



Highland Roar

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Help Wanted

In Highland, Lockers play a big role in storing books and school supplies but they have become much more than that. Decorations have taken control of space in the locker. People have been decorating their lockers with things such as rugs, wallpapers, mirrors, and more. All the decorations take up a lot of space. Sixth and fifth graders don't have to worry about this anymore after the February break. Our present is something we've been excited about for a long

New Lockers!!!!

time, bigger lockers. Over the February semi-break the 2nd floor hallways will be changing. Instead of the small half lockers, we will be getting full sized lockers which are easier in many ways. One difficulty in the past, other than space issues, is that the person on the top has to work around the person on the bottom and the person on the bottom has to work around the person on the top. Say that

five times fast! Almost every fifth and sixth grader are really excited about this change of bigger lockers. After being rescheduled two times the lockers were something definitely worth waiting for.
Saskia Trommelen 5-2



Environmental Club

Protecting the environment is the goal of this club, led by Mr. Hershberger. Ever seen the ink cartridge bin in the computer lab? You can recycle used or expired ink cartridges from your computer, and Mr. Hershberger can exchange them for money for the school. Every cartridge is worth two dollars. Now the environmental club

has put compost bins by the ramp outside to reduce the amount of trash we throw away. Seen them? The club has also put up signs in the cafeteria promoting the compost. Even the lunch ladies are pitching in! All their food scraps are put in the compost, as well as teachers' coffee grinds. A film on the wonders of compost starring

Gabriella Rotseart and Maya Gryscovik, directed by Highland Roar's own Tommy Faber is coming out soon. Interested in joining? Meeting dates are posted on Mr. Hershberger's computer lab page on the school website.

By Jocelyn Triolo

Highland Music Curriculum



“...the sixth graders this year will follow in their footsteps and dazzle the crowd.”



Music curriculum in Highland School is one of the best around. We have many different options to show our musical talent- chorus, band, and jazz band. In the subject of chorus, we have a fourth grade chorus, a fifth grade chorus. The fourth graders start working on three songs towards the beginning of the school year and perform in the spring concert, however they do not perform in the winter concert. Both the sixth and fifth grade choruses work on 3 songs and perform them in the winter concert. The sixth graders put on a musical during the

spring after a brilliant show during the winter. Last year the sixth graders put on a fantastic show of the Wizard of Oz, and the sixth graders this year intend to follow in their footsteps and dazzle the crowd. For the fifth graders, they get another three songs that they perform in the spring concert. Ms. Angulo-Pizzaro teaches all three choruses and organizes their performances.

Alongside the choruses, there are three different bands, the beginner band consisting of all of the fourth graders; this being their first year in band. All three of

the bands are under the supervision of Mr. Peters. Advanced band consists of fifth and sixth graders, this being their second and third years in band. But there is also one more band that only advanced band members can join which is the jazz band. The jazz band only accepted certain instruments such as: the trumpet, the saxophone, the trombone, the drums, and the piano. Our school has many activities that are open to all of the fourth, fifth, and sixth graders.

By: Tommy Faber and Jungjin Pak

New Jersey's New Test!

This year we are having a different state test, the PARCC. Instead of the paper and pencil NJASK we will be taking the PARCC test this year. On December 4, 2014 we took a practice test for it to prepare ourselves for the one that will be sent to the state. The PARCC test is computerized so it has many functions that the NJASK doesn't; like highlighting, magnifiers, a red X that when you click on an answer you know is wrong it crosses it out. There is also a review and flag but-

ton. A review button shows you if you accidentally skipped or missed a question. Also, a review button shows you which questions you flagged. When you flag a question it tells you that you had a hard time and skipped the question to do it later. When you click review you can see all the questions you have flagged and go back to them. You can use rulers, protractors, and calculators if provided which are helpful. To go to the next question you have to click the top two arrows.

Like in Microsoft Word, when answering a question you can bold, italicize, and underline. There are also questions where you can drag and drop sentences into their correct boxes. After the last question you can submit your answers by hitting the green submit button. Since every job now requires computer skills, the state tests have now become computerized. This more interactive test has proved to be more enjoyable than the NJASK.

