



Dolphin Pride



MARATHON MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL

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Marathon Welcomes Mr. Trevor Tyler as New Assistant Principal

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by Cami Wrinn

Marathon welcomed a new face to our Fins family last week, Mr. Trevor Tyler. Mr. Tyler was selected to fill the role left vacant when longtime assistant principal Liz Logan retired earlier this month. Like most students and staff, MHS's newspaper crew was eager to learn about our newest staff member. Students in the journalism elective class compiled some question for him, and Mr. Tyler has graciously answered them.

Q&A With Mr. Tyler!

Where did you grow up?
Lake City, Florida

How long have you been in the education system?

19 years

Favorite thing about living in the Keys?
Seeing the ocean and unique nature every day

Favorite NFL football team?
Jacksonville Jaguars

Hobbies you do in your free time?
Fishing, enjoying nature, boating, enjoying time with friends and family

Why did you decide to work at Marathon?
What better family than the Dolphin family?

What are your plans to enhance the school?
Learning everyone's names and focus on working toward the goals set by Dr. McPherson and the MHS staff

Do you have children?
Yes, three children and grandchildren

What is your favorite color?
Green. It reminds me of nature

What was and what is your dream job?
Well, when I was younger, I wanted to be a veterinarian, but as I became an adult it became being an administrator.

Dolphin Pride Athletics

Football Ends Season on a High Note



Dolphins Football Team after their big 28-14 Win over Everglades Prep

By Kylie McDaniel

Football ended their season with a record of 3-6 last Wednesday after a hard-fought victory against the Panthers of Everglades Prep.

Senior Sergio Morales attributed the victory to his teammates and their execution of plays. "I felt like everybody on our team did their part."

Head Coach Mac Childress had nothing but praise for his hard-fighting Fins. Coach C said, "Our team improved vastly over the course of the season, and closed out the year with a big win at home. We are playing with much more confidence

and physicality, and our players believe we can win! We have a solid core of players returning with varsity experience. Next year our goal is to have a winning record and beat Coral Shores, and that starts with the offseason. Our coaching staff is going to challenge our players like never before in the weight room and with conditioning. Next season we want our team to be bigger, faster, and stronger and outwork other teams that might be more talented. Our program is definitely on the rise, and our players and coaches are hungry to keep getting better. Go Dolphins!"

Post Game Player Highlights

Thomas Eubank 12 tackles, 1 Fumble recovery, 1 DefTD
61 rush yards 1 TD

Malachi 4 Tackles, 1 Sack
84 rush yards, 2 TD's

Cole McDaniel 3 Tackles, 1 Fumble recovery

Volleyball Team Advances to District Semi-Finals

by Lily Ridgell

The 2021 Varsity Volleyball season has come to a close and this year's team did a fantastic job of communicating on the court to achieve a solid level of team unity. Another team strength was their formidable blocking game led by seniors Molly Prince and Emily Suarez. Hitting was another strength as well with seniors, Rylan Chapa, Lily Guo, and Emily Suarez. These seniors will leave an enormous gap on the team next year, but the underclassmen seem up to the challenge.

The culminating event for the Lady Fins this year was a big win on their senior night against Keys Gate in which the score was 25-22 for the first set, 25-11 for the second set, and 25-11 for the third set, bringing the game to an end. It is very sad to watch our senior girls leave, however

we are wishing them the best in their adventures after high school. In addition to Guo, Chapa, Suarez, and Prince, the Fins will also lose their most reliable setter, Madison Elwell who was also an amazing server.

The Lady Fins headed into districts on October 18th and left with a huge win against Somerset South Homestead. The Fins won the first set with a score of 25-22, lost the second set with a score of 13-25, but had a comeback with wins for the third and fourth sets with scores of 25-14 and 28-26. Our Lady Fins then headed into District Semi-Finals on October 19th, but sadly took a loss which kept them from moving on to District Finals. The team's season may have ended earlier than they hoped, but it was full of lasting memories and great accomplishments.



