

First Quarter News  
Fall 2016



# The Colt

## Coleytown Middle School

<http://cms.westport.k12.ct.us/>



Summer is over and we're back in school! Welcome to Coleytown Middle School, whether it's your first, second, or last year here. Introductions are over, the leaves are falling, and the first quarter is over. Students have enjoyed all that Coleytown has to offer, such as a rich curriculum, intramurals, clubs, and activities, and special events.

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## The Choice

By Aidan Rudick

This November eighth the people had a choice between Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton. At first the poles showed that Clinton was probably going to win. After Clinton looked at the poles before the election she cancelled her fireworks so that was pretty suspicious. Trump beat her by a landslide - in the electoral votes at least - which was a huge surprise to many at CMS as most voted for Clinton at our school Mock Election.

Everyone around the world seemed to be surprised about the election results because lots of people were very undecided. People found both positives and negatives in each candidate choice, making the voting choice a challenge for many.



## Ohio State Attack

By Joey Kane

On Monday, November 28, a very unfortunate event occurred. At Ohio State University, a student from Sudan, named Abdul Razak Ali Artan ran over and stabbed many fellow students. He injured eleven, luckily, none were killed. He has been linked to the terrorist organization ISIS. Before the attack, Artan said that he was "Sick and tired" of seeing members of ISIS killed and torched. After he ran over multiple people he began slashing people with a butcher knife. He was then shot and killed by police. This event was one of the many unfortunate attacks linked to ISIS. President-elect Donald Trump is expected to address these attacks.

## WHY DON'T PEOPLE GO TO EXTRA HELP?

By Emma Alcyone

Extra help. This might send waves of relief through some people or shivers of relief through others. Why are some people so afraid of extra help? It's extremely beneficial for your grades and helps you get a better understanding of the topic.

For one thing, I think some people have the misconception that extra help is only for people who are failing their classes. If you have an A or B, you can still go to see that beautiful 100 on top of your test. Sure, you can get great grades in class, but having a one-on-one with your teacher can make sure you understand everything, not just what is going to be on the test.

Now this might not be the case for you. Maybe you just don't want to admit you want help. And I confess, I do this often. But just one session can get you back on your feet. Don't be afraid to ask for help, I promise you won't regret it.

## ***Join The Colt***

### **Our school newspaper!**

***The Colt* meets in room 121  
every Wednesday morning from 7:15 – 8:00AM  
and again that afternoon from 2:45 – 3:45PM.**

**All students at CMS are welcome to attend to create art,  
photography, cartoons, articles, or edit the paper.**

**See Mrs. Martin if you have any questions.**



# 7th Grade Trip to Compo Beach Mountain Workshop

By Jack Foster

It was a brisk Friday morning each team filed onto the buses on their given Mountain Workshop day on September 16, 2016 for the Pioneers and September 23, 2016 for the Patriots. The 7th grade was looking forward to this a whole day out of the classroom and onto the hot sand of Compo Beach for several team building activities. Throughout the day we participated in several events like canoeing and raft building.

In the canoeing activity three counselors commanded kids through the treacherous waters of the Long Island Sound to a small island called Coccini. The canoe trip was filled with sailor songs and splashing.

In the next activity the 7th graders were divided into five teams and given a few wood boards, inner tubes, and thirty minutes to build rafts as our racing machines. After the time was up we set off to the races filled with shipwrecks and student overboards. The activities were filled with team building, water, and lots of laughs.







Canoeing at  
Congo Beach



We enjoyed  
Mountain Workshop



We worked together and  
developed a sense of team



Together  
we achieved a goal

## Sports the Week Before Thanksgiving

By Joey Kane

This weekend - the week before Thanksgiving - there were many college football games.

Michigan lost in an upset against the Iowa Hawkeyes. The final score was 13 to 14.

Ohio State absolutely demolished the Maryland Terrapins, 62-3. This brings OSU to second place in the United States.

