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The New School in the Heights provides an alternative educational experience and social-emotional support for bright children.

School News

New Year, New Campus

By Rachel

Welcome back to school everyone! This year is much different from last year (besides the fact that last year was the 06-07 year and this year is the 07-08 year...) for many reasons. One change you may have noticed is that we are no longer called The New Middle School. We are now called The New School in the Heights. This name change happened to support one of the other changes we have. The school now starts at Kindergarten. But don't worry; the school will still go up through ninth grade.

If you took a look around the campus, you may have noticed some BIG differences. One of those differences may probably be the large amount of space next to the school where that old building was. Well, with the help of an anonymous donor, the school bought the property next door and ripped down the building that was previously there. That lot is being transformed into a parking lot. On that same property, you may have also noticed an area with sand and gravel. That area is the school's running track and volleyball court. Another change you may have noticed is that the garage is gone. Before you start asking where the garage is, I'm here to tell you that the garage has now been built into a classroom. The reason for this change is to help make room for all the students who have enrolled in the school this year.

One more big change is not another building; it is the new teachers that are working here this year. Ms. Ginger is our new Kindergarten teacher and the other new teachers are Ms. Nina and Ms. Erica. They are the newest edition to our staff of teachers which still includes Ms. Debbie, Ms. Jeanette and Ms. Kim.

So now you are informed about the new things that are at the school. So remember kids; have a good year and move on to your Afternoon Adventures!

Shaq's Big Challenge

By Jordan P. & Jordan C.

Shaquille O'Neal, also known as Shaq, is a famous basketball player. He is an all-star player for the Miami Heat. He is hosting a challenge to get kids healthy and fit. You can watch this unique reality show on CBS. Check your local listings for time and days.

Shaq's goal is to end obesity by teaching kids healthy habits. He is also trying to get physical education back into schools throughout the United States. The New School in the Heights is accepting Shaq's challenge by having daily P.E. classes and getting in shape. We are getting 20 minutes of daily physical activity which Shaq suggests as well as learning how to eat healthy by following the Food Pyramid. The students are excited about The Shaq Challenge. Learning about this larger than life man and accepting his challenge is a lot of fun. The students will even be writing Shaq to inform him of their progress.

The New School in the Heights believes that eating healthy and being active is a slam dunk with Shaq!

Book Club

By Yndia

Book Club is a really fun thing to do. Well, let me tell you some things about Book Club. We have a partner each week and we have to come together to pick a book. But it's not any book; it's a theme each week. The cool thing about it is the report of the book we have to do after we read the book. What we do in the report is color a page and write about what we read. Also we work with the Kindergarten students, and you have to have a lot of patience and a lot of time because they don't know every thing we know. To help them we make them feel safe and we are kind to them of course!



Yndia reads a dinosaur book to Kindergarten student Dylan.

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The Talented Dr. Farley

By Robert

Just before the school year started the teachers of NSH and some of the parent helpers had a feast to celebrate the work that had been done to prepare for the school year. The cook of this event was Dr. Farley who really showed his amazing culinary skills. The main food of this event was 2 gallons of gumbo which had some pretty surprising ingredients in it. It consisted of pheasant meat from the Dakota prairie, venison sausage from the Colorado Mountains, shrimp from Matagorda Bay, a dash of Louisiana hot sauce, and two tablespoons of spice. For desert there were two pies: chocolate and key lime. When asked if he would be doing this again Dr. Farley responded with a big "You bet!"



Dr. Farley sports his chef's hat while preparing a lovely dinner for the NSH staff.

Rock the Vote

By Amanda

This year The New School in the Heights is rocking the vote. Ms. Jeannette's Intermediate Class is learning about the 2008 election. The students will be tackling the issues we are having today such as war, immigration, the economy, the population, and much more! They're also learning about the people who back the candidates, as well as how many people are running for president.

Ms. Jeannette's class will also be asked their opinions about who should win and if they're fit to be president. They will also be making a video for the 2008 election; it will be a short commercial, with the kids' thoughts and opinions on the election.



Grandparents' Day was September 9, 2007. A day set aside to honor a very special group of people. Some of our younger students were asked to think about what makes their grandparents special and here is their very special tribute!

Grandparents

By John W.
Age 7

I like to play with my *Gram Gram*. Me and my *Papa* go fishing. The best thing about my grandparents is...they are nice!

Holland

By Rachel T.
Age 8

I get to visit my grandparents in Holland. We eat herring and go to shows. After I leave I can't wait to go back.

Grandparents

By Griffin
Age 8

My grandparents live in Michigan. We pick blueberries together. They make blueberry pancakes and waffles for me. I have fun with my grandparents and I even love them!

Grandparents

By Vanya
Age 8

I like to see my grandparents in Maine. We had a snowball fight and we play cards. Maine is fun and my grandparents are so cool to me and fun!

World News

Teacher in Space

By Lauren

Space is a wondrous place where anyone would want to go especially teacher Barbara Morgan. Christa McAuliffe had tried to go into space but sadly on January 28, 1986 her spaceship blew up. Barbara Morgan was selected by NASA to be the backup of Christa McAuliffe in The Teacher in Space Program in 1985. She trained here in Texas with Christa. She had to endure extensive training for the mission. She went back to teaching hoping that some day she would use her training and go up in space.