Cross Country Still Running Strong

On the girls' side, the race was a bit closer with 7th grader Maeve Merryman edging out sophomore Mikkel Ross by less than a minute and only four places. Maeve took 11th place and Mikkel finished in 15th. The girls finished 4th in the district, securing their regional appearance.

Regionals will take place this Friday at South County Regional Park Boca Raton. Head Coach Jim Murphy said, "As long as the course stays dry it should be a

fast course. This will be our first morning race all season and we are looking forward to seeing if all of



above: girls team with district medals

our speed training the last couple of weeks pays off."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 11/8 Girls Soccer at Westwood Christian 4pm
- 11/9 Boys Soccer at Westwood 4pm
- 11/10 Girls Weightlifting at Coral Shores 3:30pm
- 11/10 Girls Soccer Home vs. St. Brendan 3pm
- 11/12 & 13 Girls Basketball at SLAM Tourney
- 11/12 Girls Soccer Home vs. Florida Christian 4pm
- 11/12 Boys Soccer Home vs. Florida Christian 6pm
- 11/13 Middle School Boys and Girls Soccer Home vs Miami Country Day Starting at 11am



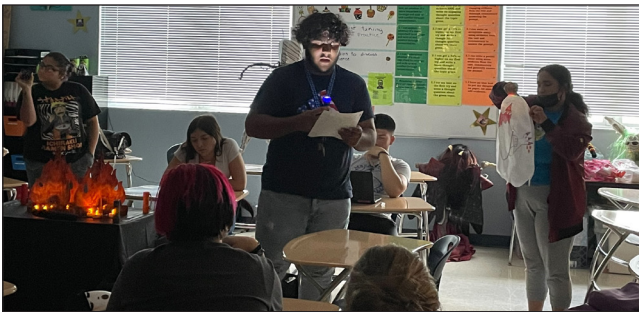
Above: Denety Garcia and her monster, "DK".

Seniors Showcase Spooky Stories

by Dainely Gomez Perez & Shayla Lopez

October is known as a month filled with horror and mystery and recently seniors partook in a project that has sparked their inner creativity. After reading Mary Shelley's Frankenstein, the seniors created their own monsters. The project, assigned by Mrs. Thacker, included writing the backstory of the monster as well as making a physical model of

the ghastly creature. Students used countless materials both handmade or store bought featuring their creativity and the backstories left many with goosebumps after students presented them in class. Projects like this offer students a hands-on approach to learning and are greatly appreciated by many students.



Above: Rodolfo Castillo Perez presents his monster to the class.



Champions for Change Ties Up Red Ribbon Week 2021

by Nory Maradiaga

On October 25th, Marathon celebrated Red Ribbon Week. During Red Ribbon Week, Champions for Change hosted numerous activities and events including daily themed dress up events, a dance, drawings, a school-wide assembly, and even a flash mob!

Now what is Red Ribbon Week? It is the largest drug-abuse prevention campaign in the United States. This started when Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena was brutally murdered by drug traffickers that he was investigating in Mexico in 1985. After his death, people started to wear red ribbons to honor his death. Red Ribbon Week is all about inspiring kids to be drug free. Everything starts with the new generation.

Champions for Change is a club sponsored by Dr. Belotti. The club promotes drug and alcohol prevention. Champions for Change wants the students in our school to be aware of the dangers of drugs and alcohol in a developing body. They do many things around the community to help other people in need. For Red Ribbon Week, the members of Champions for Change have decorated all around the school with red flags and banners to catch their attention.

Champions for Change is a club at our school with members that are committed to helping others in need and changing the community for the better. If this seems like something which interests you, be sure to join next year. It is a great club to develop your leadership skills and offers lots of different ways to become involved with your community.

Stone Crab Season Begins for Florida Keys Commercial Fishermen...Prices Up, Catches Down

by Kiki Hewlett

I'm sure everyone has heard about a stone crab before, but if you haven't, a stone crab is a sea creature with brownish red color with grey spots, and have unequally sized claws with black tips. Male Florida stone crabs have a larger pincher claw than females, who usually grow larger than males. They live to be up to eight years old. Females reach maturity at about two years old.

