



Highland Roar

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We're half way
through the
school year!
As usual, it's
flying by.

The Highland
Roar Staff has
been hard at
work, writing
articles and
planning new
things. Be sure
to check our
website. You
never know
what surprises
might pop up!

We hope you
enjoy this
issue!

Renovations

As you know, Mr. Galasso has made many changes to Highland School for the better, including getting us new rooms that are much bigger than the ones we were previously in. Now finally after many months of construction they are finally finished. This means that everyone in old adequate rooms get to move into their new ones. This has made a productive statement on our school and everyone should be moved in soon. With everyone moving, Mr. Galasso was working even harder to clear off the stage for the band and the new classrooms and after a long day of people moving things finally the stage was cleared. This left the teachers free to move into their new classrooms over the weekend which was to the great satisfaction to everyone. One person who got moved into one of the three new rooms is Mrs. Steel, the enrichment teacher along with Mrs. Bandstra and Mrs. Kilgore, and finally Mrs. Mullady. This left Mrs. O'Hara to take the old enrichment room upstairs on the main floor. This pleased everyone, even people who didn't get a new room or weren't moved into an old one. This isn't through! Mr. Hershberger is finally getting windows to

the outside world! As of February Mr. Hershberger is supposed to move into a new room on the upstairs floor of the building so the old computer lab is open to be used like the cow carts. I have no doubt that this will not just benefit Mr. Hershberger and all who use the lab, but that it will benefit everyone else as well as they gets access to the old room. The new class, Interactive Band will also take place in the new computer room so the 6th grade should be especially excited about the new upgrades. Along with those renovations you may have noticed the new sound system in the gym which is one of the best upgrades that has gone in place. This is just in time for the Winter Concert, The Talent Show; The 6th grade play ANNIE, and The Spring Concert, also any upcoming assemblies will be benefitted by the changing of the sound system. The changes don't stop there though. What everyone upstairs has been waiting for, a new water fountain, has been installed upstairs. For years the water fountain upstairs has been broken and not working but that has changed. There is a new one right outside of Mrs. Kilgallen's homeroom. Finally a big change is yet to come. In a

few years the playground will be completed which will be a huge upgrade.

If you did not know, 90% of the Highland classrooms got a new heating system over the course of summer and over the course of some of the school year. What it looks like is a big air conditioner, but it gives off warm air. Ever since the heating device came it has helped the room stay warm. In fact, towards the beginning of the year the device gave off colder air. Also in the same classroom towards the start of the school year they worked on a pipe in the room. Mr. Galasso does so much work to make this school perfect. Now these are not the only changes that have been taking place and there will be many more coming up so don't think everything is done just yet.

by Samantha Cebulski and
Saskia Trommelen



Do the Right Thing

On Friday, December 4, Highland School had our first "Do The Right Thing" Assembly. There were 10 winners and they won because they all did an act of kindness that they weren't told to do. They did it be-

cause they were kind and felt like that one person or many persons needed a little help. The 10 winners were Mila Barbagiannis, Samantha Parker, Ethan Ludena, Patrick Stern, Emily Hagopian, Ella Sharo, Ashley Pigg, Ava

Memmelaar, Grace Mahoney, and McKinley Lynn. I think this is a great way to inspire kids to be a little bit nicer to one another.

Sean Irwin

Receiving Something Special



Our newspaper is a mix of school news and creative writing done by Highland students. Thank you Mrs. Troisi for sharing some of the wonderful stories written by your students.

"Hooray! Summer's here!" shouted Abby. Everyone thought Abby was just a normal kid and she was excited school was out, but, of course, no one knew they were wrong. Abby's family was magical and they each had one special power. Abby was the only one in her family that hadn't gotten her power yet. Since she was becoming a fourth grader this summer, she would get her super power.

A few weeks into summer everyone in her family was excited for her.

"I think you will get telekinesis," said Abby's sister Miranda.

"No! She'll get mind reading. That would be way cooler," argued her brother Ryan. "And she would be able to read mom's mind so we knew what she was thinking."

