

Fairfield Ludlowe High School
HEADMASTER'S MONTHLY REPORT—October 2018

Student and Teacher Achievements

- In October students and staff were nominated for the Falcon of the Month award who characterize our mission statement concerning Fellowship: we can accomplish more together than we can individually. The winners are: **Students- Nicole Campbell, Claire DeMaso, Jamie Finlaw, Catherine Minto, Katherine O'Brien, Mauro Piccininni, Quinlyn Shannehan, Howard Thompson. Faculty-Susan Bannay, Russell Sherman, Stephanie Smith.**
- October is National Drug and Alcohol Awareness month. Tim Morris, from our counseling center, coordinated prevention programs relating to drug and alcohol use. Speakers shared their personal stories and a detective spoke on the laws concerning drugs, alcohol, sexting, and the age of consent. SADD raised over \$1600 with a bake and cookie dough sale, and a badminton tournament. They also participated in the MADD Walk. RAAFT participated in a Vigil for Domestic Violence at Town Hall here in Fairfield.
- Fran Kondziela and her drama students are excited about our upcoming fall play titled, A Wilder Time, consisting of 2 one-acts by Thornton Wilder. They were also thrilled to have the opportunity to speak directly with Thornton Wilder and his nephew Tappan Wilder. They skyped from school with the tech assistance of Regina Krieger and Betty Lockwood. The students asked many questions which will help them greatly for rehearsals and performances on November 30th and December 1st, which we hope you will come to see.
- Seniors from Sarah McCarthy's class were teaching some of our freshman from Cait Schiavo's class about logotherapy, very cool cross-curricular stuff for English.
- Lots of fun activities in the Innovative Lab in the Library Learning Commons. Worthy enough for Dr. Jones to tweet about! All freshman have been invited to a "break out" or escape room type of activity for freshman orientation. Students come to the learning commons and complete 4 tasks to get the codes for 4 keys which allow them to "break into the library" and find the prize inside. This was one fun way to meet the freshman and have them learn about all the library can offer.
- Our very own Chamber Singers were asked to step in and perform with the American Chamber Orchestra (ACO) who had a last minute cancellation. What a thrilling opportunity for students to not only fill in, but to perform with a professional orchestra. Way to go Lauren Pine and her Chamber Singers.
- Allison Antonucci, our computer specialist, helped integrate the use of Chromebooks in the PE department for fitness testing. Students were taught how to record themselves and then self-assess their form, peer assess, and then how to share it with teachers. Thank you Allison!
- Students read "The Hate U Give" as a whole class novel in Karen Seltenreich's class, was read as a book club book in Kate Dawson's class, and read as an independent reading choice in Molly D'Andrea's class. On October 29th, these teachers along with Mr. Hatzis and Tina Rembish took students on a field trip to see the movie. This was successful trip! Here is a quick synopsis. The community loved it. It opened up many important academic and social discussion. Click here for more information.

<https://www.theatlantic.com/entertainment/archive/2017/03/the-hate-u-give-angie-thomas-review/521079/>