McKinley High School Army JROTC
2nd Quarter SY 2019-20

AT THE HALF WAY MARK!

McKinley High School

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**ConnectLife Field Trip by Bah Dane**

*Connect Life* -- The McKinley HS Army Junior ROTC Cadets Conducted a field trip on December 2nd at the new Connect Life cooperation building. Connect Life provided a lot of information to the cadets that attended the field trip. Cadets learned about what ConnectLife is and how they service the community, for example’ certain hospitals and buildings that have donors donating organs, blood and tissue, ConnectLife is there. Another thing cadet’s learned about was the human eyeball and parts of the eye (the cornea) that most of the people can donate and how ConnectLife harvests, locates recipients and transports the organs. Cadets described ConnectLife as “Very Organized, making the world a better place and Saves Live’s!!!” Cadets also learned how they processed the eye cornea and how they would process it into people in need. In the blood section they have workers that maneuver around and caring for it. Connect Life has been growing for years now, the organization of Connect Life is unique and adequate.

**EXPLORE & MORE – BFLO Convention Center by James Myers**

*EXPLORE AND MORE*-- December 8th, 2019 Explore & More hosted their annual Festival of Trees event at the Niagara Convention Center. 4 Cadets from JROTC program volunteered to help with the event. We helped young children create ornaments, watched them as they visited Elsa and Ana from frozen and while they played with big blocks and stuff to build their own little courses! But that isn’t all that happened at the Festival of Trees. Upstairs they set up tons of Christmas trees that their parents could buy if needed for Christmas but best of all... Santa was there to see the kids! The first shift we covered was from 10am – 12pm and this was for kids with disabilities, we called this the sensory hours as some children with autism or sound sensitivities can enjoy the work stations in quiet. After that, it was open from 1pm – 4pm for any kid that had a ticket to come visit and have fun!
JLAB RESULTS ROUND ONE

by Mia Richardson

**JROTC Leadership and Academic Bowl (JLAB)**-- On November 9th 2019 the academic team participated in JLAB. JLAB is US Army JROTC’s annual academic competition where all JROTC battalions in the nation compete in a non-bias online academic competition over the course of a 2-week period, at the conclusion the results are tallied and release to the Brigades to announce the schools that were in the top 50 percentile to move forward to the next level. There are two teams that compete one teams answers Leadership, or JROTC knowledge type questions and the other answer Academic or traditional school /SAT type questions. The leadership team score was 76 and the Academic score was 72. For the first time in McKinley history both teams made it to the next round of competition and competed on the 11th and 12th of February against the remaining 65 schools in the 2nd Brigade region. Leadership team fell short of winning the second round to move on to Level 3 in Washington DC to Central Regional High School Bayville NJ, Francis Lewis High School Fresh Meadows NY, Uniondale High School Uniondale, NY. While the Academic team fell short of winning the second round to move on to Level 3 to Dr. Ronald E McNair High School Jersey City, NJ Nokomis High School Newport, ME Wiesbaden High School Wiesbaden, Germany

**Eastern Hills Rotary Grant Support --**

We continue to reap the benefits from a donation we receieved from the Eastern Hills Sunshine Rotary group in Clarence NY. Shown below during a morning drill practice our cadets show off our new custom Flag, guidons and banner that we were able to procure as part of the generous donation we received. We were also able to add software technology and hardware to our academic team training with gameshow competition software and buzzer system similar to that used in the Brigade competitions. The grant funds have helped us to update all the Raiders and color guard equipment and accessories to remain competitive in local and Brigade events and perform all the additional presentation and posting of the colors at events in the community.
**Cookie Dough Fundraiser -- by Moo Law Htoo**

Annually the JROTC conducts one fundraiser to offset the cadet cost JCLC, Field Trips, Cadet Dining Out, Lunches during Competitions etc. Great American Sales represents Mrs. Fields cookie dough and acts as an intermediary sponsor for our annual fund raiser. This year we were able to sell about $7,780. 40% of the sales goes to our JROTC Unit fund. Cadets that sell more than $100 in cookie dough receive the JROTC Fundraising Arc. This year we had 16 Cadets receive the Fundraising Arc.

