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Mayor Hoelscher

By Ellie Kim

Paul A. Hoelscher has been serving as the Borough of Harrington Park's esteemed mayor for over three decades, and his dedication to the community truly shines. Community-minded, Mayor Hoelscher has been dedicated to giving back to the close-knit circle in Harrington Park from the very start. Prior to being elected as mayor in 1991, he had already acquired a background in politics, having been a councilman for several years. When asked why he decided to shift paths and run for mayor, he acknowledges the people in town as those who inspired him. He states, "Back in 1991, a small group of residents asked me to run for mayor." He continues, "I always had an interest in politics, so I accepted their request... I formed the Independent Council Party and was elected as mayor in November of 1991."



As mayor, Mayor Hoelscher undertakes numerous responsibilities to maintain and improve Harrington Park. Always keeping the people in mind, Mayor Hoelscher confirms, "My main responsibility as mayor is to maintain the safety and well-being

of all our residents. To that end, I help prepare the Municipal Budget each year and try to keep the tax increase at a reasonable level. I try to appoint individuals to the many boards and commissions that are willing to volunteer their time and put in the effort to assist in managing the town. I am also very active in regional, county, and state organizations."

Every day, Mayor Hoelscher holds several responsibilities and fulfills multiple tasks in order to serve the Harrington Park community. According to the mayor, "A typical day for me includes time spent at Borough Hall to check the



mail and return phone calls. Parts of my day are spent visiting property owners who need assistance." As well as these duties, Mayor Hoelscher often attends meetings with political leaders or groups and answers calls to his home phone that require his attention. No matter the day, the mayor works tirelessly for the community at Harrington Park.



Mayor Hoelscher has a commendable long-standing mayorship that has lasted for over three decades. When asked why he continues to run for the role after so many years, he writes, "There is great satisfaction in helping people and solving problems that need to be solved in our community." He is pleased to announce, "During my tenure in office, many positive changes have improved the quality of life in the Borough of Harrington Park. The residents of Harrington Park have been very supportive of the various programs we have undertaken in the past and I hope to continue my service."

Ultimately, Mayor Hoelscher is a genuine leader and representative of the Borough of Harrington Park. As someone who truly cares about the residents of his community, Harrington Park could not imagine a borough without such a caring and successful mayor. Likewise to the appreciation that Harrington Park holds for the mayor, Mayor Hoelscher reveals, "I have to admit I enjoy every aspect of my job as the Mayor of Harrington Park."

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Dear Spartacus,

School is finally coming to an end; yay! I cannot wait for summer vacation although I will miss my teachers. I am over the moon because I am one year closer to graduating, but this means many things. My schoolwork is becoming heavier, and I don't know how to handle it. I have never been good with time management and am a major procrastinator. Please give me some advice! I want to impress my teachers by always doing my homework and receiving good scores on tests while managing my hobbies inside and outside of school.



Thanks,
Anxious Almond

Dear Anxious Almond,

Stress is only inevitable when you're moving up a grade! Starting a new school year always has a bittersweet side of it, which includes the things you listed. Time management is a crucial part of your school-life, and it is always awesome to be proficient in it. However, fixing bad habits such as frequenting games, social media, or any distraction while completing homework and schoolwork is indeed a problem. Thankfully, you have the whole of June, July, and August to fix that! Working your way up little by little will definitely help. In the new school year in September, make sure to put it in action, but if you are not able to, it is absolutely A-okay! Us, Spartans, always learn by our mistakes, right? Another important habit is always completing your assignments in time. To add, another way of enhancing your academic year would be joining a club or two as you can make new friends and bond over new things you may learn- such as journalism in the Spartan Sentinel!

Hope that helps; enjoy your summer!

Sincerely,
Spartacus

NORTHERN VALLEY MAGAZINE

FEATURE ARTICLES

Our Special Grandparents

By Chaeran Alyssa Oh

The Oxford Dictionary defines the word “grandparents” as “a parent of one's father or mother; a grandmother or grandfather.” However, grandparents may not be just close relatives. To many grandchildren, grandparents are fun, different aspects of our lives. Traditions and mutual interests are a few of the many that make the relationships between grandparents and grandchildren extraordinary.

Grandparents' interests can differ from us or sometimes they tend to have the same interests as we do. Jenna Margliano, a rising 8th grader in Harrington Park School, describes, “My grandmother and I like to watch a show together. We normally watch this show at her house on Tuesdays.”

Another common interest within grandparent relationships can be found in cooking. Heather Fabiano, a 6th grader, explains her and her grandma's tradition of cooking. “I enjoy making pizza and gardening with my grandfather. We use the tomatoes we grow as a sauce for our pizza pies. My grandmother's cooking lessons are fun!” Cooking with relatives has been a memorable pastime for more than just Heather. Irene Kang, a 6th grader states, “We like making food, and we can pursue this together during Korean New Years, Thanksgiving, etc. On special occasions, my grandmother makes rice cakes with me. My grandfather grills food and practices horticulture within their garden.”

Whether the mentioned activities can be achieved at George Street Park, or a grandparent's apartment in New York, places where these unique and fun activities situate are also an important facet to relationships and bonding. Sophia Varni, a 7th-grade student, mentions, “My grandma lives in Northvale at this time, and my grandpa lives in Atlantic City. I think it makes my relationship with them more special because we Facetime a lot. My grandma and I have an amazing relationship because I always go visit her because she leaves nearby.” Like Sophia, Zachary Chaung, a 7th grader shares, “As I mentioned, my grandparents on my mom's side live in Hawaii. Having them live so far away (across the country, literally) makes me cherish every phone call and visit that we can get.”

On the other hand, Chris Stout, rising 5th grader details, “My Grandparents live about 20 minutes from me and we can sometimes just stop by because it is close. So, yes I think it makes our relationship more special. It also allows them to be able to come to my games and school events.” Although having differing relationships each of these students have remarkable relationships with their grandparents.

Other than locations and hobbies, many more possible characteristics can change and develop a relationship between a grandparent and a grandchild. “Neither of my grandparents were born in America. My grandma was born in Argentina (her family fled Germany), and my Grandpa was born in Greece and helped many families come here. I love hearing their stories, and my grandpa is always trying to teach me Greek and its roots in English words,” a rising 6th grader, Alyssa Criaris, explains.

In another creative aspect, Skya Ellengold, also a 6th grader, admires her grandmother who was an artist. “My Grandmother was an artist and taught many classes and sold paintings.” To add, Claire Jeon, a 5th grader, shares “we live together under the same roof. We're very close and they care for me and my younger sister when our parents are out of the house.”

As we all grow older, grandparents will continue to be the ones we look up to, learn from, and go to for advice. The relationships between Harrington Park students and their grandparents may be very different, however one thing remains the same. All relationships are one in a million!

Celebrating Mother's

By Eunice Cho

May is a month that many people look forward to as it marks the arrival of springtime, as trees and flowers begin to bloom and the weather starts to warm up. Not only does this month open up new opportunities for fun activities, but it's also special because it's the month in which we celebrate Mother's Day. As most know, Mother's Day is a holiday that is observed annually on the second Sunday in May in many countries around the world. This year, it takes place on May 14. It is a day to honor and appreciate the important role that mothers play in our lives. On this day, people typically give gifts, cards, or flowers to their mothers as a symbol of love and appreciation.

While Mother's Day is a wonderful occasion to express gratitude to our mothers, it is important to remember that we should appreciate and honor them every day of the year. It is essential to acknowledge their hard work and make an effort to show them our love and appreciation, not just on one particular day, but every day. May is a month that is associated with new beginnings, growth, and appreciation for the important people in our lives, especially our mothers. It is a time to celebrate the joys of springtime and to show our gratitude for the many ways in which our mothers have supported us throughout our lives.



