



Highland Roar

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High School Musical



Congratulations Wildcats! Your famous musical was a success! An enormous thanks to Miss Hunter, Mrs. Canata, and the cast! The whole cast was practicing for two and a half months. Everyone worked so hard and there were practices almost three times a week! Delon Veleski as Troy and Palakshi Aurora as Gabriella, the pair made an energetic and heart wrenching story full of singing and laughs. From the jocks, to the brainiacs, to the skaters and to the thespians, everyone worked hard and put everything into it. Emily Moran as Sharpay, added a sassy touch to the whole thing. Eamonn Timoney, as Ryan (Sharpay's brother) tried to lighten her sass up though! Songs such as "Bop to the Top" or "Getcha Head in the Game" really gave some energetic power to the "musicaaaal" as Mrs. Darbus would say

which Rosie Webb plays! Troy and Gabriella had fallen in love when they met at a party. Soon after, they both tried out for the winter musical in East High. Mrs. Darbus gave them call-backs. HSM has a lot of energy going on! The musical also shows to always be yourself! In "Stick to the Status Quo" we had Chloe Kasbarian whom plays Danny (a skater who plays the cello), Joe Powells whom plays Zeke (a hard-core basketball jock who has a tendency of baking) and Jessica Wallace as Martha (a brainiac who has a passion for hip hop). They all told everyone about who they really are! That shows that everyone has a skilled talent or an amazing skill they all

don't want to hide! But Sharpay *needs* this to **STOP!** So Sharpay changed the date of the call-backs to the day of the championship and the Scholastic Decathlon! But the jocks and the brainiacs worked it out and Gabriella and Troy got to do their "thing"! Coach Bolton, Brendan De Boer, had never thought of his all-star basketball champ to be such an amazing singer. The Wildcat Basketball team won the championship and the Brainiac team won their scholastic decathlon! Everything worked out and Troy and Gabriella got to be together. This musical was a great success in which all of the hard work and practice paid off! Awesome job to the East High Wildcats, Mrs. Canata and Miss Hunter! The show couldn't have been a success without everyone, especially Miss Hunter! Mission succeeded Wildcats! By Grace Meyer

Another year has flown by! We hope it was a good year for everyone.

We'd like to say good-bye to two of our friends that are retiring.

Mr. Healy, we will miss you! You have been a special person to all of us.

Many of us have fond memories of our trip to Friendly's!

Mrs. Swankie, we'll miss you too! You always have a smile for us.

Best wishes to both very special people!



We learned about Ellis Island during an assembly program. The actors told us about Ellis Island when it was a huge part of immigration. They told us about all of the service checks you had to go through. Some checks were medical checks and legal checks when they asked everyone 29 questions. The actors acted as people who came through Ellis Island. They told us that we couldn't see family until you went through security. One more thing they told us was that if you were sick they would not

let you in on what they were doing to them. One woman had her sick kid taken and she sat for 3 days wondering what was happening to her child. Finally they brought the child

back. He was cured. Ellis Island is a big part of American history.

Tyler Cirone



Our visiting author this year was Margie Palatini. This year the fifth and sixth grade had a different assembly than the other grades. The fifth

Margie Palatini Assembly for Grades 5 and 6

and sixth graders listened to the story Lousy Stinken' Rotten Grapes read by the author. The book was about a fox that was very conceited and thought he could get the grapes on his own. Instead he needed help so he got a bear, a beaver, a porcupine, and a possum to help him. He only listens

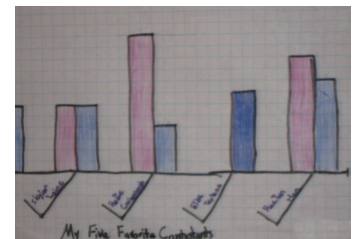
to his own ideas when everyone else had their own ideas. In the end everyone else told him about their ideas. After she finished reading the story, Ms. Palatini answered questions about how she became an author.

Tyler Cirone

Do You Watch American Idol ?

