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THERE IS *NO PLACE FOR HATE* AT NMS!!



Grade 6 Assembly

By Katie Park

On November 27th, North Middle School hosted a “No Place for Hate Assembly.” Each grade had a guest speaker come in to explain “No Place for Hate” and share advice.

Professor Jim Banks spoke to the sixth grade students about diversity, civil rights, and spreading positivity and kindness. He shared an experience in which he dealt with hate and being judged by his appearance.

Professor Banks spoke of a “planet love” in which everyone was treated the same and would be loved. He reminded students that they could make “planet love” a reality if they could spread positivity. He wanted them to change the world to make it a better place. He said, “The ancestor to all things is an idea. Make your idea a reality. Change things by changing how you think.”

Professor Banks explained the “No Place for Hate Resolution for Respect” to students. “You are the light of your own tunnels. Share the light to others.” At the end of the assembly Professor Banks was awarded the “No Place for Hate” award.

Grade 8 Assembly Photos on Page 3

Grade 7 Assembly

By Katie Ng

In history, there are many people that we remember or have made a difference. You might know who Jackie Robinson is. In the 7th Grade “No Place For Hate” assembly, we learned about who Jackie Robinson was and what he went through as one of the first African American baseball players.

As many people know, it did not go so well for Robinson at first. Dr. Steven Klipstein explained how Robinson was treated and how he found success. Robinson was always an athletic person. He attended UCLA where he played on 4 different sports. First, he played for the Kansas City Monarchs in the Negro League. After a lot of hard work, he was recruited by the Brooklyn Dodgers. He started to become known to many people, but not all in a good way. Some of his teammates didn’t like him, and many baseball fans felt that he shouldn’t even be playing. After proving that he could play very well despite all the racist remarks, Jackie Robinson was named MVP. Eventually, people respected Robinson, and his treatment on the team became better.

When Robinson retired, everyone knew his name. This “No Place For Hate” assembly showed us that we shouldn’t be saying rude things, especially because the other person could be let down. We were able to see it from Robinson’s perspective, giving us an example of why we believe in “No Place For Hate.”



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With Willie Benjamin & Jonah Berkowitz

This Newspaper’s Theme is... Ben Mikaelson!!!

Question: Who is the new visitor coming to NMS?!

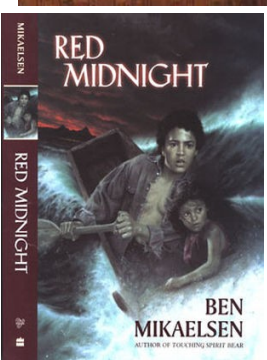
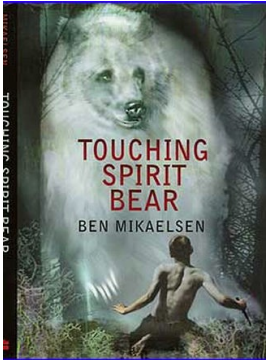
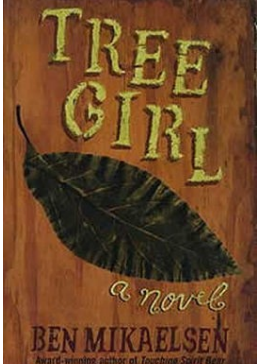
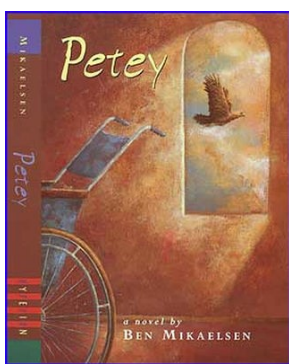
As you may know, a very special guest is coming on February 14 to North Middle School. This very important guest is Ben Mikaelson, a famous author of many award winning books. He is coming to share with us his passion for writing, his past, and lessons he has learned throughout his life.

Mikaelson has a wife named Connie and no children, but on January 26, 1984, he found a new member of the family, Buffy, a furry black bear!

Connie, Ben’s wife, is a big part of Mikaelson's life. Connie is 64, and lives with Ben in Anacortes, Washington. Ben and Connie go on many adventures together, like the time when they traveled to Winnipeg, Canada and then all the way up to the North Pole. Mikaelson described it as his own North Pole adventure. He stated, “The weather was deteriorating” and after that “Suddenly, our GPS navigation goes haywire! With the horizon blending visually with the ice, and no other navigation, we have no way of knowing which way we are headed!” Although these challenges that Mikaelson had to face were almost impossible to get through, he tried his best and persevered to get past these challenges. Mikaelson added after the long and treacherous adventure, “The person who risks nothing gets nothing, is nothing. He may avoid suffering, pain and sorrow, but he does not learn, grow, live or love.” This shows us readers that you sometimes have to risk your life to live your fullest life, but it will be worth it at the end!

Buffy, a furry 750 pound lovable bear was a big part in Mikaelson’s life. As a result, he influenced Mikaelson to create some of his best, award winning books. Two books that were made in honor of Buffy is Touching Spirit Bear, the sixth grade English reading book and Ghost of Spirit Bear. Buffy lived with Mikaelson for about 26 years, but unfortunately Buffy passed away in 2010. Every fall, when Buffy went into his den to start hibernating, Mikaelson would whisper in his ear, “Go sleep with the angels now.” When Buffy died, it left a very big hole in Mikaelson’s heart. “Buffy is gone now and there exists a great emptiness at our home. I know that time heals, and I remind myself daily that this time of grief is small measure to pay for 26 years of friendship and joy,” said Mikaelson. This shows just how big Mikaelson and Buffy’s bond was and how important Buffy is to Mikaelson. Ben misses Buffy everyday.

