



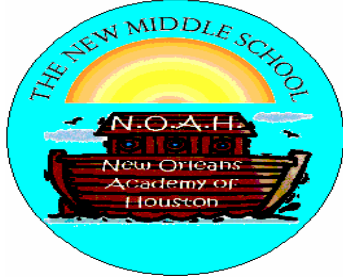
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School News



NMS Puts Out An Olive Branch

By Corey H.

Recently Dr. Manning and Dr. Farley met with the New Orleans Academy of Houston or *NOAH*. It is named after the familiar story of Noah's Ark in which Noah saves the animals from a massive flood. It is a fitting title for a school created exclusively for children left homeless from the floods in New Orleans caused by hurricane Katrina.

The meeting was set up to see what NMS could do to help this school as they work toward their goal to educate these special students.

La Madeline restaurant of River Oaks provided free food for the event, which was a nice time for everyone. The people of New Orleans expressed how at home they felt in Houston, but that they are still looking forward to going home. Luckily, they will get to head home in January. Palmer Memorial Church on Main Street is providing free space for the school.

As the story goes, Noah looked out and saw a dove carrying an olive branch to prove to Noah there was dry land and a hopeful future. NMS was proud to put out an olive branch to *NOAH* to help them have a hopeful future too.

News

Rosa Parks A Tribute

By Corey H.

"You may do that." were the words of Rosa Parks, a seamstress in Montgomery, Alabama, when a bus driver threatened to have her arrested on December 1, 1955. Those four words ignited the American civil rights movement. By refusing to give up her seat on a bus, she changed a nation forever.

December will be the 50th anniversary of Rosa Park's act of courage. Sadly, she will not be here because she died of natural causes at the age of 92 on October 24, 2005. But her dream of a country without violence, bigotry, and hate can live on in those she left behind.

So on December 1st in honor of a woman who meant so much to America and the civil rights movement, we could celebrate her life by treating others with kindness, and respect, just like she yearned to be treated on that fateful December day 50 years ago.



Features

Good Things Come in Small Packages

By Corey H.

Good things come in small packages, and the packages keep getting smaller: computers, televisions, phones, and video games. Once larger than life now these items can fit in the palm of your hand.

It used to be that buying technology was a **BIG** and **BULKY** experience, But now thanks to advances in technology, it's small and hassle free. Not only is the packaging smaller, clarity is better and there are more uses than ever for the tiny devices.

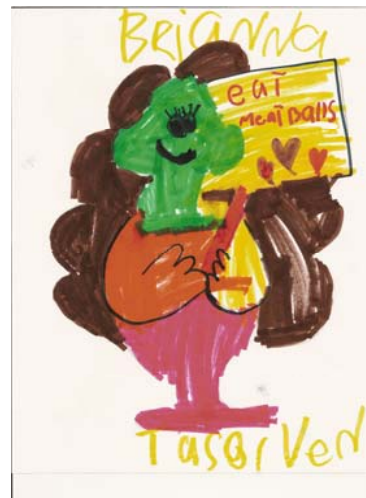
The process of making technology smaller is called miniaturization, which according to Dr. Gerhard is the continual shrinking of the dimensions of technology. One example would be the cell phone. It used to be **BIG** and **BULKY** and you had to lean your head at an awkward angle to talk on it. Now it is more compact and easier to use.

An advantage to this is that smaller devices allow people to be more mobile and keep in touch. Going smaller in the future will make things more affordable. The diminutive items are currently so small that making them any smaller will make them easier to misplace and lose. It seems unlikely that laptops and cell phones will get smaller. But when it comes to technology it's a small world after all.



Young at Art

Our youngest NMS students suggest some alternatives to turkey this Thanksgiving.



Brianna
Age 6



Corey
Age 7

Culture

Giving Thanks Turkey Style

By Robert

An interesting tradition at the Whitehouse is the presidential pardoning of a turkey. Each year a turkey is brought to the President and he declares that turkey will not be eaten for Thanksgiving. This year marks the 58th anniversary of the national Thanksgiving turkey presentation.

Part of the tradition is allowing people to vote on a name for the bird. Last year's turkey's name was Biscuits and Gravy. Stay tuned to find out what this year's lucky bird will be called.

So this Thanksgiving when you sit down at your table to give thanks. Remember there is one turkey thankful not to be on your table!



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Astros Season...Gone, But Not Forgotten

By Joel

Okay, so the Astros didn't win the World Series, but they did bring a city together by giving Houston the best baseball season in the team's 44 year history. We could focus on the fact that they lost the World Series, but let's spotlight the positive highlights of a remarkable season. How could we forget their incredible win over the Cardinals that won them their first National Pennant. Also, the way the team rallied around veteran teammates Biggio and Bagwell as they experienced their first trip to the fall classic. What about the records broken by the Astros.

