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GREAT NECK NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

SUMMER 2019

8th Grade Students Recognized for Contributing to the Quality of Life at NMS

By Tyler Brechner



In April, many 8th grade students were recognized by the Board of Education for contributing to the quality of life at North Middle School. The criteria for this award was to be an active participant in school and extracurricular activities including clubs, sports, and volunteer work.

The students recognized, in alphabetical order, were Sarah Abdekalimi, Juliette Ahdoot, Naya Akler, Colin Asher, Ava Assaraf, Salome Assaraf, Zachary Astrof, Perla Ayache, Leila Bakhshi, Tyler Brechner, Jack Brenner, Mia Carrillo, Stanley Chan, Michaela Damaghi, Mia Delijani, Jonah Fishman, Sophie Frenkel, Jaslyn Gao, Gili Gavriel, Melody Gidanian, Danielle Glucklich, Ava Goodman, Rhea Goodman, Ariel Greenblatt, Joshua Haghani, Shayna Hagooli, Kayla Hakimi, Dylan Hakimian, Menash Harooni, Leila Hawa, Xi He, Ava Hoffman, Joy Huang, Julia Hyman, Taikary Jiang, Yihao Jiang, Yue Jing, Kyleen Kalimian, Megan Kashi, Sydney Kashi, Danit Kashi, Liora Kaya, Julia Khani, Chloe Khani, Jared Kimiabakhsh, Addison Klebanov, Dylan Kohanim, Joelle Kokhavi, Leo Korman, Amanda Lavian, Linda Li, Hunter Loren, Sarena Mahfar, Matthew Manesh, Jordan Mayorga, John McCarthy, Ava Muntner, Lyla Muntner, Nicole Nazar, Talia Nazarian, Jason Nejat, Ori Ohebshalom, Maya Oraleovich, Tyler Rafinia, Owen Roubeni, Alexandra Rubin, Eliana Sadykov, Ethan Schulman, Reuben Schwartz, Doron Sedaghat, Tyeis Smith, Nikita Soleymani, Shuyuan Sun, Katherine Sun, Carolina Swiatkowska, Kirsten Tam, Katharine Tang, Yo-Jia Hu Tang, Jesse Toro, Michelle Wasserman, Sydney Wolk, Noy Wysoki, Paz Wysoki, Evan Youssefi, Christine Zhou, Alex Zhuang, and Ethan Zubli.

At the meeting, Board of Education President Barbara Berkowitz, Vice President Donald Ashkenase, and Trustees Donna Peirez, Rebecca Sassouni, and Jeffrey Shi, Superintendent of Schools Teresa Prendergast and Assistant Superintendent Stephen Lando, Dr. Cozine, Ms. Andersen, and Ms. Gunning were also there.

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Question Corner

With Willie Benjamin &
Jonah Berkowitz

This Newspaper’s Theme is... SUMMER!!!!

Question: What are the 5 best things (and tips) to do in Long Island during the summer?

1. “Always keep cool!” There are several ways to have fun in the sun while still keeping cool!
- Make refreshing homemade snacks; such as fruit popsicles, ice cream sundaes, and even ice cold lemonade and iced tea.
 - You can enjoy your homemade snacks after physical activity or a nice, relaxing rest.
 - Take a nice, cool dip in your local pool.
 - In the pool you can get exercise by taking laps, splash around with friends, and even play TAPS or Marco Polo.
2. “WAVE INCOMING!!” There are multiple exciting activities to do at the beach!
- Use the waves as an exciting way to relax and have fun!
 - Try jumping waves, boogie boarding, or/and float on your back while staring at the hot sun.
 - Relax on the warm, hot sand!
 - Try building a sand castle, bury yourself/friend/companion in the sand, or/and dig a giant hole.
3. “Oh No! I’m NOT going down that thing!” There are a lot of different water parks in Long Island, and there are rides that can give you the time of your life.
- One fun waterpark is *Splish Splash!*
 - While there are a lot of fun rides, our favorites are *Alien Invasion and the Tunnel of Terror*
 - Another fun water park is Interactive Spray Park!
 - The Spray Park has a lot of fun rides, although, we love *Tanner Park Tree House and The Water Barrel*.
4. “Off to seek adventure!” There are many things to do in the summer to find danger along the island!
- Hike long and thrilling trails, to find excitement up the mountain/hill.
 - Travel to Huntington or other places, to see an up close beautiful waterfall and amazing sights for a very fun time.
 - Take a placid boat ride into the Atlantic, to see amazing sea creatures and the nice clear, blue waters.
 - Anything from a speed boat to a sailboat, any boat will ensure you a fun and relaxing experience.
5. “ROAD TRIP!!!!” Explore Long Island by travelling into amazing places and flavorful dining.
- Shelter Island is a really fun place to visit!
 - In Shelter Island, you could walk around the beautiful parks and relax with the hot sun shining on your back.
 - An awesome place to visit is Long Beach!
 - You can visit the extraordinary stores which carry delicious foods such as bagels and salads.
 - “Rock on” at the beach listening to your favorite singers sing their songs at an awesome concert.

