



Highland Roar

June 2014

Another year has come to an end! A fond farewell to both Miss Ritter and Mrs. L. Johnston as they leave us for a happy and healthy retirement!

Have a safe and restful summer. See you in September!



On a special week in April, all fifth graders traveled back in time (again)! They traveled to the time of the Revolutionary War and fire muskets, fire cannons, cooked stew, chopped wood, and explored the woods. Each class picked a sergeant and corporal, who had special jobs to do at the fort. All Continental Army Recruits had to respect the time period, so there was NO plastic, glass, or anything else people in 1776 did not have allowed. Mr. Muller runs a tight operation at Fort Lee, so recruits had to be mindful. All fifth graders watched a video before setting out to

Fort Lee

work. The first hands on project we worked on was making musket balls. Fifth graders and molten metal, not a great mix but there were no accidents! Everyone poured molten pewter into a cast, and at the end of the day, we got to take home the bullets. As soon as we got to the camp, we put up the flag, drilled, and the sergeant (me) split the class into two groups. One started cooking and the other chopped wood. It was crazy cold when my class went and cutting veggies was no fun with frozen fingers. After chopping wood and vegetables, we pitched a tent. It

stayed up the whole, windy day! We drilled and fired cannons next. After that, we had lunch. Stew, apple fritters, apple cider, apple juice, and an apple. Lots of apples. Once we had eaten lunch, we drilled, fired muskets, and climbed a wall. Our teacher gave us all a boost up the wall. Once we had climbed the wall, we practiced charging and yelling properly. Then we marched back to the box house where we had cast our musket balls. We picked up our bullets and it was time to go back to 2014. 1776 was cool, but I would not want to live there!



The 6th grade students drew things that were around the art room and then photoshopped them into a photo they took. This one is by Lauren T in 6-1. What a terrific shell drawing !!!!

Battle of the Books

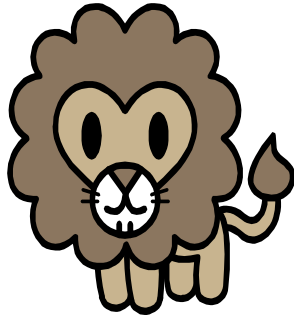
It is time once again to open one of fifteen books and battle it out for the chance to battle the teachers, and the fifth and sixth graders. Intense, right? Scary too! All the students have to participate in the first round of Battle of the Books. How-

ever, you have to beat the rest of your class before you can go on to battle the rest of your grade and if you beat the rest of your grade you get to go to the county battle and compete with other schools. Losing feels horrible but be sure to cheer on your grade. The fifth grade team

that won is not able to go to the county battle, and so a few students were chosen to go in their place. Even if it's not you up there taking on the teachers, and hopefully putting them in their place, cheer on your peers.
By Jocelyn Triolo

Bronx Zoo

By John Stevens



Guess what? On Friday the 20th we are going to the Bronx Zoo! That's right all the 4th grade classes are going to the Bronx Zoo. It's just my

opinion but I think the Bronx Zoo sounds pretty fun. Sadly I haven't been there but good thing I'm going now. If you wondering There we will see gators, monkey's, snakes, gorillas, birds, giraffes, fish,

and more! I hope to see some gators and snakes. Now they have robot dinosaurs!! Wow, that's sounds like fun! Now this is reporter John signing out.

Field Day

By: Liam McElwain
and John Stevens

*"Plus we get
ice pops!"*

Field Day is almost here and we have a half day. It is run by Mrs. Dolianitas. This years theme is countries._____

On this day we play a lot of fun activities. Also we get to watch a little thing called the fifty yard dash! 😊. Plus we get ice pops! The fifty yard dash is an enjoyable relay

race. But it is so hot ☹️. Five of your friends are in it to find the fastest class. This is reporters John and Liam signing out. 😊 😊



Finally Outside

The Highland school students are playing outside again! For 2 months we have been playing inside. Inside recess is boring. I think that everyone will agree with us.

Finally, we are playing outside again.

By: Victor Triolo and
Max Meyer

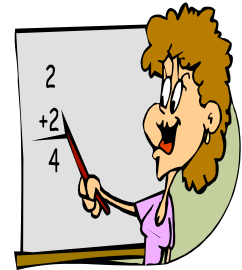
Math Playground

The game MathPlayground.com is the best computer game that teaches! Most teachers recommend it because it teaches so well! My personal favorite

is Purple Trouble. I love it so much because I like purple. Also, it shows you how to do things with a lot of logic. If you play this game you will instantly get

addicted! That happened to my class. ☹️ What is your favorite game on Math playground?

By: Max Meyer



Mix it Up Day

On April 10th every one got a paper plate with a number on it. At lunch that day you sat at the table with the

number balloon on it. Then when you sat down you tried to make a new friend. I

can't wait for the next Mix It Up Day!
By: Victor Triolo



Comics by Jocelyn and Madeline O.





Raptors in the School

No, not dinosaurs! Birds of prey! A man from PA came to our school to present us with the majestic hunters of the bird world. He gave us info about falcons, hawks, owls, and eagles. The birds that the man had

were injured and couldn't be released back into the wild. Most were blind in one eye, and for a hunter that relied on its eyesight to find prey, this makes survival hard. Even with excellent eyesight, like golden ea-

gles', one eye is no good. We learned a ton about the bird hunters of the world.

