



403 Heights Boulevard
Houston, Texas 77007
713-802-1256
Diane Manning, Ph.D.
Director
Arthur J. Farley, M.D.
Clinical Director
Teaching Staff
Debbie Tate-Coffen
Jeanette Salinas
Kim Wright
Ginger Brown
Erica Appel
Nina Barbieri

The New School in the Heights provides an alternative educational experience and social-emotional support for bright children.

Newspaper Staff

Amanda
Anna-Noel
Cathy
Christopher
Erin
Greg
Griffin
Jacob H.
Jacob W.
Jared
Joel
John
Jordan
Kyle
Lauren
Mara
Matthew
Noah
Patrick
Rachel
Robert

School News

The 100th Day of School

By Anna-Noel

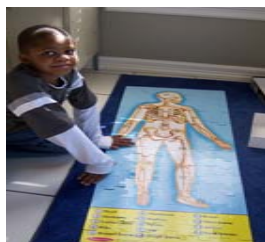
The 100th day of school was on Friday, February 8, 2008. This is a tradition celebrated by schools across the country, and NSH was no exception.

When school started the Primary class began counting the days of school until they finally reached 100. The week before the 100th day of school the class participated in a 100th day challenge. The challenge consisted of a variety of activities that focused on the number 100. For example; 100 math problems, writing 100 words etc. I am happy to report that all the students finished the challenge and they all celebrated the special day.

The day was full of 100th day fun. The students made a 100th day snack by counting out ten pieces of snack foods from 10 snacks to make 100! Then they watched *101 Dalmatians* and as a special treat that had pizza! That was a big surprise! It was a happy 100th Day of School at NSH!



Campbell completes the 100 board!



Jordan shows off his 100 piece puzzle.



John makes a snack & counts to 100.

The Friendship Dinner Party

By Lauren

Valentine's Day is mostly thought of love and chocolate but it's not all about that. It's also about friendship. Friendship is what leads us to Ms. Debbie's class. Her class planned a dinner party and each student invited a middle school student to attend as their special guest, I was invited by Rachel. They called it The Friendship Dinner Party, it was so nice.

They made special food, table settings, centerpieces and even gift bags for the guests. When we arrived we had lemonade and appetizers. Then we played a game. It was a scavenger hunt where we had to ask everyone questions and find the person with the right answer. Then we had a wonderful dinner with salad, turkey meatballs, French fries and dessert. It was great!

So on Valentine's Day, don't just give someone chocolate, give them your friendship.



Students enjoy a special lunch and some new friendships.

Saving Lives One Game at a Time

By Erin

Hunger and poverty are very big problems in third world countries. Every 3 minutes a child in Africa dies from lack of nutrition. There is a way to stop all of the madness. The answer is Freerice.com You can log on and play games and every game you win a certain amount of rice gets donated to the starving children in Africa.

If you think about it we are so fortunate to have proper homes and food, so it will feel so awesome to give something back. Everyday people in Africa wake up and can't get a bowl of cereal. Every night people go to sleep without so much as a baked potato. So please log onto freerice.com. All it takes is ten minutes and you have saved someone's life!

Our class has been working on free rice together. Our goal is to donate 1,000,000 grains of rice to the starving people in Africa. Today we have donated about 4,000 grains of rice, we are well on our way to reaching our goal!! If you too would like to help donate rice just log on to www.freerice.com today!!!

In The News

The Super Bowl

By Jared

February 3, 2008 was a big day in football. Yes, it was Super Bowl XLII! This year's game took place in Arizona and was full of surprises!

The two best teams of the year came face to face. The New York Giants with a 14-6 record and The New England Patriots with a perfect 19-0 record. I guess it's true; all good things do come to an end. That was true for the Patriots when the Giants pulled off a surprise win over the undefeated Patriots! The final score was Giants 17 and Patriots 14.

The Super Bowl was pretty awesome, but what were funny were the commercials. The food, car, and beer commercials were very funny. Some of them were extremely hilarious! For many people the Super Bowl is all about the commercials. Companies fight to get advertising space during the Super Bowl and they pay a lot of money for that space. But for the real sports fans, it's all about the game and the surprises. This year's game was a good one! Well, I guess the Giants sure did tackle the Patriots!

The "Souper" Bowl of Caring

By Jordan

Have you heard about the "Souper Bowl" of caring? No, it is not about football, it is even better; it is about giving food to the poor. The "Souper Bowl" of caring has raised over two million dollars and is helping to feed many people in need. People all over the city participated in this event including schools, churches, and even local television stations like channel 2.

Even though football is a big event it was nice to see some of that excitement help people in need. Although the "Souper Bowl" of caring is over you can still participate next year and still help those in need everyday.

Rodeo

By Amanda

It's that time of year again, if you guessed the Rodeo, you're right! So beginning on March 3rd through March 22nd you can get a chance to go see the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

You can go see some great performers such as Hannah Montana, Toby Keith, and Faith Hill, just to name a few starting at \$16 a ticket!

Not only does the Rodeo have great performances, it has great western food such as beef, tasty chicken, and old fashioned ribs. There are also fun activities for kids like rides, pig races and you can even milk old Bessie. There is fun for everyone like bull rides, and cool parades.

So, get your Rodeo on Houston!

Cell Phones for Soldiers

By Mara

Do you have a cell phone? Do you like to help people? Have you heard of Cell Phones for Soldiers?