Sun, Fun, and Safety: Summer Activity Tips

By Lasya Hota

The sound of waves crashing on the shore, endless moments of sitting around a campfire with family, and the warmth of the sun's embrace can only mean one thing – summer is here! It's the season of endless adventures and outdoor activities for families. Whether it's camping trips into the wilderness, swimming, or hiking scenic trails, there is nothing quite like this chance to make unforgettable memories. Whether opting to relax or seek out an adventurous experience, there are plenty of exciting options to choose from. However, while embarking on these summer excursions, it is important to keep safety in mind. Here are some interesting outdoor activities to explore this season, with an eye to safety as well:

One of the best ways to battle the summer heat is to immerse yourself in the water. Activities such as surfing or spending time at water parks are great ways to stay active. More popular excursions include going to the community pool with friends and, of course, a trip to the beach! The beach offers a wide range of activities for fun, whether it's a game of volleyball or building with sand. While these activities can be exciting, staying safe and prepared is always essential, so be sure to stay hydrated, wear a lot of sunscreen, and always follow the safety guidelines when swimming.

If you're looking for something more active or focused, activities including biking and playing sports are available for every skill level.

Biking is a popular choice when looking to enjoy time with friends, whether it's a daily ride through the neighborhood or the thrill of challenging mountain paths. Summer is the perfect time to try a new sport as well, such as volleyball or even a simple game of frisbee. For an adventurous experience, one activity is rock climbing, which requires more skill and focus but is a rewarding opportunity. Remember that safety is the priority, which means wearing the required equipment, bringing water, and wearing the



proper attire.

For a laid-back outdoor experience, consider having a picnic or hiking trip with others. Find a great place for picnics at a nearby park to enjoy the fresh air! As for hiking, there are many options, including simple, leisurely trails or challenging treks. Either way, hiking provides the chance to explore the natural beauty of the area. Before heading out on the trails, make sure to pack accordingly, including plenty of water and appropriate footwear, and check the trail conditions. The ultimate classic summer activity is camping, which is perfect for those who wish to get away from the routine and spend time outdoors. Camping not only allows time away from technology, but also simple joys like stargazing under the night sky, roasting marshmallows over a campfire, and making memories with family.

Take advantage of the warm weather and longer days, group with some friends or family, and explore the outdoors this summer! Each activity offers a unique perspective on the natural world and a chance to connect with it, so you never know what discoveries and memories await you.

8TH GRADE TRIBUTE

Lasya Hota

It's unbelievable how my time at Harrington Park School went by so quickly! Even though I started attending this school in my 7th grade year, I can most certainly say that this school provides an incredibly rewarding experience. When I had moved from a different town, the one thing I did not expect was to become a part of the amazing culture here and make friends so quickly. I truly expected to have some trouble adjusting to the classes instead of making friends on the very first day of school, but I believe that this is a result of the wonderful community fostered at Harrington Park School that is more than welcoming, including all of the teachers and students. During my time here, I have made long-lasting friendships, and what I find the most encouraging is how the teachers have created a wonderful environment for everyone, having learnt important lessons from each teacher much beyond the usual subjects. During these two years, I have acquired many imperative skills including time management through the projects and assignments, in line with a lot of preparation to handle more responsibilities. I am extremely grateful for all of my experiences here and even the mistakes I have made because they shaped me into a better person and have set myself on an inspiring path for the future. However, a significant part of my time at this school that I am the most thankful for is having been exposed to so many different opportunities to pursue my interests. Most particularly, I was able to recognize and bolster my huge passion for writing beginning with my 7th grade LA class where I began to write short stories, and I will never forget how Mrs. Allen recommended and convinced me to join the Spartan Sentinel club, which additionally uncovered a multitude of other opportunities with Mrs. Vilardi and Mrs. Vazquez, through writing articles! Furthermore, alongside the Spartan Sentinel, I was able to further grow my interest in music by participating in chorus. I will certainly miss the community and people here, as well as leaving with the bittersweet memories I made throughout my 8th grade, such as the play and the Boston trip. However, I am most excited to take these valuable lessons and memories with me and further thrive as I move on to high school!



Ellie Kim

My six years at Harrington Park School have been some of the most memorable years of my life. From stepping into this school as a third grader for the first time, climbing up the three flights of stairs, to walking out as an eighth grader familiar with every hallway, the countless hours I have spent at this school have been some of my favorites. From student council meetings every week, being involved in the Spartan Sentinel, playing the flute in the band, and going to debate meets, every day has been packed with fun and various opportunities. I'll forever be grateful for the close bonds that I've made with friends and the memories that have been made in classes and events outside. I will always cherish my time at Harrington Park School and will never forget the community that made the past six years so memorable.



Anay Nadgauda



I first stepped foot in Harrington Park School on the first day of 5th grade. I didn't know anyone, not a single person, I navigated my way through the school, asking teachers, and people I had never seen before. It was difficult at first, trying to fit in, making new friends, adjusting to this new life I had ahead of me. But, this Harrington Park community was so welcoming, warm, and easy to settle in. I had moved from Missouri just six months ago, so I naturally missed my old life, friends, the school, and my memories that I had made there. Looking back, I knew my family made the right choice by moving here. I will be forever grateful for the warm welcome my family got when we moved here. I have realized that time flies in these 4 years, or 48 months, or 1461 days, or 35064 hours, or many minutes and seconds. One second I am entering this school, and the next I am performing the school play. I look back at all the things I have gone through, from moving to Haworth from St. Louis, then making new friends, COVID-19 quarantine, masks, zoom, getting back to normal, and now the only thing I do is to look forward. As much as I will miss this school, the teachers, and all the memories that were made here, it is time to move on and let go, I will forever cherish all the friendships and memories I have made here. Thank you so much HP!

Eunice Cho

My time at Harrington Park School for the past nine years has been an unforgettable journey filled with growth, learning, and cherished memories. From the first day I walked through HP's doors as an intimidated kindergartener, I was immediately welcomed into a warm and caring community that became my second home. Over the past years, I feel more than grateful for having the most dedicated and passionate teachers, who taught me to challenge myself and grow as a person. HP provided a supportive environment by encouraging me in participating in my extracurricular activities and creating strong friendships. HP truly taught me the important values of teamwork, empathy, and resilience. Reflecting on my time here, I am filled with gratitude for the experiences, lifelong bonds, and strong foundation that Harrington Park School has given me as I begin the next chapter of my life.



Yujin Kim

It is already June,
A journey completed, a new story to begin.
Through hard work and dedication, we've come so far,
With memories and friendships, that will forever be our star.

We've cried, we've laughed, we've learned and grown,
From the first day of school to today we own.
We've faced challenges, big and small,
Yet came over those obstacles, standing tall.

With late-night studying for the exams to take,
We've pushed ourselves for our sake.
Teachers who've guided us with care,
Gave us knowledge that cannot be compared.

Now we stand in front of our beloved families, friends, and teachers,
Ready to confront the next chapters.
With hearts filled with hopes and eager minds,
We're ready to embrace whatever the future finds.



Nora Lee

I can't believe my time at HP from being in Kindergarten to an 8th grader has finally come to an end. HP was the perfect second home for me and so many other classmates, with all the time I've spent here it's sad to finally come to terms with graduating. Thinking about how I've been here for 9 years is crazy and I truly owe everything to every single teacher and adult in my journey at HP. From the first day of Kindergarten to walking ourselves from class, school at home during Covid, and the countless games of Steal the Bacon. There are just too many wholesome memories to recall (and some not too wholesome). This school has constantly reminded me of the importance of leadership, citizenship, respect, kindness, and fun and has had such a huge impact in shaping who I am today. I only look back at how fun and loving this school was and I will forever have a special place for all the memories here. Class of 23' loves you forever HP!!



SPRING CONCERTS

4th-5th Grade

By Quinn Hutchinson

This year's fourth and fifth grade concert was a wonderful night. It took place on May 25th, 2023. The fourth graders performed first with their beginner band directed by Mrs. Woods. They started off the night with their set of old classics, "Our Favorite Tunes." The whole band played Twinkle Twinkle Little Star followed by Catch a Falling Star which featured the flutes and percussionist, Charlie Keene. Next, they played Scooby which featured the trumpets for the whole piece. In addition, the next song was played by the saxophones and was called Chitty Chitty Bang Bang featuring percussionists Varick



Ronan playing the ratchet and Kellen Hutchinson finishing the song off with the honk of a horn. The last two songs of this classic piece were Chicken Dance played by the clarinets, and Old McDonald which ended "My Favorite Tunes." But it wasn't over yet. The fourth grade band finished their concert with Let's Go Band. After that great performance, the fourth-graders went to their chorus directed by Mrs. Park. They sang "Lift Me Up" with solos by Ariana Perez and Joy Kim, "Waka Waka" (This time for Africa), "Sisi Ni Moja", and finished their night with "Both

Sides Now” where they beautifully incorporated sign language into the song. The fourth graders had a wonderful night.

