



Highland Roar

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We're
half way
through
the school
year
already!
Didn't it go
quickly?
Take a look
at this issue
for some
pleasant
memories
of the first
half of the
year!

Winter Concert

The 2017 Winter Concert came!! The 6th and 5th grade each sang 3 songs. The advanced band played 3 special songs and the Star Spangled Banner. Each grade played a song from How the Grinch Stole Christmas.. The 6th grade sang "Where Are You Christ-



mas" and 5th sang "Welcome Christmas". Mr. Peters was gone for it but we had a pretty good substitute named Mr. Marks. There were two concerts. There was a one at night that the parents were allowed to come to. The first concert was for Highland and Godwin during 7th and 8th periods and Grades 1 through 6 were there. In the Spring the Fourth and Fifth Grade Chorus will sing. The Fourth Grade Band will play



too. The 6th grade chorus had a violinist from William Paterson University accompany them.

By Eddie C and Tim C.

Harvest Festival

This year the Harvest Festival was on the field. There were awesome games and the food was outstanding! There were three bounce houses. First the frozen one, then the slide, then last there was a obstacle course. There was no dunk tank because it was too cold for the dunk tank (which makes sense). Also,

you could get tickets from winning games, like for example: candy or sticky alien sling shots. You could get drinks like soda, Capri sun, hot cocoa, water, etc. If you like, you could paint pumpkins with anything on it. Also there was a DJ and a dance party. The girls won (again). The pumpkin patch was on

the field too!!! The pumpkins were so much bigger than last year's pumpkins. Thank you to all the parents who helped at the 2017/2018 Highland/Godwin School Pumpkin Patch and with the Harvest Festival)!From the Highland Roar
By Eddie C. and Tim C.



Are you part of the Battle of the Books? If you don't know what the Battle of the Books is, then this is the place to be. You won't be totally clueless! The Battle of the Books is where the teachers and the students who want

Battle of the Books

to have a big competition. There is a group of 5 students and each of them is assigned to read 3 books. During the competition the groups are asked comprehension questions. They have to answer with title and author of the book. For example, in the book, *Esperanza Rising*, one of the questions could be "in which book was the main character forced to escape her home in Mex-

ico." The winners of the first competition go on to compete against other teams until they find a final winner. But if you lose you go on the loser bracket. You are allowed to lose 2 on the losers bracket and then you are out. Only the fifth graders, sixth graders, and the teachers compete.

By Emma C.



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Every year as some of you may know, Highland School showcases 5th and 6th graders' musical talents in the school musical. This year, the musical is *Honk!* An adaption of the Ugly duckling. The main characters are Ugly, Drake, Ida, Bullfrog and the Cat. The actors include, Tori Guarini playing the role

Musical

of Ugly, Declan Feehan playing Drake, Sophia Southey playing Ida, Lena Pissott playing Bullfrog, and Grace Pagano playing the Cat. If you would like to join the fun and see the musical, come on March 29th at the Highland School gymnasium. Every actor/actress has worked very hard for this production and we

hope to see all of you there! The participants have dedicated their time to the musical every Tuesday and Wednesday for the past two months now until 5 o'clock! The actors hard work and dedication will truly shine in this upcoming production!

Grace P.



The Super Bowl

This year the New England Patriots and the Philadelphia Eagles are going to the Super Bowl. The Super Bowl is going to be played in U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis. A lot of people are rooting for the Eagles. People said, "I really want the Eagles to win because they would win their first Super Bowl." Not a lot of people are rooting for the Patriots because they cheated in 2015 when they deflated the ball. People were chanting Eagles a lot in the hall ways. The Eagles have never won a Super Bowl. The Patriots have won five Super Bowls.

By
Josh S and Eddie C

Welcome Back to Highland

Welcome back to Highland School. This year has a lot in store for you. In the art room there are new tables. The third grade classes got Chromebooks all of a sudden. There is a new club called American Sign Language. Shout out to all the new teachers and kids that came to the school. Are

you entering the invention convention? You should! It's a great way to show off your smarts. Maybe you'll be the next Thomas Edison. Your invention might be useful and many people will use it. Well good luck! Someone might use your invention if it works. This years concert will be awe-

some. Fourth grade chorus will be singing folk songs.

BY Eddie C, Tim C, Emma C, Josh S



Intramurals

For its second year in Highland School, we'd like to welcome back another fun after-school activity, Intramurals! Highland School Intramurals were first introduced last year to us and things have been running smoothly with it ever since. The intramurals are run by Mr.