The students and teachers at North Middle school have been reading some of Mikaelson’s greatest books, including Touching Spirit Bear, Petey, Red Midnight and Ghost of Spirit Bear. These books all have big themes and life lessons that have a lot to do with Mikaelson’s past in which we can learn a lot from. We are excited to meet Mr. Mikaelson in person to hear his story first hand instead of typed in a book!



Seventh Graders Visit DNA Lab

By Kajal Ramphul

On Thursday, November 29th and Friday, November 30th, 7th graders at North Middle School went on a field trip to the Cold Spring Harbor DNA Lab. They participated in many activities that expanded their knowledge on DNA. Seventh graders worked together to learn about the discovery of DNA, compare DNA, and even create it!

Seventh graders learned about the preservation of Otzi the Iceman: a man who was murdered while hiking, and had his body encased within the ice for centuries. They learned how discovering his body contributed to our current knowledge of DNA. They also compared different samples on DNA to those found in a digestive system, and examined microscopic samples of edible pollen. This helped figure out what types of food were eaten. Four different meals were discovered.



Students also learned how to extract DNA from wheat germ, using different chemicals. They were shown that the molecules of the wheat attached to water easily, but the molecules of the other chemicals bonded with oils. Since soap is made of a combination of oils and water, it connected the wheat and chemicals, isolating the DNA.

In addition, they researched the disappearance of Russian princess Anastasia. They discovered how she had vanished during an assassination attempt of the royal family, and how only 10 bodies were found instead of 11. Even though a girl claimed to be Anastasia a few years later, DNA testing was ultimately used to discover that she was really a Polish factory worker.



Visiting the DNA Lab helped kids learn more and provided a hands on educational experience that will

be useful to them in the future.

One Acts Tackles Tough Topic

By Tyler Brechner and Sam Friedmann



The One Acts is a show that takes place every year at the end of November, consisting of a series of short plays. Unlike the musical, which comes soon after the One Acts, the One Acts only consists of acting, so if your not a good singer or dancer, it’s okay. This is also a good way to try the NMS theater program if you’re not sure about doing the musical.

This year the one acts director Ms. Dove did a very special show. This show was also done four years ago, but Mrs. Dove felt that this years cast would perfect for the play. This play was called *Shadows*. The main focus of the play was bullying and the effects it had on the victims. This show was told from the perspectives of the bully, victim, and bystander. The skit ran for forty minutes and took up the entire second act. During the later half of the skit, a video of the shooting in Virginia Tech was shown.

On April 16, 2007, Seung-Hui Cho shot and killed 33 people including himself. Seung-Hui Cho was a senior at Virginia Tech. He was born in South Korea and later became a U.S. citizen. This video proved further what bullying can cause, and it really shook the audience.

The One Acts is a chance for students of all grades to come together to work on one thing. It’s an amazing experience to bond with new and old friends. We hope you’ll join the One Acts next year.



This year’s show rundown included the following skits:

- “Teen Movie Star”
- “Sweet Revenge”
- “Blind Date”
- “The Fountain”
- “Family Showdown” (a spoof of the popular game show “Family Feud”)
- “Shadows”

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To Bee or Not to Bee?

Where in the World is...?

By Johnathan Adhout

By Katie Park

During the month of December, every English class at North Middle School held an in-class Spelling Bee. The winners of the class competition went on to compete in the school-wide Spelling Bee on January 8.

On the day of the competition, two rounds of the were done before the audience came. All of the participants from their in-class Bee would come and sit in the audience to watch their fellow students compete to win the school-wide Spelling Bee. The winner would then compete in the statewide Bee with all of the other school Spelling Bee winners.

The rules of the competition are:

- The students on stage would be supervised by teachers. The supervisors would include Mrs. Dove, Mrs. Rice, Mrs. Marks, Ms. Linehan, and Mrs. Carriciolo.
- Every round, each contestant on stage would come up to the microphone and spell the word given to them by the pronoucer, Mr. Norberto and the judges, Mrs. Brody, Ms. Bliss, Mrs. Serowik, Mrs. Dinatale, Mr. O’Connor, and Mr. Delferraro.
- The contestant could request the following:
 - *Repeating of the word
 - *Definition
 - *Grammatical classification e.g. noun, adjective, verb
 - *Use in a sentence
 - *Alternative pronunciation
 - *Mr. Norberto would also tell the contestant if the word has a near homonym or if there is a similar word.
- If the student spells the word correctly, they would return to their seat and would advance to the next round.
- If the word is spelled incorrectly, the student would be eliminated. Ms. Bliss would ring a bell, and the student would return back to his/her seat. All eliminated contestants would leave the stage after the round is over.
- When two contestants are left, the first person would spell their word. If it was spelled incorrectly, the next person would try to spell the championship word. If the championship word is spelled incorrectly, the rounds would continue until someone could spell it. This would continue until the rounds would finish and a winner would be found.

