



BMS STAGES INVENTIVE *FEMALE EDISON* PERFORMANCE



by Stella Rogers-Bowen & Violet Eshelbrenner

On Thursday, October 19, 2023, the middle school play, *The Female Edison*, had its opening night in the Cassingham Theater. The students in the cast each had lines, even the ones without a name to their roles.

They all enjoyed the play. Cast member Claire Fether says, "I was a factory worker and invention. I was Peter, so I got to scream! It was a great experience for me and was very fun! The set was great, along with the cast and crew."

The show's auditions were in August, rehearsals were in September and the first two weeks of October, and the shows were Mid-October. Crew member Ellie Zupnick says "I was on the mic board, and it was a really cool fun experience. I got to learn how to use the mic board, meet new people, and watch the amazing show flourish."

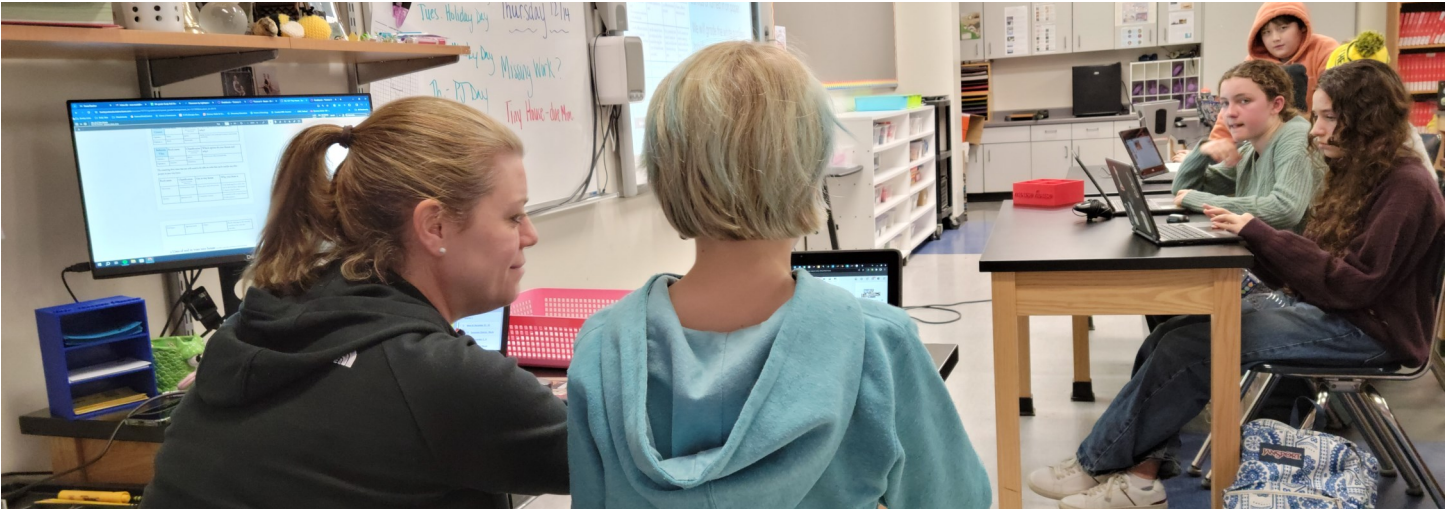
These students had very different roles, but both helped the show be its best, along with the rest of the company. And it paid off!

Mr. Frank said that "I loved it! I thought all the actors did an amazing job. I was really impressed by how the actors were able to make themselves into a machine by using their bodies."

Bexley Theatre Arts is the first theater company to showcase *The Female Edison*, because it was released very shortly before it was on the website. It was still a success, though, and everybody in the company did a wonderful job.

Zephyr Reynolds-Wing, an eighth grade audience member, says "it was a good show and honestly one of the better one's I've seen. It was a little cheesy at times, but everything else was amazing."

BMS TEACHERS SHARE TIPS FOR STUDENT SUCCESS



Interviews by Arya Gorsuch and Avery Stamm

Teaching is often described as a calling, and for the educators at Bexley Middle School, that calling brought them down different paths into the classroom. While their stories and subjects are different, all the teachers share a drive for student growth and helping them realize their potential.

When asked why she chose teaching, sixth grade teacher Ms. Copp explains that the variety interested her, "Every day is different, and so is every year." With 34 years of experience under her belt, her motivation still comes from seeing students progress. She credits her great aunt, a fellow teacher, for initially inspiring her with her fun and engaging teaching style.

Mr. DelRosso, a five year veteran math teacher, also cites the chance to help students learn as his main motivation. Social studies was his favorite subject growing up, so the ability to make math click for students gives him satisfaction. Though he has his intramural teams to cheer on this year, he is really excited to help students in the classroom.