Midland Park/ Waldwick Football game

On December 6, 2014 the Midland park/ Waldwick football team played in Metlife Stadium playing the Westwood Cardinals. We all went to the game and rooted for our team. LETS GO BLUE!!! The Westwood Cardinals best player got ejected

since he threw a punch. We sadly lost the game and the score was 21 to 7. At the end of the game the Westwood coach brought his son on the field. They also threw their helmets in the air and luckily the helmets did not hit anyone. After that they

took a huge picture of everyone, including the coaches and the water boys. Lastly, our team was really upset but at least we played at Metlife Stadium. Anthony Sasso and Robert Nichols



Sports

The Giants won the World Series on 10/29/14. The Giants scored 3 and the Royals got 2. It was the same match up as game 2. Madison Bumgarner pitched against Jeremy Guthrie. It was very upsetting when

the Royals lost. The Giants have won three times in the last 5 years. The Royals had a very good team going in to the playoffs and the World Series. But sometimes the favored teams get beat in the long run. In a few

months baseball will start up again, so who do you think will win the World Series next year? Maybe the Royals / Giants have a shot at winning it next year.
By Robert Nichols and Anthony Sasso

*Have you
ever scored
a
touchdown?*

The Great Game

Have you ever scored a touchdown? Well I did. On Friday on the field, my friends and I were playing football. The other team kicked it off because it was our ball first. I caught the ball while my teammates guarded me, and I dodged the opposing players.

Then, one of the opposing players tackled me and I was down. After I got up, Robert was quarterback and then he passed it to me! I caught

the ball! I darted across the field like a cheetah!

Next, my teammates guarded me. I almost got a touchdown but I got tackled. It was fourth down and me and my teammates were sweating because the score was 18 to 18. We were tied so Jonny was quarterback and he passed it to me.

Not long after that, I caught it again. So this time I ran as fast as I could and dodged the op-

posing players while doing a 360 in between 2 players! I was sweating because there were 10 more seconds on the clock! When I ran I was sweating 5...4...3...2... touchdown!

We won! The score was 18 to 24. Me and my team were so happy. We started to lose but then won! Winning this game was one of the best days of my life!

Ethan Biswurm





**We were
going as
fast as
lightning!**



Making my First Communion was a Christian tradition. I knew it was going to be fun. My family was all going to the church to celebrate with me. After the communion, we were having a party at my house.

First, I got into my suit. I wore a tie, jeans, and favorite shirt. When we got in the car, there were five people, which were my grandma, grandpa, mom, dad, and me. Once we arrived at the church, we stayed outside for a while and

Have you ever been to Block Island? Every summer my family goes to Block Island. Block Island is in Rhode Island. It has many beaches and fun things to do. To get there you have to take a ferry. Block Island is the best place to go for vacation.

This summer Block Island was really fun! When we went to the beach my Dad was trying to teach me how to surf. It was a lot harder than I thought. After, we went fishing and crabbing. I was scared that the crab would pinch me! I didn't want to go in the water if

My First Communion

took some pictures. After that, we entered the church.

Next, I was waiting in the line for the Holy Bread. There were other kids in suits taking their First Communion too. As the line shrunk it was my turn. I put the bread in my mouth with two hands. When I left I felt proud. My First Communion was awesome.

Then, after we left the church we went to the Environmental Park and took five pictures of me in my suit. When we got home, we celebrated

the party and I got to open presents. My favorite was my first and only iPad. Soon after, we finished our cake and it tasted good.

Finally, the party was over. My grandparents left and we returned home. On our way, we thought about the party and how fun it was. The next time I am taking communion, I'll just be taking the Holy Bread. No party, presents, or fancy suit. I'll just be taking the Holy Bread.

Szymon

My Trip to Block Island

my feet touched the ground. Then we watched the boats go by and went swimming. I had a great time at the beach.

On the second day we went to the water park. First we went on a really, really big slide. When it was finally our turn we went on the tube and it turned pitch black. We were going as fast as lightning! After we got off the slides we went on the other rides. My dad and I raced each other on this really fast ride. This ride was so fast that my brother, mom, and sister were too scared to go on

it. The water park was fun.

Next we went to my Grandpa's sailboat. We slept on it for 4 nights. The boat was rocking back and forth. We also took a ride on a speed boat. When my Dad was steering the boat he was going as fast as a cheetah! Afterward, we went back to the Marina and played games. I will never forget my trip to Block Island.

This year Block Island was the best! I hope I can go back next year!

