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HIGH SCHOOL: FOOD POEMS

Ode to Lemons

When you take the orb
 Not,
 However,
 Unlike the sun in color
 And behold it's majesty
 For what it is
 Sprinkled,
 On many foods
 Bathed, in yellow fragrance
 When,
 Suddenly,
 Out of the dark
 Comes the Lemon demon
 He need his Lemons
 You have his Lemons
 He want his Lemons
 Back,
 You may run in the night
 Or even in the day
 But,
 You will always return
 To what is
 Or what will be
 The fragrance will return
 He,
 Will,
 Find,
 You,
 In the light of the sun
 By the light of the moon
 You will find it
 The truth,
 Of Lemons
 What they are
 Who wants them
 He does
 He wants his Lemons
 He will find his Lemons
 Oliver

Footloose, the musical



Footloose!

This year's spring musical production of *Footloose* took place on March 9-11, 2017. The shows had their bumps, but overall, the performances went well and the audience had a good time. The last night was the best performance, as the first night was an open dress-rehearsal, and the second night there was an unfortunate attack of the giggles during "Hero". One of the parts of the play that the audience particularly enjoyed was when Chuck Cranston pulled into the Burger Blast on a pink scooter. Many audience members also expressed that they were impressed by the full band ensemble and many live musical numbers.

Alyssa

Belle Meade Visit

Hi, my name is Charlotte and I live in Markham. When I first came to Belle Meade, I was at summer camp. I loved it so much that I started visiting the school. I have only been attending school on Friday's for a



short time, and I already feel so welcome. It is as if everyone here is my family. I hope that others come see what a wonderful place this is, but that's just me talking.

Charlotte Calvert

**Community Workday: Trail Clearing
(a fictional vignette based on true events)**

Trail clearing is an activity that is often an option during community workday. We walk several miles into the mountains of Belle Meade and cut things. Also, Thomas and Stephen unsuccessfully look for snails. We do this so the horses can pass through on trail rides. On Thursday, April 20th a handful of Belle Meadians went on a high stakes trail clearing mission. Each of the students was forced to carry 50lbs worth of equipment up a steep hill covered in rocks and cobras. We lost three students that day (we will remember you Ricky). Thirty minutes into our vast journey, there was an intense race between Stephen and Alyssa to get ribbon on a tree for trail marking (Alyssa won). After 3 miles of hiking, we came across a fallen tree that would make a perfect jump, but there was one problem: the tree was too big so a strapping, muscular, young man (Wesley) took out his hatchet and started chopping at the fallen tree bark. As woodchips were going everywhere, all the other trees watched in horror. Finally after an hour of chopping, the elite team of Belle Meadians finally shortened the tree. Little did they know, it was just the beginning...

Thomas, Stephen, & Wes



Belle Meade Bands



This trimester we were assigned a project from our music teacher, Maddie. The assignment is to form a band with our classmates or we have the option to work as a solo artist. We have 3 bands and 2 solo artists. The band names are “Glory of S.E.E.S.” which consists of Sofie, Ezra, Ethan, and Stephen. The second band is “Rosewood Tragedies” with Elliott, Madison, and Oliver. The third band is “Sea Dragons” which has Avi, Alyssa, Wesley, and Jasper. There is also a fourth band called “Morning Glory” with Cliff, Kimber, and Maddi. The solo artists are Ryan, Thomas, and James. The bands have been working on songs for the graduation dinner and have had a performance to display the skills they have obtained from working together.
Sofie & Ezra



Portia: My sister not of blood
My sarcastic sidekick
Through fire and flood

Now, I to be wed
By a lottery for my bed
Here come the profile of my first suitor
Who shall i dread

“First the Neapolitan prince.”
Say my lady in waiting, since ay
That’s a colt indeed
Talking only about his fiery steed

Nerissa: I give you name for name
And listen without vein
No man good enough
For sweet Porta’s ring

Our relationship of a wise old man
From child to grown child
She longs for Bassanio
A venetian man of no wealth
And i his follower Gratiano
Portia and i as the matching duo
Like Bassanio to Gratiano
Alas here lie the three caskets of marriage
And to award a forfeit of Portia's portrait
The others a guarantee at a life
alone from then there on.

A gold, a silver and an iron. Without doubt
The iron chosen, the award given, and be
they married then and so I to Gratiano as
well.
But as celebration last for but a minute
they must be gone to rescue
the very investor in their voyage to us.
-Elliott

HIGH SCHOOL: MODERN MERCHANT OF VENICE

**A SUMMARY OF SHAKESPEARE’S
“THE MERCHANT OF VENICE” (as told by Madison)**

Ok, so, we’ve got this story about love and loss and Shakespeare’s typical stuff.

