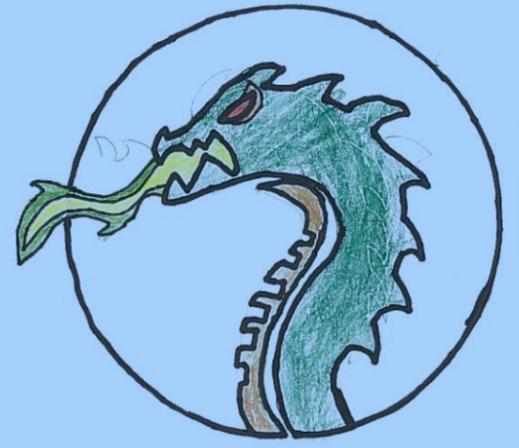


The Dragon's Post

Our Hamden Middle School
Student Newspaper



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Fall/Halloween Issue

HAMDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Welcome to Our FIRST Issue!

Our school newspaper is run by our very own HMS students. Our student contributors bring a variety of talents including drawing & photography skills, a love of writing, web design (check out our online newspaper!), an awesome sense of

humor, and so much more!

Interested in joining our Newspaper Club?

Come to our November meetings which will be held on Wednesday, November 2nd & Tuesday, November 15th. *(Stay tuned: additional dates may be added!)*

Contributors (October Issue)

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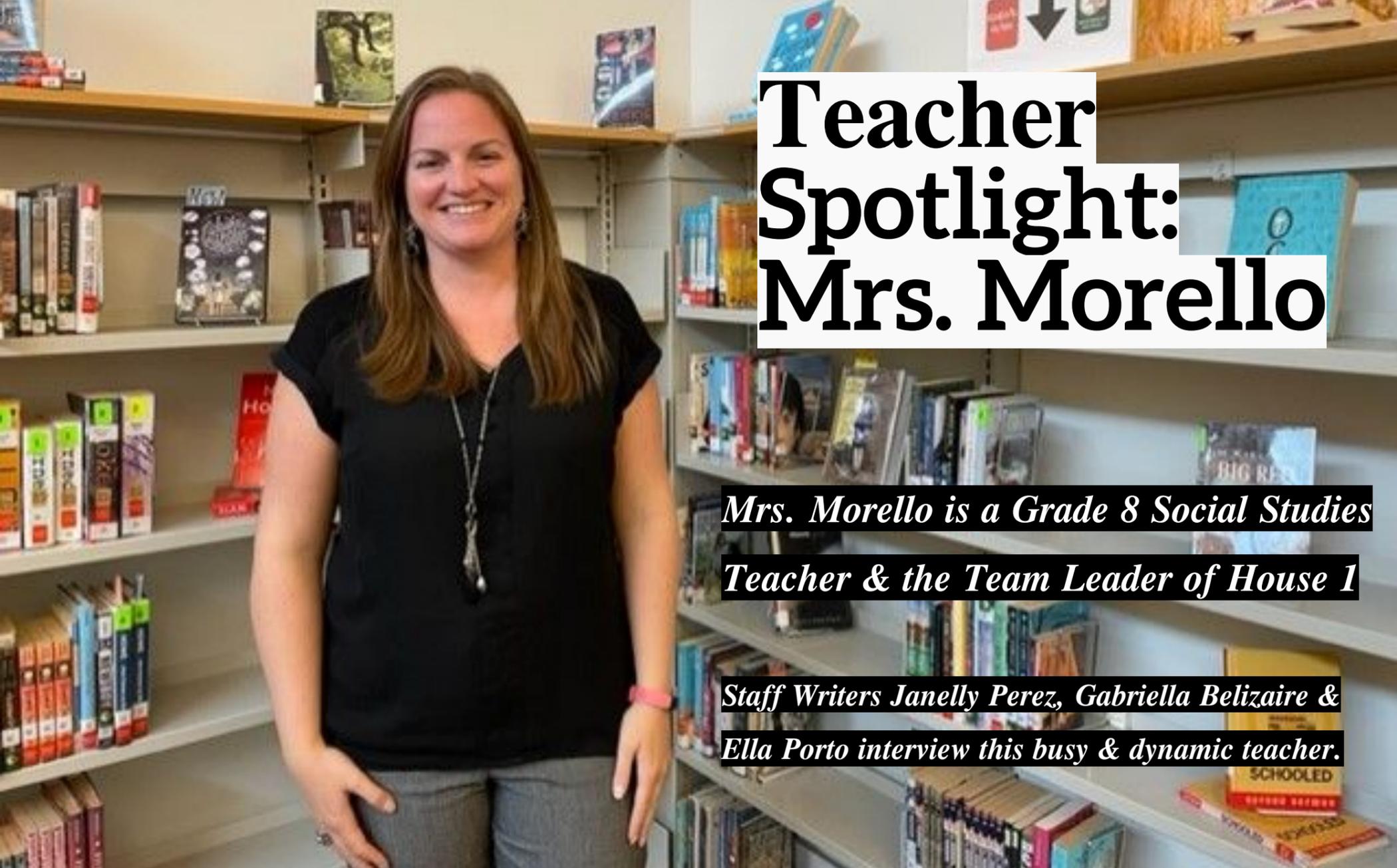
Mrs. McCulley



Read The Dragon's Post... Now Online!!

