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Si se puede!
Cocinando con Claudia

by: Arkin Wilson and Jan Zayas

Chef Claudia, a friend of Mrs. Giordano, came to Lewis to talk about some of the amazing culinary dishes of Puerto Rico, for National Hispanic Heritage Month, and how we would create dishes and a luncheon for the building. The time came to make the dishes with her, and it was SO fun! We created tostones (fried mashed plantains), ensalada, arroz con gandules, chicken and beef empanadas, and flan de vainilla.

We enjoyed this experience so much, and we hope we can have more events to cater lunch! Muchas gracias, Chef Claudia!

New Zoo Review:
AHS Visits the Cape May Zoo

by: Sofia Colwell and Paul Steets

Our first AHS-wide field trip was to the Cape May Zoo! Ms. Burkett, our new science teacher, organized this event for Oct 21, 2022. After a long (but really fun bus ride), we finally reached our destination. There were a lot of different animals to see including: monkeys, snakes, bears, lions, flamingos, camels, lizards, amphibians (of all shapes and sizes), as well as multiple different strange and wacky creatures.

Many thanks to Mrs. Burkett for organizing a great day in Cape May!



The Offspring: Film Debut at Lewis on Halloween

by: Jennifer Colombi

The Journalism Class gives "Two Thumbs Up!" for the debut short film, *The Offspring*! Direction and screenplay by Josh Nolen, starring Mr. DiPatri's English 12 class, and co-starring Dylan Floyd, McKenzie Reyers, and Chris Evearts. We watched how a tragic accident and a mad scientist can create a horror short for the ages. Like Spielberg and the film *Jaws*, this film had its share of setbacks: a fog machine gone haywire, technical difficulties with sound, and cast illnesses. Through the determination of the students and budding filmmakers, this class was able to pull off a modern day silent film classic. Kudos to all of you! We look forward to your next upcoming feature!



Staff Spotlight

Two Truths and a Lie with Nurse Barb

By: Sofia Coldwell



She has been with Cherry Hill Public Schools for 7 years.
She has worked at Cherry Hill West, Beck, and AHS.
She does not like coffee.





2 Truths and 1 Lie from Mr. Halladay

By: Arkin Wilson

How well do you *think* you know Mr. Halladay? You'll have to decide for yourself!

I have two kids.
I have two jobs.
I play soccer.

Super Sleuth: Word Hunt

See how many words, three letters or more, you can create using the word...

INDIGENOUS

The Journalism Class came up with 35. Can you find more? The first student to find more than 20 words by Friday, December 2, 2022, will earn 40 PBIS POINTS! Turn in your results to Room 8!

A Few of Ms. Bell's Favorite Things

By: Jan Zayas

Mrs. Bell has raised three ducks 2 days after hatching until they were 5 months old before building a pen for them to live in, all while having 2 cats that she had to train not to eat the ducks.
She has flown in an open cockpit biplane over Acadia National Park up in Maine.
Mrs. Bell has a multitude of Harry Potter tattoos; some to note are: the goblet of fire, the fox patronus, and the Hogwarts motto (in Latin) on her one of her feet.

3 Things You Might Not Know About....Mr. O!

By: Paul Steets

"My Grandfather was a polygamist; he had about 4 or 5 wives, so I have family spread all over the globe...we are all over the Earth. I can't tell you how many children or grandkids he has. I only know the ones in my surrounding area.
I love music! If you see me in the morning coming in, I am listening to music. It sets the tone for everything. There is a song for everything...I won't say I LOVE all genres, but there is a song FOR me in every genre.
One more thing you probably don't know...I like Anime. I don't know if I am too old to like it, but for me, it's a nice little escape!"



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National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month

By: AHS Journalism Class

The month of November honors the history and culture of Indigenous People, Native Americans, Alaska Native Heritage. According to Wikipedia, Indigenous people are referred to as first peoples, first nations, aboriginal peoples, and natives…" On October 7, 2022, President Biden proclaimed that Monday, October 10, 2022, to be recognized as Indigeounous People's Day, a date also known as Columbus Day.

Why did Biden, along with 10 other states, decide to change this federal holiday, established in 1934 to appreciate the mistreatment of Italian Americans, to Indigenous People's Day?

Since 1977, Indigenous people have been asking members of the United Nations, as well as other government agencies, for recognition of the significant roles Indigenous people have played in our nation's history. "(Indigenous People's Day) can be a day of reflection of our history in the United States, the role Native people have played in it, the impacts that history has had on native people and communities, and also a day to gain some understanding of the diversity of Indigenous peoples," stated Mandy Van Heuvelen, cultural interpreter coordinator at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian.

Said Van Heuvelen, "What might seem to some like a simple name change can lead to real social progress for Indigenous Americans…What these changes accomplish, piece by piece, is visibility for Native people in the United States…"

As of 2022, New Jersey is not one of the states that has made the change to Indigenous People's Day.

Ruff Ruff Raffle and more from the Wake Up Cafe

By: Imani Shivers

During the month of November, AHS will be raffling an Advent Dog Treat Calendar in collaboration with the Cherry Hill West PTA. Ticket prices are $2 per ticket, or 3 tickets for $5 total! The drawing of the raffle will be held on November 22nd.

In addition to this raffle, the Wake Up Cafe will continue to sell dog treats, pretzels, biscotti, water, and their newest addition pizza! Contact Mrs. Burke at fburke@chclc.org to place an order for any of these items!

Wanted: Featured Artists and Authors

The staff of the Lewis Ledger is seeking photographers, featured journalists, artists, and reporters for our third issue!

Have a piece of art you want to share with the building? Or a project in one of your classes you think we would be interested in discussing? Bring your ideas to Ms. Colombi or Ms. Shivers by January 31, 2023!

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Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon

By: AHS Journalism Class

On November 17th, the Arthur Lewis building continued its annual Thanksgiving luncheon after a three year pause. The tables were decorated with tablecloths and centerpieces arranged by our wonderful students. There were leaves on each table for the guests to write something that they are thankful for. Our superintendent, Dr. Joe Meloche, gave a powerful speech about the Alternative High School. Our principal, Mrs. Giordano, read a fabulous speech written by McKenzie Reyers before we began to eat.

The menu included Thanksgiving favorites such as: mashed potatoes, cranberries, sweet potatoes with marshmallows, turkey, gravy, green bean casserole, stuffing, dinner rolls with cinnamon sugar, and more. The newest edition to the luncheon was a bingo game! There were prizes for staff *and* students to pick from. As a first experience for every member of the journalism staff, we look forward to the next time we can celebrate with our Lewis family!







Paine is Beautiful: Community service at Thomas Paine

By: Jan Zayas

In the month of October, a couple of students and staff from the Alternative High School took a trip to Thomas Paine Elementary School to garden. Staff and students arrived carrying shovels, rakes, and watering cans to begin the beautification process. Once they arrived there, they started with taking the rakes to pull the weeds and turning up the ground. After that, they dug holes, planted the flowers, and then watered them.

Important Dates

- 11/8 - Midterm Elections
- 11/10-11 | SCHOOLS CLOSED - NJEA Convention
- 11/11 | Veteran's Day
- 11/23 | Early Dismissal for Students and Staff
- 11/24-25 | SCHOOLS CLOSED - Thanksgiving Recess
- 12/18-26 | Hanukkah
- 12/23 | Early Dismissal for Students and Staff
- 12/25 | Christmas
- 12/26-30 | SCHOOLS CLOSED - Winter Recess
- 12/26-1/1 | Kwanzaa

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