Mom, who had overheard their conversation, thought differently. "Not happening," she said. "She'll get invisibility."

"But then she could easily hide from you," said Ryan.

"Oh uhh"

But Abby cut her off and said, "You're all wrong. I'm getting wings!"

Towards the end of the summer Abby still hadn't gotten her power. She was getting tired of waiting. One day she woke up. "Mom I feel all tingly."

"Oh, honey, that's a sign! You'll get your power soon!" answered her mom.

That got Abby excited. Soon after breakfast her and her siblings were playing outside and mom and dad were watching. She was in the middle of a tag game when, she started floating.

"Uh, guys, what's happening?" Abby asked nervous she would fall. She was at least ten feet in the air.

"She's getting her power!" exclaimed her dad.

Then there was a spark so bright no one could see. When it lightened, Abby floated to the ground. She noticed it first. She had

wings! They were beautiful. They had pink on the top which faded into a violet at the bottom. There were light blue sparkles and little hearts at each end. She fluttered around the yard about five feet above the ground. She was so happy.

"I told you I would get wings!" she shouted.

"How will she hide them from the rest of her friends?" asked Miranda.

"Watch," replied Abby. She closed her eyes and focused. Her wings disappeared. Then she did it again and they came back. Abby was so happy. She smiled, and everyone could see it was a little bit brighter.

Tori G.



Fort Lee Field Trip



In November all the fifth grade classes went on a field trip to Fort Lee Historic Park. When they got there they got to work unloading their food from the bus. Then two lucky people from the classes got picked to be Sergeant and Corporal. The Sergeant carried a sword, whistle, and a leather satchel with pay. The Corporal carried a hatchet. Once the food got unloaded we got tools and brought them to our worksite. Before we got there, we made a stop at a small house where we made metal musket balls and

got to keep them at the end. When we got to base we got picked for wood detail and cooking detail. The wood detail chopped wood and the cooking detail started to cook the food. After the work it was time for lunch we had stew, bread, bread with butter, and apple fritters. Then we explored camp for a while. We got called together by the guide who told us we were going to shoot a canon. We prepared the canon to shoot it and it was really loud. We marched down to a part in the forest and got to shoot mus-

kets then we learned the command to charge forward. When we got to our destination we climbed over a rock wall with wooden spikes on it. Finally we went back to camp to get our stuff and got 3 shillings for the Sergeant, 2 for the Corporal and Henson. Everyone else got one and we also got our musket balls. Then we went home. It was a great field trip.

By
Sean Irwin

The Public Library

The public library is the place to go to learn things, get books and READ!!! The public library is located right in front of Highland School. It is a quiet place to homework and study too!

In the kids section there are lots of books for our reading selection including picture and chapter books. There are CDs

and books on tape. It's also a great place to do homework, research, and meet up with a friend. If you have a library card you can check out any book, CD, or book on tape. In the kids library there are more graphic novels (comics).

In the adults section there are more computers for even more research. The books there are a bit

more mature and harder to read. There more tapes and CDs. There are also a bit of trophies. In the adults section you will get more books on fiction.

In conclusion libraries are AWESOME! I think the best library is ours.

By: Ella M. Marron



Talent Show

On January 29th 2016, Highland School had their talent show. The talent show is a night assembly, and is an opportunity for students to show staff and their parents what talents they have. The Talent Show has been around and most years the people usually dance, sing, do short skits, play an instrument, or some of all of it. Every year MPTV films the talent show and puts it on TV. MPTV did not film the talent show on local tv, it usually is on a few days later, approxi-

mately five days. Last year MPTV did film it but lost their sound so the talent show did not appear on TV, but this year it did! "It was fun and funny to watch and be in the Talent Show acts," says 4th grade student Sophie who did Get Your Head In The Game in the talent show with Kelly Ballen. "Although It was a little scary, I think the show turned out great," says 4th grade Lindsey Kontos who danced to Good Is The New Bad with Tori Guarini, Sophia

Southey, and Eleanor Eliya. Mrs. Guarini who was watching from the audience quoted "I thought all the kids were so brave and talented. The show was fun to watch." The 6th grade did an awesome finale about their talents. The talent show was a really great activity.

