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School News

Dr. Farley Lends a Guiding Hand

By Corey

Dr. Farley went to Los Angeles, California in November, but it wasn't to see stars. It was to help a psychoanalytic school get started. The school currently known as the "Reflective Parenting Program" is located in West L.A. and is headed up by Drs. James Gooch M.D. and Pauline Popek Ph.D. The school is only one of eight psychoanalytic schools in the entire country.

The doctors contacted Dr. Farley because they are colleagues and they know the good work he has done with The New Middle School and throughout his career as a psychoanalyst.

Construction of the school is complete and right now they are working with parents. The school is not scheduled to open until spring 2007.



Dr. Farley takes time from his morning meeting to pose for the camera.

It's Fun Being a Girl

By Amanda

When NMS opened its doors in June of 2005 there was a lot of excitement, but there were not many girls! That is no longer true. Now there are as many girls as there are boys which is a really great thing.

Every Wednesday is Girls' Club. This is a time when all the girls come together to talk about how they feel and just get things off their chest. They also discuss what they want to do together as a large group of girls.

When I started NMS there were only a few girls, but now there are lots of girls to talk to. You Go Girls!

The Art of Giving

By Amanda

The Arts in the Afternoon kids are taking the art of giving to the next level. Throughout the school year the students in Ms. Debbie's art class have been creating beautiful art. Now the students will be sharing their masterpieces by turning their artwork into unique gifts to give to family and friends. They will be using their art to decorate different items like calendars, candle holders and much more.

These beautiful gifts will be a special way to share in the joy of the holiday season. The Arts in the Afternoon kids really understand the art of giving!



Arts in the Afternoon students work hard making art into gifts.

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Happy Holidays

By Yndia

Winter is a time of celebrations. People celebrate in many different ways. One celebration is Hanukkah. This is a Jewish celebration known as the Festival of Lights. A tradition of Hanukkah is the lighting of the menorah which holds eight candles and one candle called the Shamash. The Shamash candle is used to light a candle each night of Hanukkah. Children play dreidel and win prizes of chocolate coins called gelt.

Then there is Christmas which is a Christian celebration. People put up Christmas trees with beautiful lights and ornaments. Stockings are hung and houses are decorated with festive items. People come together to sing carols and exchange gifts and cards. Children write letters to Santa Clause and wait for him to arrive on Christmas Eve.

Another winter celebration is Kwanzaa, which is an African-American celebration. It begins the day after Christmas and lasts for seven days. It honors the African-American community. People come together and exchange homemade gifts and have a large feast to celebrate the seven principles of Kwanzaa.

So this is a festive time of year full of diversity. We are all better when we respect and accept different cultures. So whatever you celebrate, have a happy holiday!

Culture

Peace on Earth

By Jordan

Peace is about getting along. The holidays are a time that people practice peace. Peace means many things to many people. Peace can mean love, family, and giving.

For example, people helping people in need by giving toys to children who don't have toys or feeding people who are hungry and can't afford to eat.

There are lots of ways to practice peace like being a friend or giving gifts to the people you love.

This time of year you often hear people say Peace on Earth. This means people are wishing each other happiness and love. These are things that we should all observe all year long. Peace makes the world a better place for all of us!



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<p style="text-align: center;">Starbucks By Joel</p> <p>Starbucks, the sound of this name and you think of coffee, tea, pastries, and chocolate. This billion dollar franchise was founded by brilliant entrepreneur Howard Schultz who opened shop in 1971 in Seattle, Washington. Then there were more locations outside Seattle in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, and Chicago that same year.</p> <p>Starbucks had an initial public offering on the stock market in 1992. Starbucks grew to 165 outlets. The first Starbucks out of North America was in Tokyo, Japan in 1996. By November 2005, Starbucks's yearly income grew to 6.327 billion dollars. London had more outlets than Manhattan, a sign of becoming an international brand.</p> <p>Now there are currently 10,800 Starbucks stores worldwide. The name came from Starbuck, the coffee loving character in Moby Dick, and its logo is a two tailed Siren.</p> <p>Starbucks recently went into the film business. The company produced the movie <i>Akeelah and the Bee</i>.</p> <p>Starbucks has grown from pour another one of those coffee shops to a famous billion dollar corporation.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Traveling By Matthew A.</p> <p>Have you ever wondered what the world is like outside your door? Well, I have been around the world. Would you like to come on a trip with me? Whether you take a plane, car, bus, boat or go for a hike these are all ways to travel.</p> <p>To travel you will have to pack. So before you put anything in your suitcase you need to know what the weather is like where you are going. You can check the Weather Channel or the Internet to find out.</p> <p>If you are traveling to another country you will need a passport. Why? Well, if you have no passport, you have no trip. A passport is required when you travel to another country. Getting a passport is easy these days it is as simple as going online and getting one.</p> <p>Another thing you may need when traveling abroad is shots! It isn't as bad as it sounds. To keep healthy you need these shots to keep from getting violently ill. I've had to take as many as five shots, but it was worth it, trust me!</p> <p>So now that you know how to travel, let this be your passport to new adventures!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">California Dreams By Clara</p> <p>California is the best state I have ever been to. It is so exciting, with things to do everywhere you turn. One thing I love about California is that many famous people live there, which makes it even more exciting!</p> <p>When I am older I want to live in Malibu, California because I think it is the most beautiful part of California. Some people think California is a great place for a vacation, while others like it as a home. Another thing I love about California is the beaches. California has many beaches that are so different from Texas' beaches. I love going to the beach with my family.</p> <p>I think California would be a great place for anybody to visit or live!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">When in Rome By Grant</p> <p>Ancient Rome as you know is known for warfare. But there is more to Rome than meets the eye. It is a place filled with a rich history that is very fascinating. For example in ancient times Romans built aqueducts to fill their baths and supply drinking water.</p> <p>When you visit Rome you should bring a metal detector because ancient Romans used to bury their money underground. This was a kind of bank! Today you can find coins underground that in America are worth \$5,000. In Rome these coins are not quite as valuable.</p> <p>Today you can visit sites like the Coliseum, home of the Gladiators. Gladiators were the first to invent the catapult.</p> <p>Rome is an interesting place full of history and beauty. If you get the chance you should take a trip to Rome.</p>

