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The family helpers during their visit at Hanna Perkins last month
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Innovation Nation

By Jordan P.

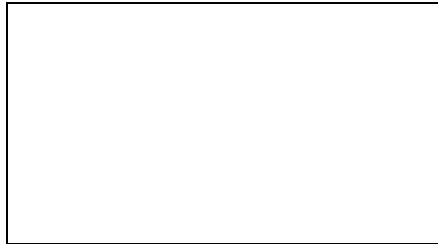
Well as the holiday season approaches it is time for our fourth annual winter festival. This year's event is called Innovation Nation! It will feature great American inventors. The younger classes will be paying tribute to a great American, Benjamin Franklin. We will have food, inventions and good student work. It will be a fun day, so save the date for December 19th, 2008. Watch for your invitation coming soon!

America Welcomes a New President

By Brandon

Well, America has decided, and they have picked Barack Obama as our new president. In this historic election Barack Obama is this country's first African-American president. He has a wife and two daughters. In a speech to the country he announced that his daughters have earned a new puppy that will be joining them at the White House. He says it will be a rescue dog from a shelter. He also said that this is a time of change for America.

More people voted in this election than any other in the history of our country. The race was not close, and Barack Obama was the clear winner.



President Elect Barack Obama and his family

Thanksgiving

By Erin

Thanksgiving is a traditional North American holiday which is a form of a harvest festival. The date and whereabouts of the first Thanksgiving celebration is unknown, although the earliest celebration was on September 8, 1565 in what is now Saint Augustine, Florida. Despite scholarly research, the traditional "First Thanksgiving" is known to have taken place at Plymouth Plantation

My favorite part of Thanksgiving is the food. Some traditional Thanksgiving foods are mashed potatoes, stuffing, green beans, and pie for dessert. But the most famous food is the turkey! The reason why we serve turkey on Thanksgiving is because on the first Thanksgiving, the Native Americans brought so many relatives with them that there wasn't enough food to go around. So they found a turkey cooked it and then served it and the rest is history.

This year Thanksgiving is on Thursday, November 27. At this time, families will gather together and eat their traditional Thanksgiving meals.

NSH Mentors

By Patrick

Lately, my class, along with other older students has been mentoring younger students. What we have been doing is helping, working and playing with some of the kids during our P.E. time. One thing we do is throw the volleyball around. We are gentle, we hand the ball instead of throwing it too hard.

We have been chosen because we are responsible and we finish all of our work. We help them by letting them know that we finished our work and they can finish their work too.

So, if you want to do something nice...go mentor some younger kids, it will make you feel good!

Fall

By Jacob H.

It's that time of year again... the time for fall. The first sign it is fall is when the leaves change color. The leaves changing colors is a cool transformation.

Fall is also the time when it is Halloween and Thanksgiving and it gets colder and finally the end of Day Light Savings Time.

Day Light Savings Time was first conceived by Benjamin Franklin. When Day Light Savings Time ends, you set your clock back 1 hour. The mornings are lighter and the night is darker longer.

"Everyone appreciates the long, light evenings. Everyone laments their shortage as autumn approaches; and everyone has given utterance to regret that the clear, bright light of an early morning during spring and summer months is so seldom seen or used." Benjamin Franklin



Pancreatic Awareness Month

By Cathy

November is Pancreatic Awareness Month. Pancreatic cancer is treated with surgery, radiation therapy, or chemotherapy. Researchers are also studying biological therapy to see whether it can be done to remove all or part of the pancreas. Sometimes it's necessary to remove part of the stomach, the duodenum, and other tissues. This is called a Whipple procedure.

Radiation therapy uses high-powered rays to damage cancer cells to stop them from growing. Chemotherapy uses drugs to cure cancer cells. Biological therapy is a treatment that uses the patients' immune system to fight off cancer.

Pancreatic cancer is diagnosed by a complete physical exam and asks about the patient's personal and family medical history. Other tests may be ordered, but a biopsy is the only sure way to know whether cancer is present.

The side effects for each person can be different. The side effects you could get are: Weight loss, interruption of growing insulin and pancreatic juices, pain, etcetera. Doctors treat pancreatic cancer by giving the patient medicines in addition to radiation therapy.

Meteor Showers

By Christopher

The Leonid's Meteor Shower has been fun for the whole family every year around November 17th. In 1833 it was estimated to have 100,000-200,000 meteors fall from the sky an hour over North America. In 1899 the storms failed to return for quite some time and it was assumed that the dust was gone from our area of our galaxy, but returned in 1966.

