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Big Kids on Campus: 5th Grade Moves to the Middle School

By Keenan Ervin

We interviewed the 5th grade teachers to find out how they are feeling about the move to the middle school. This is what we learned.

The teachers agreed that while moving to a new building can be nerve-wracking, and they like it and are really excited to join the middle school community. "I was definitely a little nervous at first because it was a big change, but I have really enjoyed the experience so far," stated Mrs. O'Donnell. Mrs. Duffy said "The students and I agree that there isn't really anything super challenging now that we have acclimated. It just took a week or two to actually experience how things would go."

While they cherish their time and relationships at the elementary school, they are fully embracing the unique opportunities that come with teaching 5th grade. "The students are becoming more independent, and I enjoy being able to have deeper conversations with them and help them take more ownership of their learning."

Adjusting to a new building, new routines, and higher expectations presents a learning curve for both the teacher and the students, but these hurdles are being viewed purely as opportunities to grow. Ultimately, the middle school transition has proven to be a perfect match. "I feel like this is a great fit for me. I would choose to stay here, and I am excited to continue growing as a teacher and becoming more involved in the middle school community."



Interviews with PHMS Students about their Hispanic Heritage

by Andrea Sapundzhiev

For Hispanic Heritage Month I reached out to our students to learn more about their Hispanic Heritage. One of the questions I have asked was where is your family from. One that stood out to me was a survey response by **Helen Melgar**. She said that her family was from El Salvador, and that the place has lots of volcanoes and pretty beaches. She also remarked that her favorite food is pupusas and they are from El Salvador. She also says that she speaks Spanish fluently and speaks a lot at home as well!

Another person who shared is **Aleena Da Silva**. Her family is from Puerto Rico and Brazil. She says that the beaches in Puerto Rico are very beautiful and the food in Brazil is worth a try. She states that her family celebrates Los Tres Reyes Mago/Three Kings Day, and they get to set out food, getting presents after. She also states that she speaks Spanish every day to her grandpa and grandma.

Isabella Montenegro told me her family originates from the Dominican Republic and Brazil. She hasn't been to these places, but she says it is "very farmy" and has a lot of soccer. She also says that her family listens to bachata such as Romeo Santos and she and her family eat a lot of pollo gisao. She speaks about 80% of Spanish and completely understands it. Portuguese is actually her first language!

Lorelis Rivera-Frias's family is from Puerto Rico. She has been to Puerto Rico for an entire month of a summer. She says that it is hot over there and you can see people making Piragua on the beach. There are rivers and forests that they usually walk through. Also, a new fact was learned. You can ride horses without having to pay a ton of money! She also says that a lot of people there have a farm. Where she is from, they have Pina Colada and when she would celebrate with her cousins, her dad would give them something called sawdust pudding. Sawdust pudding is just a bunch of vanilla pudding on the top half of a cup and the bottom half is crumbs. She remarks that if you mix them up, it tastes delicious!

What is Calm Cafe?

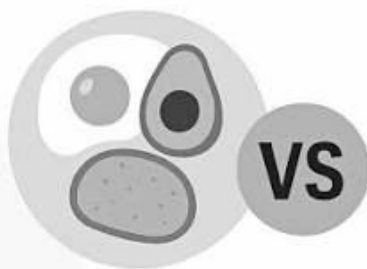
By Keenan Ervin

Calm Cafe is a safe, calm place to eat breakfast. When you get your breakfast in the morning you can take it to room 100 to find the Calm Cafe.

We interviewed Austin Szwed to find out why he goes to Calm Cafe. Austin says, "It makes him feel calm, and it is quiet, and there's a nice teacher."

Mrs. Stobl, the teacher who supervises Calm Cafe, says, "The Calm Cafe makes me feel happy that we can offer a place that's calmer than the cafeteria. I love that there's a diverse group of students. We usually get 10 to 15 students. We initially started Calm Cafe for students who were overstimulated by the cafeteria. We wanted them to have a place to go that's quiet in the morning and where people can meet other students."

WHY YOU SHOULD NEVER SKIP BREAKFAST



With breakfast

- ENERGY
- FOCUS
- HEALTH



Without breakfast

- FATIGUE
- CRAVINGS
- STRESS

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BREAKFAST FOOD?

