

School News

News



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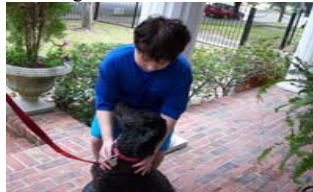
By Jacob

If you come to The New Middle School you are likely to see students, teachers, and helpers like Dr. Farley and Dr. Manning. But if you look closely you are likely to see something else running around the school, our school mascot Misty.

Misty belongs to Dr. Manning. She brings her to school because she doesn't want her to be at home alone.

Misty is three years old. She is a cute, nice, fluffy poodle. Sometimes she is very active but she can be calm too. She loves people and gets excited when she sees students. Dr. Manning lets the students play with Misty in the school yard and during meetings.

Our school is lucky to have Misty! She is so playful! I hope she will be with us for a long time.



Jacob takes some time to give Misty a little attention.

Math Club

By Amanda

Math may seem boring and difficult but thanks to the NMS Math Club math is really cool!

Math Club takes place every afternoon and is led by math teachers Ms. Kim and Mr. Trung. They teach the students how to do different math, but they do it in creative ways. Through fun games and projects math becomes much easier for the students.

Thanks to the inventive ideas and teaching in this afternoon club, math is no "problem!"



Mr. Trung gives Jordan some one on one math help during Math Club.

Book Club

By Katie

There's something new at NMS. It's called Book Club. Our teacher Ms. Jeanette started book Club so the students can have time to work together, discuss the novel they are reading, and participate in group writing.

Book Club is a great time for students to share their thoughts on the books they read. Another fun part of Book Club is the news! Yes, the students watch a special CNN news program geared for kids. This is a fun way to find out about what is happening in the world.



Students discuss their latest literature selection in Book Club.

300 Millionth American

By Corey

Every 8 seconds in America a new person is born. Every 12 seconds someone dies. Every 31 seconds America gets a new immigrant. Because of this trend the US population reached 300,000,000 on October 10, 2006 at approximately 7:46a.m. Eastern Time. Just who exactly was the 300 millionth? No one can say. Some likely candidates are Zoe Emille Hudson, Kiyah Lanae' Boyd, Zhen Liu Ye, or Hannah Romero. All of these people were born at 7:46 a.m. Eastern Time.

The expanding population brings a lot of controversy. Some find it a big dilemma and others embrace it. Regardless of anyone's opinion the basic fact is that America is growing!

Culture

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Thanksgiving

By Rachel

If you think that Thanksgiving is the same throughout the world, think again. People give thanks differently in other countries. Like in Greece they celebrate an autumn festival known as Thesmosphoria. It is a three day festival that honors Goddess Demeter the deity of food grains. During this three day period they honor the Goddess and on the third day they have a grand feast that includes the first fruits of the season, plump pigs, seed corn delicacies, and yummy cakes.

In China they have a similar holiday to Thanksgiving called "Chung Ch' ui." It is a three day holiday that is celebrated on the first full moon of the eighth Chinese month. The Chinese believe that this is the birthday of the moon. This holiday also features a feast. There is also a legend about the festival. The legend says that anyone who sees flowers falling from the moon on the date of the festival is blessed with good luck.

In general, Thanksgiving isn't the same around the world. So think about this when you are eating your third piece of pumpkin pie! So however you celebrate Thanksgiving, wherever you are, have a good Thanksgiving.

Just a note: Thanksgiving day is on November 23rd this year.



A Thanksgiving Poem

By Jordan

Thanksgiving
Fun, festive

Thanking, giving, traveling
Thanksgiving all around me

Harvest Festival



Features

Science

Comics

By Grant

Looking for some fun reading? Comics have been the source of entertainment for years. Super heroes fighting crime, just imagine that!

There are old comics like *Archie*, and new comics too. You can get these super comics at DNA Comics, or you can ask your parents and grandparents. If they have some they could be worth over \$1,000! Have you ever seen Superman in theatres? It all started in comics. Comics hold the real stories behind the big screen movie characters.

I asked a couple of classmates what they thought of comics and this is what they had to say:

“ I think comic books are good. They give kids self-esteem with a healthy serving of humor. They give kids good ideas.” – Noah

“Yes I like to read old comics like *The Hulk* and *Godzilla*.”-Matthew A.

So go to your nearest comic store and pick up a comic, and start reading today.

Opossums

By Laura

Have you ever seen an opossum? How about in real life? Back in 2005 I walked into my aunt’s backyard because her dogs were barking furiously. I then looked up and saw a baby opossum huddled up in a tree. I didn’t want to leave it there because sooner or later it was going to get killed.