National Day of Silence

By Michael Zaken



On April 12, 2019, many North Middle School students decided to recognize the National Day of Silence, sponsored by the GSA.

The National Day of Silence is a student-led national event where folks take a vow of silence to highlight the silencing and erasure of LGBTQ people at school. Students who wished to participate signed up in advance and were given a special pass to show to their teachers.

In the morning, members of the GSA were handing out stickers, to promote this important day.

My day of silence was very memorable because I know that people have lost their voices because of bullying and more. It was a very successful Day of Silence!!!!

7th Graders Participate in Brain Games

By Kajul Ramphul

On April 17, 2019, 7th graders participated in Brain Games: a series of physical and mental challenges meant to test their knowledge, while having fun. The students were broken up into two teams—blue and white. In each round, two to seven students were selected to participate.

The students were able to answer interesting trivia questions to see how much they knew. The topics included history, geography, sports, music, art and current events. They were challenged to answer as many as they could in one minute. Students would try to answer a question before the other team, working together to figure out the answer. These activities helped build cooperation and teamwork, as well as letting 7th graders learn new things.

Physical challenges were also included. Seventh graders had the opportunity to participate in these fun activities. Some options were hoola-hooping, dancing and even playing Simon Sez. It was a good way to relax and enjoy themselves by playing games.

Science Olympiads

By Katie Park

On February 8, Great Neck North Middle School’s Science Olympiads team competed in 21 events at Wisdom Lane Middle School in Levittown, New York in which 43 teams from Long Island participated. Science Olympiads is a club for all grades at North Middle in which students select certain events which ranged from potions and poisons to meteorology. Under the guidance of Ms. Plante and Ms.Vitberg, our team won 3 medals.

In the *Duct Tape Challenge*, Adrian Shiu and Zihan Yu placed 1st. In *Anatomy*, Adrian and Julia Huang placed 8th. Adrian also brought home a 3rd medal with Jordan Mayorga in *Hereditary* where they placed 10th. Other students who were close to placing were in the top 15 like the *Solar System*, *Science Tech Bowl*, and *Parasitology*.

The competition varied in format, from written tests to experiments. One 6th grader commented “I had a lot of fun at the competition, and the events were fun to learn about. It was definitely a memorable experience and I will be joining next year.”

Congrats to all the students who participated this year. Keep the medals and enthusiasm coming.

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8th Grade Ruminations

Journalist Jack McCarthy, and fellow 8th grader, interviewed other 8th graders to find out their best experience at NMS

Ciaran Palma: “The best experience I’ve had here at Great Neck North Middle School is meeting new people. These people have really helped me cooperate with others, they help get through stuff that I find challenging, and they’re really good people all together. And wouldn’t have met them if I didn’t come here to North Middle. I will mostly miss the teachers and staff here at North Middle, because this place has really nice people.”

Jack Karkowsky: “My best experience at North Middle is the last day of school in seventh grade and dunking a teacher in sixth grade Field Day. I’ll miss my Vocabulary.Com account if I can’t get it back in high school.

Sam Solemani: “The best experience I’ve had here at North Middle was when we all went to Adventure Land, we went zip lining, hang out with friends and have a lot of fun. I think I’ll mostly miss the sports I did here because middle school is one stage of sports, and when you get into High School, it’s like a whole new level.”

Shayna Hakimian: “A great experience here at North Middle is the assemblies we have here because it’s so fun to listen to them and when speakers come in it’s so interesting to listen to them is and listen to their stories as children. You can also interact with your friends who are in other classes and you can meet new people and make new friends. What I will miss the most is... well... everything.”

