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### First Annual ROAR **Conference Kicks** Off at Highlands

By Hadar Arens

This year, the newly formed ROAR Committee, consisting of students, teachers and administrators, decided on planning a day where the students would have the opportunity to talk to their peers about the meaning of ROAR-Responsible, Organized, Accepting, and Respectful. The student facilitators conducted an ice-breaker activity, an activity that got students talking about "hot button" topics in the school, and ended with a video

about cyber-bullying. Students were put into groups and talked about topics that they were given, and were able to discuss some concerns with other students and teachers.. Some of the topics were: being prepared for class, fighting, hallway behavior and insubordination. The ROAR Committee hopes students learn that we must be responsible, organized, accepting, and respectful to one another and to ourselves in order to make our school community a better place. It was a great activity.

### White Plains Cherry **Blossom Festival Brings Community Together**

By Jared Rogovin

Pink and green were mixed perfectly and just in time for the annual White Plains Cherry Blossom Festival!! The blossoming flowers were beautiful at the park. There were kiddy rides, exotic foods and drinks, games, and prizes. There was even a tent where you could wear a kimono! One game involved catching a yoyo in a small pool with a paper clip attached to piece of paper. It's not that easy... However, it is fun! Next, there were foods like sushi made right before your very eyes, chicken and rice, and drinks like Japanese soda and tea. Due to the recent earthquake in Ja-



pan, every single booth had a donation box to Japan. One booth even allowed you to send a message to Japan. Besides food, drinks and games, there were classic toys to buy, like Japanese erasers. The Cherry blossom festival was great fun and I can't wait to go



again next year!



Student Facilitators run workshops designed to promote awareness about the school's ROAR mission.



### **Art Students at Eastview Make Global Connections**

By Jared Roseman

Art students at Eastview in Ms. Kennedy's class worked on a project that tied together learning about natural disasters and art.

As you all know, a devastating earthquake in Haiti several months back has left the island nation in shambles. What is particularly in shambles is the school system. Students are being taught with the sparse materials they have, in ramshackle buildings, houses and huts. Ms. Kennedy's class has done four videoconferences with a school in Haiti in February. The students talk about national disasters, how the earthquake has affected daily life in Haiti, and they have also talked about the nuclear destruction in Japan. The class is using art to help raise awareness about these devastations. Items like posters, tee shirts are being produced while the students are learn-



ing about using symbols and words to deliver a message.

Charities like the Bezos Family Foundation, Architecture for humanity, and the Global Nomads Group are contributing to these causes by providing things like family support, architectural plan for rebuilding safe structures and organizing trips. Additionally, companies are paying two dollars for each paper crane people of our school make to help disasters like Haiti and

In May, the class had the opportunity to share what they made and learned. It was a wonderful, eye opening experience.





### Bridges Ride for **Autism**

By Gabby Nobile

On Sunday July 17, 2011, the Bridges Ride/ Walk for Autism is taking place. At 8:00 am over 400 bike riders will meet at the South Street Seaport to ride over the Brooklyn, Manhattan, Williamsburg, Pulaski, and Queensboro bridges.

Joe Nobile is the founder of this event and he has been preparing for a long time. He told me that he wanted to do this because he loves to bike ride and he has an autistic nephew. So he put the two ideas together and that is the ride came to be!

Autism Speaks is the foundation where all the money is going. Autism Speaks is an organization that has been trying to find a cure for Autism for a long time. You might be wondering, what is Autism? According to autismspeaks. com, Autism is just a fancy word for complicated brain development disorders called Pervasive Developmental Disorders (PDD).

The effects of Autism are weak social skills, and lack of communication. Autism affects every 1 in 110 children and 1 in 70 boys. This is very important because it is a growing problem that needs to be solved.

For more information, go to bridgesrideforautism. com.

### **Eastview Students Celebrate Greco-Roman Day**

By Chris Koslow

On Greco-Roman Day, there were a large variety of activities. Certain teachers had activities based on their subject. Mrs. Turk had games with Roman numerals, like "Bingo". Sra. Wahl had a word search for Spanish versions of Ro-

man words. Mr. Hughes let his students build an arch out of shaped blocks. Mrs. Anastacio and Mrs. Pak both let their classes watch Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief. Finally, the absolute best (not that the others weren't fun) was Mr. Wallace and his classes,

as they pretended to be a Roman army by carrying plastic swords and shields and marching down hallways. Mr. Wallace's classes also played with fake javelins and discuses. Overall, Greco-Roman Day was a lot

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### Editorial: Mid-winter Break



Mid-winter break for the 2011/2012 school vear has been CANCELED! Out of all the things that can happen why this?! The break in February was canceled so we would not have a repeat of this year when, due to the excessive number of snow days, we lost days off our spring break and had to come to school.