After the fourth grade's lovely performance the fifth grade band, directed by Mr. Daleus had a wonderful show. They played the pieces Northridge Overture and Mechanical Monsters. After this spectacular execution, Mrs. Park, also directing the fifth grade chorus, had a great show in store for the audience as well. The fifth-graders sang Talking to the Moon with awesome solos by Sibley Baly and Aiden Ciccarelli. Also, they sang Seasons of Love with a spectacular solo by Joy Kim. Next, they sang Roar with a great solo by Maria DelGrande. And they finished off the night with Shot, from the Broadway show Hamilton with four rap solos by Matthew Goodman, Quinn Hutchinson, Henry Zelkas, and Kami Bird. The fifth graders really had a huge accomplishment, for they had been practicing all week for both band and chorus.

As one could tell, the fifth and fourth grade certainly had a well deserved accomplishment achieved at their concert!



6th-8th Spring Concerts

By Anay Nadgauda

Every year, the Harrington Park School hosts two concerts: one in the winter, and the other in the spring. The performances that occur are from the following groups: Strings Ensemble, Band, and Chorus. This year, the spring concert was held on May 17, 2023, and all of these groups performed. The Music Directors, Mrs. Lisa Woods, Mr. Allan Daleus, and, Mrs. Eunha Park take huge efforts to prepare the students for their big day. The students go through months and months of preparation and rehearsals, getting ready for the final concert. Once that day comes, they play their heart out and entertain the crowd.

I am Anay Nadgauda and I am part of the Strings Ensemble. I will tell you about my experiences. As soon as the Winter Concert got over, we began our preparation for the Spring Concert. We had rehearsals in the mornings two days a week as well as rehearsals during the day. Learning the songs at first can be challenging, but with practice, everyone slowly gets used to it. Just like other things, it is important to practice in order to get better.

This is an interview by Mrs. Woods, the music Orchestra director of Harrington Park.

1. How do you pick out the selection of music pieces that the students play?

My choices for this year's spring concert were based on giving students the opportunity to play classical music of different periods. Our first piece, Entrance of the Queen of Sheba, by Handel was from the Baroque Period and required students to play in that particular style. The second piece, was written by a composer who is alive today, and was fun and quirky and included a horn and whistle for the Mainstreet movement. The last work we played was from an Opera by Verdi, called Anvil Chorus because it includes the sounds of men laboring at their work hammering on anvils! Quite a variety of styles.

2. What motivates you to put in the hard work every year and make our concerts better?

I'm motivated to perform concerts to the best of by students' ability because I love music and I love to see my students experience that same excitement and joy by playing their instruments with their peers.

3. What is the work ethic you suggest for the students so they get better at their instrument?

My suggested work ethic for students is this: Show up to all the assigned lessons and rehearsals, When it's time to work - it's time to work. So try your best. Follow up on what we do by practicing at home a few times a week. And you will be successful. Simple as that!

4. How does it feel on the day of a concert, on stage in front of almost a 100 people?

The day of the concert there is always a little bit of nervousness, but with laser focus on playing the music as we've rehearsed and prepared so well, nervousness yields to playing and creating music in the moment.

5. What is the feeling after the concert is over?

After a concert I am always flooded with feelings of joy about my students' achievement.

The Spring Concerts are an important cultural event in HP. They have been going on for decades and will continue to entertain people for decades to come.

Senior Concert Band Trip

By Chaeran Alyssa Oh

On March 9, 2023; the Senior Concert Band, consisting of 7th and 8th grade musicians, took a trip south to compete in an annual music festival at the Montclair State University. To most students, this experience was new and exciting. Not only was the trip truly memorable, it helped students bond with our new band director, Mr. Daleus!

Mr. Daleus is the new and welcomed band director of Harrington Park School. He graduated from Montclair State University, and musicians of the Senior Concert Band were more than excited to see and experience the environment he had been educated in. To add, our beloved orchestra teacher, Ms. Woods, also graduated from MSU from studying music. Performing at MSU was truly a one-of-a-kind opportunity that the Senior Concert Band cherished and looked forward to next year.

On the topic of schedules, students weren't required to report early to school like the Six Flags Great Adventure Trip, but they were asked for one thing. Mr. Daleus' one important wish was for students to wear concert black attire. The senior concert band successfully carried that out and looked on-point and stunning simultaneously.

After three periods of practice, one hectic fire-drill, and an early lunch; the band squeezed in a bus for an hour-long ride to Montclair University, Montclair. After arrival, the band had a small practice session to make sure they were ready to go.

Proving the rehearsal a success, The Senior Concert Band had a near perfect performance winning "Superior", the highest and best ranking, at the festival. Kudos to Mr. Daleus and the one and only Senior Concert Band!



PROGRAMS/EVENTS

Art Show

By Ashley Weng

The Harrington Park School art show, which took place on April 4th, was a colorful and creative event. In it, every student's pieces they made in art class were hung up on bulletin boards or showcased on tables, so their family and friends could view their work. It's incredible to see how unique each person's piece were, and how each work was, in a way, different, even with some being assigned the same project. Ms. Pidane and Ms. DeBellis, the fantastic art teachers at the school, have made this all possible, helping to form each student's pieces to bring us this fantastic event every year.

During the event, the fourth and sixth-grade band members performed in the APR, with band teachers Ms.



Woods and Mr. Daleus conducting and leading the flow of the music. Both performances sounded amazing!

There were also ice pops given out later in the event, which was sponsored by the HSA. And even more, there was the eighth-grade play 'Matilda' preview, which was presented and directed by Ms. Allen, the seventh-grade language arts teacher.

Several people enjoyed this colorfully beautiful event. It's hard not to with its music, ice pops, play preview, and best of all, the art that makes the whole art show come to life.



Cardboard Carnival

By Arsh Nadgauda

Swish. "20 points." Someone just shot a basket at a basketball game. Wait, this basketball hoop is made out of cardboard! That's because this game is taking place at the Cardboard Carnival! The Carnival takes place every year and is designed by the 4th graders with technology teacher, Mrs. Jakubowyc.

The Cardboard Carnival is a fun event that involves games created with cardboard. In computer class, 4th graders brainstorm ideas, create flyers, and start sketching their ideas with Mrs. Jakubowyc's help. Then they gather materials at home and bring it to school to start preparing for the big day. They also have a few hours to build games on the day of the Carnival. Mrs. Jakubowyc brings fun prizes for everyone.

Students from Pre-k to 3rd grade participated in the games. The event happens in the Big Gym and lasts the entire school day. It is an exciting event and can improve social skills and develop creativity. All of you, who will be in fourth grade next year, are you ready to come up with creative ideas for the Cardboard Carnival?



Matilda

By Chaerin Isabella Oh

The Class of 2023 finished off their glorious years at Harrington Park by ending it with the play, *Matilda*, directed by Mrs. Hess and Mrs. Allen. It was a total success; from the witty jokes to the jaw-dropping visuals, the audience was assured to enjoy every moment of the musical. The school's play featured some of the most iconic songs from the original such as *Miracle*, *The Smell of Rebellion*, *Revoltin' Children*, *Naughty*, and *When I Grow Up*.



Matilda, in a short summary, is about a talented girl born into a family of careless, undistinguished individuals, such as a car scammer and a boy whose hobby is nothing more than watching TV. However, when she starts

attending Crunchem Hall Elementary School, she starts impressing many with her incredible intelligence and wit. One of these people in particular, Ms. Honey, sees tons of potential in her. However, Ms. Trunchbull, the principal, thinks quite the opposite. In fact, she seems to think this way with all of the students in the building. With all of



these intriguing characters played out by the talented and well-known 8th graders of Harrington Park, it was something further special than a normal Broadway show can offer.

