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Gone, but Never Forgotten

By Rachel

Corey is a former student of the New School in the Heights. He is now a high school student at The School of the Woods. His school has a program that allows students to volunteer with an organization as part of their school work. They are evaluated and graded on their volunteer work.

Corey chose to come back to his old stomping grounds and do his volunteer work. His job was to help with the Primary Class as a teaching assistant. This is what Ms. Debbie had to say about his work. "Corey was a big help to my students. He was patient, understanding and helpful. He had no problem transitioning from his role as a student to his role as "Mr. Corey." It was nice to see a student come so far and give back to his former school."

Corey said he enjoyed his time as a volunteer and hopes to come back real soon.

A Word from Corey

By Corey H..

As I worked with the Primary class this month a discussion occurred in class about bullying. The students began to share their experiences at their other schools and talked about how The New School in the Heights has been a different and much better experience. So, they put their stories together to write this article about their common experiences.

A Common Experience

By Campbell, Christopher, Dylan, Mark, Matthew, and Vanya

In our class we have discovered that we all have a common experience. We have all been to other schools. Every other school had a bully. A bully is a person who is mean to others. A bully is a scared person. We understand that a bully feels bad inside. At this school we have learned that it isn't good to be a bully. Bullies are scared because they might think nobody will be their friend. We have learned that you can help a bully by being a friend. Being a friend can make a bully be nice to other people. The New School in the Heights is a good school because it helps us feel safe.



A Historic Inauguration

By Greg

As you all may know, on January 20, 2009 President Elect Barak Obama was sworn into Presidency to make him known as President Obama. An inauguration is when the President Elect goes to a ceremony to make an oath on the Bible to solemnly swear, to do the best of your ability to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States. In this inauguration President Obama used Former President Abraham Lincoln's Bible, and there were 4,000 police officers from the Washington area, and another 4,000 police officers from all over the U.S. to make sure President Obama was safe and the nothing bad happened.

President Obama is the 44th President of the United States. Also, he is the first African- American President ever, in the history of the United States. During his inaugural speech he stated the quote, "There is a nagging fear that the next generation must lower its sights." President Obama is talking about the economy. Right now the economy is as bad as it has ever been, almost as bad as The Great Depression. By the "next generation" President Obama means himself and we Americans and our children have to work together to get the economy better than it has ever been, so that the United States of America will be the greatest and most powerful country ever. President Obama also hopes to have our troops back out of Iraq in 16 months.



Remembering the Dream

By Erin

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a United States holiday marking the birth date of Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. It is observed on the third Monday of January each year, around the time of King's birthday, January 15. It is one of four United States federal holidays to commemorate an individual person.

Martin Luther King was the chief spokesman of the nonviolent civil rights movement. The cause successfully protested racial discrimination in both federal and state law. He was assassinated in 1968. The campaign for a federal holiday in King's Honor was passed soon after his assassination. In 2006 Martin Luther King Day was officially observed in all 50 states.



Ms. Adrianna, a Family Helper reads a book about Martin Luther King Jr. to the Primary class.

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Gung Hay Fat Choy

The Primary students celebrate the Year of the Ox with a Chinese feast!



Nathan, Mark, Christopher S., Campbell and Devin enjoy their special celebration.

Michelle Obama

By Jacob H.

Michelle Obama was born on the south side of Chicago on January 17, 1964 and is now 45 years old. She grew up on Euclid Avenue in the south shore community area of Chicago and was raised in a conventional two-parent home. The family ate meals together and also entertained together as a family by playing games such as Monopoly and by reading. She and her brother, Craig (who is 21 months older), skipped the second grade. By sixth grade, Michelle joined a gifted class at Bryn Mawr Elementary School (later renamed Bouchet Academy). She attended Whitney Young High School Chicago's first magnet high school, where she was on the honor roll four years, took advanced placement classes, was a member of the National Honor Society and served as student council treasurer. The round trip commute from her South Side home to the Near West Side took three hours out of her day. She was a high school classmate of Santita Jackson, the daughter of Jesse Jackson and sister of Jesse Jackson Jr. She graduated from high school in 1981 as salutatorian and went on to major in sociology and minor in African American studies at Princeton University, where she graduated *cum laude* with a Bachelor of Arts in 1985.

