



ARISS Newsletter

Mountain View Elementary

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Balloons Over Mountain View!

On Friday, November 17, 2023, Mountain View students participated in a school-wide STEM project that culminated in our annual “Balloons Over MVES” parade. Student teams and their balloon float entries paraded through the school and were judged on a variety of criteria, such as design quality, originality, personal and homeroom excitement, varied materials, and relation to theme. Learn more about our special guest judges on pg.2!



From the Principal's Desk



“As we were finishing out the last day of school before our Thanksgiving break, the hallways of Mountain View became filled with excited students holding elaborate balloon creations. A few weeks earlier, I enjoyed reading the book, Balloons Over Broadway, which is a story of this history of the balloons in the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade. Our students got to work using the STEM process to design their own balloons for our school parade. Collaborating in their classrooms, each group tested their design and made final preparations to wow our judges with their creation.

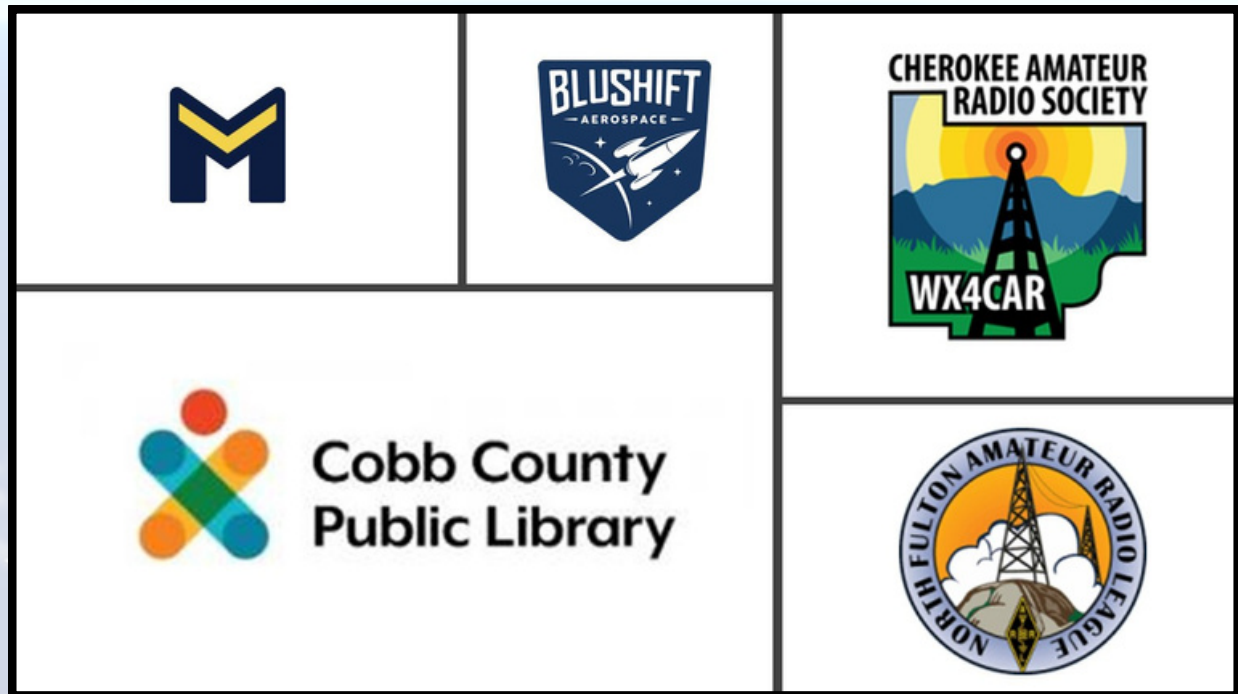
I was absolutely astounded as the cheers rang through the hallway and the balloons paraded down the halls past the judges table. Each grade level had a different theme, and the colorful balloons represented animals, space, desserts and so much more! The smiles and excitement from the judges as they quickly tallied the scores was just one indication of what a wonderful job our engineers did on their designs.

***Balloons Over Mountain View** was such an amazing celebration of our students working together, supporting one another, and expanding their creativity beyond their classrooms. Congratulations on a job well done!”*

~~Dr. Katie Derman, MVES Principal

Thank You to Our Community Partners!

We could not do all that we do without these relationships. These organizations provide money, time, expertise, and services to support what we do here at MVES, and for that, we are thankful!



We were fortunate to have several of our community partners volunteer their time to be our judges for Balloons Over MVES!

A very special thank you to:

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Merideth Zobell, YS Librarian, Mt. View Library Branch

Congratulations to our Winners!

Kindergarten-Mrs. Roman



1st Grade-Ms. Wallin



2nd Grade-Ms. Farah



3rd Grade-Mrs. Simpson



4th Grade-Mrs. Flatt



5th Grade: Saputo



Congratulations!

A special shout-out to our overall class winner: Mrs. Flatt's 4th Grade!



