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School News

The New School in the Heights Hosts National Experts

By Matthew

The New School in the Heights had some special visitors recently, Dr. Thomas Barrett and his wife Denia Barrett of The Hanna Perkins School in Cleveland. Every year Dr. Manning, Dr. Farley and other staff members from our school go to visit their school and now they got a chance to visit ours!

Since their school only goes to kindergarten, they were interested to see a school like ours that goes through the ninth grade. They were very interested in teenagers like me. I got to meet the Barretts and they are very nice. They thought we were cool kids too.

Not only did they visit the school, they gave a presentation to the teachers, other “meeting doctors” at night. It was a night to remember with guests coming from across Houston. The Barretts also experienced a taste of Texas with a full course fajita dinner.

The New School in the Heights was very pleased to host this wonderful couple and we look forward to many visits in the future.



Dr. Thomas Barrett



Dr. Farley and Ms. Monica get festive



Denia Barrett talks with Dr. Schwind & Ms. Jeanette

Heights Youth Art Show

By Jordan

Did you know we some artists at our school? Well, we do and they entered The Heights Association Youth Art Show. It took place at the historic fire station on Yale and 12th streets. Ten students’ had their artwork entered the show. Students from all over the Heights also entered the show.

Prizes were awarded in the following categories

- Prek-5th grades
- 6-8th grades
- 9th-12th grade
- Best of Show

Last year NSH student Katy won a prize for her drawing of a dog. You can see the winning masterpiece hanging in Ms. Debbie’s classroom.

So congratulations to all who entered the show. It was a real work of heart!

Let’s Fly a Kite

By Cathy

Ms. Jeanette’s class decided to make some kites! The kites that we made were not just kites. They were kites that were made in the shapes of animals, aircrafts, cartoon characters etc. What I made was a kite made like a toucan. It was very colorful. The people that made these kites were very creative about it. They invented different kinds of animals, dinosaurs, and people.

The way we made the kites was that we sketched it on a piece of scrap paper. Then we copied it as a bigger kite on butcher paper. We folded it in half and drew one side of the kite on one half and cut the kite out. Then, we colored it in. After we were done, we tried to fly the kites.



Bar Mitzvahs

By Greg

Bar Mitzvahs are Jewish celebrations and are very challenging, rewarding and take a great deal of work. A Bar Mitzvah is for a guy and a Bat Mitzvah is for a girl. In this article I will be focusing on a Bar Mitzvah. I just had mine.

You get to lead the service and read from the Torah. After the services at 7:00 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. you get a very fun party. When it’s all done you will wish you could do it again.

It takes a great deal of preparation to do a Bar Mitzvah. You have to practice every day for weeks. You have two rehearsals and one final rehearsal the day before the big day. You have to be over 13 years old to have a Bar Mitzvah. You have to study and learn all of the prayers. The services take place on Friday night and Saturday morning. The party takes place that Saturday night.

Maya Angelou

By Amanda & Erin

April is known as National Poetry Month. So, for this month we’re going to write about Maya Angelou and how she changed the world with her poetry.

Maya Angelou is an American poet, memoirist, actress and an important figure in the civil rights movement. She is also known for her series of six autobiographies, starting with *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* written in 1969 which was nominated for a national book award and considered her magnum opus. Her volume of poetry, *Just Give Me a Cool Drink of Water ‘Fore I Die* was written in 1971, and was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize. In 1993 she recited her poem “On the Pulse of Morning” at President Clinton’s inauguration. She has been honored with over thirty honorary degrees.

Maya Angelou has been a very productive as a writer and a poet. She has also composed music for movies, wrote articles, short stories. She has also been busy giving lectures and earns around \$43,000 per engagement. She is even writing a line of greeting cards for Hallmark.

Bullying

Lauren

Bullying can hurt physically and emotionally. First of all, physical bullying can be triggered by dislike, or I’ve heard it makes the bully feel better because that bully feels like he has more power.

Emotional bullying usually happens with girls because girls can judge on popularity and wealth among other issues. You can be bullied emotionally by girls when they say mean things to your face or behind your back because it falsely makes them feel better about themselves. Really, they are trying to make others feel as bad as they do about themselves.

So, in all, you should never bully because it’s mean and cruel. If you’re bullied, you may not want to go to school or you may feel sad a lot. Tell an adult if you are bullied. It will help.

You've Got Protection

By Rachel

The Internet has really evolved over the years. Now people can use the Internet to purchase products. But this convenience also makes it easier for criminals to steal and use your personal information. Here are some useful tips to protect your information while online:

- 1) Use common sense. If someone asks for your credit card and/or social security number, don't give it to them.
- 2) Only enter any personal information on secure websites. You know a website is secure if it has a picture of a lock on the bottom of the screen.
- 3) Double check URL websites from e-mails. If you ever get an e-mail from your bank saying that you need to re-enter some personal information, check to make sure the bank's website looks the same as the website listed in the e-mail. Thieves are now using fake e-mails to get personal information from you.

The Brain

By Noah

Do you know what the brain is? Do you think it's a big squiggly ball on a stick? Well, it's not that at all. In fact, there are different parts and each part has a function.

The frontal lobe: Reasoning, planning, speech, movement, emotions and problem solving

Parietal lobe: movement, orientation, recognition, perception of stimuli

Occipital lobe: visual processing

Temporal lobe: perception, memory and speech

So when you think about it, the brain is an incredible thing with many functions, so don't leave home without it!