The proposition has currently been passed and put into action. However, we are also, as a bonus, getting extra snow days. The increase was raised from 3 snow days (decreased from 4 in 2009) to 5 snow days. If all of these are used, which is very unlikely, it would be the equivalent of a vacation week. Research has shown that what happened this year happens oh ... once every 10-15 years!

This cancelation is a major upset to me and many others, and we strongly feel it should be changed.

### Courier Editor-in-Chief Allison Jasne **Bids a Fond Farewell**

By Allison Jasne

Wow. I mean, the vear's over. By the time you're reading this, I will no longer be the Editor-in-Chief of the Courier. But I have to say, since I started at the Courier in 6th grade with Mrs. Holder and our beloved Mr. Siegal, it was my dream to be the EIC.

Ah, 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Current 6th and 7th graders don't know of the layout meetings every 4-6 weeks when the entire staff would work from 2:45 (after x-period... weren't those the glory days!) until 7 (yes, I mean 7 p.m.) and get yelled at for sniffing the liquid cement glue that, like Sharpies, you could supposedly get high off of (but don't get any ideas because in 7th grade technology reclaimed the world - and the Courier). But in that same year, the loved Mr. Seagul retired. How we missed him - but we had an awesome party to send him off.

Then 7th grade when the Courier went online completely and we gained two new advisors: Mrs. Simmons and Mrs. Lyons. 7th grade was fun

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Allison Jasne



because it was learning the new technology and because I made a lot of friends through Courier that year.

8th grade was the best by far because going in I knew I had achieved my dream: I was the EIC! IT was also fun because of the amazing new ideas we had to make the Courier look better and be more awesome than it already was. My all-time favorite article and issue was the 2011 April satire issue of the "Blurrier"...or was it the "Reiruoc"? Anyway, it was so much fun to write and even funnier in print.

Thanks to Mrs. Holder and Mrs. Simmons for one of the most fun and amazing experiences I've had in middle school, and good luck to next year's editor-in-chief Hadar Arens (you're probably going to need it!). My advice - use all the experience you've gathered from your years on Courier and don't be afraid to ask for help.

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### Classroom Happenings

Mr. Hughes 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Class

By Jared Roseman

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Mr. Hughes classroom is a quite interesting place. Plastic models of body systems line the windowsill, and various posters are plastered on the white walls. One day you might walk into his room and find a cow uterus sitting in plain sight-with a real baby cow in it!

A cow uterus, with a live cow fetus is precisely what you might have seen weeks ago. The students in Mr. Hughes class are exposed to a variety of experiences that are mind-blowing, yet educational. Students and teachers alike are delighted with stuff like marshmallow catapult wars, where students can put together their own catapult, and put them to actions. During the unit, students learned about how trebuchets and catapults work and their parts. Students also learned about pulleys, and even got to pull other students up via a pulley system on the basketball court.

Students learned about static electricity, too. Mr. Hughes took out his Van de Graff generators, and students could see how their hair could stand on end. During a friendly interview, Mr. Hughes took out his book of animal parts, and pointed out animal organs he had dissected. Things like sheep eyes, cow brains, and other fun stuff.

Other activities include water rockets, levers, and Mr. Hughes favorite, Body Story videos. If you're ever around the third floor corridor, make sure you stop in and say hi, and observe the extremeness of Mr. Hughes lessons.

### 8th Grade Orientation

By Ceara Gilmartin

Eighth grade orientation at White Plains High School is the time when the high school clubs, teams, and administration invite the 8th graders from Highlands and Eastview to a meeting. This year the meeting was on March 9th. The orientation consists of a meeting with administration then after that you go and see all the clubs and teams. When I went, I saw many clubs such as Advocates for the Earth (Advisor Mr. Davis), The Orange (Advisors Mr.Spiconardi, Ms.Bayuk and Mr. Joseph), The Key Club, Italian, French and Spanish Clubs as well

as The Midnight Run Club. Those are just few of the many different clubs you can join at the high school. There are also many sports teams, and they had representatives at orientation too. The orientation helps students learn how to balance high school activities and school so that school can be fun and rewarding.



