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School News

What's Old is New Again

By Corey

It is now official... there is a new building at The New Middle School! It is new to us, but it is really quite old, 102 years old to be exact! It is the oldest brick house in the Heights and is a registered historic building. To the students of NMS it is our new home away from home!

It feels like a home because it is a house. It is very neat to be learning in such a place. This new, old building allows more students and room, and despite the minor issues that come with the age of the building, purchasing it was a very good idea!

Recently, some photographs were taken of the new building. The photographer was Dr. Luis De Santos. He is a Radiologist, who works with individuals with heart problems. Along with his busy schedule as a doctor he also finds time for his art. You can see his work at The De Santos Gallery on Richmond Avenue. The pictures he took and donated are quite exquisite and have been beautifully framed and displayed. If you get a chance you must see these wonderful pictures. They are artfully exhibited in the new building.

Afternoon Adventures

By Corey

This year starting at 2:30 there are several auxiliary programs available to students including, P.E, Nature Class, Computer Science, Clubhouse, Girls' & Boys' Club, Robotics and Friday Mixer. In order for students to move on to these activities they must make good choices, which is a standard procedure at NMS. Good choices are rewarded with good things!

The teachers will use their various talents to lead the activities. Ms. Kim, a nature enthusiast will share her expertise with students in Nature Class teaching them about the great outdoors with hands-on activities. She will also be organizing physical activities that will give students an opportunity to exercise and participate in team sports.

Ms. Jeanette will enlighten students with her incredible computer skills and teach students all about the World Wide Web on their laptop computers which will increase students' computer skills and allow for many computer learning activities during the school day.

Mr. Craig will open the doors of the Clubhouse to give students a chance for fun and games during a relaxing social time for students. He will also lead Boys' Club.

Girls' and Boys' Club will meet once a week. During this time students will work together on several projects including Robotics. Robotics will challenge students to build incredible mechanical structures that can really move and operate.

Let's not leave out Friday Mixer. This is a time for students to hang out together to celebrate the end of a week of hard work and good choices.

So, good choices are definitely rewarded at NMS and moving on is a good thing!



Computer Science



Clubhouse



Garden Club

Culture

Grandparents A Poetic Tribute

By Rachel

Greatest people in the world
Really good at showing that they care
Always there when you need them
Never too mean
Driven to care for you
People that really care
Amazing
Remarkable
Exciting
Nice
Trustworthy
Sweet and full of love!
 Grandparents' Day is September 10th this year. But remember, everyday can be Grandparents' Day!

Rosh Hashanah

By Rachel

Rosh Hashanah...in Hebrew, it means a new year. For me, it means a new year, a new start, and fresh sweet honey cake!

On Rosh Hashanah you usually do these things: go to synagogue, eat apples dipped in honey which symbolizes that the person should have a sweet new year. You also eat challah dipped in honey which means the same thing as apples dipped in honey.

Rosh Hashanah begins on September 24 at sundown and end at sundown on September 25.



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Garden

By Char Del

The New Middle School has been growing their garden very well in the hot summer heat. The students created the garden last spring. All the students took special care of their beautiful patch of earth, watering and weeding it with care.

Over the summer a remarkable thing happened when the loofah seeds planted not only turned into lovely flowering vines, but actually began producing loofahs!

Loofahs are mostly used as a bath product that exfoliates and refreshes the skin. But did you know you can eat it too? It is prepared like zucchini and squash.

We plan to let them mature into the bath product most people use it for. It makes a great gift. The students' hard work is now being rewarded with this incredible growth.

We will continue to cultivate our project and watch it grow. We will keep you updated on further developments of our lovely school garden.



Matthew, Amanda, and CharDel show off our growing garden!

Features



Girl Talk
Beyonce Knowles
By CharDel

Born and raised in Houston, Texas...her birthday is September 4,1981. Can you guess who she is? If you guessed Beyonce Knowles, your'e right!

Beyonce Knowles started out on the bottom and came out on top. She has made movies, music, and did you know she is a designer too! She has her own clothes line called The House of Derion.

A normal childhood was not in the books for Beyonce. She was a multi-talented young woman destined for bigger and greater things. She joined LToya Luckett and her cousin Kelly Rowland and they performed on Star Search and later became Destiny's Child!

Beyonce has developed into a real star, but remains grounded in her family and beliefs. She has starred in movies and is becoming quite the actress, but she still loves music and continues to perform. She is preparing for a sold out tour. You can also see her promoting Loreal and Pepsi.

