

### MOUNT VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL HONORS MISS JACQUIE FOR SO MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO RSU #3

#### THANK YOU, MISS JACQUIE!

Interview by Jaclynn Cox & Brooke Littlefield

No matter who you are in the middle school, there's no way you don't know Miss Jacquie. This place just couldn't run without her! But how much do you really know about this dedicated lady? With half a century of continuous service to our school district, we just had to get the inside scoop about her life and her life's work. Thank you, Miss Jacquie, for tirelessly giving of yourself to thousands and thousands of students over the past five decades. Your unceasing dedication to RSU #3 is truly amazing. You're a real superstar!



**Q:** Miss Jacquie, where did you grow up and go to school?

**A:** I grew up in Thorndike, Maine, and I graduated from Mt. View!

**Q:** As a child, what did you like to do for fun?

**A:** I really enjoyed reading, and I also enjoyed playing outside.



Miss Jacquie at 2 years old!

**Q:** What is a favorite childhood memory?

**A:** My favorite memories are most definitely any family activities, especially family trips.

**Q:** What was it like when you were in middle school?

**A:** Well, we didn't have as many extra-curricular activities as you guys do now, and we didn't have a fitness center, a library, or Spanish/German classes. It's definitely more fun nowadays.

**Q:** What was your favorite subject and why?

**A:** Math was definitely my favorite subject. I liked to work with numbers, and I knew it would be helpful when I was older.

**Q:** What made you want to work at a school?

**A:** I really enjoyed working with kids. I still love being with children and watching them become respectful, responsible adults.

**Q:** What year did you start working for our school district and what made you choose us?

**A:** I started in May of 1973. I had been volunteering in a classroom and when the teacher's aide transferred to another job, I was asked to apply. So I did, and I got the job!

**Q:** Have you always had the same job in our district? If not, what positions have you held?

**A:** I was first hired to work in a special education classroom at Unity Elementary, and I stayed in that position for two years.

Then when someone stepped down from the office, I was offered that job, and I took it. Eventually, when the new Mount View complex was built, I moved over here.

**Q:** How many different schools in the district have you worked at, and how many principals have you worked for?

**A:** I've worked at just the two schools. I can't remember exactly how many principals, but I would say around 12.

**Q:** What are your main responsibilities as a school secretary?

**A:** My #1 responsibility is to keep my students safe!

**Q:** Have your responsibilities changed over the years? If so, how?

**A:** Yes, many times. When I was a teacher's aide, I was copying, correcting, and helping students; then I began doing more office work, like bookkeeping, ordering supplies, and attendance, which is what I continue to do now. I also oversee budgets, call substitutes, mail progress reports and report cards, send letters to parents, call parents, order and distribute supplies, plus more!

**Q:** If you hadn't chosen this type of work, what other occupation would you like to have had?

**A:** I loved working with kids so I knew I wanted this job, but if I didn't get it I would have been a beautician.

Read the rest of Miss Jacquie's interview on Page 5.



Miss Jacquie and her kitty, Cuddles!

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# SPRIT WEEK



**MVMS HAS SPIRIT!**  
 By Gaea Contino & Eliza Gold

February spirit week was a fun experience for students. Each day had a special theme: Monday was Pajama day, Tuesday was Twinning day, Wednesday was Wear Red because it was Valentine's Day, Thursday was Favorite Sports Team day and Friday was Tie Dye day. Spirit week is definitely a fan favorite, and we always look forward to the next one!

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# MVMS IN ACTION



## VALENTINE'S DAY CANDYGRAMS

By Gaea Contino & Jaclynn Cox

On February 14th, Ms. Chase and her middle school chorus sang Valentine's Day songs for the middle school and the elementary school. Candygrams were being sold for a week and a half, where middle school students could purchase a small, medium, or large amount of candy for themselves or a friend. On the Wednesday of spirit week, chorus members delivered the candygrams to the students and teachers who had made purchases. During the day, while chorus members made deliveries, they sang songs to the main office, the elementary school and to all grades of the middle school. We think many students enjoyed this, and we hope to see candygrams again next year!

## GLOW IN THE DARK DANCE

By the Newspaper Staff



'On Friday, March 1st, the middle school had its first ever glow-in-the-dark dance. Many students wore bracelets and necklace bands that glowed warmly in the dark gym. A lot of students dressed up and others wore comfortable dancing clothes. There was food to buy and tables set up in the cafeteria. And there was a colorful background to take pictures with friends. Kids liked hanging out and just having fun. Glow-in-the-dark was a big success!