Kayla Hakimiam: “The best thing I experienced here at North Middle is the Greenkill Trip because I did things I didn’t think was going to do like hiking and sleeping in a bunk. I’m gonna miss the teachers and I’m going to miss how this school makes me feel comfortable.

Odelya Ajoudanpour: “The best experience I’ve had here at North Middle is meeting new friends, teachers, projects, activities, trips and so much more. When I leave for high school, I’ll miss the projects I did with all my friends, the fun trips we went on, the teachers who helped me through a lot to help me get better grades.”

8th Grade Trip

By Tyler Brechner

Last month, the 8th graders had a trip at Club Getaway. Club Getaway is a summer camp in Kent, Connecticut, but it is also open for groups to use it during the school year. Club Getaway states that they are “the premier sports, fun & adventure destination in the Northeast.” This place is based around a lake and is in an extremely rural area.

At Club Getaway, students could participate in activities like hiking, zip lining, and rock climbing. According to a student, “Club Getaway was an enjoyable experience where there were many activities, and it was very fun.”



Dancing Classrooms

Journalist, Owen Roubeni shares his experience being part of NMS’s Dancing Classrooms

This year, I was involved in the 8th grade Dancing Classroom program at Great Neck North Middle School. This program allowed us to participate in ballroom dancing lessons in our gym class. Each class we learned and practiced different traditional ballroom dances such as the Foxtrot, the Salsa, the Rumba, etc. Everyone in the class was to dance with each other, as we rotated periodically. Not only did we



learn the mechanics of dancing, but we also learned proper etiquette skills and manners such as proper dance frame, saying “Thank you partner” after each dance, and keeping good posture. At the end of this program, we performed at our culminating Dancing Classroom event, where we showcased all of our learned dances.

For me personally, I enjoyed this program a lot. It was a good way to experience something new that I would never have tried otherwise. Many kids felt uncomfortable and hated the physical contact in the beginning, but as time went on, most kids eventually became comfortable and enjoyed the class. I felt that having girls and boys dance with each other at this age, was a beautiful thing. It taught us life skills and improved our social interactions. I think it was great to implement this form of art into our curriculum because we learned skills that we don’t get exposed to in regular physical education.

My favorite dance was the Salsa and the Swing because they are very upbeat dances that got us moving and kick started our day, as we had this class first period. For me, the hardest dance to learn was the Swing because it required a lot of hand-eye coordination and swift movement. I also enjoyed having guest dancers, who were our instructors’ friends. They taught us specific tools to help us with certain dances and demonstrated dance routines for us. It was nice having different peoples’ input and dancing styles, rather than just learning from one.

The purpose of the Dancing Classroom program was to teach students the fundamentals of ballroom dance, but more importantly, to teach students the significance of social interaction skills and a way of expressing themselves. We learned that it is okay to make mistakes, and with the support of each other, obstacles can be conquered. As they say, it takes two to Tango!



North Middle School’s Got Talent!

By Sam Friedmann

On May 22, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., North Middle School held its fifth annual talent show in the Daniel J. Tomaselli, entitled *North Middle’s Got Talent*. There were fifteen performances in total, mostly made up of musical performances.

The Treble Blazers: North Middle School’s Show Choir was the first to perform. They sang a song called *A New World* by Jason Robert Brown. It was performed by: Carina Bazac, Jack Brenner, Talia Elyaho, Owen Flood, Samuel Friedmann, Anna Goldman, Clara Goldman, Ava Hoffman, Kylie Hoffman, Emily Hyman, Abigail Israel, Sabrina Livian, Jolie Nassi, Sarah Nassir, Emely Renteria, Hannah Romano, Owen Roubeni, Rafaella Sarraf, Damian Segal, Sarah Shemooliam, Shai Shoshani, Jenna Sobiecki, Samantha Stashower, Maurice Zalta, Nina Zar, and Sharon Zkarya. There are 25 people in the show choir (from all different grades) making up four sections, Boys, Altos, Soprano One, and Soprano Two.

Next, seventh grader Jolie Ebrahimzadeh sang *Never Enough*, a song from the movie, the *Greatest Showman* written by Loren Allred.

The third performance was a piano piece entitled *June Barcarolle* by Peyton Ilyich Tchaikovsky. It was performed by Ashley Dong.

Next, sixth grader Sharon Zkarya sang a song by Caroline Manning called *Dear Girls*.