Do you watch American Idol? If you do, then you should check the up stair's hallway. The fifth grade is doing a project where they pick their favorite contestant and then graph everyone's favorite. The

people that most liked are Colton Dixon, Jessica Sanchez, and Phillip Phillips. Some people still vote for other contestants like Joshua Ledet, DeAndre Brackensick, Elise Testone, Hollie Cavanaugh and Skylar Laine. Some of the graphs are pie graphs and bar graphs. All fifth graders use the COWS for some of their graphs. Hope your favorite doesn't get voted off!



Deandre Brackensick

Age: 17

Hometown:
San Jose, CA

Tyler Cirone

Masai Assembly

On March 15, 2012, the sixth grade had an assembly on the Masai. Who are the Masai, you ask? The Masai are a group of people who live in Kenya and Tanzania. They have a very different lifestyle than ours herein America. They have no running water or electricity in their homes. Kids walk all the way to school, whether it would take 2

hours or a half hour. They live in small huts and make all their belongings. There, marriages are arranged by parents. However, they are very proud of their culture. Women cook, build the huts, clean (by making a broom out of grass, raising the children, and decorating everything. The men and boys guarded the property and

hunted. The whole society is simple yet complex. The assembly was very interesting. They gave out bracelets to kids who answered questions correctly. They taught the kids how to count to ten. It was a fun experience.

Tess Szydluk



Science Lab

In sixth grade science, you don't just read from a textbook. You work in a lab doing experiments. On Halloween, they made polymers, or as it is more commonly known, slime. We do actual recording, and have actually gone out in the field to do some experimenting with dirt. All sixth grade

classes marched out separately to three locations of their choice. Then, Mr. Ferro put a special tool in the ground and told his pupils to cover their ears. He lifted a hammer and banged on the tool to dig it deep into the ground. He pulled it out and had his students dissect it after learning about soil

profiles. Sixth grade science is amazing!

Tess Szydluk

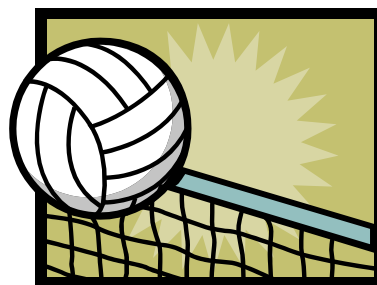


Field Day 2012

Field Day was great! There were 11 events for Godwin students and 17 for Highland students. The classes did not do all the events, though. We ran out of time. My favorite event was Nutrition Beach Volleyball. The Fifty-Yard Dash was

amazing too. Here are the results. The fourth grade winner was The Dairy Dominators! The fifth grade winner was The Groovy Grapes! The sixth grade winner was the Millennium Mushrooms!

By: William Schmidt



The Harvest Festival



This year's harvest festival was a big hit, as always. The sixth grade Yearbook sold quite a few smencils to the eager kids holding out fistfuls of crisp, green dollar bills. We can't forget the gigantic water slides and extremely fun games. Some of these

awesome challenges include the wheel, the can knock down, and the ring toss. You got tickets for winning one and could use it to get a fantastic prize, including balloons, bats, and more. We had a DJ called MAGIC ZAK, who played tons of great music. The most popular activity was the hair spraying station. This event included a magic

demonstration by Sean Burke. There were snacks like cupcakes and cookies, and drinks too. Painted pumpkins were sold to frantic parents. Contests like hula-hooping and dancing also took place. The harvest festival is the coolest thing in November!
By Tess Szydluk

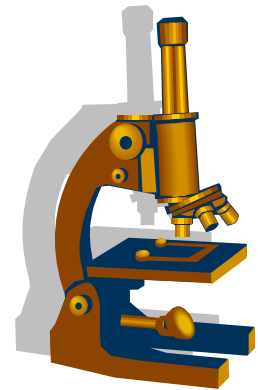
Mad Science

**We had so
many
terrific
events this
year!**

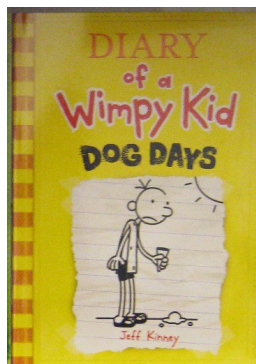
Are you interested in science? Next year, you should go in Mad Science! This goes over science in Magic, Toys, Bugs, and more! You do an experiment every time! Some things I did not even know! Did you know that

every magic trick has science behind it? There is a take-home every week! This event is in the cafeteria. In school, you will get a paper for more information.

