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Mr. Walton

Frank L. Walton, professionally known as Mr. Walton is the 2014-2015 principal at Heights Terrace Elementary/Middle School. He was the Assistant Principal at Heights for the school years of 2011-2012 and 2012-2013. He graduated from the Hazleton Area High School in 1994, he then completed Bloomsburg University the same year. He also attended Luzerne Community College, graduating in 1996, followed by his completion of Wilkes University in 2004. He is currently enrolled at Wilkes University's Doctorate in Education Programs. In the past, he used to be a high school Social Studies Teacher for 12 years prior to becoming an administrator. He taught a variety of social studies courses, some of them being at the Hazleton Area High School. He was also the class advisor for the Classes of 2005 and 2008. When asked how he feels about Heights and his current occupation here, he answered with, *"I feel honored to be Principal at Heights Terrace. I enjoy working with the faculty, staff and students of heights Terrace. I am extremely happy to have returned this year to Heights Terrace."* His favorite quote is, *"Love what you do and do what you love!" It seems like he does enjoy his job and we are very lucky to have him as a principal.*



Miss Kupsho

Our vice principal for the 2014-2015 school year is Miss Kupsho also know as Debbie Faith Kupsho by her full name . Many know her as one of Heights Terrace's past

great teachers, teaching eighth grade for ten years. Before teaching she attended Penn State University for her undergraduate degree in Biology/Secondary Education 7-12 grade. She then attended Wilkes University for both of her Master's degrees. (Educational Technology and Administration and Supervision). When asked of how she feels about our school, she answered with , *"I love Heights Terrace because of the respect and commitment of the faculty and staff. This is my first year as Assistant Principal at Heights. I left the classroom as a teacher because I wanted to face new challenges in my career and reignite the drive and passion to achieve my highest potential."* This shows that she has a strive for success and is a great benefactor to Heights Terrace. Her favorite quote is, *"Life is full of challenges, overcoming those challenges are what make life meaningful."*

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Thanksgiving Collages

by Mrs. Folk's Language Arts Classes

I am thankful for the world I get to live in every day....

For the wonderful delicious meals my mom cooks every night
 For the beautiful sounds of birds chirping in the morning
 For my mother who has raised me to respect others and carry myself with class
 For the meat my mom cooks every night even though I don't like eating animals
 For my great grandfather who fought for our country, one duty of being a veteran
 For my brainy smartness, that gets me through school
 For the adorable little pandas in the zoo
 For my freedom as a citizen in America
 For all these and so much more, I thank you!
 Kaylee Ruiz



I am thankful for the many beauties in the world.....

For delicious apple pie, the crunchy melt-in-your-mouth king of all desserts
 For the fresh snow on the ground, untouched by man or animal
 For soccer, the very heart of my athletic life
 For my friends, who I hope will be there when I need them most
 For peppers, even though I don't particularly like them
 For my 3DS gaming system because I get to let my inner geek shine through
 For my parents who will always be there for me
 For my nerdiness which I will treasure even if no one understands it
 For my caring heart which can be shown in many different ways
 For my talent in the arts so I can always entertain people
 For the fox which reminds me that sometimes I need to blend in
 For the freedom of speech so I can speak my mind and not be persecuted
 For all these and many more I thank you!

Summer Whitley

I am thankful for many things.....

For the crispy French fries soaked in gravy
 For the great wind roaring in my face
 For an orange basketball getting eaten by a hoop
 For my mom and dad helping me every step of the way
 For the evil vegetables haunting me when I eat them
 For my tablet helping me with my work
 For my wise ability with math
 For my heroic grandfathers care
 For my soldier teddy bear protecting me at night
 For my freedom of speech which I use
 For all of these things, I am thankful!

Melanie Romero



I am thankful for our world.....

For the cheesy, saucy, delicious lasagna my mom makes
 For the beautiful flowers that blossom in the springtime
 For the Fifa World Cup soccer competition I love to watch with my family
 For my sisters who may be annoying at times but I still love
 For school that I don't like but is good for me
 For my phone that I can't go a day without
 For my parents who are always so supportive and kind
 For my springy, dark and short curly hair
 For my ability to help my sisters with homework
 For my love and passion to draw
 For being able to have freedom as an American
 For all these and so much more, I thank you!