Lawlor, the 5th and 6th grade Physical Education teacher. Intramurals come by every fall and spring of each school year. In Intramurals we all play fun games such as *Quarterbacks and Receivers*, *Capture the Chicken*, *Knockout and Ultimate* or *Regular*

Kickball. As far as we know, the Intramurals will be continuing in the Spring of this school year. We hope to see you soon at Highland School Intramurals! Grace P.



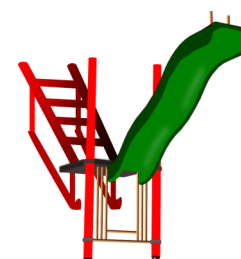
Indoor Recess

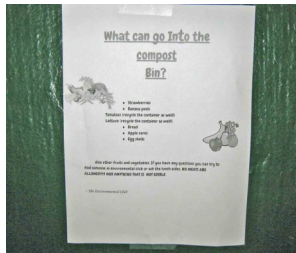
What do you think about indoor recess? We asked some kids what they think about indoor recess. They said things like "love it but I like outdoor more." That comment was interesting. Someone also said "I like the gym more". What do you think? And here is another one: "I think it needs more stuff."

Maybe they should add more stuff! Here's a good one : "I think its boring because we sit around and do nothing." Well, try playing a game or play with new friends. Well what do you think? Maybe we should add legos or something like that. One kid said, "Outside is the best but indoor is fine." Well that was a pretty good response.

So indoor recess is pretty good but some people like the gym and some people think outdoor, that's there opinion. Have you ever wondered what Mr. Galasso thinks? Do you think he likes Gym, Indoor, or Outside. Well that's all we have about indoor recess. What do you think about indoor recess?

EmmaC.





This year's 2017-2018 Environmental Club is back! The Environmental Club is a club hosted by Mr. Her-shberger. It is club where you do things to save the environment, for example, recycling. At every meeting the club goes to do the whole school's recycling. We encourage everybody in the classroom to recycle any plastic or paper that you have. Then we will



come pick it up and dump it in the bin! The club also does composting. Composting is when you take food that you do not want (food that BELONGS in the compost) and put it in the bucket in the lunchroom. When you put it in the bucket when lunch is over the members go out to the composter and dump it in! This is added to the

Environmental Club

soil to help it grow and fertilize it.

As you know last year the compost had to be removed from the school because of the rats, (I wrote an article on that in the previous newspaper). The rats were attracted to the compost and were around it. Rats can cause health issues and are not sanitary. Thus, we had to remove the compost. This disappointed me as a member of the club because the compost meant so much to us. Therefore we were very sad to have it removed.

But now the compost is back! The members and I have been looking at new composters for this year. We now have one. It is a tumbling composter. It is off the ground, thus the rats (hopefully) can not get to it. The tumbler composter is a more efficient way. How we use it is we open the hatch and dump the composted items inside. Then we put the hatch back on and spin it two to four times. That way the compost is combined. We also add leaves to it.

Besides composting we also recycle. Recycling is VERY important in the world. By not recycling plastic bottles, we are killing the earth. Plastic bottles that do not end up recycled take a journey that ends into the ocean into one of the six garbage patches. How they get there is once they get into the ocean that ocean's currents bring them there. These garbage patches are really big. There is even one in our Atlantic Ocean. It's so awful. The plastic that does not end up in the garbage patches end up in the ocean and get eaten by the marine animals and they die. As you can see recycling is very important.

So we are back! We are so excited to have the club this year! We welcome anyone else in the club! We also need some fifth graders in the club as well! The club is so excited to have the compost back this year and we hope for it to be a success!

By Samantha C

Lockers Beware!

New year - new lockers! For both fifth and sixth grade students that are receiving (or getting a new) locker, here are some tricks and tips that will help you keep your locker neat and organized so you won't be late for class.

Tip 1: Always keep your books in a neat pile (preferably in your class order, just a suggestion). Every locker has a shelf at the top of its space, which is perfect for fitting school books! Scattered books is often a huge problem with some students, because when they misplace their books they are unable to find them and don't have their books for class, which trust me, you don't want to happen!

Tip 2: Eliminate loose papers from your locker. Remember that English character study worksheet that you were supposed to hand

in to your teacher yesterday, it may still be in the bottom of your locker! This is why you don't want loose papers in your locker. If there are papers crushed in the bottom of your locker, chances are they won't make it out of the locker without being crumbled. One way to prevent this from happening is keeping a miscellaneous folder in your locker. Put any loose papers that you may find in your locker and store them in there so there is no mess in your locker and in your grades!

Tip 3: If you have a lock on your locker, make sure you are always locking it! You may have heard about or seen some locks on the 6th graders' lockers this year and years before being locked backwards. Always remember to lock your lock because otherwise some teachers may lock your lock back-

wards. (Trust me, this is a pain to unlock!)