By Jocelyn Triolo

Spring Concert

By: Liam McElwain

The spring concert was very cool. All grades were in it except third. Band and chorus gave great performances. The best part if you are

in it, is when you are performing. I enjoyed it. This year our school had new members such as the 4th grade band. Their performance was amazing! We got a special performance from the

high school jazz band and my two friends Victor Triolo and John Stevens got to sit next to two saxophone players in the front row in front of the whole school!

"No, not dinosaurs!"

The Joys of Moving Seats

By : John Stevens

To me, I think switching desks is exciting because you may be seated next to your best friend. Also you may get called on more

from your new seat. Next if you don't like getting called on you may be in the back corner. Plus you may be moved away from an enemy. Last my personal favorite spot

to sit is the back because I can see the whole class room. This is reporter John signing out.



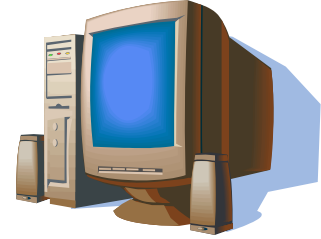
The New Computers

Mrs. Carr decided to get a lot of new computers in the library. It is like a brand new computer lab. You can go on Follett shelf and lots of cool and fun games. She had to move a lot of stuff out of the way to get it to fit. She has all of the tables moved in differ-

ent places so you have to pay attention were your walking. There are probably about 30 computers in the library. So everyone in your class will probably have a computer to go on. When you have free time you can go on websites! If you have a project to research you can use the databases.

The computers are really useful!

“It is like a brand new computer lab.”



Spring

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Bring Your Child To Work Day

Where was everybody on April 24, 2014? Bring your child to work day! About half of the students were at their parents work for the day. Some teachers even brought their kids to work on bring your child to work day! When some of the kids were gone, the remain-

ing students just got to do fun stuff in class because most of the teachers thought that if they learned, too many kids would have to spend time catching up. I got to experience being at my dad’s work and being at school. At about 1:00, my dad dropped me off back at school from his work. He dropped me off because he

had a meeting, but now I got to learn what my dad does and I got to see what my class had been doing at school. I even got to meet my teacher’s kids! Bring your child to work day was a blast!

By Madeline O’Marra

Mrs. Troisi's class re-searched the topic of school uniforms and then wrote a letter supporting a position about the topic. These are a few of the letters. They're quite interesting!



Dear Ms. Bache,

We think school uniforms are a good idea! It decreases the amount of bullying in school. According to mightyfighter.com, a bully could be jealous about you or your clothing. If you have something that the bully doesn't have, he or she might bully you for it. Also, the bully may see you as being different. You may wear different clothes and the bully will bully you for being different. School uniforms will extinguish these types of bullying.

We think it would be unfair to wear uniforms all week, so we'll have a Free Friday and a Messy Monday. You get to express your sense of style on those days. You could wear whatever you want, from skinny jeans to shorts. Only on the first Friday of every month you will wear green, like usual. Therefore, school uniforms are a great idea!

Sincerely,

Olivia Carrea and Grace Gallagher 4-4

Dear Ms. Bache,

I think we shouldn't wear school uniforms. Just like every child is unique and different, the style of clothes they wear is also unique. For example, some children like to wear sweaters and others like to wear sweat shirts, some like jeans and others like khakis or cargos. Besides, the most uniforms are blue or gray color and not all children like that color clothing. I like mixed colors and I think the school uniforms are boring. Children should wear red, blue, green, yellow, pink, and etc. clothes to feel outstanding and inspired. Children deserve to have freedom of expression. Color and style of clothing are the way children express themselves. Moreover, the price of uniforms is ridiculously hard. According to the website, Statistic Brain, school uniforms cost about \$150. This could be a big burden for some families. According to NorthJersey.com, 25% of New Jersey families are poor. This people cannot afford to buy school uniforms for their kids.

Sincerely, Irakli Dokhnadze 4-4

Dear Ms. Bache,

I am writing this letter to tell you I think Highland School should never get uniforms! I have plenty of reasons why uniforms should be rejected. Here are a few of them.

Most people who want uniform's say that it can bring up grades, attendance, and help graduation. It is also known that schools that have less money for resources have more uniforms than schools with tons of money. The schools with money, however, have less attendance and worse grades. Also, in Ohio, a school had uniforms in 2005 and no improvements for grades were made. Obviously people that think uniforms can improve grades, bring up attendance, and help graduation are wrong. From this, it is clear that uniforms won't help.

Also, people think that uniforms will help with bullying. If everyone is wearing the same thing, you can't say, "ugly outfit" or "You really think that's a good looking shirt" since they're wearing the same thing. I feel that we don't have that type of clothing bullying here at Highland School. I think that uniforms will crush children's creativity. Also lots of children express themselves through what they wear. Now you have seen two important reasons why we should reject uniforms.

My next reason is parents. It's not only children's opinions. Parents have a decision to make. Is it ok for their child to wear a uniform or not? If it's not, you may not be able to have a uniform. It is their child, and they decide rules for their kid. My other reason is simply money. School uniforms are expensive these days. When you announce that you decide to get a school uniform and the student tells his or her parent, that parent could be mad that they have to spend more money on a uniform. The average cost of a uniform these days is \$249. If you have 2 students in school, which is true for many parents, you're spending around \$500 on two school uniforms. Now you can see that money is a big problem.

Ho-Ho-Kus School was debating whether or not to get a school uniform in 2013. In the end, after researching and finding out the truth about uniforms, they rejected uniforms and so should we.

Your student,

Abby 4-4