Keri Dahl Grade 4

My Trip to Yellowstone National Park

“We’re going to Yellowstone!” my Mom told me. Everyone was happy and excited. But the bad part was that we had to wait a couple of months. It was May and the trip wasn’t until August. This vacation was going to be awesome! I couldn’t wait to have fun and see the animals.

To start our trip we had to go to the airport. My family got to the gate and we had to wait 2 hours. I got bored and was trying to take a nap. We finally boarded the

plane at 7:00. But it took another 20 minutes for everyone to get on. When we got to Montana, we slept in a hotel.

Next we had to rent a car to get to Yellowstone. We were supposed to get a regular car, but the lady asked if we wanted a 2014 Tahoe and my parents said yes. Our family started to drive and I was so excited! After driving some more I got really bored.

Long after that, we got to the park (that’s what everyone called it there). We took many

pictures, but my sister refused to stand next to us. I saw many animals, including a bear that my dad spotted. Our family also went horseback riding and my dad’s horse passed gas a ton.

We all had a really fun time. Our family learned a lot about animals too. I couldn’t wait to tell my friend and family about our trip.

Robert Vander Pyl 4-4



The New Puppy

Have you ever adopted a puppy? Well, my family did. One summer morning my mother surprised us with something we had been asking for. We were finally getting a puppy! Now we would have someone to play with.

That summer morning my brother and I walked downstairs. Our mom told us to clean our rooms. After that, we asked, “Why”? Mom said, “We are getting a pup-

py!” My brother and I were so excited!

Meanwhile, the foster parents pulled up the driveway. They were really nice! One of them opened the trunk. Then they brought the puppy into the back yard. The foster parents said, “He is an American Bulldog”. Also his name was Mattis.

Later on, we brought him inside our house. Mattis ran right up the stairs. It was really funny. After my

parents signed the forms the foster parents left. We were so happy. We finally got a puppy.

In the end, we brought Mattis in the backyard again. We were so thankful we had a dog. I think you should go adopt a pet just like me.

Kyleigh Skiba 4-2

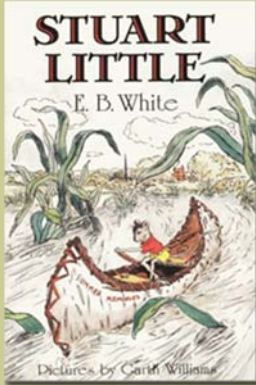


**“We’re going
to
Yellowstone!”**

One School, One Book

Everyone get ready for Midland Park's new book. For the past three years the two schools Godwin and Highland have been reading books as a school and now 2015 promises one of the best yet. Our first book was "A Cricket in Time Square" which a lot of people enjoyed greatly. Our second was about another mouse who everyone befriended.....Humphrey. Last year the book was "The Mouse and The Motorcycle" which was a great book as well. Well, this year's One School, One Book book is "Stuart Little" which I know everyone will enjoy. I think we will all love this new and fourth rodent of Highland and Godwin school. We have all enjoyed the activity in the past and will this year. This time (and like always) Ms.Carr has put together an audio of the book and has many other great things for it online so you can check that out on a computer. Also she has posted the reading dates and a calendar of what you should read that day on her website. Every week we will answer a question and then, if you get it correct and get picked from a container, you may get a prize. After a great assembly I am sure everyone is excited to read our latest book "Stuart Little." With our clues a wedding ring, a boat, a hammer, and a faucet I am certain it will be an outstanding story full of adventure.

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Photo by Cadence

Regarding the Fountain

by Kate Klise

By the Fountain

Cadence Schmidt 5-2

This photo connects to the summer reading book, Regarding the Fountain by Kate Klise because in the story they built a fountain and the fountain had flowers and fish. In addition to flowers and fish I also used paper and pencils which reflects how the book was written in letters. I love how the fountain was the focus of all the letters.

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe

By: C.S Lewis
Victoria Manata
5-4

I read the book The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C.S Lewis. In this story there are many main objects. The objects I picked are a wardrobe, a wand, and an umbrella. The wardrobe is important to the story because that's what the children in the story travel through to get to Narnia. When the children in the story travel to Narnia it becomes the main part of the story. The wand is important to the story because that's what a witch in the story casts spells with. The witch is the problem in the

story, so if the witch can't cast spells and create problems for the characters in the story to overcome, then there would be no story. Lastly the umbrella is important to the story because that's what a fawn in the story walks with, so that's what makes the umbrella so special to the story. All of these objects are main and important parts to the story!



Photo by Victoria