### **Beloved Family and Consumer Science Teacher Retires**



Mrs. Marybeth Sullivan

By Hadar Arens

A beloved and honored teacher at Highlands will be retiring after teaching here for ten years. This teacher is Mrs. Sullivan, the Family and Consumer Science teacher. Mrs. Sullivan will miss the enthusiasm of the students sewing and doing their projects. One great memory she has of Highlands is when her students come back and tell her how much they liked the class and kept their projects for years. Her plans next are to relax, get her life in order, and think about the next part of her life. She would like to thank everybody for being so supportive, and hopes everyone keeps his or her interest in their studies and, most importantly, strive to do well. We will miss you very much Mrs. Sullivan!

## **Teacher Spotlight: Miss Eletto**

By Danielle Herman

Miss Eletto, a 6Y math teacher, has been teaching at Highlands for three years. Ms. Eletto's math class is a ton of fun, with interesting Power Point lessons. Every time we learn something new, Ms. Eletto introduces it using an enjoyable theme such as *Harry Potter*, *Pirates of the Caribbean*, and *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*. Ms. Eletto makes math easy.

Ms. Eletto grew up in New Rochelle, and



went to Albert Leonard Middle School and New Rochelle High School. She always wanted to be a teacher, but at first she couldn't decide between math and art. Even though she picked math, she often incorporates art into out projects. Ms. Eletto has a birthday in August and has an older and a younger sister. She now has a niece and two nephews. She also went to Iona College, and was a camp counselor for ten years, starting when she was twelve years old. Ms. Eletto taught seventh grade math at P.S. 280 in the Bronx for four years and has been teaching sixth grade math a Highlands for three years. She taught eight grade summer school at Eastview, too. She eventually wants to teach college kids how to be teachers.

Ms. Eletto now lives in Harrison with her dog, Boomer, a puggle (half pug, half beagle). She enjoys listening to most types of music, including rock, hip-hop, and pop. She also likes watching cartoon movies, especially "Despicable Me" and "Finding Nemo."

### Student Reflects on Sixth Grade Year at Highlands

By Mark Bosmediano

As we wrap up our first year as Highlanders, I'd like to reflect on the 6<sup>th</sup> grade year. It was definitely an exciting year. We went on two trips, The Bodies Exhibit and Ice Skating. The Bodies Exhibit wasn't for the weak stomached. None of the bodies were censored, and they seemed to be made of rubber, yet we were assured that all of the bodies were real. There was this room there that

was dedicated to the heart, and it was really cool because the room had a case showing all of the blood vessels in the body in the formation they actually are. The room had red lighting and there was an audio of a heart pumping. In another room about the lungs, there was a case showing the difference between a healthy lung and a smoker's lung. There was a plastic box in front of it that had a sign asking people who smoked to drop their cigarettes into

the box and stop smoking. Someone must have thought it was a donations box because we saw some money at the body among the considerable pile of cigarette boxes.

Another 6<sup>th</sup> grade trip was to Ebersole Ice Rink. This was the one I personally didn't like. I kept falling down and was very unstable when I wasn't on the ground. However, through trial and error, I managed to stay up and move four

feet without falling. I saw that most people were enjoying the trip when I was there. I bet that was because they could ice skate!

One disappointing aspect of 6<sup>th</sup> grade was the cancellation of the much anticipated Medieval Times trip. I still remember what it was like when the news was broken to us. I didn't want to believe it. So many people kept saying,

## TEAMS AND ATHLETES IN THE SPOTLIGHT

### Athlete Spotlight Dana Jensen

By Lauren LaPlaca

Dana Jensen-who is on team 7G at Highlandsplays modified softball. Dana has been playing this sport since she was five! Softball is her favorite sport. She pitches and plays on first base, but she can basically play any position. "The best part about being on the school's softball team is that you get to meet new people, make new friends and it is lots of fun. It's just such a great sport!" says Dana. Next year Dana is going to try out for junior varsity.

Besides softball, she also plays field hockey. As a matter of fact, she was on the field hockey team in the fall. Dana is a very talented athlete. I have asked many people what they think of Dana as an athlete, and they all think she is fantastic.