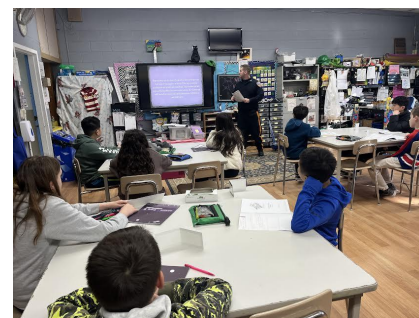
Much like Matilda, everybody in the Class of 2023 was known for their determination, intelligence, and extraordinary abilities. It was sincerely a class like no other. Congratulations to the Class of 2023 on their play, and thank you for your dedicated years at Harrington Park (For more information on the cast, the list is to the left)!



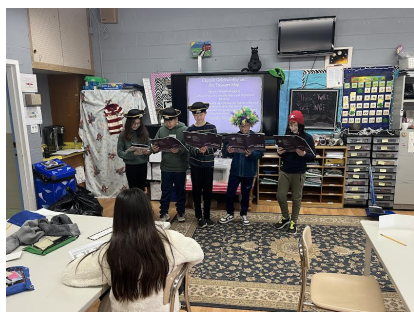
L.E.A.D

By Ava Topple

In case you don't know what lead stands for, it stands for law enforcement against drugs. The police officers of Harrington Park come to the school to teach the 5th graders about what to do if you ever get in a bad situation and how to solve it and also how to make good choices in the future. Throughout the 10 week program, two HP police officers, Officer Leeman and Officer Pedersen, come and teach different lessons each week to the students in fifth grade. Some lesson topics included: effects of alcohol and tobacco use, peer pressure, managing mistakes, and effective communication.



To wrap up the course students had to design a poster based off of their favorite lesson throughout the course of L.E.A.D. They also celebrated with an ice cream truck and played a bunch of outdoor games. There was a DJ, too! The winners of the L.E.A.D. poster contest were Natalie Cappadona in 1st Place, Paige Palmer in 2nd Place, & Sara Tesker-Pinset in 3rd Place.



SPARTAN SPORTS

Softball

By Sammy Finer



Girls softball is a great team of skilled and super supportive girls! They all treat each other like family, and all support each other in the good times, and in the bad times too.

First off, HP's softball coach, Ms. Paternostero, is the most amazing coach the girls could ever imagine having! She is kind, caring, fun, and really strong and supportive! She didn't cut any of the players this year, so everyone gets at least some playing time in the games. The

towns the HP softball team plays against are Old Tappan, Noorwood, Closter, and Northvale.

The girls on the team, are Lindsey Wiseman, Charley Zukowski, Jenna Maragliano, Isabella Guerra, Maeve O'Neil, Ella Deramo, Maya Fernandez, Jillian Carten, Sophia Varni, Sammy Finer, Alyssa Criaris, Heather Fabiano, Grace Lynch, Grace Jakabowyc, Elinda Qosaj and Maxine Kwon. They are all amazing supporters of each other, and always cheer on each other whether it is good or even bad.

In conclusion, softball is an amazing sport and if you are in 6th, 7th or 8th grade, you should definitely try out next season!



Baseball

By Sophia Varni

Baseball is one of the many sports popular in the spring. Baseball is a great way to get involved in school activities, and even if you just want something to do this spring. Baseball is being coached by our new gym teacher, Mr. Lawlor. The baseball team is ready for a great season at Harrington Park.

Baseball is an important part of spring sports in Harrington Park! The team this year consists of two eighth graders, nine seventh graders, and four sixth graders. The boys' names on the team this year are, Jason Goodman, Zach Orfan, Noah Ribeiro, Luke Pavone, Liam Donnelly, Daniel Kleynerman, Ben Chiang, Adrian



Kleczkowski, Campbell Torrie, Jaedon Deserio, Logan Poleshuk, Harris Buddha, and Ethan Tyska. The team this year even has a new coach, Mr. Lawlor. Mr. Lawlor has been around the game his whole life, and even continued in high school. When he started teaching he started coaching the junior varsity team in Midland Park, and seven seasons later he joined the Spartans in Harrington Park. Although winning might be important to the team, Mr. Lawlor has one goal, working on the basics of baseball. Which includes developing the main skills, fielding and hitting.

The boys baseball team has great determination, and they always try their best in the fields. The boys have played tough teams, but they did well. The final record for the boys baseball team was 2 wins and 5 losses. Again, it's not all about winning, but working on the basics! Go Spartans!

Track

By Sophia Park

As spring time approaches so do the exciting sports with it! With Ms. Lewis and Ms. Bradbury coaching this year, it is sure that HP will have a stellar track team. Track includes many events such as running different distances; doing field events such as shot put and long jump. The team practices on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays with 3 meets scheduled. Practices include warm-up laps, daily exercise, and stretches before and after every run.



Coach Lewis says that her goal for the track team is to have fun while learning about the events and how to properly take care of our bodies to perform at our best. She also says that the best part of track is connecting with students outside of the classroom and the competition. Track is fun because there is an individual part of the sport as well as a team aspect. With approximately 55 students participating this year, it is sure to be a fun and successful season!

Ask a Teacher...

By Chloe Song

Have you ever wondered what your teacher does after school? Teachers have very different lives outside of the classroom. Unfortunately, we can not discover our teachers exact and every routine/actions, but I have formed a couple questions that may help you get to know a little more about your teachers.

Where is your favorite vacation spot?

“My favorite vacation spot is Florida.” - Ms. Bradbury

“My favorite vacation spot is Lake George in New York.” - Ms. Woods

“My favorite vacation spot is Puerto Rico. My husband's family is from the island, and it is a beautiful and fun place to visit. Traveling around the island is always an adventure.” - Ms. Colon

What do you think is best about being a teacher?

“The best thing about being a School Counselor is providing a safe positive space for students and teaching social emotional skills.” -Ms. Bradbury

“The best thing about being a teacher is the opportunity to be a leader in my students’ education and childhood. What an honor!” - Ms. Woods

“The best thing about being a teacher is getting to be around kids. It is great to work with kids who have energy, enthusiasm, and excitement about life and the world around them.” - Ms. Colon

What is your all time favorite movie?

“My favorite Disney movie is Inside Out!” -Ms. Bradbury

“My favorite movie is Forrest Gump.” - Ms. Woods

“I like a lot of movies of different genres, but my family enjoys watching Marvel movies together. Ant-Man is one of my favorites.” - Ms. Colon

At the end of the day, teachers are all humans just like you. They also travel to places, watch movies, and have fun. Now that you know a bit more about your teachers, maybe you can talk to them about some fun new movies or about a trip you’re going on. It is important to respect and appreciate your teachers and have a good relationship with them. Have you learned anything new about our HP teachers?



REVIEWS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Summer Movie Releases

By Quinn Hutchinson

It will be summer before we know it. When this time of year comes, many kids are looking for something to do. These new movie releases will be out this summer, and will be a fun activity for kids and/or adults to enjoy this summer season.



Elemental

Release Date: June 16, 2023

Summary: When Ember, a girl made of fire moves to Element City, life is getting pretty boring pretty quick for her. After all, she now is living in the city where water, earth, air, and fire live together. She always feels that everybody belongs to a certain group of people or lives a certain way. That is until she meets Wade, a water guy who, by appearance, is strongly different from her. However, overtime they realize that even if they are opposite elements, they have more in common than they think.

Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny

Release Date: June 30, 2023

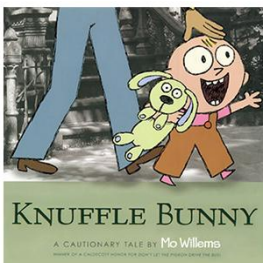
Summary: Indiana Jones is returning to the theaters in 2023, and so is our lead, Harrison Ford!! The eighty-year-old will be returning to the set and playing the archaeologist one last time. In this movie, Indiana will be facing his famous foes - Nazis. As the Indiana Jones movies are taken into a new century, older kids can share the magic of the series with their parents, who might've watched it as a kid! Even though quite some time has passed, people will still see the magic in the daring adventurer.