Commercial fishermen go out every day to go and harvest the larger claws from

these creatures. Fishermen usually sell their fresh catch to fisheries or restaurants. They catch stone crabs by throwing all their crab traps in the beginning of the season and letting them soak for 15 days. After those 15 days the boat goes out each day and pulls hundreds of traps to see what the traps hold. If there are any legal sized crabs they take the claws off of the crabs. They then throw the crab back in the water, and finally rebait trap and throw it back. Crabs then regrow their missing claw

and are left with one to feed and defend themselves while the missing claw regrows. So far, this year's season has not been so great.

Local Captian Butch Hewlett explained why fishermen seem disappointed in a season in which the price per pound is up. He said that he's only bringing in about 200 pounds of stone crab per day, while during previous seasons he would bring in 400-500 pounds per day. With any luck, the fishing will pick up in time for one of Marathon's oldest and most

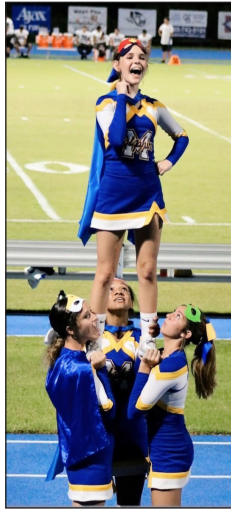
anticipated events later this spring, the Marathon Seafood Festival. This year's festival runs from March 12th - 13th.



Above: A great haul of stone crab claws.



Veterans Day 2021



Veterans Day Facts

November 11th is the date of Veterans Day each year, with only the day of the week changing. The significance of that exact date hails from World War I. The armistice between the allied forces and Germany was put into effect on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918.

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower officially changed the name of the holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day.

Veterans Day differs in meaning from Memorial Day which is in May. Memorial Day honors those who lost their lives while serving in the military while Veterans Day honors all who served.

There are more than 20 million living veterans in the United States.

November 11th Particularly Special for Mr. Lafountain

On Thursday, school is closed in recognition of Veterans Day, a day in which we thank and honor the service men and women who have sacrificed their time and served in our nation's armed forces. In honor of Veteran's Day, The Dolphin Pride wanted to pay tribute to Marathon High School's own Mr. Brandon Lafountain. Prior to teaching, Mr. Lafountain did a five year enlistment with the United States Navy where he was a Hospital Corpsman. His medical training served us well

here at Marathon, as Mr. Lafountain just finished teaching the entire freshman and junior classes basic CPR.

When asked how his time in the military related to teaching, Mr. Lafountain explained, "Experience from the military helped me work together as a cohesive group. When one failed, we all failed and vice versa. I learned to take pride in everything I did, from shinning my shoes to taking care of active duty members in the clinic. Learning what is important and

what motivates a person to act is invaluable within the classroom." This will likely come into play quite a bit this winter, as Mr. Lafountain will be coaching boys' soccer along with Coach Cruz where "working as a cohesive group" is essential.

For anyone considering a career with the military, Mr. Lafountain offers this advice. "I would recommend researching what options could be pursued. It is way more than the media portrays; there are so many avenues to travel

MHS Media Paparazzi Pics

Just some random pictures journalism and media students contributed

Clockwise from directly above:

Aiden Gonzalez shows off some spirit links at the latest pep rally, MHS Golf Team, cheerleaders lead the crowd in a stunt, seniors being seniors, FELIS Club, Ms. Soko's students show off their recent book projects.

More Marathon Middle High School Veterans



Chester Kaczka

Maintenance

Mr. Kaczka described his time in the military as "very rewarding but very intensive." He served 6 years in the Florida Army National Guard.

Mr. Kaczka suggests students interested in serving their country take the ASVAB test to see what would suit them best.



Kevin Birkmeyer

AC Technician

Mr. Birkmeyer served 3 years in the Navy where he said the most challenging part was going through boot camp. The Navy trained him on hydraulics and boiler repair. His enlistment taught him responsibility, solid work ethic, and respect.