For Spanish teacher Sra. Shankle, fifteen years in the classroom started with early positive experiences helping struggling students as a tutor. She enjoyed

the chance to work with the same kids this year because she taught many of them last year in seventh grade.

While their motivations are different, all the teachers agree on some tips for success like keeping up with assignments, attending office hours when needed, asking questions, and staying organized. These are keys to preparing for success in the second semester. Ms. Copp highlights upcoming themes students will explore in reading and writing using favorite childhood books. Sra. Shankle notes students can expect more literature-based learning, while science teacher Ms. Resek previews an engaging rocks and minerals unit.

When asked about favorite students, most teachers agree with Mr. DelRosso, "every student is my favorite!" However, Ms. Copp jokes that it "depends on the day" between a few of her most enthusiastic students in each class.

These teachers all seem to love to support Bexley Middle Schoolers as they learn and grow as the most meaningful part of their work. Though teaching can get rough sometimes, helping students achieve their potential makes it rewarding.

BMS HALLOWEEN PARTY SCARES UP SOME FUN

By Nora Batchler, Carys Slagle and Sophia Lestini
You may have gone to the Bexley Recreation and Park's Halloween party at Jeffrey Mansion, if you did, you surely have your own opinion on it. Some say that it was fun, and others remember things that could be improved.

If you went to the party, what did you think? Here is some feedback from some students that attended.

First of all, there were many positives. Ellie Dokko stated, "The dancing was very fun." She continued by saying, "I hope they have it next year. I would love to go back!"

Leo Leadingham had some things he enjoyed about the Halloween party, mentioning things like, "The food was delicious." Landon Lieb agreed, saying "There were cool costumes, and the food and drinks were very good." Many people said they would love to go back next year.

To continue, Lila Macwhinney said, "The music was really fun to dance to." She also said she



would go back because she "really wants to have a fun time again." So, many more people think it was fun, including the cos-

tume contest. Also, the staff was very friendly at the Halloween party.

Many people liked the idea that it was sponsored by Raising Cane's, and that there was lots of Raising Cane's merch there, others like how it was decorated nicely with spooky Halloween decor. You may have seen the costume contest coming in with scariest costume or partner costumes having the most creative ideas.

One more student had a blast. Let's hear from them, "The DJ was amazing! The Raising Cane's and cookies were very delicious and the game room and card reader was very fun to explore!" Thank you to Preston Mack for that response!

However, some students also point out things that could be improved. "The raffle didn't pull anybody that was there," said Ellie Dokko.

Lila Macwhinney agreed saying, "The raffle didn't go as planned. Hopefully next year there are more tickets."

In conclusion, everyone seemed to agree that it was a good time between the food, music, and friends. While there were a few little things that could have been better, lots of people had a blast, and to those who didn't have fun, we hope that you have a better time next year!



FRODOTS ARE HERE- IS FROYO GONE FOR GOOD?

By Grace Miller, Arya Gorsuch, and Maya Hernandez-Romito

This year at Bexley Middle School, there has been a drastic change in the "Froyo," and most students are not happy with the change. This year Dippin' Dots replaced Froyo in the cafeteria!

While sixth graders probably won't know about this because most are new to the school, most seventh and eighth grades don't like the fact that the Froyo that they all knew and loved has been replaced with a special type of Dippin' Dots which are made out of yogurt which are called Yo-dots, also known as 'Frodots.' Several students voiced their opinion through a Google Form shared by the newspaper staff.

One respondent, Maya Hernandez-Romito, said, "I personally don't like it. The Frodots bags are harder to open, and they don't taste as good as the froyo tasted. I believe that we should have Froyo back, and I am also confused on why we switched in the first place."

Shoshana Bricker states, "Froyo was better because it cost less and gave you more frozen yogurt to eat and Frodots cost more and gives you less; therefore, Froyo was better." Also according to statistics from the google form, 90% of students liked

Froyo more than Frodots.

Another con is mentioned by Lily Turkovich "As a student who has Celiac Disease, I feel like the change limits what I can buy. The Frodots have a small amount of choices and even a smaller amount that is allergen-friendly." allergies are a problem to Frodots because students like Lily don't have a lot of choice in the flavors; however, when Froyo was around people with allergies were more able to have

Froyo. However, stated by Stella Rogers, "Frodots are better because they are totally unfamiliar yet delicious to me. Also because I know about Froyo and I want to try



something new."

Ms. Carvi, Food Services Director, explained, "We switched because Froyo took an excessive amount of time and handling." She goes on to say, the machine "was heavy, it was hard to manage, and the machine was finicky. Labor costs are also a factor." Sadly, Ms. Carvi says that Froyo is not coming back. "Do I love the Yo-Dots? No. Will I likely change to some other ready to go novelty product next year? Yes. Will we ever bring back the Frozen Yogurt? Not very likely."