Dana Jensen



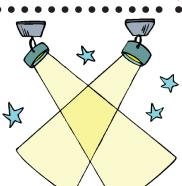
Danny Lotito

### Athlete Spotlight Danny Lotito

By Harry Seymour

Danny Lotito is our male athlete in the spotlight. Danny plays hockey and baseball. He says in order to be successful he has to practice every day with his friends or by himself. His favorite sport is baseball, and he says his family loves it as much as he does. His favorite player is the Yankee's Mark Texiera because Mark plays the same position Danny does. Of course, his favorite team is the New York Yankees.

Danny has been involved in sports for about 10 years. He says one of the people who inspire him to play hard and do well is Coach Hauser. Although he is a great athlete, Danny is also focused on his schoolwork. That is a winning combination!



## Track and Field Provides Athletes with Many Options

By: Max Kratzok

Track and Field is an assortment of running activities and field games. The running activities include the 100 meter dash, 200 meter dash, 400 meter dash, 800 meter dash, 1500 meter run, the 1600 meter run, and the relay. The available field games are, long jump, shot put, and hurtles.

The track team meets every day at Highlands Middle School on the track from 2:30 to 4:15, and their meets can last until around 6 o'clock. Due to the rain, 3 of the six scheduled



meets were canceled; however they will be made up soon. Mr. Iasiello, a 7<sup>th</sup> grade social studies teacher, is the coach for the track team. Track and field is available to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders from Highlands and Eastview.

If you enjoy running then track might be a fun spring sport for you!

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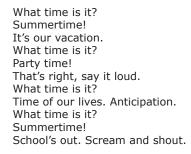
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## Eighth Grade Formal

# HOLLYWOCD.







I'm off the clock. The pressure's

Now my girl's what it's all about. Ready for some sunshine. For my heart to take a chance. I'm here to stay, and I'm moving away. Ready for a summer romance.

Finally summer's here. Good to be chillin' out.

**What Time** 

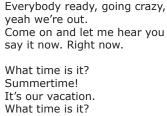
Is It?

















What time is it?
Summertime!
It's our vacation.
What time is it?
Party time!
That's right, say it loud.
What time is it?
Time of our lives. Anticipation.
What time is it?
Summertime!
School's out. Scream and shout.

## Eastview's:

Got Talent:

lacktriangle Bright green grass, shadowed by the intimidating trees.

Nature

Clouds float across the soft blue sky.

Warm sun shining down,

To extend vivid rays of joy.

Birds chirping lively songs of happiness.





# Dark brown soil, dotted with fallen flower petals. Cheerful yellow dandelions popping up In the dew glistened grass. Buzzing bumble bees whizzing by, Dreary woodchips dully taking up space.





Bright red flowers swaying in the silent breeze.

Perfectly poised pieces of grass,

Gracefully galloping on the ground.

Pink petals raining down majestically

From an old, monstrous tree.





Evil, gnarled roots waiting to trip

The next unlucky visitor.

Massive canopies shading a large patch of earth,

Green leaves dangling on delicate, brittle branches,

Paper thin, extending upwards.

Strong gusts of wind rattling big, strong trees.

By Danielle Herman

Play by the rules.
No summer school.
I'm free to shop till I drop.
It's an education vacation.
And the party never has to stop.
We've got things to do.
We'll see you soon.
And we're really gonna miss ya all.
Goodbye to you and you.
And you and you.
Bye bye til next fall!
Everybody ready, going crazy, yeah we're out.
Come on and let me here it now.
Right now.

What time is it?
Summertime!
It's our vacation.
What time is it?
Party time!
That's right, say it loud.
What time is it?
Time of our lives. Anticipation.
What time is it?
Summertime!
School's out. Scream and shout.

No more waking up at 6 AM.
Cuz now our time is all our own.
Enough already. We're waiting.
Come on, let's go.
Go out of control!
Alright.
Everybody.
Yeah.
School pride. Let's show it.
We're champions, and we know it.
Wildcats! We are the best! Red, white, and gold.

When it's time to win, we do it. We're number one. We proved it. Let's live it up. Get the party down.
That's what the summer's all about.

What time is it? Summertime is

finally here. Let's celebrate.

Wanna hear you loud and clear now. School's out.
We can sleep as late as we want to...
It's our time!
Now we can do whatever we wanna do.
What time is it?
It's summertime.
We're lovin' it.
Come on and sing it loud now!

What time is it? It's party time. Let's go have the time of our lives.