But, with a twist. The story starts out with a merchant, Antonio, and his best friend, Bassanio, Portia’s love interest. To summarize (in my own words): Bassanio is like, “Hey can you borrow money from this Jewish man so I can go try to win my true love, who I’ve only met once or

twice.” Antonio all like, “Yeah sure,” and the Jewish loan guy, Shylock, is all like, “Yeah bro but you have to swear by a pound of your flesh that you’ll pay it back by this date”. Knowing Shakespeare, this doesn’t happen and Antonio is in a lot of trouble with Shylock. Then along comes Portia, who Bassanio has *won, disguised as a Doctor of Law and saves Antonio, pretty boss right? Yeah so now that you know a basic overview and how bomb Portia is, let’s expand on her awesomeness.*

*If you prick us do we not bleed?
If you tickle us do we not
laugh? If you poison us do we
not die? And if you wrong us
shall we not revenge?*

Ode to Rosemary

My dearest Rosemary,
How do you change colors?
From dormant to green,
From gray winter to the blue sky
Oh my dear Rosemary,
that smells so fresh.
Rosemary, you standing so pretty, lush green next to
Thyme.
Blushing, you are the one.
Joyous, happy, caring,
cheerful and Thyme next to you.
Rosemary, how do you do?
Heat slenders the plains of me.
Excitement doesn't happen
anytime in this day anywhere living.
Time has already passed onto heaven.
-James

Ode to the Pineapple

To the glory of the pineapple
 long may your spiky leaves grow.
 Golden cased
 with brown lace.
 Spikes toward the unworthy of your taste
 a handhold awkward but worth the wait
 No more wait
 time to sate.
 In the glory of the pineapple
 moist may your flesh stay
 Golden bright
 lovely sight.
 With a taste both sweet and tart
 truly reflective of man's heart
 Glory be
 come to me.
 Taste the glory of the pineapple
 pleasant may to the tongue it stay
 in a bed
 hath been shed.
 But divided are our people by hand
 questioning if "on pizza" is worth the demand.
 "Ew, that's gross!"
 "No, it's good!"
 Unite to the glory of the pineapple
 naught should it segregate.
 Never fear
 It's here.
 This gift from the gods ascends the rest
 We near unworthy, for it is truly the best.
 Worship it.
 true prophet.
 Praise be the glory of the pineapple.
 Unjust it is to be eaten so rash.
 Why so quick?
 Pick-up-stick?
 Unfair is it to only be grown
 in the tropics, I'll admit fairly, is rightfully
 sewn.
 Lots of sun
 Fit for one.
 All hail the glory of the pineapple.
 Death may throne usurpers receive.
 -Jasper

MIDDLE SCHOOL: MODERN ROMEO & JULIET

Act 2, Scene 3 - Friar Lawrence speaks with Romeo:
Determined to marry Juliet, Romeo hurries to Friar Lawrence. The Friar agrees to marry them, expressing the hope that the marriage may end the feud between their families.

Friar: The sun comes up and the plants bloom with nice colors but they will die someday. Dew starts to show as well. Its very beautiful. :)

Romeo: WASSUP Father?

Friar: Who is that? Oh hey Romeo how you doin. You look tired. Did you sleep well?

Romeo: Nope

Friar: Were you with Rosaline?!! ;)

Romeo: Nope

Friar: Oh.....okay. So where were you?

Romeo: I was having dinner with my enemy who I love.

Friar: Whom do you love?

Romeo: I love the Capulet's daughter Juliet and she loves me. So is it okay if you get us married?

Friar: ERMAHGERD. You ditched Rosaline for a Capulet?!! Cool, but kinda bad. Why did you ditch Rosaline? You said you liked her.

Romeo: I know, but I wuv Juliet. She is purty. :D

Friar: That is what you said about Rosaline. You literally said "She is the most beautiful person and when she dies then her beauty dies with her." but when you saw this Juliet you fell in love with her. So what the HECK?

Romeo: Who is Rosaline?

Friar: OH alrighty then. I will get you and her hitched. Besides, for some reason I think it will stop the feud between the Montagues and the Capulets who are fighting for some inexplicable reason even though it might cause more conflict. The Capulets who are fighting for some inexplicable reason even though it might cause more conflict.

Romeo: Yeah!!!!!!! In the meantime I will just keep stalking her like a creep and kissing her without her permission.

Friar: Good idea!! I mean it's not like the Capulets already have a 40 year old suitor to marry their 13 year old daughter who doesn't want to marry him but her Dad will force her to because he wants the suitor's money.

