



Highland Roar

June 2017

The year flew by! It's time to relax and unwind after a busy and exciting year.

We wish our Godwin friends, Mrs. Cassells and Mrs. Gomez much Happiness and Good Health in their retirement.

We hope the Sixth Graders have a successful transition to MPHS in

September .

We look forward to welcoming the new 3rd graders to Highland School.

Have a Great Summer!!

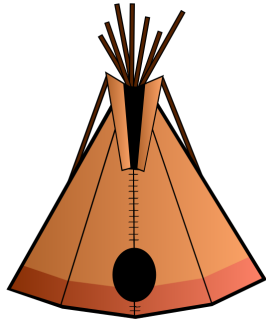
Highland School's Invention Convention

This year's Invention Convention was filled with new bold ideas from a wonderful sand-free cooler for the beach, to making the earth litter free and preventing oil spills! This year's honor rolls went to Mathilda Oosting in the 1st and 2nd grade part, Sara Klich from 3rd and 4th grade, and Ryan Barbarito from 5th and 6th grade. And for our high honors this year, 1st and 2nd grade inventor, Riley Clark, Samantha Parker from 3rd and 4th grade, and finally, Wilson Dhalwani from 5th and 6th grade. Here were some of the highlights from this year's invention convention. This year, we had our very 1st "HIP" inventor Zeesy November. Even though she did not win any honors, she still walked out of the gymnasium with a smile on her face. And the most, bold, new, and especially brightest invention award, (in case you were wondering, it's not a real thing) goes to inventor Cecelia Giannan-

tonio with her awesome invention. Her glowing ball invention both lights up so people that have problems with their vision can see the ball in Physical Education class and people that are hearing impaired can hear it with the noises that it makes so they won't lose track of where the ball is. Let's hear what Mrs. Steel has to say about the special occasion. "This is probably the most inventors that we have ever had, and there are just so many new ideas too." Mrs. Steel sure is right. This is my first year at Highland school and from what I've heard, the Invention Convention has never had so many inventors! Here were some of the biggest topics and inventions that our inventors had this year. Lots of inventions mainly involved helping the earth and cleaning up the earth, or saving energy were included. Other popular invention ideas were based on foods and also lots of cars

too. But, I think that the biggest impact was that all of the inventions were helping the earth and the people around us! Well, I wouldn't be surprised if, in 20 years from now, I was sitting on the couch watching the news and I saw an ad for "Sweet RX" on the TV! All of the inventions that Midland Park students made this year could make a big change and make the world a better place tomorrow. Not only did the convention teach the inventors to help make a change, but also to be able to have a smile on your face even if you didn't win an award. All of the inventors had amazing sportsmanship and the Highland Roar would just like to recognize that, not just because your inventions were amazing, it was the inventors that were the brains behind the invention and we appreciate that. Overall, this year's Invention convention was definitely the best! -Grace P.

5th graders walk through Native American history



The 5th grade classes will be inviting their 2nd grade buddies over to come see their Native American projects that they have been studying over the course of the last month. They are very excited for the second grade buddies to come over and see the projects that they have spent hours of time working on. The

5th graders learned about the Native Americans from the Southwest, the Plains, the West, the Southeast, and the Northeast. They learned about their homes, traditions and way of life. The 5th grade Science and Social studies teacher Ms. Modzelewski is also very excited for this upcoming event because

not only has she made a wonderful addition to our school, but this is also her first year teaching at Highland School. Overall, everyone is very excited for presenting their projects to the 2nd grade and 2nd grade is much looking forward to the upcoming event!
-Grace Pagano

Highland School Teacher of the Year

Every year at Highland School there is a teacher of the year. This year's teacher of the year is Mrs. Kirsch! Mrs. Kirsch is a fifth grade teacher, in partnership with Ms. Thiemann. Mrs. Kirsch is a buddy teacher who gives extra help to kids who need it. She travels with Ms. Thiemann's homeroom all day as an extra help, unlike other teachers who stay in the same room. A lot of students think well of her with her kind nature, sweet thoughts, and warm smile.



In fifth grade students were told to make a stamp and paragraph about someone we look up to in Highland

School. A lot of students chose her. I did as well.

Now a little background information. Mrs. Kirsch has two daughters and a husband. She lives a few towns over from Midland Park. Last year she was out on maternity leave. She used to train college students who wanted to be teachers. Her favorite math fact is 7×3 . "I am very excited to be teacher of the year," says Mrs. Kirsch. "I never thought it would be me! It's such an honor."