During the fifth performance of the night, sixth grader Jolie Nassi, seventh grader Clara Goldman, and eighth grader Emely Renteria sang a song called *Flying Away* by Jeanine Tesoro. It was the finale from the musical *Fun Home*, which won best musical at the 2015 Tony awards.

The next performance was very unique and was something I’m sure North Middle School has never seen in a talent show before. Sixth grader, Max Drehwing played the recorder with his nose! He performed *Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious* by the Sherman Brothers, and *Tequila* by The Champs.

Another surprising and exciting performance followed. Sixth graders Talia Elyaho and Maria Rodriguez performed *Harry Potter in 99 Seconds* by Jon Cozart.

After, the Chamber Orchestra performed *Blur Fire Fissler*



by Soon Hee Newbold. The Chamber Orchestra is made up of sixth members: Hyunjun Chang-Violin, Taejun Chang-Violin, Gabriella Sadaghati-Violin, Youngjiun Chang-Viola, Leona Kohansieh-Viola, and Maximillian Lee-Cello.

For the next performance, seventh grader Skylar Owadeyah sung *Listen Before I Go* by Billie Eilish.

Next, a dance was performed by Natasha Levin and Valerie Varkonyi to the song *Cheerleader* by OMI.

The next song was performed by seventh grader Neevie Eliyahu. She sang a song called *Shallow* by Demi Lovato. The song was featured in the 2018 version of *A Star Is Born*, which was nominated for best picture.

Eight grader Ava Hoffman and sixth grader Kylie Hoffman then performed *BFF* by Plain White T’s from *SpongeBob SquarePants The Broadway Musical*.

After that, seventh grader Jacqueline Parksang *See You Again* by Charlie Puth and sixth grader, Abigail Israel and eighth grader Samantha Stashower sang *If Momma Was Married* by Jule Styne and Stephen Sondheim from the musical *Gypsy*.

Eight grader, Owen Roubeni ended the night performing the song *Creep* by Radiohead.

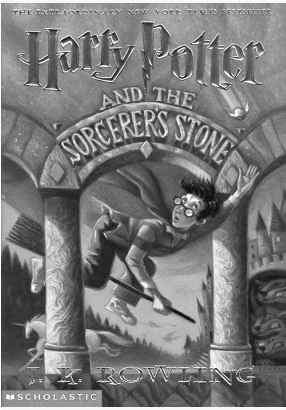
As you can tell NMS has many talented kids in the school. Lots of hard work was put into this show from Mrs. Murdocco and Mrs. Dove.

There were also many kids besides the performers who helped make the night possible. Artwork for the program was done by Maurice Zalta and Joshua Ahdout. The event emcees were, Carina Bazac, Mali Cooper, Sherlyn Dominguez, Nina Goldstein, Sabrina Livian, Jonathan (Jules) Sanders, Rafaella Sarraf, Michael Zaken, Maurice Zalta, and Nina Zar.



What Will You Read This Summer??

Northern Light Journalists recommend their favorite books

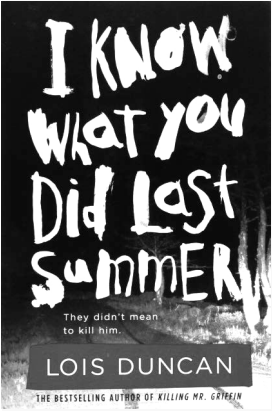


***Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone* by J.K. Rowling**
Recommended by Josh Ahdout

My summer reading pick is *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone* by J.K Rowling. It is the first book in the Harry Potter series. The book chronicles the childhood of a young wizard named Harry Potter, whose parents, Lily and James Potter, were killed by the Dark Wizard Voldemort. However, Voldemort couldn’t get rid of Harry, and Harry has a lightning -shaped scar as a result. He does not know of his magical potential, and he is told that his parents died in a car crash. For ten years, he stays with his relatives, is sent to live with his non -magical relatives, the Dursleys - Uncle Vernon, Aunt Petunia, and his cousin Dudley.