The Dragon's Post is available to our readers online! Scan the QR code (left) to access our online newspaper.

*A HUGE shout out to our web designers:
Riona Pais, Evana Pais & Chloe Butts*

A photograph of Mrs. Morello, a woman with long brown hair, wearing a black short-sleeved top and grey pants, standing in a library with bookshelves filled with books in the background.

Teacher Spotlight: Mrs. Morello

Mrs. Morello is a Grade 8 Social Studies Teacher & the Team Leader of House 1

Staff Writers Janelly Perez, Gabriella Belizaire & Ella Porto interview this busy & dynamic teacher.

The Interview

Q: What made you want to become a teacher?

A: I wanted to be a teacher because my dad was a teacher. I remember going with him to Bring Your Kid to Work Day and being in awe of the idea of being a teacher. He was my inspiration.

Q: Has one of your students impacted your life/ teaching?

A: Yes. Everyone has different things going on in their lives. I learned that being a good person is more important than just being a good student in my class. Thinking about what everyone is going through has really helped my understanding of my students' lives.

Q: What is your goal as a teacher?

A: I want my students to appreciate history and learning and to have fun.

Q: Do you have a favorite student?

A: I love all my students but the ones that are super respectful have a special place in my heart.

Q: Did you want to be a teacher as a kid?

A: Yes. I would make my sister and friends play school all the time and I always made sure I was the teacher.

Q: What are your hobbies outside of school?

A: Watching my kids play sports and being outside and watching movies and traveling.

Q: What's your favorite food?

A: Popeyes chicken for sure!

Q: What's your favorite color?

A: Purple.

Q: What's your hidden talent?

A: I remember tv show and movie quotes. I have a really good memory.

Fun Stuff

Riddles, Class Trips & More!

Compiled by Staff Writer

Desmond Bohan

Photographs by Ricky Harrington

Riddles

Riddle: The more of this there is, the less you see.
What is it?

Answer: Darkness

Riddle: What has a head & a tail but no body?

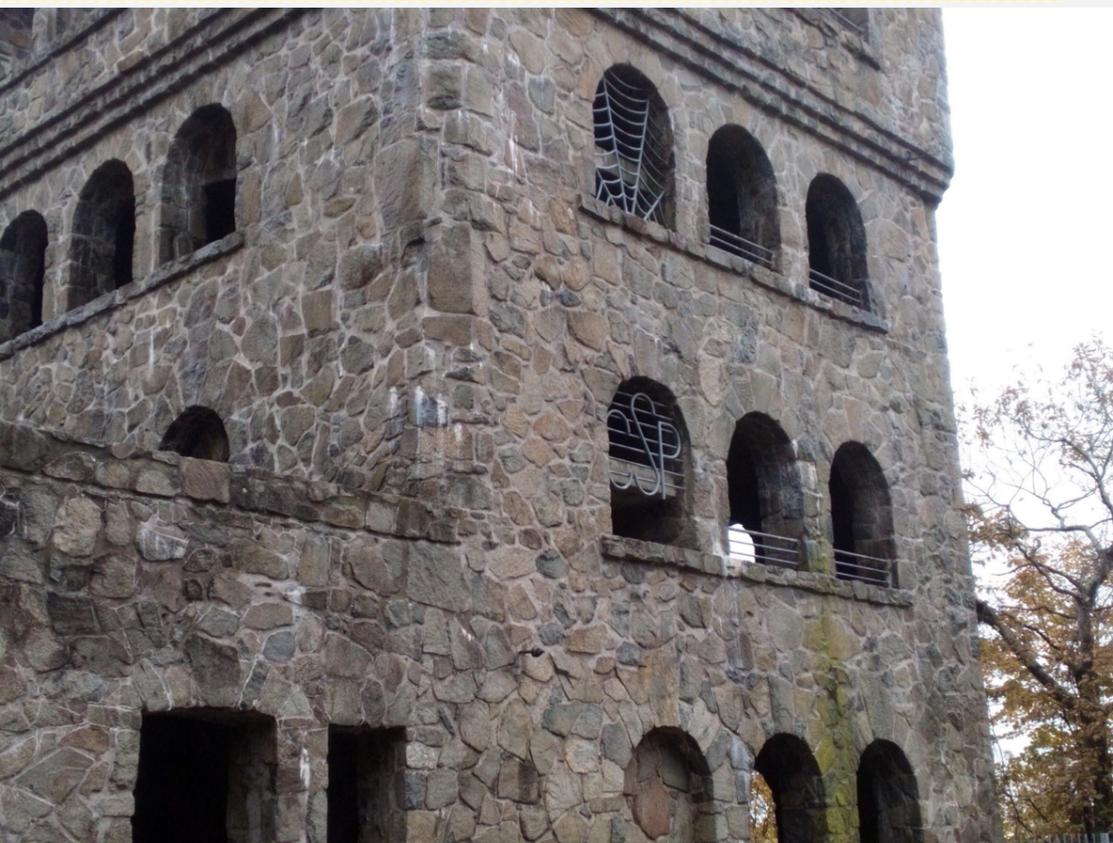
Answer: A Coin

Riddle: What building has the most stories?

