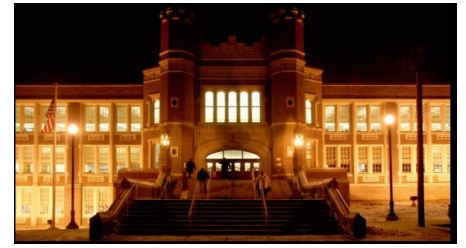


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HEMS Clubs Donate to Find a Cure for Cancer

By Jonanthony Sencion
Junior Reporter

The HEMS Student Council and the 6th grade Community Service Club raised \$650 to donate to the American Cancer Society this year. This is an annual donation made by both clubs to do something positive for the Hazleton community.

Ms. DeLucca is the advisor of the student council. She said, "Student Council sold Victoria's Candies to come up to a profit of \$500."

Student Council members were selected to present the donation live on television during the annual American Cancer Society Telethon. The telethon is broadcast from the Lehigh Valley Health and Wellness Center.

Student representatives were asked questions by the telethon's host. One of the questions was why the clubs chose to raise the money.



In March, members of the HMS Student Council and 6th grade Community Service Club pose with American Cancer Society representative Clemie Yamona to present the clubs' combined donation.

Student Council president, **Kaleigh Frederick**, eighth grade, said, "We donated the money to find a cure for cancer."

Kayleigh Correll, eighth grade, vice-president, has a very personal reason for raising the money. Cancer has touched her family. She said, "I raised the money because my grandfather had cancer."

Juliana Bric, eighth grade Student Council secretary, raised the money because she cares about people and feels

bad for them.

Diana Hernandez, eighth grade Student Council member, donated because cancer is a good cause. Hernandez said she is thankful that she had the opportunity to donate because some people can't.

Sixth grade Community Service Club advisor Mrs. Karlick said, "The 6th grade Community Service Club raised \$150 dollars by collecting monetary donations from family, friends, and parents' co-workers. The

students in the club felt strongly about this cause because each of them knows someone affected by cancer."

Genesis Borrero asked her dad to take the donation envelope to his work to collect money for people who need cancer treatment.

Nevaeh Hardy asked people around her neighborhood for

donations.

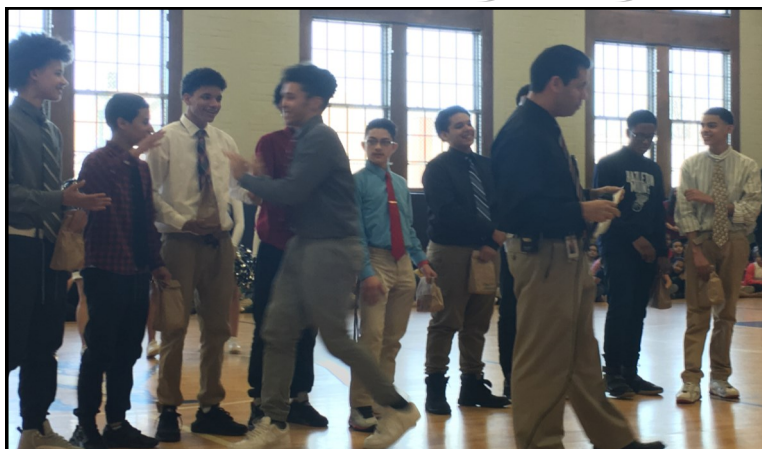
Liliana Valerio said she asked family and friends for donations.

Finally, **Angela Santiago** and **Alex Kashak** asked their moms for donations because they said cancer is a horrible disease.

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WINTER SPORTS MEMORIES



Eighth grader Jean Portes fist bumps teammates as the basketball team gets psyched at the championship pep rally held Feb. 24.



The 2016-17 8th grade players on the Mounts Basketball team receive awards at the Winter Sports Farewell Ceremony held February 16.



The 2016-17 eighth grade girls and boys players on the Mounts basketball teams and the cheerleaders pose with their awards at the last home game held on February 16. Coaches for the teams are: Miss Touch, girls; Mr. Plesh and Mr. Silva, boys; and Mrs. O'Donnell, cheerleading.

Features

The Blizzard of 2017 - Shoveling Common Theme

By Maria Jimenez*
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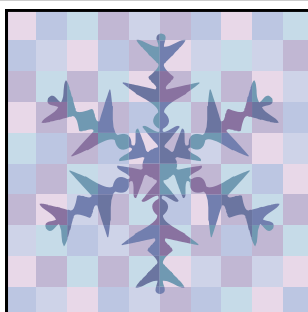
The Blizzard of 2017 struck in early March leaving people stranded in their homes and the students of HEMS off of school for 4 days.

We, at *The Castle Caller*, were curious about what the students were doing with their school-free days, so we asked some students exactly what they did with their time off.

HMS student **Juan Carlos Torres** said, "During the blizzard, I shoveled snow every day, during those days."

Yonni Leon said, "I stayed indoors."

Laisha Aponte said she and her family stayed



home during the days off and just enjoyed the free time.

Austin Card said, "I spent my vacation indoors playing Uno with my little sister."

Daviante Granger said he shoveled snow.

Austin Turner spent his time playing video

games and, of course, shoveling snow.

Finally, **Johanny Terreo** said she drank a lot of hot cocoa.

In conclusion, the Blizzard of 2017 came out of nowhere and surprised most everyone. Though students spent most of their time shoveling, they were glad for the break in school to have time for themselves.

You're Invited To Our Book Fair!

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Student Achievements

By Welington Zoquier and Mrs. O'Donnell

Congratulations to seventh grader **Ashley Luciano** for her first place win at the PJAS regional competition in March. Ashley will be moving on to the State Competition. When asked she said she feels nervous, but yet excited about States. She also stated that she was shocked with her first place win. She never thought she would place first. Best of luck to Ashley.

Congratulations to sixth grader **Carlos Arias**, one of the four Castle spelling bee winners, who represented HEMS at the District Spelling Bee in February. Arias participated in the district bee the longest for HEMS and became the school representative at the Regional Spelling Bee held March 12 at the Woodlands Inn and Resort in Wilkes-Barre.



Reporters Who Missed their Deadline:

Kaleigh Frederick - *Mounts Corner Chat Poll - PSSA Tests Do You Love Them or Hate them?*

Brandy Rodriguez, *Easter Basket Wishes*

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