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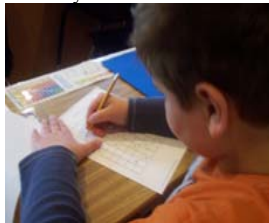
School News

The 100th Day of School

By Jacob

Thursday, February 8, 2007 was the 100th Day of school here at NMS. The 100th Day of school is celebrated when we have had 100 school days. The week before the big day the students are given a challenge to complete. The challenges all revolve around the number 100 like 100 multiplication problems, a 100 day story and writing out 100 things you are thankful for. Students even calculated what year it would be when they are 100 years old!

When the day arrived the students who completed the challenge were treated to a pizza lunch courtesy of Pizza Hut, a movie and a gift bag filled with 100 themed gifts. Working hard can really pay off in 100s of ways!



Noah works on one of his 100th Day challenges.



A Special thanks to Pizza Hut on Katy Freeway & Heights Blvd for generously donating pizzas for our 100th Day Celebration. We greatly appreciate the support of this local Heights business.

Thanks for making our day so special!

NMS Girls "Sparkle"

By Laura

Sparkle is a new magazine that all the after-school girls are putting together. This magazine is about everyday life and how to handle everyday life.

To go along with that, Sparkle also includes an advice column. This is where you can ask a question and our secret someone will answer them, but that's not all! Sparkle also has stories, cool pictures and fashion tips! However, this magazine will not be out for awhile, but the good news is our website's here!

Our website includes games, polls, music, pictures, true stories and more! To find out more about Sparkle, check out our awesome site today by going to Sparkle-mag123.piczo.com.



"Sparkle Girls"

Stock Market

By Lauren

There's a new adventure in the NMS afternoon. Ms. Kim is leading students in The Stock Market Game which is an online game where you look in the newspaper and pick and invest in a stock. If you pick a good stock, you will get money from your investment.

This game is based on the real thing. Real people, for example, my dad, have this job. People come to him for advice on stocks. You must work in teams to play this game, and you have to learn how to work with others to be successful.

When choosing a stock in the game, you should choose a company that does good business like Nike which is an established money-making company.

The game is only pretend, but it may actually help you if you were to grow up and have a job in the Stock Market. It can also help you learn how to invest your money wisely in the future.

Fondren Foundation

By Corey

The Fondren Foundation was founded by the Fondren family and is one of the largest and oldest foundations in Harris County. It supports many projects for non-profit organizations.

The Fondren Foundation was interested in helping facilities that help children. They were particularly interested in middle school children. Their board members were extremely helpful in getting the New Middle School started.

The Fondren Foundation gave NMS a grant for \$250,000 over 4 years. This was a generous gift that really helped launch our school. NMS has developed a great partnership with this very distinguished organization, and we feel very honored and grateful for all their support.

NEWS

A Woman for President...

By Amanda

Some people may think that only men can be President, and so far in this country that has been true. But Hillary Clinton thinks otherwise. She is running for president in 2008. She doesn't think she is going to win, she knows she's going to win!

Some people may say that she won't win because of controversies of the Clinton White House years. But there are many reasons why she could win. People like and support her. She has lots of Democratic Party support, she is currently a U.S. Senator, and she lived in the White House for 8 years as First Lady to President Bill Clinton.

2008 may be the most historical event that has happened in a presidential election, so don't be surprised when you hear, "Madam President."

The Internet: A Dangerous Place for Teens





By Rachel

If an adult had to make a list of all the places a teenager could go and feel like they are in danger, you wouldn't believe that the Internet may be on the list. The Internet that you thought was safe, isn't as safe as you thought it was.

There are many dangers on popular websites that some teens don't know about. MySpace.com is a website which has been on the news a great deal. The reason for that is because some teenagers have been getting kidnapped and assaulted by people they met on My Space. There have been lawsuits filed against MySpace because of teens being kidnapped. MySpace has been trying to stop all these kidnappings by raising the age limit on the website. But sadly, people have found ways to get around the age limit.

Another danger on the Internet is online chat rooms. These are really dangerous because you never know who you are talking to. Online predators love chat rooms because they use them to prey on children. Things are being done to prevent predators from harming children on chat rooms. Dateline NBC has a program called "To Catch a Predator." This show tricks potential predators into thinking they are going to meet 13 year-olds, but instead they get arrested by the police. This show proves that a lot of people want to keep kids safe when they are on the Internet.

So, when your parents are lecturing you about the dangers of the Internet, listen. It may protect your life one day!