Romeo: Wow I love having honest and obvious conversations with you.

-Ryan

Act 2, Scene 2 - Alternative Balcony Scene

Romeo: He jokes about things he doesn't know. (Enter Juliet above) She is soooo pretty! More pretty than the moon! Soooo pretty, she doesn't know she's petty. She talks silently- sooo petty- but not to me. Her eyes have stars in them, if they weren't in her head, her cheek would shame them with it's beauty. Her eyes light the night. Her cheek is on her hand! I want to be a glove on that hand so i could touch that cheek!

Juliet: Oh, me.

Romeo: She talked! Talk more! Sooooo pretty!

Juliet: Romeo where are you? Abandon your family, or if you don't I will!

Romeo: Should I let her know I'm stalking her?

Juliet: I don't like your name, your not a Montague. Get rid of your name and take me instead!

Romeo: I will. **Juliet:** Who are you, shrouded in night? **Romeo:** I don't have a name because you didn't like it. **Juliet:** Is this Romeo?

Romeo: Not if you don't like it. **Juliet:** How did you get here? If someone finds you they'll kill you! **Romeo:** I climbed the wall, and I won't get killed. **Juliet:** But if they see you they'll kill you!

Romeo: You're soooo pretty. **Juliet:** I hope they don't see you. **Romeo:** I can hide in the night, and I'd rather die with you than wanting to be.

Juliet: How will you leave? **Romeo:** I won't.

Juliet: You can't see it but I'm blushing. Do you love me? I'll be really mad if you don't. Oh, if you think a day is too soon to fall in love then you're crazy! Swear you love me! **Romeo:** I swear on the moon. **Juliet:** You don't love me! If you loved me, you would swear on something more constant than the moon!

Romeo: (Very flustered by this hysteria) What should I swear on? **Juliet:** Swear on yourself, duuu. **Romeo:** OK... I swear-

Juliet: Actually, I changed my mind. Don't swear, I don't want a contract. Ok, bye, see you later in the scene.

-Alyssa

**Act 2, Scene 2 - The "Original" Balcony Scene: From Capulet's garden Romeo hears Juliet express her love for him. When he answers her, they acknowledge their love and their desire to be married.**

[Romeo enters being a stalker]

Romeo: (talking to himself) Oh look, there's Juliet being pretty. I wish she knew I have a major crush on her. She has pretty eyes. Keep talking because you also have a pretty voice.

Juliet: (talking to herself)

All right, either you stop being a Montague or I'll stop being a Capulet. Happening to be part of a family that's warring with your crush is so annoying.

Romeo: Should I show myself stalking a girl I just met a few hours ago because I love her, or should I keep listening to her talk to herself while I talk to myself?

Juliet: Who's stalking me outside my bedroom window in the middle of the night?

Romeo: Someone. **Juliet:** Romeo? **Romeo:** Maybe. Not if you don't want me to be. **Juliet:** How did you get here?

The walls are hard to climb and you would be dead if my cousins saw you. **Romeo:** Love. **Juliet:** They're going to murderize you if they see you. **Romeo:** So? **Juliet:** I don't want them to murderize you. How did you find me?

Romeo: Love. **Juliet:** Do you love me? **Romeo:** I swear by the Earth's only natural satellite that I love you. **Juliet:** HOW COULD YOU? IT'S SO INCONSTANT. YOU IDIOT THAT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE YOU ACTUALLY LOVE ME?! **Romeo:**

So what do I swear by? **Juliet:** Yourself. Don't you think this is all a bit too rushed?

Nurse:

OY, JULIET GET YOURSELF INSIDE!

Juliet:

Be right back. [Juliet exits and re-enters]

Good night

-Thomas

Adventure Course: Climbing Wall

At Belle Meade, we are building a climbing wall. Near the pond there is a little forest area with a clearing where we are constructing the wall. First, we dug 3-foot deep holes for the support beams. Then we mixed the cement and put it in the holes with the beams. We did the same for all support beams and then started attaching plywood for the walls. Next, we will add hand/foot holds. When we are finished, we will have a new climbing wall. Yay! :)

-Ryan

FAX NEWS NETWORK

Breaking News: Romeo on Trial. Tybalt Dead. Capulets Calling for Execution.