## UNIFIED BASKETBALL OFF AND RUNNING

By the Newspaper Staff

The unified basketball team had a lot of fun this season playing teams from Belfast to Skowhegan. Some of their games were at home, but most were away. Students who had never played a team sport before did a great job on the basketball court - dribbling, passing, shooting and scoring. Being part of the unified basketball program is a fun way for students to build skills and make friendships all at the same time.



Back Row: Coach Dolloff, Mentor Gavin Mclean, Nick Curtis, Parker Littlefield, Mentor Ella Crooker, Mentor McKenna Bennett, Mentor Mykale Bennett, Levi Schneider, Eryck Nickerson, Coach Barnes

Front Row: Tessa Curtis, JJ Beaulieu, Luke Schneider, Hayden Warman Missing from photo: Mentor Audrey Garnett



Pictures to left: Eryck Nickerson passes the ball to JJ Beaulieu, and JJ takes the shot. Way to go Mt. View!



Enjoy this section of the newspaper where we ask teachers to share some of the great things happening in and out of their classrooms.



### CHAIRS ON STRIKE!

In Mrs. Beaulieu's 6th grade English Language Arts (ELA) class, students have been focusing on persuasive and argumentative writing. A unique twist occurred when the chairs in the classroom went on strike, prompting the students to write persuasive letters advocating for their return. The task required students to articulate three compelling reasons why they believed the chairs should be returned. Fortunately, the chairs gave in to reason!



Students work hard to convince chairs to return!

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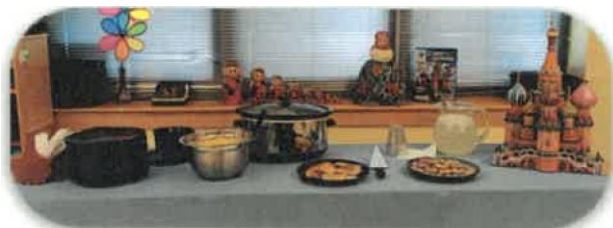


### MAKING MUSIC

On February 2-3, 2024, members of the Mount View Middle School Chamber Singers performed in an Honor Chorus at the Kennebec Valley District Music Festival. The music festival highlights some of the best and brightest student singers and musicians in Central Maine. The festival is held at a different school each year. This year's performance took place at the Waterville High School.

### DISCOVERY CLASS WORLD TOUR 2023-2024

The MVMS Life Skills discovery classes have been virtually touring the world all year long. Part of each unit of study includes tasting foods associated with that country. Our tour of Russia in January concluded with a Russian feast of beef stroganoff, Russian-style pierogies, Russian butter cookies with jam, and Russian lemonade, all made by classroom staff. Our tour of China in February concluded with a Chinese feast of pork fried rice, egg rolls, crab rangoon, lo mein noodles, skewered chicken and beef, and fortune cookies, all graciously donated by China Jade of Unity, Maine. Students have had a great time this year learning about countries, cultures and cuisines from all around the world.



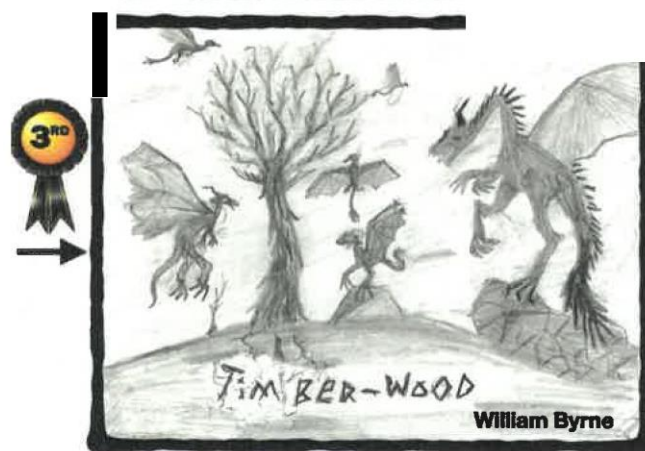
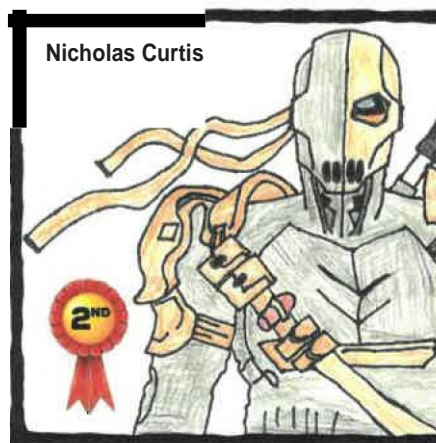


# Mythic Poster Contest

## MYTHIC MASIIS

By the Newspaper Staff

The staff of the Mustang Messenger sends out a big thank you to everyone who participated in our mythic poster contest. We were really excited to see all of the entries and also to invite the entire student body to vote for who they thought should win. Congratulations to our winners! They are 7th-grader Anabel Marion who came in first place with her unique artwork depicting a wendigo-style creature; 8th-grader Nicholas Curtis who came in second place with his modern artwork of Deathstroke, and 6th-grader William Byrne who came in third place with his specialized dragon artwork entitled "Timber-Wood". Each winner received a gift certificate to the cafeteria, where they can purchase many speciality items. When you see these students, we hope you will congratulate them!



