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WEATHER REPORT
In springtime,
the only pretty ring time.
Birds sing, hey ding, A-ding A-ding.
Sweet Lovers love...the Spring
~ Willie Wonka...and Shakespeare

Seek Knowledge,
Embrace Effort,
Act Thoughtfully,
and Commit to
the Common Good

Adara Announces the First Annual Walk-A-Thon

On April 2nd, NHCS held its first Walk-A-Thon at Joe Moakley Park. We held a Walk-a-thon to raise money for field trips and other activities. We had one hour to complete as many laps around the field as we could. There were over thirty students there. Students present were from grades 1 to 4. Some students even brought their younger or older siblings.

When I arrived, the weather was really cold. In other words, the clouds were gray and the wind was hard on my face. This wind made walking harder. While we were jogging I noticed that a lot of us had gotten out of breath very easily. The funny thing is we were doing a walk-a-thon and yet some people decided to run.

To keep us going there was a table filled with snacks. Teachers were there to cheer us on. It was a really fun time. Some kids walked over ten laps!

Even though we are still collecting our donations we have, so far, raised over \$2000 for the Lower School! I wonder how much we will raise altogether! Hope to see you out there next year!

Zoe Introduces Us To An Author

I decided to write about George Blaisdell because I was inspired by a book he wrote about bullies and body shame. The title of the book is *Bart: Sometimes The Biggest Bullies Are In Our Own Minds*. The message or moral of the story is don't bully people and if you're getting bullied don't bully yourself! What he means by that is don't let the bullies get to your head. The book has not come out yet, but it's going to be a great book. The author is a fun and interesting person!

I took some time to ask him questions about his book and his profession. Here is our conversation.

Me: How many books have you written?

George: Just two, so far.

Me: Is it fun to write long books or short ones?

George: Well I like to make books around 75 pages. I tend to make it that way because if I make them longer the person reading my book might lose interest.

Me: How do you get your inspiration?

George: Sometimes I sit on my couch and watch TV, or have my headphones on and listen to music. It's very helpful at times!

Me: What was your job before you became an author?

George: I was a bartender.

Me: Why did you become an author?

George: I wanted to share my books with people. They might say, "Oh, I feel that way, too." I don't want people to feel like they are the only one feeling that way.

Me: How long does it take you to make a book?

George: It took me almost 20 years to make *Bart*. I made the original book in college, so it takes a while.

Me: What is the meaning or purpose of the *Bart* book?

George: The meaning of the book is for people to not feel shame. Someone's weight does not matter and looks don't either.

Me: What is your writing process like?

George: It takes a while, but it's calming. It can sometimes be really stressful when I have to find an illustrator and a publisher. It's hard at times.

Me: Do you like writing books?

George: I love to! I'm working on one called *2022 Vision and 3 Eyes*. It is great so far!

Sariyah Shares

Scholarly Advice

Our school values include seeking knowledge, embracing effort, acting thoughtfully, and committing to the common good.

I think these values are important because they help students make good choices. One way I make good choices is by following the rules and picking up things that are not mine. I listen to my teachers and treat people kindly.

In the 4th grade we try to commit to the common good as much as possible. This year we have collected materials as a service project for people affected by the earthquake in Turkey. We have made rules for the playground to make it a safer place. We have raised money for the school through a walk-a-thon.

It is especially important to commit to the common good because it makes the school a better place to be. We can go on more field trips and have more fun at recess.

If people made good choices and would commit to the common good everyone would be nicer to each other. The school and our world would be more peaceful.

...more From Zoe on why NHCS is the place to be!

I am new to NHCS this year. I felt kind of scared inside myself when I arrived. I wanted to hide rather than feel good about being new, but I know it's better to show it than hide it.

During my first few days I made a few friends. The schoolwork...I never thought I would write an essay until Middle or High School, maybe because at my old school we never wrote essays. Oh, and at my old school we didn't have half days and we had a specific special on each day. So, NHCS was kind of all new to me!

Here's my tip for anyone at NHCS. Do not stress about the work. It takes time to get into a routine/habit. You can do it!