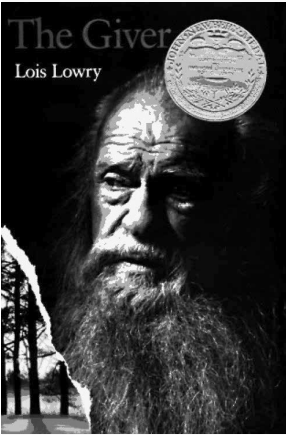
However, on his eleventh birthday, he is sent an invitation to be a student at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, headed by headmaster Albus Dumbledore. There are 4 houses (Gryffindor, Slytherin, Hufflepuff, and Ravenclaw) that students are put into, with a variety of teachers, such as Professor McGonagall, Professor Snape, and Professor Quirrell. Harry has many friends such as Ron Weasley, Hermione Granger, Neville Longbottom, and Hagrid, the gamekeeper. However, he has many enemies, primarily Draco Malfoy, a Slytherin who bullies other students, and Malfoy’s friends Crabbe and Goyle. Subjects at Hogwarts range from Herbology to Potions to Transfiguration to Defense Against the Dark Arts. He also ends up being part of the Gryffindor Quidditch team, Quidditch being the most popular sport in the wizarding world, and Harry is put in the position of Seeker, the youngest in many years. There are many plot twists, with some including Voldemort’s possible return.

Considered a great example of young adult fantasy literature, Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone has won many awards, and is loved by children and adults alike.



***I Know What You Did Last Summer* by Lois Duncan**, recommended by Jack McCarthy

I Know What You Did Last Summer is a 1973 horror novel by Lois Duncan. The stories follows four high school students who are traumatized after one of them receives a horrible letter, which takes them back to last summer in which they ran over a 10 year old boy on his bike. With suspects arising, can the four students find out who the killer is before they’re his next victims?



***The Giver* by Lois Lowry**, recommended by Johnathan Ahdout

My favorite book is *The Giver* by Lois Lowry. In this book, the main character, Jonas, is chosen to be the Receiver Of Memory in his somewhat isolated and futuristic community. This job is chosen at the Ceremony Of Twelve, for the upcoming twelve year olds, which is the last and most important of the ceremonies. Jonas is mentored by the current Receiver as training, and in this book, you will learn about Jonas and his life as a Receiver, and his reaction to this. I would recommend this book because it is very interesting and is definitely a look into our tentative future.

Relay for Life Field Day

By Katie Ng

On June 21st, NMS will hold its annual Relay for Life field day. This event was created by the American Cancer Society in order to raise money. All the profits from field day will go to the organization, and all the money to plan the event comes from raffles throughout the year, like the Pi Day Contest, or the Dunk Tank Raffle. The team also sells t-shirts, hats, and much more.

This year, Relay for Life is planning to have student guides for each homeroom to lead students through the events. Last year, our school raised about \$3500. Remember, every penny counts. This year, it would be amazing if we could get the same amount as last year, or maybe even more!

Ms. Murdocco, one of the leading teachers of the Relay for Life committee, said, “Every year, the event gets bigger and better. We always rent a different obstacle course and this year, many of our events will be completely different, thanks to the physical education department.” This year, field day will have so many new activities, so watch out: you won’t want to miss it.



Submitted by Liya Hakimian

DIRECTIONS

INGREDIENTS

2 cups fresh blueberries, raspberries, strawberries and sliced bananas, mixed

2 cups plain or vanilla yogurt

8 small paper cups

8 popsicle sticks

1/4 cup white sugar

Directions



Prep

15 m

Ready In

5 h 15 m



Place the mixed blueberries, raspberries, strawberries, sliced bananas, yogurt, and sugar into a blender. Cover, and blend until fruit is chunky or smooth, as desired.

2

Fill paper cups 3/4 full with fruit mixture. Cover the top of each cup with a strip of aluminum foil. Poke a popsicle stick through the center of the foil on each cup.

3

Place the cups in the freezer for at least 5 hours. To serve, remove foil and peel off the paper cup.

FINAL RESULT!!!!!!



PIC•COLLAGE

Oreo Ice Cream

Recipe by: Emelin Miranda

Things needed: 1. Oreos. 2. Small blender. 3. Vanilla ice cream. 4. Popsicle molds.

Step 1: Place a few Oreos into to a plastic bag. Crush the Oreos LIGHTLY!

Step 2: Transfer the LIGHTLY crushed Oreos in a bowl and set aside.

Step 3: Place a few Oreos in the small blender, and blend completely (will look like powder). Set aside.

Step 4: Add 4-5 vanilla ice cream scoops to the LIGHTLY crushed Oreos.

Step 5: Mix well! (might look like cream after).

Step 6: Fill the ice cream in to the popsicle molds. (Fill ice cream to the very TOP).

Step 7: Top the ice cream with the Oreo powder.