Nicole Janica





I am full of gratitude for the diverse world that I live in....
 For the exhilarating texture and popping flavor of Greek calamari
 For the glorious and magnificent sounds of the piano
 For my mother who helps to dictate my correct way through life
 For the "life improving" and stress creators. Apple devices
 For my ability to be patient when helping others
 For my blond and pink hair, which the coloration will change shortly
 For singing and chorus which depict a very exciting life for me
 For my father who works a lot to provide and even spoil my brother and me

For being born in an equal country and having all my credited rights
 For all of these I am thankful for as they sculpted me into the person I am today and the person I will be tomorrow.
 Gloria Sporea



I am grateful for our world.....

For pomegranates that bring a burst of flavor to my mouth, satisfying my taste buds every time
 For Peru's Machu Picchu that leaves me breath taken and amazed
 For the vigorous and exciting game of basketball
 For my dad who might be distant but always encourages me and helps me academically
 For homework that sometimes I don't enjoy but helps me become better in subjects
 For my laptop that is always there to provide me with information and connects me with family and friends

For my Aunt Natali who makes me feel better when I am down and is always there to help
 For the two moles on my face that makes me stand out from everyone else
 For my ability to speak two languages; it comes in handy when someone needs a translator
 For my ability to look at any situation in an optimistic way
 For Hazel (my pet Chihuahua) who helps me relieve stress after a hard day at school
 For the freedom I enjoy as an American citizen
 For these and many more, I am grateful!

Valeria Gutierrez



I am thankful for our world and everyone in it.....

For all the crunchy crust, melted cheese, mouth watering pizza
 For the beautiful yellow light of the sunrise and the dark sky when the sun sets
 For "Call of Duty," my favorite game and game to watch for all of its action, gore and excitement
 For that special someone, my mom, who helps me grow and become the nice, kind kid I am
 For jalapeno peppers that are like fire in your mouth but they are good for your heart
 For the Xbox 360 that allows me to talk to my friends online when I get bored
 For my mom who cares and shows love toward me
 For my heart even though it gets broken by people, I still want it because without it I would not be here
 For the round orange basketball that I help people get better at dribbling and shooting
 For basketball that is my life during the summer when I play against friends
 For my little tiger cat, Spook, who is scared of everything
 For the freedom to talk, go wherever and work wherever as an American
 These are the things I am thankful for this Thanksgiving.

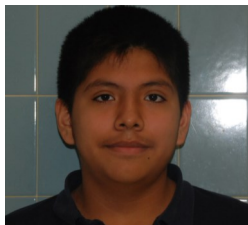
Eli Galski

I am thankful for our world.....

For the warm, crispy, gooey apple dumplings
 For the silent woods that calm my nerves
 For the Notre Dame football games on TV
 For my family who supports and loves me all the time
 For the horrible grape medicine I need to take when I am sick
 For my PS3 that entertains me when boredom is around
 For my grandparents who spoil me with anything I want (with love too)
 For my humorous sense of mind that I share with others
 For my kindness that joys others
 For my skill to play football
 For my dog, Rex, who cheers me up any time I am down
 For my freedom as an American
 For all these and so much more, I thank you!

Kyle Jones





Holiday Band Concert

Article By:
Marco Garcia

The concert was held on December 18 from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. The concert was open to parents. It was started by the Beginner Band, playing "Jingle Bells", "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star", and "Hot Crossed Buns". Following the Beginner Band was the Advanced Band playing 4 tunes. They were "The Angels Mix", "Holiday Highlights", "African Noel", and "Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer". Finishing the concert was the Jazz Band. They also played four tunes. They were "Carol of the Bells", "Jingle Bell Rock", the "Nutcracker Swing", and "Santa Baby". At this concert parents were able to listen to what their children have been practicing for weeks. I believe that most parents, if not all were pleased with their children's hard work.

Talent Show



Article By:
Valeria Gutierrez

On December 23rd, right before the beginning of winter break, the annual Talent Show at Heights Terrace was held in the cafeteria during the lunch times of various grades in the school. There were solos and groups of students singing together to bring entertainment to the home of the talented and valiant Hawks, the middle school chorus also sang for this event and all students that performed received a great amount of applause and admiration from the audience and did great in every aspect of their performance, just ask the audience!