This year, the sale leader was **Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Savannah Barnes** selling over $1,000.00. We had about 28 people helped with this Cookie Dough Fundraiser. We had about 16 Cadets receive the Fundraising Arc. Congratulations to All! Way to Go MACKS!!

5. Kenneth Price ($543)           10. Toni Rossy ($281)           15. HeNayThaw Paw ($200)
16. Aiden Redlein ($180)

**HUTCH TECH – Academic Competition by Moo Law Htoo**

On February 15th, McKinley High School Academic Team went to Hucth Tech to Compete Against two other school for the Academic Competition. We had McKinley High School, Hutch Tech and Middle Early College school from Rochester. Congratulations to McKinley for taking all 2nd place trophies in this Competition. Our Let 1’s went to the finals and did really well through their courses. Our Advance Team also went to the finals and perform really well. Our Mack team Perform an outstanding job at the Academic Competition. WAY TO GO MACKS!!
JROTC Battalion Muster

-18Dec -- JROTC Conducted a Battalion Muster (Assembly) for all JROTC Cadets. The Muster was an exercise in Leadership, Planning and Teamwork. The Cadet Command and Staff collaborated to host this event and selected the stations that they wanted to facilitate. They planned, resourced, rehearsed and executed 6 stations where the Battalion Platoons rotated every 15 mins to meet a new challenge. Charlie Company 1st Platoon was the overall competition winner! Each member of the Platoon was awarded the opportunity to select one item of Tchotchke from the awards box. Cadets were faced with various challenges from:

Station 1: **Uniform Match Up**, this station had cadets work together to match up the correct ribbons, nameplates, ranks, on the uniforms that was lay out. The cadets had to read off a slip of what a cadet earned on their uniform and where certain torches and nameplates and rank would go on the uniform.

Station 2: **1st Aid** where they were asked first aid questions and attempted chest compressions on “FRED” our resuscitation dummy, FRED had a very low survival rate, cadets were surprised how much effort is required to compress the heart muscle at 120 beats per minute.

Station 3: **Knockout Drill**, Cadets receive a refresher demonstration on proper individual movement techniques and then compete on a drill sequence to be the last remaining cadet to demonstrate a flaw.

Station 4: **What's my Rank?** Cadet play the Curriculum Manager game selecting the proper rank and grade of the military insignia displayed on the screen.

Station 5: **US Interactive Map**. Cadets work together to identify all 50 states. Each time they match a state to the map they earn 100 points, each mistake cost 10 points from their score. Most get NY, FL, TX and CA, after that it gets wild.
Station 6: **Question Pong.** Cadets bounce the ping pong ball into the cups to earn the opportunity to answer cadet knowledge questions for points. This was one of our most well received stations by the cadets.

The Muster was an enjoyable afternoon for almost all the cadets. Not only a good time but positive experiences in teamwork, planning and resourcing activities that requires cooperation in a constrained environment. Our Cadets had to execute their ideas within a 12 min window, providing clear instruction with all materials available and scoring within that timeframe.

Afterwards the command and staff gathered to discuss what went well, went bad, and what they could have done differently to make what went well, go even better.

This was our first Battalion Muster of the Year and went successfully well. Many of our cadets came down to the Auditorium and enjoyed the muster. They all had fun and work together as platoons to complete all 6 stations.

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**2020 Cadet Essay Requirement by Cadet Isaiah Owens**

*“Live your life with Integrity, Win with Dignity and Lose with Humility”*

Our JROTC program started our Cadet Essay on Jan. 16, 2020 and the Due date was on Feb. 12, 2020. The cadet essay is a competition that is held every year to give cadets a chance to take lessons learned in the JROTC curriculum. This years topic is “Live your life with Integrity, lose with dignity, and win with humility. This essay teaches cadets to build their leadership skills and to be humble.

This year our Battalion Essay winner was a Freshman LET 1, Cadet Liberty Vandevanter. Cadet Vandevanter demonstrated not only excellent writing skills but grasped the concept of the essay topic. While many of the cadets tried to define each of the terms Integrity, Dignity and Humility as separate entities, Liberty grasped the concept and was able to clearly define what the topic meant to her, provide a relevant life experience and articulated how the topic made her a better citizen, answering all the questions in the assignment.
HONOR – MERIT ROLL by Au La Yer Paw

In the second marking period which ended on January 24, so far McKinley High School has an average of 48% of passing and 25% of failing which lead about 12% in merit and honor roll. In JROTC there are over 36% of passing and 7% of failing, so therefore in total were about 23% in merit and 34% in honor roll. Cadets are more than twice as likely to make the Merit and Honor Roll.