I then climbed up into the tree and put the baby opossum into a basket. The opossum didn’t look to happy about the scene. It was overly skinny and very scared. I took the opossum in and gave it cat milk because it’s easier for them to digest. You have to feed babies every three hours. So my brother and I took turns feeding it.

After about a week we decided that the opossum was ready to live on its own. So we took it out into the woods and watched it scamper up the tree. It was hard to say goodbye, but I knew it would be happier in its natural habitat.

Farm Life

By Jared

Feeding time...that’s how the day begins on the farm. Cows get two bags of feed. Horses get two scoops of feed each.

Chore time...clean the barn, kill the ants, move the cows, move the horses. Kill the varmints. Fix the fence and fuel up the tractor. These are the jobs that take place every day on the farm. Once you get this done you are ready for some fun.

Kick back and relax! Petting and grooming the horses. Hunting, archery, fishing, swimming, and mudding. All of this is what happens on Iron’s Creek Farm or Nation’s Farm. “Get R Done!”

Nature’s Most Violent Storm

By Matthew A.

A tornado is defined as a violent, rotating column of air hitting the ground. Some pick up speeds up to 250 mph or more!!! Damage paths can be one mile or 55 miles long.

Nothing is safe from tornadoes, not even buildings, basements. Not even tanks are safe from these wind demons.

So seek your car and drive away. Tornadoes can occur any time of the year. To know when a tornado is coming, you can check with NOAA (National Oceanic Atmospheric Association) for watches and warnings.

Things to look for:

1. Dark, green skies.
2. Wall of clouds.
3. Large hail.
4. A loud roar similar to a freight train.

So watch out for nature’s most violent storms, the tornado!

Engine Powered Laptops

By Robert

Well, a new kind of laptop is coming out by 2010. This laptop is just like any other laptop except it’s powered by the same engine that powers cars, but this engine is small.

It is the new micro engine. It is a tiny combustion engine that has hydrocarbon fuel and produces 10 watts of power.

Unfortunately, this isn’t enough to power a laptop. That’s why scientists are not sure it will even be 2010.

I think this will be a good source of power for laptops and other pieces of technology. So we will see what the future holds in store for us.

Editorials

Sports

Selling Cloned Meat

By Noah

Cloned meat just might be what’s on your plate. It gives you that queasy feeling huh? Who knows what’s genetically wrong with it. I asked my classmate Matthew what he thinks of cloned meat and he said, “If it’s just like normal meat I’ll eat it. Grant says, “I think it’s good that they’re finding new resources.”

Well, this just may actually be true because the FDA has issued preliminary statements about the sale of cloned meat becoming a reality. Personally, I think cloned meat is a bad idea. I think that the government should keep it off our store shelves.

Cloned meat, it’s what’s on the menu.

Dogs

By Yndia

I think owning a dog is a good thing, but dogs need a lot of care. They need food, water, and toys. It can cost a hundred dollars a month just for food.

They need extras like a leash, treats, toys, collars and much more. They need to go to the vet for check-ups and shots.

You have to be very patient with them because they might need to be trained to sit, jump, and use the restroom outside rather than on the carpet or floor in your house.

The most important thing a dog needs is lots of love so they can be a very good and happy dog!

If you can provide this then you can be a good dog owner. If you can’t you should wait before becoming a dog owner.



Comets

By Elysse

The Comets is a professional women’s basketball team in Houston, Texas. Unfortunately, owner Les Alexander who also owns the Houston Rockets is considering selling the Comets to focus more on the Rockets.

The Comets were formed in the first year of the WNBA and won 4 championships in the first 4 years of the league. They have won more championships than any other WNBA team.

I think that he shouldn’t sell the team, though, because it is important to have a basketball team of both men and women. When we have both, everyone can enjoy what they want to watch. I think the Comets are just as important as the Rockets.

Luckily, Mattress Mac, Jim McIngvale, is thinking about buying the Comets. I hope he does so we can keep the comets in Houston.



Volleyball

By Clara

I love volleyball because it is so fun, and active. Most people think volleyball is a sport that you just try to get the ball to the other side, but it’s more than that.

To play a good game you have to have good hand-eye coordination. You also have to know all the different ways to hit and serve the ball. To serve, you can hit the ball three different ways. You can bump it, set it, or spike it. The challenging part is that you only have three tries to get the ball over the net. If you don’t get the ball over after the third try, it’s a point for the other team.

I think volleyball will be a sport I will do until high school. I think everyone should have a chance to play volleyball.