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## Washington D.C. Highlands eighth graders visit our nation's capital.















## Philadelphia

Eastview students visit the city of brotherly love.









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## THE COURIER

## The Last Will and Testa

I, Adrianna Brunson, do hereby leave my locker to my little brother, Donovan Brunson.

I, Akash Sharma, do hereby leave a turtle neck to Ms. Watts.

I, Alexander Decea do hereby leave my heart and soul to Nadine Schiefer.

I, Alexandria Moore, do hereby leave a 20-piece chicken McNuggets to Ms. Watts, Mr. Marks and Ms. Q-Smith.

I, Alisha McCrae, do hereby leave my locker to Jelani Jones

I, Ana Castillo, do hereby leave my locker to my little cousin Erik Cruz.

I, Angelica Duque, do hereby leave my luck to all of my teachers who have to deal with more kids.

I, Anthony Benavidez, do hereby leave all my funny moments and jokes to Matthew Palaez.

I, Anthony Cabrera do hereby leave my notebook to Javier Vicuna, my pictures to my family, my shoes Juan Benavidez and my G-shocks to Yeslin.

I, Anthony Fante do hereby leave my M&M action Figure to Mrs. Davila.

I, Anthony Mubiala, do hereby leave my lotion to Marcus Fletchman.

I, Anthony Varela do hereby leave my locker to Liana Shirley.

I, Barbara Carvalho do hereby leave my writers notebook to Mrs. Bonrli.

I, Bea Kyle, do hereby leave my last hug to my sister Jocelyn Ferrante.

I, Bobby Lovitch, do hereby leave the business to Clayton DeMarco.

I, Bryce Mitchell, do hereby leave my textbook and my legacy, to whoever wants it.

I, Cassandra Maldonado do hereby leave my elf ears and kidnapped M&M to Mr. Scullion

I, Catalina Martinez, do hereby leave my locker to a future 8th grader.

I, Ceara Gilmartim do hereby leave my locker to Max Kratzok or whoever wants it.

I, Christian Henriquez do hereby leave all my skill, smarts and talent to the Highlands Middle School.

I, Christian Salgado, do hereby leave my picture to all the girls out there.

I, Colin Barry, do hereby leave my old gym shoes to Ms. Adams.

I, Danasia Diggs do hereby leave a huge classroom to Ms. Haberman.

I, Daniel Diven Jr., do hereby leave my favorite book to Mr. Scullion.

I, Daniel Guerra-Megila do hereby leave my school soccer uniform to Daniella McCarthy.

I, Danielle Reggio, do hereby leave lockers to my girl Brianna E.

I, David Jefferson, do hereby leave my old homework to Ms. Pahk.

I, Devan Lawrence do hereby leave my locker 1307 to my brother Dawson Lawrence.

I, Diana Gonzalez, do hereby leave my locker to Cynthia Miranda Montero, Saliah Robinson and Stephanie Arias.

I, Edward Leo Kisher do hereby leave my love to everybody.

I, Elihu Valencia, do hereby leave my science notebook to Mr. Melendez

I, Eric Tomayo, do hereby leave my personality to Manuel Castro.

I, Ericka Camacho, do hereby leave my post-its and a box of Kleenex to Noelia Estrada.

I, Erin Convey do hereby leave my locker to a 7<sup>th</sup> grader.

I, Fatima Rodawell do hereby leave my locker to Summer Johnson.

I, Felicia Mubiala do hereby leave a bigger classroom to Mrs. Haberman.

I, Fernando Maldonado, do hereby leave this school to go to Hollywood.

I, Giovanni Fernadez do hereby leave my wrestling uniform to the to the next team.

I, Henry Medelius do hereby leave my locker to the school.

I, Isabella Lacarbonara, do hereby leave my basketball jersey to any incoming girl basketball player.

I, Isabelle Philippe do hereby leave nothing to anyone.

I, James Abanto, do hereby leave this school to Matt Berkerman.

I, James Magana, do hereby leave my eighth grade locker to whoever gets it.

I, Jamonni Johnson, do hereby leave my three lockers to Mrs. Haberman.

I, Jarret Sannerud do hereby leave my locker to anyone who wants it.

I, Jasmine Randall, do hereby leave my planner to Mrs. Smith.

I, Jen Gordon, do hereby leave all my love and wishes for a great year to the next 8th grade class.

I, Jennifer Gomez, do hereby leave my locker to the next student who has it.

