

THE VIKING JOURNAL



Cool Places to Go in D.C. by Emilia Majersik

Yards Park is a new and modern waterfront park with cool sculptures, big fountains, and lots of space to run or play a game. It is free. The park is located at 10 Water St. SE Washington D.C. 20003. For more information call [202-465-7080](tel:202-465-7080) or go to <http://www.yardspark.org/>

Wake up little Susie is a small shop that is full of cute and funny things. Some things it carries are burger wallets and robot clocks. It is located in Cleveland Park at 3409 Connecticut Avenue NW Washington DC. You can visit its website at wakeuplittlesuzie.com/

Serendipity 3 is a restaurant that is very popular in NYC and has recently opened a restaurant here in DC. It is home to the worlds most expensive Ice Cream Sundae. They have foot long hot dogs and frozen hot chocolate. Serendipity is pretty expensive. See its menu at <http://serendipity3dc.com/seriousfood.html>. Serendipity 3 is located at 3150 M street NW Washington DC 2007. For more questions call 202-333-5193.

Uptown is an old movie theater that shows new movies. It is amazingly decorated with lots of red and gold. It only has one theater but it is very big and it has an upper level where you can be above everyone else. It is located at 3424 Connecticut Avenue, NW Washington DC 20008.

Busboys and poets is a restaurant with a book store built in.

They have delicious burgers and lots of other yummy things. It is located at 1025 5th St. NW. You can also learn more about it at <http://www.busboysandpoets.com/>.

I'm Black and I'm Proud

by Karim Diaite

Black History Month is a very important month to the citizens of the world and civilization all over. Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, Ruby Bridges, George Washington Carver, Ernest Everett Just, Alvin Ailey, Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, and President Barack Obama all overcame the odds and proved that they weren't just going to be a slave or a nurse or a butler and made a change in society and the world.

This month (February) at Alice Deal Middle School we have been doing a trivia about African American's who made a change in the world. During this trivia students have been given clues so it would be easier to figure out who the person is. At lunch time students are given the opportunity to answer the trivia questions on a sheet of paper and give it to Ms. White. At the end of the day Ms. White reads out the name of 2 random people that answered and got it right. However, Alice Deal is filled with smart students and not only 2 people get the questions correct, so at the end of the month the students who got at least one question right will get a prize.

Black History month is important to me because African American people contributed their lives to the world, people like The Tuskegee Airmen, Marines, police officers, The President of the United States, teachers, Ruby Bridges, lawyers, Thurgood Marshall, Rosa Parks, Angela Basset, Maya Angelou, Colin Powell, and many more.

I celebrated the birthday of Dr. King by doing an oratorical contest in Bethesda. Out of the Middle School league I won first place. Out of the High School league my brother won 1st place.

If you are African American or any other race the only way you can succeed in life is by knowing your ethnicity and where you come from and how your ancestors made sacrifices that made today what it is now.



KARIM AND HIS BROTHER
AT THE ORATORICAL
CONTEST



What Kind of Viking are You?

TEST YOURSELF!!!! BY EMILIA MAJERSIK

1. When you finish your homework after school what would you most want to do?

- a. go outside and play soccer with your friends
- b. make a basketball hoop
- c. play with your pets or younger siblings
- d. sit down to read good book

2. What do you usually wear to school?

- a. sweatpants or shorts and comfy shoes
- b. a new and funky style no one has ever seen before
- c. a shirt that says something like save the animals
- d. jeans and the new shirt with the name of your favorite book on it

3. What would be your dream field trip?

- a. mountain climbing and zip lining
- b. a cool new museum
- c. a animal shelter where you can play with the animals
- d. Mount Vernon, George Washington's house

4. What club would you join?

- a. basketball
- b. crazy cooking
- c. save the children
- d. mathletes

5. What is your favorite class?

- a. PE
- b. Art or Music
- c. Humanities
- d. Math or Science

Check to see what type of viking you are in the bottom right corner!

Mostly A's - Sporty Viking
Mostly B's - Creative Viking
Mostly C's - Caring Viking
Mostly D's - Smart Viking

TEACHER FEATURE by Alison Willsey, Carolina Bayon and Ava Zechiel

Ms. Ofodile

Where are you from?

Pottstown, PA

What do you teach?

Science for 6th grade

What college did you go to?

Undergraduate - University of Pittsburgh

Graduate - Trinity University

Doctorate in progress- Howard University

What brought you to teaching?

I stumbled into education and it was the best mistake I ever made. I am completely and hopelessly enamored with it.

What's a funny story you can remember?

I have been mistaken for Serena Williams a lot. I also once thought I lost a student on a field trip to New York. Turns out they were just in the bus bathroom!!

Ms. Milikin

Where are you from?

Florida

What do you teach?

7th grade math Pre-Algebra and Algebra

What college did you go to?

University of Florida and University of Central Florida

What's your favorite movie?

Weird Science, Pride and Prejudice.

Who's in your family?

My mom, two brothers, a sister, aunt, brother in law, three nephews and two nieces.

What are you scared of?

Heights and scary movies.

Who's in your family?

3 sisters, 1 brother, my mom, my dad, and a lot of extended family.

What are you scared of?

The dark and animals that have human qualities (such as the LMFAO hamsters in the car commercial).

What is your favorite musical?

