



Highland Roar

March 2019

The first half of the school year has been so busy!

We hope you enjoy reading about some of the fun we've had in Highland School.

Ms. Carr's Christmas Tree!

We are writing about Ms. Carr's Christmas tree. Ms. Carr said that the 5th graders helped her make the Christmas tree out of 492 books. Ms. Carr made the Christmas tree with the help of 12 kids because she thought it would be a fun way to make a project out of books. As you could see, it took 492 books to stack! That must have taken a lot of work! They put the lights on by taping them all around the stack of books that made the Christmas tree. Ms. Carr loves the way it looks. She thinks it was sooo much fun to put it together. It was teamwork that made it

come together. She was inspired to make it because she saw other libraries do it and she thought it might be fun and amazing if they made it here in our wonderful school. The 5th graders took their recess time to make the Christmas tree! They must have loved building it, just like Ms. Carr! It took 300 minutes in total to build it and finish everything, even the decorations! It took them 10 days to make the tree. She never thinks that it would look better somewhere else. She thinks it is perfect just the way it is! The 5th graders loved the tree. Ms. Carr says she will totally do

this next year! Oh, I hope...

Lauren T. and Gabby P.



The Student Council

Have you heard about the Student Council? The Student Council is a council of students. They lead the Pledge of Allegiance and do the morning announcements. There are 1-2 kids representing each

homeroom (except for third grade). The teacher who runs the Student Council is Mrs. Lelinho. In addition to morning announcements and the pledge, the Student Council holds fundraisers and

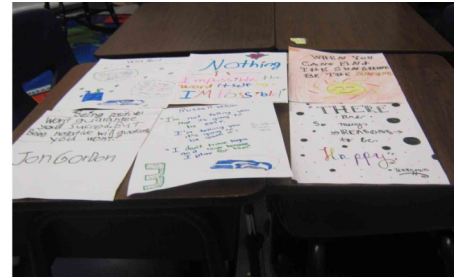
organizes holiday spirit wear. In conclusion, the Student Council helps the school in many ways.

By Mathilda O.



Do you have a big dream? Well, your teacher might do a mini lesson on believing in yourself. After you talk, you can learn about *Love your Melons*, which is a group of college students who want to make kids with cancer have big smiles

on their faces. The group helps the families of the kids. Then you do this project. You have a cloud that you fill in with your dreams. Then you color it and the teachers hang them up.
By Eddie



Minecraft



Hello, all you Minecraft players! Here are some Minecraft seeds for you to use on your Minecraft games! :) If you don't

know, Minecraft is a game that you can play. It consists of three game modes which are Survivor mode, Creative mode, and Adventure mode. Survivor mode is when you explore the world and try to survive and beat the game. Creative mode is when you have UNLIMITED RESOURCES!!!!!! Adventure mode is a game mode intended for player-created maps, limiting some of the game play in Minecraft. In this mode,

the player cannot directly destroy any blocks with any tools or place any blocks, in order to avoid spoiling adventure maps. There are four other modes such as Peaceful, Easy, Medium, and Hard mode. Peaceful mode is when you enter a world and there is absolutely no monsters in sight, day or night. Easy mode is when there are monsters in sight day and night but they are easy to beat. Medium mode is when there are monsters in sight day and night but they are medium to beat meaning they aren't too easy to beat and aren't too hard to beat. Hard mode is when there is monsters in sight day and

night but they are hard to beat.

Minecraft Seeds:
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runtime-kicly (102043410)
-FIVEFIVE-firstcatch-
OPBIG-vx-FOWL-
extraextra-PLUSCARD-
JUSTDUCK-GUNAYE-
swoix-owxapple-bigneon-
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If you want to enter these seeds/worlds, you'll have to enter Minecraft. Press create world and scroll down. You'll see it says SEEDS. Click on that and enter the seed and also there will be a search bar. If you click on that, it will show you more Minecraft seeds to use!
Anthony Pereira Ellis

Welcome Back Mrs. Kilgallen!

Recently two of Mrs. Kilgallen's students have done a survey about her. If you don't know who Mrs. Kilgallen is, she is a 5th grade teacher that has left and come back.

Question: Do you think the school has changed while you were gone/away?

Answer: Yes. The utensils (websites and resources) being used have been more advanced. For example, the school has now started using online textbooks for science and other subjects, and teaching methods are much more advanced.

Question: Did you like your break more than teaching?

Answer: Being with family more definitely made me happy, but, however, I did

very much miss the teachers/staff and my close friends like Mrs. Kirsh. It also feels better when my brain is wrapped around Math and things.