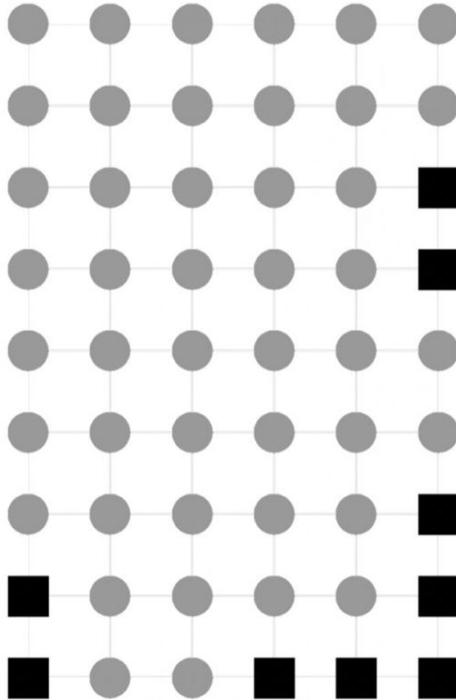
I think NHCS is the BEST because the people are so nice, the food is good, and the specials are VERY, and I mean VERY, AWESOME!

Shout out to Meghan Mannion who alone raised over \$1000 for the walk-a-thon!

Try your hand at this month's puzzle!

Connect the Dots

Connect all the dots without overlapping the path or connecting with any of the boxes.



Armany Updates Us on Fenway...

John Taylor wanted a new ballpark for his team. He built Fenway Park in 1912. Before it was called Fenway Park it was known as Huntington Avenue Grounds. Fenway Park is the oldest ballpark still being used by Major League Baseball. The first game was held at Fenway Park on April 9, 1912. In 1914, Fenway Park erected the thirty-seven foot high wall we know as the "Green Monster." April is the beginning of baseball season. I hope I get to go to Fenway Park again!

Jadhai Just Loves the Game

Records trace the history of soccer back more than 2,000 years ago to ancient China, Greece, Rome, and parts of Central America also claim to have started the sport.

It is said that two school teachers, August Hermann and Konrad Koch, introduced the game of soccer to Germany in 1874.

It was the British that made soccer into the game we know today. Immigrants, meanwhile, are thought to have brought soccer to the United States.

The first football association was formed in England 1863. It is particularly popular in Europe, Central and South America, and Africa. It has been growing in North America and Asia.

With 3.5 billion fans around the world, soccer is the one sport that pretty much the whole world can agree upon. Soccer is also claimed to be the most viewed sport in the world.



Joshua Is Inspired By His Brother...and

Who inspires you?

I have loved basketball since I was 7 years old because I saw my brother play 6th Grade basketball. My brother inspired me to play basketball. I'm good at it! My brother and I both love basketball.

Basketball is a special sport because it is filled with kindness and caring. For example, sometimes when someone falls the other team helps to pick up their opponent.

Then, I saw Stephen Curry play on TV. Stephen Curry also inspires me.

Jordan Recommends The Need for a Lunch Lady

The book I'll be reviewing is the first book in the Lunch Lady series called Lunch Lady and the Cyborg Substitute.

There are ten different books in the series. This book was actually the first Lunch Lady book that I found in the 4th grade library. We call it The Lounge.

Lunch Lady and the Cyborg Substitute is in the style of a comic book because there are boxes with illustrations and speaking bubbles.

This book is about a lunch lady who is secretly a secret agent who fights crime. The book is actually very funny.

The story is about a crime fighting lunch lady and these three students who think she has a bunch of cats, or perhaps they think she has a family to take care of. One of the students has a feeling that she is a super secret agent spy, which she is.

People should read the series because it seems really funny. I really like the fact that the characters kept talking about how the lunch lady was a secret agent. It would be neat to have a secret agent lunch lady because sometimes, like in the book, the principal might be a robot and may need to be destroyed!

Curry can find open shots on the court. He doesn't just shoot. He also passes the ball to his teammates. I like the way he handles the ball.

Stephen Curry is a role model to me because he is able to make really hard shots. He makes people want to be like him.

Stephen Curry is a nine-time NBA All-Star. He has been an NBA MVP and has also won the NBA Championship four times.

My brother inspires me because he is nice and he is fun. Stephen Curry inspires me. He inspires me with his shooting. He inspires me with his moves.

Thomas Schools Us in Some Historical Facts

Ok, let's start 400 years ago when America was "discovered" by Christopher Columbus.

Indigenous people were already living here and they didn't like that they were found. The native people did not like Columbus much, so that led to the start of years of conflict. Until the English came.