Watch for more of this rising star because for Beyonce Knowles the sky's the limit!

Pets Etc.

A Handful of Sugar
By Noah

Sugar gliders are very popular pets now and anyone who's seen one can tell you why. They're playful, intelligent, and just so darn cute! They don't even smell bad if you give them the right diet. Plus they don't have fleas, and don't even need shots. They are inexpensive to keep as well.

Sugar gliders are tiny, little opossums from Indonesia, New Zealand, and Australia. An adult sugar glider can get up to 5-7 inches long from the tip of their nose to the base of their tail. A tame sugar glider that is bonded to you will want to stay with you at all times.

If you're thinking about getting a nice, lovable pet, consider a sugar glider.

Parakeets
By Laura

Parakeets are very interesting birds. One thing is how they react to things. If a parakeet looks into a mirror it will sometimes think that it's another bird, or they might just know it's them.

Parakeets are also very intelligent. They can pick up many things, but it can sometimes take a while.

When teaching them to talk, parakeets only have a vocabulary of about 50 words and can sometimes be slow learners. It's always better to start out with simple words like cutie or stinky. Surprisingly, those are the easiest words for parakeets to say.

So if you ever look into getting a parakeet, or if you have a one, you should love them and treat them well.



Saber tooth
By Matthew A.

The saber-tooth tiger, or Smilodon, has a name that makes you believe it was a sort of tiger. Actually, it was not closely related to tigers. They lived more like lions. They were shorter than lions and twice as heavy. They lived in packs and appeared to take care of each other, helping each other heal from injuries. Tigers, on the other hand, live a solitary existence.

This animal went extinct about 10,000 years ago. It is the most common mammal fossil found in the La Brea tar pits. Paleontologists have discovered thousands of Smilodon bones which have allowed them to discover how they lived.

Arts and Entertainment



Artist of the Month
By Amanda

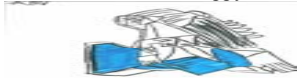
Every month I will pick an artist I think is cool. This month it's Pablo Picasso.

He was born in Spain in 1881. He was the son of an art teacher. Picasso knew how to draw even before he could speak! By the time he was twelve he had started to produce astonishing skill in oil painting.

By 1954 he caught sight of beautiful, shy teenager named Sylvette David. He decided to paint her portrait, and he named it "The Girl with the Ponytail." She became an icon for everyone. For one summer Sylvette was Picasso's platonic muse. He always treated her with kindness and respect.

Picasso produced more than 30,000 original works of art. He died in 1973 at the age of 92, he was and still is one of the most famous artist in the world.

To me Picasso had lots of great ideas that make me happy!



"The Girl with the Ponytail"
Recreated by Amanda

Rock and "Joel"
By Joel

A new thrash heavy metal band has hit the music, metal scene. Trivium which is Latin for the intersection between the three schools of learning: grammar, rhetoric, and logic, because they like the way it implied open-mindedness to different styles and summed up their musical aesthetic. Metallica is a big influence on Trivium who has an 80's thrash/speed metal style.

I like Trivium for its high-speed metal; it's like Metallica but faster. The drummer uses the double bass like crazy and has a fast arm.

The guitarist from Metallica Kirk Hammet is Trivium's favorite fan. "I think it can go on record that Trivium is now my new favorite band." says Kirk.

Metallica has been around 26 years; time will tell if Trivium lasts as long.

Science

Out of This World
By Robert

The planet Pluto was discovered in 1930, and became the ninth planet in our solar system. In all the years after, astronomers argued whether Pluto really was a planet.

Reasons for the argument were it is smaller than any other planet, has a weird tilt, and travels in a strange orbit.

Recently, some 2,500 astronomers from 75 countries met in Prague, Czech Republic to decide whether it would still be called a planet or a dwarf planet.

The outcome of this meeting was that Pluto is no longer a planet. It will now be known as a dwarf planet which is a lesser class of planet. Now, in some people's minds, science as we know it will never be the same!

Black Manta
By Matthew C.

Black Manta is a supposed black aircraft designed for stealth reconnaissance. It looks something like a cross between an F-117A stealth fighter and a B-2 stealth bomber. It's thought to be about 30 feet long, 60 feet wide and 10 feet tall with a range of about 3100 miles. I think that Aurora is myth, but I believe that Black Manta could exist.