Book Reviews: Grades K-2

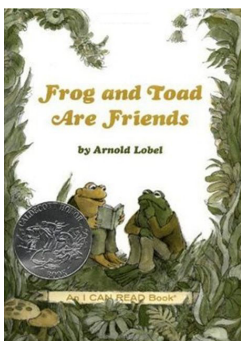
By: Yujin Kim

Kindergarten : *Knuffle Bunny*



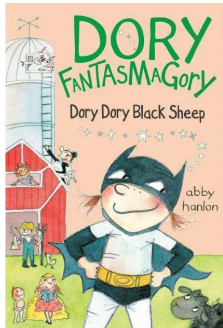
Trixie, a toddler who loses her favorite toy bunny, but is too young she's not speaking yet so she can't tell her dad what happened. She searches the street leading her father and at a point where she is about to drop her tears, her yellow knuffle bunny peeks out and finds her. Knuffle Bunny is a classic children's picture book written and illustrated by Mo Willems. Released by Hyperion Books in 2004, Knuffle Bunny received the 2005 Caldecott Honor. I highly recommend this book to kindergarten children who want to depart on the journey with Trixie to find her knuffle bunny.

1st grade : *Frog and Toad are Friends*



Frog wakes Toad up to enjoy the year they have together, and Toad tells Frog a story when he doesn't feel well. *Frog and Toad are Friends* tells the story of two friends of different personalities and the adventures they get into. Each story explains how the friends view the situations they find themselves in and uses humor to help children understand how to accept the different personalities of others. I would really like to recommend this book to the first graders who will be facing new environments and

children of one's age who are different like Frog and Toad. I also read this book when I was in first grade and even though it was a little difficult, I was elated to read the loving friendship of Frog and Toad.



2nd grade : *Dory Fantasmagory*

Dory, the youngest in the family, wants attention! Her brother and sister always ignore her by saying she is a baby. As the youngest in her family, Dory really wants attention, and more than anything she wants her brother and sister to play with her. But she's too much of a baby for them, so she's left to her wild imagination and untiring energy. *Dory Fantasmagory* is a series of books in which each book has a daily story of Dory. I would like to recommend this book to those who enjoy easy going reading books.

Book Reviews: Grades 3-5

By: Caroline Ryu

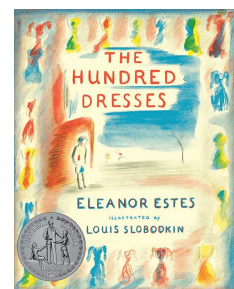


The Story of Doctor Dolittle (Grades 3 and up)

This classic children's chapter book is perfect for any animal lovers. It is a story where a doctor lives with his sister. He is a popular doctor that many people visit, but because of his fondness for animals all his patients stray away- they do not like all the animals in his house. After his sister decides to go away, too, Dolittle becomes a doctor for animals instead. He turns into a world-known veterinarian and goes on a fantastic adventure.

The Hundred Dresses (Grades 3 and up)

This award winning book is a unique story. It is about a strange and poor girl named Wanda who wears the same dress to school every day. Her classmates bully her when she says that she owns a hundred dresses. It is an amazing and heartfelt book with good life lessons.



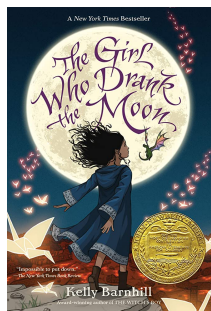
An Epic Series of Failures (Grade 5)

Lastly, this great trilogy is an adventurous and comical series. A young boy named Greg suddenly finds out that he's a dwarf and goes on a magical conquest in a war against elves and dwarves. These books are a perfect mix of comedy and action.

Book Reviews: Grades 6-8

By Jessica Kim

Are you looking for new summer book reads or recommendations? Well I got you! In this article, I have six books with a short summary, for grades 6-8!



6th grade: *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill

This book won the 2017 Newbery Medal. It is about a girl named Luna, who is raised by a witch named Xan. At the age of an infant, Xan accidentally feeds her moonlight, which causes her to gain powerful magic. It is up to both Luna and Xan to try and control Luna's magic before anything happens.

6th grade: *The Land of Stories* by Chris Colfer

It is about two twins named Alex and Connor who wound up in another world through its mysterious and powerful magic. This world is filled with fairytale characters they grew up reading about and the twins need to find a way out. This is what happens in the first book. If you want to learn more about their adventures, I recommend reading the rest of the series!

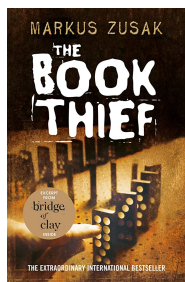


7th grade: *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle

. This book received the Newbery Medal in 1963. It is about a girl named Meg Murry who travels through time and space with her brother Charles, and her friend, Calvin. Their job is to save her father from the evil influences that are holding him hostage on another planet.

7th grade: *Crown of Three* by JD Rhinehart

It is about triplets Tarlan, Elodie, and Gulph, who have never met each other, but each have superpowers. An ancient prophecy says that they will reunite one day and bring peace and harmony back to the land. If you are interested in fantasy, you should definitely read this!



8th grade: *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak

It is about a girl, Liesel, during World War II in Nazi Germany who steals books. She develops a friendship with a boy named Max, and it allows her to read the library of a notable. Read this book to see how her perspective of the society changes entirely.

8th grade: *Refugee* by Alan Gratz

It is about a Syrian boy named Mahmoud. His homeland was torn apart, so he and his family began a long journey to Europe. There are two other children who are also leaving their homeland with their families due to violence. If you want to learn more about these children and their difficulties on their trip, go read this book!



Field Trips

Boston - 8th Grade

By Lasya Hota

In celebration of the Harrington Park School's eighth grade graduation from middle school, they went on the annual trip to Boston on May 24th and 26th. On their way to Boston, the eighth graders stopped at Plymouth Plantation, acquiring a taste of the colonial food that depicted the first Thanksgiving. In particular, they visited the Plimoth Patuxet Museums which held sites that recreated the villages in which the English colonists settled in during the 17th century. From this, students were even able to interact with the people there who represented pilgrims, and had the chance to observe and gain a visual of the everyday lifestyle in that age, as well as how various different types of people used to work and perform their tasks. Soon, the students took a quick break to explore and relax at the Boston Common, which interestingly holds the title of America's oldest public park, and lastly, they visited Fenway Park to wrap up the day. At Fenway Park, not only did the students get to learn about the



intricate history of the Red Sox and the stadium, but they also got a full tour of the entire stadium and were confided in the amusing hidden messages that were on the Green Monster wall.

The next morning brought a visit to the Boston Museum of Science where students were able to explore the entirety of the museum and its exhibits which ranged from arctic adventure and animal exploration to mazes and brain games! It had been a pleasant start to the day which would lead into roaming around the Quincy Market. The teachers



allowed some time for the students to shop at the stores, namely, Faneuil Hall, and collect souvenirs. Afterward, they walked the famous Freedom Trail up to the Old North Church, in which the tour guides pointed out many historical sites including the Paul Revere statue, and described the significance of each area along the way. Once the visit to the church was over, everyone left and traveled to the U.S. Constitution Museum, where they not only got to obtain information about the warship, but they even boarded the ship, as well!

Finally, the students and teachers returned to the hotel to change clothes for what was reported as the highlight of the trip— the dinner cruise! The cruise entailed food and beverages, dancing, and, of course, the beautiful scenery outside where students enjoyed taking many pictures. This was most certainly one of the most memorable moments of the trip!



The last day, the students went on a Duck Tour to end the trip, in which a bus would take them for a tour around the city, and would later convert into a relaxing water ride along the Charles River. In the end, they even had the fun chance to drive the vehicle while in the water! This trip to Boston had been such a wonderful experience for the eighth graders, that some students even felt bittersweet once it ended, but it will always be a memory that they will never forget.

