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Music To Our Ears

Written by Gissel Muñoz

When you need motivation before the big game, what do you turn to?

Music.

When you need to escape the craziness in your life, what do you turn to?

Music.

When you need to unwind at the end of the day, what do you turn to?

Music.

Music is an important part of our lives, so it seemed fitting to interview Mr. Bishop, Hazleton Elementary/ Middle School's 8th grade music teacher and band director, as well as the members of the Castle's band.

Mr. Bishop

Q: Where did you go to college?

A: "I attended Lebanon Valley College."

Q: What made you

decide to become a music teacher?

A: I was inspired by my middle school and high school band directors.

Q: How long have you been teaching?

A: I have been teaching for 7 years.

Q: What is your favorite instrument to play? Why?

A: I like the drums because I can burn off a lot of energy.

Q: Is there an instrument that you find challenging to play?

A: The oboe is challenging.

Q: Do you have a preference regarding genres of music?

A: I like rock, metal, and country.

Q: Do you have any advice for students who are considering taking

lessons next year?

A: Be prepared to work hard but have fun too!

Like Mr. Bishop, some band members shared information about themselves and their inspirations.

Band Members

Alex Antonelli, eighth grade, plays the trumpet. He's been taking lessons for one year. Alex was inspired to begin by Mr. Bishop.

Ciarra Bracero, eighth grade, also plays the trumpet. She has been taking lessons throughout this year, and her best friend inspired her to join band.

Jeffery Ramirez Estudillo, 8th grade, plays bass guitar. He's been taking lessons for almost three months. Jeffery doesn't know what inspired him to begin, but he loves playing guitar.

Eli Lazala, eighth grade, plays the alto saxophone and has been taking lessons for five years. He was inspired to play by his father, who was a big fan of jazz and classical music.

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"Music is the universal language of mankind."

~Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

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Music

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Justin Germosen, eighth grade, plays the trumpet. He has been taking lessons for a couple of months and began because he wanted to try something new.

William Alvarado, seventh grade, plays the trombone. William has been taking lessons since band club was an option. He was inspired to begin because he likes music.

Edward Soto Then, seventh grade, plays the saxophone and has been

taking lessons for a couple of months. He began because he wants to learn an instrument so he can become a better music producer.

Gisselle A. Peña, seventh grade, plays the flute. She has been taking lessons for almost a year. Gisselle joined band because she wanted to try something different for a change and her friend, Mercedes, forced her to.

Mercedes A. Peña, seventh grade, also plays the flute. She has been

taking lessons since sixth grade. Mercedes began because she never knew what a flute was, so she decided to try it and fell in love.

Rose Settey, sixth grade, plays the clarinet. She started taking lessons this year. Her cousin inspired her to begin.

If you have a love of music and are up for a new challenge, consider joining the HEMS band. Not only will you learn new skills, but you will also make new friends. As Ludwig Van Beethoven said, "Music can change the world." Wouldn't you like to be part of that?



Eli Lazala and Steven Garcia were chosen to participate in the 2022 HASD Music In Our School Month Honors Band Festival. Both Eli and Steven participated in the Wind Ensemble.



HEMS 2022 Concert Band

Student Survey



Is It Time to Abandon Analog Clocks?

Written by Daliana Melendez

Tick. Tick. Tick. Anybody who has an analog clock is familiar with this sound. But are analog clocks ancient or are they still useful? People have different viewpoints about this. Teachers and students recently participated in a survey about **whether or not students should learn how to tell time using analog clocks**. Eighty nine percent of the middle school teachers said yes. Sixty nine percent of middle school students were in favor learning to tell time using analog clocks, while thirty one percent were against the practice. Students shared the following reasons for their beliefs:

Brandon Cardenas, seventh grade, said, "Yes, kids need to tell time in case their phones die or they're in a situation where they can't use their phones."

Briander Frans Castillo, seventh grade, replied, "Yes, because some

teachers don't let you check your phone, and you have to look at the classic clock."

Elianai Gonzalez Mateo, seventh grade, added, "Yes, analog clocks help you with math, like fractions."

Elasia Marmol Santiago, seventh grade, responded, "Yes, we do need to have analog clocks because some students do not have a phone."

Luis Monsanto, seventh grade, commented, "Analog clocks can help you with math, like multiplication."

Amanda Colon, seventh grade, replied, "No, we have phones and Apple watches."

Georfred Roa Pujols, seventh grade, said, "No, analog clocks are a thing of the past. We are going towards the future, plus most places have migrated to digital clocks."

Isleny Rodas Difo, eighth grade, commented, "Yes, telling time on an analog clock is a basic standard. Most people would find it weird if you tell them you can't tell time."

Francheska Lopez, eighth grade added, "Telling time on an analog clock could be useful in the *real world*."

Marianela Arroyo, eighth grade, replied, "There's not always going to be access to devices, but there's always an analog clock nearby."

Carla Tousent, eighth grade, responded, "I don't think you have to because these days everything is technological and analog clocks are being replaced by digital ones."

Julio Fernandez Jimenez, eighth grade, said, "It doesn't really matter."

Joel Castillo Valerio, eighth grade, replied, "Yes and no. As long as we have digital clocks, we don't need analogs

because digitals are way easier, but it's also good to know how to read analogs just in case."

Judging by the survey, more students and most teachers at HEMS still see a need for analog clocks. But what's in the distant future for analog clocks? Only time will tell! 😊

Telling Time Resources

VIDEOS

Lucky Little Learners

<https://luckylittlelearners.com/videos-that-teach-time/>

ACTIVITIES

SplashLearn

Activities focus on the hour hand and the minute hand.

<https://www.splashlearn.com/time-games>

ABCYa

Kids set the clock, according to instructions. There are 4 levels of difficulty.
https://www.abcya.com/games/telling_time

Purposeful Pets

Written by Dalays Soriano Rodriguez

Owning a pet has many advantages, such as looking forward to getting home just to see a fluffy animal, a quiet swimming creature, or a pet mouse. Having an exhausting day is not fun, but maybe when a little voice in your head reminds you, "Hey, I'll get to see my dog soon," you'll find it easier to get through the day.

According to research, interacting with pets has shown to decrease cortisol (a stress-related hormone). Owning a pet may decrease loneliness and increase positivity. Specially trained pets are even used in hospitals or nursing homes to reduce patients' stress and anxiety. *"If someone is struggling with something, they know how to sit there and be loving"* - Dr Ann Berger, a physician and researcher at the News In Health Clinical Center in Bethesda Maryland. ("The Power of Pets | NIH NEWS

Did you know that dogs can also assist in a classroom? A study found that dogs can help children with ADHD to focus better. A study was done that included two groups of children diagnosed with ADHD who participated in group therapy sessions for 12 weeks. One group of children read to a therapy dog once a week for 30 minutes while the second group read to puppets that resembled dogs. The kids who read to the real animals showed better social skills. This means that the children did better with sharing and cooperating, and they had fewer behavioral problems. *"Animals can become a way of building a bridge for those social interactions,"* says Dr. James Griffin, a child development expert. ("The Power of Pets | NIH NEWS in Health")

Pets provide comfort and become part of the family. The

following fifth graders at Hazleton Elementary Middle School shared some information about their pets.

Lenny Garcia owns a five-year-old dog named Luna. He said, "Luna will sit when told and when I say 'hello' and she gives me her paw."

Micheydi Estevez Monsanto has 2 a year-old rabbit named Baban. Micheydi respects her pet and reported, "The rabbit does great tricks"

Josahuriz Paulus Rodriguez has a 3-year-old cat named Sweetie. She commented, "Sweetie is a good girl and I love her a lot."

Amy Hernandez Rodriguez owns a 2-year-old dog named Fluffy. Amy declared, "Fluffy learned how to sit and lay down. She has learned a lot of things."

Jaslene Pena Rodriguez, fifth grade, has a dog named Zeus. She said, "My pet is a good boy. He is the best and I love him."

It's clear that owning a pet has many benefits. However, being a pet owner is a big commitment. Anyone considering owning a pet should do some research to learn about different types of pets and the amount of care necessary for them to thrive.

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Memories and Moving On

Written by By Elianny Gerez and Dawilka Ortiz

With the school year quickly going by, we asked eighth grade students the following questions: What will you miss most about HEMS? What are you looking forward to next year? These are some of the responses:

Ciarra Bracero- "I will miss students and classmates. I'm looking forward to my career."

Alex Antonelli- "I will miss the teachers and the drama. I'm looking forward to the new friends I'm going to make."

Makaila Jones- "I'm going to miss my friends and teachers. I'm also going to miss the stairs and the eighth-grade bathroom."

Jayden Gomez- I'm going to miss the teachers. I'm looking forward to my cooking career."

Liz Tavarez- "I'm going to miss Ms. Kim and some of my teachers, mostly Mrs. Rimshaw and Ms. Dudeck, and the friends that I made this year."

I'm looking forward to being in high school with my best friend, Anahis, and trying out for cheer."

Isleny Difo- "I'm going to miss the teachers. I'm looking forward to my friends at the high school."

Ava Cahalane- "I'm going to miss the teachers. I'm looking forward to starting a new chapter."

Shanelle Sepulveda- "I'm going to miss Ms. Kim and Mrs. Rimshaw. I'm looking forward to meeting new people and new opportunities."

Jatna Abreu- "I'm going to miss the teachers and the school."

Emely Figueroa- "I'm going to miss the teachers and the fun events. I'm looking forward to graduating and going to college."

Liana Gomez- "I'm going to miss the teachers, the people, and the sports. I'm looking forward to the classes at the high school."

Imya Lucas- "I'm going to miss the teachers. I'm looking forward to the school year being over."

Lia Mena- "I'm going to miss my friends. I'm looking forward to graduating."

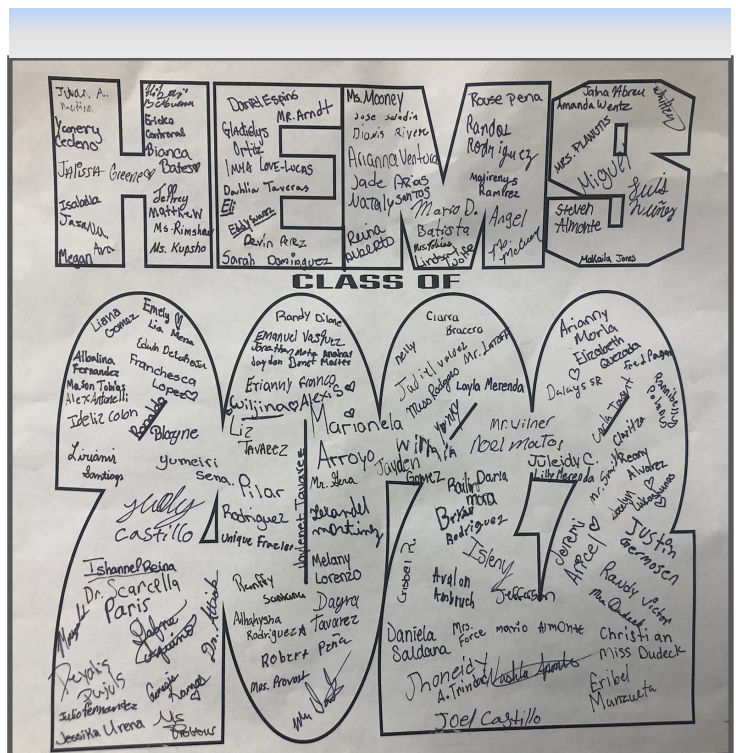
Sarah Dominguez- "I'm going to miss the teachers; I'm looking forward to going to high school."

Jocelyn Lukashunas- "I'm going to miss some of the teachers. I'm looking forward to high school

and cheerleading."

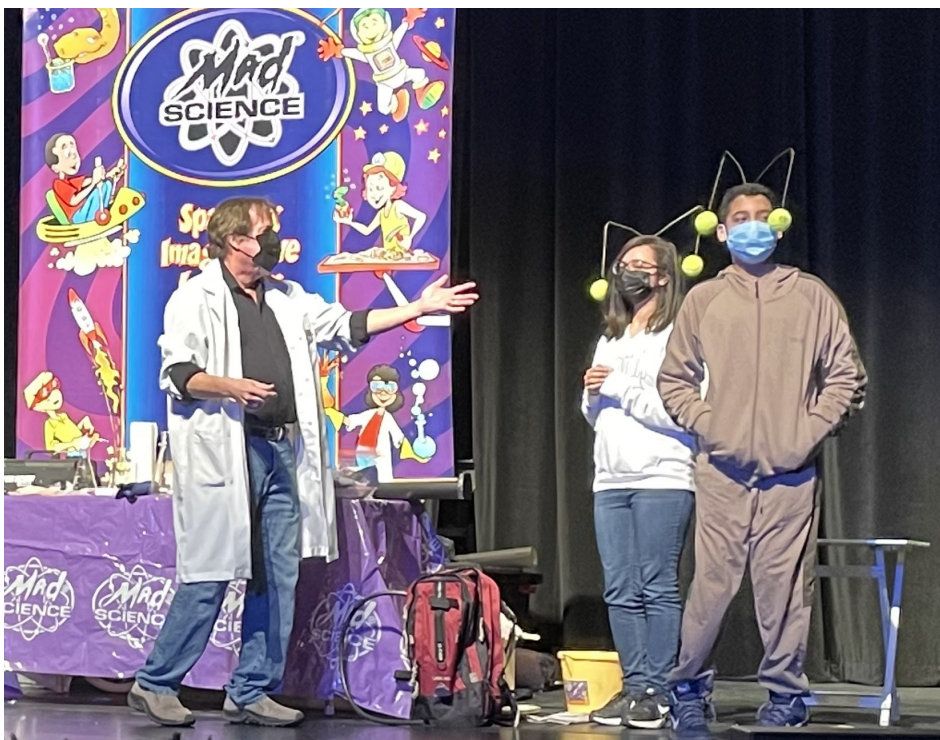
Anthony J. De La Cruz- "I'm going to miss gym and my friends. I'm looking forward to my future."

With the end of the school year approaching, eighth graders will reminisce about time spent here at the Castle, their home away from home. As that chapter ends, a new one will soon begin. The newspaper staff wishes you the best as you begin high school!



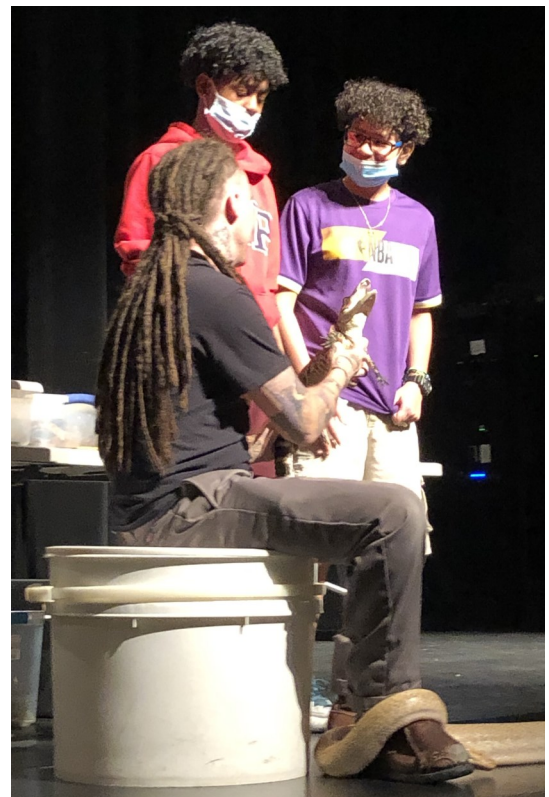
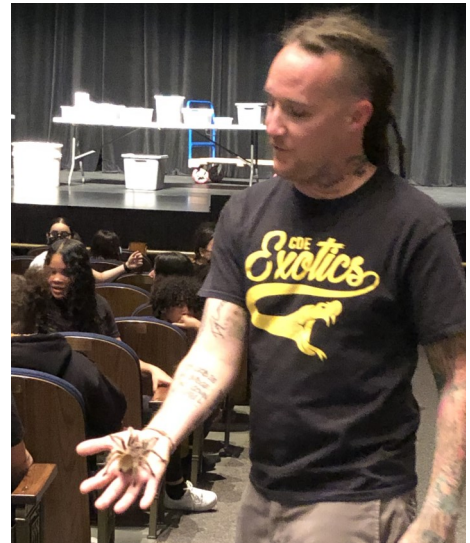
What's Happening?

The Mad Scientist conducts some experiments in February at Hazleton Elementary/Middle School. The HEMS PTA sponsored the program.



What's Happening?

Cameron English, owner of CDE Exotics, speaks to middle school students on May 9, 2022. The Exotic Animal Show, which was sponsored by the SADD Club, was presented with a \$1,000 donation from the club and adviser, Stacy McCuen. The club's specially designed t-shirts, sold throughout the district, served as a reminder about the importance of avoiding dangerous decisions.



Extracurricular Activities



Hazleton Elementary/Middle School held the 2022 HEMS NJHS Induction Ceremony on May 24, 2022. Adrian Figueroa, a National Honor Society member and HAHS Senior Class President, was the guest speaker for the event.

CONGRATULATIONS 7th grade members!

Jancy Arce Colon
Aliana Fernandez
Elaisa Marmol Santiago
Gisselle Peña
Mercedes Peña
Genesis Ramos Guardado
Dylan Stish
Mya Taveras
Arianna Torres



CONGRATULATIONS 8th grade members!

Two-Year Members

Jatna Abreu
Eliesel Lazala Gomez
Mayrienys Ramirez
Mason Tobias
Carla Tousent

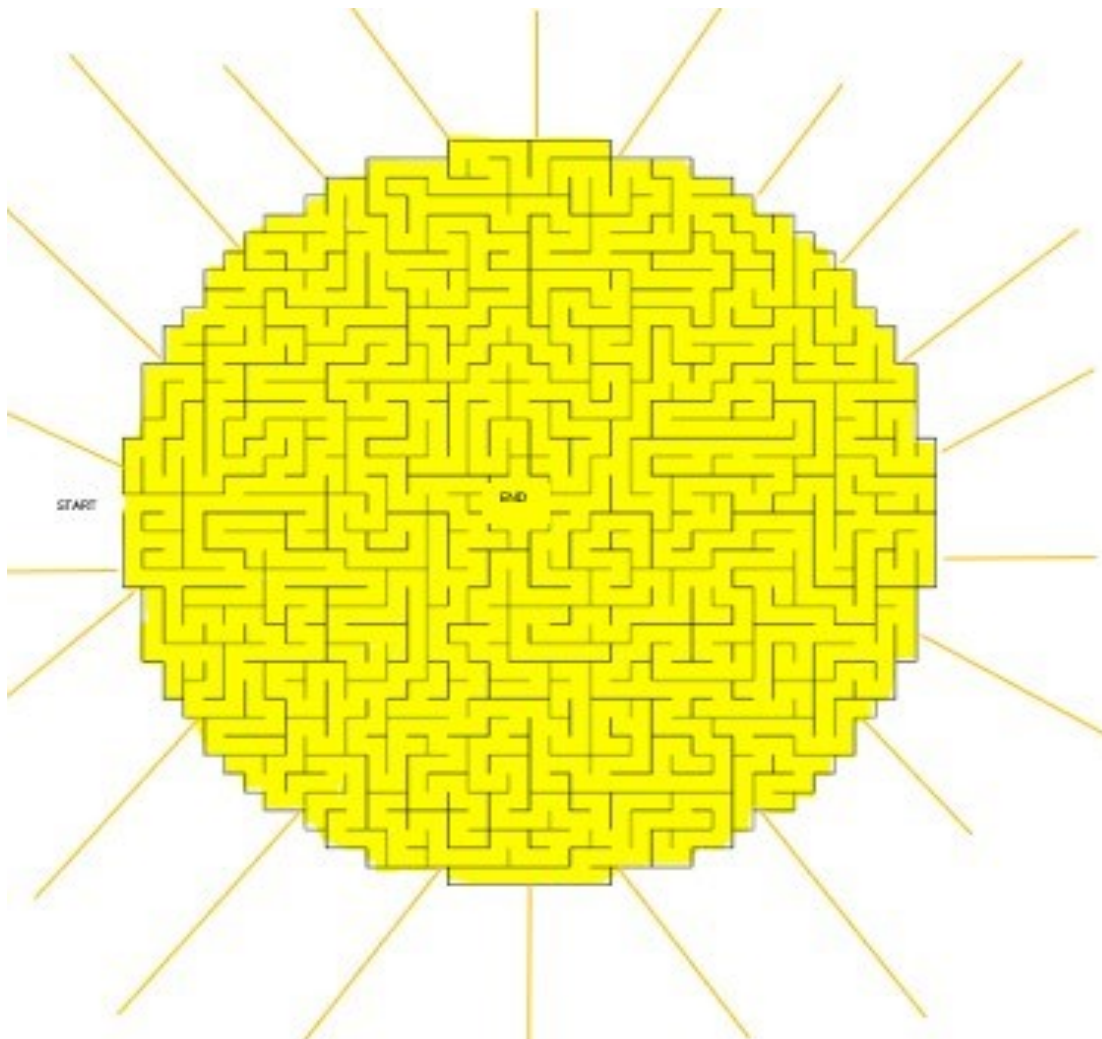
One-Year Members

Hiboni Balbuena Marte
Albalina Fernandez
Emely Figueroa
Layla Merenda
Lilly Merenda

Activity Page

HAVE A NICE SUMMER!

Can you complete this maze?



BLISSFUL BAKING

Betty Crocker
Dulce de Leche
Cake Recipe

Submitted by
Mabelin Tiburcio

Ingredients

Cake

1/3 Cup butter (Do not use margarine.)

1 box Betty Crocker Super Moist butter recipe yellow cake mix

1 cup water

2 teaspoons vanilla

3 eggs

Frosting

1 can (13.4 oz) dulce de leche (caramelized sweetened condensed milk)

1 package (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened

½ cup whipping cream

Steps for Preparing Cake

1. Heat oven to 350° F (325° F for dark nonstick pan). Grease or spray the bottom ONLY of 13x9 inch pan.
2. In a 1-quart saucepan, heat butter over medium heat for 4-6 minutes. Stir frequently, until golden brown. Remove from heat and let cool for 15 minutes.
3. In a large bowl, beat cake mix, browned butter, water, vanilla, and eggs with electric mixer at low speed for 30 seconds. Then mix at medium speed for 2 minutes (brown flecks from butter will appear in batter). Pour batter into pan.
4. Bake as directed on box for 13x9 inch pan. Cool completely for about 1 hour.
5. In a large bowl, beat dulce de leche and cream cheese with electric mixer at high speed for about 2 minutes, until blended and smooth. Beat in whipping cream until stiff peaks form. Spread frosting over cooled cake. Serve immediately or refrigerate until serving. Store loosely covered in refrigerator.

ENJOY!

Thanks HEMS PTA !

We would like to express our gratitude to the HEMS cafeteria staff for providing nutritious meals in a safe, clean environment. Every day you offer not only a healthy meal, but also a cheerful smile. We truly appreciate the time and dedication you have demonstrated on a daily basis, despite challenges brought about by the pandemic. Your selfless efforts have not gone unrecognized.

Thank you for all you do for our students and staff!

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