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Highlands Welcomes Holocaust Survivor



Mrs. Geizhals speaks to the students

On Friday, June 6, 2014, 8th grade students at Highlands had the honor and the privilege to meet with Esther Geizhals.

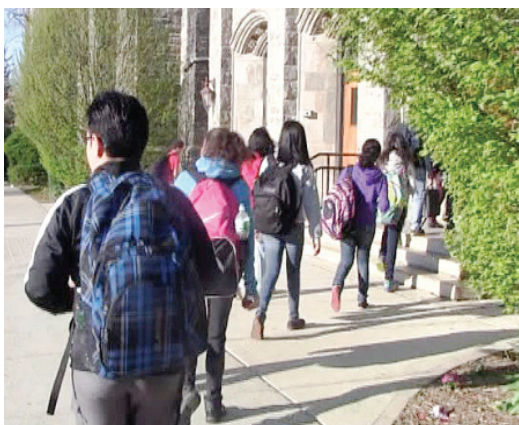
Mrs. Geizhals is a Holocaust survivor who had spent time in the Lodz Ghetto and later Auschwitz. Her story was beyond compelling, as many students were brought to tears. Students were inspired and heartbroken for her past. Mrs. Geizhals was only eleven years old when Poland was conquered by the Nazis. She and her family were then forced into the ghetto. It was five years later that she and her family were sent in cattle cars to Auschwitz. Upon arrival, her mother and younger brother were immediately gassed. Her father was separated from her and sent with the

other male prisoners; she would later be reunited with him after liberation.

Our students heard firsthand history on a day that we celebrated the 70th anniversary of the invasion of Normandy. This truly was a spectacular learning experience. Mrs. Geizhals was treated like a celebrity by our students. She was not an actor or a musician. Beyond being a Holocaust survivor, she was an inspiration to our students as she expressed her message of acceptance, courage, and love.

A huge thank you goes out to Mrs. Mouzakitis for organizing this event. It was the 2nd time she has spoken to the students of Highlands and she looks forward to returning next year!

Highlands Walks and Bikes to School



On Wednesday, May 7th, Highlands students and staff participated in "Walk/Bike to School Day". This is part of a program called "Safe Routes to School", which is a national initiative that encourages children to walk and bike to school, and to make walking and biking routes more safe and appealing. In New York and many other parts of the country, the number of children who walk or bike to school has declined dramatically in recent years. The adverse effect on air quality, traffic, and young people's health is alarming.

The WHITE PLAINS PTA COUNCIL is making Walking/Biking to School a priority. They are focusing especially on the safety aspect of it. They are looking to make the streets and sidewalks safer for our children to walk and bike to school.

The Walk/Bike to School day on May 7th was the most successful yet for Highlands. There were 46 participants who walked and biked. The walkers

and bikers met at Druss Park at 7:00 am. Principal Spatafore, Mayor Roach and Superintendent Connors walked with the Highlands group and Mr. Velasquez led the bike train. Mrs. Santiago also attended with White Plains Common Council member Milagros Lecuona and her puppy.

All participants received apples, granola bars and a bottle of water upon completion. They were also entered in our raffle for a week of free healthy snacks from the PTA and an I-tunes Card. Congratulations to Jake Furry and Abby Kenney for winning the 1st and 2nd prize for Walk/Bike Day. Jake won a week's worth of free snacks in the cafeteria and Abby won a \$15 I-Tunes card.

During 8th period on May 22nd, participants were treated to an ice cream party by Mr. Spatafore. Students enjoyed the special treat, and it was a great reward for participating in this important event. Don't miss out on walking or biking to school next year!



l. to r.: Mrs. Ciofola, Mrs. Mouzakitis, Mrs. Geizhals, Mrs. Meyers, Ms. Fastenberg

Highlands Extends Warm Welcome to Incoming Seventh Graders

Melanie Varela

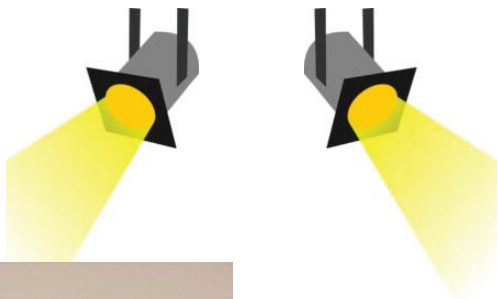
Highlands administration and staff came together to welcome the incoming 6th grade students for a tour of the building. The 6th grade students and their families came in on May 15th and 22nd. They were first welcomed to the auditorium with the lively playing from the jazz band. Parents and students sat in pre-assigned groups throughout the auditorium. Mr. Spatafore, Ms. Medina, and Mr. Brown gave the students and parents a summary of what they should expect when they get to Highlands. Topics discussed included the schedule, classes, and after school activities.

