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School News

Heights Association Youth Art Show

By Laura

April 13, 2007 all of the after-school girls participated in the Heights Association Youth Art Show. The show took place at The Historic Fire Station in the Heights. Each girl entered two art pieces that they made throughout the year. The artwork was a combination of color and design and some were inspired by famous artists.

Students from all over the Heights area entered the show. The art was judged by the owners of the Red Bud Gallery on 11th Street. Prizes included gift certificates and ribbons. There were many entries from kids throughout the Heights area. The judges picked 1 first, second and third place winner. They also chose just a few art pieces as winners of a prestigious honorable mention award. Our own Katie Rhymes was one of the few winners of this award for her pencil drawing titled "Puppy." We want to congratulate Katie for this great honor as well as all the girls who entered; they are all winners in our book!



The girls gather at the Art Show.



Amanda shows off her artwork.



Elysse & her mom view the beautiful artwork.



Katie poses with her mom.



Lauren shows her mom some of the NMS entries.



Katie poses with her prize winning masterpiece.

Spring Creative Arts Festival

By Corey

This May all of the students of NMS will be putting their best creative work on display in a manner similar to Project America. The work will include poetry, creative writing, art, as well as a special video presentation.

Families are invited to take part in the special event which will take place on Wednesday, May 2, 2007. Along with all the great creative work on display, visitors will be treated to spring time recipes prepared by the students.

So mark your calendars and don't miss this wonderful end of the year celebration.

Mysterious Creatures Found

By Justin

Extra, Extra, Read All About It! The New Middle School discovers strange creatures in the backyard!

The creepy, crawling creatures were found on a milkweed plant. Some students actually captured the creatures and observed them in several stages. Then right before their eyes, they changed into flying beasts! Then we let them go.

Do you know what the hideous creatures were? They were caterpillars that turned into butterflies!



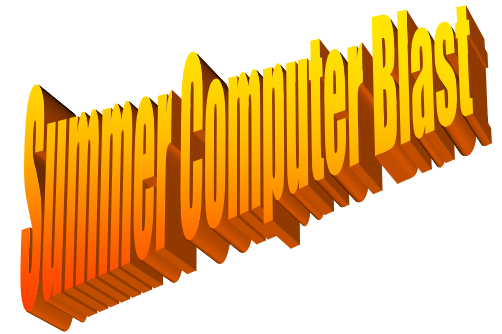
Back to the Garden

By Lauren

We're planting a new adventure at NMS. Ms. Kim has us planting lots of different plants like chives, bushes and ferns. We are also planting vegetables this year. I am really excited about the lemon balm we planted!

Along with planting the garden, students are responsible for weeding and watering it as well.

This is the latest on the NMS garden; we'll keep you updated on growing developments!



May 29-July 20
8:30-12:30

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Don't miss the Summer Computer Blast! Make original comics; create your own personal web page. Also get a taste of Hollywood as you direct, film and star in your own movies and music videos! These are just a few of the high interest activities planned for this summer.

So come join your friends for a summer of exciting fun!

Features

Health and Fitness

The Cost of Harsh Words

By Corey

Radio talk show host Don Imus was fired from his job recently because of the comments he made about the Rutgers Women's Basketball Team. Immediately after saying it, he was put on a two week suspension period while people debated whether or not to fire him.

Many companies pulled advertisements from his show, including General Motors and Proctor and Gamble to name a few. He met with Rutgers to discuss his words and their impact. A few days later he was officially forgiven.

Don Imus may have thought his words were funny, but clearly no one else did. I guess the moral here is to think before you speak, and never underestimate the power of words.

Earth Day

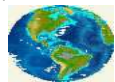
By Amanda

The idea for Earth Day started in 1962. It was an idea that Senator Gaylord Nelson had, the Founder of Earth Day.

He worked hard to get the government interested in the environment. Finally in April, 1970, the first Earth Day took place. Now April 22 of each year is designated as Earth Day. However, environmentalists believe every day should be Earth Day.

Since 1970, the government has done more to protect our environment like passing the Clean Air Act and laws to protect drinking water.

So do your part and have a Happy Earth Day!



Tabloid Journalism

By Noah

Stay alert! Scientists have proven that overdoses of homework can lead to severe brain damage! Teachers across the country are being asked to stop giving kids homework due to the cases of brain damage.

Some people affected by the brain damage cannot think and babble nonsense when asked a question. Others run around in the streets screaming like maniacs. These conditions are very rare.

Did you believe this? Well, then you fell for a tabloid story. Although you may want to believe it, it is not true.