The English came along with seven years of war.

At first, the English were losing their fight to control the colonies. Then the French teamed up with the Indigenous people. The French exposed their Indigenous allies to some diseases they weren't familiar with. The French were killing their own allies! After that, the English kind of dominated.

Great Britain had America under control. But that was before they taxed the tea.

On March 5th, 1770, the colonists started the Boston Massacre by taunting a group of "lobster backs" when someone said "fire!" Nobody knows who said it. Five people were killed.

Three years later, the colonists dressed up as "indians" and threw hundreds of pounds of tea into the water of Boston Harbor. This was known as the Boston Tea Party...and that's how the American Revolution started.

I could go on and on about the American Revolution, but unfortunately the editor doesn't have enough space in the newspaper for all of that, and I have a lot to write in so little time, so I regret to inform you that I cannot tell you everything.

After the Red Coats surrendered at Yorktown, the colonists had won the war. They all thought they were done fighting Britain, but of course, they weren't.

In 1812 the British decided they weren't going to quit, so they attacked America again. They burned the White House, and even though the President's home was in flames, you guessed it, we still won the war.

Now, a lot of things happened in the 1800's: The Gold Rush, pioneering and all that stuff, but the main thing that happened was the Civil War. The Civil War was a battle to outlaw slavery and the North (people who wanted to end slavery) won!

Well, looks like there's no more space in the newspaper for me, so this is THE END.

Aleiny Knows Perfection

The word of the month is spring.

Spring is the perfect season! Spring has warmer weather and increased daylight hours. It's the best season yet because spring is the season before Summer, which means the pool, a beach, and also, vacations!

Did you know that Spring is called Spring because of the reference to plants springing from the ground?

The spring season also brings a new life to the trees, plates, flowers, crops, etc. It makes the earth greener and brighter with lustrous colors. The weather is neither too hot nor cold. There is also warm wind in the spring season air. It's just perfect!

The beauty of this season is that it brings happiness and joy all around and makes our minds very creative and gives energy to the body.

Many people go out on short trips or long vacations during this season. Children enjoy picnics and play around. What's your favorite activity in the spring season? Why is spring your favorite season? If not, what other season do you like? How does the spring season make you feel? Calm, relaxed or mabe cheerful!

Spring is my favorite season because if you're just like me, you don't like the cold or the extreme hotness. Spring is perfect!

Ziamaly Discovers Ms. Rickard's Hidden Talent

Tell me about yourself.

I am from Rhode Island. I love summertime, sitting on a beach with a good book..

What are your greatest strengths?

Hockey, being hard-working, and being a good friend.

What are your biggest weaknesses?

I am a procrastinator. I shouldn't always wait until the last minute, but hey, it gets done eventually.

Do you like teaching?

Yes! I love the relationships I make with students. You never fail to make me laugh.

How have you overcome a teaching problem?

I will talk to Mr. Levine and Ms. Mac to problem solve. We come up with solutions as a team.!

What's a fun fact about you?

I can wiggle my ears.

If you could be Batman or Robin, which would you be??

Batman, duh.

Do you prefer cats or dogs?

Dogs, always dogs.

What does hockey mean to you?

My whole family played hockey. It was something we all did together. We played all year long on ice rinks or street hockey. It's just so much fun. Hockey has always been a big part of my life. Hockey helped me to get into college. I've met some of my best friends through hockey. I am always so happy every time I get to play.

If you couldn't be a teacher what would you be?

If I couldn't be a teacher I would love to be a travel photographer.

How does it feel to be a professional girl hockey player?

I loved playing pro hockey. It meant so much to be part of a league that is growing into something that will someday allow young girls to turn into a career.

Ms. Rickard was born in Coventry, Rhode Island on January 15, 1997. She graduated from Providence College. Ms. Rickard scored 80 points in 146 NCAA Hockey Games with the Providence Friars. She played professional hockey with the Boston Pride in the National Women's Hockey League. She currently helps Mr. Levine and Ms. McNamara with ELA and Math.

Jason's On The Road

Here are some fun facts about Puerto Rico! I chose Puerto Rico because I like being there. I want to live there when I am older.

Puerto Rico is one of the world's oldest colonies. There are over 300 miles of beaches to walk on. The beaches in Puerto Rico are very nice. They have sand that is almost completely white. There are fun activities like snorkeling. You can see really cool fish. You can also catch fish. I once had to fight a shark when I was fishing. My uncle caught a piranha that was pretty big!

