

# MUSTANG MONTHLY NEWS



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## ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE @ MRE

### MRE LEADING THE WAY

#### MRE Girl Scouts Working to Save the Planet

By Chloe Bryant  
MRE Reporter

Imagine this, birds and other animals swallowing plastic, lots of plastic. That happens in our world today, but there are some amazing girl scouts in fourth grade they are cleaning the environment. Not only are they cleaning the environment, they installed the new water fountains. They care about the environment so much that they had to share it with us.

Their names are Elise Burns, Lexi Moore, Audrey Russell, and Olivia Hummel. These girls are cleaning up the plastic and using less. Elise Burns thinks that this is important because a lot of kids were not drinking water because the taste was horrible, so she wanted to get better tasting and healthy water for the kids here at MRE. she is ecstatic about this project, because now we have clean water to drink.

Audrey Russel agrees with Elise on the taste of the water. She also said that people were wasting plastic water bottles and she encourages them to bring non-plastic water bottles, so they can help to save the environment. She has noticed that people look a little sick after they drink the water from the old water fountains. She is super happy about the project and helping the environment

Lexi Moore thinks that this is making children healthy. She is happy about the outcome of this project and she said the water tastes a whole lot better and people seem happier.

The last girl scout that helped with this project is Olivia Hummel, she said the water was horrible and she thinks that has had an impact on her classmates. She also said everyone was thirsty and she encourages you to bring your own water bottle that you can fill up at the water stations. She said they did this

because of pollution to save wildlife and the world. She said the taste is a lot better now than it was. Olivia is happy that they did something to change the world.

It is quite clear that these girls have had a huge impact on our school. Hopefully these girls have had an impact on how you feel about saving the world. They are changing the world **one water fountain at a time.**



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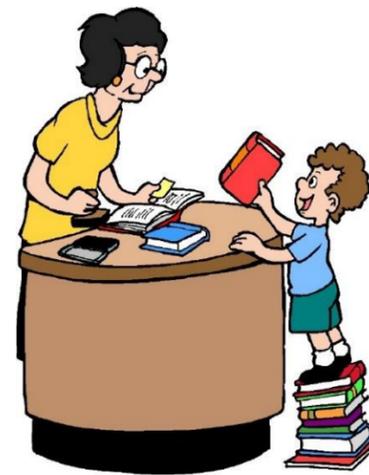
## Blue Bonnet Books in Bloom @ MRE

By Luke Walker  
MRE Reporter

This month Madeley Ranch students are voting on Blue Bonnet Award winners. The Blue Bonnet Award is an organization that chooses books so kids can read them and then vote for which book they think is the best. To explain it better we interviewed Mrs. Anderson, the librarian.

Mrs. Anderson thinks that Blue Bonnet Books are very important because it gives kids a chance to share their opinion and gives them more activities. She also said that she enjoys doing it, but she wishes that there was a more diverse selection of books. This MRE reporter asked her if there was anything she would change about the Blue Bonnet Awards and she says she wishes that there were audio books and more reading levels available to kids in the lower grades.

Mrs. Anderson thinks that the most popular books are Magic Misfits and Shadow Weaver. Good luck to all the Blue Bonnet Award winning books up for voting at Madeley Ranch.



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# E-TRACK SHOWCASE 2019-2020

## *THE SHOWCASE SHOWDOWN!!*

### Showcasing our Learning at MRE

By Seth Mogosmortean and Chase Lee  
MRE Reporters

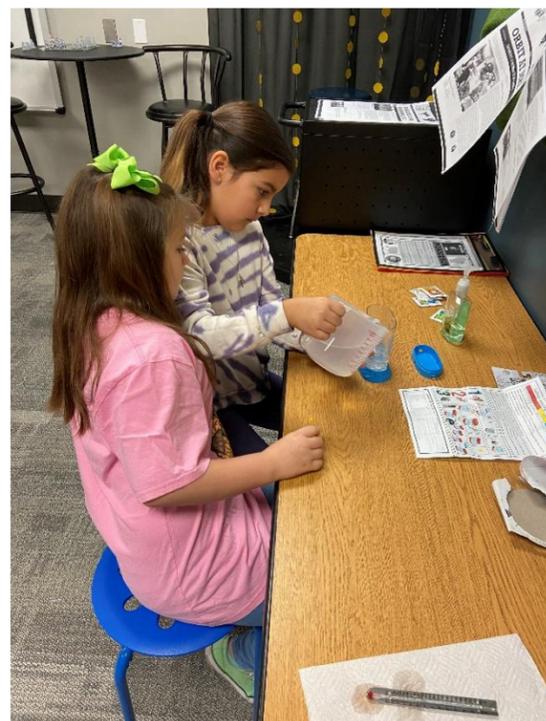
The E-Track showcase is right around the corner with all the E-Tracks showcasing their outstanding talents in many ways. There are many E-Tracks, in fact there are 22 E-Tracks! That is a lot of interesting learning going on and they are all amazing!

With E-Tracks, students at MRE can learn more about their favorite skill and show what they've learned. Other classes and parents come to MRE and see the terrific talent here at Madeley Ranch. Students are not required to know anything about the subject they choose. They can try something new and learn that class. But all together E-Tracks are challenging and sometimes they get in teachers teaching time which can be an obstacle but other than that E-Tracks are a terrific activity.

The E-Track showcase is on January 31st, so the E-Tracks better get working and have it all planned out. At the E-Track showcase students will each have a time to go showcase. Students will receive information from their teacher which tells the students when they are required to go.