Community Service Club

Community Service Club was extra busy this December!

- December Gift Wrapping at the Laurel Mall to Benefit Helping Hands Society
- Students helped the PTA during our annual Holiday Night
- A successful poinsettia fundraiser donating proceeds to the Muscular Dystrophy Association

Special Thanks to Rensin Colon and Shaunjae Suarez for their dedication to helping Mrs. Petrill with the Friday evening Science Camp.

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to the Bryan Landron for successfully representing Heights Terrace at the District Spelling Bee. He placed second overall as the top 6th grader. Bryan lasted 20 rounds during the Spelling Bee, and will be the regional representative. We couldn't be prouder.



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New Year's Resolutions

"My new year's resolution is to be happy. It doesn't matter what it is to make me happy. It could be a smile someone gives me."

~Yohary Ramirez

"I want to become a better reader and bring up my Lexile score so I can be in the top reading class."

~ Seth Derr

"My new years resolutions are to go to bed earlier, focus in class more, and stop being a procrastinator."

~Tiffany Gomez

"I want to be more of a gentleman because I will show more class. It could help me score with the ladies and get me a girlfriend. Also if I don't do it my teacher will complain."

~Rensin Colon

"I would like to stop taking things for granted and appreciate what I do have."

~Melissa Pimentel

"I would like to try harder in basketball to show the district that our team is good and we have the best sportsmanship. Also our team would like to earn a banner for the gym."

~Melanie Romero



Article By:

Gloria Sporea

New Year History

To many of us the New Year holiday is just the beginning of a new year. But there are many things about it that many of us do not know. For instance, the earliest known New Year celebrations were in Mesopotamia and date back to 2000 BC. The early Romans used March 1 as New Year's Day. Other cultures used the autumn equinox or the winter solstice to mark the new year. It wasn't until in 45 BC when Julius Caesar's new Julian calendar took effect, the Senate fixed 1 January as the first day of the year. At that time, this was the date on which those who were to hold civil office assumed their official position, and it was also the traditional annual date for the convening of the Roman Senate. This civil new year remained in effect throughout the Roman Empire, east and west, during its lifetime and well after, wherever the Julian calendar continued in use. The date of the New Year started to vanish as other cultures established their own dates and calendars. In England, after William the Conqueror became king in 1066, he ordered that 1 January be re-established as the civil New Year. Later, however, England and Scotland joined much of Europe to celebrate the New Year on 25 March. In the Middle Ages in Europe, a number of significant feast days in the ecclesiastical calendar of the Roman Catholic Church came to be used as the beginning of the Julian year. In 1582 the Gregorian calendar was adapted by the Roman Catholic Church, It marked January 1st as the New Year day. It was taken in consideration by many and is the most used calendar in the present. Today most of us know January 1st as the New Year day. We celebrate it with feasts, entertainment, and parties, we also make up resolutions for a better future. Happy New Year!

Research from:

<http://festivals.iloveindia.com/new-year/facts.html>

<http://www.cnn.com/2013/09/12/world/new-years-fast-facts/>



Movie By:
Mattie Reed

Time: 113 mins
Rating: PG-13
Genre: Action/Mystery/Sci Fi
Director: Wes Ball
Cast:
Dylan O'Brien as Thomas
Aml Ameen as Alby
Ki Hong Lee as Minh
Blake Cooper as Chuck
Kaya Scodelario as Teresa
Will Poulter as Gally



The Maze Runner is based on the original book of the same name, written by James Dashner. It is about sixteen-year-old Thomas, and a group of other boys, who are trapped inside of a giant maze. Each of the boys can only remember their names. Thomas decides that he wants to become a Runner, a person who runs through the dangerous Maze each day, to try to find a solution. Throughout the movie, the boys face many challenges, such as encountering deadly monsters, known as Grievers. I enjoyed how the movie was unpredictable; it kept you guessing. Since it wasn't exactly like the book, the changes make it more entertaining and surprising. Another enjoyable part of the movie was the ending; it will surely satisfy the viewers. This movie is suspenseful, and will definitely have viewers on the edge of their seats.



