



The Bulldog Reporter

Machias Memorial High School News

April 22, 2019 – Edition

Close up Samantha Cox

Close Up Washington is a school trip that MMHS students fundraise for and go on when they are either a junior or a senior. Students travel to Washington, D.C. for the opportunity to see first hand how our government works as well as study visits to monuments to learn more about our history. Mrs. and Miss Albee supervise the trip. Sadly this year only two students would go Kaitlin LaPointe and I. To get to Bangor International Airport in time for our flight, we had to get up at 5 a.m. to meet the bus. We got to the airport at 7 a.m. and had about two hours to hang out. When the plane was ready to depart, we boarded and headed to D.C.



We had a smooth flight, and luckily, it was sunny out so we could enjoy the view. We arrived earlier than the rest of the schools, which meant we had time for our teachers to show us around before orientation. We were met at luggage pickup by Close Up greeters and waited for our ride. A black SUV pulled up, and we were surprised to see such a nice vehicle. The driver loaded our luggage in the back, opened the doors for us, and we left for the hotel. On our way there, we saw the Pentagon, Washington Monument, the FDR Memorial, and many other interesting sites.

Our hotel was the Key Bridge Marriott, a five star hotel that hosts weddings, and we were told that celebrities had stayed there. The inside was amazing, and we felt totally underdressed and out of place. We carried our luggage to the check in area in one of the basement ballrooms. Our check in was very simple: verify who you were, get your room card and go. After registration we went to put our luggage in our rooms, and then we went with our teachers and they showed us around the city a little bit before orientation. Orientation was exactly as it sounds, welcoming all the students with a dinner and rules overview. We were told the only day we were going to spend time with our teachers was Capitol Hill day which was Wednesday. It was Sunday so we thought it was going to be a long week.

Throughout the week we were escorted on study visits to many memorials by our program instructors. We learned about our government and how it functions. Some workshops were helping us learn about how to run and be in the government. In each workshop we discussed what different people do in the government. We talked about topics floating around the Capitol – immigration, the opioid crisis, the pledge of allegiance, and gun control.

The first day, Monday, was full of stuff for us to do. We split into groups for our workshops, Kaitlin and I were in group number 1. The first activity was going to the FDR Memorial to look around and talk about what he did for our country. We learned that the statue of him was positioned in a way that he was looking at something. We looked into the direction of his line of sight and saw that he was looking in the direction of the White House. We asked our group's instructor why he was looking at the White House, and he couldn't give us a straight answer. He told us many different reasons for it, but he didn't know himself.

Tuesday was another jam-packed day with places to see and things to do. First was a visit to the Marine Corps memorial, and this particular place is different than most. When you walk around the memorial, the flags that the soldiers are holding seem to move their positions. Our next stop was the WWII, Lincoln, Korea, and Vietnam memorials. Each person was given an assignment that was completed by going around the memorials. Then we transferred to Capitol Hill to take a group photo with students from our hotel and our program instructors.

Wednesday was finally the day with our teachers. We met our teachers in the lobby and walked to the Rosslyn Metro Station. As we walked, Mrs. Albee gave us metro cards and told us how to use them. We started to become very excited as we were taught to “metro surf.” Our stop was six stops away so we had a light conversation until it was our stop. Mrs. and Miss Albee told us about their many visits to Washington D.C., and the fun they had along with some of the things they had enjoyed on previous visits. We had the honor to meet with our Senators and Representative about the problems we were facing. They were very interested in what we had to say as well as what we thought was a problem. Our conversations consisted of the opioid crisis, marijuana, and vaping.

After Capitol Hill day was over, we were transferred to the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts to watch the play “Shear Madness.” The play is a murder mystery where the audience chooses the murderer. The play was hilarious and very interactive. During intermission we talked with the actors to decide which one we thought was the killer. They called on people in the crowd to recall what happened before the victim was killed. The audience corrected the actors for leaving details out. Overall, it was a very interactive play and it really seemed like everyone enjoyed it. Something awesome happened on our way out of the theater; one of the actors joined us in the elevator down and we got to have a short conversation with him! I highly suggest this

play. It is funny, interesting and entertaining.

The day with our teachers was the best day since we were together as well as sightseeing the city. We were given a tour of the Capitol through Senator King’s office which was wonderfully done. Our guide showed us around the capital, told us the history, and even the crypt where George Washington was supposed to be buried.

