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School News

How Does Our Garden Grow?

By Christopher & Matthew A.

NMS students are starting a blooming new project. They are planning a school garden and cultivating their ideas into a growing venture and business!

This endeavor will involve the whole school. As founders of The Garden Club, we will help lead the other students in our garden mission. We will be researching plants and planning our planting strategies, deciding what plants will grow best, and be inviting to the natural wildlife of birds and butterflies. We will help guide and lead others students in the many gardening responsibilities it takes to create a beautiful garden.

Along with planting, students will create garden art like birdhouses, bird feeders and bird baths. The girls will be creating designer clay pots that they will market and sell with items from the school garden. The business will appropriately be called "Garden Treasures."

People will be able to purchase the beautiful garden creations and the money raised will go to help fund future garden projects.

So how does our garden grow? Lots and lots of teamwork!



Garden Club Founders Christopher & Matthew A.

Editorial

Can We Afford Low Prices?

By Taylor

Wal Mart is one of the richest companies in the world. They offer consumers low prices and great deals on every day items. Have you ever wondered how Wal Mart can offer such low prices? Some may say it is because they are not paying their employees a living wage. A 2003 wage analysis reported that cashiers earn approximately \$7.92 an hour and work 29 hours a week. This would make their annual wages only \$11,948. The national family budget in the United States for a two-person family in 1999 was \$23,705.

Wal Mart could give their employees a dollar an hour wage increase by raising prices half a penny per dollar. This small increase would add \$1,800 for each employee.

I think that Wal Mart should raise their prices and respect their employees. The high cost of low prices is big in the long run. Wal Mart employees who cannot support their families may have to depend on the government to make ends meet. This can end up costing tax payers big bucks.

Wal Mart should take their success and invest their earnings in the people who make their business work. They should raise their salaries, and offer good benefits. Every hardworking American deserves to live comfortably.

Consumers can help by choosing to shop at other stores until Wal Mart treats their employees better, if that means slightly higher prices, that is fine.

I personally choose not to shop at Wal Mart. It is a small way for one person to make a difference.

Culture

St. Patrick's Day

By Jacob

Saint Patrick is known for driving the snakes from Ireland. The truth is that Ireland probably never had snakes since the island was separated from the rest of the continent at the end of the ice age.

St. Patrick's Day is an Irish celebration that brings up images of anything green, especially lucky shamrocks.

They say that St. Patrick's Day is on March 17th because that is the day St. Patrick died. As the Irish moved around the world they took their Irish history and celebrations with them.

In America St. Patrick's Day is a fun and festive time. Cities have parades with music, Irish food and fun activities and games for kids. Of course, everyone is encouraged to wear green! Some cities even dye rivers or streams green!

For a green St. Patrick's Day treat try my Green Freeze Shake featured in my cooking column.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

In The Kitchen with Jacob

Green Freeze Shakes

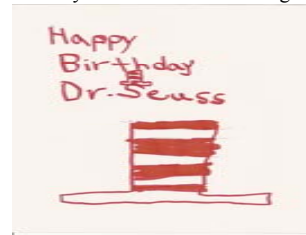
2 Cups Orange Juice
1 Pint Orange Sherbet
6 ounces lemon lime soda or seltzer (1/2 a can)
4 Fresh Orange Slices
Green Food Coloring
Cups
Fountain Straws
Place orange juice, sherbet and soda in a blender and blend. Pour into large glasses with a slice of orange hanging on the inside and a straw. Add green food coloring and enjoy!



Young at Art

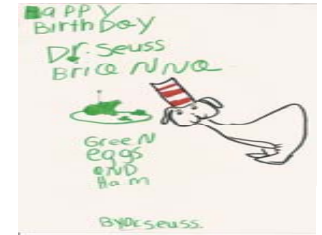
Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss

Dr. Seuss is the wonderful author who created a "Seussical" world of fun-filled creatures, and rhythmic stories that taught us right and wrong, and took us to magical, made-up worlds. Sadly, he is no longer with us, but his literary creations live on in homes, libraries, and schools around the world. March 2, 2006 Dr. Seuss' would have turned 102! In honor of his birthday, our youngest students created some special birthday cards to celebrate this great man. Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!



"I like Dr. Seuss' books so much. He is good. My favorite book is *The Cat in the Hat.*"

Corey J. Age 7



"I like Dr. Seuss because I think he is a good man, and he has good books. My Favorite is *Green Eggs and Ham* because It teaches you to try new things."

Brianna Age 7