## LIVING THE VISION AWARDS

Congratulations to the recipients of the Quarter 2 Living the Vision Awards. These students show the qualities described in our school vision: *"Mount View Middle School is a respectful, purposeful, safe and friendly learning environment where students are motivated to succeed."*

**6th Grade:** Ella Crooker, Adam Goslee, Robert Granville, Madyson Ludden, Levi Schneider,

**7th Grade:** Xavier Cowan, Sarah Harriman, Parker Littlefield, Anabel Marian, Sam Neville

**8th Grade:** JJ Beaulieu, Jayden Dodge, Amelia Lewis, Landon Nutting, Collin Smith, Webster Stone

*Miss Jacquie's Interview Continued from Page 1*

**Q:** What do you like best about your job, and what is the best thing about working at MVMS?

**A:** Definitely interacting with all the students. The students and staff are an awesome group of people!

**Q:** What are some of the biggest changes you've seen in schools since you were a student?

**A:** We used to have a one-room schoolhouse with 25-30 children in kindergarten to 8th grade with only one teacher! Now, schools have classrooms for all grade levels, and students are offered so many extra-curricular activities. Also, everything used to be done on paper or chalkboard. Now most things are done digitally.

**Q:** We're sure you have A LOT of memories that stand out to you over the years. Can you share a special one with us?

**A:** One of my favorite memories is when I was in Unity, and all the kids came into my office and sang *Happy Birthday* to me.

**Q:** On a personal note, what do you like to do in your free time?

**A:** I still enjoy reading. I also love to sing and do so at church and other events. Being with family and friends is always at the top of my list.

**Q:** What is your favorite food? Your least favorite food? Your favorite movie? Your favorite book?

**A:** My favorite food is definitely anything Italian, like pizza and spaghetti. My least favorite food is sushi - I do not like raw fish! My favorite movie is the original *Grease*, and my favorite book is *Freckles*.

**Q:** What does your dream retirement look like?

**A:** I don't want to retire!

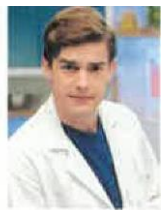
**Q:** Do you have any words of wisdom to give the students of MVMS?

**A:** Work hard, have fun being a kid, and enjoy your family and friends.



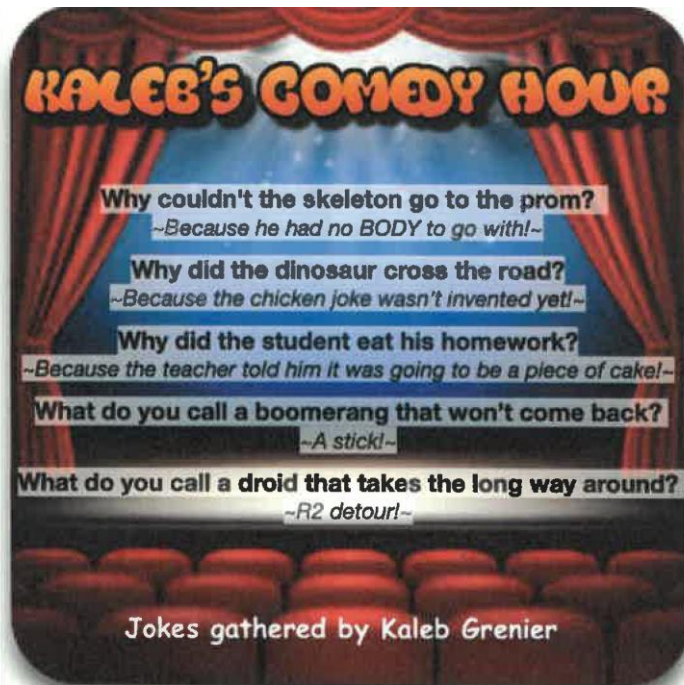
## GOODBYE MATPAT?

