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## Congressmen Help To Open Auditorium By December

By Kevin Harry

On January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Congressman Paul E. Kanjorski visited Hazleton Elementary Middle School. He came for a special reason. He donated a large check that will go toward the "Castle Auditorium Fund." The check was made out for \$300,000.

The auditorium is being dedicated to a woman named Alice C. Wiltsie. It will now be called the Alice C. Wiltsie Performing Arts Center.

A.J. Gasser, Angela and Rebecca Marchetti, and I, Kevin Harry, presented the congressman with two Castle t-shirts, signed by Joe Maddon, the manager of the Major League Baseball team the Tampa Bay Rays, to show the school's appreciation. At one time, Joe was a high school student at this



Student Council members pose (from left) Rebecca Marchetti, Kevin Harry, Congressman Kanjorski, Rebecca Marchetti and A.J. Gasser.



Student Council members pose (from left) Rebecca Marchetti, Kevin Harry, Congressman Eachus, Rebecca Marchetti and A.J. Gasser.

school when it was the Hazleton High School.

To end the morning, after a tour of the school, the Congressman attended a luncheon in our school library.

Then, on March 14, 2010, State Representative Todd Eachus also came to present our school with a large sum of money. He presented a check from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for **one million dollars**. That check gave HEMS enough money to now pay to finish our newly remodeled auditorium.

The auditorium will be completed around July and is set to open some time in December. It will be an entertainment location for many future plays, concerts, talent shows and assemblies for the students of HEMS and the Hazleton community.

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## P-S-S-A'S

By Katlyn Berry\*

What are you doing to prep for the PSSA's?

At HEMS, we asked some eighth graders, what they were doing to prep for the big test.

**Marielle Lithgow** said, "I am prepping for the PSSA's by listening and writing down the word of the day. I'm also

working on Study Island, which helps me study."

Next, **Juan Almonte** said, "To study for the PSSA's I am going to take study guides home, ask teachers for help when I need it and try to get good grades in the subjects that I'm good at."

Finally, **Suehayles**

**Ortiz** said, "I'm going to keep trying to do my best on things I am not good at, like math. I am also going to keep studying on Study Island and pay more attention to my teachers."

PSSA's will be given to grades 3-8 in April. Reading and math

tests will be April 7-16. The writing test will be given to students in 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades April 19-23. The science PSSA is for 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades from April 26-30.

Get a good night's sleep and eat breakfast before the tests. Attendance is very important.

# Track & Field First-Timers

By Hernon Aquino\*

HMS students are getting excited about spring sports. For those who don't know what Hazleton has to offer, below is some information on track and field.

It seems a large amount of students are joining the track team. This is a great sport if you enjoy running, jumping and throwing heavy objects.

I asked questions to a few students joining track.

**Q:** What area of track and field are you interested in?

**Kevin Harry:** I am throwing the javelin and discus.

**Peter Larmbaro:** I am doing long jump, sprints, and mid-distance.

**Matt Michlen:** Sprints and



long jump.

**Jaicha Valerio:** I would like to do sprints and hurdles.

Most of the students will be doing track for the first time.

**Q:** Why do you think you would enjoy track and field?

**Harry:** It is a good way to keep my body in shape.

**Valerio:** You can feel the breeze when you run. Also it feels like your flying on Earth.

**Keifer Ngirngesechgei** said running is his passion so he is very excited about joining the track team for the first time.

Even if you never did it before, sign up and try it out! If track isn't for you, other options include the baseball and softball teams.

# Eighth Grade Farewell



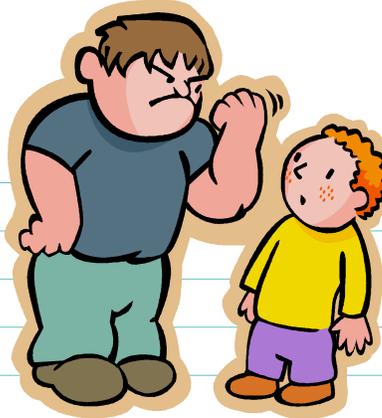
## Bullies

By Jessica Turitto\*

Bullies are people that come up to you and ask you for your lunch money. The ones that push you in the halls and call you mean names. Sometimes when you try to take a stand against them to stand up for yourself, it isn't enough. If you feel that you are being bullied, tell your parents, a teacher, or ask to go to the office and tell Mr. Jadush or Mr. DeNoia.

There are different ways of bullying. Cyberbullying occurs over the computer through email, instant messaging, or on social networking sites, like Facebook or MySpace. Physical bullying is when someone pushes, shoves, punches or trips you on purpose.

If any of these situations seem to occur with you, be sure to report it. Sometimes you need an adult to help make the bully stop. A visit to Mr. Jadush, Mr. DeNoia,



Ms. DeRose, any teacher or adult, in or out of school, can make a huge difference in your life. Any adult will be happy to help you.

Remember, don't let the bullying go on too long. Try not to fight back or act tough because that is what the bully wants. Instead, use humor to sidestep the situation or try

to make friends. If that doesn't work, then try to ignore your bully. If they see what they are doing doesn't bother you, or you aren't affected by their taunting, they might stop.

This year the Hazleton Area School District has established a strict anti-bullying policy to enforce a safe environment for all students. All bullying incidents are dealt with promptly by school administration and staff.