Samantha Cebulski and Tori Guarini

**Highland
School kids are
active in school
and outside of
school! We
have lots of
talents and
interests!**

Puppet Show

On Wednesday December 9th, there was a puppet show based on kindness. It was called "The Snowball Effect" by Sadecky's puppets. If you did not know, the two names of the people who did the puppets were Jay Sadecky and Michael Sadecky. One thing some of

you may noticed is that the puppets looked somewhat like the Muppets! Basically the moral of the show was that doing an act of kindness can lead to another and another. This show was made for all grade levels except maybe college! which made lot of sense that the Godwin

kids got to see it too. It might have even reminded you of Mr. Galasso's Do The Right Thing! We should definitely have more assemblies like this!

By Samantha Cebulski





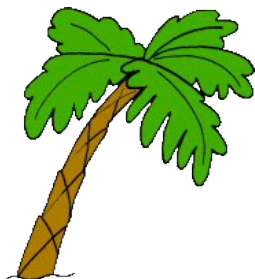
I am proud to be an American. America provides my family and me freedom and the right to do what we want. I will never forget the brave men and women who ran into the Twin Towers while everybody else ran out. We thank

you 9/11 rescuers and all the brave men and women who give us those rights.

Sean Fells 4-4



**Highland
Students have
serious
moments, but
they also know
how to have
fun.**



In the Highland gym on February 19th, 2016 the fourth grade Girl Scout Troop 95258 is holding The Annual Me and my Guy dance. This year's theme is a luau. Every year the fourth grade Girl Scout Troop hosts the dance. The troop from each year gets to choose the theme together. The purpose of the dance is for all the Girl Scout Troops to come together with their special guy and enjoy a fun night. The troop leaders asked each member of the troop to make something for it.

There are songs such as Hawaii Five-O, Maui Mambo, Beach Boys, Confident, Fireball, Hawaiian Rollercoaster Ride, Twist that frown upside Down, Surfin' in the USA, Cake by the Ocean, Twist and Shout, Teen Beach Movie Songs, Party In The USA, and many jazz songs. There will be decorations including a surf-

day reminds me why I am proud to be an AMERICAN.

Sophie Flynn 4-4



Luau Fun!

board setup with the troops names, tiki trees, a shark head, many homemade tissue paper flowers, and flower lights. The troop moms will make delicious treats and there will be fun drinks such as island punch. A photo booth will be set up for guests to take pictures.

There are many different opinions on hosting the dance. "It's fun planning for the dance and making decorations. I'm nervous what people will think, but I'm pretty confident it'll be a hit," says Lindsey Kontos, part of Troop 95258, and one of the hosts to the dance. "I think this year's Luau Father Daughter dance will be really fun because we get special privileges. It's been fun planning our special dance." said Olivia Dell'Aglio, part of troop 95258 and helping a lot with the dance. Troop leaders of

95258 Mrs. Guarini and Mrs. Eliya said, "The girls have done such a nice job and we are so proud of their hard work. It has been fun watching them plan and prepare. We can't wait for the big event. We think the night will be a huge success." The girls are very excited and are enjoying hosting their dance very much.

By Samantha Cebulski and
Tori Guarini

Once Upon a Big Scary Dragon By Olivia Dell'Aglio

Once upon a time there was a beautiful princess named Princess Glory. She loved candy, especially Kingdom Crowns. Those chocolate vanilla cream filled goodies were hard to resist. Princess Glory got them handmade and fresh out of the oven every day. She had a life supply of them in her special candy room. Then one day a big scary dragon came while everyone in the kingdom was sleeping. He came up to the palace and took all of the Kingdom Crowns. In the morning when she found out all the Kingdom Crowns were gone, she refused to eat anything else. Not only did the dragon take all the pre-made Kingdom Crowns, he took the ingredients too!