After spelling or misspelling words such as, Fiji” or “salutation” the contestants were narrowed down within the 12 rounds. In the end, two students remained: Kajal Ramphul and Tricia Wu. The final round was incredibly tense, but in the end, Kajal had the victory, spelling *astonishment* as the championship word.



Mr. Max Temkin, a Holocaust Survivor who was born and raised in Lodz, Poland spoke to 8th graders about his experiences. Mr. Temkin was transferred to several concentration camps and ultimately ended up in Auschwitz.



On Tuesday, December 18, excited students from every grade gathered in the auditorium to watch students compete for the school wide Geography Bee. All students in middle school participated, and the students on stage had each won in their social studies class.

Each student started with two strikes. The questions started out with state capitals and would get more difficult towards the end. The final two students on stage would answer questions until one of them answered wrong. The winner would then take a online test to qualify for the state, and then would move onto national after states.

The competition was narrowed down from 40 students to the final two—seventh graders Evan Schmelkin and Jules Sanders. (Jules had won last year’s school competition and won second in the state competition.) The last two answered questions on paper and then out loud. It was a close competition, and Jules won first in the school. We wish him luck in the state competition



Ms. Crisafulli and Geo Bee winner, Jules Sanders

NMS Robotics Club Competes in their First Competition of the Year

By Tyler Brechner

The Robotics Club had a competition on Sunday, January 27 at Mineola High School. This competition is hosted by FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology), a non-profit international youth organization that hosts many robotics challenges. Their purpose is to inspire students into getting careers in the engineering and technology industries, which are currently understaffed and are in high-demand for workers.

The theme of this years FLL (FIRST LEGO League) is *Into Orbit*. It involves how humans and robots innovate and improve how humans currently explore space. There are four parts to FLL tournaments, Robot Game, Core Values, Project, and Robot Design. For example, Robot Game is a series of “missions” that each team has to engineer a robot to complete. Furthermore, Core Values consists of a team to convince judges that they have team-building skills. Also, this year in the project, teams had to figure out a way that will improve life space for astronauts. In Robot Design, teams had to explain how their robots work and how efficient their robot at completing missions in the Robot Game.

North Middle did very well in the competition with a score of sixth place out of about 30 teams. Their robots’ modular design was very efficient at completing tasks, thus causing them to gain lots of points in the Robot Game.



6th Graders Find Adventure and Friendship at Greenkill



Greenkill Overview

By Joshua Ahdout

From November 7-9, the 6th grade went to Greenkill. At Greenkill, they did many things. After arriving the students traveled to their bunks. The bunks in Greenkill included Rocky Top, Hemlock, Laurel, Evergreen, and Tall Pines. Next, the students were divided into activity groups. Throughout each day, the different groups participated in various activities, such as nature hikes, shelter-making, learning how to make a fire, cooking apples, canoeing, and fishing in the lake. While fishing, student’s findings ranged from salamanders, tadpoles, eels, and aquatic bugs. Additionally, social events and presentations also happened. There was a 6th grade mixer, with a DJ, that was hosted in the field house. A “Birds Of Prey” presentation was also shown, and the birds included turkey vultures and falcons, which were brought in by a falconer. Food was given to students at various meals. Breakfasts included pancakes, eggs, and cream cheese bagels. Lunches included hot dogs and burgers, grilled cheeses and spaghetti, and pizza and pasta. Dinners included lasagna and chicken with potatoes and bread. Desserts, often served after dinners, included apple pie and pudding. The students socialized often during these times. Upon leaving, all the students knew they had an incredible experience. They loved it.



Greenkill’s Bird Show

By Kiersten Ho

On Thursday night, November 8, all of the students went to the auditorium to watch a bird show called “Birds of Prey.” It was very exciting and Mr. Robinson even brought out a Peregrine Falcon and a Turkey Vulture. There was a Peregrine Falcon, Turkey Vulture, and other birds, including an owl which had special skills to fly for a long distance. He brought out each bird and walked around the auditorium with it, so the students could take a closer look and the teachers could take pictures. All the birds were in different sizes of cages and the man brought out each cage one by one. I learned from the birds that you need to be trained by your owner if you want to get special skills. Each bird has a special skill and was tested in the special presentation. For instance, the owl’s special skill was flying a long distance. The vulture’s special skill was being restricted to grunts and hisses. Vultures can also fly incredible heights.



