



Morning Announcements

February 16th, 2024

Congratulations Caden Fulton on your 13th year or being cancer-free!

This Week's Patriot Buck Winners:

Elliot Grubic
Azul Marmolejo Duenas
Faith Kidney
Blake Young
Alexander Fordyce
Roger Murphy
Anastasia Susnjar
Nevaeh Young
Jaden Johnson
Kyiley Williams
Iqra Sadiq
Hadeel Abuqbitta
Caden Fulton
Vasyl Pecharskyy
Tristan Grigorut
Robert Spreng
Sanaa Duncan
Jonathan Ma
Josiah McDowell
Madison Quinn

B & B's Cultural Club Presents:
"Little Known Black History Facts"

Honoring Henrietta Lacks: Giver of Life!!

In 1951, a young mother of five named Henrietta Lacks visited The Johns Hopkins Hospital. This Hospital was one of only a few hospitals to treat poor African Americans. Upon examination she was diagnosed with cervical Cancer.

Mrs. Lacks began undergoing radium treatments for cancer. A sample of her cancer cells retrieved during a biopsy were retrieved. A prominent cancer and virus researcher had been collecting cells from all patients who came to The Johns Hopkins Hospital with cervical cancer, however each sample quickly died in the lab. He discovered that Mrs. Lacks' cells were unlike any of the others he had ever seen, Mrs. Lacks' cells doubled every 20 to 24 hours.

Today, these incredible "HeLa" cells are used to study the effects of toxins, drugs, hormones and viruses on the growth of cancer cells without experimenting on humans. They have been used to test the effects of radiation and poisons; these cells played a crucial role in the development of the polio and COVID-19 vaccines. Although Mrs. Lacks ultimately passed away on October 4, 1951, at the age of 31, her cells continue to impact the world by saving lives even today. Valley Forge thinks of the unique ways that you can leave a legacy of life through how you show up for the world.

Attention Spanish Club, attention Spanish Club! Señor Reid says LO SIENTO, Spanish Club will have a big ole' FIESTA next Wednesday after school in our usual room 207 to design our Spanish Club T-shirts and eat some tacos, burritos and taquitos. Spanish Club, next Wednesday, February 21st. Olay!

When visiting the Student Service Office, you must now be sure to SIGN IN. Whenever you are in the office whether it is for a counselor visit, a call slip, any reason, you must now make sure that you sign in.

Patriots Perks coffee is back! Iced Coffee, Hot Chocolate & Tea will be sold during all lunch periods on Friday. All drinks are \$2.00 Come purchase some delicious drink on Friday.

If you get a Patriot Buck, don't forget to turn it in to Student Services. You will place them in a bin according to grade! You can earn incentives or rewards so make sure to turn them in! You can earn them from being respectful, responsible and/or ready to learn!

Attention students you need to come to the clinic and speak to the nurse if they are ill. Students should not call their parents to pick them up when they are sick, this must be done through the clinic staff only. Thanks!
Students must have a pass to go to the clinic.

Valley Forge Patriots are responsible, respectful, and ready to learn!