I, Jocelyn Kitty, do hereby leave my last hug to Bea Carvalho.

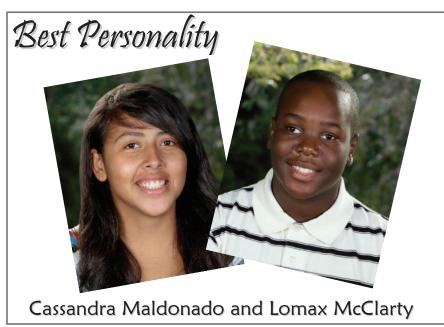
I, Jordon Sobo, do hereby leave my locker to Jared Lindh.

I, Jorge Culcay do hereby leave gold fish and a dog to Mrs. Bonelli.

## ment of the Class of 2011

- I, Jorge Salas, do hereby leave my artistic drawings to all my family members who will attend this school.
  - I, Joseph Merdeny do hereby leave nothing to everybody.
    - I, Juan Rodas do hereby leave Mr. Marks to everyone.
  - I, Juneshi Nieves do hereby leave a larger classroom to Mrs. Haberman.
    - I, Jvonni Duke, leave my ripped dollar bill to Mrs. Haberman.
- I, Katie Shymonowicz, do hereby leave our differences in friendship to my best friend Amanda Westin ©
  - I, Kelsey Shea do hereby leave my heart +soul to Gehrig Hauser.
  - I, Kevin Dominguez, do hereby leave a plant with my name on it with stickers to Mr. Sanchez.
    - I, Kevin Trapp, do hereby leave my lacrosse stick to my brother.
    - I, Kiana Stanback do hereby leave my locker to Theresa Wilcher.
    - I, Kristen Dever do hereby leave my English enrichment to Rebbi Marks.
      - I, Lesley Quintana, do hereby leave a smile to Mr. Sanchez.
    - I, Leslie Silva, do hereby leave my awesome lameness to everyone I think is cool.
      - I, Lina El-Saieh, do hereby leave my left shoe to Mr. Marks.
      - I, Lomax do hereby leave a room addition to Mrs. Haberman.
      - I, Luis Velazquez, do hereby leave my spray cans to Mr. Marks.
      - I, Luz M. Calderon hereby leave my projects to the teacher who I leave it to.
        - I, Marc Paillant do hereby leave a piece of paper to Mr. Marks.
      - I, Maria Cortezano, do hereby leave my locker to the coolest kid in 7th grade.
        - I, Mateo Vaquero, do hereby leave my favorite tie to Mr. Marks.
      - I, Nadine Schiefer do hereby leave my love to Deirdre Raggo (Sunny Dee).
        - I, Nicholas Barone, do hereby leave my locker to a kid.
- I, Nicholas Duarte, do hereby leave my original Shakespearean Sonnet to Mr. Scullion, who hasn't been just a teacher to me, but a great mentor and friend.
  - I, Nicole Girillo do hereby leave my Torah to Mr. Marks.
  - I, Nikkita Jackson, do hereby leave my love and locker 1081 to Theo Vicioso.
    - I, Noah Cattan do hereby leave my Kippa to Mr. Marles (rabbi).
  - I, Norma Angelica Del Rosario, do hereby leave my book of drawings to Mr. Scullion.
    - I, Oliver Cary, do hereby leave my MAN JAW poster to MRS. Johnson.
  - I, Oliver Velez do hereby leave all my awesomeness to the Highlands Middle School.
    - I, Olivia Henry, do hereby leave a drawing that I created to Mr. Marks.
      - I, Petinia Prince do hereby leave a large room to Ms. Haberman.
      - I, Reyna Chavarria, do hereby leave my teachers to Jackie Rayo.
      - I, Rosie Shulz, do hereby leave my favorite pencil to Mrs. Bonelli.
- I, Sabriy Urial-el, do hereby leave my saying, "I'm not your daddy...I'm your grandpa" and a big piece of pie to Mr. Marks
  - I, Saliah Robinson, do hereby leave by bookbag and everything in it to Diana Gonzalez.
    - I, Samantha Standard do hereby leave nothing to no one.
    - I, Sarah Carrier, do hereby leave my locker to Angel or Francesca Rivera.
      - I, Shannon Lynch do hereby leave my locker to Michael Ferrari.
      - I, Sharon Amaro, do hereby leave my lead pencil to Mr. Scullion.
  - I, Shayanne Jefferson, do hereby leave my softball jersey and mitt to Anthony Chaves.
    - I, Stephanie Arias, do hereby leave my notebook to Mr. Scullion.
    - I, Stephanie Ferman do hereby leave my locker to Karen Baez.
    - I, Stephanie Tapia, do hereby leave my Shakespeare ELA Notebook to Mr. Scullion.
      - I, Stephany Villada do hereby leave a huge classroom to Ms. Haberman.
    - I, Tanya Alvarez, do hereby leave a bracelet for Mr.Sanchez to Samantha Escobar.
      - I, Thomas Gilbert, do hereby leave my Social Studies binder to Mrs. Meyers.
  - I, Torry Haggins, do hereby leave all my Korean music videos and funny videos to Mrs. Haberman.
    - I, Valencia Flerinord do hereby leave my good personality and love To Ms. Bonelli.
      - I, Vanessa Fluerinord do hereby leave a BIGGER ROOM to Mrs. Haberman.
        - I, Will Ahearn, do hereby leave my locker to Brendan Johnson.
          - I, Zoe Shannon do hereby leave a big kiss to Jacob Brady.