By Joseph Anderson



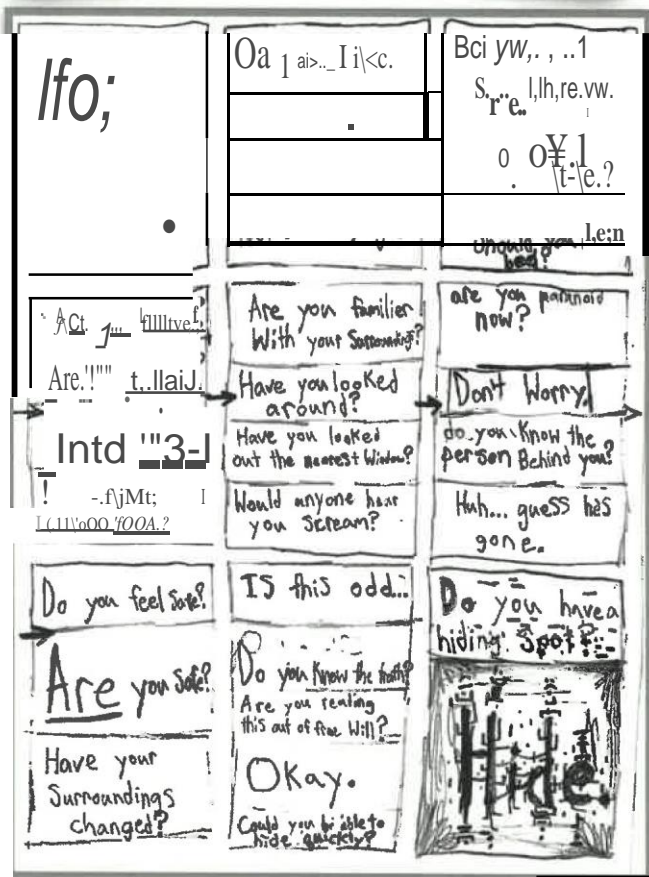
Do you know the phrase "But hey, that's just a theory... a game theory!"? Then you must know the popular YouTuber MatPat. MatPat started his Youtube channel in 2011. He named his first channel "The Game Theorists" which has 667 videos. He became popular because people really liked listening to him talk about game theories, and he's sort of funny, too. He became so famous from his first YouTube channel that he made three spin-off channels: Film Theory, Food Theory and Style Theory. As of September 2023, MatPat had over 40 million subscribers.

On January 9, 2024, MatPat announced his retirement which literally left his subscribers in tears. When he was asked what he was going to do after he retired, he said he wanted to spend more time with his family. Fortunately, he still has one channel left called GTLive (short for Game Theory Live) that he uploads to once or twice a week. So, it looks like he may stay with us for a little while longer after all.



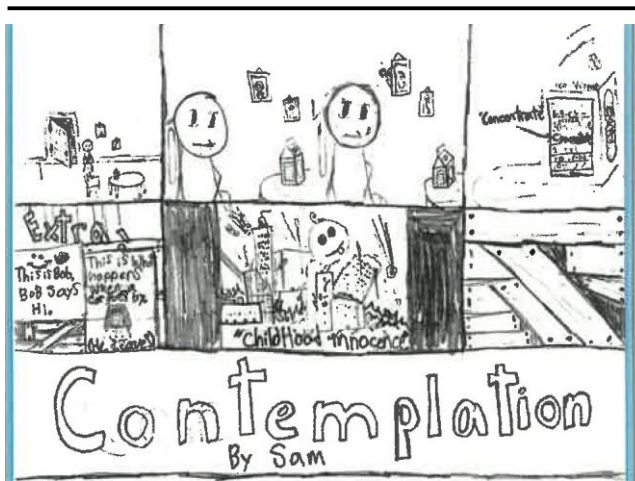
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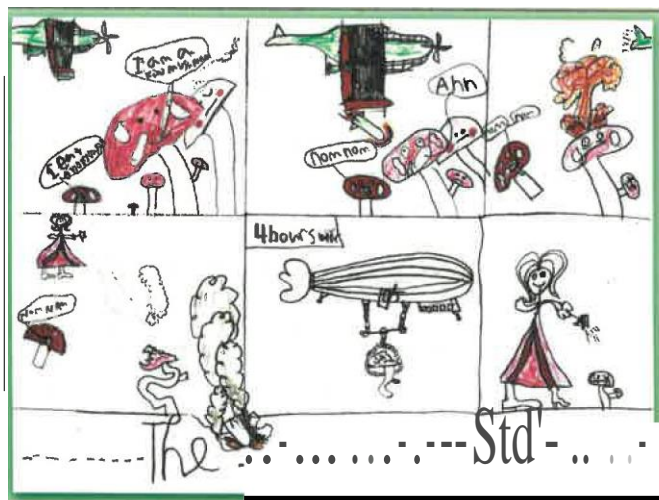


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