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A New Year Full of Surprises

By Brandon

It is a new year at The New School in The Heights. Kids are learning a lot while having fun. The older kids are working on the school newspaper.

Hurricane Ike has made this year quite unusual. The school was left with no power for two weeks! But kids don't seem to mind that they will have to make it up. Kids say it is ok to lose days off. The teachers at the school have made students as comfortable as possible during this strange time. For example, Ms. Jeanette put off a spelling test because of Ike.

Ike did not stop students from becoming friends. At The New School in The Heights making friends is easy. You should always be nice when making friends so they will like you. So be nice.

It has been an interesting start to the year, I'm curious about how the rest of the year will go...I will keep you posted!

The Giving Tree

By Jordan P.

As you may know Hurricane Ike came to Texas on September 12, 2008 and knocked down a lot of trees! One tree was right here at The New School in the Heights.

So here's the story. There was a local artist who works for Urban Outfitters named James Waters. He was driving past the school and saw our fallen tree. Instead of seeing the bad side of it, he saw the positive side of it. He thought that shouldn't go to waste. He thought he could make chairs out of the wood and put the chairs in his store. Who knew our tree would become a "Giving Tree."

Speaking of giving trees, The Primary classes read the book, The Giving Tree. The class did many activities about the book. They made a tree out of fallen branches from Hurricane Ike. Then they put apples on the tree out of paper. Written on the apples were nice things people did for them after the storm or nice things they did for someone. So the two things are related in the way of giving.

So, if you want to visit our tree, just go to Urban Outfitters around December and sit on the chairs made from our tree. Our tree will now give to others and just like the story goes... "And the tree was happy."



James Waters can see the potential in our fallen tree.

Helping After the Storm

By Christopher

After Hurricane Ike, people were in need of help. So, what my family did is we provided food for our cul-de-sac and we also provided a place for one of our neighbors to stay until the power came back on.

Our school is also trying to help by picking up branches and organizing Project H20 (Heroes 2 Others.) Everyone can help by supplying food, water, ice and anything you can think of. That is what Project H20 is all about ...doing kind acts and passing it on!



Jordan and his "Giving Tree"

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Ike Brings People Together

By Rachel

Hurricane Ike will be remembered because of the destruction it caused in Houston and Galveston, but what people will also remember is the generosity of the people and businesses that helped the Gulf Coast try to get their lives back to normal after the storm.

Many businesses like Gallery Furniture let people who didn't have power use their air conditioning and charge up their cell phones and laptops. Electric companies like Entergy and Centerpoint recruited volunteers from energy companies all around the United States and also from Canada to help restore power to millions of people who lost it during Ike.

All of the things people are doing to help those affected by Ike's wrath proves that in very hard times, people come together to help one another get through!

Saving the Squirrels

By Erin

The hurricane was very devastating. Imagine how hard it was on the animals. At least we have homes for shelter, but due to all of the fallen trees, many animals were left homeless. One day during the hurricane break I was riding my bike to The Village and we counted 64 hurt birds. My friend has a big tree in her backyard where there are lots of birds. She told me that she found a bird with a broken wing and put it in a bathtub until it could get better. But there's good news. My friend isn't the only one that's helping to heal animals.

Houston residents are finding tiny refugees in the leafy debris left behind by Hurricane Ike. More than 1,000 baby squirrels, some less than three inches have been brought to the society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Rows of glass incubators fill a room, each containing litters of orphaned squirrels. "We're feeding them puppy formula every few hours," said Sharon Schmalz, Executive Director of the society's wildlife Rehab and Education Center. The squirrels will be cared for until they are twelve weeks old when they will be released in tree filled neighborhoods. If you would like to make a donation log onto www.rainbowwildlife.com

Power Struggles

By Greg

Hurricane Ike has affected a lot of citizens in the Houston area. Almost all of Houston lost power for a week or more! Therefore, the electric company, Centerpoint Energy sent hundreds of trucks from all over the country to help restore power to the city.

They have been doing a great job, but some people don't think so and are giving them grief. Life without power is not fun. I know because I lost power for seven days! You cannot see in any room without windows. Also, you can't watch TV, play video games, or play on the computer.

Luckily, Centerpoint is doing a great job giving people back their electricity. Our city almost fully restored. The students at the new School in the Heights wanted to give back something to the hardworking people of Centerpoint. So, students wrote letters and drew pictures which were delivered to workers by Dr. Manning. The workers were very touched that they were appreciated. Remarkably, the school's power came on two days later!

The Giant Tree

By Jacob

On September 13, 2008, I went outside to see the effects of Ike. One of our biggest trees we had fell into a public pool. A giant crane had to take it out of the pool. After the tree was out, I went to the pool to help clean the pool. What I did was swim down 10 feet and pick up branches and acorns. After that every one went to the pool and peace was restored!

