

Ben Russow - Mason Middle School
Administrative Report
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- MS Teachers Nicki Blackburn and Tara Stubleski will be taking 40 students to Lansing to participate in the Youth in Government conference on November 24 - 26. Students have been working on preparing their legislative bills and practicing parliamentary procedures.
- Congratulations to all our Fall Sports teams. I was able to see a lot of competitive games and sportsmanship in our competitions.
- Nov 1st is a day of PD for our teachers. We have a district-wide workshop with Gerry Brooks. Gerry brings an engaging and humorous message about education to share with our teachers that will be inspirational, and heart felt.
- Our robotics team had their first practice this week, we have participants at all 3 grade levels. Our first after school practice is next Thursday, November 2. The first competition is scheduled for Saturday, November 18th at Bedford High School. So far, we have at least 20-25 students that are interested.
- PT conferences were held last Thursday, October 24th. Our participation rate was around 42%.
- The Middle School Student Council sponsored a donation drive called "Hurricane Heros." Items included blankets, canned goods, phone chargers, hygiene products, baby items etc. Donations were delivered to Deb's Flowers business in Monroe, and we helped them fill their 4th semi-trucks. All these semis were heading down south, 2 of them to Florida and the other 2 headed to North Carolina. 3 middle schoolers won a \$15 gift card from the raffle for donating items.
- The MS Robotics Team has begun practicing for the upcoming competition. The 2024 Mason Middle School Robotics Team is composed of 20 enthusiastic 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. They are a dynamic group of young engineers, innovators, and artists united by a shared passion for technology and problem-solving. Throughout the season, team members gain invaluable hands-on experience in STEM fields, refining their skills and creativity. This year's robotics team meets every Tuesday and Thursday after school to practice, build, and innovate in preparation for their upcoming competition on November 16th at Bedford High School. The goal for the 2024 robotics season is to design, build, test, and program autonomous and driver-operated robots that will compete against other middle schools in the FIRST Tech Challenge. The theme for the 2024 challenge, "Into the Deep," inspires teams to develop innovative solutions for challenges related to marine environments. With dedication and teamwork, the robotics team is excited to showcase their hard work and creativity on competition day.