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School News

Creative Arts Festival

By Christopher

You may have heard of Project America and The Leonardo Da Vinci Festival. Now there is The Creative Arts Festival. The Creative Arts Festival is a time for students to show their creative side. It is more than just a show; it is also a time for students to show off all of their hard work throughout the year.

The Creative Arts Festival will take place on Thursday, May 22, 2008 right here at The New School in the Heights. Students will host the event for their families. This event is the perfect way for students and families to take pride in all the hard work they have accomplished during the 2007-2008 school year and transition into the summer.

So we hope everyone will come to see the best of the best!



Campbell prepare for the art festival

Saying Goodbye

By Matthew

It has been said that sorry is the hardest word to say, but I believe the hardest word is goodbye! Although it is sad to say goodbye, it doesn't mean we forget where we have been. For students like me who are moving on from The New School it is nice to know we will be remembered, and of course we will remember our time here at The New School in the Heights.

Some ways that the New School is helping with goodbyes is by having a goodbye group led by Dr. Manning and Dr. Farley. The group allows us to talk about leaving and helps us say goodbye.

During the end of the year awards ceremony there will be a special time to honor those who are leaving. Even though we must say goodbye, we will always remember The New School in the Heights and The New School in the Heights will always remember us!



Matthew bids a Texas farewell to The New School in the Heights

The Butterflies Are Back

It's that time of year again! The butterflies are migrating and it's a beautiful sight. If you look around The NHS campus you will experience butterflies and their life cycle.

In Ms. Kim's class, the caterpillars have reached adulthood. We released some of them outside her classroom. Hopefully, we'll get to see them around the garden. But one butterfly did not dry its wings properly. He was unable to fly. Therefore, it wouldn't have survived. We were kind and laid it on the ground to dry his wings, and so no predators could attack it.



Ms. Ginger shows Dylan a butterfly

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A Year to Remember

By Jordan P.

This year has been a great year and it's hard to say goodbye. Some people are staying and some are leaving, but we will remember all of them and the great year we had together. Here is a little look back at the year that was!



Art Car Parade

By John & Cathy

The art car parade started when an artist named Jackie Harris painted a car and made it into a work of art. It was sent to the Orange Show foundation. Eventually, other people started doing this and a number of painted or transformed cars were seen in Houston. In 1986, Rachel Hecker and Trisha Herrera organized a Parade. Then, they came up with a "Road Show" at the Orange Show in 1986. The parade had 11 cars and 1,400 people attended the art car parade.

Last year's winners included Manta, DaKuntry Peddlur, and Elee. The winner of the Mayor's cup went to Manta by Mark Bradford. As the name suggests it looks like a giant praying mantis. The Participants Choice Award went to DaKuntry Peddlur by Rich and Pam Molder. It is basically an old station wagon with a lot of stuff on it. The People's Choice Award went to Elee by, again, Mark Bradford. It is a convertible made to look like an alligator.



Summer

By Jared

Summer is almost here! Summer is a time to celebrate holidays like Memorial Day and the 4th of July. It is a time to travel, too. I have many trips planned. I love the summer because the weather is warm, the fishing is good and it is a great time to have fun and relax. I hope you have a great summer!

Pet birds

By Lauren

Having a pet bird is fun but hard. The hard parts are feeding them, cleaning their cage, helping to take care of them if they're sick. Also, making sure they don't get loose or get hurt. The fun parts are that they make u smile, they give you kisses, and let you pet them. If you're thinking about getting a pet bird you should either get a cockatiel or a parakeet. But remember, having a bird isn't just fun. It's a responsibility.

Seven Ancient Wonders of the World

Part 7

By Robert

The Mausoleum of Mausollos was built for Mausolos by his wife Artemisia who wanted him to have a great tomb. Artemisia sent messengers to Greece and found the absolute best craftsman of the time, including scopes who worked on the temple of Artemis which was another ancient wonder. The tomb was built on a hill overlooking the city of Halicarnassus where it sat in an enclosed courtyard. The mausoleum was 135 feet tall and had a stairway leading up to it lined by stone lions and statues of gods and goddesses along the outer walls. On the top section f it there are 36 slim columns, nine on each side, with a statue in between each one. The mausoleum stood for over sixteen centuries and was finally destroyed by a series of earthquakes. By 1404 only the very bottom base of the structure was recognizable.



The Astros

By Greg

The Astros season is finally here. Sluggers Hunter Pence, Carlos Lee and Miquel Tejada are ready to play! People are questioning whether or not the Astros will do well this season...we will soon find out. So, let's all root for the home team. Go Astros!