Texas Wildflowers

By Jared

The Bluebonnets, Indian paintbrush, and Purple Hearts are growing all over the state. In case you have no idea what I am talking about, they're wild flowers and they're all over the state. They dot the landscape every spring and photographers are everywhere with cameras and taking photos of them. The flowers are on the side of the road, yards, pastures and even cities! People come from all over just to see the Texas wild flowers.



Ancient Wonders

By Robert

The Great Pyramid of Giza was built around 2560 BC over a period of twenty years. The Great Pyramid was built as a tomb for the great pharaoh Kufu, and his vizier, Hemon, was the architect. The pyramid was originally 146.6 meters tall but with erosion and the loss of one of its parts, it's now 138.8 meters tall. There are many theories as to how the pyramid was built but the most common is that the blocks were cut and moved from a quarry to the construction site then dragged or lifted into place. There are three main chambers, the king's chamber which the king was put in, the queen's chamber which has a misnomer name and its purpose is unclear, and the unfinished chamber which is very large and Egyptologists just think it was originally the king's chamber but the Egyptians changed their mind.



Top 10 Best-Selling Albums Worldwide

By Joel

I have decided to put up a number of lists to be put up on the following newspaper issues for your enjoyment (I know I was certainly surprised when I saw Backstreet Boys on here!)

1. Michael Jackson's "Thriller"-104 million copies.
2. AC/DC's "Back in Black"-42 million copies.
3. Whitney Houston/Variou Artists' "The Bodyguard"-42 million copies.
4. Eagles' "Their Greatest Hits (1971-1975)"-41 million copies.
5. Pink Floyd's "Dark Side of The Moon"-40 million copies.
6. Bee Gees/Variou Artists' "Saturday Night Fever"-40 million copies.
7. Backstreet Boys' "Millennium"-40 million copies.
8. Shania Twain's "Come on Over"-39 million copies.
9. Meat Loaf's "Bat out of Hell"-34 million copies.
10. Led Zeppelins' "Led Zeppelin 4" (Although, technically it's and untitled album and there are many other artists out there with 32 million copies- I figured since "Stairway to Heaven" is the most played song on F.M. Radio, it should go on the list.)- 32 million copies.

USS Saratoga and the Sunken Fleet of Bikini Atoll

By Jacob W.

In 1946 The United States conducted nuclear weapons tests in the Pacific Ocean. The Baker Blast, a 22 Kiloton nuclear Blast sunk 22 U.S. Navy ships and irradiated 73 others. Probably the most famous of all is The USS - Saratoga, naming others, The USS Thresher, USS Scorpion, HMS Sheffield, USS - Arkansas, USS Nagoto, USS Gilliam, USS Carlisle, USS Apogon, USS Pilotfish, and USS Anderson. On The coast of Bikini Atoll there is an honorary artificial reef where they sink retired warships.

Houston Rockets

By Greg

The Rockets are doing very well without Yao. The reason why Yao is out is because he has a sore left foot. T-Mac wants to lead this team to a championship. The Rockets had a 22-0 winning streak but they lost it after playing the best team, the Boston Celtics. Also, the Celtics have the best record in the NBA.

Let's see if they can capture another title. The city is rooting for them!

The Ideal Pet

By Anna-Noel Meade

Here's a pet that everyone's sure to like: Hermit Crabs. They are easy to take care of, fun to play with, and not that expensive. They also come in pretty shells. You can choose painted shells, or just plain shells. Most people prefer plain shells. You can also paint your own!

They will need a cage, water bowl, food, and other things that will make them feel more at home (in their natural environment.) You can take your hermit crab out to play so it gets exercise.

Hermit crabs outgrow their shells. So it's a good idea to purchase a few extra shells so the crab will be able to switch immediately. And sometimes, really early in the morning or during the night, you may see your crab come out of its shell! It looks slimy and gross. Their shells are there to protect that part. Be careful not to scare them!

Hermit crabs need homes too! You can adopt them at PetCo and Pets Mart.



Student Editorial

By John

One reason to vote for John McCain is that he has good plans on how to win the Iraq War. Also, he would strengthen the border so there will be fewer illegal immigrants. He also has plans on lowering taxes and making it harder to raise taxes.

A reason not to vote for John McCain is that he would greatly strengthen the second amendment. He would get rid of "waiting periods" for firearms for law abiding citizens. He also voted against a ban on assault rifles, even though they are used for murder sometimes.

Kids Choice Awards

By Christopher

You might have heard of the Grammys, but have you heard of the Kids Choice Awards or KCA? This is an awards show that kids control. This year's winners were;

Favorite tv show-Drake & Josh
Favorite Reality Show-American Idol
Favorite Actor-Drake Bell
Favorite Actress-Miley Cyrus
Favorite Movie- Alvin & the Chipmunks
Favorite Movie Actor-Johnny Depp
Favorite Movie Actress- Jessica Alba
Favorite Voice from an Animated Movie-Eddie Murphy (Shrek the Third)
Favorite Music Group- The Jonas Brothers
Favorite Song-Girlfriend (Avril Lavine)
Favorite Male Singer-Chris Brown
Favorite Male Athlete-Tony Hawk
Favorite Female Athlete- Danica Patrick
Favorite Book- Harry Potter Series
Wannabe Award-Cameron Diaz
Congratulations to all the winners!



Good Eats

By Patrick

Good Eats is a show on Food Network hosted by Alton Brown. He has a fun and scientific approach to the world of cooking. He often has a nutrition anthropologist and his equipment specialist "W." Alton has done shows sometimes at Bed Bath & Beyond and his grocery store. The show is fun and fascinating. I hope you get to watch it one day.