Question: How much did you miss Mrs. Kirsh (other teacher/friend in the room) 1-10?

Answer: Way over 10. Actually we have not always worked together. While I was with her before I left, she helped me a lot with parenting tips and ideas. When we are together we definitely work well together which I missed very much. I also think that having our kids, my twins and her younger daughter, close in age is convenient.

Question: Have you ever taught somewhere else, if so where?

Answer: No, I graduated in 2001 and started teaching in Midland Park the same year in May.

Question: Did you miss teaching?

Answer: Yes, I have missed seeing the growth of the children in the school. I think overall I have missed everything too.

By: Karleigh D.



The Mayflower

In 5th grade social studies you learn about the Mayflower. Our teachers marked the hall floor with tape to show us where the Mayflower started and where it ended. They

said each person on the Mayflower had about 8 floor tiles. Also, the teachers read us books about the Mayflower. We also got partnered up and picked a topic about the Mayflower

and we wrote a newsletter about it. It was a really fun project and it was a fun experience.
By Eddie C.



School Store

Have you ever heard of the school store? The school store is a way for the school to raise money to help buy the things the

school needs. You can buy all different things like pencil topers, pens, pencils, and erasers. This year it is run by Mr.

Savage's home room class.

Molly M.



The 2019 Super Bowl has arrived! This year, the two teams are the LA Rams and the Patriots. Last year the Eagles beat the Patriots. The Rams beat the Saints 23 to 26 in overtime and the Patriots beat the Chiefs 31 to 37 in overtime. The Patriots have a lot of Super Bowl rings and trophies. A lot of people

The 2019 Super Bowl

don't want the Patriots to win. The Rams best player is Todd Gurley or Aaron Donald. The Patriots best player is Tom Brady. That is all the Super Bowl news I have.

By Eddie C

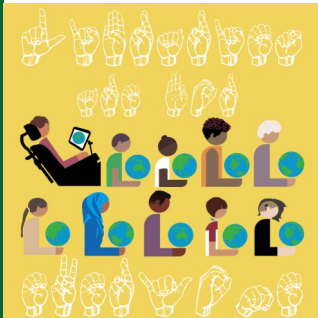
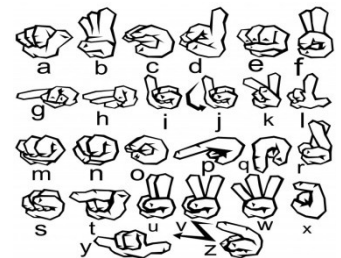
ASL American Sign Language

Have you ever heard of ASL? If you didn't, it is a form of communication for the deaf or hearing impaired. American Sign Language is a very unique concept. There are many reasons that it is unique. One reason is that it is not only hands, you also use your face and emotions with some signs. An everyday person would normally think it is only for the deaf, but it isn't. Anyone in the world could try it! If you are interested, this very school has its own club. You can't join anymore for the school year of 2018-2019. But if you want, next year you could

totally try it! To start practicing, you can try the alphabet. You can locate it in your planner. If you think of joining, we do lots of fun things at the meetings. We do things like signed bingo, games, and best of all, we learn a song to perform at the end of the year! If you want to know the song, you will just have to wait for the end of the year. There aren't only children in the club. There are also some staff members in it too! They are Mrs. Chase (the teacher), Ms. Callesano, and Ms. Mont (she was there last year as a teacher). If you want any more information you can always go to the fifth-

grade teacher Mrs. Chase, or any club members you may know.

By: Karleigh Detrick
(also a part of the club)



The Ropes Course

This has been a great year so far! The 5th grade went on a ropes course! It was so much fun! We left school at 9:45. The bus ride was about 30 minutes. When we got there, we did some warm ups. Our warm ups included jump roping, rock climbing, and some rope climbing. With jump roping, we tried to jump over it by ourselves without getting hit by the jump rope. Then, we did that same thing but in partners. Then 6 people, tried it and then the whole class! It was hard but also a lot of fun! We also rock climbed over a kind of tall wall. There were two sets of rocks. Only 6 people were

allowed to climb up the rocks, the rest had to get up the middle, which was just wood, nothing else. It was hard because you had to pull one another up, up, and over the rock wall. After that, we did some rope climbing. Well, I don't really think that rope climbing is the best name for it. It was a rope ladder that was tied in between two trees. Our goal was to get to the top and ring a bell without falling off. A lot of people fell off! After everyone had a chance to go, we had a lunch break. After everyone ate their lunch, we went to the actual rope/rock climbing. What I mean is that before lunch we did warm ups. Now, we were doing the real

thing! First, we got into a harness and got ready to climb a REALLY high rock wall. A LOT of people were really scared. Next, we went across a tightrope kind of thing with ropes on both sides of it. It was also REALLY high! To get up and on the rope was tricky to a lot of people. There were staples in the log. The staples were really tiny and hard to climb on. After everyone who wanted to go, went, we climbed an actual log with nothing to hold onto. After that we went on the bus and went back to school. It was tough, but fun.