Puerto Rico is a fun place. You will need to fly there or take a boat because it is 1,694 miles from Boston!

Ms. Rickard Hits the Ice



Gabby's Favorite Fox

I'm writing about silver foxes. The silver fox is a mammal that lives in Northwestern North America.

They are different from regular foxes because they have a different color.

The silver fox eats both plants and animals. The silver fox can live up to 12 years.

I think the silver fox is special because of their color.



Pictured above is the staff of this month's Fourth Grade Monthly. Introducing (top row, left to right): Armani, Ziamaly, Jadhaj, Jordan, Adara, Jasmin. (middle row, left to right): Lana, Aleiny, Thomas, Gabby, Mahiri (bottom row, left to right): Joshua, Kaiden, Zoe, Jason, Sariyah

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Lana Tran is a Movie Fan

Avatar is an animated movie. The setting is in the water.

I chose this movie because it is a good movie that tells a good story and because it is very interesting. I like the acting in Avatar. The action is thrilling. I also like all of the colors in the movie.

This is a great movie because of the people in the movie. Their hair is so beautiful and very long. I love the people who fly in spaceships.

If you love a movie that is riveting, then Avatar is the movie for you!



Kaiden Cracks Up

1. Why can't the pony sing a lullaby?
2. What do you call a boomerang that won't come back?
3. What did one toilet say to the other?
4. What does a cloud wear under its raincoat?
5. Why did the actor fall through the floorboards?
6. What do you call fake pasta?
7. Why did an old man fall into a well?
8. What did the mama cow say to the calf?

1. Because she's a little horse. 2. A stick. 3. You look a bit flushed. 4. Thunderwear 5. He was going through a stage. 6. An impasta. 7. He couldn't see that well. 8. It's pasture bedtime.

In The Kitchen with Jasmin

Mango pudding. I chose to make mango pudding because my mother told me it was part of my culture.

Mango pudding is easy to make. It is silky smooth, creamy, and bursting with fresh mango flavor!

The ingredients are mango, of course, milk, gelatin and sugar. This silky, rich mango pudding is bursting with appetizing flavor. I like to enjoy it inside my household. I just love devouring its rich and creamy texture in my room.

Mango pudding is eaten as a traditional British food. Some Chinese restaurants make mango pudding in a fish shape because goldfish or koi express good luck in Chinese culture.

Mango pudding can also be found in most Asian grocery stores or supermarkets. It can also be purchased as a powder, which requires the addition of boiling water or milk into the powder.

The dessert is also connected to Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and Macau and is often served in Chinese dim sum restaurants.

How to prepare it:

Dissolve a packet of gelatin in boiled hot water.

Stir in sugar and a pinch of salt.

Add in the cream or milk.

Mix in the mango puree.

Pure the mixture into 4 ramekins or small bowls. Cover with saran wrap and chill in the fridge for 2 hours or until set.

I suggest you make it!

Mahiri Has Some 4th Grade Advice

In ELA, you must always read with your pencil in your hand because you never know, maybe you need to underline. You must always be ready. You must always focus on the book. Nothing else is important. Don't let your mind wander. Don't get distracted. Always follow directions.

In writing, there are four parts to an essay. The claim, which comes from the prompt and shows what you're trying to prove; the evidence, which explains the claim and comes from the text (use quotation marks!); the reasoning, which explains the evidence and comes from yourself, and the conclusion which repeats your claim. Don't forget the basic parts of an essay!

In Math, never give up. If you're stuck on a question, skip it, ask for help, or read. You're always on voice level 0. For Mad Minute, we answer multiplication or division facts as quickly as we can for one minute. This helps us become fast with our basic math facts. Do the questions on voice level 0. Story Problems are word problems where you have to represent your work, solve the problem, and then say the answer in Complete Answer Form. Read the question, underline important information, and represent it with a drawing. Then, solve it with CAF. Turn and talk on level 1. Show your work to your partner and say what you did to solve and what you would have done differently.

Last up is Science. We are always learning about new things! You must always pay attention to the board and to your work. We also do hands-on experiments to learn in a fun way. For example, we taped our thumbs to our pointer fingers to try to do simple tasks and experience how important it is for humans to have this adaptation to survive.

Fourth grade is going to be your favorite grade!