Number one, Alabama, easily beat Mississippi State by 48 points. Jalen Hurts performed amazing throughout that game.

Duke barely North Carolina by one point.

Those are the main games that happened this weekend. Some more are Western Michigan 37 Kent State 21, and Utah beat Arizona State 49-26. Alabama leads the AP top 25, Ohio State is Second, Louisville third, and Michigan fourth. Those were all the college football this weekend. Louisville plays Houston this Thursday at eight. Louisville is expected to win that game.



# Local Athletic Rec Opportunities

By Zachary Berman

Sports are a very important and collaborative thing to do in Westport. Recreational sports are a great learning experience and a great opportunity to be a part of our community.

For example, locally, the Westport Basketball Association (WBA) is an organization where kids from preschool to 12th grade get to play basketball on a team. In my grade, kids play in the evening time around 7 or 8. They play at the basketball courts at Long Lots, Coleytown, Bedford, and Staples. The drills

you do at practice are shooting, passing, dribbling, rebounding and scrimmage.

There are other options for joining an athletic group, such as soccer. The Westport Soccer Association (WSA), also an organization where kids get to play soccer on a team in Westport.

For more information about recreational athletics visit their webpage at <http://www.westportct.gov/index.aspx?page=91> or Google Westport Recreation.

westportct.gov

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## Fall/Winter Athletic Middle School Opportunities via Parks and Rec:



Ice Skating

Water Polo

Competitive Swim

Various Swim Levels

Track and Fitness

Youth Basketball



See their website for time, dates, and levels.

## Honoring Our Veterans for Nearly 100 Years

Veterans Day, previously titled Armistice Day, was first established nearly 100 years ago on November 11, 1918. In honor of Veterans Day students at CMS wrote poems, learned the history of the nationally recognized holiday, and some listened to veteran guest speakers. Below is a poem by Ava Flynn, a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at CMS.

What You Did by Ava Flynn

Because of you, my soldier,  
I live and laugh,

And because of you, my soldier,  
I run and jump,

We don't go through all the training,  
And we shall never experience the fear,

You know what we do,  
While you're away?

What we do  
When you disappear,  
Is always wish,  
That you were here.

Where would we be,  
If you didn't battle?

But what flies,  
Like goodbye's,  
Are,  
Your clocks, your futures -  
And too often your lives.

What we do,  
Is love you, our veterans.

We wait for you,  
Thinking,  
While the timer runs on,

As we sit,  
Alone,  
Hoping that one day,

You'll just come home

You stood in line,  
Ready to fire,  
Upon those we do not desire,

Yet I do not know you,  
And have not repaid you,

But there you stood,  
Nevertheless,  
Ready to fight,  
Prepared to die,  
For me.

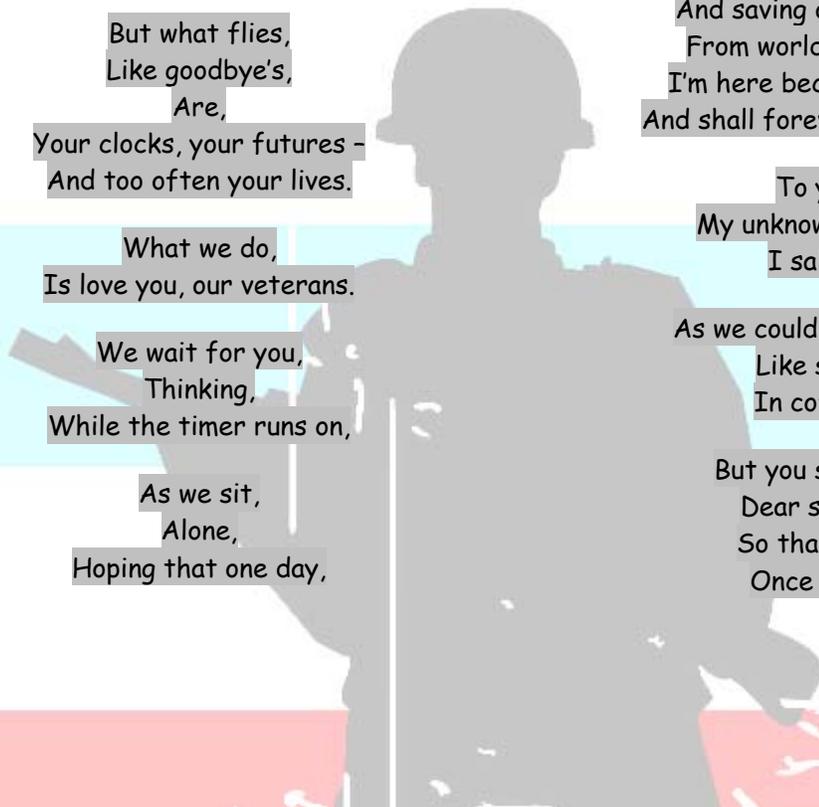
You've fought before,  
And you'll fight again,  
For those who do not know you.