Tip 4: Do not keep your items on top of your locker. Whether this results in detention or something falling on someone's head, the ending is never good. Never.

Tip 5- If you are nice to the locker/lock, the locker/lock will be nice to you. Trust us, if you are constantly trying to angrily open up your jammed locker or quickly trying to unlock your lock things do not go well. If you take your time and treat the locker nicely, the locker will do the same for you!

We hope you enjoyed these dos and don'ts about the lockers, we hope that they came in handy for most of you!

Grace P.



Talent Show

The 2018 Highland School's got Talent was absolutely phenomenal!

There was the new, "Sweet Highland School" Sixth grade finale and the new upcoming talents of the future! Let's hear from fellow friend and performer Samantha from the 6th grade!

G: What did you enjoy about the Talent Show?

S: I think it is very cool that everybody can show off their talents

and everybody can participate.

G: Did you think that there was a variety of different acts, or many were the same?

S: Well, there was definitely a large variety ranging from Irish step to dancing to comedy acts, but the acts were all definitely different.

G: What do you think makes the show so special and fun for every participant?

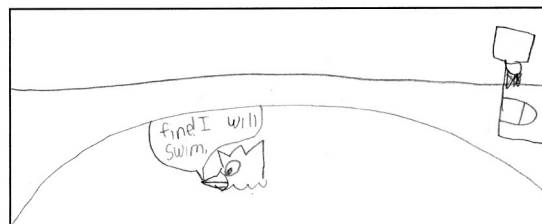
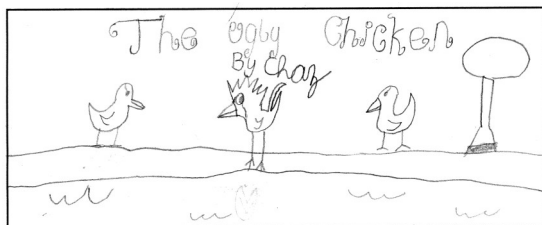
S: It is special because there is a large variety of things that you can do and this is a special opportunity to show to Highland School which also makes this activity so much more fun.

Well, thank you so much Samantha and to all participants of the Highland School Talent show!

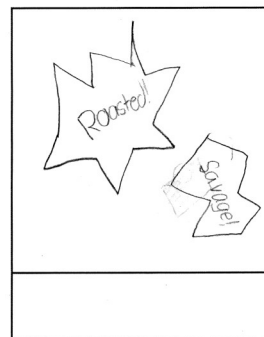
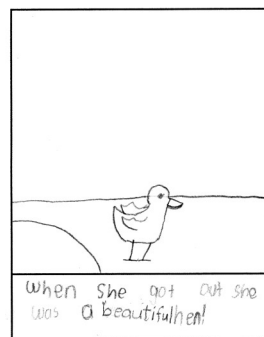
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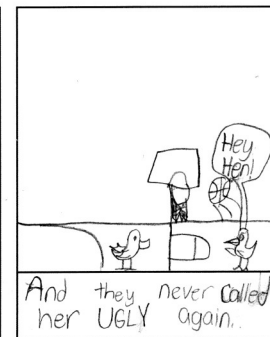
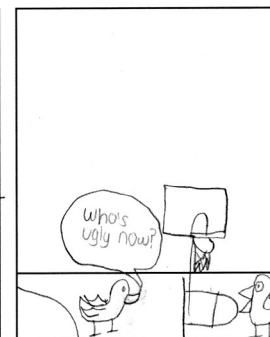
The Ugly Chicken by Chaz G.



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And they never called her UGLY again.

A couple months ago Mrs. Mullady's class and Mrs. Grasso's class made earthquakes. We could only use cardboard, marshmallows, toothpicks, and scissors. We had 3 people and 4 people in a group. In our classrooms we had to watch some videos so we would know what to do. After we watched the videos we had to fill out part of a worksheet. We had to design what we were going to make. When we went down we sat with our groups and we started. It was hard when we had to poke the toothpicks into the cardboard. After we finished we had to shake them in Jello. If they fell down, you had to see what you could do to make it better. Most people's structures did. When we were done you had to finish the worksheet. It was really fun!
Joshua S.



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Spelling Bee

This year was the spelling, a sixth grader named Grace Pagano won. Second place was won by Gabrielle Pena and 3rd place was Wilson Dehlwani. There was over 8 rounds for the top 3 people. The losing word was humongous the champion word was Kilimanjaro. The hard-

est word for Grace was ichthyosaurus. (yes I interviewed her) She said, "The feeling was like OH MY GOD Tim C.