Rock of Ages, Wicked, Legally Blonde, and Rent but I plan on seeing The Book of Mormon and Newsies before the summer.

What did you used to teach?

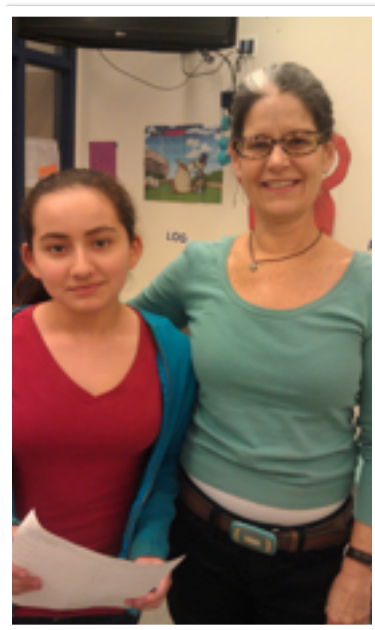
I used to teach 7th - 12th grade math, and 9th grade English, and a communications course, but I like science better.

What high school and middle school did you go to?

Middle school - St. Aloysius in Pottstown, PA High school- Owen J Roberts HS

And lastly, what is your favorite food?

Baked ziti and ki-mao and just about any blended fruit!



The Viking Trend

by Claire Shaw, Alison Wilsey, Carolina Bayon and Shiva Steele

Alice Deal has many diverse trends and styles. For example, many people wear winter or regular suede/leather boots, feather jewelry and hair extensions.

Boots are a must-have for winter, they come in many heights, fabrics, and styles. One type of popular boots is Uggs. You can get Uggs in tall or short. They are made of Australian sheepskin, and made in Australia. One can get them in four regular colors: Chestnut, Chocolate, Gray, and Black. But you can order them in almost any color and in sequins and sparkly ones, too! The leather boots are also in style! Many girls wear knee high or ankle length leather boots with cute buckles. You can buy them at many shoe and apparel stores such as Delia's.



Another trend is feathers! You can get hair feather extensions at almost any mall. They have steamed feathers which are the small feathers weaved into hair but you can also get clip on feather hair extensions as well. There is not only hair feathers but feather earrings are very common also. Many accessory stores such as Claire's or Icing or LuLu's. Many celebrities such as Selena Gomez and Steven Tyler have feather jewelry and/or hair extensions.

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Just Another Day in the Library

by Karim Diaite

Recently, I interviewed Ms. Tasara Redekopp and Ms. Julie Allen, our school librarians. I asked them certain questions like “What’s your favorite book?” Ms. Red replied, “I can’t really pick a favorite”. Ms. Allen replied, “The Ninth Ward”.

I asked “What book do most students check out?” They both replied, “The Hunger Games series and The Diary of a Wimpy Kid series”.

Finally, I asked them both “What book inspired you the most to be a librarian?” Ms. Allen replied, “The Dairy of Anne Frank because Anne loved reading and I love reading!”

Ms. Red replied, “Not really any book, I just love seeing kids find a book that seems great and it makes me happy.”

I, personally, love the school library. I go there every time I can get a library pass. The library has a great selection of books and articles to choose from. You can study in the library, read in the library, go on a trivia to find a book in the library, and finally,

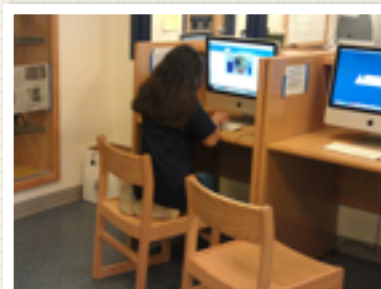
just sit back think, and relax because the library is quiet.

Some other students agree with me. Hope Johnson said “The library is a great place for students because they get to do their work and talk to friends quietly.”

An anonymous source said “The library is fun and a place where I can read my book in peace and quiet and it’s a nice place with books but it could have more!”

Asha Pappajohn said “I like the school library. It’s nice. I think it’s a nice place to do work but there is not a huge selection of books . So I’d rather do homework than look for books”

Out of all, I think Deal’s library is the best school library I’ve ever seen!



Alice Deal Girls Basketball

by Fiona Lynch

Congrats to the Alice Deal girls basketball team for an incredible season. These great players tried their hardest against players all around D.C, and beat most of them.

After daily practices and many games, the girls worked hard to get to the playoffs. On the first game of the playoffs, the girls triumphed, made their layups, and won. They worked and worked and worked, and moved on to the next level.

At the second game, The girl Vikings played incredible defense, and after an incredible comeback, sadly lost to Ron Brown.

A special shout out to our 8th grade girl basketball players, Gabby Stasia, and Lolibella Temple for playing extremely well on the team, and we all are sad to see you go.



Also, congratulations to the boys basketball team for winning the DCIAA championships!! We are extremely proud of you all!! GO DEAL!!!

THANK YOU TO OUR JOURNALISTS

As always, we would like to thank our wonderful journalists for working so diligently on the second edition of the Deal Viking Journal. We apologize for the delay in publishing the journal, but we hope you enjoyed the great articles and pictures. Having such great readers and receiving wonderful feedback gives us the motivation to continue to shine a light on the great things happening at Deal.

We hope you enjoy this edition and we look forward to producing a fun Spring edition soon!

Many thanks,

Ms. Wellersdick and Dr. Pough