The tour guides then did an excellent job of showing the students the places they would need to know when they arrive in September, for example the gyms, cafeteria, main

office, nurse's office, library and several other places in the school. Tours were led by teachers who were assisted by NJHS members. Having fellow young people present on the tours made the students feel more comfortable and allowed them to be more relaxed in asking questions about the school.

After the tours everyone was welcomed into the cafeteria to have a look at the different clubs/activities they could join the following year. Some featured clubs were: The Courier newspaper, Global Ambassadors, Girl Talk, S.O., Digital Art Club, and Community Service Club. Intramural sports offerings were also on display. Students were also informed about NJHS and how they could be a part of it in 8th grade. Overall the evening tours were a successful way to introduce the incoming 7th graders to the building,

RETIREEES SPOTLIGHT: MR. BURCH



Mr. Burch and his beautiful family!

Tell us a bit about your career.

This is my 39th year in teaching. I graduated from the University of Kansas and started teaching in Lawrence, Kansas. I spent my first 5 years there and then two years in Barrington, Ill. (outside Chicago). My last 32years of teaching have been here in White Plains, split between Eastview and Highlands. I coached varsity boys basketball at the High school for 5 years in the mid-80s, JV football there for 6 years at the same time , then numerous middle school sports since including boys basketball, football, wrestling, girls softball, and girls soccer.

What is your best memory of your career?

Activities, Activities, Activities.....the social interaction with the students during special team activities.

What are you looking forward to/ planning to do in your retirement?

I will be taking care of my ever growing family (being “daddy mom”). We have 4 year old triplets and an 8 month old baby – whew!

What will you miss about your job?

I will miss the actual teaching and interaction within the four walls of my room.

What message might you like to pass on to students/teachers/staff?

“Ad Astra per Aspera” (google it!) – We did, and it is a Latin phrase that means “To the Stars through Difficulties”. It also happens to be the state motto of Kansas!

RETIREEES SPOTLIGHT: MRS. FASTENBERG

Tell us a bit about your career.

I began my career at a private school for special needs children. I worked there for three years and then left to have my first child in 1976. I was very fortunate to be able to stay home and be a mom for ten years. In 1986, I was hired by White Plains as a learning facilitator and I have been in that role ever since. I have been at Highlands since 1990, in the same office!

What are you looking forward to/ planning to do in your retirement?

I am retiring to provide myself with more time for the other things I love to do. I will play endless golf, tennis and bridge. I will read from the hundreds of books that I have accumulated over the years and haven’t had enough time to read without falling asleep after two pages. I will also go back to creative endeavors such as knitting, flower arranging, and cooking. Most importantly, I will travel to the exotic places where you need more than a week to explore.

What is your best memory of your career?



My best memory recurs. Often when I am out to dinner, at a movie or at a crafts fair, someone comes up to me and reintroduces himself/herself as one of my past students. They remember something that I once taught them years before in White Plains. It makes me feel so special that I made a lasting impact on another person.

What will you miss about your job?

I will miss the kids most of all. Every few years, I work with a group of students and really get to know them well. They go up to the high school and often come back to visit and say thanks. Even my most struggling students later appreciate the support that LSP has given them.

What message might you like to pass on to students/teachers/staff?

My message for our younger staff members is to love your job and the kids. Enjoy the act of influencing young minds and don’t let the pressures from the state get in the way of being a teacher. It’s such a noble profession... one that I will forever love!!

RETIREEES SPOTLIGHT: MRS. ORLOFSKY



It will be bittersweet saying goodbye to my middle school family who have been such an integral part of my life for the past 18 years. I have worked with so many passionate and dedicated teachers who truly love what they do. I will especially miss the smiles of the many students who have touched my life more than they will ever know. I have loved watching them evolve into confident, happy young adults who are eager to learn and to succeed. I look forward to spending more time with my beautiful granddaughters, Alexa and Ava who bring me so much joy. I leave behind my bulletin boards but will take with me so many wonderful friendships and so many wonderful memories. Sharyn Orlofsky a.k.a. Ms. O



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EDITORIAL

Everyone loves technology. I haven't met a person who hasn't used a piece of technology; even my great grandma has a cell phone. However, there should be a limit to how much time you use your phone, laptop or Ipad. Technology addiction actually exists, there are rehabs that help you get over your obsession of technology.