Column By:
Summer Whitley

Advice Column

Dear Miss T. Rius,
Every day I dread coming to school because of the pain to my body and heart. I get made fun of for my clothes, but my family can't afford any better. Every day I come home crying. How can I deal with this bullying? Any advice?

From,
Bullied Barbara

Dear Bullied Barbara,
Do your parents know anything about this? If not, I think you should tell them. It might sound "immature," but they really do help! And if not them, maybe a sibling or other trusted adult. It really does help. Believe me, I know. If it still continues after that, just ignore what they are saying! I'm sure there's someone out there who won't make fun of you for your clothes! Find that person, that silent one in the crowd of laughter, and talk to them. I know it sounds silly, but you really should. Then that one person will make your day, and you won't feel so sad.

Sincerely,
Miss T. Rius

Book

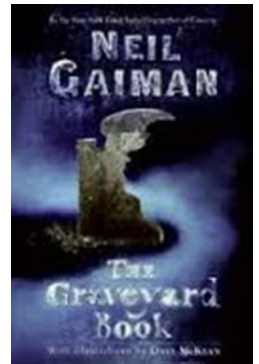
Reviews

Book Reviews By:
Summer Whitley



The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman

I thoroughly enjoyed this book, as it is a some-what happy take on a graveyard with an orphan known as Nobody Owens. This is a great book to read on a rainy day, as it sends chills up your spine.



Coraline by Neil Gaiman

This creepy book has chilled me to the bone. It has shown me a new way of looking upon the world. It was so well written, I felt as if I was a part of the story! This is a book that you need to read late at night with a whisper to truly experience the magic of it all.





Chocolate Pinecones

Step 1

Mix the peanut butter, Nutella, butter, and powdered sugar in a bowl.

Step 2

Take a pretzel stick and mold some of the peanut butter mixture around it, forming a slight cone shape.

Step 3

Hold it steady by using the tip of the pretzel as a handle, start inserting pieces of cereal into the peanut butter mixture in a symmetrical pattern around the stick. Add more cereal pieces, staggering them as you move upward, until you get near the top.

Step 4

Cut several cereal pieces into triangles and add those to the top (most pinecone scales get smaller toward the end.)

Step 5

If your pinecone is getting too tall (like mine were), cut off the top of the pretzel and add a dollop of peanut butter mixture to cover it. Insert a few more triangle pieces of cereal into the top of the pinecone.

Step 6

For a "snowy" effect, dust the pinecone with powdered sugar.

Courtesy of <http://www.handmadecharlotte.com/recipe-snowy-pinecone-snacks/>

Ingredients:

- 3 cups Chex Chocolate cereal or comparable (I used Chocolate Fiber One cereal)
- 6 pretzel sticks (I used the thicker dipping sticks)
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 1/4 cup Nutella (chocolate hazelnut spread)
- 3 tablespoons butter, softened
- 1 cup powdered sugar

Winter White Red Velvet Fudge



Ingredients

- 3 cups sugar
- 3/4 cup butter
- 2/3 cup half & half*
- 1 12-ounce bag white chocolate chips
- 1 7-ounce jar marshmallow creme
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips, about 6 ounces
- 3 tablespoons red food coloring

Directions:

1. Spray a 9-inch square pan lightly with cooking spray, then line it with a double thickness of foil with ends of foil extending over sides. Spray lightly again and wipe out any excess spray with a paper towel.
2. Place semi-sweet chocolate chips and food coloring in a heat-safe bowl. Set aside.
3. Place butter in a large microwave-safe bowl. Be sure to use a large bowl as mixture will bubble up furiously while cooking. Cover with a paper towel to prevent spattering. Cook on high for 1 1/2 minutes or until butter is melted.
4. Add sugar and half and half; mix well. Microwave on high power for 3 minutes, stir and cook another 2 minutes. Stir well. If butter seems to separate out of the mixture, don't worry, just keep stirring till it mixes back in. Scrape down sides of bowl and return to microwave. Microwave 3 more minutes, stir again, then finish with another 2 1/2 minutes in the microwave.
5. Remove from microwave, add marshmallow creme and stir. Add white chocolate chips and vanilla. Stir until very smooth and all ingredients are well incorporated.
6. Immediately, transfer about 1/2 of the hot white chocolate mixture to the bowl you prepared in step 2. (The white chocolate mixture will be very hot and will melt the dark chocolate chips). Stir well with a strong handled spatula or wooden spoon until chocolate chips are completely melted and incorporated.
7. Working quickly, with two clean medium-size ice cream scoops or 2 tablespoons, plop scoops of each mixture in a random pattern into a prepared pan.
8. When complete, lift up pan and drop from about 1-inch above work surface. Repeat several times to remove any air bubbles. Jiggle pan to smooth surface then take a small knife, coated with a bit of butter and run the blade back and forth through the fudge to create the swirly effect.
9. Cool completely. Use foil handles to lift fudge from pan before cutting into squares.