-By Reporter, Wes Faxlanger

Yesterday, at 12:41pm Central Time, Tybalt slayed Mercutio and at the demise of his friend, Romeo then stabbed Tybalt in the back (kind of like how he stabbed Paris in the back both literally and figuratively). There are riots in the streets concerning Tybalt's death, and the Prince has declared martial law. Citizens are advised to stay inside at all costs. Romeo is currently on trial for the murder of Tybalt...Oh, wait, this just in! Romeo has been found guilty of his crimes and must now suffer banishment. Juliet, his loving wife (who everyone seems to know about except Romeo and Juliet's families) is in tears. And it seems as though the Capulets shed enough tears to water the royal garden at least twice.



A LETTER FROM ROMEO TO FRIAR LAWRENCE:

Dear Romeo,
Juliet is going to take a fake poison and will look like she is dead but she is not. She wants you to know so you can come and take her with you and run away together. Don't be alarmed when someone comes and tells you that Juliet died. You have to act like you normally would if someone you loved died. And if she actually dies none of this is on me because it was her idea. Don't tell anyone!
From, Friar Laurence
-Sofie

CHANNEL 4 NEWS VERONA

NEWS FLASH: Romeo is on a murdering rampage killing everyone in sight and himself which caused Juliet to also kill herself. (*Note: Some details in this article are gruesome and may not be appropriate for all readers.)

- By Reporter, Stephen Faxlanger

Romeo is a masked murderer. He killed Tybalt, Paris, and inspired Juliet to kill herself. Romeo manipulated Juliet and forced her to kiss him and then became a psycho stalker. The very next day after they met, they got married! Poor Mercutio was walking down the street when Romeo took out a dagger and stabbed him. Tybalt was feeding baby birds and giving food to poor children when Romeo came up and attacked him, killing him as well. (**The original details of this event have been modified to be appropriate for all readers.*) Then Romeo was banished by the Prince of Verona and Juliet was forced by her father, Lord Capulet, to marry Paris so she faked her own death. Romeo, however, didn't know this; he thought it was all real so he bought poison and went to Juliet's family tomb where he saw Paris. There, Romeo murderously stabbed and killed him! Romeo then killed himself, and when Juliet woke up she saw that Romeo was dead so she also killed herself with his dagger. **WARNING: The Montagues are a horrible, murderous family. Stay away from them or you may be next!!!!!!**



2017 Outdoor & Experiential Educators' Conference

Every spring, I attend the annual O&EE Conference along with other teachers from public, private, and independent schools throughout Virginia, Maryland, and DC. Each year, the conference is held at a different participating school. Last year, we met at Highland School in Warrenton. This year, it was held at The Congressional School in Falls Church. Lynda Hoag of Flint Hill School facilitates the conference which includes various speakers, presentations, and workshops centered around outdoor and experiential education for secondary school students (elementary/middle/high). Many of the topics we discuss are applicable to our students here at Belle Meade so I always bring back interesting information and ideas to share. The goal of this conference is to build a network of educators who have a common interest in outdoor and experiential education so that we can share new and unique activities/projects/assignments which benefit our students and school.

Alex

Spring Golf Team

Every Tuesday and Thursday, I play golf at the Schoolhouse Nine golf course in Sperryville. When I started, we practiced putting on a mowed space with small holes on it for putting balls. Now we go to the spaces with the tall flags on the course. First, we put the ball on a tee between small red spheres on the ground. We hit the balls with drivers which are putters but BIGGER. Next, we go out where our balls landed and take turns hitting them where it lies with left handed putters.

Belle Meade Garden

The Belle Meade School garden has been thriving with the spring rain and cooler weather. Lettuce varieties, spinach, radishes, mustard greens, Swiss chard, kale, and asparagus are plentiful. Students have been helping with garden chores getting the garden soil turned over to get ready for spring planting. Ethan and James have been keeping the grass cut, and Wendy has been watering and weeding. Wendy planted peas, beets, radishes and carrots outdoors earlier in the spring. Seedlings of varieties of tomatoes, leeks, cucumber, butternut squash, peppers, and eggplant are being growing inside under grow lights. The summer Community Supported Agriculture share (CSA) is open for enrollment. Summer shares begin June 2 through September 29. To sign up for our farm share go to <http://www.bellemeadeschool.org/community-farm-share-csa>.



(Golf continued)

When the ball is within the mowed space, we use right handed putters to hit them into the hole with the flag. There are three different types of putters. There is the driver which is used to putt the ball off of the tee very far. Then there is the left handed putter that is used to hit the ball towards the mowed space. Finally, there is the right handed putter that is used to hit the ball when it is in the mowed space. There is a line on the right handed putter that helps you. There are some mowed spaces that have sand traps near them; when a ball lands in one of them, it will be hard to get it out. Overall, I enjoy playing golf.

Ryan

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