What really is irritating is that you'll see a family with small kids around the ages of 3-5, out to dinner, on Ipads or iPhones or whatever and the parents are paying no attention to them. Kids should be socializing with their families at dinner, not playing some game. Giving them technology is basically giving the option to never talk to anyone. It's not acceptable to be antisocial with your family. You're meant to respect others, especially over a meal. Not only is it disrespectful, but it can also lead to excessive usage and unnecessary radiation. Once you start using any piece of technology, you're honestly so glued to that thing. Also, adolescents' use of technology has gotten way out of hand. They don't hang out normally. Their definition of hanging out is literally sitting around on their laptop or phone, texting, IM'ing, or using various social media apps. Young people are starting to forget how to communicate face-to-face with others, and this does not bode well for the future of our society. Additionally, kids stay up late all night on their phones when they should be getting a good night's sleep.

I've noticed a lot of things when I go on vacation. I always see businessmen on the beach with their laptops doing work. I understand there are business trips and such, but really on the beach? Vacation is for relaxing and enjoying. Put down the phone and enjoy the

view. People don't fully appreciate the beauty in this world and they're too busy worrying about what is going on in the world, especially in their social media world. .

The excessive use of technology can lead to attachment issues or addiction to your gadgets. Technology addiction can be spotted in many ways. For example, if someone is losing interest in hobbies and social events and just on their phone 24/7, then there are definitely some attachment issues. Also, if a person is glued to their technology constantly and they never turn anything off, then there might be an addiction growing. Researchers have discovered that four out of five students had some significant mental or physical distress, such as panic, anxiety, confusion and isolation when forced to unplug and avoid technology for a whole day. Also, a majority of university students interviewed from 10 different countries said that they were unable to avoid their gadgets voluntarily for one full day. Additionally, students admit to having cravings and anxiety attacks and depression due to being forced to not use their phones or laptops. Some students compare it to having a craving for drugs. Clearly, relying on technology for everything leads to an addiction and withdrawal symptoms that occur when not being able to access your gadgets.

All in all, technology is evolving our world. So many things have changed and will continue to change because of it. People will only become more and more attached to technology. The question remains: Will we lose our ability to interact with our fellow human beings through more "traditional" methods, such as speaking and writing?

"I fear the day technology will surpass human interaction." -- Albert Einstein

Crime or Crimea?

Danny DeGenaro

In March, Russia took over control of the Ukrainian peninsula of Crimea. Russian president Vladimir Putin made it clear that he wanted to restore historical justice, claiming Crimea belongs to Russia. Russian Victory Day celebrations were especially interesting as Russia took over a city where an important WWII battle took place, Sevastopol. Germans had bombed the city for 250 days until they finally succumbed to the enemy's forces. However, the city was later liberated by the Red Army.

Putin joined the KGB (English: Committee for State Security) after graduating from school. He served in that department from 1975-1991. He then worked for the mayor of St. Petersburg, Russia managing foreign affairs. He held various government positions in Moscow, Russia and later became one of three deputy prime ministers for Russia. He had an acting presidency from 1999-2000 as his predecessor resigned. He was elected for two terms from 2000-2008. He then

spent 2008-2012 as prime minister and regained the presidency and will hold office until 2016. (From Wikipedia. com)

One reason Putin decided to take over Crimea is because of his idea of protecting ethnic Russians in the area. There is also the matter of the area having strategic importance as a warm water naval base. Ukraine, the country that physically contains Crimea, has natural tunnels containing fossil fuels, basically a big coal mine. Ukraine is also considered the breadbasket of Europe, as it contains excellent soil for farming. (From ritholtz.com)

Ukrainians claiming to be ethnic Russians were more than happy to have their town reclaimed by Russia. However, many Ukrainians fought back, stating that it was an illegal act of war. Protests included civilians attacking Russian gunmen and officers, and the takeover of various government buildings. Russia, however, did not fight back and simply forced civilians and Ukrainian troops to back off. No one was killed by Russian troops.

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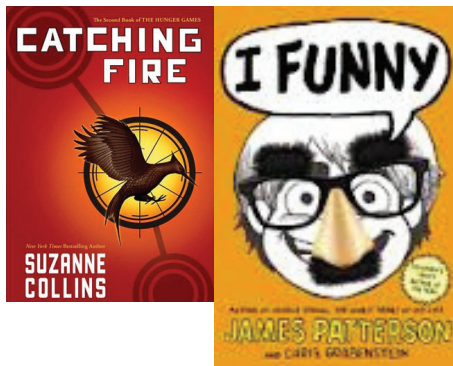
Available books include Catching Fire by Suzanne Collins and I-Funny by James Patterson. Look for a suggestion on the summer reading list now on the Highlands Library web page. **The list is also on the district page under 'Project Summer Read'.**