1. The longest play off game.
2. The longest game in World Series history.
3. The most players on base.
4. First Texas team to play in a World Series.

So as we say goodbye to the boys of summer, we remember all the joy and excitement of a great baseball season. The Houston fans stand behind their beloved Astros and cherish the memories of their first World Series. I guess you can say we still bee-lieve in the Astros and we will win next year!

The Ace Files

Welcome to Singapore, Don't Step in the Power Supply

By Ace

Hey, there! Wondering what's new in science? Did they finally formulate the Grand Unified Theory? Did they create the first human clone? Did they engineer A.I.? No, but they did invent a battery powered by.... Pee. (Only in Singapore...)

They were creating biochips to test for diseases such as diabetes, but had a problem; there were no batteries small enough to power it. Solution? Create a chip that powered itself with body fluids. A complex chemical reaction occurs when the uric acid in pee reacts with cupric chloride and magnesium diethylamide in the chip. But it's not just limited to pee; anything from tears to blood to saliva can generate enough power as an AA battery for nearly an hour and a half.

In the future, it could power all kinds of bionic implants, devices, and even open a path to Middle Earth. (Okay, that last one was a lie, but you get the idea.) Just remember to thank the designer, Kim Bang Lee (no relation to Riki-Tiki-Ti.)

**Jeff Van Gundy
The Man Behind The Rockets**

By Jake

Basketball season is officially opened, and the Houston Rockets are ready to blast off to a winning year. The man who wants to lead them there is head coach Jeff Van Gundy.

Van Gundy knows a lot about helping teams experience victory as he was the fourth-winningest coach for the New York Knicks for six and a half years. For Van Gundy coaching is a family affair, his brother Stan Van Gundy has been coaching the Miami Heat for over ten years.

Family is important to this Rocket team leader as he is also a devoted husband and father to his two kids. He enjoys spending time with his family when he is not busy working with his team.

This coach is an all around awesome guy!



Editorial

Bands of Many Colors

By Christopher

If there is a cause, there is a color! The latest charity trend is brightly colored bracelets. It started with Lance Armstrong's yellow wristband, which was designed to raise awareness for cancer, and has developed into a multi-colored, successful, charity campaign.

There are colors representing a variety of charities such as, blue for the March of Dimes, red for the Multiple Sclerosis Society and pink for breast cancer awareness.

Most organizations sell the bands for a dollar, making them affordable as well as fashionable.

I think this is a good idea because it makes it easy for anyone to make a difference and support a cause.

We can change the world if we all "band" together!



Arts & Entertainment

**Rock & "Joel"
You Can Go Home Again**

By Joel

Jon Bon Jovi, lead singer of the New Jersey rock band, Bon Jovi is a multi-talented singer, actor, husband, father of four, and activist. His latest project is helping the homeless. His new single is titled "Who Says You Cant Go Home." You can hear it but you won't see a video. The rocker plans to donate the money it would cost to make the video to help the homeless in America. He will be writing a check to Habitat for Humanity who will use the money to build houses for four families in Philadelphia. In addition to his work for Habitat for Humanity, he has helped build a health clinic for the poor in New Jersey. He is quoted as saying, "I think volunteerism should be fashionable. That's my goal: to make volunteerism the new black." Jon Bon Jovi has used his fame and talents to give back to the people who have given him so much. Thanks to his generous spirit many families will rock on home.



Entertainment Extravaganza

By Jacob

Are you looking for fun? Then go to the Galleria! Located in central uptown Houston, the Galleria has everything you want to do and more. You can eat lunch at Master Woks. I recommend the honey chicken. For fun and games you can spend hours in the arcade and you can even win prizes. For a fun souvenir or gift for someone special you can go to Build-A-Bear Workshop and create your very own personalized teddy bear. For a cool experience there is always the ice rink, a Galleria tradition. Last but not least there is the fabulous shopping. This mall is home to some of the greatest stores in the world!

So, next time you are looking for fun, remember, you don't have to go too far to experience an entertainment extravaganza!



Girl Talk



Teen Fashion

By Taylor

Teen fashion is a big part of how young girls develop their self-image and self-esteem. Wearing the latest styles can be fun and exciting. As a model, I get to show people the latest trends in fashion shows. Being in front of people on a runway can be scary, but once you get past the fears, it is really quite fun.

Some fashions for fall and winter are low-rise hipster jeans with patches or holes. You can add a printed t-shirt and even a jean jacket for an added touch. Accessories include hand bags in wild patterns as well as gold and silver jewelry. Don't forget a belt which will make your look complete, especially a wide studded one.

A good outfit can certainly make you feel good, but confidence is an accessory that never goes out of style!