



ELECTION 2016

By Tracy Weener

THE POWER IS IN OUR HANDS.

We can make the very important decision of who will represent our actions, express our feelings, and voice our words for the next four years, or possibly more. This is the presidential race of 2016, between former secretary of state, Hillary Clinton, and New York-native tycoon Donald Trump.

NOW FAST FORWARD.

After months of a stressful, heated campaign and an ongoing race for the presidency that never seemed to end, the election of 2016 has finally come to a close. As you might know, the Masco middle school students held a mock election on November 8th. As important as students' voices are, I was very curious as to find out what our teachers thoughts were, since they are the adults we look up to and our mentors and guides to making good choices in the future.

Looking at the election from an adult's perspective is very different from students' points of views, and vice versa. We also can learn a lot from each other. So prior to the results, I went

around the building, laptop in hand, ready to tackle as many interviews as I could. My mission was to ask as many Masconomet Middle School teachers short survey questions about the election. The making of this article was quite a journey for me, and I can't wait to share this amazing experience with you!

STUDENT / TEACHER SURVEY INFO, COLLECTED BETWEEN OCTOBER 18TH TO NOVEMBER 1ST:

When asked which candidate they predicted would win the election, more than 85% of the teachers surveyed responded that they predicted that Hillary Clinton would win. But in terms of the students: Trump nearly received as many votes as all the other candidates combined!

FINAL WORDS, AFTER NOVEMBER 8TH, ELECTION DAY-

The Election of 2016 was quite a historical event, and will be remembered for its very controversial candidates, hectic campaigning, and unexpected outcome. It might be a while before the people of the United

From the Principal's Desk



Hi Masco, it's Dr. Flaherty. The start of this school year is off and running. The beginning was very smooth, from

welcoming the new seventh graders, to our new community read, Life is Good. I'm very excited to watch students perform -- whether it is in the classroom, the band, or in a chorus performance. I also look forward to more inspiring events like the Can/Toy Drives. This is shaping up to be a memorable school year. Happy 2017!

States see another election quite as unpredictable as this one! I thank all the teachers that were so generous as to give me their honest inputs and contribute to the data. Another big thanks goes to the students of Masconomet Middle School that voted in the mock election. With the teachers' and students' information, this article was made possible!

Report back to you in four years!

Tokyo Steak House

RESTAURANT REVIEW

By Ella Licata



The Tokyo Steak House on Route 114 in Peabody, Massachusetts is an amazing restaurant. The impeccable food there ranges from steak to chicken, to sushi and fish. An exciting detail

about this wonderful place is that they cook the food right in front of you!! You get to experience the wonders of cooking and the fun, creative ways your servers impress you. Examples being a vegetable volcano, the tossing of an egg and fiddling with the knives and serving equipment. A great thing is that you also have the luxury of not driving too far for entertainment and food! The decor is based around a beautiful mix of calming Japanese culture. The aroma is a dense mix of steak and soy sauce that smells awfully delicious.

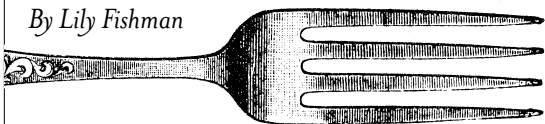
For dinner I had the steak and fried rice (which I might add was very well cooked) and I had some noodles and vegetables. My mom had the same thing as me but with shrimp. My dad had a similar dish, but instead of steak it was chicken. My brother following in my footsteps had the exact same meal. Our drinks varied from water to pineapple juice, to diet coke and some sort of soda.

We all enjoyed the dinner and it was reasonably priced. Also, kids (12 and under) eat free on Sunday!

MASCO JUNIOR CHEF



By Lily Fishman



Do you like to cook? Here is an easy recipe that you can make at home. This chicken finger recipe requires the following ingredients:

- Chicken Breast, 2 pounds, cut into strips
- Flour, ¼ cup
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Panko bread crumbs, 2 cups
- 2 Large eggs, beaten



DIRECTIONS:

Preheat your oven to 350°F. Set up an assembly line: place the cut up chicken in one bowl, the flour in the next bowl, the eggs in the next bowl, and the panko breadcrumbs in the fourth bowl. Add salt and pepper to the chicken, flour, and egg bowls. Do not add too much salt and pepper! Coat the chicken in the flour, then egg, then panko mixtures. Place each coated piece of chicken onto a greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350°F for 25-30 minutes. Enjoy!