No,no,no. that is NOT what happenEd. I was walking around the kingdom hungry as could be until I smelled this beautiful smell. I couldn't resist So I walked over to it. The smell of chocolate and vanilla cream caught my attention. Then in the corner of my eye, I

saw them. I had no choice but to take one. then it became 2, then 3, then 4, until they were all gone. Well now, I BET YOU ARE WONDERING ABOUT THE INGREDIENTS. Well I took the ingredients because I wanted to make some for myself. Then I had a genius idea. I would make a dragon-sized Kingdom crown! that's why I had to take all of them.

"Be quiet ,dragon, this is *my* story."
"Ok, Ok. Wait what?"

The princess was devastated. She stayed in her room all day thinking. Finally, she had a FANTASTIC idea! She would fight back. The next day she fought all the knights and even spent 3 nights sleeping in the dungeon. After a week, she was ready. With only a blanket, a sword, and a shield she set out. All of a sudden she smelled Kingdom Crowns coming from a cave in the distance. Princess

Glory had finally found what she was looking for.

I was just taking a nap while my Kingdom crown was baking. I was sleeping so peacefully until....

"Dragon!" Princess Glory shouted, "I should've known it was you."

"Ahhhhhhha" screamed the dragon, "what are you doing here?"

"Well I have come for my Kingdom Crowns."

"What?" the dragon said lying.

"You're lying, "said the princess very snobby.

"Nu, Nu,No.....," said the dragon. "Ok fine, I did," the dragon said crying.

"I have an idea, why don't you have half of the stash and I have the other," Princess Glory said nicely.

"Really?" asked the dragon.

"Really," said the princess.

And they lived happily ever after.



Responding to a question...

The author included details about Martin Luther King Junior's childhood experience with discrimination. The author wrote details about MLK Jr's childhood because it explains it how hard it was for him to live with discrimination. When a police officer called MLK Jr's daddy a boy

his daddy said, "He's a boy! I am a man and I am not going to leave until you call me one!" Also, when his daddy brought him to the shoe store, a shoes salesman was only going to serve him at the back of the store. Lastly MLK Jr. could not ride in the same elevator as white people. The

evidence that proves my answer is that all the of these answers show MLK Jr. was not treated the same as white people. One day MLK Jr. told his mama he was going to turn the world upside down, and he did!

By Lindsey Kontos

And Another Response...

The author included details about Martin Luther King's childhood discrimination. She includes this so we knew what it was like for him to grow up with segregation. She also told us so we knew why he ended segregation. For example, when a worker at a shoe store would

only serve Martin Luther in the back of the store, Martin Luther and his daddy went to another store. That is one reason why Martin Luther did all the things he did. Once a police pulled over daddy and called him "boy". This is another detail why Martin Luther ended segrega-

tion. The hotel had an elevator for only whites. This is a way to show what life was like when Martin Luther, A.D., and Christine grew up. As you can see, it was important for the author to show details in order.

By Tori Guarini

Fourth grade students write R.A.C.E.S. responses to the question: Why did the author include details of Martin's childhood experiences with discrimination?

We Love Highland School!

Some students from Mrs. Troisi's class wrote poems about their family. This poem is by Olivia Dell'Aglio

A mom,
A dad,
A sister,
A brother,
They all come together to help each other
My mom, has a heart of gold,
My dad, is big and bold,
My brother, is crazy but cute,
Then they all come together they make a family,
And that's all that matters when it comes to me'
My mom cooks and cleans
My dad watches football
My brother plays and plays
Even though they may be different they are the same
All a part of my family tree
My loved ones all apart of me
Together we will do just fine
So happy we're all a family
As happy as could be
All of my family so special so easy to adore
And I couldn't want anymore



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Family

A dad, a Mom, and a Daughter is all we need,
We come together to succeed.

When things begin to go downhill,
I never have to be sad,
Because my family is always there to be glad of everything I do.

When my mom or dad is feeling down,
I help them out so they will not frown.

My mom makes me feel warm inside,
But my dad fills me with love and pride.
My dog is cuddly,
But my cat is snuggly.
My hamster can make my mom sick,
But my guinea pig is the size of a glue stick.



All families are perfect yes indeed,
Families, Families, families help us succeed.
By Brodie Powers