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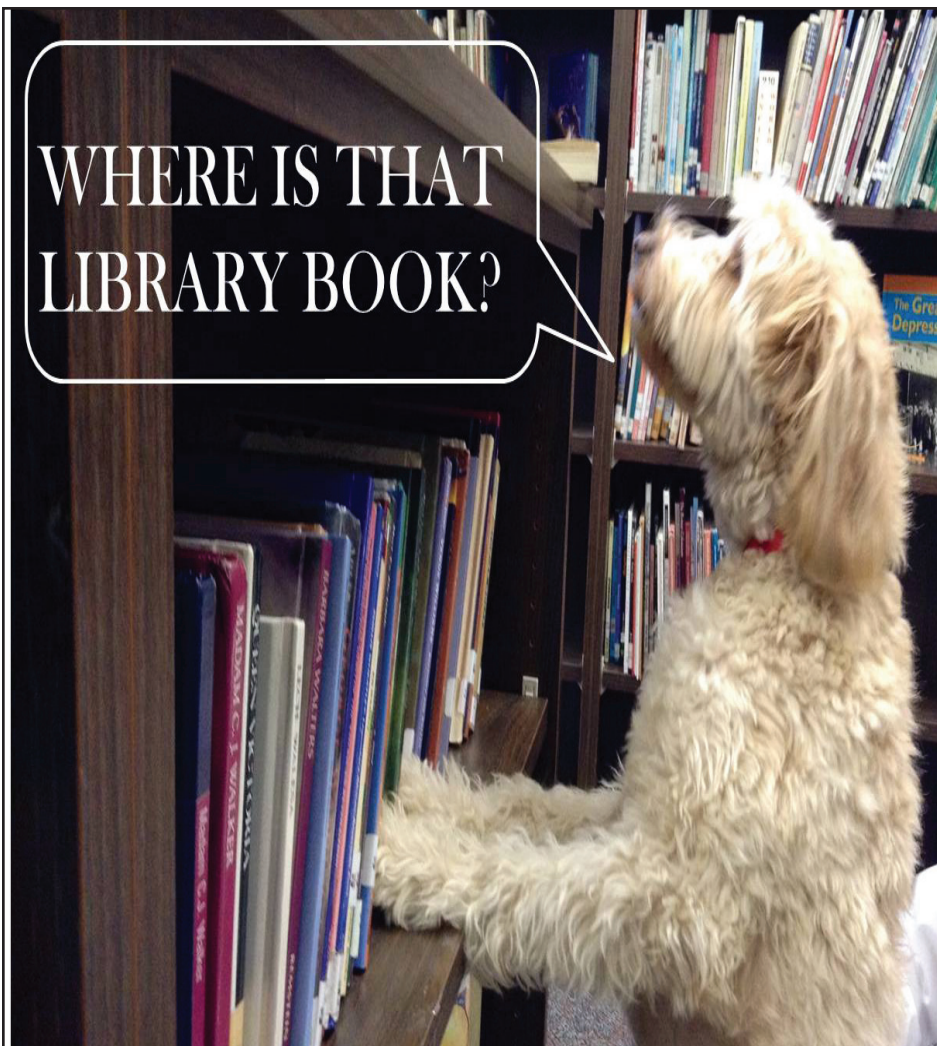
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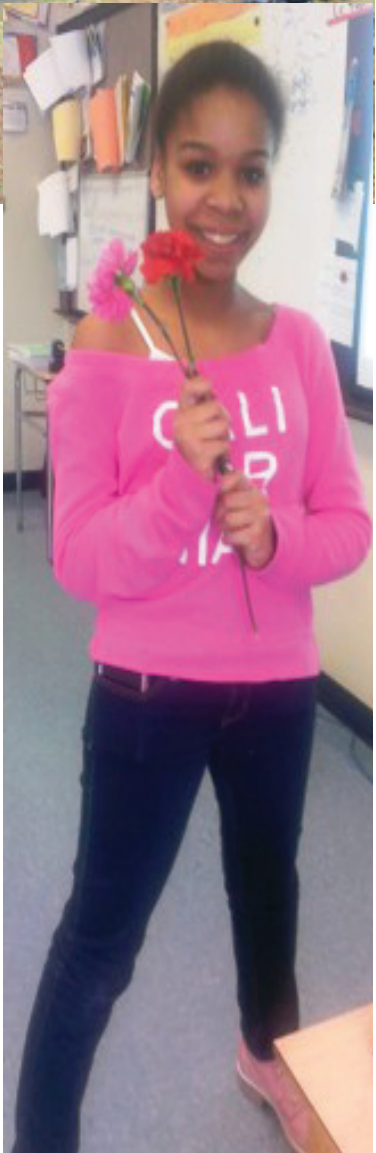
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Eighth Grade Trip Washington D.C.