Pine Hill Middle School Honory Society Gets a New Name

By Preslava Sapundzhiev

Are you wondering what happened the NJHS? It got a name change to PHHS. This year the Honor Society is no longer a part of the national organization of Junior Honor Societies. This means that we will not longer pay dues to be able to use the name National Junior Honor Society, and we can spend all our fundraiser money in our local town.

Honor Society members who were interviewed said they liked being in the National Junior Honor Society, but now they can focus on our town and our school. The honor society is a group of people that participate in community service activities such as community cleanup and Read Across America.

The teacher behind the scene: Mrs. Davis has great honors students such as: **Caiden Atkins, Arian Bonilla, Ryleigh Davis, Andrew Harris, Zerrion Jeremiah, Carter Huff, Daniel Lykowski, Chloe Rawls, Corey St John, Richard Turner, and Wiktoria Wronski.**

The requirements for membership in Pine Hill Honor Society haven't changed. To get invited to PHHS, students must maintain an A average in all academic classes, demonstrate good character and leadership, participate in school and community activities, and not have any tier 2 discipline infractions.

Did you know...

- PHHS members are the people who put happy birthday wishes on the lockers?
- 7th and 8th graders who are eligible for PHHS and will receive a letter after 2nd marking period report cards are out.

REVIEW OF THE SPIDER-MAN: BRAND NEW DAY

Reviewed by Andrea Sapundzhiev

Action. Plot-twist. Hilarious and Funny. These are just some words to describe this amazing movie! Even if you don't like Spider-man or Marvel movies, you would still want to see it! It has action. It has comedy. It has some serious, heart-warming moments. It has some big gasp moments. It is fun, amusing, and has lots of entertainment! If you watch the fourth movie, you will want to watch the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd one before it, and maybe even other Spider-man movies! It has amazing special effects, so good you'll actually believe it happened in real life! If I had to rate this movie 1-100, I would rate it 110! Everyone in this movie did an amazing, awesome, and an incredible job!

The movie was marvel-ous! Marvel fans, did you get the word play? The story had shocking and gasp moments plot-twists! But I am not going to spoil the movie any farther, so you will just have to watch the movie to find out what happens. Hurry up! They stop showing the movie in theaters on November 16th 2026, SO GET YOUR TICKETS SOON!

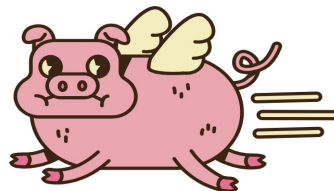
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SPIDER-MAN

News from the Counseling Office

- **A big thank-you to all of our peer mentors** for sharing your time, kindness, and leadership! Your willingness to listen, encourage, and be a positive role model helps make our school a place where everyone feels connected and supported. We wish you and your mentees a wonderful semester of building friendships, learning from one another, and celebrating successes. Even small acts of kindness can make a lasting difference!
- **Wear Orange on October 21!** Join us for Unity Day by wearing orange to show your support for kindness, inclusion, and acceptance. Together, we can help every student feel safe and welcome!
- **Games Club is starting soon!** If you haven't turned in your permission slip yet, please do so. We can't wait to play games, make connections, and have fun together!

Feeling stressed? Try this

- Go for a walk outside.
- Think of a favorite memory try to remember how you felt in that moment.
- Focus on what you can control and take one step in a positive direction.
- Make yourself laugh!



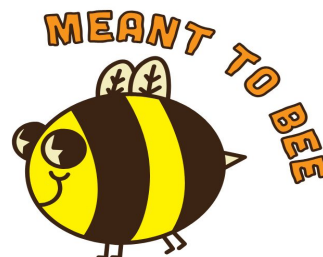
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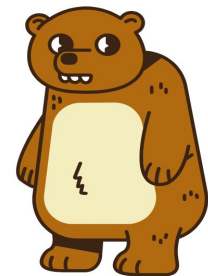
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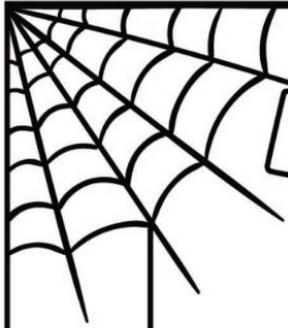
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