I must thank you, my soldier,  
For fighting before us,  
And saving our country,  
From worlds unknown.  
I'm here because of you,  
And shall forever be in debt,

To you,  
My unknown soldier,  
I salute,

As we could have fallen,  
Like some,  
In coffins,

But you saved us,  
Dear soldier,  
So thank you,  
Once more,



No more.

The enemies hurt you,  
But won't,

## Poem by Lucia Schnirring

We Wouldn't We Shouldn't

Ice and sleet  
Rain and snow  
What do we know  
What can we know

We were not there  
Marching our feet  
Beneath the snow  
Beneath the sleet

We cannot know  
How well they fared  
In times of joy  
Times of despair

We cannot know  
We weren't there

The horrors faced  
The times they shared  
The ones they lost  
When we lost none

We lost none  
We weren't there

We were not weighted down  
By heart and soul  
By bags and guns  
By burning coal

We didn't burn  
We weren't there

The coal was burnt  
The light was shared  
We wouldn't know  
How well they fared

We shouldn't know  
But we should care

Care more than we do  
In times of late  
Where veterans don't know  
Their own fate

They are jobless homeless  
All alone  
Some friends are gone  
Some friends are there

We should know  
We should care

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### Warm Winter by Ava Flynn

Winter is the warmest season.  
Oh, you say you want reason?

It is warm when snow piles high and wide.  
Well, it is if you bundled up inside...

When it's storming, when it's raining,  
I stay indoors without complaining.

Other people like to ski,  
Or sled down a hill, but not me.

When you're bundling up in your jacket,  
I'm tearing open a hot chocolate packet.

Now, I don't mind summer,  
Let me make that clear,  
But winter's certainly my favorite time of year.

## Writing Contest: "What's Your Story?"

The annual PTA Reflections Art Contest has officially started. This year's theme is, "What's Your Story?"

Students are asked to compose an original work of fiction or non-fiction in the form of prose, poetry, drama, essay, narrative, or short story. Along with this piece students must submit an artist's statement which communicates your inspiration for the piece and how it relates to the theme, "What's Your Story?" The statement must describe the work and 100 words or less. How closely the student's work relates to the theme is a big part of the judging rubric.

This work must be done outside of school – no class time.

The deadline is Friday, December 9, 2016. Entry forms and rules are located in the main office.

Should you have any questions you are encouraged to contact your LA teacher or Nora Dockter of the PTA.

There will be one winner from CMS in each of the arts categories: literature, visual arts, music composition, photography, film, and dance.



Coleytown Company All-School Musical presents *Cinderella* this spring! Performances will be held March 30, March 31, and April 1, 2017.



# Halloween at CMS

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Featured Art By Charlotte D'Anna, Grade 7



Bridge.

This drawing is of a bridge in Rome near St. Peter's Basilica