"When I saw my name on the screen I was crying. But at first I did not know until I saw the quote on the screen." It is her twelfth year teaching. "No teacher really inspired me to be

a teacher. I just thought it would be cool to be someone else's favorite teacher." Her first teaching job was in Ramsey at Dater School. She went to college at TCNJ, The College of New Jersey. "With my free time I like to do crafts, color, draw, and read." "Always try harder" she says to her students this year. To teachers she suggests, "Always be flexible, you will always need to change." Obviously Mrs. Kirsch is very well deserving of this honor to be the teacher of the year and has a bright future in teaching.

Samantha C.

Book Reports

The Third Grade is doing book reports. They are making covers for a book that they are reading. They have to summarize the book on a poster without the ending

so it makes it a mystery and makes the reader want to read the book. They have to read the book and make the poster for the book. They are not allowed to read

comics or a biographies for the book report because the next book report is a biography. You can see them on the second floor of the school.
By Eddie C

The Third grade is doing Bottle Buddies! Bottle Buddies is when you read a biography about someone and use a soda bottle. You dress up the bottle like the person. They can do it on a person they like. You can to actors, Presidents, Pioneers etc. They are in the third grade wing. They wrote about important things the person did.
By Eddie C

Joseph William Namath

My Name Is: Joseph William Namath
My Family: I'm currently single with 2 daughters
I live/lived in : Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania
I am known for amazing quarterback skills at the University of Alabama and being an exceptional passer for the New York Jets from 1965-1977. I was born

in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania on May 31, 1943. I have 3 older brothers and an adopted younger sister. I played football in college at the University of Alabama from 1962-1964. I started playing for the NFL New York Jets in 1965. My football career ended in 1977. I have quarterbacked for 3 division champions

and earned 2 league championships and 1 Super Bowl Victory (Super Bowl III). I was married to Deborah Lynn Mays for 16 years and had 2 daughters with her before we divorced. I am 74 years old, single, and living in Florida. Life is good.

Joseph M. 3-4



Michael Jordan

My Name is: Michael Jordan
My Family: Mom and Dad/James and Debres James and 4 siblings.
I live/Lived in: Brooklyn, New York
I am known for playing basketball and baseball. I also was in the movies. I was the best basketball player of all

time. I became interested in basketball because I wanted to be like my older brother Larry Jordan. I was pushed to do this by coaches, family, friends/other players. I was married to a lovely lady named Juanita. I have one son named Jeffrey Jordan. I lived in

Brooklyn, NY for the first 3 or 4 years of my life.





I'm Michelle Obama. I was born May 17, 1964 in Chicago. I have one brother named Craig. We lived in a one room a one bedroom apartment above our great aunt. My father was a hard worker for the city water plant and my mother stays home to take care of us. My family was happy and we always ate dinner together.

I worked really hard in school and in sixth grade I was chosen to be in a

Michelle Obama

special program. I went to a good school and was accepted into Princeton University after high school. Then, I went to Harvard Law School. When I finished I was hired at a law firm back in my home town of Chicago. That's where I met my future husband Barak Obama. We got married in 1992. We had 2 girls. My husband started a career in politics. He was so popular he eventually be-

came the president of the United States of America. That's how I became the First Lady. As First Lady, I helped kids eat healthier and become more active. I also liked to travel around the world and dance. Now that my husband isn't president, we're enjoying our time together.

Isabella 3-1



My Name is: Walter Elias Disney
My Family: Mom, Dad, Me, Raymond, Roy, Charley, and Herbert
I live/lived in: First I lived in Chicago then moved to Missouri
I am known for creating Walt Disney World and Disneyland. I also created all the Disney movies like Snow White and the Seven

Walt Disney

Dwarfs, Pinocchio, Fantasia, Dumbo, Bambi, Song of the South, Cinderella, Treasure Island, Alice in Wonderland, Peter Pan, 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, Lady and the Tramp, Old Yeller, Sleeping Beauty, Swiss Family Robinson, The Parent Trap, the Sword in the Stone, and Mary Poppins. I'm also known for making Mickey Mouse and cartoons! I was

born on December 5, 1901 and died on December 15, 1966. I died of lung cancer. Not well known Fun Fact: I was an ambulance driver in France during World War I! Well Known Fact: He was the Creator of Mickey Mouse!

Samantha W.



