

Spring 2017

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Living History Day is something everyone should be grateful for, because we learn and get to have experiences that cannot be replaced.

No one really understood why history was so important before this. On behalf of this school, we thank all participants in making this day what it is. There were many fun activities that we were able to see. There was a blacksmith, cook, wood carver, generals, and even a school room that dated back to the 1800's!

This day would not have been possible without Mrs. Saia and Mr. Wienecke to organize it.

The entire 7th grade enjoyed this amazing occasion despite the weather, and no one can forget the memories that were created that day.

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SMS Year-End Calendar

June 2nd: Chorus to High Note Festival
June 2nd: Harlem Wizards
June 1st & 2nd: Regents Earth Science Lab Practical
June 5th: ILS Written Assessment
June 7th: Band Concert @7pm
June 7th: Special Olympics Dinner Dance @SHS (4:00-7:00pm)
June 8th: Yearbook Distribution
June 12th-16th: 7th Grade World Language Final (one piece per day)
June 13th: Algebra Regents
June 14th: 7th Science final
June 14th & 15th: 7th and 8th Grade Math final
June 15th: Earth Science Regents (PM-students report by 11:30am)
June 16th: 6th Grade Math final
June 16th: Geometry



June 16th: 7th Social Studies final
June 16th: 6th & 7th Grade Health final
June 19th: FLACS Exam
June 19th: 7th Grade Splashdown trip
June 19th: 8th Grade Graduation practice; 8th Grade Graduation Dance @Villa Bar-one (7-10pm)
June 20th: *Raindate for 7th Grade Splashdown trip
June 20th: 6th Grade Social Studies final
June 20th: 8th Grade Lake Compounce trip
June 21st: 6th Grade Science Final
June 22nd: ½ day (dismissal at 11:30AM)
June 22nd: 8th Grade Graduation (2:00PM)
June 23rd: Last day of school for 6th/7th Grade (1/2 day – dismissal at 11:30AM)

Grumpy Bill's Fabulous Adventure



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Once upon a time there was an old man named Bill. Bill was the worst person on Banana street.

One day, a child fell off his bike and onto Bill's property. The child was screaming for help and Bill came outside and yelled, "WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON MY LAWN!?"

The child replied, "I fell off my bike, I think I sprained my ankle".

Bill yelled, "I DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENED, GET OFF MY LAWN!!!"

The child yelled back, at him "MAYBE I WOULD, IF I COULD GET UP!" in the snottiest way possible.

Bill went back in his house and came out with a baseball bat, he yelled "IF YOU DON'T GET OFF MY LAWN ON THE COUNT OF THREE, IM GANNA HIT YOU WITH MY LOUISVILLE SLUGGER!"

"You couldn't hit water if you were in a boat!" the boy yelled back.

The boy got up, grabbed a rock, threw at Bill, and ran off.

Bill saw the rock coming, and wildly swung the bat at it. WACK! The rock flew up in the air, across the street, and through Mrs. Wiggleman's window.



No one EVER breaks Mrs. Wiggleman's window. Bill realized the horrible mistake he made and quickly ran back into his house and locked the door.

Mrs. Wiggleman banged on his door screaming, "GET YOUR SORRY LITTLE BUTT OUT HERE SO I CAN SMACK SOME SENSE INTO YOU!"

Bill yelled back "IT WAS THE BOY, NOT ME!"

Mrs. Wiggleman saw the boy running away, she yelled at him "GET OVER HERE RIGHT NOW YOUNG MAN!"

The boy came over, confused about what was happening.

"DID YOU THROW THE ROCK THAT BROKE MY WINDOW???" she demanded.

"NO!" he said forcefully. "I GOT IT ALL ON MY iPhone!" He showed Mrs. Wiggleman the shaky video of Bill smacking the rock with his bat.

Mrs. Wiggleman gasped. Then she turned to Bill.

"Uh oh," Bill muttered.

The last anyone saw of Bill, he was half-way across the county, with Mrs. Wiggleman in hot pursuit.

The window never did get fixed.



The NBA MVP Race



**By Nate Marcus and Matt Kahn
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This year in the NBA, the MVP race has been electric. There are four major competitors this year. There are four minor competitors also. Russel Westbrook, James Harden, Kawhi Leonard, and LeBron James are leading for MVP. Isiah Thomas, Paul George, Anthony Davis, and Stephen Curry are minor competitors in the race.

28-year-old Russel Westbrook of the Oklahoma City Thunder is a fantastic point guard. He has received two MVP awards in the past. This season he scored an average of 31.6 points per



game. Russel has been in the league for 8 years, and is a large factor in this year's MVP race.

Shooting guard, James Harden of the Houston Rockets is also in the race. at 27 years old, and 7 years of league experience, he has never won an MVP before. He averaged 29.1 points per game this season. James Harden has a fair chance at winning the MVP race.



LeBron James of the Cleveland Cavaliers is 32 years old. Despite his age, he still averaged 27.11 points per game this season. During his 13 years of his NBA career, he has racked up a total of 4 MVP awards. LeBron has been fantastic since his first year in 2004 where he got rookie of the year. This power forward has plenty of experience.

The last major competitor is Kawhi Leonard. Kawhi is only 25 years old but he already has two defensive players of the year. He averaged 25.5 points per game and 5.8 rebounds although his numbers aren't as whopping as Russel West-

brooks or James Harden he is a great all-around player and led the San Antonio spurs to a western conference finals.

Minor competitors:

Some minor competitors are Paul George, Gordon Hayward, Anthony Davis, DeMarcus Cousins, Kevin Durant, Giannis Antetokounmpo and Stephen Curry.

Paul George is getting better and better each year I think that he has a MVP in his future.

Gordon Hayward led the Jazz, a team that finished close to last, late in the season, but he brought them to the fifth seed in the west. Anthony Davis and DeMarcus Cousins are easily the two best big men in the game right now and it was crazy when Demarcus Cousins was traded so that both of the big men are on the same team. Both of them nominated the post and rebounds but their front court just wasn't good enough to get them to the playoffs.



Giannis Antetokounmpo shocked the league this year. He is young, athletic, strong, tall and quick; he led the Bucks to the playoffs. He definitely will keep improving and become more dominant.

Both Stephen Curry and Kevin Durant were unbelievable but their team is so good, everyone plays equally well so they couldn't dominate like usual.

My prediction is that Russel Westbrook will win the MVP. He was clearly in my opinion the best, averaging a triple double, something only Oscar Robertson one of the top 10 players of all time has done before.

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Sports Update



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Last week in the NBA was no surprise except for one little thing. In the Warriors vs Spurs contest, the Warriors won all four games in a row to put them into the finals for the 3rd time in a row.

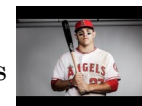


On the Eastern Conference side, the Cavaliers won three games straight and after the 3rd game, Isai-

ah Thomas got ruled out for the rest of the playoffs due to a hip injury.

When they played game 4, the Celtics came back from a 20 point deficit and won by three points. LeBron James only had 11 points. In the 5th game, the Cavs won, putting them in the finals for the 3rd time in a row. The Cavs and Warriors play tonight at 9:00 p.m.

In the MLB, Mike Trout of the LA Angels is on the DL for the first time in his career due to a torn ligament in his left leg. He is projected to be out for 6-8 weeks.



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