Step 8: Freeze for 8 hours OR overnight.

Review: Marie Blachere Bakery

By: Kiersten Ho

Recently I came across a scrumptious pastry shop in our suburb of Great Neck called Marie Blachere. Located at 550 Middle Neck Road, this authentic French bakery serves fresh bread from France, and is open from 6:00am to 8:00pm, 7 days a week. You just won't believe how tasty the pizza, tarts, and croissants are. The second I walked through those glass doors, I could smell the amazing scents of fresh breads and sweet tarts. Most of the pastries are at a bargain price and the shops even offers a discount at buy 3 and get 1 free, which is perfect for a family of 4. I highly recommend anyone to convince their family or friends to head to this bakery shop and enjoy these delicious pastries.

I did a variety of tastings and I found out that the fruit tarts are pretty sweet, and there are many flavors to choose from. My favorite was the strawberry tart. The croissants also have many flavors to choose from such as chocolate, almond, and cinnamon. In addition, there are many choices of toppings for the pizza. I expected the crust to have more of the crunchy texture, but it was still tasty overall. Finally, there comes the fresh bread; the smell of it just blew me away. It has such an amazing crusty top and all those sandwiches you can choose from are below \$7.00. Why not go with a friend to try it out and let me know what you think of it?? I must tell you the fresh bread was my favorite, and I would definitely come back for more.

Review: +39 Italian Eatery

By: Kiersten Ho

During Spring Break, my family and I strolled into town on a warm evening and came across an Italian eatery, +39 Italian Eatery, located at 16 Middle Neck Road. This cafe has quite a diverse selection of fruit tarts, Italian pastries, gelato, pizza and much more. Did you know +39 is Italy's international telephone area code? Fascinating!! The chefs bake cannoli, brioche, fruit tarts, doughnuts, croissants, and mouse cakes all in-house. You can even order a panini, individual pizza, salad, cheese, and even meat platters. Also, don't forget the espresso, lattes, and other drinks.

I must tell you before you go that the Oreo and strawberry gelato flavors were my favorite. Don't be disappointed if you don't like pistachio; there are other flavors such as coconut and chocolate too. I decided to try pistachio gelato for \$4.50 and it reminded me of the time I was in Florence with my family. We shared a gelato cone for 10 Euros last summer. Why not stop by for breakfast, lunch, dinner, or snacks between the hours of 6:00a.m. until 9:00 p.m? I hope you would bring a favorite family member or even a friend, and stop by one day to savor this scrumptious gelato or any Italian dish you prefer and let me know how you like it.

Poetry Corner

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Summer Poetry

By Liya Hakimian

Summer, summer the most wonderful time of the year

To play all day, eat ice cream, and have an amazing time

Playing with friends makes me happy, eating amazing food makes me happy

That my summer what's yours?

In the summer it's not a bummer

Play at a friends I never want it to end

Being alone is a no-no

Having fun is what it's all about

Then I have to go to school

But I know next summer will be even better

Summer Poetry

By Andrew Cohen

Summer is here, so is the sun.

Playing on my lawn is so much fun!

Under a beach umbrella with a fan watching my sister in the pool, but I don't want to get too tan.

Eating ice cream and watching the sunset.

It's getting dark, don't get upset.

That ice cream was cold and I'm starting to shiver

At the same time as I'm watching the river.

The stars twinkle in the navy blue night.

I saw a bug and I started to fright.

Summer is coming to an close

And I better go take a dose.

Please don't cry, summer will be here in no time.

Thank you, I hoped you liked this rhyme.

Woman at the Window

By Avigail Pinksy

When I look at the window

What do I see?

I see my parents

Leaving me

Wanting them back

As I look for hope

In the light of the sea

Waiting for them

To come back to me

But something special

Helps me see that

Not all is as it seems

It was getting hard

Waiting, waiting and

waiting

In the deep, deep dark

My heart

Starving for love

With nothing to do, but

Watching a dove

As I wait

For the last time

(Could it be)

A rare, old ladybug

Looking up at me

I spring from the window

A smile out on me

This ladybug is a symbol

Of hope for me

My heart glows

My hope grows

I run to the door

And what do I see?