Little League is Big Fun

By Erin

West U. Little League baseball season is my favorite time of the year. I love going up to the fields and watching my brothers and guy friends play. Everything about it I love, the humid days and nights spent at the ballpark, the smell of popcorn and hotdogs, surrounded by my friends watching the games and walking around. My brother is on the Rockies and they are really good.

There is also a league that I am proud to be a part of. It happens once a year and it is called Challenger League. It's when we get paired up with mentally challenged and autistic children and help them play baseball. I love doing it, I always get paired up with the sweetest little kid and I felt so good afterwards.

It is always a blast to be up at the fields with all of my friends. As my friend Shelly always says, peace love and baseball!

Pompeii at Houston Museum of Fine Arts

By Jacob W.

The Museum of Fine Arts currently has a show on Pompeii and Herculaneum. Here is a little information about the exhibit. On August 24, 79 AD Mount Vesuvius erupted in a pyroclastic explosion, covering the people of Pompeii and Herculaneum in deadly ash, and releasing poisonous carbon monoxide gas into the air. If anybody were to breathe in the ash it would be lethal. Then in the early 1500's Pompeii and Herculaneum were rediscovered. Many of the casts of the bodies are now here in Houston. Hundreds of artifacts are also here in Houston. An Hour long Video is also showing.

In all, you have to go.

Greek Goddess Maia

By Amanda

So as you know, every month we have a woman of the month so this month, the featured female is the Greek Goddess Maia. Maia in Greek mythology was the eldest of the Deliaides, the seven daughters of the Atlas and Pleione. They say she and her sisters were born on Mount Cyllene in Arcadia. And sometimes the seven of them were called mountain Goddesses, or oreads, Simonides of Ceos sang if "Mountain Maia" with the lively black eyes. In the Roman mythology, Maia was identified with Maia Maiestas also called the Good Goddess, a Goddess who may be equivalent to an old Italic Goddess of Spring. The month of May was named for her; the first and fifteenth of May were sacred to her.

Avril Lavigne

By Rachel

Avril Lavigne was born on September 27, 1984 in Belleville, Ontario, Canada. She made her first album, "Let Go", when she was only sixteen years old. Since then, she has released 2 other albums and has six number one songs worldwide to date and a total of eleven top ten hits, including "Complicated", "Sk8er Boi", "I'm with you", "My Happy Ending", and "Girlfriend", which recently won a Kids Choice Award for best song. In my opinion, Avril Lavigne's songs are upbeat and sometimes make you want to get up and dance.

Monsters

By Noah

There are different monsters like Bigfoot, el Chupacabra, the Loch Ness Monster, and giant man-eating catfish.

Bigfoot- there have been so many sightings around the world I can't even count!

El Chupacabra- there have been many sightings but someone caught it and put it in their freezer.

Giant man-eating catfish- people caught one in China. Are they real...you decide!

Jeff Dunham

By Patrick

Have you heard of Jeff Dunham? He is a ventriloquist with five puppets. The puppets are Peanut, who is a purple monkey; Walter is a grumpy old man, José Jalapeño on a Stick, Achmed the Dead Terrorist, and Melvin the Superhero. He has two other puppets that do encores at his shows they are; Sweet Daddy Dee and Bubba J. He is a native born Texan and went to Baylor University in Waco. He has six upcoming shows in the state. They are in Wichita Falls, Waco, Tyler, El Paso, and Amarillo. You can get the dates of the shows and more at his official website which is www.jeffdunham.com I hope you enjoy Jeff Dunham.

Cubism

By Joel

Cubism is by far my favorite style of art, so I'll talk about that one. Cubism was a 20th century art movement pioneered by Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque. In cubist paintings objects are broken up, and instead of looking at it from one point of view, it depicts multiple points of views. There are two types: analytic cubism and synthetic cubism.

Analytic cubism was developed between 1908 and 1912. Analytic cubism took natural forms and painted them in simple geometric shapes on a two-dimensional plane. Synthetic cubism was created from 1912 to 1919. Synthetic cubism pushes several objects together in simple geometric forms. Synthetic cubism has fewer plane shifts and less shading.

The newspaper comic "Calvin and Hobbes" was my inspiration for this article. Calvin imagines that he is suddenly in a two-dimensional world and many objects are interesting and fun to look at, as well as Calvin's words... "Oh No! Everything has turned cubist!" It all started when Calvin engaged his dad in a minor debate! Now he sees both sides of the issue! Then poor Calvin began to see both sides of everything! The traditional viewpoint has been abandoned! Perspective has been fractured... Notice that the creator, Bill Waterson, makes frequent illusions to cubism having multiple viewpoints instead of one, as well as seeing both sides of his dad's issue.