<p align="center">Rosh Hashanah By Vanya</p> <p>Rosh Hashanah is a day of rest with some variations. The activities prohibited on Shabbat are also prohibited on all major Jewish holidays, including Rosh Hashanah like not using electronics.</p> <p>Rosh Hashanah is characterized by the blowing of the <i>shofar</i>, a trumpet made from a ram's horn. Rosh Hashanah meals often include apples and honey to symbolize a sweet new year.</p>	<p align="center">9-11 Remembered By John & Christopher</p> <p>September 11, 2001 was a sad day for Americans. On that day four planes were hijacked. 2,974 people lost their lives including the hijackers. 9-11 has been a day of remembrance for those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks.</p> <p>In remembrance of this day people have a Remembrance Walk They range from a national one in Washington D.C. to smaller ones in other communities.</p> <p>September 11, 2001...a day that America will never forget.</p>	<p align="center">Hispanic Heritage Month By Cathy</p> <p>Hispanic Heritage Month is from September 15-October 15. More than 44 million people in the United States are of Hispanic origin. (About 14% of the U.S.) Many Hispanic Americans trace their roots to the cultures of the peoples of the Americas.</p> <p>Some Mexicans trace their roots to the Spanish explorers. In the 1400's they set out to find an easier way to trade to the Indies. Other Hispanic Americans trace their roots to the African Americans who were sold as slaves. Hispanics today are identified according to the parts of the world they came from. They celebrate this month differently every year in different ways. Some people celebrate it by inviting their friends over to have a party and eat food and drink.</p> <p>Some people watch the President of Mexico on television commemorating the shout Miguel Hidalgo gave from his balcony at the church and ringing the bells. This happened September 15, 1810. This is the day they won their independence from Spain.</p>	<p align="center">Mexican Independence Day By Rachel</p> <p>On September 16th Mexican around the world celebrated their independence from Spain with a holiday known as "Grito de Dolores," which in English means, "Cry of Dolores."</p> <p>The holiday officially begins on September 15th at 11:00 p.m. The President of the Republic of Mexico goes out on the central balcony of the National Palace in Mexico City's Zocalo, or city square, rings the same bell that Hidalgo rang in 1810, and shouts out to the people gathered in the square; "Viva Mexico!" which translates to, "Long Live Mexico!" The crowd then shouts back "Viva!"</p>
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The Aloha State
By Patrick

In the Aloha State of Hawaii there are many things to do. On Oahu you can go to Pearl Harbor, Diamond Head, and the world famous North Shore. If you are interested in food you can tour a Pineapple Plantation or a Macadamia Nut Farm. You can also visit Volcanoes National Park.

Hawaii has a lot to offer everyone!

The Ryder Cup
By Austin

The Ryder Cup is a team sport of golf. Sometimes they play in teams of two and other times they play in single matches. This year's event took place at Valhalla Golf Club. The USA played Europe. The captain for the American team was Paul Azinger who helped lead his team to a well deserved victory!

Legos
By Joshua

Lego is a company that makes blocks you can build things out of. They also have a website with two main sections. The first section is called Play; under play there is a big assortment of games. The second section is Buy; where you can buy individual pieces or whole sets. You can also go to Toys R Us and buy sets. With sets you can build anything you desire, and with a carton full of Legos you can build anything.

My Dog Boch
By Taylor

Two week ago I got a Dachshund and he is so cute that I want to eat him...I'm just kidding. He likes to play with me a lot. When he needs to go to the restroom he bites my ear a lot and plays with my hair. Sometimes when he eats, he can't get a grip.

I like my dog Boch because he is small and he sleeps with me a lot. Dachshunds are special. I can't say, "No" to him or "Bad boy!" My favorite thing he does is when he chases the cat. If you say to Boch, "Go get him!" He chases my cat Cody.

Plants
By Nich

The kingdom of plants is very alive and growing every day. The key thing for plant survival is sunlight. Without sunlight the plant cannot change the energy into sugar that can be stored in the leaves. They change this stored sugar back into energy.

Another interesting thing about plants is the oxygen cycle which happens when a plant lets out oxygen and brings in carbon dioxide. Humans however, let out carbon dioxide and bring in oxygen.

Plants are an important part of our environment, and help our air, so let's take care of our wonderful plant kingdom.

Reading and It's Benefits
By Kyle

Reading everyday could educate you and enlarge your vocabulary. I recommend great illustrated classics like Call of the Wild or Robin Hood.

To build Legos all you have to do is hook them together. There is also a program you can download onto your computer called Lego Digital Designer. On that program you can build whatever you want digitally.

Legos are a great way to be creative and have fun!

My Robot
By Brett

My robot has 22 parts. You can disassemble and rebuild the robot. It is also remote control. The remote control has two buttons for lights and two buttons to make it move. Some robots can dig up dirt and rocks. You can make some robots cut pizza and pies. Check your local hobby store to find a robot just for you!

★ ★ ★ ★ ☆ **Bruce Almighty** By Graham

Everyone has heard of Evan Almighty, but I am talking about the prequel to the movie. The beloved Jim Carey plays as Bruce, a guy who pretty much thinks that his life is worse than everyone else, and he keeps saying "God, why do you hate me?" Then he mysteriously meets someone who says is God. "If you think you can do better as being God than do it." God says. "When you walk out of this room, you shall have all my powers" Bruce started walking on water puddles & things got crazy! It is not easy being God. There are 2 rules. 1. Don't tell anyone you're God. 2. You can't control anyone's free will. Also: Evan is in this movie as Bruce's Rival.

I recommend seeing it if you haven't seen it before. If you have seen it, I hope you agree with me when I say that "This is a very funny movie" It is out on DVD because it was made in 2003 or something close to that. I think it was better than Evan Almighty. Are you still reading this? What are you doing? Go to Netflix or Blockbuster (or wherever you go to rent movies) and see it!

Nancy Drew
By Baylee

Nancy Drew solves mysteries and she is very smart! They say she is an amateur sleuth. She has three friends; Tess, George, and Ned.

The author of Nancy Drew books is Carolyn Keene. There are more than books if you like Nancy Drew. There are Christmas ornaments, bags, movies, TV shows, dolls and key chains.

My favorite Nancy Drew book is The Mystery at Lilac Inn.