Life is Good- OUR COMMUNITY READ



By Caroline Belanger

This year, Masco is participating in a community read with the book *Life Is Good* by Bert and John Jacobs, the founders of the multi-million dollar company Life Is Good. The whole Tri-Town community is participating in this read that will last the entire year. This book follows an incredible journey of the Jacob brothers are many great messages to be learned from their experience for all ages.

In a recent interview with Dr. Flaherty, we discussed her excitement for the book and the "Superpowers" (the theme of the book). In her opinion, all the superpowers are important, but

compassion is really important, as it connects to the main mission of the middle school. Dr. Flaherty is particularly excited because, this is the first community read that connects all the grades with the entire community.

Over the summer, Dr. Flaherty read the book and really enjoyed it. Throughout the book, she said she felt all the emotions -- joy, happiness, sadness, and love. She liked the grit and positive message it showed, and she really appreciated how it followed the journey and all the struggles, and then the success the Jacobs brothers faced.

According to Dr. Flaherty, "There are many messages to be learned from the book, like the idea of grit, the importance of all the superpowers and the idea of balance between work, fun and humor -- even when you are doing something difficult."

We're looking forward to learning more about the Jacobs brothers and how this powerful story can influence us all year long.

TEACHER OF THE TRI - Mrs. Bridgeo

By Arianna Dotolo



Mrs. Bridgeo is the school health teacher here at Masco. She is very funny and pleasant to be around. When the sky is grey she'll brighten up your day with her warm smile and witty jokes.

Mrs. Bridgeo clearly loves her job and has been at Masconomet for 17 years. Her favorite part is working with students. She loves teaching health because she gets to do a lot of hands-on projects. Mrs. Bridgeo told the Monitor that she wants to help the younger generation "make better choices."

Health is not the only subject she has taught. She has taught physical education and special education which makes it easier to talk (and relate) to other school issues.

Mrs. Bridgeo's other favorite "subject" is sports. She has coached field hockey, softball and hockey (and also played summer softball). Her favorite sport? Well, it depends on the season.

Luckily for her, her two children play hockey. What parent doesn't love watching their children play hockey?

Ask Anything

Dear Ask,
I'm a seventh grader who is tired of all the "bullying" stuff when none of it ever changes kids minds. Some of my friends are being bullied and I don't know what to do or say, but I try to stand up against it. How can I make it stop on my own?
Sincerely,
Caught in the Middle

Dear Caught in the Middle,
 If you are asking us to thank the hidden heroes of Masco, here we go. All those people out there, who have done big things, who have done small things, thank you, so much. You don't realize how much you have done for this school in such great numbers. Kids can be knuckleheads sometimes. Don't for one second doubt that. How you deal with knuckleheads are what matter most. And the hidden heroes of Masco know what to do, and please, continue to do. So to everyone, young and old, do everything you can to stop bullying.

Best regards,
 Alan



Dear Caught in the Middle,
 I'm not positive, but I think you are trying to ask us to thank the Hidden Heroes of Masco: the students who stand up for something that they think is unjust. Somebody had seen what was going on and stood up in your favor. Those students don't usually get credit for the incredible acts of kindness that can change a difficult situation to an easier equation. The amount of problems that arise in one school day for the entire middle school is numerous. Sometimes nobody stands up, and the problem is dismissed, with someone innocent mistakenly taking the blame. I'm really proud that your issue was resolved, and I hope people take this as inspiration to stand up for someone who has been wrongly accused.

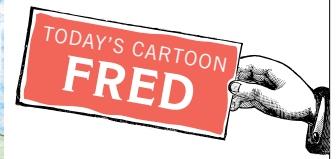
Take care,
 Amy

RIDDLER'S CORNER

By Lily Fishman and Ainsley Gruener

1. You will always find me in the past. I can be created in the present, But the future can never taint me. What am I?
2. I don't have eyes, but once I did see. Once I had thoughts, but now I'm white and empty.
3. What does everyone draw, but with no pen or pencil?
4. It can be cracked, it can be made, it can be told, it can be played. What is it?

Answers in next issue.



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