Sixth Grade Electives

In sixth grade, there are a lot of electives that you can choose from like Interactive Band, PBL (Problem Based Learning), Video Production, and Creative Writing. Mr. Peters teaches Interactive Band. In Interactive Band, you can use software to make songs. Also, it's really fun playing with music and doing many things in that class. Mr. Kilgallen teaches PBL. He teaches about different ways of doing things.

He makes the class do a project about making Rube Goldberg machines using many different materials. Ms. Marino teaches Video Production. There is one thing you guys should know about. This is the class that makes fun morning shows! There is a website called Wevideo that helps us make videos. When we make the morning shows, we rotate our roles. We get a chance to do all of the jobs. Ms. Ed-

wards teaches Creative Writing. She teaches the sixth graders how to be creative with your writing. In Creative Writing, you get to create your own stories!

Ariel Pereira Ellis



Roller Coasters

One summer night some fourth graders named Mark, who was responsible for everything and was nice and crazy and Willow, who was very crazy about roller coasters and would scream every time he saw one. They went to an world famous amusement park with world famous rides in Los Angeles, California. "I'm so excited!" said Mark.

"Me too," cried Willow. He used his fist to cut right through the air as Mark went to get tickets at the ticket booth.

Willow walked through the amusement park with his eyes open wide looking at every ride until he came to a stop. While Mark was at the ticket booth Willow felt and heard a blaring ZOOM go right past him. He spun around and then Willow saw something that caught his eye. It was a massive roller coaster called "Venomous Fly Trap!" But then he remembered what his mother had told the boys.

"Whatever you do, do **NOT** go on the Venomous Fly Trap roller coaster" and she whispered "It's a deathtrap!" But he didn't care. He yelled to Mark, "Mark, did you get the tickets yet?" And Mark yelled back "Yeah, I did, why?" "Oh! Because there's this roller coaster I really want to go on!" And Willow was really excited as his face turned red and his feet were all ready to sprint to the line for the roller coaster. Then Mark saw the roller coaster and decided he wanted to go on it as badly as Willow. He remembered what Willow's mom had said about it but he didn't care either. Mark said it must be a bazillion dollars to get on. It's a good thing we got a ton of tickets. Then, immediately

they dashed to the ride. As they waited in line they could smell the aroma of the disgusting smelly wood. They gave the tickets to a moody person and jumped on the roller coaster. It was wide and large with a venomous fly trap on the sides, front, and back. The first ride was perfect and then they decided to go on again but by this time the line was long. They went to get some food. They got a hot dog, chips, popcorn, cotton candy, and ice cream. They could taste the buttery popcorn and the sweet cotton candy, and the beefy hot dog and the chocolate, sweet, and delicious ice cream. They shoved all their food in their mouths and they said "Boy is this delicious!"

Moments later they darted back to the roller coaster but the line was still long when they got back. So they went on some rides and then they went back to the roller coaster. The line wasn't so long and they thought they were extremely ready for a second ride. So they waited in line, then gave tickets to the person again and he carelessly took them. They clumsily hopped on the roller coaster. The second ride was deadly, as the roller coaster went around a loop and "Click" it malfunctioned upside down!!!!

Then a woman and man saw them and lazily took out their phones and called the fire department. The kids were upside down for an hour and then the fire department came and raised their huge ladder to the "Venomous Fly Trap" roller coaster. The Firefighters got Mark and Willow down and they jolted down the ladder and jumped off when they got to the bottom.

The Firefighters then talked to the owner of the roller coaster and said "You must shut this ride down and get it fixed!"

The boss said "No!!!!" "I will never shut this ride down. Never Ever!"

Then the Firefighter said, "Would you rather have a bunch of kids be in danger or have no kids in danger?" Then the owner said, "There are no people in danger." "Then shut this ride down now!" said the Firefighter. "OK, I will" said the owner. And he shut the ride down to get some minor fixes.