Philadelphia - 7th Grade

By Cyla Cafuoco

In April, the 7th grade takes an annual trip to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. We go to see many historical and cultural places such as the Liberty Bell, the Rocky Steps, Franklin Institute, etc., and end our day with a warm Philly cheesesteak. During 7th-grade, students learn about the Revolutionary War and how everything was resolved. This trip is a great learning experience for the students and teachers serving as an overview of landmarks that were used or around in that specific time period.



The History of the Liberty Bell

The Liberty Bell is 270 years old and one of the oldest artifacts in Philadelphia. It is most interesting since it has been a complete mystery on why the bell cracked or how it got here. Most say that the crack appeared in 1840 because it was being rung so harshly for over 90 years. In 1846, the town decided to repair the bell for George Washington's birthday. To fix the sound and the crack they opened it wider to prevent any other harm. They say it arrived in 1751 and on the first ring it cracked, so workers melted it down and planted it in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It was dedicated to the 50th anniversary of William Penn's 1701 Charter of Privileges. (Pennsylvania's Constitution)

Did you know?

- The bell weighs about 2000lbs.
- It is made out of 70% copper, 25% tin, and many other metals.
- "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof." is written on the bell.



The History of the Franklin Institute

On February 5, 1824, Samuel Vaughan Merrick and William H. Keating founded the Franklin Institute in Pennsylvania. They did this to promote and advance in mechanical arts and now it is more scientifically educating. In the Franklin Institute there are many areas and exhibits to see including the heart (with a visual walk through), the sport center, the brain, and many more space and technology events.

Through this museum everything is very hands on and interactive to keep everyone entertained.

Did you know?

- The Franklin Institute was created to honor Ben Franklin with all of his inventions.
- The Institute is 198 years old.
- It took about 120 years to build the large building.

Overall this trip is very educational for both teachers and students in the 7th grade. It is a great experience to learn history!

Fairview Lake - 6th Grade

By Madison Kim

In school, there is something that every kid loves. A field trip. Although, in 6th grade, this field trip differs from all of the lower grades' field trips.



At the end of April, the 6th graders get to stay for three days and two nights at Fairview Lake YMCA Camps. Fairview Lakes is located in Newton, New Jersey which is about 90 minutes away from Harrington Park by bus. The goal of the program is to educate children about the environment around them and connect them to nature. For some of us, this was our first overnight trip away from home without our families. The 6th graders all met up in the APR at 7:30 A.M. with all of their suitcases



and bags, and the bus left at around 7:50 A.M. As a 6th grader, I was fortunate to be able to experience this extraordinary trip.

This 6th grade trip was full of fun. Some activities were archery, rock climbing, forest eco, water eco, and A.S.E. We got to have fun in the wilderness and nature with our classmates.



Archery was very fun. The rock climbing activity was pretty similar to High Exposure, our field trip last year. The only difference was that we had to wear helmets and the wall was higher up. There are two main walls that we were allowed on. The easy level and the hard level. We got into our harnesses and strapped on a helmet and started climbing. In forest ecology, the guide taught us how to make face paint with rocks and how to make a whistle out of an acorn cap. Because we were hanging around in the woods, there was a risk of getting ticks. Stream ecology got a little messy. Everyone grabbed a net and started looking for critters in the stream. Some critters we found were mayfly larvae, dragonfly larvae, minnows, crawfish, frogs, etc. My personal favorite of all the activities was A.S.E. A.S.E, teamwork building was where the groups were led into a series of activities where they all had to work together.

After a long, tiring day, we were rewarded with a fun night time activity each night. We got a visit from an animal specialist and got to see many different animals including a bunny, iguana, chameleon, alligator,

black widow spider, etc. We also got to eat ice cream! We had the ice cream social where all of the kids and chaperones enjoyed ice cream. We also had a dance, which included line dancing. After doing line dancing for a while, we got to party the rest of the time. After the dance we went outside to the campfire to roast marshmallows and make s'mores. Then, after an exhausting day, we hopped into our beds, but didn't fall asleep until much later.

On the last day at Fairview, our last two activities at the camp were Colonial Cooking class, where we made a delicious apple cobbler, and Wilderness Survival where we had 45 minutes to build a shelter. There were a few challenging rules, though. We could not destroy anything from nature to make it, and it had to be big enough to fit at least one person from our team. We scavenged for sticks or branches and found a place to build our shelter. In colonial cooking, we made a mouthwatering apple cobbler with apples, sugar, cinnamon, and some toppings.



We had a great time at Fairview Lakes YMCA Camp. We would like to thank all of the chaperones, Mrs. Wise, Mr. Herbert, Mrs. Boyle, and a few teachers for taking such good care of us, and for making the trip run smoothly and making it exciting and fun. We certainly appreciate it a lot.



Maritime Aquarium - 5th Grade

By Elisha Kim

This year, the fifth grade went to the Maritime Aquarium in Connecticut for their field trip. The ride took about 45 minutes. At the aquarium, there were many animals such as stingrays, jellyfish, sharks, river otters, and many others.

Speaking of stingrays, the visitors were allowed to interact with them. They pet and stroked them with one or two fingers. The stingrays' barbs were trimmed regularly, so they couldn't sting the people that were touching them. Many people said that the stingrays felt slimy, and others said they felt smooth. I thought that this experience was very fun as well as cool. The fifth grade teachers each paid three dollars to feed anchovies to the stingrays. All of the teachers were hesitant at first but got over their fear and fed the stingrays.

The visitors could also touch the moon jellyfish there as well. Only the top, though, because they would get a small sting if they touched the bottom. Some people did get stung, but they all said that it

didn't hurt, thankfully. Unlike the jellyfish most people think of, moon jellyfish are small and have short tentacles.

Toward the end of the trip, the fifth graders had a 4D experience. The fifth grade watched a short film about how octopuses camouflage, blend in with their surroundings, and catch their food. The students wore 4D glasses which made the film look even more realistic than it already was. There were also some cool features that made it more enjoyable, like how the chair in front of yours has a hole in it that sprays water in your face, or how there were some things under your chair that tickles your legs, tricking you into thinking that the octopus is under your chair.



Overall, the fifth grade students enjoyed their visit to the Maritime Aquarium, as well as the teachers. Maybe *you* should try visiting the aquarium!

Sterling Mineral Museum - 4th Grade

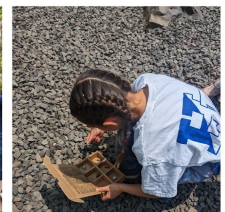
By Claire Jeon



The Sterling Hill Mining Museum is a great place to explore caves and mines, if you're interested in some of these. Even if you are not, this place is an amazing place to visit. The 4th Graders were able to experience this special place where they surely made many memories.

The 4th graders started off with a tour of the Sterling Hill Mineral Mine. The mine is known for its Zinc Ore Deposits. The tour was led by three guides that the 4th grade classes followed. They learned about the types of jobs the miners working in mines did and learned

about some mining techniques miners used during mining. There is a Rainbow Tunnel which is a part of the mine where rocks have fluorescent and bright neon colors illuminating the tunnel. When exposed to shortwave ultraviolet light, the walls of the mine glow red and green. Finally, they concluded the trip with a rock scavenger hunt where they had to search for 6 specific rocks that each student took home.



Six Flags Music Trip

By Zachary Chung

On May 19th, the Senior Concert and Jazz Bands, Chorus, and String Ensemble performed at the High Notes Music Festival in Marlboro, New Jersey. Afterwards, they went to the Great Adventure Theme Park, also known as Six Flags. The Six Flags trip is something that the Senior Concert Band, Chorus, and String Ensemble do every year (except for the year we were in lockdown). Mr. Daleus (Band Director), Ms. Park (Chorus Director), and Ms. Woods (String Ensemble Director) also went on the trip. It is a way to congratulate the students for their hard work throughout the year.

Before the event, I interviewed Mr. Daleus, the band director, on the experience. According to him, New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania schools



perform at the High Notes Festival. "After performing and receiving a rating...the music students will go to Six Flags to celebrate all of their hard work and dedication to their respective program for the year," he said. "When at Six Flags, students are free to go on rollercoasters, go to the arcade, and enjoy the carnival-like food they have in the



park!" He says, "We have the Six Flags trip [to] give the students an opportunity to perform for judges, receive feedback, and...hear the hard work of other students in [other] areas." He said that something he was excited about for the trip was to see the band students react to other bands and have fun at the theme park.