Answer: The Library

Did You Know...

... that there actually aren't 57 varieties of Heinz ketchup, and that there never were? The company's founder, H.J. Heinz, thought his product should have a number, and he liked 57.



Field Trip Spotlight: Team Walton (Grade 7, House 5) Spent a beautiful Fall day hiking the Tower Trail at Sleeping Giant.

Photo Cred: Ricky Harrington

The Review Crew:

HALLOWEEN/ALL THINGS CREEPY EDITION

Love a **SCARY** Story/Movie?
Read on... **IF YOU DARE**

Books & Movies Reviewed By:

Chloe Butts, Evana Pais & Riona Pais

DEAR READER-

Orange you excited for Halloween? Well, after looking at many Halloween/horror movies, horror books, and horror music, we sure are! In this first edition, we have rated a book, a movie & some music using the "Scare-O-Meter." The "Scare-O-Meter" determines **(IN OUR OPINION)** how scary these items are. (1 = not scary at all & 10 = the scariest thing you will ever see!)

Remember: this is our opinion & you might not agree with us & that's completely fine.

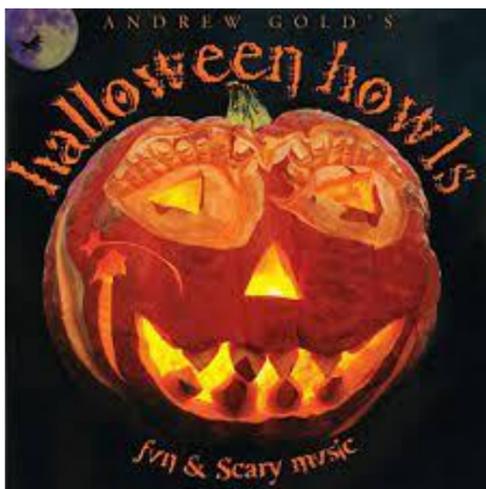
Now let's get into the recommendations!

CREEPY Song...

Song Five - "Spooky, Scary Skeletons"

By: Andrew Gold

SCARE-O-METER: 7/10



Spooky, Scary Skeletons is a song made in 1996.

This song is definitely a good tune to get you into the spooky spirit. It has a great tune, but some of the lyrics can be disturbing. The lyrics talk about shrieks, death, and more. So if you don't like any of those things, **don't listen or listen with caution!**

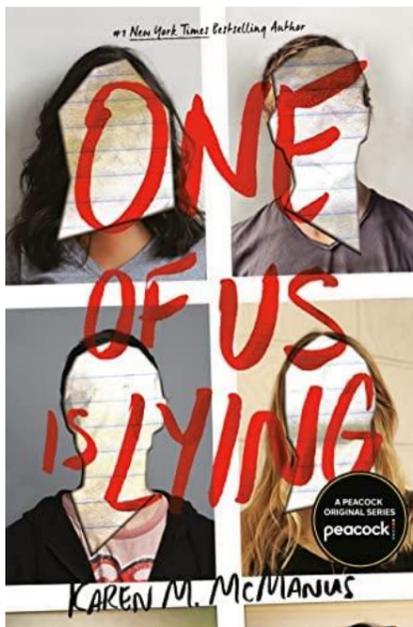
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Book Pick...

One of Us is Lying

By: Karen McManus

SCARE-O-METER: 5/10



One of Us is Lying is a story about four students who go to detention, thinking that they don't deserve to be there. Before long, Simon, a guy who runs a popular gossip app called "About That" is found dead in the very same classroom. Now Bronwyn, Nate, Addy, and Cooper are all suspects of this murder. Will they get wrongfully accused of this murder? Read this book to find out!

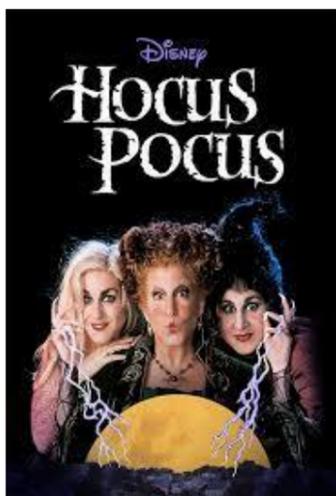
If this book sounds interesting, but you don't like reading, you can watch the TV series.

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Movie ...

Hocus Pocus: PG

SCARE-O-METER: 2/10



While this movie is not very scary at all, it is a Halloween classic. This movie is about teenagers, who after accidentally summoning the Sanderson Sisters, must steal their spellbook before they can become immortal. Having personally watched this movie I can tell you that it is PERFECT for a family movie night. For those of you who like me have seen this movie, the sequel is now out.