There will always be people that don't see eye to eye with you, but there is no reason for them to torture you because of it. You do not want to be friends with people who are going to treat you poorly or upset you every day. If you feel you are a person who is being bullied, please report it immediately. Do not be afraid. You are not alone. Just report it.

## Easter Baskets Not Just For Candy

By Kelsey Whittaker and Ashley Oster\*

Since Easter is coming up we decided to ask the kids what they would want in their Easter basket this year. We have a lot of unique gifts. Animals seemed to be a big theme with students. Hopefully the Easter bunny gives them what they wish for. Here are their wishes...

Fourth graders, **Brittney Bonilla** and **Yulimar Abreu** would both like a bunny and money. **Raymundo Henriquez** and **Daniel**

**Guevara** would both like a DS. All fourth graders hoped to find a laptop in their baskets. I don't think the bunny puts those in baskets.

Some fifth graders interviewed were **Brianna Fisher** and **Ciara Bannon**. Both girls would like candy, money, and a dog in their baskets. **Rebecca Schell** would specifically like a black lab, while **Selena Sanchez** is hoping for a lizard?

Sixth graders **Alibel Pena**, **Vanessa Mateo**, **Vielkic Rodriguez** and **Marelyn Garcia** want the tradition gift in their baskets - chocolate!

Eighth grader **Brittany Trammell** would like a stuffed duck.

HEMS teachers would also like to get Easter basket surprises, but of the monetary kind. **Mrs. Rodgers** wants to find cash in her



basket to pay her loans. Sixth grade teacher **Mrs. Karlick** would like 50 and 100 dollar bills in hers. Ms. Rimshaw would like a check for a million dollars. **Miss Delucca** wants a gift certificate to Saks. Gifted teacher **Mrs. Sharp** would like a basket filled with 24 carat golden eggs. Finally, sixth grade teacher **Mrs. Ciotola** wants a deed to a beach house in Delaware or Stone Harbor.



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**CORRECTION:** Lesley Munoz and Javiera Rodriguez were the reporters who wrote "Spelling Bee" in the Winter Edition of *The Castle Caller*.

**2009-2010 8th Grade Class**

With the school year coming to a close and eighth grade students leaving HMS for their new home at the Ninth Grade Center, *The Castle Caller* will once again be publishing a Class Will for all eighth grade students.

The **Class Will** is an opportunity for eighth graders to verbally leave behind, or "will," an ability they have or skill they perform well to an incoming seventh or eighth grade student for the next school year. Students are reminded that nothing will be published in the Class Will that is tasteless or inappropriate, therefore do not waste our time and your own by providing a statement that will not make the paper.

This will be the second Class Will being published for HMS students. We all want it to be positive, successful and fun. With the cooperation of everyone involved, it can be a very memorable, enjoyable experience.

Below are a few examples of will wishes from last year's 8th grade class:

*Breslin, Paul* wills his basketball abilities to Landon Leshko.

*Brito, Yajaira* wills her laugh to all of the 7th grade.

*Brozzoski, Emily* wills her ability to do well in school to Jamie Rabbitz.

*Buff, Irisa* wills her ability to get into trouble to Lizzee Greggo.

*Caban, Jonathan* wills his ability to annoy Mrs. Yurkovich to Edgar Caban.

*Cabrera, Carlos* wills his ability to be quiet to 7th grade ESL classes.

**Classroom Corner**

By Elizabeth Grego and Maria Magabo

This quarter Ms. Rimshaw, an HMS eighth grade teacher, assigned a project to all 8th grade students. The students had to create a robot to help satisfy human needs. They had a choice of drawing or creating a model of their special robot. Then they were required to write at least three paragraphs about the activities the robot was meant to carry out. Ms. Rimshaw stated this assignment tests the creativity and knowledge of informative writing of the students.

This is the first year that this project has been assigned, but it seems to be receiving a lot of positive feedback. **Jackie Chicales** said, "I liked this project because it was a fun and creative way to do an informative essay."

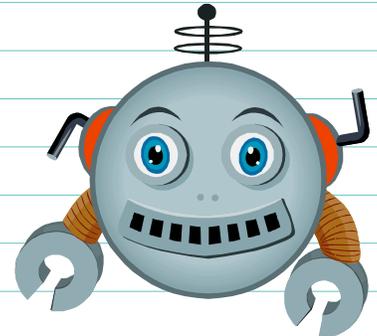
Jackie's partner, **Angela**

**Marchetti** stated, "I had fun doing this project. I worked with my best friend and everyone got to use their imagination to make their robot just the way they wanted it."

Many students also said they were pleased the project wasn't so black and white and they had a choice of what they had to write about.

With this assignment we have seen robots that specialize in hair, robots that can pull money from thin air, as well as spying robots and many other interesting ideas.

**Becky Marchetti and Jolene Browdy** invented a robot scientifically named Dr. Vector Robo. This particular robot was meant to carry out any medical procedure. It also had the knowledge to understand how to cure any disease.



As for grades, many students are doing very well. With many A's and B's, Ms. Rimshaw feels that this assignment is inspiring the eighth graders to try very hard. She also believes that this is getting the creative juices flowing in eighth graders and is a wonderful exercise. She definitely plans on assigning this particular project in the future. So upcoming eighth graders - watch out!