

# HISTORY HAPPENINGS

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## Department Teacher Spotlight:

### **Mrs. Williams – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade U.S. History Lamberton Middle School**

Mrs. Williams has been a teacher for 35 years! She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Delaware. While 8<sup>th</sup> grade is a challenging year, Mrs. Williams really enjoys this age group and learns to go with the emotional flow of adolescence. Her favorite thing about teaching U.S. history is that she gets to teach about the foundation of our great nation. She considers it her favorite period in American history. Mrs. Williams says she really tries to engage the students and help them to understand how our past affects our future. A fun fact for Mrs. Williams is that she is a BIG Penn State football fan and loves to watch game day every Saturday during football season. Something students may not know is that she was a deputy sheriff before she started teaching! If Mrs. Williams could be any superhero, she says should would be Captain America! She admires his sense of duty, honor, and commitment.



## Congratulations to Students

In our January newsletter, we inadvertently missed recognizing several students who also won the Patriot's Pen Essay competition held by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The following students placed at the VFW Post 7343 in Mt. Holly:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Kayla Hoover (6<sup>th</sup> WMS)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Logan Kuntz (7<sup>th</sup> (WMS)

In addition, Kayla also won 1<sup>st</sup> place at the District Level and moved on to the state competition.

**Congratulations!!!**



### **Mr. Ickes – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade World History Carlisle High School**

Mr. Ickes has been a teacher for 28 years! He received his undergraduate degree from Mansfield University and his graduate degree at McDaniel College. Mr. Ickes says his favorite thing about teaching 10<sup>th</sup> graders is that students are mature enough to understand life lessons one can teach them through history. In terms of his favorite thing about teaching world history, Mr. Ickes believes in order to understand people throughout the world and why things are the way they are today, one has to look at what each group or part of the world experienced in their history. One fun fact Mr. Ickes shared is that he is not as angry as he may look! 😊 Students might be surprised to learn that he has a life outside of school (even from all those coaching years of football). He finds it funny that students are surprised to see him at restaurants, food stores, and shopping. In terms of a superhero, Mr. Ickes would be Mighty Mouse – never underestimate the small people in society!



## More Congratulations!!!

We recently learned that Elisabeth Forrester (10<sup>th</sup> Grade) was selected as the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner of the National Sojourners contest by the Harrisburg Chapter 76. The prompt for the 500-word essay was: Describe a document, law, Supreme Court Decision, or an Amendment to the Constitution that has inspired or impacted those of another country and serves as a "guiding light." Her essay now moves to the National Sojourners headquarters for further judging. Congratulations and good luck, Elisabeth!!!

## Dickinson College's Clarke Forum

The Carlisle community is very fortunate to have an incredible program in our own backyard. If you have not experienced a program by the The Clarke Forum at Dickinson College, our department would encourage you to do so. This month they will be hosting Erica Armstrong Dunbar from Rutgers University, who has written the book "Running from the Washingtons: Ona Judge and the Founding of a Nation." (Great read!) Her presentation will take place on February 15 at 7pm in the Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium. You can find the Forum's full schedule by clicking [HERE](#).

The Clarke Forum for Contemporary Issues, founded in 1994 with a generous gift from Trustee Henry Clarke, brings the unique strengths of an interdisciplinary liberal arts perspective to the critical examination of pressing contemporary issues. The Clarke Forum believes that critical reflection and the informed exchange of divergent ideas across academic disciplines improves knowledge and understanding.

### It is Almost History Day!

Our local History Day competition is almost here – Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at the Swartz building of the high school complex. This year is shaping up to be the largest competition with over 140 projects entered

from papers and websites to documentaries and exhibits. The public is invited out to see all the exhibits on display. There will be an open viewing period from 11am-12:30pm in the Swartz cafeteria. The awards program will be held starting at 12:30pm in the Swartz auditorium. As our theme this year suggests, this will be a new "frontier in history" for many students!



## Important February Dates in History

February comes from the Latin word februa, which means "to cleanse." The month was named after the Roman Februalia, which was a month-long festival of purification and atonement that took place this time of year.

2/1/1960 – Four African American students sit down at a Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro, NC and order a cup of coffee

2/2/1848 – The Mexican American War ends with the signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo

2/3/1870 – The 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment adopted guaranteeing the right of citizens to vote, regardless of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

2/3/1913 – The 16<sup>th</sup> Amendment adopted, granting Congress the authority to collect income taxes.

2/6/1964 – The first G.I. Joe toy hits store shelves.

2/13/1635 - Boston Latin School, the first taxpayer supported (public) school in America was established in Boston, Massachusetts.

2/19/1942 – Internment of Japanese Americans begin after President Roosevelt signs an executive order.

2/22/1956 - In Montgomery, Alabama, 80 participants in the three-month-old bus boycott voluntarily gave themselves up for arrest after an ultimatum from white city leaders. Martin Luther King and Rosa Parks were among those arrested.

**FUN FACT:** February has seen more amendments to the Constitution added than any other month – six in total – the 11<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> Amendments were all added in February.