

Colts Newsletter

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April is...

National Poetry Month

Michael L. and Sam H.

April is National Poetry Month, which was established in April 1996 by the American Poets Society. National Poetry Month has been a reminder to the people of America that art is a supporting pillar of our country. Without poetry, the American people would not have the same ability to perform speeches at weddings or remember those we lost through eulogies.

Poetry is a form of classic literature that is used to show strong emotions and feelings. It uses figures of speech and adjectives to create a strong atmosphere through text. Historically, poems were used in a religious context, however it runs deep in just about every culture and nation in the world. For example, African and Spanish cultures are extremely deep-rooted in poetry both in & out of religious context.

While much of the world has changed over the years, poetry has largely remained the same for thousands of years, but it is becoming an art of the past. In the past 20 years, readers of poetry have been on the decline by 10%. It has seen a slight increase in the past year, however, due to the first National Youth Poet Laureate, Amanda Gorman, being named in 2017 and then she was also selected to be the youngest inaugural poet to present at President Biden's inauguration in 2021.

Recognizing the history and future of poetry in April is crucial to ensuring the longevity of this important art and literature style. Without poems, there would be a large void in the way people express themselves. As Robert Frost once said, "Poetry is when an emotion has found its thought, and the thought has found words".

Holidays and Important Dates

April 2nd - April Fools day

April 4th - National School Librarian Day

April 7th - Seussical Jr. Dress Rehearsal (5th/6th)

April 8th- 9th - Seussical Jr. Musical (7pm)

April 11th-15th - Book Fair

April 13th - Book Fair Night (4:30-6:30)

April 14th - National Pecan Day

April 17th - Easter 🐣

April 22nd -Karaoke Friday (Chorus Room)

April 23rd-May 1st - Spring Break

April 27th - National Devil Dog Day

Spring Sports Are Here!

Kenzy P.

Our HMS spring sports teams are set! Baseball, Track, and Softball ended tryouts at the end of March. The baseball team took 20 players this year out of 31 boys who tried out. The track team took 50 students, out of the 75 who showed up to try out originally. No cuts were made, however as by the end of tryouts 25 students decided on their own to not continue trying out. The softball team took 15 players out of the 23 who tried out for this year's team.

Great job to everyone who tried out this year for any team and congratulations to all who made the teams! All teams hope to have great seasons this year and we hope for the best at all of their meets and games! We will be cheering you on!



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What's Up at HMS?

HMS Sports & Club Updates

Drama club is taking part in Tech Week the week of April 4th for the Seussical Jr. Musical and high school students come down to help with this. The Drama Club will be doing their Dress Rehearsal for the 5th grade students on Thursday, April 7th. The shows are Fri, April 8th and Sat, April 9th! Come watch and enjoy!

Baseball and Softball will both be having their first games the week of April 11th.

Colts Council ran their most successful Spirit Week ever at the end of March finishing on April 1st with "Anything but a Backpack" Day! It was super fun! The 1st place homeroom won an Ice Cream Party and the Spirit Week Trophy! The 2nd and 3rd place homerooms won candy and Spirit Week Ribbons. Congratulations and thank you to everyone for participating in Spirit Week 2022!

1st Place - Ms. Guilbeault's HR

2nd Place - Ms. Staib's HR

3rd Place - Mrs. Newhouse's HR

Monthly FOCUS

Alex F.

This month's Social & Emotional Goal is "Relationship Skills". This means working towards talking to your peers respectfully, creating new friendships, and having positive relationships with adults in your life.

This month's Academic Goal is "Inquiry". This means asking more questions and being curious. Ask questions if you need help or ask questions to know more about things! Asking for help does not make you seem weak, but in fact shows a willingness to grow.

This month's Career Exploration theme is "STEM". STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. Many careers involve STEM in some way, and whether you plan to go into the trades, military, or college you will use STEM in some way!

8th Grade Field Trips!

Derrick D.

After April Break, many of the 8th graders will be embarking on a trip to Washington, D.C., Williamsburg, VA and Jamestown, VA from May 2nd-6th. 8th graders going on the trip will be visiting lots of different memorials, museums, and more! It will be an exciting week away for all!

For the students not going to Washington D.C, there will be an opportunity to visit major attractions in the Greater Boston area. On the first day, 8th grade students will be visiting the New Hampshire State House, and a Historical Museum in the area. On Tuesday, they will walk the Freedom Trail in Boston, which takes you on a tour of 16 significant historic sites. On Wednesday, students will go to the Wright Museum of World War II History. On Thursday, they'll visit Gillette Stadium/The Patriots Hall of Fame. Finally, on Friday, students will be visited by the Hudson Police to talk about crime scenes investigations!