Six months later they went back to the carnival and the owner of the roller coaster saw them and yelled "Hey guys, The roller coaster finished going through the minor fixes last month, so why don't you go on it!" They heard the owner and so the next day, they went on the roller coaster. It was so much better then the first two times. And Willow told Mark "Let's go on it again!" Then Mark thought to himself *I shouldn't because of six months ago, maybe it'll happen again?* And they went on the roller coaster again and! Can you guess what happened? And from then on Willow was never crazy about roller coasters ever again and never trusted them and never went on one for as long as he could remember.

Anthony Pereira Ellis



Mr. Galasso and Mr. Roberto Share With Us

Some staff members around the building have been asked 5 questions about their personal lives outside school. We interviewed Mr. Galasso and Mr. Roberto. Let's look at the results!

So the first question asked to Mr. Galasso :

What is your favorite fast food place?

The answer was Wendy's.

Next question : **What college did you go to?**

The response was Siena College.

Is there anything you did not like about being principal? The answer was "No- well here is one thing... the pile of state paperwork.

The next question: **Did you go to school in Midland Park?** His response was no. I went to River Vale and Hillsdale Schools.

The Final Question:

How did you first start to become a principal?

Mr. Galasso said he was Vice Principal in 2012 at the Midland Park High School

Now for Mr. Roberto!

The first question: **Do you have any siblings?**

The answer was yes I have 1 brother and 1 sister.

Why do you enjoy being the custodian? He says he loves to see the smiles and he likes helping out.

What is your favorite

food? My favorite food to cook is Italian food, and my favorite food to eat is Spanish food.

What is your favorite ice cream? Coffee, vanilla, chocolate, and strawberry.

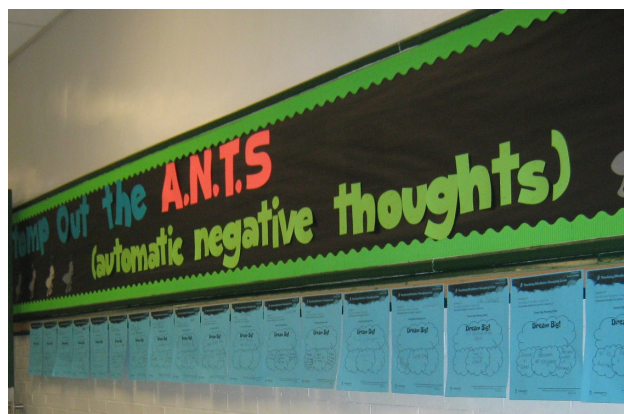
What is your favorite sport? I LOVE BASEBALL. I have a whole room full of Yankees stuff.

Tim Carr

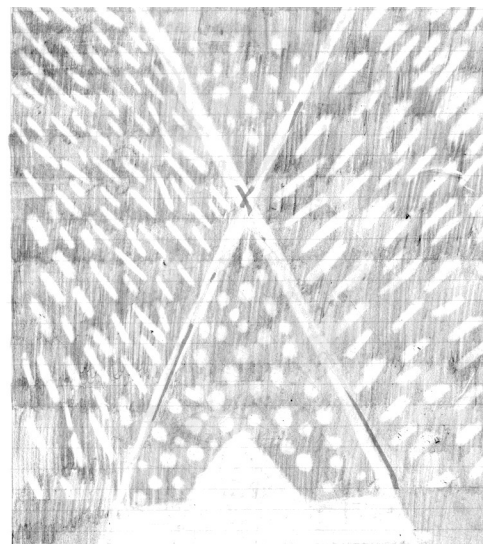


The Harvest Festival was enjoyed by all!

Highland School has Positive Thinkers!



Tales of the Twins By Lauren T. & Gabby P.

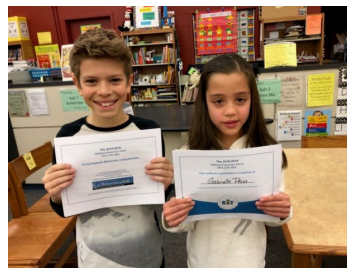


Is it an Hourglass or a Teepee
By Julissa L.

<http://www.mpsnj.org/>

Spelling Bee by Lauren T.

The Spelling Bee was recently held at Highland School. Each class had 2 representatives for the school competition. Winners will eventually compete in the National Championship. This year, Gabby Pena, a 4th grader, ended up winning. Gabby spelled 'gondolier' to win the Spelling Bee. She will represent Highland School in the North Jersey Championship where she will compete with



Community College on March 14, 2019. The winner will compete in Washington D.C. Who knew spelling could actually be fun!

the other students from Bergen and Passaic County schools. As a preparation for the competition, Gabby has to know 1,100 words! The competition will be held at the Bergen