Well, Cell Phones for Soldiers helps soldiers talk to their families when they are so far from home.

People donate their old cell phones for soldiers then the charity will refurbish the phones and get them to our soldiers serving our country in Iraq.

The company was created in 2004 by 13-year-old Brittany Bergquist and her 12-year-old brother Robbie. They started with only twentyone dollars!

It just goes to show that anyone can make a difference no matter how old they are or how much money they have.

Year of the Rat

By Rachel

If you've even been called a rat in your life, then this year you can take it as a compliment. This year, the Chinese New Year is celebrating the year of the rat.

Every year is a different animal from the Chinese Zodiac. The reason being called a rat during this time is a good thing because according to Chinese beliefs, a person born in the year of the rat is a leader. They are also charismatic, practical, hard-working, clever and intelligent. But on the other hand, people born in the year of the rat can be aggressive and stubborn. So if you are ever called a rat, hold your head up high, smile at the person and say, "Thank you."

During the Chinese New Year, there are certain things that Chinese people say are good to do because they are "lucky." For example, there are certain foods that are "lucky" to eat, like coconut candy, ginger candy and winter melon candy. Also, when you say happy New Year to someone during the New Year, you say "Guo-Nian," or "You've overcome the monster" so, Guo-Nian to all!



Ms. Ginger gives a lesson in using chopsticks as the students celebrate Chinese New Year.

Ancient Wonders

By Robert

The temple of Artemis was an incredible piece of architecture that was designed by the Greek architect Chersiphron. It was a huge temple made of marble and built around 550 BC, and decorated with magnificent bronze statues which were sculpted by the most skilled artists of their time.

The temple was built in honor of the Greek goddess of hunting and wild nature Artemis (Diane). The temple was both a marketplace and a worship sanctuary.

On July 21, 356 BC the temple was destroyed when a man named Hersostratus committed arson and burned the temple in an attempt to make his name legendary...he succeeded.



Steel Snakes

By Jacob W.

A "Road Train" is a trucking concept used in remote areas of Australia, the United States, and Western Canada to move bulky loads efficiently. Terms such as "Turnpike Doubles" or "Rocky Mountain Doubles" are also used.

Typical road trains are 250 feet long and weigh an average of 100 tons when fully loaded. Road trains consist of a prime mover and haul two or more trailers.

Road trains can be unwieldy and hard to maneuver. Many road train drivers blink their right turn signals a few times to indicate the road is clear. Road trains typically have a banner that says Long Load, Road Train, Wide Load or Oversize Load. Getting in wreck with one wouldn't be a fender bender, it would be a car peeler. Therefore, they do their best to keep the roads and other drivers safe.



Chess

By Joel

One last great chess story to be told, and perhaps the most televised, viewed analyzed, and popular, Garry Kasparov vs. Deep Blue. Garry Kasparov is hailed by many to be the greatest chess player to grace the earth.

Garry Kimovich Kasparov was born in 1963 in the ancient city of Baby Azerbaijan. When he was six he shocked his family by solving a difficult puzzle from the newspaper. Sixteen years and thousands of training hours later he became the youngest world chess champion at the age of 22. He held that title until the year 2000. He lost the title to his own student Kramnik.

So, in 2003 Garry was set to battle against a new opponent; a computer. This contest against a newly designed Deep Blue was recognized as man vs. machine. Reporters from around the globe followed it game by game. ESPN broadcasted the finale.

Kasparov won the first game with ease. The second and most televised game ended in a draw. The third game was the most disturbing. Deep Blue won. This story haunted the chess community for years.

Chess is still enjoyed in local coffee shops, restaurants and living rooms.

Rubik's Cube

By Greg

The Rubiks Cube was invented in 1974 by a man named Erno Rubik. In 1980 it won Game of the Year in Germany.

It is a very challenging puzzle. There are nine colored stickers on a side with six colors. You have to match up all the colors to solve it.

I myself would recommend this challenge to anyone. It is both challenging and rewarding to solve.



Dirty Jobs

By Christopher

Dirty Jobs as you may know, is hosted by Mike Rowe. He travels the country and sometimes the world looking for the dirtiest jobs!

Among the jobs featured on the show takes place at NASA. This job shows the people who lubricate the tread on the craters. The show also exposed the dirt on taking care of monkeys. One of his top 100 includes military security. This job involves going into hostile territory and is quite dangerous. To see these jobs and much more watch the Discovery Channel on Wednesdays at 9:00 p.m.

So, if you or someone you know has a dirty job log onto Discovery.com/dirtyjobs and if they think it's dirty enough they will come to you!

Claymation

By Patrick

Prometheus and Bob is a Claymation about a very intelligent alien, a cave man and a monkey. The point of the show is that Prometheus is trying to educate Bob about things such as magnetism and leverage. The monkey is just there to be funny. The show ran from 1996 to 2000 on Nickelodeon's Kablam. You can still find episodes on the Internet at pand.org. The show is hilarious and educational at the same time.

Rocks

By Noah

There are 3 different types of rocks. There are Igneous, Sedimentary, and Metamorphic rocks. Let's start with igneous rocks. Igneous rocks are formed when lava cools down and hardens and looks like this:



Sedimentary rocks are rocks are made on land or water and are made from (believe it Or not) other rocks. They look like this:



Metamorphic rocks are rocks that are made by 1 rock being buried in the ground for millions of years and different kind forms. They can look something like this:

