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Let the Education Begin

*"It always seems impossible until
it's done."*

- Nelson Mandela

In the beginning of the school year, the students are excited to see their friends again. The people at the Castle would like to know: "What does a good student look like?" Written by Jiliana Melo. Tilaila a 4th grader stated that a good student turns in their work on time, they are prepared for class, and they listen to the teacher. Isabella, who is a 5th grader, said that a good student is responsible, kind, and does all their work. Valentina, a 5th grader, supposes that a good student is respectful, funny, and is hard working. Pilar, who is a 5th grader, believes that a good student studies, they don't skip class, and they go to school every day. Josue, also a 5th grader, believes that a good student doesn't talk during class, they don't get into fights, and they follow the rules.

The following sixth graders also had opinions on this topic. Brianna stated that to be a good student you should do all your homework, pay attention, and not talk back to the teacher. Sameul considers that a good student is not late to class, they don't make fun of people, and they try their best. Calvin thinks that to be a model student, the student doesn't call out, doesn't talk when teacher is talking. And doesn't make fun of people. Kiara-7th grade- A good student has good grades, they are trying their best, and they always think positively. Joanna-7th grade- A good student loves to learn, always ready for school, and always is happy to learn. Gavin - 7th grade- A good student goes to sleep early, always studies before a test, and they don't cheat.

If you had a magic wand, what would you change about school and why? Written by: Joanna Estudillo. Kevin Estudillo, a 6th grader, stated that he would get rid of homework, grades and no work because sometimes it's too much. H.R., who is in 6th grade, thinks that there should be four days of school and no homework because "I don't like it." A 6th grade with the initials of J.R. believes that the rules of gum should be changed because gum releases stress. Eli F., a 5th grader, stated that the rules about hoodies should be changed because "it's too cold". Guess what? IT DID! There are a lot of students who enjoy music, so it stays.

L.A. believes that there shouldn't be any work because it's too much writing. N.E. would like to change art class because "I don't like to draw". J.J. would like to contribute to this concept and stated that "art class is very enjoyable, and it is not always about drawing. You could paint, color, and make things out of anything. Art is used with a lot of things in the world like decorating your house and room, so we should keep art in school." Ethan Encarnacion, who is in 7th grade, stated that schools should have "air conditioning because it's too hot." G.T. would like to "buy the school and turn it into a mansion because it's huge." "We should be able to do whatever we want because the teachers are too strict"; stated Carleisis L., who is in 6th grade.

Drawing done by:
MARSZALEK



What's Happening.

From left to right: State Senator: David Argal; HEMS Principal: Ms. Kupsho; State Representative: Dane Watro and HASD Superintendent: Dr. Uplinger. On Tuesday, December 5th, 2023. Senator Argall and State Rep. Dane Watro, our lawmakers, toured HEMS while they continue to ponder school funding issues.



The sixth grade Community Service club held a drive to collect bodywash to donate to the Valor Clinic. Participating in the collect are pictured from left to right: Jioshaylee Vasquez, Nathan Caba, Elizabeth Sanchez, Jose Rodriguez and Brithany Comas. AMAZING JOB!

Extracurricular Activities



2022-2023 Mounts GIRLS

8th Grade

Rachelis Martinez
Mariel Cespedes

Celine Betances

Maria Alberto

Franchesca Rodriguez

Ashley Cuello

Mia Luna

Jadyn Jones

Liseth Garcia

Ana Jimenez

Angie Blackwell

Wildalys Castro

Yismeili Mejia

7th Grade

Richeliis Medina

Lorett Soriano

Blankismarye Colon

The people would like to know how some people handle with negative situations. Written by: **HELENA RAMOS**

Where is Your Happy Place?

Leilani Madera said that her happy place was her house and her room. Jayvyn Abreu reflected on the idea and stated, "the playground is my happy place." Alster Abreu's happy place is playing basketball and being in New York because of family. Julianny Minaya said that being at the beach and her science class makes her happy. Conner Sehiavene enjoys the house and the park. Andrew Hernandez finds the park at the high school to be his happy place. Joehmis Mejia-Bautista dijo que su lugar feliz es en la casa de su mamá y en la casa de papá. The thought of home and places with good food in Dominican Republic makes Nataia Aalmonelima. Josou Paulos's happy place is in the Dominican Republic because her family is there. When Daniela Paoulino thinks of San Juan in Puerto Rico, she feels happy. Louis Martinez loves his bed and going to the water park. Randy Acevedo loves to go to the mall and the movies. After pondering the question for a few minutes, Isabella Osoria said her room and pretty places in the Dominican Republic. Jason Billman is thrilled to go to the park and his dad's house. Naxhalyester Bevard Marte said that going to her family's house and going to the mountain with them is the best. Nailah Pena has many happy places, and they are her house, family house, Applebee, and KFC. "The mall, Denny's and my home makes me happy," declared Anahi Argveta. Jayden Tavaréz loves to go to New York because most of his family lives there.



2022-2023 Mounts BOYS

8th Grade

Miguel Comas

Jancarlos Mates

Noah Adams

Joriel Bons

Colin Deutsch

Alexander
Lange Colas

Roger Rivera

Edison Macko

Joseph Caba

Leonald Severino

Sebastian Burgos

Maximillyano
Almanzar-Castillo

Justine
Rodriguez Batista

7th Grade

Jayvian Tiburcio

Michael Colon

What's Happening?

