olympiad Team for coming in 5th place out of 21 teams at the Wayne County Science Olympiad Regional at the University of Michigan Dearborn on Saturday!

The team had 16 top seven placements out of 23 team events, and placed in the top 7 of all the 5 trial events. Team members included:

James Chen	Patrick Chen
Pooja Dandamudi	William Ding
Neil Jain	Aliya Khan
Neej Patel	Simran Reddy
Susan Doong	Michelle Helner
Adam Kollipara	Tina Liu
Stuart Nath	Tyler Osterhoff
Sonali Reddy	Camarah Steele
Lakshmi Thulluri	Kevin Yang
Perry Jiang	



Camarah Steele participates in one of the Science Olympiad events held at the University of Michigan Dearborn. (Picture from the Detroit Free Press.)

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ber was paired up with another student and together they prepared for each of their events for a few months. After months of practices and studying, the team, consisting of fifteen main members and five alternates, were able to compete in their events. The team participated in a range of events, from building events such as Trajectory to test-taking events like Meteorology.

After a long day of running around buildings and competing, the Meads Mill team and all the other teams competing in the tournament gathered back into the Field House to eagerly await the results. Meads placed top seven in a vast majority of the events, winning several top threes. Overall, out of twenty-three teams, the Meads Mill Science Olympiad Team placed fifth! During the regional tournament this year, the team had lots of fun and now eagerly awaits next year's season!



Forensics

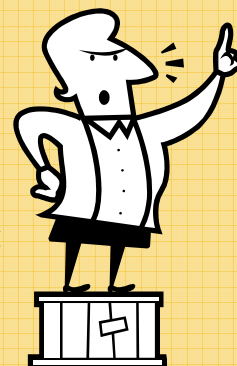
By Nirmita Palakodaty

Forensics, n.: the practice or study of formal debate. Maybe so, but the Meads Mill forensics team, led by eighth grade English teacher Mrs. Klokkenga, takes forensics a whole step further.

For Meads Mill, forensics is not just debate, but also performing and drama. Participants of certain sections such as poetry or prose picked a piece to perform in January. They spent months memorizing their lines and acting or performing it.

Students did everything from Minimalism to pieces on the Holocaust. Other members did research and wrote their own works to be read to the judges. A third group read all the news articles they could find, and kept up with today's events. They will be asked by the judges questions about today's news.

Meads Mill's forensics team will compete at Wayne State University against many other schools. Good luck, forensics team!



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