Sarah Salino



On June 8th and 9th, many eighth grade students went on a trip to Washington D.C. The students arrived at school at 5:30 am to leave for Washington D.C at 6:15. The near 5 hour bus ride was a bit unbearable for some, but upon arrival, the feeling changed to excitement. We were given a number of options for lunch when we arrived. Then, we went to see sights like the World War 1 Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial, and many more. Later we went back to the hotel for dinner and

remained there for the rest of the night. The next day we were woken up early and ate a good breakfast in preparation for another long day of sightseeing. On day 2, we went to the Iwo Jima Memorial, the World War 2 Memorial, the Newseum, and others. After we went to the sights, we left for White Plains. Overall, the trip was enjoyed by nearly everyone who attended. The students were a great representation of the city and school district of White Plains. Everyone acted appropriately over the course of the weekend. It was definitely a trip to remember!



Music Highlights

The Select Choir went on a tour through White Plains schools on Friday May 23rd. The choir performed at Ridgeway Elementary, Post Road Elementary, and the Eastview 6th grade school. The choir sang “Born This Way” by Lady Gaga, and “Demons” by Imagine Dragons, along with their standard repertoire. 8th graders Abbey Kenney, George Kalyvas, Jenna Riley, Anna Tender, Kelly Ainsworth, Jacob Fleuricot, Frankie Annunziato, and Cassie Cortes also spoke to the elementary students about middle school and how to get involved in our choir program. The Select Choir made our school proud with their professionalism!



Mrs. Davila’s general music classes studied and watched the operas “Carmen” and “Pagliacci”. As a final project, her students were asked to make a promotional poster for an opera house that was putting on both operas. The posters needed to reflect the story of the opera and symbolize its theme in a specific way. It also had to include the names of two famous opera singers who would be appropriate to sing the roles. Most students used powerpoint to create their posters. Mrs. Davila was particularly thrilled with the depth and understanding of the operas that was reflected in the students’ work.



8th Grade Spring Concert

Kelly Marx

The last concert for the 8th grade was a huge success. The concert was started off by the orchestra playing Eleanor Rigby. They followed up with 3 more pieces, Old Time Rock and Roll, Cielito Lindo and Skyfall. Mrs. Davila’s Chorus was next on the program. The chorus sang Vois sur tu chemin and Fix you. The next two songs, Seasons of Love and Finale B (No Day But Today) were very special because the words and

music were written by Jonathan Larson, who attended Highlands years ago. Following the choir was Mr. Veeder’s band. They played 3 songs and finished off by Selections from the Rolling Stones, Mr. Spatafore’s favorite group. Lastly, the 7th and 8th grade select choir performed. They ended the night with Born This Way with a great choreographed dance. It was a concert that shouldn’t have been missed so make sure to catch it on the school’s television channel!



The Courier Staff would like to congratulate the cast, crew, and faculty members of ‘Bugsy Malone’ on an amazing performance!



8th Grade



e Dance



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT: MS. FASTENBERG



Nikolas O’Hanlon

Guess who likes the New York Giants, has traveled the world, and has wanted to be a teacher all her life? Could you guess? It’s our own Michelle Fastenberg, who teaches Social Studies for team 7D. Ms. Fastenberg grew up in Scarsdale and attended Edgemont High School. Teaching has been in her mind for a long time. Ms. Fastenberg’s mother is a teacher and also teaches at Highlands. She said that when she was young, “I knew that I wanted to be a teacher when I grew up.” Why did she choose teaching as her profession? “I chose teaching because I like helping students,” she says. Before starting to teach at Highlands this year, she taught in the Bedford School District and Briarcliff School District. She has

taught for ten years. “I still really like it,” she says. Ms. Fastenberg has many interests. I asked her, “What is your favorite football team?” She answered, “The New York Giants.” Where did she go to college? “I attended college at the University of Wisconsin – Madison,” she said. Her favorite subjects are reading and writing. Some of her favorite books are “Eat, Pray, Love” and “Catcher in the Rye.” She enjoys travelling and has been to Asia, South America, Europe and Hawaii. She also likes cooking, and her older brother lives in Japan. Ms. Fastenberg is a dedicated teacher who cares a lot about her students. I asked her if she has any advice for students. She answered, “Work Hard,” “Try Your Best,” and “Never Give Up.”

A Day at the Movies for 7E



Lucas Konarski
On May 27, 2014, the students on team 7E visited the Jacob Burns Film Center to watch ‘Rabbit-Proof Fence’. Other teams also went on different days. Rabbit-Proof Fence is a movie about 3 native girls from Australia who are captured by the government and sent to a camp in order to be reeducated to, one day, become servants for white people. The three girls run away and walk back to their family while being chased by the Australian government. Students enjoyed watching the movie. When we got back to school, students went to Ralph Field across the street from the school to have lunch and then some free time to play. At the end of the day, the team came together to celebrate our Honor Roll students in an assembly.