Mrs. Bogansky's 4th grade homeroom and Mr. Cechak's 6th grade homeroom were the winners of the PTA Halloween Parade Banner contest. They received a pizza party as their reward.



Mrs. Bogansky's 4th grade Homeroom

From Left to Right: **First row** - Declan Matterio, Wilton Pena, Joemel Mejia, Willis Santana, Levi Healy, Tarah Almanzar, Annelise Carrabalo, Isaac Mejia.

Middle Row - Serena Rodriguez, Daviel Sanchez, Louis Martinez, Keittly Pinales, Jaxon Adams, Kennedy Marrochini.

Back Row - Mrs. Bogansky, Darlene Rodriguez, Axel Correa, Randy Acevedo, Kayden Ader, Kamila Leon, Camila Matos, Aiden Duran, Karonly Perez



Mr. Cechak's 6th grade Homeroom

Left to Right: First row: Robbie Evancho, Joe Stewart, Vincenzo Marcus, Calvin Mejia, Chris Hernandez, Jayden Aponte

Middle row: Wilkins Sanchez, Brithany Comas, Isael Ramirez, Adam Ramirez, Anyelo Varano

Back row: Mr. Cechak, Chrismely Ramirez, Natasha Rodriguez, Hansel Rojas, Iam Minier, Alia Peralta

What's happening?



Ms. Smith 3rd Grade Class: PUMPKIN PATCH

From Left to Right:

Front Row: Isaiah Morel, Jose Cruceta Figueroa, Shaneilis Ramos Cabrera, Nashley Martinez, Haley De Leon Estrella, Vickelly Bonilla Perez, Daiholet Hernandez Cabrera, Sofia Sanchez

Back Row: Yireth Severino Moreno, Christina Tavera, Luis Castro, Cesar Arias, Luisander Peralta Perez, Nayelis Tejeda Javier, Alexander Garcia., Walkin Jimenez, Alexander Hernandez Gonzalez, Joseph Toro Florentino, Jariel Martinez Sanata, Shanely Ortega, Miss Smith

**During the spirit of Halloween people tend to love to be scared.
What are you afraid of and why?**

Reporter: Jaidyn Jones

Do you know what the word for fear of the ocean is? It's thalassophobia which L.S. should know. L.S. stated that he is "afraid of the ocean and what is inside of it like whales specifically killer whales and sharks because they could eat you while you're in the ocean and they look terrifying." C. has entomophobia and musophobia. This is the fear of "insects and rats, like cockroaches because they are slimy, have a lot of legs, and they smell bad. They are nasty because they poop everywhere, and they live in people's houses and hide under their bed. L.Y. has forosophobias. L.Y. stated he is afraid of "taxes because I don't want to pay the government money because they don't deserve it and when they do get money, they don't fix the potholes." Does anyone know what Coulrophobia means? Well, I'm sure N knows because she is afraid of clowns. When she went to a clown show, the clown was so ugly, and it kept talking to her. Did you know that there's a name for the fear of vomit? It's emetophobia and A, has it. She is afraid of puking or throw up because it disgusts her and when she sees it, she starts crying and hyperventilating because when she was younger, she choked on her own throw up and it traumatized her. Taphophobia is the fear of being buried alive and thanatophobia is the fear of death. K has this and is afraid of being buried alive because the fear of death scares her. What are you afraid of?

Extracurricular Activities

Hazleton Mounts Student Council 2023-2024

8th Grade

Colin Deutsch
Max Almanzar
Tyler Youngcourt
Angelice Blackwell
Samantha McGarry
Ricardo Sanchez
Noah Adams
Nayeli Velez
Wildalys Castro
Rachelis Martinez

7th Grade

Ashley Anziani
Elizabeth Irizarry
Juliatt Lange
Atxel Nunez
Lorett Soriano
Jayden Cordova
David Colon
Joseph Mejia

**GO
MOUNTS !**



HEMS 2023-2024 Cheerleaders

8th Grade:

Juliany Acosta
Emmy Almonte
Angelice Blackwell
Jokairy Brito
Wildalys Castro
Yudeilys Diaz
Kiara Feliz
Laury Flores
Ana Jimenez
Jaidyn Jones
Mia Luna
Alejandra Martinez
Rachelis Martinez
Samantha McGarry
Melissa Ortega
Nashla Pimentel
Neysheliz Pineda
Nagibel Ramirez
Francesca Rodriguez
Kiara Sanchez
Bianka Santana
Naylei Velez
Joseimie Zapata

7th Grade:

Edliane Almonte
Ashley Anziani
Mara Brodie
Chanell Diaz
Samantha Duran
Aleangie Espinal
Lesli Fernandez
Sarah Gil
Erikarlin Gomez
Amy Gonzalez
Elizabeth Irizarry
Chelsy Troncosco
Makaila Lora
Richelis Medina
Jiliana Melo
Zobeiry Perez Gil
Maria Pichardo
Sheyneliz Pineda
Edianny Rojas
Daniella Sanchez
Elianny Sanchez
Arianny Santos
Aubriella Schaffer
Lorett Soriano
Emily Taveraz
Miranda Trinidad

What's Happening?



2023 Dodgeball Champions

The **NJHS** would like to thank everyone for their support during the annual dodgeball tournament. The club raised \$700, which will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

Dodgeball Tournament



2023 Dodgeball Best-Dressed

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