Editorials			Science	
<p style="text-align: center;">TV By Elysse</p> <p>Get out and play, be more active. That is what parents say when kids ask, "Can I watch TV?" It is the belief of many that TV rots your brain, makes you fat, and is addictive. But this could be true about anything. Anything done in excess can be harmful. Life is about balance. So all TV isn't bad, if you balance it with healthy food choices, exercise, and education.</p> <p>For example, <i>Cash Cab</i> is an educational program about gaining money for getting questions correct. The questions are about things you learn in history. You can gain money if you get the questions correct. Watching this show can be entertaining and educational.</p> <p>In some ways parents are right though. If you let your children watch too much TV, then it can be addictive. But if you teach your children how to balance their lives, it can be a good thing.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">McDonalds By Lauren</p> <p>Is McDonalds a healthy food choice? McDonalds has a reputation for selling greasy, fattening, high calorie, unhealthy food. In fact, McDonalds has been sued by customers who claim McDonalds made their children fat.</p> <p>It is no mystery that if you eat high fat foods three times a day you are going to gain weight. It is up to parents, not McDonalds, what foods children eat. The courts agreed since those lawsuits were thrown out.</p> <p>However, McDonalds has responded to the issue of obesity by offering healthier food choices like salads, fruit, and yogurt. Some McDonalds across the country are even putting workout facilities in the restaurant so customers can work off their meals.</p> <p>So ultimately your health is up to you. So the next time you're going through the drive-thru remember the choice is up to you!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Cloak of Invisibility By Matthew C.</p> <p>For weeks reporters have been comparing a revolutionary cloaking device to the Invisibility Cloak of Harry Potter. This is misleading, as there are many differences, and although I'm a Harry Potter fan myself, I disapprove of this comparison.</p> <p>For one thing the cloaking device is a prototype and only works in two dimensions and at the microwave wavelength. It also leaves some shadow and reflection.</p> <p>The cloaking device works by bending light around itself (and the object being cloaked) so that the light is reflected off of or perceived by whatever's behind the object instead of the object itself. However, the device has one drawback, says physicist Greg Gbar of the University of North Carolina, "People won't see you, but you also won't see them.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Fossils By Noah</p> <p>Life on earth millions of years ago is a wonder everybody wonders about. We can't tell exactly what it was like, but fossils can give us little clues to what it was like. Fossils are preserved evidence of life millions of years ago.</p> <p>Fossils form when an animal dies. Then the animal gets buried in mud, sand, and clay. After a while its corpse is deep enough to begin fossilization. Then it gets pressed together with heat and forms an indent. Then it gets folded and revealed to the surface.</p> <p>We can tell a lot from fossils. We can guess what kind of animals and plants lived back then and guess what they ate. So scientists can get a good picture in their heads about what it was like back then.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Coral Reef By Katie</p> <p>Coral is formed with tiny animals that grow and divide to create coral colonies. When they die the skeletons that remain are formed into beautiful, elaborate reefs. The reef ecosystem covers less than 1% of the ocean floor, but still supports 25% of all marine life.</p> <p>The ecosystem is a partnership between living things and their environment. The destruction of the coral reefs puts many species at risk of extinction. Researchers say that 1 million species of plants and animals live in the world's reefs.</p> <p>On October 29, scientists discovered new reef species in Hawaii. The scientists also discovered that fishing practices and pollution are killing the coral communities. Local governments have helped create and protect marine areas.</p> <p>"We need to work with nature to create to create conditions that enhance recovery," Sam says. The situation, says NOAA's Mark Eakin, "is far from hopeless."</p>