Personal Narrative: My Adventure in Greenkill

By Emelin Miranda

My trip to Greenkill was an amazing experience! The morning of November 7th was very fast and, now that I write this I feel like that morning was all a blur. When I woke up that morning I had to do everything really fast because I was afraid I was going to be late. Once I was in the car and ready to leave for Parkwood parking lot I noticed that it was already 8:25 AM and I needed to be there at 8:15! After the hurry to the busses that would take us to Greenkill, I got on the bus and we were ready to leave. When we left I felt the bus going up the mountains, it felt amazing!! When we got to Greenkill all I saw were a lot of hills and mountains. Finally, I had gotten the bunk I was going to be in. When my friends and I got to our bunk we didn’t notice that all the girls were on the boys side and the boys were on the girls side. My friends and I had gotten our beds all clean and we had already put on the sheets, when the teacher tells us that we were on the wrong side! By the time all the girls were on the right side of the bunk there was no time to fix our beds again. It was now time for lunch. We had spaghetti with tomato sauce. When we were all done we had 30 minutes to organize our rooms. There were different groups for most stuff, such as dining groups, and activity groups. After all the activities of the day we had dinner. After dinner we had an hour to get ready for the...DJ PARTY!! It was a blast! When the party was over it was pretty dark because it was 9 PM and once we got back to our cabins we had 1 hour to get ready for bed. When morning came I was well rested, and ready for another big day. This time we did different activities, like archery, hiking and a bunch of other stuff. By the time we were all done with dinner we again went to our cabins to get ready for a bird show. The bird show was all about birds of prey. We saw many birds like owls and vultures, plus we saw the owl eat a mouse!!!!!! On the last day at Greenkill we had to pack everything once again, but this time it was a lot harder because my mom wasn’t helping me. When I finally got everything to fit into my suitcase, the room we were in seemed so dirty, so we had to clean it. When it was time for lunch we had to drop our luggage outside of the bunks. For lunch we had hot dogs and hamburgers. When it was finally time to leave I had to go find my suitcase and, I had to put it in the coach bus. After for what felt like forever we were back in Parkwood parking lot. When I got home everything was better because now I could finally get a quiet sleep in my own bed!



Midterm Election Chaos

By Andrew Cohen

The Midterm Elections occurred on November 6, 2018. Candidates for governor and senator from Texas, Florida, North Dakota and many more were up for reelection and the stakes were very high this time. President Donald Trump had many rallies in various states with the midterm candidates and supported most of the republican governors and senators such as, Josh Hawley (Missouri), Martha McSally (Arizona), Cindy Hyde-Smith (Mississippi) and many more.

Democratic candidate, Stacey Abrams ran for Georgia and lost against Republican candidate Brian Kemp and was infuriated when she found out. She demanded a recount and she still lost. There were also congressmen and women that voted against or “opposed” Justice Brett Kavanaugh and lost. These candidates include Heidi Heitkamp (North Dakota), Bill Nelson (Florida), Joey Donnelly (Indiana), and lastly Claire McCaskill (Missouri). Candidate Dianne Feinstein (85) ran for California and won against Kevin de Leon.

In Arizona, Republican Congresswoman Martha McSally lost to Democratic Congresswoman Kyrsten Sinema. Many people supported Martha McSally and she was ahead in the votes but unexpectedly Kyrsten Sinema came ahead and won the State of Arizona. Additionally, Florida had a close call. Congressman Rick Scott and Congressman Bill Nelson went up against each other to win the senate seat and Rick Scott gained Florida.

Meanwhile, former Democratic Mayor Andrew Gillum and Congressman Ron DeSantis went head to head. The polls and votes went up and down and back up again until finally Ron DeSantis won the position of Florida’s governor. Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio Cortes (D) ran for sections of Queens and The Bronx and she won. She raised a controversial idea that the richest people throughout the nation should pay 70% off their money to the poor. It is yet to be seen how her idea would be received in the congress.

This Midterm Election, the turnout of voters were significantly higher than usual. There were 116 million voters which was the highest it has ever been in the past. This is partly due to some famous people like singer Taylor Swift who encouraged the young Americans to “get out and vote.” For this reason, the control of the congress is split between the Democrats and the Republicans. President Trump will have to negotiate and compromise with both political parties to get his agenda accomplished.



Claire McCaskill (D)



Josh Hawley (R)

Wildfires in California

By Anna Huo

In the autumn of 2018, several wildfires destroyed thousands of homes and killed dozens of people in California. Whenever it’s the time of the year when it’s really dry in California, a campfire can easily become a wildfire.

In Northern California, the Boot Fire, near Walker and Bridgeport has burned 6,974 acres. It was 100 percent contained on September 15. In Shasta County, the Delta Fire, which erupted on September 5, burned 60,018 acres. The Mendocino Complex, which consists of the Ranch fire and the River fire in Lake County. The Ranch Fire began about 12:03 p.m. on July 27, and it is the largest fire in California history. The Ranch Fire burned 410,203 acres, and the River Fire burned 48,920 acres. These fires have destroyed 157



residences and 123 other buildings. The Natchez Fire near the Oregon border of California burned 33,2263 acres. It was started by lightning. The North Fire burned in the Tahoe National Forest, and it has burned 1,120 acres. The fire started on September 3rd. Lastly, the Snell Fire in Napa County has burned 2,490 acres and was 100 percent contained on September 15.

The wildfires are getting worse due to the long term global warming. “Things like this will be part of our future,” said California governor Jerry Brown. This shows that the wildfires in 2018 have been really destructive.

State Senators and Governors Results:

Republicans Win The Senate! (Gained 3)
Democrats Win the House Of Representatives! (Gained 27)

Mid Terms Candidates:

Florida Gov.

Ron DeSantis(R)-49.6%
Andrew Gillum(D)- 49.2%

Florida Sen.

Rick Scott(R)-50.1%
Bill Nelson(D)-49.9%

Texas Gov.

Greg Abbott(R)-55.8%
Lupe Valdez(D)-42.5%

Texas Sen.

Ted Cruz(R)-50.9%
Beto O'Rourke(D)-48.3%

Arizona Gov.