# Best of the Class of 20



Honorable Mention: Lauren Woods and Matt Straub



Honorable Mention: Diana Gonzalez and Emeka Caranza



Honorable Mention: Danielle Reggio and Bryce Mitchell



Honorable Mention: Valerie Oviedo and Will Ahearn

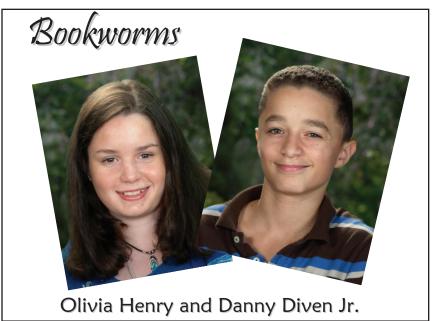


Honorable Mention: Torry Haggins and Jack Vignone



Honorable Mention: Luz Calderon and Anthony Mubiala

# 11-Highlands Campus



Honorable Mention: Caroline Mora and Luke Saville



Honorable Mention: Kelsey Shea and Nick Barone



Honorable Mention: Adrianna Brunson and Lomax McClarty



Honorable Mention: Kate Bettino and Kyle Banks-Mobley

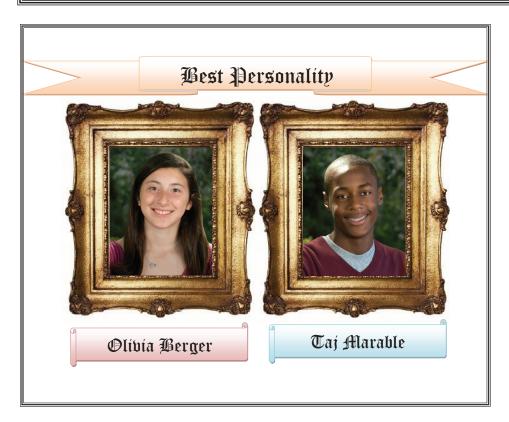


Honorable Mention: Julia Crescenzi and Anthony Fante



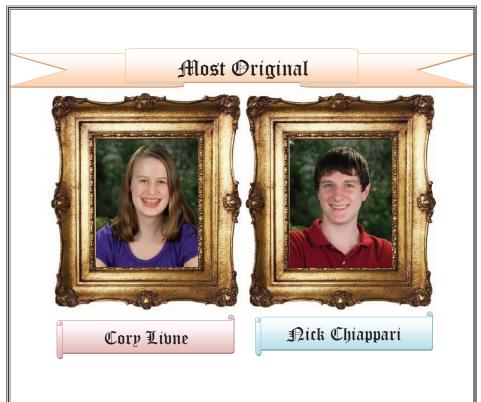
Honorable Mention: Stephany Villada and Nick Barone

## BEST OF THE CLASS OF 2













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## Movie Reviews

### Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows

by Kristen Cignarella

If you're like me, you probably can't wait to see Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part two, coming to theaters on July 15th<sup>h</sup>. In this movie, Harry, Ron and Hermione go back to Hogwarts to try to find and destroy Voldermort's final horcuxes. A horcux is when a dark wizard has hidden a fragment of his soul for the purposes of attaining immortality. But when Voldermort finds out what Harry, Ron, and Hermonie are up to, the most fearful and biggest battle of all time ensues.