Who is Derek Jeter?
My name is Derek Jeter. I was born on June 2, 1974 in Pequannock, NJ. I had one sister. My grandmother lived in New Jersey and she was not a fan of the Yankees. My usual hobby was baseball. Sometimes I played basketball. I am popular because I played for the New York Yankees. I became interested in baseball because my

Who is Derek Jeter?

Dad played baseball. My parents were black and white. People asked me what color are you? I just said I am black and white. When I was in school kids called me names like oreo and zebra. My mom and dad helped me achieve my goals because my Dad was a shortstop. I was never married, yet. I have a wonderful family. I grew up in Kalamazoo,

Michigan. I wanted to play baseball because my dad did. When I was in High School I had to sign a contract that if I took drugs or alcohol I couldn't play baseball. When I was drafted to the Yankees, I was 18 years old and I was made Rookie of the Year.

Ralph C

Demi Lovato

My Name is: Demi Lovato
 My Family: I have two sisters
 I live/lived in: I lived in Texas
 I am known for: I started out on Barney and Friends when I was 10 years old! Then I went on "As the Bell Rings." I made lots of friends on Camp Rock. I even had my own solo

tour. I made it on to "Sonny with a Chance." I started a thing where you had to wear blue nail polish on your pinky as a promise to not bully anyone.

Mattia T.



Derek Jeter

My Name is: Derek Sanderson Jeter
 My Family: Charles (Dad), Dot (Mom), Sharlee (sister)
 I live/lived in: New Jersey, Michigan, Florida, Ohio
 I am known for being one of the greatest MLB players. I was born in Michigan and dreamed of being a Yankee when I was a

boy. In 1994 that dream came true! I was in AAA training when the Yankees called me to fill in for Tony Fernandez who was injured. In 1996, I started at shortstop, won Rookie of the Year Award, and won my first World Series. I played for the Yankees for the next 18 years. I earned

many awards, set records, and was named Yankees captain. I retired 3 years ago and am #6 for all-time hit leaders. Thanks to my hard work and dedication to baseball, I have become a Yankees legend.
 Braiden R. Grade 3



Modern Buildings

In Art the third Grade did projects on Brazil. They had to make a cool looking house. The houses were made from white shapes. They used light blue shapes for windows. They could of made a car out of scrap paper. They glued all the shapes down. They glued the shapes down on a big

dark blue piece of paper.
 By Eddie C



Building by Brody B.

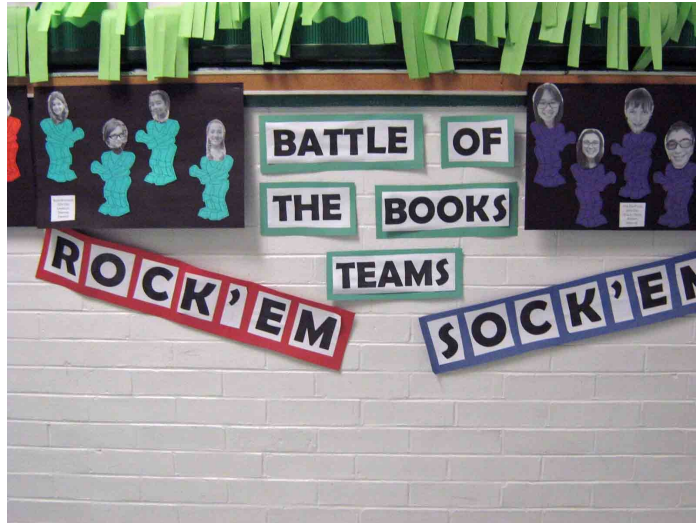


Modern Building by Joseph M. 3-4

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The third grade made a butterfly tree! They traced the butterflies on colored paper. They each got different colored paper. They had to write their name in the middle of the butterfly. The tree is in the third graded wing. The tree is right next to Mrs. Brown's room.

By Eddie C



We're on the web!
<http://highland.mpsnj.org/>

Environmental Club Continues Composting

This year the environmental club has been continuing their composting program. It was for the most part very successful. But it has come to a stop after the rats went near the compost and built a nest. Unfortunately that caused a lot of problems with the compost and had to make it stop. This year our environmental club has been working very hard on the compost and it is a shame to see it go. Mr. Hershberger, head of the environmental club, had a few thoughts. "I am disap-

pointed with it, but I am excited to get a new composter. I am glad to see that our members worked hard though. Next year we plan on getting a rodent proof composter." Ella S., a member says "I am sad, but I can see why we needed to stop the composting program. It was a big problem. But I am excited for next year's new composter." The compost program has come to a stop, but that did not stop the environmental club from carrying on.

Samantha C.