The band received a rating of Excellent and the Chorus and String Ensemble both received a rating of Superior. At Six Flags, the students ate lunch and rode rides such as Skull Mountain, Nitro, and Superman. The event was a nice reward for the band, string ensemble, and chorus students for their hard work and effort throughout the year.



Carnegie Hall - 3rd Grade

By Evelyn Park

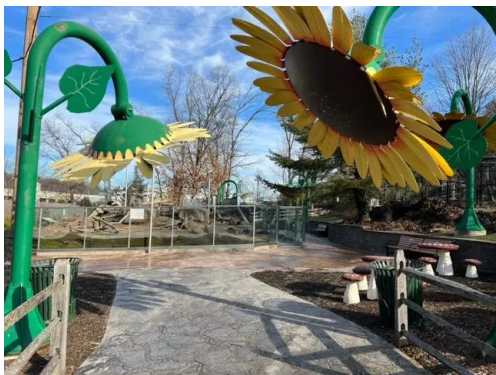
On May 23, 2023, the third graders went on their field trip to Carnegie Hall New York City where they listened to cultural music and sang with the orchestra.

While they were there, they watched the orchestra put on a show. The show included music and dancing from all over the world! Not only did the third graders get to watch the show, but also got to be in it. They performed a few songs on their recorders and also had the opportunity to sing with the orchestra! The third graders did an amazing job and had an unforgettable experience!



Turtle Back Zoo - 2nd Grade

By Chaerin Isabella Oh



It has been a tradition for the second graders to go on a delightful trip to the Turtle Back Zoo every year. Located in West Orange, New Jersey, the zoo includes some of the most fascinating animals, like stingrays in the Touch Tank, komodo dragons in the Reptile Houses, and even flamingos in the World of Water Exhibit!

The trip started off with a long, fun one-hour ride to the zoo. Activities on the bus varied from chatting with friends to sleeping the whole time. Nevertheless, all of them were over the moon when they arrived at the zoo! After they arrived at their destination, the groups took off to look at the wonderful exhibits. The varieties of animals were crazy! From alligators to wallabies, the second graders had hundreds of animals to admire from afar or touch up close.



To sum it all up, the second graders this year have continued the tradition of visiting Turtle Back Zoo. Although all of the trips to the zoo in the past and present years are never exactly the same, all of them have one element in common---every second grader always has immeasurable amounts of experience and fun!

Environmental Center - 1st Grade

By Eunice Cho

On June 9, the first graders of Harrington Park embarked on an exciting field trip to the Wyckoff Nature Center. This exciting field trip provided a unique opportunity for the young



students to explore nature, learn about various ecosystems, and have a better understanding of the environment. Prior to this trip, the first graders had been already learning about plant and animal adaptations in the classroom. Now, they get to see them in real life! Led by guides, the students had the chance to explore the diverse features of the nature center.



They were introduced to the beautiful flower fields, nearby ponds, nature trails, and much more. The 81-acre park is a plant and animal reserve, so students were able to explore lots about what they were interested in. A significant highlight of the trip was the opportunity to encounter a wide range of animals at the nature center. The center provided interactive sessions, allowing the students to learn about various land-dwelling creatures, including insects, birds, and mammals. Not only did the first graders find out more about land animals, they also learned about aquatic animals.

Overall, the trip was a valuable experience for the first graders of Harrington Park, as they not only expanded their knowledge of plants and animals but also created an interest and respect for the Earth's nature and habitats.

HP Town Library - Kindergarten

By Nora Lee

Being a Kindergartener at HP, luckily, holds many opportunities for dear times and unforgettable memories to be made at the school! The Kindergarteners' trip to the library certainly is the first taste they'll get of many fun trips and memories in the future to come. Mrs. McGinley, Mrs. Maduri, Mrs. Scuro, and Mrs. Fottrell's Kindergarten classes were able to walk to the town library on a sunny afternoon and get their library passes. Mrs. McGinley described the trip as "...great and the Kindergarteners really enjoyed learning about the library." They additionally got to decorate a fun bag to carry all their new library books and the ones more to come. To end their trip, they all listened to a story and headed back to HP with a new memory they'll remember forever!



Seasonal Pages

Spring Holidays

By Ryan Weng

Easter

Every year Easter falls on a Sunday. This year Easter fell on Sunday, April 9th. Easter is one of the most important Christian/Catholic holidays. The reason that this holiday is so important to Christians is because to them the holiday represents the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Even though this holiday is a Christian holiday, many people who are not Christian still celebrate this holiday doing things such as dyeing Easter eggs, taking photos with The Easter Bunny, making Easter baskets, and collecting Easter eggs. In our own town the HP Juniors Club hosts an Easter egg hunt at Highland Field for HP residents every year. Also, lots of people go to malls to go take photos with their local Easter Bunny. Another tradition is young kids dip boiled eggs in colored dye to make a colored egg on Easter. Also, some kids get Easter baskets filled with treats and toys on Easter Sunday. The Easter holiday also falls around most schools' spring break, and because of this, many people go on vacation during this holiday.



Passover

Passover is a Jewish holiday, observed for 7-8 days. Passover begins with the 15th and ends on the 21st day of Nisan (March or April). This holiday celebrates the freedom of the Israelites from Egyptian slavery. This year Passover was celebrated on April 5th to April 13th. Some traditions of Passover are cleaning the house, hosting a seder, and not eating leavened bread. This holiday is often called the Festival of Unleavened Bread. Some



fun traditions for kids are to make a house out of matzo, read a children's Passover book together, and create their own Elijah's cup. If any of your friends celebrate Passover, you can greet them by saying "chag sameach," which means happy festival or holidays.

Memorial Day

By Elisha Kim

Memorial Day is a day to honor those who sacrificed their lives for our country's freedom. This year, on May 29, our country honored the brave men and women who died to give freedom to their country.

Our town, Harrington Park, celebrates Memorial Day with an annual parade, where our school's band members in grades 5-8 march around the town while playing their instruments. The parade lasts for about an hour. After the parade, Harrington Park's mayor, Paul Hoelscher, and other honorable people give speeches.

But how do *other* people celebrate? Well, some people visit cemeteries where volunteers place American flags and flowers on graves. Others are related to or know a veteran and spend

time with them and listen to their stories. Another thing

that families can do to celebrate is by attending a Memorial Day concert, parade, ceremony, or hosting a backyard BBQ.

It is important to celebrate this holiday because if we don't, the memory of the brave veterans will be lost forever. So it is important that we celebrate this sacred holiday and keep the story alive. The brave men and women risked their lives so that we could have freedom. If they didn't fight, then we wouldn't be free, and so would the people in the future.



Spring Crafts

By Ava Topple

Now that winter is gone, let's get into the Spring feeling with some crafts!

Rainbow Spring Wishes

Materials:

- Colored Construction Paper
- Cotton Balls
- Markers
- Glue
- Scissors
- Decorative Ribbon (Optional)

Directions:

1. First, cut one piece of construction paper in half to be the background.
2. Then, cut the shape of a cloud with white construction paper that would fit on half the background.



3. With either the white construction paper or ribbon, measure how much you will need from the top of the cloud to the top of the paper.
4. Next, tape the top of the ribbon/paper to the back side of the background paper to make a flap.
5. Finally, with your markers, write one wish or goal that you would like to do or accomplish over the season of Spring under the paper of ribbon flap. (If you used paper for the flap, color them in as well.)

Optional Direction: *Draw a face on the cloud.*

Paper Plate Bunny Garden

Materials:

- Green, Yellow, & Orange Pipe Cleaners
- Cotton Balls
- Green & Yellow Pom-Poms
- Liquid Glue (Hot Glue w/ Parent)
- Blue, Yellow, & Green Tissue Paper Squares
- Black & Pink Paint
- Q-Tips or White Paint
- White & Pink Felt or White & Pink Paint



Directions:

1. First, cover the top half of your paper plate with glue and sprinkle blue tissue paper squares before glue dries.
2. Next, repeat Step 1, but this time cover the bottom half with yellow and then green tissue paper squares.
3. Then, glue two cotton balls together.
4. Finally, if you are using felt, cut out the white felt and pink felt into the shape of ears and then glue the pink felt on top of the white felt and glue them on the top cotton ball.