Doug Ducey(R)-56.0%
David Garcia(D)-41.8%

Arizona Sen.

Kyrsten Sinema(D)-50.0%
Martha McSally(R)-47.6%

Mississippi Sen.

Cindy Hyde-Smith(R)-53.9%
Mike Espy(D)-46.1%

Arkansas Gov.

Asa Hutchinson(R)-65.4%
Jared Henderson(D)-31.7%

Georgia Gov.

Brian Kemp(R)-50.2%
Stacey Abrams(D)-48.8%

North Dakota Sen.

Kevin Cramer(R)-55.5%
Heidi Heitkamp(D)-44.5%

South Dakota Gov.

Kristi Noem(R)-51.0%
Billie Sutton(D)-47.6%

Missouri Sen.

Josh Hawley(R)-51.4%
Claire McCaskill(D)-45.6%

Michigan Sen.

Debbie Stabenow(D)-52.3%
John James(R)-45.8%

Michigan Gov.

Gretchen Whitmer(D)-53.3%
Bill Schuette(R)-43.7%

NMS Theatre Company Presents

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at 7pm



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for only \$10 each!

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for details on how to purchase tickets.

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Winter Poem

By Isabella Reiss

When I went outside to play in the snow
the temperature was very low.
I thought to myself, where did all the grass go?
I built a snowman with a carrot for his nose
I stayed out for so long I almost froze.
I took out my sled and raced down the hill
even through my scarf I felt the wind chill.
I went into my house, had some cocoa and then
I put on my boots and went back out again
I laid down on my back and made an angel of snow
then I made a big snowball and I started to throw.
I saw a very bright light in the sky
but when I figured out that it was the sun I started to cry.
It seemed kind of strange, I wasn't sure how I felt
when I saw that the snow had started to melt.
I felt sad that the snow went away
but what could be better than a warm sunny day?!



Dear Miss Know-It-All,

I am having trouble studying for the social studies test. It's hard for me to remember all the vocabulary words and I feel like playing on my tablet instead . If there is anything you could do please let me know.

Thank You

From,
The Girl who Can't Study

Dear Girl Who can't Study,

I understand exactly what you're going through because I go through it everyday. I would much rather go on my phone than study. What I find helpful is to make a Quizlet and put in all the words. Next, I do the practice three times and then I do the test two times.

For your tablet situation. I would set a timer for how many minutes/hours you want to study for and put the tablet far away so you don't get tempted to use it.

From,
Miss Know-It -All

Movie Review: *Spider-Man into the Spider-Verse*

By Adam Fine

On December 14, 2018, "Spider-Man into the Spider-Verse" hit theaters. The phenomenal movie takes you along for the ride of becoming Spider-Man through the eyes of Miles Morales. The movie also hides plenty of Easter eggs. Before you read on, there will be spoilers to the movie. Now let's look at the top 5 Easter eggs.

1. Spider-Man says his popularity and adventures led to a comic series. In fact, every Spider-Man/Women has a real life comic shown. Like the comic in the trailer. That comic is, "The Amazing Spider Man: 186". The only difference is that the Marvel logo has been replaced with, "The True Life Tales of Spider Man".
2. Another reference to the real life world is Spidey Cereal. In the movie, Spider-Man says he has a cereal named after him called, "Spidey-o's." In real life the cereal was just called, "Spider-Man Cereal".
3. Spider-Man's rogues gallery (his villains) in this movie are different than normal, yet still taken from the comics. While his foe Kingpin was the big bad guy, there were also villains like the female Doctor Octopus. There is also Green Goblin, Tombstone, the Prowler, and the Scorpion. Six villains in a Spider-Man movie—that's sinister.
4. The Spider-Man that is 40 has the back-story of the Toby Maguire's back-story. In the trailer you see plenty of scenes animated that are from Spider-Man, Spider-Man 2, and the scary scene from Spider-Man 3.
5. In the movie the Spider Gang visits Aunt May, she takes them down to a Spider Lair. It has all the Spider Suits, the Spider Mobile, and the Web Jet.

Needles to say "Spider-Man into the Spider-Verse" is not only a great movie, but lays out plenty of fun references as well.



NMS Welcomes Mr. Livingston

By Hannah Golsaz

I sat down for an interview with Mr. Livingston, my 6th grade science teacher. He is such a great teacher and I look forward to his class every day. I really enjoyed interviewing him.



Photo Credit: Jordan Adhout

Mr. Livingston told me the reason why he became a science teacher is because he enjoys working with children and getting them excited about science, especially because science is what he loves. I know that I feel that way when he teaches. I really love science class because I learn so many different and new things from him.

Mr. Livingston said the hardest part about his job is that teaching requires a lot of planning. He goes home every night and he thinks about what he needs to do for the next day in class. I can see there is a lot involved when he teaches us.

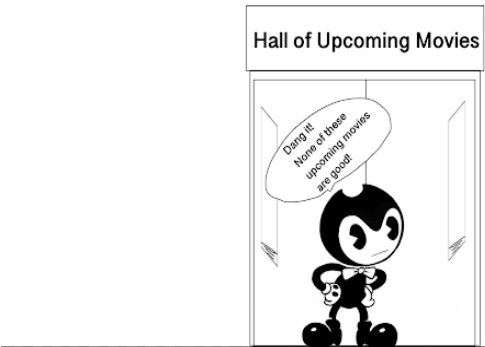
I asked him what made him decide to come and teach in Great Neck and if it was a big change for him. Mr. Livingston said what made him come here is that he knew that Great Neck is a good school district and it was a great opportunity for him to teach here. He said, "It was a very different school district than the one I use to work in."