Thursday was a very cold and damp day. It was raining all day buckets and buckets of water non-stop. Everyone got wet and cold when we visited Arlington National Cemetery. We saw many graves along with the eternal flame at JFK’s memorial. The Changing of the Guard was a sight to behold. We stayed until 12:00 and then headed for lunch where we completed a workshop. We went to the White House, which would’ve been better if we weren’t drenched and cold. We did go to the National Portrait Gallery which was beautiful and vast.

By the time we got to the hotel it was 5:45 in the evening, and we had to go to a workshop. In our workshop we talked about what happened throughout the week and what we were proud of. Honestly, a lot of people were emotional. Everyone felt a connection; even though it was only a week we had made friends. People said a mixture of sad and happy things making even more people cry, while others made you laugh. This was the last workshop we would meet up for and everyone knew it so we made it fun. At our final dinner and banquet, each workshop had someone present a speech describing what happened and their thoughts about the week. Once again, some made you laugh while others made you sad.

The last thing everyone did on Thursday was go to the dance. We were given the pleasure of going to a dance equipped with a photo booth and DJ. The dance resembled something like what we put on at our school, with the music being of different types of songs. Most of the students were dancing, and every once in a while you would catch the teachers and staff join in.

Friday was the day to return home. We got to sleep in a bit more than the other days, and we finished packing that morning. We met our teachers at the front desk to turn in our keycards and got into the same black SUV that we were brought to the hotel in. Once we got to the airport, Mrs. Albee bought Kaitlin and I t-shirts, (thank you again Mrs. Albee) and led the way to our long flight home.

Earth Day Megan Preston

On April 22 we will celebrate Earth Day! Earth day doesn't have a long history, as it has its roots in the late 1960s. This time brought in ideas of folk rock, anti-war attitudes, and the most notable; hippies. Hippies could have sparked an idea in Gaylord Nelson, the founder of Earth Day. Nelson was a U.S. Senator at the time and saw the devastation that the 1969 massive oil spill caused as well as how bad pollution was getting. Knowing how society felt about the Vietnam War and care for the Earth, he called the environment into the political agenda.

On April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans took to the streets to demonstrate their passion for a healthy environment. Many college students also protested toxic waste dumps, sewage, pesticides, and loss of wildlife. This gamble worked. Both Democrats and Republicans agreed on this subject and the Environmental Protection Agency named April 22 Earth Day.

There are many ways you can help on Earth Day. The most common activities include picking up sidewalks, extra recycling, and spreading the word on how to reduce your carbon footprint. Kids also get to take part in Earth Day as well. You can teach them the ways to reduce how much trash you produce so they can continue this practice when they grow up. To set the mood, listen to some folk rock just like the original protestors did!



April Fool's Day Samantha Cox

April Fool's Day, a holiday celebrated for many centuries, but its origin is a conundrum. No one has any idea when it was created or where. Some historians believe that it dates back to 1582, when France moved from the Julian to Gregorian calendar.



The reason it's in April is because some people didn't realize that the New Year switched to January and continued to be celebrated in the last week of March to April 1st. That week was dedicated to jokes, pranks, and hoaxes. Some of these pranks were placing a paper fish on their back and being referred to as "poisson d'avril." This symbolizes the young, easily caught fish or a gullible person.

Historians have linked April Fool's Day to festivals such as Hilaria, where people dress up in disguise in ancient Rome. They also speculate that it was tied to the vernal equinox, or first day of spring in the Northern hemisphere, where Mother Nature makes unpredictable weather to fool people.

Now the pranks have been transformed into funny and sometimes cruel hoaxes. Some of these pranks have fake bugs, air horns and using balloons. The cruel ones are changing a caramel apple to an onion, filling a hairdryer with baby powder, and filling donuts with mayo.

April Jokes



Q: Which crime fighter likes April the most?

A: Robin

Q: When do gorillas fall from the sky?

A: During Ape-ril showers.

Q: Can February March?

A: No, but April May.

Q: Why is everyone so tired on April 1st?

A: Because they've just finished a long, 31

day March.

Q: Why is April so popular for using a trampoline?

A: It's Spring-time!

Q: Which April flowers grow on faces?

A: Tulips (2 lips).

History Of Easter **Grace Preston**

For Christians, Easter is celebrated for the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The week before Easter is called "Holy Week." Holy Week consists of Palm Sunday, Holy Monday, Tuesday, and Spy Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Christians recognize Easter as an event for their faith, but now people have associated Easter with non-Christian traditions like the Easter Bunny, Easter Parades, and hunting for Easter Eggs. Some say that the Easter eggs are an ancient symbol of new life, and from a Christian perspective, they are said to represent Jesus' emergence from the tomb. But, the hunting of the eggs is a non-related Christian tradition.