As part of her requirements for graduation, she wrote a thesis entitled, "Princeton-Educated Blacks and the Black Community." "I remember being shocked," she says, "by college students who drove BMWs. I didn't even know parents who drove BMWs." She obtained her Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree from Harvard Law School in 1988. While at Harvard, she participated in political demonstrations advocating the hiring of professors who are members of minorities. She is the third First Lady with a postgraduate degree, following Hillary Clinton and Laura Bush. In July 2008, Obama accepted the invitation to become an honorary member of the 100-year-old black sorority Alpha Kappa Alpha, which had no active undergraduate chapter at Princeton when she attended.

Today she has 2 kids, Malia and Sasha Obama, and is now married to the 44th president of the United States, Barack Obama.



Super Bowl

By Austin

This year's Super Bowl will be between the Arizona Cardinals and the Pittsburgh Steelers. The Cardinals are 12-5. The Pittsburgh Steelers are 17-2. They are playing at Raymond James Stadium.

Raymond James Stadium is where the Tampa Bay Buccaneers play. Kurt Warner is the only quarterback to play in the Super Bowl with two different teams [Rams and Cardinals]. Kurt Warner is going up against the top ranked defense in the league. Ben Rolthesberger is the youngest to win a super bowl.

Phobias

By Cathy

About 13-18% of the U.S. adult population has a phobia, or fear, sometime in their life. There are a lot of weird phobias such as agoraphobia, fear of being away from a safe place, or, zemmiphobia, the fear of mole rats. There are a lot of phobias. Most people deal with 15 of them. There are 10 most obvious phobias including the following: Epephobia, fearing youths, Coulrophobia, fear of clowns, and Taphophobia, fear of being burned alive. Most people have phobias because of past experiences, anxiety, or their inheritance. People treat phobias by either medicines, self-help, or therapy.

You can help yourself get over your fear by meeting with a therapist or facing up to your fears. You could also seek support from friends and family. Getting over a fear could be a gradual and slow process. You could spend your time sitting with a therapist face to face with your fear or could talk it out with your family. The choice is yours.

Why the Country Needs A President

By Phillip

Why does the country need a president? He makes some of the hardest decisions of the country. The president is the head of the country's government. He is one of the most influential and recognizable political officials in the world. The President leads the executive branch of the federal government. His role in the executive branch of the government is to execute laws as created by Congress.

Even though the president has to make the hard decisions, he also gets to fly on two planes: a Boeing 747 also called "Air Force One" and a Boeing vc-25. He gets free health care, housing & house care.

Air Force One

By Patrick

Let the great race begin,. The Air Force 1 replacement race is on! Recently, Congress announced that they are accepting bids from Boeing and Airbus for a replacement for the aging Air Force 1. The aircraft is currently a Boeing 747-200B. It has been in service since 1990. Possible replacements are the Boeing 747-8i , the Boeing 777-300ER and the massive Airbus A380. I personally hope to see it as an Airbus A380. That is all for right now, I'll keep you updated.



Joe the Reporter?

By John

No longer will the famous Joe the Plumber fix your toilet. Now he will be reporting to you from Israel! Samuel Wurzelbacher, A.K.A. Joe the Plumber, has been reporting on the bombing on the Gaza Strip. The name Joe the Plumber was his alias when he questioned Obama about his tax plan.

Treasure Quest

By Christopher

Founded in 1994, John Morris and Greg Stemm joined forces and created Odyssey. Odyssey is a public company, which uses innovative methods and state-of-the-art tools to help in search of archaeological artifacts around the world. On January 15 of 2009 it will become a TV show to tell their story.

With the Odyssey Explorer (a ship capable of being out at sea for 60 days, with workshops and an archeology lab onboard, and a whole count of 42 crew members and multiple cranes) they can find and recover artifacts from the bottom of the ocean.

"ZEUS", the Odyssey's remotely-operated vehicle, weighs 8 tons stands 10 feet tall and has 400 horsepower and driven by 8 powerful hydraulic thrusters.

Some of the most interesting things they discovered were nearly 300 shipwrecks ranging from 3rd century BC, Punic vessels (a 3rd century war ship) to modern fishing boats.