He told me that he had to take a lot of different science and teaching courses in order to become a science teacher. Mr. Livingston really loves science, since it is the subject he is interested in as well as his job.

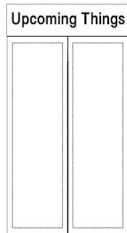
Finally, I asked him what are his hobbies and he told me that he likes to go running, traveling, and eating different types of food. I am grateful to have Mr. Livingston as my science teacher and truly had fun learning more about him.

Bendy in Strange and Exciting News: By Jack McCarthy

Some time later after checking upcoming things...



Hall Of Upcoming Shows



Top 3 Winter Crafts!

By Joy Wei

Painted Ice Lanterns

Light up your windows with colorful lanterns made of ice- it's simple to make during the winter holidays. You will need:

- Latex balloons
- Water
- Scissors
- Food coloring, diluted with water
- Paint brushes
- Tea lights
- A rubber band
- Wax paper or freezer paper



First, slip the lip of the balloon over a faucet head in your sink. Holding the lip of the balloon firmly in place, turn the faucet on and fill the balloon with water. Once the balloon is completely filled with water, tie it closed with your rubber band. For bigger lanterns, fill the balloon with more water. For smaller lanterns, less water will do. Place balloons flat in a freezer or if you live in an area with below-freezing temperatures, place them on a flat surface outside. The amount of freezing time varies on how large your balloon is- if it's small, then thirty five minutes will do. If it's larger, then freeze it for 50-60 minutes. Once the balloon is frozen, empty the remaining water inside and peel away the latex balloon. Place the ice sculptures in an area to paint. Tip: put a sheet of freezer paper or wax paper under your lanterns to protect your work surface and to easily move the lanterns after they've been painted. Prepare dishes with food coloring and grab your brushes. It's time to paint! Paint directly onto the ice. Experiment with solid colors, patterns, and mixing colors! If the ice begins to melt while you're painting, simply move the lanterns back into the freezer on a piece of freezer or wax paper. Once frozen again, continue to paint. Carve out a opening in the ice with your scissors and place a tea light in the lantern. Decorate your house and front porch and watch these colorful globes blink to life!

Winter Snowflake Slime

Who doesn't love a good slime? And it's so easy to make if you have the right recipe. To begin, you will need:

- Elmer's Clear Washable School Glue
- Borax powder
- Water
- Measuring Cup
- Two bowls and a spoon
- Glitter
- Snowflake confetti



Squirt some Elmer's Clear Washable School Glue into a bowl. (The amount of glue depends on how dense or thin you want your slime to be- more glue means thicker slime.) Next, pour a cup of lukewarm water into the bowl. Then stir the contents of the bowl thoroughly with the spoon. Your mixture should now be a translucent silver color. Then, fill your second bowl with hot water, then sprinkle a teaspoon of Borax powder in the hot water. *Be careful with Borax powder- when it makes contact with skin multiple times, it can irritate and even burn your skin. Be sure to have a parent of adult supervising you while you handle it.* Mix the second bowl with your spoon. Then, add glitter and snowflake confetti to your first bowl. Stir the confetti in the bowl so it's spread out. Then pour the contents of your second bowl into the first. Wait for a few minutes for the slime to gel, and then you're done!

Crystal Snowflakes

Make snowflakes from ordinary objects with this craft! You will need:

- Pipe cleaners
- String
- Pencil
- A jar
- Borax
- Blue food coloring
- Boiling water



Cut out three five-inch pipe cleaners and twist them into the general form of a snowflake. Tie the flake with string to a pencil. You must have big enough jar so the suspended flake won't touch the sides. Fill the jar with 3 tablespoons of Borax and put 1 drop of blue food coloring and 1 cup of boiling water in. Hang the snowflake in the jar overnight, then remove. This snowflake's sparkly clusters are made by dipping pipe cleaners into borax dissolved in boiling water with food coloring. As the water cools, borax forms crystals that cling to pipe cleaners. These crystal snowflakes make the perfect winter-themed decorations for your home!

Credit to [PlayIdeas.com](#)

Winter Poll

By Daniella Nissim

Winter!!! Ahh... sitting next to the warm fireplace, drinking hot cocoa, playing in the snow. Winter is filled with so many activities..... but, we all have our favorites and that's what we are here to talk about. According to a recent study, a lot of students at NMS have opinions on their favorite winter activities.

71% of people love sitting by the fire drinking hot cocoa.

17% of people enjoy skiing.

7% of people enjoy playing in the snow.

5% of people enjoy ice skating.



As you can see, most people enjoy sitting by the warm fireplace and drinking hot cocoa. In second place is skiing, followed by playing in the snow, and then ice skating. In conclusion, sitting by the fire, drinking hot cocoa was the favorite winter activity.

Recipe: Peanut Butter Cup Cookies



Credit: [Allrecipes.com](#)

Peanut Butter Cup Cookies
By: Liya Hakimian



Prep
25 m



Cook
10 m



Ready In
1 h 35 m

1

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Sift together the flour, salt and baking soda; set aside.

2

Cream together the butter, sugar, peanut butter and brown sugar until fluffy. Beat in the egg, vanilla and milk. Add the flour mixture; mix well. Shape into 40 balls and place each into an ungreased mini muffin pan.

3

Bake at 375 degrees for about 8 minutes. Remove from oven and immediately press a mini peanut butter cup into each ball. Cool and carefully remove from pan.

Nutrition Facts

Per Serving: 122 calories; 6.5 g fat; 14.4 g carbohydrates; 2.4 g protein; 11 mg cholesterol; 119 mg sodium. [Full nutrition](#)

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1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- +

1/2 teaspoon salt
- +

1 teaspoon baking soda
- +

1/2 cup butter, softened
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1/2 cup white sugar
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1/2 cup peanut butter
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1/2 cup packed brown sugar
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1 egg, beaten
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1 teaspoon vanilla extract
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2 tablespoons milk
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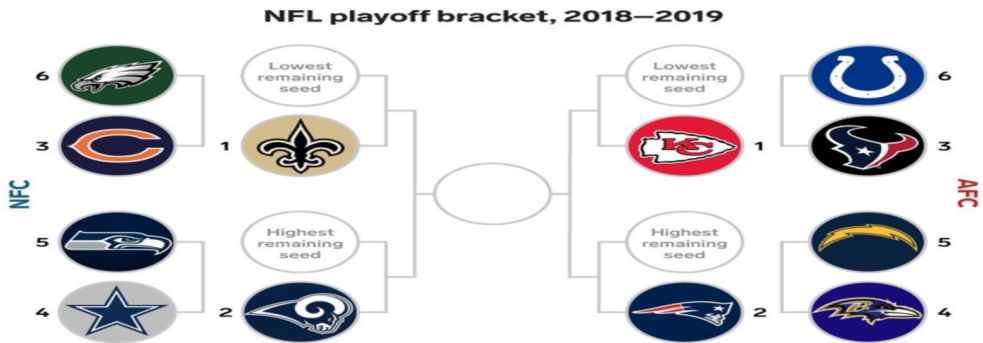
Super Bowl 2019

By Jonah Berkowitz

The Super Bowl took place Sunday, February 3. It was very surprising to most people and very boring. How did the Patriots and Rams get there? Read below to find out!

Playoffs

The image below shows what the bracket looked like before any of the playoff games were played. The numbers next to the teams are the teams ranking in the playoffs for the conference NFC or AFC. The first round, called the Wild Card is when teams that just made it to the playoffs play to get into the quarter finals. The reason that there were 4 teams not in the Wild Card (2 on each side) was because they got a bye, which happened because the team played very well during the season and had a good record.



The Wild Card Round (1st round)

The winners in the Wild Card weren't really based on the teams' regular season. There were many underdog wins. In the Wild Card, 3 out of 4 of the games the team that was ranked worse won! The underdog win in the NFC was a very intriguing game!

The NFC Underdog

The Eagles (underdog), beat the Chicago Bears 16-15. The whole game went back and forth; sometimes the Eagles were winning, sometimes the Bears were winning. Through the whole game it seemed that both teams had a good chance of winning. This chance to win came down to a field goal missed by the Bears! The other game which was the Seahawks vs. the Cowboys went as everyone was expecting it to go. The better ranked team (Cowboys) won. It was 22-24 because the Cowboys defense played well to stop the Seahawks offense and the Cowboys offense did the rest.

The AFC Underdog

The Colts (underdog) vs. Texans game wasn't very fun to watch. It ended up being a very big blowout of 21-7 with the Colts on top. The biggest action was in the end when it was 21-7 and the Texans had a chance, but they failed and the Colts ended up getting the ball and ending the game at 21-7. The other game in the AFC was not that much of an underdog win. Even though the worse ranked team won, that team was projected to win. The game was the Chargers vs. the Ravens and the Chargers beat the Ravens 22-17.

The Second Round

The second round was very predictable and all of the teams that were expected to win won. In the NFC side it was Eagles vs. Saints and Rams vs. Cowboys. Both the Saints and Rams won with a better ranking. The Saints beat the Eagles 20-14—a good game played by both sides. The Rams beat the Seahawks 36-31 in a very offensive game in which both teams scored a lot of points. On the AFC side the Patriots beat the Chargers and the Chiefs beat the Colts. The Patriots beat the Chargers in another offensive game and the score was 41 to 28. In the game both teams played very well on offense, but in the end the Patriots out-scored the Chargers. The other game of the Chiefs vs. Colts was a big blowout of 31-13! The Chiefs won by almost 30 points! The game was very disappointing to watch if you were a Colts fan, but momentum boosting if you were a Chiefs fan.

Semi finals (3rd round)

The two semi-final games were Patriots vs. Chiefs and Rams vs. Saints. Both games were the 1st ranked team vs. the 2nd ranked team. Both 2nd ranked teams won in the semi-finals (Patriots and Rams). The Rams beat the Saints 26-23 in a very close game. There was a very controversial call that changed the course of the whole game! The Saints drove down the field and it seemed like they could've gotten a touchdown, but it was an incomplete pass. The reason it was incomplete was because the defender hit the player trying to catch the ball. Lots of people say that this should have been a passing interference and that if it was called the Saints would've won. The other game which was Patriots vs. Chiefs was also a close game and it ended up being 37-31 Patriots winning. The action was on the offensive side, with about 68 total points scored by both teams combined. Both of the offenses had dominate quarterbacks (the 2nd and 1st best). After these two games the Super Bowl game was ready to be played by the Patriots and Rams.

The Super Bowl

There was no real action until the 4th quarter, other than two field goals—one scored by each team. Nothing happened on the offensive side except some defensive plays, like interceptions and fumbles.

In the 2nd quarter the first points were finally scored, a field goal by the Patriots to take the lead 3-0. The Rams' first points did not even happen until the 3rd quarter! They only scored a field goal to make it 3-3 and at the end of the third quarter this Super Bowl broke the record for the least points scored in three quarters in a Super Bowl. Then, after the Patriots finally start scoring in the 4th quarter, they scored 10 points in the one quarter! After scoring the touchdown and field goal, the Patriots were winning the Super Bowl 13-3. Even though the Patriots scored a lot in the fourth quarter this Super Bowl also broke the record for the least points scored in total by both teams (past record 21 new record 16).

Spider-Man

By David Dallal

Spider-Man for PS4 is a game where you play as Spider-Man—simple enough.

In this game, they know that you already know the story and you know who Spider-Man is. You already know how he came to be, you already know what he wants to be and I love that. They just throw you into the joyride of web slinging across New York City buildings. The game really highlights how fun it is to swing across the city by emphasizing tricks and stunts. They also add hidden secrets throughout the map to give you a motivation to explore the large landscape.



In this epic adventure there are some bad parts, however. The story portions of the game are annoying because they call you in at any moment. There are also bad parts where you have to play as Peter Parker and it basically is just a cut-scene, but with some walking simulator thrown into it. These parts definitely don't ruin the game for me, but these do make the experience severely worse for people who want a game that's all excitement.

Another problem with this otherwise great game is that it is only for PS4 owners. This problem may be a bit of nitpicking, but it is just annoying that I have to switch consoles every time I want to play this game. I would also love to have this game portable on my Nintendo Switch.

However the worst part about this game is that I would only recommend the game to people who own a PS4 pro specifically.

The game truly runs horrible on the regular PS4 with many glitches and bugs. I even had one problem where I had to die to get the boss to work because he only shot when I got close to him. Only

when I died and reloaded the game was the problem fixed.

In conclusion, the game is truly great, but the great parts are hidden by countless rubble and bad gameplay. It fails to make it a truly worthy experience and I would say to just get it on sale if you really wanted to get it and try it for yourself.

Fortnite Battle Royale Season 7

By Michael Zaken

Fortnite Season 7 is available from December 6th, 2018 through February 28, 2019. This article will break down the three teaser photos, the battle pass, map changes, and additions to the game, *14 days of Fortnite*, events, and more!



Here is the first teaser. As you can see, there is a menacing figure that would be described as an ice king. If you look closely, you can see there is clearly a character skiing. Though skiing is currently NOT in the game as of Season 7, but may be added in the near future.



Here is the second teaser. As you can see, it is a zoom up of the first one, as there is a black panther type girl skin, on skis. If you look closely, you can see a character zip lining. Zip lining *IS* in the game currently, but we will cover that soon.



As you can see, here is the *THIRD* and final teaser for season 7. As you can see, it is another zoom up of the last teaser. It is a character zip lining. Even though this *IS* the last teaser, there is a small X-4 Stormwing plane, which is in the game.

Here is the season 7 map. As you can see, it is extremely different from the season 6 map. They added a big portion of the map to be snowy, as winter is coming up. They have also changed other places such as wailing woods, dusty divot, loot lake, destroyed greasy grove and flush factory.



They have added planes too, which have machine guns, and if shot down, all players on the plane lose 50 damage. You fly it by entering, pressing the start button, and pulling up to fly. You can steer, boost, or brake. The machine guns do 30 body shot damage and 70 head shot damage respectively, and spreads insanely. It can destroy walls if you boost, and can't go higher than the

build limit.

Here are all the battle pass skins, starting on the left, there is a big, white yeti called Trog. The next character is named Powder, but she is a skiing type of skin. Moving to the left, we have Lynx—something along the lines of a black panther/cat skin. Then, we have this sick guy called *The Ice King*. He is the tier 100 skin, so he is the hardest to unlock. The next skin is called Sgt. Winter, and he is a savage Santa. He can be upgraded to become Santa, then a llama. Then there's the onesie Durr Burger skin, the girl part of the Durr Burger set. Finally, we have Zenith, an upgradable skin who can change his visor, and clothes as you level up.



This is the new zip line. It was teased the day before season 7, and this is gameplay. You get attached to the zip line via a magnet, and you are prone to death by gun or explosion.

This is the map on Christmas Day, a one day event that the map was fully snowed over. Of course, it isn't snow anymore.



There was a New Years event, and there were hints to past events as the rift, rocket as the firework, and cube runes on the disco ball.

The 14 days of Fortnite event ran from December 16th to January 1st, making it the almost longest event. There were Christmas trees, present supply drops, *actual pre-sents*, and more.



This picture shows the rewards for completing the challenges.