Book Review: The Fault in Our Stars

Melanie Varela

The Fault in Our stars is a novel about two teenagers who are both in a battle with cancer. The book is narrated by and is the story of Hazel Grace Lancaster. Hazel’s lungs have been so severely damaged from her cancer that she has to carry around an oxygen tank to keep her breathing properly. Hazel has been dependent on the pills to keep her going and knows she only has years to live. One day Hazel is attending her meeting at the church for the teens who suffer, or are suffering from cancer, and she meets a handsome seventeen year old named Augustus Waters. Gus and Hazel immediately hit it off and begin their romance and also base their relationship around the book “An Imperial Affliction” by the author Peter Van Houten.

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT: MR. RIZZO

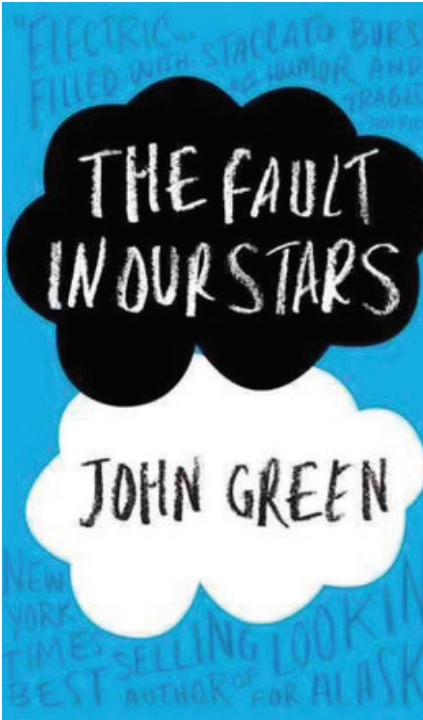


Stachys Aho

When and why did you start teaching?
I started teaching in the fall of 2006, in Geneva, New York. I chose to start teaching because it is more versatile than just sitting in a lab and testing stuff.
Do you think teaching middle school students is a stress?
Having taught high school in NYC, the transition to White Plains has not been stressful, but nice.
What activities/sport do you do in your own time?

I play a lot of golf in spring because of the thought process it takes to play. I also snowboard in the big mountains, because I used to be a lift operator in Colorado. After that I became an instructor for 2 years, and then I became a coach for 2 years in Oregon.

What advice can you give a student to be successful?
The broadest advice I can give is to follow your bliss, and question everything and compare it against your bliss.
Do you have a family? Where is your family from?
Yes I do. I have two daughters, Petra who is 3 years old and Dakota who is 2 months old. My wife Paradee, is Thai and other nationalities, and I am also mixed. On my father side, my grand-father is Indonesian and my grand-mother is Dutch. While, on my mother’s side, my grand-father is Swedish and my grand-mother is Native American.



REVIEWS

Spiderman: The Web Slinger Extraordinaire



Nikolas O’Hanlon

The web slinger returns for an exciting battle against all kinds of evil in the new Spiderman movie, called The Amazing Spider-Man 2. The movie is based on the Marvel comic book series called “The Amazing Spider-Man”. Spiderman is a Superhero who lives a double life in NYC as a reporter and crime buster, after he is bitten by a radioactive spider and gets a spider’s powers. He fights against many evil characters who want to destroy New York City and take over, such as the Green Goblin and Electro. The movie was released on Friday, May 02, 2014 and it was number one at the box office. Marc Webb directed the movie and the actors were Andrew Garfield, Emma Stone, Dane DeHaan, Jamie Foxx, and Paul Giamatti. The genres are Action/Adventure.

The story line is that

Spiderman is protecting NYC from Oscorp. Oscorp is a company that wants to make money by selling all sorts of evil weapons all over the world. Spiderman discovers their plot, so Oscorp sends a group of scientists and two evil creatures, to destroy the city and Spiderman. Only Spiderman, Gwen Stacy (Spiderman’s girl friend who is also super smart) and sheer luck stand in their way. Who do you think will win?

The ending was awesome! It was suspenseful at times, like when I thought Spiderman was going to die when he was battling Electro. It was funny when Spiderman calls his girlfriend on his cellphone in the middle of fighting criminals to tell her he’ll be late to their graduation. It was also scary, like when Gwen Stacy fell down the clock tower. So all in all it was exciting, suspenseful and funny. I recommend this movie to anyone.