Why are Cadets expected to be successful?

- Cadets have a higher expectation for success which stems from your understanding of the Army values.
- Cadets are expected to do the right thing even when no one is watching!
- Cadets are expected to complete all assignments that they are tasked with.
- Cadets are expected to be where they are supposed to be when they are supposed to be there.

![Army Values](image-url)
National Honor Society – JROTC invitees

First, congratulations to all the cadets who were chosen to be apart of National Honors Society from everyone in JROTC. National Honors Society is for people who excel academically continuously acheive high merit and honor roll. The students chosen to be inducted need to write letters stating why they deserve to be accepted in. If their essays show potential they are officially accepted are invited to the induction ceremony. On February 6th, 2020, we held our introduction ceremony for student who got 85 and above average. Cadets who got into National Honor Society have received a yellow cord to put on their shoulders on their uniforms.

Cadets Who got accepted to the National Honor Society and received the Yellow Cord are:

1. Nahida AKthur
2. Reya Chhetri
3. Reena Dahal
4. Bah Dane
5. Puran Gurung
6. Moo Htoo
7. Minely Manzano
8. Adacelis Mendez
9. Nick Mistretta
10. Aulayer Paw
11. Larmay Paw
12. Su Reh
13. Nishan Tamang

Canisius College Color Guard

On February 1st, a team of McKinley had 4 cadets that went to Canisus College to perform a color guard at their Basketball game.
THE UPCOMING WEATHER FOR APRIL, MAY, JUNE

The next quarter’s weather will have a steady rise in temperature and precipitation, leaving behind the chill of this past winter. March 21st marks the first day of Spring! We will gain ___ mins of daylight from the beginning of March til the end of May. Daylight Savings time begins 8 March and we lose an hour of sleep while we adjust our workday for more light.

CADETS OF THE QUARTER

LET 1: Avian Santiago is a LET 1 Freshman cadet who was chosen to be the cadet of the quarter. His peer chose him to honor him for doing the right thing. He comes to raiders practice and morning drill practice daily. Avian does good in his academic, and he knows his JROTC knowledge. He does the right thing and help his peers and is respectful to others. He’s a leader who knows what to do and other cadets look up to him. He deserves to be the Cadet of the Quarter.

LET 2: Isaiah Owen, is a LET 2 Sophomore cadet who was chosen to be the cadet of the quarter. His peer chose him to honor him for doing the right thing. He comes in early and does his staff works and then go to morning drill practices. Not only he does drill but he helps the let 1s and help around JROTC. He’s also the S-3 assistant, his primary said he helps with S-3 work and that he deserves to be the cadet of the quarter.
UPCOMING EVENTS OF MAR / APR / MAY

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2. What are the 7 Army Values?
3. What does JLAB stand for?
4. Who is the Speaker of the House?
5. What are the 3 branches of government?
6. What are the 5 major terrain features?
7. How do you read a map?
8. What is the motto on our unit crest?
9. What are the two parts of a command?
10. What is the role of the S3?

DID YOU GET THEM ALL CORRECT?

Answers on the bottom of page 12
This is your invitation to attend the 2020 JROTC Dining Out

It is a Semi-formal event where all cadets will be in Class A Uniform. The Dining Out will be held at Classic V banquet Hall on Niagara Falls Boulevard. There will be a buffet style meal with awards and presentations for deserving cadets. The evening will highlight the accomplishments of the year and is a great time to be recognized by your faculty, friends and family. The Dining Out is mandatory participation(FUN!) for ALL cadets! Family and significant friends are welcome and encouraged to join us for a night of reflection and recognition of all the hard work and achievement. Tickets are $20 per person and go on sale after the blood drive on 10 March.

HONORARY COLONEL

Each year McKinley High School JROTC cadets select an administrator, teacher, staff member or member of the community to serve as our honorary colonel. The purpose of this is to honor a teacher or administrator who exemplifies the goals of the JROTC battalion and has contributed to student development in a significant way. This year’s honorary colonel will be??????