



# MUSTANG NEWS



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## Middle School Reflection

By: Daniella Porcelli

Over the course of my three years as a middle schooler at Mineola, I have had so many amazing experiences that I will always carry with me for the rest of my life. I have made so many new friends and have grown closer with tons of people. These long-lasting relationships are the ones that I know will stay with me through the years.

From field trips like Medieval Times, Adventureland, Boston and 5th and 6th grade field days, these are the experiences that I am sure I will look back on and cherish deeply. These were the experiences that stick with you. The real-life opportunities that happen in an instant and soon become distant memories. Looking back the school PRIDE Assemblies where everyone in the building got together to cheer on accomplishments and support one another as a community to the Agency Hours where we were able to reflect on experiences and develop skills like citizenship, empathy and understanding, allowed the school community to support one another and celebrate all that we have done.

These three years have brought me so much joy and taught me numerous amounts of things. Even the simplest things were the best ones over these past years! I cannot wait to see what's in store for me in the grades to come but I will most definitely miss being a middle schooler at Mineola Middle School!



“Summer means happy times and good sunshine.”

BRIAN WILSON

# UPCOMING FIELD DAY!

## Get ready to have some fun 5th and 6th graders.

By: Anthony Sorrentino

On 6/5/24, 5th and 6th grade learners will be able to compete in field day games. These games include Nukem, Handball, Soccer, and more. The 7th graders will be able to join in on the fun by helping to make sure games have a referee and each station runs smoothly. Each class will have a blue and red team with both having two leaders. The leaders are given a lot of responsibility. They have to lead their team to different games, and they are also given a piece of paper to show their teams where to go next.

Here are rules about the sports:

Let me tell you about the game I really want to have first, Nukem! Nukem is a game that is kind of like volleyball but with throwing and catching instead. In this game you must throw the ball over the net and someone on the other side must catch it. If they catch it, it is their turn to throw. If you try to catch the ball and it hits the ground after you touch it, you are out. So, let's say it bounces and no one touches it, whoever is closer is out. Also, let's say your teammate throws it then the other team throws it over, your teammate has a chance to get you back in if they catch the ball one handed. Another rule is after you catch the ball you can't take any steps, but you have a limit of three passes to your teammates. But, let's say you throw to your teammate and they drop it, they are out. Now what if the ball is thrown over and it hits you or bounces off and hits your entire team? This would mean the whole team is out. If one person catches it, the team is safe. If someone touches the ball and it goes up, then you catch it one handed, a person doesn't come back in. That is really it for Nukem!

Here is my second favorite game: Handball. Handball is known as the game of threes because there are three rules that involve the number three. One rule is you can't take more than three steps so many players pivot, that is when you keep one foot on the floor and turn with the other foot. Another rule is three passes before a shot can be allowed. The last rule is you can't have the ball for more than three seconds. The only thing with this rule is that if the person guarding you doesn't count, you can still have the ball. If the ball touches the ground, it is a turnover. There is also no rebound, that means if a goalie blocked a shot and bounces off, you can't pick it up and shoot again. All done with Handball, now the next sport!

The Soccer we will play will be changed, including rules. Instead of throw ins, you just put the ball down at your feet and pass it in. There are no corners, no matter what, even if the other team kicks the ball behind the goal. There is one goalie which is really the most important position. There are usually a lot of chances to shoot, that is where the goalie must pay attention. Many times, players shoot the ball hard, and the air curves the ball away from the goal. Instead, you should tap the ball in instead of kicking it as hard as you can. That is all about Soccer.

As you can see, field day will be amazing, there are even more games plus you get to miss periods 1, 2, and 3, then 5th grade goes straight to lunch. Make sure to eat a nice breakfast and use sunblock before coming to school. That is all for my article about field day. I hope to see you there!



# Recap of MMS!

By: Jamie Craine

As this year ended, I can't help but reflect on all of the memories that I have made at Mineola Middle School! Some of my favorites were the Decade Dance where the DJ was probably the best part. He played all of our favorite hits and so many people were dancing. Also, playing Coke and Pepsi was so fun! Stuck for a Buck was another favorite event! Oh man, that was a fun one right in the cafeteria seeing our own teachers taped to the wall was hilarious! It was also a fundraiser and that makes it even better since it was helping others.

The Pride Assemblies were my favorite part of the year! These were where the whole school came together for these exciting assemblies and everyone would wait for the best part, the karaoke! This was definitely one of the best things this year!

And of course, all my teachers this year my teachers were amazing, especially Mrs. Fabiitti and Mrs. Rojas and they, along with all the other amazing teachers in the building, deserve a huge thank you for all they do!

This was my first year in MMS and definitely one of the best. I can't wait for next year and all the other adventures that MMS has in store for me!



# Solar Eclipse 2024

By: Sami Hossain

The Solar Eclipse that the North American countries of Mexico, USA, and Canada, will have will be taking place on Monday April 8, 2024. This is a very cool event that you and your friends don't want to miss.

## Path of Totality

The path of totality tells us what time and where we will be seeing the solar eclipse. The solar eclipse will be starting at Mexico at 11:07 AM, and will be ending in Canada around 5-ish. The map shows us what time we will be seeing the solar eclipse.

After...

That was a really cool event we saw. However, some people thought it was boring because we weren't in totality. Those that went to Buffalo, good for you! Mineola will be in totality in 2079! That's a long time from now!

Want to see more eclipses from other cities? Go to [eclipse2024.org](https://eclipse2024.org) and go to eclipse simulator. Just type in a city and you'll see how those people that were there saw the solar eclipse.