“Cosmos: A Spacetime Odyssey”

Danny DeGenaro

Fox has produced a new science documentary series entitled “Cosmos: A Spacetime Odyssey”. It airs every Sunday at nine on Fox and Mondays on the National Geographic Channel at various times. It goes in-depth in its explanations of topics including genetics, physics, astronomy, astrophysics, astrogeology, and how these sciences fit together. Hosted by Neil deGrasse Tyson, the documentary explains things like black holes, stars, planets, life, how the universe was made, and why everything exists the way it does.

There has been much controversy over the show. Creationists, or people who believe God made the universe, deny that objects like comets

can be billions of years old as the show suggests. In addition, one episode was devoted to the subject of evolution. Tyson, at one point, compared his own DNA with that of a tree to find that the DNA strands were very similar. In the very first episode, Tyson explains that the whole universe was created by a huge explosion, called the Big Bang. Creationist Ken Ham declares, “The Big Bang model is unable to explain many scientific observations, but this, of course, is not mentioned.” (From motherjones.com).

Some of the famous scientists mentioned include Michael Faraday, a man who figured out how to make things like electromagnets, generators, and an early Bunsen burner, Giordano Bruno, an astronomer from the 1500s who correctly believed that

Divergent: Book vs. Movie

Sarah Salino

There has been a lot of dispute over whether the Divergent movie was an accurate take on Veronica Roth’s bestseller. While the book is one that readers have been discussing for a while now, the movie was not quite as successful. On imdb.com it was rated a 7.4 out of 10.

The differences in the movie and book were a little bit extreme for my liking. For example, the character Uriah, a Dauntless born initiate who becomes close friends with Tris later, is not introduced in the movie. Another major difference was when Edward, a Dauntless initiate gets stabbed in the eye by Peter, another Dauntless that has great ambition to get a better ranking. This is not included in the movie at all, and was a major part of the book, which is upsetting for people that were fans of the novel early on. Tris has a different fear landscape in the book and movie. For people who have never read the novel or seen the movie, a fear landscape is when the initiate is in a room and has to experience facing their fears (although it is only a simulator and they don’t actually experience anything). In the book she faced seven fears which were crows, drowning, fire, assault, intimacy, and her family being killed. In the movie, the only fears in her fear landscape were crows, drowning, intimacy, and her family being killed.

Although many people preferred the assets in the book, there were a few things that made the movie more interesting than

the book. One plot change in the movie was that Tris gets kicked out of Dauntless before capture the flag, and she feels obligated to participate in capture the flag



to prove herself worthy of being in Dauntless. This does not occur in the book. In the book, she participates in the game just like the other initiates, without having been kicked out. Also, in the movie and book, the zipline scene is very different. I preferred the more action-packed movie scene when she pulled he break to keep herself from colliding with the wall. Others however, preferred the book which was a calmer and happier representation of the experience.

Overall, the book and movie are very different representations of the storyline behind Divergent. Which one did you prefer?



the sun was a star, and other inhabited planets likely orbited other stars, and Annie Jump Cannon,

an astronomer who discovered over 500,000 different stars, nebulas, novae, and other space phenomenon.

One of the most beautifully done parts of the show is the graphics. Things like the “Cosmic Calendar”, showing the entire history of the universe compressed into one calendar year, include stunning illustrations of comets, dust clouds, stars, nebulas, and planets. In addition, cartoons are added to exemplify the experiences and work of the scientists who were talked about on the show.

In conclusion, “Cosmos: A Spacetime Odyssey” has certainly drawn in many viewers, and has explained the likely truths of the universe. It has stirred up plenty of controversy as well, on certain themes such as evolution. It has also educated the world on important principles of science and those who figured them out in the first place. This documentary is certainly an ingenious production.

2014 FIFA World Cup!



Stachys Aho

The World Cup has started and the World is hooked on soccer! Injuries and deceptions have hit teams like a nuclear bomb. Germany’s maestro winger Marco Reus is out for three months which will be a huge downfall for Germany, but there is hope on the horizon and that hope is Neuer. Frank Ribéry, supposedly the best player on the French squad is out with an injury. His fellow Frenchman Nasri will not be at the WC because the manager is too unaware of the difference between

good and bad players. The English coach Hodgson will be counting on Rooney more than ever since his partner in crime in the forward position is out. Belgium has lost one of their key attackers for the WC, but can they still do it? Columbia has been hit with an epidemic of injuries: Falcao, Ramirez, Valencia, and Perea are all injured. Looking on the bright side, Portugal’s superstar Ronaldo is going to play in the WC, Spain is ready to defeat Holland yet again, and Argentina is physically, mentally and emotionally ready.