Sports		Features	Science	
<p align="center">Super Bowl By Justin</p> <p>The first Super Bowl took place on January 15, 1967. It was an agreement between the NFL and its rival at the time the AFL. It was decided that the leagues championship teams would play each other in an AFL-NFL World Championship Game.</p> <p>After both leagues merged in 1970, the Super Bowl became the NFL's championship game. Since then the game has been played yearly on a Sunday following the playoffs.</p> <p>The Super Bowl is one of the most watched television shows in America. This is why I wrote about the Super Bowl. Also, it is awesome to see if you get a chance to go like when it took place in Houston in 2004. If you can't see it in person, you can have a Super Bowl party and watch it on TV, and if you do, don't forget to invite me!</p> <p>This year it was the Indianapolis Colts and the Chicago Bears. The Colts won the game 29-17.</p>	<p align="center">America's Team By Jared</p> <p>The Dallas Cowboys also known as America's team is certainly a winner in my book! They have won 5 Super Bowls and they have had 20, yes 20, winning seasons in a row. "Icaromba!" That is why they are my favorite team.</p> <p>The team is known for producing great players like Troy Aikman, who holds the record for most 100 yard rushes, "Dandy" Don Meredith, and Emmet Smith. Not to mention the best coach of all time, Tom Landry. Sadly, Tom Landry passed away in 2000, and the players have retired from the game. You can at least catch Emmet Smith on Dancing with the Stars where he proved to be a champion on the dance floor as well as the football field.</p> <p>So Texas is home to many big and wonderful things, but one of the biggest and best is The Dallas Cowboys!</p>	<p align="center">America Bends it like Beckham By Clara</p> <p>American soccer fans are excited. In January, David Beckham signed a huge contract to play for the Los Angeles Galaxy of Major league soccer. They brought David Beckham to America hoping it would make the sport a little more popular, because in America, football is the most popular sport.</p> <p>David Beckham is known for his interesting hairstyles, everything from a ponytail to a Mohawk, but he is also famous for his looks. A major thing he is famous for is his wife, Victoria Adams, better known as "Posh Spice" of the Spice Girls. But most of all, he is famous for being a famous soccer player! The movie "Bend it like Beckham!" was based on him as well. His full name is David Robert Joseph Beckham. He was born on May 2, 1975. His nickname for soccer is "Becks." His main position on the field is center midfield and right midfield.</p> <p>I hope soccer becomes as popular as football because I think soccer is so much more fun to play.</p> 	<p align="center">Monopoly By Robert</p> <p>There is a new updated version of Monopoly out on the market called <i>Monopoly Here and Now</i>. This upgraded game has properties and game pieces way more in tune with the present. The new game pieces include a hybrid Toyota Prius, New Balance sneakers, McDonald's French fries, Motorola Razor cell phone, laptop computer, and a Labradoodle (combination of a Labrador and a poodle.) The chance and community chest cards are also updated. Now you can win \$100,000 on a reality TV show.</p> <p>Even with this new version, the traditional Monopoly will still be sold. Who knows, maybe they'll come out with a Sorry techno-version!</p>	<p align="center">Pollution By Elysse</p> <p>Trash, smog, sewage, chemicals, and smoke are all things that are polluting the earth. People pollute the earth every day. Pollution occurs when people drive cars, throw recyclable items in the garbage, leave trash on the ground, and when people spray different chemicals in the air. Trees, air, and water are being used up, and some day we might run out of these things.</p> <p>If people don't try to help the earth, then we will keep losing animals. For example, birds, whales, and other animals mistake trash for food. So if we want to keep our environment clean for a long time. We need to stop polluting the earth. So please help save our earth.</p> <p>There are tons of things we can do to help save the planet. You can recycle, carpool to save gas, throw trash away in the garbage and never on the ground. You can try to reduce the amount of non-recyclable items you use. Be a help to the environment and don't pollute the earth.</p>
C U L T U R E	<p align="center">Valentine's Day By Yndia</p> <p>February 14th is Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day is about friendship. It is a day to acknowledge your friends and express how you feel about them. You can even give them things.</p> <p>Giving and receiving gifts and cards is also a part of this holiday. You can give special people in your life cards that you buy or make. You can receive cards by being a good friend which will make others want to give you Valentines.</p> <p>You can show your family you love them by being in charge of your behavior and also doing extra chores around the house.</p> <p>So, however you celebrate Valentine's Day, have a good one!</p> 	<p align="center">Rodeo By Katie</p> <p>Hey Houston, it's that time of year again...Rodeo Time! It's the 75th anniversary of HLSR in other words, The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. When most people think about the Rodeo they think of entertainment, and there is plenty of that!</p> <p>Along with great musical acts like George Strait, there is a petting zoo, carnival, barbeque cook-off and much more.</p> <p>The festivities start on February 27 and run through March 18 at Reliant Park. So grab your western gear and "rodeo!"</p> 	<p align="center">School Life in Japan By Matthew A.</p> <p>You know what school is like in America. Would you like to know what it is like in Japan? Well, kids in Japan start school after their 6th birthday. They go to school Monday-Friday and every other Saturday. They call the teacher "sensei" which means teacher.</p> <p>Students work hard on many of the same subjects as American students except they study calligraphy and the Japanese language, one of the hardest in the world.</p> <p>Another part of the school day includes scrubbing the classroom and halls. They clean everything, even the bathrooms!</p> <p>Parents believe their children should work hard. They do not approve of them just playing. They hire tutors and make them study during weekends.</p> <p>Now you know what school life is like in Japan!</p> 	<p align="center">A Presidential Lady By Jordan</p> <p>Eleanor Roosevelt was a great person to America. She was born October 11, 1884. She married Franklin D. Roosevelt on March 17, 1905. They had 6 children together.</p> <p>She became first lady when FDR was elected President. She promoted his New Deal and was active in civil rights. In fact, she was the most active first lady in American history.</p> <p>After FDR died in 1945, Eleanor Roosevelt remained politically active. She was an author and spokesperson for equal rights.</p> <p>So this Presidents' Day when you're celebrating the great leaders of our nation, remember Eleanor Roosevelt, a real "Presidential" lady!</p>