Her day finally came on August 7, 2007 and she went up into space. She had an important role of operating a robotic arm. She also helped to transfer 5,000 pounds of cargo to the space station which was very hard work. If you ever dreamed about going into space follow your dream and do whatever it takes to fulfill that dream.



Out of this world teacher, Barbara Morgan

Harry Potter...The Last Chapter

By Christopher

Well, like it or not, the final Harry Potter book is here. As you may know J.K. Rowlings wrote the conclusion to everyone's favorite wizard saga, *Harry Potter*.

The book was released on July 21, 2007 and broke sales records around the world. This is truly the end of a series of books that had children excited about reading. I am especially sad that it is the last book. So I guess now we can all look forward to the movie!

Travel

In the Bush with Matthew

By Matthew

My name is Matthew. I have been to South Africa two times. I will tell you about the second time I visited this great place. We arrived in a car at 12:00 p.m. Then we flew to South Africa and went to our camp. When we arrive there were Zulus there waiting for us. They were very nice. The next day we went to go see wildlife. We saw lions, elephants, cheetahs, leopards, and all of kinds of things. The next day we went hunting, but we didn't get anything. But something got me, a tick! My whole leg went numb, but I got better.

We traveled to Cape Town and stayed at The Table Top Mountain Resort. I got to visit a huge mountain, and it was very tall. There were lots of lizards up there. We also toured a vineyard where they make wine. It was cool.

One of the most exciting adventures was visiting an old camp where there were lion cubs. They crawled on my back and one bit my neck!

Well, our time was up and we had to leave, but I had a great time and I hope I go again one day.

Features

Chef's School

By Patrick

Have you ever considered becoming a chef? Well, you may need to attend a special school to learn the tools of the trade.

The first big culinary school is the New England Culinary Institute. They have two campuses; one in Montpelier, Vermont and one in Essex Junction, Vermont. You can get a Bachelors or Associates Degree there. You can earn your degree in pastry or restaurant management.

The Culinary Institute of America has campuses in Hyde Park, New York and Los Angeles, California.

Cooking can be a wonderful career and you can even become famous. The most famous television chef is Alton Brown, the host of "Good Eats" and "The Iron Chef America."

I hope you consider becoming a chef!

Double Puppy Love

By Jacob

There is a puppy named Heart-Kun who is owned by Emiko Sakurada. It is a Chihuahua that was born in Japan. It has a perfect heart shaped mark on its fur. The dog is really famous! The rumor spread around the world. Soon news people wanted to buy it! The puppy went all around the world! This all happened when he was only 6 weeks old!



Sea Lion

By John

The Marin County Day School had a curious participant in the annual school walk-a-thon. While the children were walking around the track, they were joined by Astro, a stellar sea lion. Astro had been cared for since he was a pup at the Marin Headlands-based Marine Mammal Center. They tried not to have contact with Astro, but they failed and Astro became accustomed to humans, so when he was released 10 months later he kept coming back, and one time while coming back he saw people walking together so he joined them.



Astro the walk-a-thon sea lion

Horses

By Mara

A horse is an amazing animal. I have dreamed of getting a horse. One day I'll get a horse. If you like horses you may enjoy taking lessons like me. I take lessons at Herman Park Stables. I learn how to saddle and ride a horse. I learn how to ride properly and I'm in shows, sometimes anyway. I have won many ribbons. I love riding horses. When I ride, I'm nervous because I fell off two times, and broke my pelvis in three places; I had to be on crutches for three months. I still like riding and if you think you would like it, you should give it a try. You can even have parties at the stables. Horsing around can be so much fun!

Editorials

Fame...Privilege or Responsibility

By Justin

I think stardom is a responsibility and a privilege because responsibility includes controlling how you act. For example, you would want positive attention instead of negative attention. If you were getting negative attention it would probably be because of drugs, alcohol and going to jail like sadly many young famous people have displayed.

Stardom is a privilege. People don't just hand out fame and fortune. You have to work for it. It takes a lot of time and hard work before you can become a pop star, rock star or movie star.

So if you ever get a chance to become a star, don't take advantage of your situation because it will come back at you in a bad way.

Kid Nation

By Jared

Do kids really rule? That's what Kid Nation wants to find out. What's Kid Nation about? Well, the kids want to prove that they can run the world better than adults. So there is going to be a show about it and they're taking an old abandoned, mining town in New Mexico and building it back into a town from the ground up. The kids have a choice if they want to go home at the end of each show and they are not forced to stay. The kids have to form their own government that's where the council comes in it's made up of 4 kids and they decide who gets the gold star at the end of the show. It goes to the kid that does his or her task well, and it is real gold and weighs 2 pounds. It is worth 20,000 dollars! That's a lot of money and the child and his or her parents get to choose how to spend it.

Some viewers say it is child abuse because they think they're leaving the kids all alone out there. But the camera crew, the host and a medical center is set up in case someone gets hurt. So I feel it is not child abuse. It is an experiment that the kids and their parents agreed to do.

So I think Kid Nation will be a big success. So tune in on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. on CBS to see if kids really do **RULE!**