William Schmidt



Books! The Magic is REAL!



Books! The Magic is REAL! On Tuesday, January 24th, Highland and Godwin School had a magic assembly. The magician was a book fanatic who explained how books were some of the most magical objects out there. He did magic tricks relating to the book we dis-

cussed. For Diary of a Wimpy Kid, he made a picture of Greg Hefley talk about his series. He also made a book light on fire. In another trick, he made a tie-die umbrella turn into a circus umbrella and make a shoe appear in a locked box. There was comedy involved too. Whenever he

asked "Who has the box?" Mr. Grasso had to leap up and wave his arms and saying that he had the box. Other tricks included making snow fall and made a hat out of paper. That was one of the most fun assemblies in a while!

By: Tess Szydluk

Fourth Grade Bear Hunt Letters

Dear Governor Christie:
Do you think bear hunting should be allowed? I don't think so! It's terrible thing to kill animals. You harm an animal that doesn't harm you. At the Delaware Water Gap, a mama bear was trying to protect her cubs, but she got shot for protecting them. 99% of citizens are against this bear hunt. A lot of people don't know that black bears are endangered and people just kept killing them. If this

continues black bears are going to be extinct. Bear hunting is mean to the bears. NJ used incorrect information to decide whether that bear hunting is OK. A lot of bears have been killed during this year's bear hunt. The first one was a 166 pound female. The second one was a 205 pound male. 25 bears were killed in 1 hour. Please fight for black bear rights and those of other animals. Some people believe there are too many

bears. There is not enough food for all of them, so they will die anyway. They use this as overpopulation to argue the bear hunt is needed. I disagree because you shouldn't kill bears for any reason. Bear hunting is cruel. Many people think bear hunting is a sport, but it's not a sport for bears. Don't kill bears for any reason. This should be illegal!
Sincerely,
Josie Thomas



The fourth grade was concerned after learning about the new bear hunt laws. Here are some of them.

Dear Governor Christie:
Everyone should be against hunting for black bears in New Jersey. Bears are living things on earth. Are bears killing or hunting you? Probably not! Then don't kill them. If we have a life then they should have a life too. Bear hunting is wrong because bears aren't hunting us. Many people like bear hunting because they think it is a sport. After a hunter kills a bear he or she should think

to themselves, did I do a good or bad thing? I hope they will agree that bear hunting is a bad thing and awful thing. Bear hunting is cruel to the bears. They don't get a life but we do. Now that is not fair. Bears are an important part of nature. They belong in the wild because that is their home. It is like we belong in a house or apartment because that is our home just like the wild is a bear's home.

Governor Christie, I hope you like my letter and agree with me that bear hunting should be illegal. As governor, you can change this law and protect New Jersey's black bears.

Sincerely,
Taylor Carrea



Have a Safe
and Happy
Summer!

We're on the web!
www.midlandparkschools.k12.nj.us/

See You In
September!



Highland School

My School Life

First grade was a blast!
For the teacher I had,
Was always happy,
She was never mad.
She taught us money,
Reading and time,
And best of all,
We learned how to rhyme.

After learning those skills,
I had to move on.
In second grade
I started off strong.
I learned how to add,
And multiply.
When summer came,
I wanted to cry.

In third grade my teacher
Was very kind
She was helpful and
sweet.

She never left me behind.

In fourth grade I learned

A very new thing.

My fourth grade teacher

Taught us how to sing!

A teacher is like
A child's best friend.
So lucky to have great
ones

Again and again!

Megan Tupaj



Super Cougar With His Sidekicks by Eyal Rushinek

The Fifth Grade Art classes created characters that were printed using Styrofoam printing plates. The students then created 3 different backgrounds for their creative characters. These 2 boys decided to give their paper characters some real friends!
Aren't they Awesome!!

Boxman Ninja With Friends by Michael Murphy



**Megan Tupaj won second place in the
2012 Bergen County Teacher of the year
Student Poetry Contest.
Congratulations Megan!**