*If you are using paint, do this step after Step . Paint two white ears above the top cotton ball and once that paint is dry, paint two smaller pink ears inside of the white ears.

Summer Crafts

By Rayna Nadgauda

Is the summer just a few months away? This article presents all the wonderful crafts you can do in the summer. Ready? Let's go! Our first project is a fun watermelon notebook design:

Watermelon Notebook Design

Materials:

- A notebook
- A piece of white cardstock paper
- A potato
- Double sided tape
- Acrylic paint
- Paint brush



- Black permanent marker

Directions:

1. First take your notebook and stick on pieces of double sided tape.
2. Then, take your cardstock paper and stick it on top.
3. Now take your potato and cut it in half.
4. Place it so the bottom of your half potato with the skin is facing up.
5. Now, cut it in half again. (The bottom of the part you cut is like a watermelon cut in half.)
6. Using your paintbrush, apply some red acrylic paint on the potato section (which looks like a watermelon).
7. Stamp it all around our plain white notebook.
8. Take a paintbrush and make a green line half way to represent the watermelon's green part.
9. You can keep a little distance to represent the white rind.
10. After the red paint dries take a black permanent marker and draw little lines to represent the seeds.

(Credits: SaraBeautyCorner- DIY, Comedy, Makeup, Nail Art (youtuber))

Let's continue with our last project: Okay! This project is perfect if you are bored in the summer!

I'm Bored Jar

Materials:

- Jar (without lid)
- Popsicle sticks or paper
- Marker
- Markers for decoration
- I'm Bored Sticker (optional)

Directions:

1. Firstly, take your popsicle sticks or papers and write down things you can do to help from being bored. It could be anything you want!!
2. If you are using paper, cut it out until your boredom free choices are into little rectangles
3. Now put it in a jar and stick your I'm Bored sticker on the jar

(Credits: Vicky Barone)



Summer Vacation Spots

By Rees Cafuoco

Is your favorite season summer? Many people find this season to be their favorite, and I know why. First, kids are off from school. Who doesn't like that? Next, in summer, families can go on vacations and relax or explore. Two popular vacation spots are Aruba and Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming.

Aruba

Aruba is a popular tourist attraction. It is approximately a four to five hour plane ride. If you go there, you could spend all day relaxing and enjoying the beach. You could also go deep sea fishing, sailing, jet skiing, tube rides, sea scootering, and snorkeling. At night, there



are many amazing restaurants to go to. At one restaurant, Flying Fishbone, people get to sit by the water and stick your feet in the sand. Also, another delicious Italian restaurant is called Azzuro. The menu there has many outrageous pastas and soups. In addition, if your family is lucky enough to go there at sunset, the picture of the sky is just magnificent. The weather is also perfect in Aruba. During the day it is hot and always sunny. At night there is a cool breeze off of the ocean. Doesn't this sound like a perfect family vacation spot?

Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming

Yellowstone National Park is a great place to visit. There are many outdoor trails to hike where there are the most outstanding views. Also, your family could stay in a campsite overnight and wake up to the beautiful sounds and view of the forest. One popular restaurant is called Old Faithful Inn Dining Room. There you can sit in a giant, cozy room and eat almost anything for a reasonable price. The Yellowstone National Park is home to more geysers and hot springs than any other place on Earth. It is also considered one of the most beautiful parks in the United States of America. It is clear that the Yellowstone National Park would be a fun place to visit.



As one can see these are two of the best summer vacation spots. One of them is a relaxing vacation, and the other is adventurous.

Recipes

Spring - Mini Egg Chicks

By Chaerin Isabella Oh

Is your life merely flying by lately? Do you need something to spice, or in this case, sweeten it up? Whether you need a new hobby or need something to relish in this beautiful, warm season, these spring recipes are the picks for you!

To start off these recipes, the Mini Egg Chicks are presented. These can be made if one's budget is low or if a short, less time-consuming recipe is needed. This recipe is also a hit for little artists! All it takes are a few ingredients and you'll be finished as soon as you know it!

Ingredients needed:

- 1) Cadbury's Mini Eggs (Any variety of chocolate can be used! However, white chocolate is used inside of the shown photo.)
- 2) Edible marker pens, also known as cake pens.



With these cake pens, you draw little faces onto the chocolate eggs. These would include two eyes and a beak, or anything else your imagination can come up with! Make sure they're really unique from one another-- every little chick is different, just like us! These crafts are perfect for Easter time or if you're just an animal lover. Not only is it simple and easy to create, but scrumptious, too! These can be toppings for other foods, given as gifts, or used in egg hunts. How fun!

Spring - Cereal & Milk Ice Cream Sandwiches

By Chaerin Isabella Oh

If you're up for more of a challenge in making these crafty recipes, this one's for you! Although it does require some effort, the end result is definitely delicious and worth it!

Ingredients needed:

1. 2 tablespoons of Fruity Pebbles cereal
2. 3/4 of a cup of dulce de leche ice cream, softened
3. 4 Rice Krispies treats (2.2 ounces each), halved lengthwise
4. 1 tablespoon hot caramel ice cream topping, warmed
5. 2 tablespoons of Cap'n Crunch cereal
6. 2 tablespoons of Froot Loops cereal



Directions:

1. Pour all of the cereal into a bowl.
2. Spread ice cream onto one side of the halved Rice Krispies. Leave another half in order to "sandwich" the ice cream together later.
3. Use the hot caramel to drizzle the ice cream. After doing this, put another half on top of this treat. You should now have a full sandwich.
4. But wait, we're not done yet! Roll the sides of your creation in the previously combined cereals (in the bowl). Make sure you get a lot of it on there! It should look something like the image shown above.
5. After this, you need a baking sheet or a tray to place the treats on it. Put this in your freezer for at least an hour.

Have you waited for a minimum of an hour? If so, feel free to check out how your treats are doing! If they're frozen enough, you may just be able to dig in now! These snacks are perfect to make for a parent-and-child date or just to enjoy on your own. Nonetheless, you'll find yourself relishing this sweet treat!

Summer - Berry Ice Cream

By Noah Ahn

Directions:

1. First, combine berries (of your choosing) with milk in a bowl or a food processor.
2. Next, process or smash (with potato masher or fork) until smooth.

*Bonus: You can add sweetener if it's too tart or sour for you. *

3. Transfer mixture into a bread pan or any metal bowl.
4. Finally, cool for two hours and stir occasionally for a smoother ice cream.

Notes: You can replace the milk with greek yogurt.
For sweetener you can replace it with honey.
This recipe works with any fruit.
Before serving, let it soften.



Summer - Orange Mango Drink

By Noah Ahn

Directions:

1. First, chill four oranges and one mango for about an hour
2. Once the oranges and mangoes are chilled, squeeze out the juice from the orange, and then put the juice into a blender.
3. Put the flesh of the chilled mangoes into the blender and blend until smooth.
Add water if it's not smooth
4. Put it into fridge for two hours to let it sit.
5. Next, put any amount of ice you want into a cup.
6. Add ¼ a cup of milk (any kind) to the cup.
7. Finally, add the juice and enjoy!



CONTESTS

Spring Art Poster Contest

Contest by: Gabeen Joy Kim

Congratulations to our winners!



Claire Ra, 4th grade



Siwoo Nam, 6th grade



Olivia Mariotti, 2nd grade

Spring Haiku Contest

Contest By: Chaerin Isabella Oh

Haiku Winners! Thank you to our participants!

Mela Precel, 3rd grade

Flowers start to grow,
Flowers and bees everywhere,
Spring fun in the sun!

Sophia Teague, 4th grade

Flowers bloom skyward
Birds singing a symphony
Crickets boogie down

Aly Teague, 3rd grade

Birds sing in chorus
Sweet rain pounds on my rooftop
Silky meadows wake

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