I see my mom and dad

Running up to me

Review: House of Subs

By Emelin Miranda

Why do kids love *House of Subs* so much? It might be because of its good food, its amazing deals for kids after school, or it can just be that it's drinks are good. *House of Subs* is a kosher place where you can buy kosher subs. *House of Subs* is on Middle Neck Road. The restaurant has deals for kids after school, which might explain why many kids go there after school. If you have ever been to *House of Subs* you see that the people that work there might be really quick on getting your order—that is depending on the size of your order. *House of Subs* gets many kids after school, and opened after the previous Subway store closed down. *House of Subs* can be good, but there are many reasons you might like the restaurant and reasons you don't. You should try *House of Subs* one day—you might like it.



Craft Corner: DIY Watermelon Soap

Submitted by Katie Park

- Materials:
1. Melt-and-pour glycerine soap
 2. Large glass measuring cup
 3. Round silicone soap mold
 4. Round cookie cutter, slightly smaller than mold
 5. Green and pink soap coloring
 6. Essential oils
 7. Black fondant
 8. Spray bottle of alcohol or hairspray
 9. Sharp knife

Step 1: Roll tiny pieces of black fondant between your fingers and then pinch slightly to create a seed shape. Make enough to have 6 seeds in each circular cavity.

Step 2: Place about half of the soap in a large glass measuring cup and microwave for about 40 seconds. Check it and microwave in 10 second increments until the soap is melted.

Step 3: Stir in pink soap coloring.

Step 4: Pour a little pink soap into each circle mold (just about 1/4 inch) and top with 3 seeds on each side. Keep in mind you’ll be cutting these in half to create slices.

Step 5: Top with remaining soap so that each cavity is filled at least 1-inch. Lightly spray the top with alcohol or hairspray to remove any air bubbles formed on top.

Step 6: Let the soap set for about 30-40 minutes. Then carefully press the round cutter into the mold and remove the outside circle of soap. Leave the rest in the mold – it should be firmly positioned in the middle of the cavity.

Step 7: Heat the remaining soap in a clean glass measuring cup and stir green coloring into the melted soap.

Step 8: Then carefully pour the green soap around the edge of the mold until it is the same height as the pink soap. Don’t stress if a little lands on top because you can cut it away later. Set aside to harden again for at least 40 minutes.

Step 9: Remove the soaps from their molds and cut each one in half with a sharp knife. If any green has spilled over onto the front or back of the soap, simply cut it away.



Craft from: <https://www.clubcrafted.com/2018/04/04/diy-watermelon-soaps/>

Children’s Literature Festival

By Daniella Nissim

The Children’s Literature Festival took place in the NMS lobby on May 22. The point was for the sixth graders to showcase what they learned about empathy, kindness, and understanding for others through literature. Students have learned a lot through the Children’s Literature Festival. For example, they learned to have an understanding that even though we all may be different we are all still humans.

For the Children’s Literature Festival, students were tasked with creating a project that represents kindness in any sort of way. This allowed students to get creative and show their meaning of kindness in Ms. Marks and Ms. Linehan’s class. In Ms. Brody’s class, students were tasked with answering the question “Where is the love?” in their projects.

Sixth Grade Spring Concert

By Joy Wei

On June 5 of 2019, the parents of the 6th grade students at North Middle School gathered in the Daniel J. Tomaselli Auditorium to watch their children perform on stage for the last time this year. The excitement and exhilaration was almost tangible in the air as the talented musicians entered the stage, the auditorium packed with friends, family, and staff.

The first performance was from the 6th Grade Concert Orchestra, performing classics such as “The Blue Danube Waltz,” “Dramatic Essay,” and “I Dreamed a Dream” conducted by Anthony Virgilio, a music teacher at North Middle School.

Following the orchestra, was the 6th Grade Chorus, the Sopranos and Altos singing the popular song *Africa*, a medieval-themed song *The Hero* and *The Dragon* accompanied by flute player Rianna Liu and *Tongo!* a Polynesian folk song alongside percussion players Kayla Baron, Jack He, and maraca player Jonah Berkowitz. At the end, the 6th Grade Chorus finished with a chorus favorite, the song *When I Grow Up* from “Matilda The Musical” conducted by the North Middle School music teacher Mrs. Arielle Murdocco.

The TrebleBlazers sang a breathtaking *Stand In The Light* number conducted also by Mrs. Murdocco. The 6th Grade Concert Band had a few tough acts to follow, but they did it; conducted by Anthony Virgilio, the band played *El Capitan*, *The Enchanted Wizard*, and *Never Enough* from the movie, *The Greatest Showman*.