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Student Art & Literature

Short Story by Lilah C. - 7th

"Each flower is a memory" my mother would say. I never believed her. I wish I could have told her she was right but unfortunately she left my father and I when I was six. On my 18 birthday my father handed me a box that had my name on it with the date on it. "Your mother left this to me and that was the day's date." My father told me. I opened it to see one pressed flower and a key with a note

Dear Son. I'm sorry I left. I will explain everything at a later date and congratulations on your 18th birthday. You will do great in adulthood. Do you remember what I told you as a child that each flower is a memory. Go to this location (33.31324° N, 83.80055° W) and bring this key.

I looked over to my father too but he had left. When mom left, he didn't handle it too well. Many nights I could hear him cry. I left my room to find my father. I checked his bedroom and checked the kitchen then I went to check the living room. As soon as I entered, I saw a note that said sorry, got a call from work please stay out of trouble call me if you need something. "Ugh, he always has work"

I then wandered back to my room. I sat down at my desk. Staring at the pressed flower "12 years of not seeing her and then I get this! This is the worst gift." I said while grabbing the box and taking a seat on my bed. "Who uses coordinates now? It's so outdated." I knew it wasn't, but I needed to blow off steam. I grabbed my phone and typed in the coordinates. "15 minute car ride, I'll be back before he gets home." I picked myself up and grabbed my car keys off my desk. "This is stupid" I said while heading to the car.

I get to the coordinates and see nothing, just trees, flowers, and bushes. "This was a waste of time" I started to walk back where I came from but then I heard someone say my name. I turned back around, and this time saw a door covered in bright flowers. I examined the keyhole and took out the key. A soft click sound went off and I pushed the door open to see rows and rows of flowers. Something told me to enter like a faint voice saying, "Come in,". I take a step and then flashes of memories flood my brain.

I wake up to see a bunny. The bunny runs away frightened of my sudden movement. I sit up too watch where the bunny went. Soon I see heels covered in flowers then keep looking up to see legs, torso, then a beautiful face.

A voice said, "Hello my son". It was my mother! "Mom?" I ran to hug her, but I couldn't. I was ran straight through her. She was like a ghost. "Mom, what's going on?" "My child I'm sorry" "Why are you a ghost and why did you leave!" "Shh, I'll tell you everything. Just be quiet no one can know you're here." She paused. "Ok now breath in and out. Ok now what did you want to ask me? I'll answer truthfully." "Why did you leave?" "This might be hard to believe, but I'm not human," My jaw dropped. "I had to leave because the gods who made me didn't like that I left. I'm the protector of this land. It was either me leaving, or they would take you and your father." It felt like my whole world was falling apart. I couldn't believe this. "I'm adopted?" I asked "No, no, you're my child." "Wait, does this make me half human and whatever you are?" "I'm Elfinvanian and yes." "Also why are you like a ghost?" "I'm not a ghost and actually when I came back, they put a curse on me that only in the shadows may I be seen and I cannot hold a stable form." "But why are you so heavily needed here that they threatened to take me and dad away?" "It's because I'm the collector of memories and also, you are going to need to run this when I die."

To be continued...



Morgan C. - 7th

Stay tuned for next month's amazing student work!

Quote Of the Month

“Be the change you want to see in the world”
-Mahatma Gandhi

Student & Staff Shout Outs

Shoutout to Avery W. on Team 8 for being a hard worker and a delightful friend!

Shoutout to Marisa, for being an amazing substitute teacher for all of HMS!

Shout out to Ms. Crivello for all of her hard work getting us ready for the musical! It's going to be amazing!

Shout to Ms. Kiely, Ms. Staib, and Ms. Guilbeault on Team 1 for being awesome teachers! We appreciate you and you're all so nice!

Shout out to Colts Council for running an awesome Spirit Week! It was so much fun!

**Shout out to all of the Drama Club for your hard work going into the Seussical Jr. Musical!
We can't wait to see it!**

Shout out to the Art Club & Ms. Joncas for all of their help in preparing the backdrops and props for the Musical!

Shout out to Ms. Sherman for being an awesome Social Studies teacher! She is so nice and funny!



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HELPFUL TIP OF THE MONTH

Liana G

Charge Your Computer!

Charging your computer every night is very important for school! Try these tips to remember to charge it...

- ★ Plug it in as soon as you get home
- ★ Plug it in next to your phone
- ★ Set a time to plug it in and set an alarm (like right before bedtime)
- ★ Write a note and post it where you'll see it every day

MONTHLY RECOMMENDATION

Allison V.

Night at the Museum

Night at the Museum follows Larry during his new job as a night guard at a famous museum in New York. But things aren't quite what they seem, as the museum comes to life at night! Something goes wrong and the exhibits stop coming to life just as he begins to get the hang of it. Can Larry fix it?

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Want to submit something to the Newsletter? Have a comment or concern?

Email to the Advisors:

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Or put submissions into the Colts Council Box on the stage in the Cafeteria



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