Another bonus is that the movie will be in 3-D! According to my research I have heard that the movie is both scary and good. Also, in J.K Rowlings Harry Potter series Professor Snape becomes more layered and complex. I love the Harry Potter series, and I think J.K Rowling is a great author. To me, she puts a lot of excitement and action in her stories. If you are a Harry Potter lover you should see this movie!!

### Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides

By Danielle Herman

*Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides* was a great movie, but it definitely didn't live up to the previous three movies in the series. This film gave us a whole new story and did not get repetitive, which often happens in movie sequels. Even if you didn't see the prior *Pirates* movies, you can still enjoy this one.

Saying farewell to Will Turner and Elizabeth Swann, this movie features an exciting new adventure, the search for the Fountain of Youth. Jack Sparrow is once again on the run from the British, but this time in London. After a run-in with a friend from his past, Jack finds himself stuck on the Queen Anne's Revenge, Blackbeard's ship. To Jack's surprise, his old friend, Angelica, is the ship's co-captain *and* Blackbeard's long lost daughter. After a failed attempt at mutiny, Jack decides to team up with Blackbeard and Angelica and try to buy Blackbeard some more time before he is killed by a one legged man, as told in a prophecy.

But just as usual, Captain Jack Sparrow is up to something devious. While Jack was in London, he met up with Captain Barbossa, who had the Black Pearl (Jack's ship) in his possession last time Jack was updated. But after seeing that Barbossa has lost a leg, Jack questions what happened and the whereabouts of the Black Pearl. Barbossa tells Jack that Blackbeard seized the Pearl. Now both Jack and Barbossa want revenge. Since Barbossa is newly a British privateer, there's a race to the Fountain of Youth between Blackbeard, the British, and a new third component, the Spanish.

Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides includes lots of action, adventure, humor, and even some folklore, being that there is an appearance of some mermaids in the film. Featuring an amazing cast of Ian McShane (Blackbeard), Penélope Cruz (Angelica), Geoffrey Rush (Barbossa), and, of course, Johnny Depp (Jack Sparrow), this movie is sure to catch the eye of previous Pirates fans. But don't set your expectations too high, because even though Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides was good, it didn't surpass the other three films.

### RESTAURANT REVIEW

*Melt* Sandwich Shop

By Annick Tabb

If you are hungry and are in the mood for a religious eating experience, at Melt Sandwich Shop, you will get both. The sandwiches, salads, pizzas and more are the best you will find. The friendly staff are always willing to help you. You can see the food being made which adds to the experience. Here is how it works. First, you pick your roll size. Then, you pick your meat. Finally, you pick the toppings that finish off your sandwich, like the Cuban or the Spicy. The salads are wonderful. My personal favorite is the Caesar salad. The croutons are to die for! The pizzas are very large, so you could make two meals out of one pizza if you wanted. Melt is on 277 Mamaroneck Ave. in White Plains by the YMCA. The prices are a little high, but it absolutely worth. Total lunch nirvana!

## SUMMER

## Recipe

### **Lemon Poppy Seed Loaf**

Submitted by Gabby Nobile

From the kitchen of Ann Paese

#### **INGREDIENTS:**

### LOAF

 $2\frac{1}{4}$  cups of all-purpose flour

11/4 cups of sugar

1 cup LAND O LAKES ® Sweet Cream Butter, softened

3 eggs

2 tablespoons of poppy seed

1½ teaspoons of baking powder

1 teaspoon of salt

1 tablespoon of grated lemon peel

### GLAZE

⅓ cup of sugar

3 tablespoon LAND O LAKES Sweet Cream Butter, melted

 $1\frac{1}{2}$  tablespoon of lemon juice

#### **DIRECTIONS**

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease bottom only of 4 ( $5\frac{1}{2} \times 3''$ ) mini loaf pans. In a large mixer bowl combine all loaf ingredients. Beat at medium speed scraping bowl often until well mixed (2 to 3 minutes). Pour into prepared pans. Bake for 30 to 40 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. In a small bowl stir together glaze ingredients. Pour over warm loaves. Cool 10 minutes. Loosen edge of loaves with a knife; remove from pan. YIELD: 4 mini loaves.

### Summer is not a Bummer

By Jared Rogovin

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