Overall, I think they will do an awesome job and shock the crowd in amazement. The parents could also come see what their kids learned and what over kids have learned in E-Tracks.

But most people would say that E-Tracks are a positive, challenging, and fun activity. And help with the kid's favorite skills and make them better at it. That is why E-Tracks are a great activate to learn and are the best of all.



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**JAN 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**

# MLK DAY

## A DAY OF SERVICE

By Luke Walker  
MRE Reporter

Martin Luther King Jr was one of the most important people in history. He accomplished many great things that changed the United States forever. But, the most important thing he has ever done was giving African Americans more freedom. Back in the 1950s and 1960s, black people had less freedom than they do today.

Dr. Martin Luther King was a minister that saw the way black people were suffering and decided that there had to be a change. He had a dream that all people would one day be treated equally everywhere. He did this by having peace rallies and marches with no violence. He wanted change to be peaceful.

The reason why we celebrate this day is because it is his birthday. We thank Dr. King for all the great things he has ever done to change the way of thinking in the United States for the better. People all over volunteer on this day and show service and work together the way Dr. King dreamed it would be.



# NEW TEACHER NEWS

## Meeting Mrs. Knez

By Luke Walker  
MRE Reporter

This month's New Teacher of The Month is Mrs. Knez. Mrs. Knez has been teaching for 10 years. The grades she has taught are Pre k, Kinder, 1<sup>st</sup> grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 4<sup>th</sup> grad, and she was a science lab teacher. She moved here with her husband from Pasadena so she could be closer to home. She feels that Madeley Ranch Elementary stands out from other schools because the students here and the administration are amazing, and she says it's just a good place to be.

Before coming to our school, Mrs. Knez taught at Mae Smyth, College Park, La Porte, and Bay Shore. She says out of all the grades she has ever taught 3<sup>rd</sup> is without a doubt her favorite! Thank you, Mrs. Knez, for taking time out of your day to let us interview you.



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# CHOW DOWN AT THE RANCH

## LEARNING LESSONS ABOUT LUNCH



By Juan Magallenes and  
Brayden Nichols  
MRE Reporters

The Lunch Ladies at our school are sometimes underappreciated for all they do for kids. They make all our food and they serve our food to us. The least everyone can do is what they ask of you, and try to say things like “no thank you, yes please, no sir, yes sir, no mam, and yes mam” because just doing those things can go a long way in someone’s day. So, if they ask you to stop talking or the teacher asks you to stop talking don’t be rude and keep talking, stop talking and you won’t get in trouble or be sent to the back of the line.

When you want something in the lunch line, or the second line ask nicely not rudely because it shows a lot about your character. If you don’t like their food it’s ok you don’t have to like it, but don’t be rude and say I don’t like it because that could hurt their feelings because they make that food for you. So, don’t say you don’t like it, just keep it in your head; they don’t force you to get a certain thing.

If you don’t have enough money for something you want don’t be rude or get mad, just tell your mom or dad when you get home that money needs to be added to your account. There are plenty of things you can do to make the Lunch Ladies day or improve your character. Just think about how much that they do for you and how much you do for them. Have you ever thought about that?

We interviewed Ms. Tonya, the manager, of the cafeteria and this is what she had to say. “All I ask is next time you go through the lunch line do some of the things I clearly stated today”.

She has been working in the cafeteria for a whole year and she has been the manager of the cafeteria for the whole year she has been working here.

In the cafeteria she has to do many things such as making the food serving the food and making sure they have the right amount of food.

She shared that she was born in Mobile, Alabama and she went to Lone Star College and what’s funny is she actually went to College for to be an auto technician but now she is “cranking out” food for kids at MRE.

Even in this job, she has lots of homework apparently, she has to estimate the amount of food all of the kids are going to eat per day.

She wants the kids to have a good meal. Sometimes she is worried, but she knows that she’s doing a good thing.

These MRE reporters asked Ms. Tonya to rate a few things 1-10 at MRE:

MRE kids are a 10 because sometimes they tell fun stories they give her hugs.

Being at MRE is a 10 because she likes serving us healthy choices and watching us enjoy the meals that are healthy for our body.

So next time you are in the lunch line, be respectful. They work really hard to keep us full.

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# *5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE AMERICAN HERO WRITING CONTEST*

By Lance Ehlers

During the month of December, our Madeley Ranch's 5<sup>th</sup> graders individually worked on an essay about their personal American Hero. Every year all 5<sup>th</sup> graders participate in this contest and once again Madeley Ranch rose to the occasion and put their best foot forward.

All the 5<sup>th</sup> graders did an outstanding job on their essays. Some students even caught the eye of the Lake Conroe Area Republican Women and were awarded an honorable mention or 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the area competition. The members of the Lake Conroe Area Republican Women's organization request submissions from area schools. Once the essays are written, the ladies read every single one keeping watch for any essays that impress.

Students may choose anyone that is an American citizen and write about the personal meaning that person has on them.

The students that received honorable mention include Logan May, Lucas Cornell, Lance Ehlers, Kallie Carver, Kadence Keel, Bryson Stephens, Madeleine Thompson, Felice Hereford, Ansley Bull, and Jacob Rylie.

**Congratulations to all these students!!!!**

**Madeley Ranch also had 3 essays that shown above the rest.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place – Chloe Bryant**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Emma Arrowsmith**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Laeci Boran**

These amazing writers will be invited to a luncheon at the April Sound Golf Club on March 5<sup>th</sup> along with their parents. The luncheon is hosted by the Lake Conroe Area Republican Women.

Once again, congratulations to all these students for their hard work.