Courtesy of <http://thecafesucrefarine.com/2014/02/winter-white-red-velvet-fudge/>

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Girls' Basketball

Article By:
*Ethan
Mariano*

Basketball season has begun, and our own Heights-Terrace Lady Hawks opened play December 9. The Lady Hawks are part of the Anthracite League, which consists of every middle school in the district, MMI, Holy Family, Berwick, and Crestwood.

Every player has been contributing this season, but the notable players for both the JV and Varsity teams have been the starters. The JV starters are: Nashalie Hiraldo, Jordana Perez, Mattie Reed, Nicole Rolon, and Melanie Romero. The Varsity starters consist of: Sofia Delpino, Yesmarlyn Diaz, Nadine Mumaw, Yohanna Robles, and Davelys Torres.

The JV team (1-3) came out of the gate strong with a one point win over our intercity rival, the Hazleton Mountaineers, in their opener. Though they haven't won since, they have been in every game and have improved greatly.

The Varsity team (1-3) lost to Hazleton, but came back to win the game at Berwick a couple days later. They too have significantly improved as they look to make a playoff push.

As you may know, the only banners hanging in our gym were from when we were the Mountaineers. Look for these two teams to attempt to bring home one or two banners for the Hawks this season and next season.

December Students of the Month



7th Grade: Brian Macea and Erica Trella

8th Grade: Katie Sugarman and Jady Galade

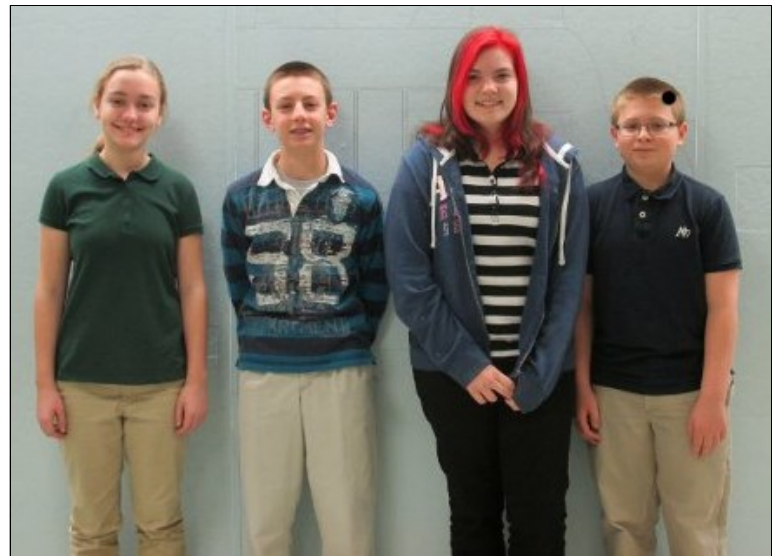
Boys' Basketball



Article By:
Mattie Reed

The Heights-Terrace Hawks played against the McAdoo Mustangs on December 19th, 2014. The JV team played first. Starters were Devon Bellucci, Seth Derr, Eli Galski, Edwin Gonzalez, and Jawardt Nieves. Although the teams played a close game, Heights lost to the Mustangs 38-34. Next, Varsity played. Starters were Luis Diaz, Greylin Marte, Michael Mundo, Johander Diaz, and Tyler Oliver. Even though the Hawks were winning by 6 points at halftime, the Mustangs came back and won. The final score was 43-29. While both the JV and Varsity teams played good games, they unfortunately lost both.

November Students of the Month



7th Grade: Mattie Reed and Seth Derr

8th Grade: Zoe Fanjoy and Josh Bonin