Not many know this, but the trail of light you see behind a meteor is actually light particles hitting the meteor at high speeds while the meteor is falling from space. The name for the meteor shower originated from the location that the shower falls from in the sky. It appears as if the constellation originates from the constellation Leo.

Robots

By Josh P.

Lego robots and other kinds of robots have control systems. There are many different kinds of robots. There are Lego robots and plastic robots that you can buy in the store. There are different designs for Lego robots. There are some Lego robots that either play ball or make lights or sounds. With Lego robots, you can make things that the Lego Company did not think of.

The person who created robot was named Leonardo De Vinci. He was a great inventor. To this day robots have been a great invention for us all.

Time

By Nich

Time is something that we pay lots of attention to because without time, we would still be making the blueprints for the cars, planes, boats, and other forms of transportation we use everyday. The second role that time played in was the making of technology and weaponry like the wheel and the musket also known as the bayonet.

In the history of the U.S.A., there are two ingredients that go together to make great inventions. They are time and inventors. Some of the greatest inventors and their inventions are the Cotton Gin made by Eli Whitney, the Alchemic Process made by the Greeks with four elements of water, earth, fire, air. The rubber on our tires, erasers, and on our shoes use Vulcanize Rubber made by James Goodyear who made a curing process to cure the stop it from going bad. The Aztecs made a chewing gum out of chica a type of tree resin with no favors. The Wright brothers made bicycles, but they also made the first plane called the Kitty Hawk. Henry James Ford made the first automobile which was done so on an assembly line. The Romans created the Catapult, the Ballista, and the Trebuchet.

Living Life to the Fullest A Tribute to Frank

By Brandon

Frank was a good man. He loved everyone. He told people about his life. I met Frank only once. He sadly died of cancer, but he had a good life. He liked to live his life to the fullest. He loved to skydive, scuba dive, and motor-cross.

So, live your life to the fullest, just like frank.

The Houston Rockets

By Austin

The Houston Rockets are off to a great start this basketball season. They have picked up Ron Artest via trade and Brett Barry who is a free agent. Unfortunately, Steve Francis is hurt for the whole season. In my opinion, their chances of winning a championship are high.

The Houston Rockets are a great team with great players like Yao Ming who has a family owned restaurant right here in the city. It features Chinese cuisine including poultry, beef, pork and seafood.



New Hampshire

By Ryan

I just moved from New Hampshire, and I miss it. Some facts about New Hampshire are that New Hampshire was one of the first 13 states. New Hampshire is the first states to vote in the Presidential Election, which meant my Mom could vote early. Boston and the Isles of Shoals were once part of New Hampshire. I took a boat to the Isles of Shoals. It was a long ride during the night. There was a cool fireworks show.



A lighthouse in the Isles of Shoals

“A Month of Moustaches and Beards”

By Rachel

Movember is a month-long event held in Australia and New Zealand during the month of November. During Movember, men grow moustaches and they don't shave them off for the whole month. A group called the Movember Foundation runs events during Movember to raise awareness and funds for men's health issues, such as prostate cancer and depression. A similar event, called Noshavember, is held in the United States around the same time in November. During Noshavember, men grow a full beard instead of just a moustache. So remember: If you grow a moustache or a beard, you can help a good cause!

Border Collies By Jacob W.

The Border Collie originated in the border between Scotland and England. It is a very active breed made to herd sheep. In order to own any dog with Border Collie blood in it you have a very large backyard suitable for a very active dog. It is relatively easy dog to maintain and is very common. I recommend this dog to anyone who lives in a suburban or rural area.

Great Illustrated Classics

By Kyle

There are so many great books out there. I will tell you about one of my favorites: A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court. It is about a Connecticut Yankee in the Middle Ages. Some men now become the most popular in England and must somehow get home.

This is a great book and I recommend it highly.

The Little Princes Book Review

By Baylee

A girl named Sara lives in India. Her mother died when she was born. Her father went to war and it was the year 1905. Sara had to stay at Miss Minchin's Seminary for two years. Her father died in the bombing. Then Sara met a girl named Lottie she found her screaming and kicking because her mother was dead. Then Sara had met another girl named Lavina. She is a bully and pretty mean. Then two men finally found Sara. They had known her father. Then Sara stayed with them.

This is a great book and I recommend it!