Player Profiles

Manuel Mateo-Saja
Cristiano Ronaldo es considerado el mejor jugador en todo el mundial. Cristiano Ronaldo es de Portugal. Cristiano Ronaldo vive en Portugal. El nació en el 5 de febrero y en el año del 1985. Ahora Cristiano Ronaldo (CR7) tiene 28 años. Cuando Cristiano fue niño, el vivió con su mamá. Pero la familia de él fue muy pobre. Entonces él no tenía guayos para jugar. Pero Cristiano fue un

jugador muy muy bueno. Entonces el maestro de él, le compró los guayos. Ahora Cristiano es muy rico. Y tiene un salario de 21 millones €. Cristiano juega para el equipo de Real Madrid y Portugal. Él siempre le gusta jugar futbol. Ahora Cristiano Ronaldo tiene una esposa y un hijo. Su esposa se llama Irina Shayk. Y el niño se llama Cristiano Ronaldo Jr. Y también Cristiano tiene el mismo cumpleaños de Neymar.

Juan Velez
Radamel Falcao García Zárate, también llamado Radamel Falcao o Falcao nació en el 10 de Febrero en 1986, ya 28 .El nació en Santa Marta en Colombia. Él es 5ft 10in. Él juega para el equipo nacional de Colombia y está en el club Mónaco. Él es delantero del equipo. Él es futbolista de segunda generación. Su padre, Radamel García fue defensor del mismo

equipo que Falcao está hoy. Él se llama Radamel, pero el él prefiere usar su segundo nombre, Falcao. Él tiene una esposa, quien es una cantante argentina llamada Lorelei Taron. El hijo del Falcao y Lorelei se llama Dominique García Taron. Fabio Capello, el Gerente de fútbol italiano dice que él está en el mismo nivel como Lionel Messi y Cristiano Rolando. Él tiene un total de 153 goles.

2014 NBA Draft

Nick Dispenza

The NBA draft lottery is a very special thing in the NBA. In the lottery, the NBA teams with the worst records try to get the first pick in the draft. It takes a lot of luck to win the lottery. The owners and GM’s (general managers) go to the draft lottery and they bring things of good luck to try to win the first pick in the draft. The team that was expected to win the number one pick this year was the Milwaukee Bucks, who had a 25% chance of winning the first pick. The Cleveland Cavaliers, who had a 1.7% chance of winning, won the first overall pick in the 2014 draft. The Cavaliers have won three out of the last four lotteries for the first pick. The team is still rebuilding after losing LeBron James to free agency in the 2010 offseason, but they are close to becoming playoff contenders again.

The Cavaliers have had a hard time trying to rebuild their team back to contention since 2011. During the 2010-2011 season, the Cavs had the worst record in the NBA with 19 wins and 63 losses. Following the draft lottery, they won the first pick in the draft and drafted Kyrie Irving, a 6’2 point guard from Duke University. That same year, they drafted Tristan Thompson, the 6’8 power forward from Texas University with the fourth pick. They acquired two potential stars that season and their first round picks proved to be a success. Then the following

season, they improved their record to 21 wins and 45 losses (they played 66 games that year instead of 82 because of the NBA lockout). They got the fourth pick in that draft, drafting Deon Waiters, the 6’4 shooting guard from Syracuse University, who was another successful draft pick for the franchise. However, last year, after finishing 24-58 they picked Anthony Bennett, the 6’8 power forward from UNLV with the first pick. That pick didn’t work out well for the team as Bennett averaged 4.2 points per game as the team finished the season with a 33-49 record.

However with that improving record and low chance of receiving the first pick in the draft, the Cavs got the pick, ready to redeem their decisions from the previous draft. They have many decisions to make prior to the draft in order to make the playoffs for the first time since the decision of LeBron James to leave his home town and make the NBA finals in four straight seasons. The Cavaliers need to receive these high draft picks so they can be a potential team to LeBron James to play for after next season if he opts out of his contract. The team would need to make have to make the playoffs to attract his attention but if they make the playoffs, they are a potential place for LeBron to end up following next season. LeBron James wants to join a team in contention of being champions, so if the Cavaliers make the right pick this year, “the king” could be returning to his home town soon.

Boston Marathon: One Year Later

Austin Antico

One year ago on April 15, 2013 two cooker bombs went off in the 117th Boston Marathon. They only killed 3 people but injured over 250. The bombs were set by two men named Dzhokhar and Tamerlan Tsarnaev. This year almost twice as many people decided to enter the race. Of the 32,456 runners who started the race, 32,144 crossed the finish line on Boylston Street. That was 99% of the racers! Many

runners entered the race who had not had the opportunity to finish last year, due to the bombings. Many of the local professional sports teams had a moment of silence to commemorate the bombings. This was a wonderful opportunity for healing and celebrating the strength of the city. Congratulations to all of the participants!

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