Tabloids are publications that print exaggerated stories that may have a little bit of truth but are mostly lies! You may see these papers at the grocery store, but don't fall for any headline you read in papers like The National Enquirer or The Globe. Stick with the real news.

Alaskan Crabbing

By Christian

Alaskan crabbing is one of the most dangerous jobs in the world. In 2005, a ship called the Saint Patrick was catching King Crab when without warning it was hit by a 60 foot wave. There were 5 men on board; 3 of them were knocked off the boat by the wave. Unfortunately, the 3 men did not have their survival suits. If you are thrown into Alaskan waters you have less than 7 minutes to save yourself. Unfortunately, they did not survive. If you don't have a survival suit you have a very slim chance of being found.

If your ship survives the rough Alaskan waters you could strike it rich! In 2006, a boat called the Northwestern made \$700,000 catching crab. Each deck hand made \$47,000. If you think this is something, then you would want to watch "The Deadliest Catch" on The Discovery Channel. Check your local listings for times.

Presidential Egg Roll

By Yndia

The White House had a giant egg roll recently, but not the ones you get at a Chinese restaurant. No, this was the annual White House Easter Egg Roll.

Children under the age of 7 gathered at the White House lawn and used giant spoons to be part of an egg roll race (Easter eggs)

The theme of the event was health and fitness. The idea was to get the kids active. Children also enjoyed book readings, face painting, and magic shows.

I guess you could say The White House let the good times roll!

Healthy Sodas

By Elysse

Coco-cola and Pepsi are making a healthier drink that will contain vitamins B3, B6, and E as well as a mineral chromium. Their products are being sponsored as "Sparkling Beverages." Some health food advocates are not sure that these sodas will actually be healthy.

So, the question is... Would you rather get your nutrients from a soda or from foods like fruits and vegetables? Personally, I would rather get my nutrients from my food. I wouldn't want to risk drinking a soda that as far as I know could be bad for me.

So, the choice is yours, but I wouldn't give up on healthy food just yet!

Science

Travel

Turning the Light off on Old Light Bulbs

By Robert

Many European countries and Australia are switching from traditional light bulbs to new energy efficient ones.

These light bulbs cost a bit more than the traditional bulbs, but it pays off because they last twelve times longer than the ones we are all used to.

The reason for this change is that old light bulbs are believed to produce gasses that cause climate pollution.

So, in the long run this change will mean lower electric bills and a healthier planet. So get ready, the switch is on!

Glow in the Dark Rabbits

By John

How would you like a pet nightlight that is furry and hops on four legs? Why not a glow-in-the dark rabbit? Yes, you read right. They have combined a nightlight with a bunny. Okay, so they used jellyfish genes to do it! As weird as it sounds I am telling you the truth.

This scientific breakthrough was achieved by French Geneticist who produced the rabbits by inserting the gene from a fluorescent jellyfish into a rabbit's egg.

So what's next glow-in-the dark goldfish or pigs. They may not be in the pet stores yet, but just maybe one day!

Super Market Surprise

By Jordan

Eggs, they're not just for breakfast anymore...not after what Jessica did. Prepare to be amazed.

A 10 year old girl named Jessica convinced her parents to let her put six eggs they bought from the super market into an incubator instead of eating them. They agreed and this is what happened.

They did an experiment to see if they could hatch them and voila, the eggs hatched- two of them anyway. Their names are Splosh and Splash. They are so cute.

I guess things aren't always "eggactly" as they seem!

Cruising

By Clara

On spring break I went somewhere fantastic! I went on a cruise called The Royal Caribbean. On the cruise they had two swimming pools, a rock wall, shops and my favorite part, free ice cream!

Everyone on the cruise was so nice. The man that cleaned my room made the towels look like elephants, swans, and monkeys.

Every morning when I, my friends and my sister woke up we went to play bingo. The prize for winning was money! The last day of bingo, my sister won \$306.00!

This cruise had a lot of kids on board, so I made tons of friends. I liked to roam around the ship with my friends and play games.

I want to go on a cruise every spring break now because it was so much fun!

The Wonderful World of History Part 1

By Christopher

Have you ever been to Paris? If you ever get the chance to go one place you should see is the Louvre. It is home to the *Mona Lisa*, *Winged Victory* and many other masterpieces.

The things in the Louvre are old. You may not know it but some of the paintings, sculptures, pottery and jewelry are more famous than Bill Gates. They have guards, security cameras and sensors protecting these things.

So if you should ever get to France like I did over spring break, you have got to try a crepe and go to the Louvre!