Easter Bunny Jokes **Smita Martin**



Q: What kind of Easter Bunny can't hop?

A: A chocolate bunny!

Q: How do Easter Bunnies stay healthy?

A: With Eggercise!

Q: Where does the Easter Bunny eat his breakfast?

A: At IHop!

Q: How does the Easter Bunny say Happy Easter?

A: Hoppy Easter!

Easter Eggs **Smita Martin**



If you do plan to eat your Easter eggs after the big celebration, just follow these simple rules!

1. First you need to wash your hands between all the steps of cooking, cooling, dyeing and decorating.
2. Second, be sure that all the decorating materials you use are food safe.
3. Then you need to keep the eggs refrigerated as much as possible. Put them back into the refrigerator whenever you're not working with them. (If you don't want to worry about eating and refrigerating the eggs you can use a tool to make a small hole in them and empty out the yoke).
4. If you hide the decorated eggs, put them where they won't come into contact with pets, other animals, birds or lawn chemicals.
5. Finally, after you've found all the hidden eggs, throw out any that are cracked or have been out at room temperature for more than two hours, (If not emptied).



Margaretta yearbooks are on sale.
See Mrs. Albee (Room 9) to preorder.
The book costs \$40.00

April Birthdays Rebecca Burgess

April 2 - Dylan Foss,
Makenzie Moores
April 3 - Kathie
Reynolds
April 5 - Nataiya Albee,
Brandan Jordan
April 15 - Alex Wood
April 24 - Austin Look
April 27 - Alex Keene



Baseball/Softball Schedule Rebecca Burgess



April 17 Away - Calais - 4:00
April 20 Home - Sumner - 1:00
April 22 Home - Woodland - 4:00
April 24 Home - Deer Isle Stonington - 4:30
April 26 Home - Narraguagus - 4:00
April 29 Away - Shead - 4:00
May 3 Away - Deer Isle Stonington - 4:30
May 6 Home - Jonesport-Beals - 4:00
May 8 Away - Sumner - 4:30
May 10 Away - Bangor Christian - 1:00
May 14 Away - Shead - 4:00
May 16 Away - Narraguagus - 4:00
May 18 Home - Bangor Christian - 1:00
May 22 Away - Jonesport Beals - 4:00
May 24 Away - Woodland - 4:00
May 29 Home - Calais - 4:00 (Senior Night)

April Facts

Flowers: Daisy and Sweet Pea.
Zodiac signs: Aries (March 21-April 19)
and Taurus (April 20-May 20)
How April got its name: Many believe it is
because flowers open in April, others
believe it is named for the Goddess
Aphrodite.

April Upcoming Events Abby Hooper

UPCOMING Events

April 8-13 – Dental Outreach Program
April 11 – Early Release
April 12 – Early Release
April 12-22 – Vacation
April 21 – Easter
April 22 – Earth Day

Senior Seminars Megan Preston

During the first
week of April the
seniors presented their
Senior Seminar
Projects. Senior

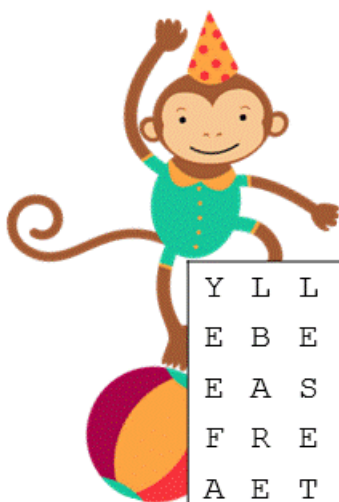


Seminar, also known as Senior English, is a
class that prepares the seniors to move on
into the community. The class has a hefty
curriculum as it covers a number of subjects.
The main subject is the Seminar itself. This
is a yearlong project that includes working
for ten hours with a mentor, a physical
project, as well as a slide show presentation.
Students prepare for the panel of judges,
hoping to get a 20, which is the highest
score. A fifteen is necessary to pass the
project.

A notable presentation was one from
Jakob Holland. Receiving a perfect score of
20, he truly did educate the judges on the
power of alternative energy sources. Another
senior, Matti Conlin, also received a perfect
score. Conlin's presentation was on
literature, and she even had her work
reviewed by a published author!

Many juniors had the opportunity to sit in
on a presentation to prepare for Senior
Seminar next year.

Got news?? See Mrs. Albee.



APRIL FOOL'S Day

APRIL 1st

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