Thanks to the hard work of the students, staff, and parents, the 6th Grade Spring Concert was a show stopping success. This will certainly not be the last sensational performance for the musicians at North Middle School, and we will all be eagerly anticipating the next concert!

Summer Fun

Journalists Isabella Fiorello, Emelin Miranda and Jade Nabavian interviewed NMS teachers to find out what they were doing this summer



“This summer I am looking forward to traveling. I am going to Spain, Italy and France. I am excited to spend time with family and friends!”—Ms. Weissman

“I am going to the beach as much as possible. When I’m at the beach, I love to sit on my chair, close to the water without getting my toes wet. Lastly, at the beach I love reading books.”—Mr. Zimmerman



“I’m looking forward to relaxing, spending time with my son and going to the beach. I also like spending time working out, and riding my bike.”—Ms. Viruet

“I am looking forward to doing some traveling and yoga. I can’t wait to go to the beach and just sit and read, read and read!”—Mrs. Rice



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Fortnite Review

By David Dallal

I don’t know why I haven’t done this until now, but it’s finally happening, so get ready to read this...is the fad over? It’s not, but I wish it was . The reason why I wish it was is because of the rabid fans that go to defend the game and only talk about that ONE GAME. The entire point of these articles that I keep writing is so that people who play it CAN TRY SOMETHING ELSE.

It’s always like Fortnite this, Fortnite that, and “Yea! There’s a new season, so I need to spend my monthly \$10 that I spend on Fortnite and never use again.” Seriously, the idea of creating different seasons is so ridiculous; it’s a MARKETING TACTIC, NOT SOMETHING TO BE EXCITED OVER! Every time it leeches money off you, you almost have to give in to the next battle pass because the game forces you to. The game CONSTANTLY reminds you about new skins and if you DON’T buy them, you’re considered BAD for not spending money on NONSENSE! The gameplay is boring and repetitive. All you do is play one game, then another, then ANOTHER! IN EVERY SEASON NOTHING CHANGES, SO WHY CARE? I mean the level design is pretty good though, but there is so much EMP-TY SPACE. You walk out of a town and the next 5 minutes of the game is NO ENEMIES and ALL FORESTS. There is NO REASON why this game should be as popular as it is, and that’s my transition into the community. The community, oh the COMMUNITY....

First of all WHAT’S SO GOOD ABOUT SKINS? “IS THAT THE NEW SKIN THAT DOES ABSOLUTELY NOTHING FOR YOU AND YOU WILL FORGET ABOUT IN A MONTH THAT YOU SPENT \$20 ON?!” And they do the DANCES every second they can. YOU HAVE KIDS DANCING IN THE HALLS! Ok, you get my point—hopefully.



NMS students attended the Anti-Defamation League’s *No Place for Hate* Recognition ceremony in Manhattan on Thursday, May 23. For the third straight year, NMS received Gold Star Status!

SUMMER SPORTS WORD SEARCH



Athlete	Cross Country	Playoffs	Stadium
Baseball	Goalie	Score	Swimming
Bicycle	Gymnastics	Scuba	Tennis
Boating	Halftime	Soccer	Volley Ball

New iPhone Info!

By Michael Zaken

(Hey Guys—these rumors aren’t 100% true, but these do tend to be true in the end, so enjoy!)

iPhone XR2:



iPhone XI:

iPhone XI Max



The new iPhones will contain the Apple A13Ω (omega) Chip. This chip is going to be 40% more powerful even with ios13, which is one of the best new software ever. The A13 will be able to handle Augmented Reality, Virtual Reality, and the Triple Cam Setup that is going to be found on this year’s flagship phones.

The iPhone XR2 will be slightly smaller, but nothing noticeable. It will have a double camera setup like the iPhone Xs, just with better sensors. It will come with the 16 MegaPixel camera that will be in the phones. It will also sport an LCD display that is slightly thinner than normal because this year, Apple is removing 3D touch on the iPhones. (not the existing ones). It will most likely start at \$749 to \$850.

The iPhone XI (11) will sport a triple 16 megapixel camera setup that will be exponentially better than last year’s iPhone. It will also be slightly thinner, and the bezels will shrink about 70nm. It will not have a smaller notch, but the OLED tech is getting better.

The iPhone XI (11) Max will be a 6.45 inch phone with an organic light emitting display, three, 16 megapixel cameras, and A13Ω chip, and more!



Have a wonderful summer!