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May is... Jewish Heritage Month Sam H.

The month of May is designated for the recognition of contributions made by Jewish Americans to culture, history, and society. Celebrated as Jewish Heritage Week from 1980 to 2006, and later promoted to Jewish Heritage Month by George W. Bush, May has been a time to recognize Jewish Heritage for almost 50 years.

In 1939, the Nazis invaded Poland and began what is known as the Holocaust. During the Holocaust about 8 - 10 million people died at the hands of the Nazis. Among the people targeted for the killings, were Jewish people, African-American people, disabled people, gay people, and hundreds of other minoities Hitler deemed fit for persecution.

Even over 100 years after the Holocaust started, anti-semitism still exists in our society today. Jewish people are still oppressed, and many people still refuse to believe that millions of Jewish people died during the Holocaust.

Holidays and Important Dates

May 2nd-6th - 8th Grade DC & Boston Trips
May 8th - Mother's Day
May 10th - NH SAS Reading Test
May 11th - NH SAS Writing Test
May 13th - NH SAS Math Test
May 15th - National Pizza Party Day
May 17th - NH SAS Science Test (8th Only)
May 27th - Karaoke Friday (Chorus Room)
May 30th - Memorial Day (No School)

SPIRIT WEEK 2022!

HMS Spirit Week for 2022 was the best one yet! We had Sports Day, Plaid/Flannel Day, Twin Day, "Dress to Impress" Day, and "Anything But a Backpack" Day! On the last day we had everything from strollers, to scooters, and even a wheelbarrow!

The 2nd & 3rd place homerooms won candy and ribbons. The top 1st place winner won an ice cream party, a ribbon, and the first ever Spirit Week Trophy! Great job to every homeroom We are looking forward to next year already!

1st Place - Ms. Guilbeault's HR - 6th (shown below)
2nd Place - Ms. Staib's HR - 7th
3rd Place - Newhouse's - 7th







What's Up at HMS?

HMS Sports, Clubs, & Class Updates

Students in Ms. Reinitzer 7th and 8th grade PLTW class are learning how to code Apps in MIT App Inventor. Students have learned how to code a Germ Fighting Game using a white blood cell (Hero) and a germ (Villain). You get 10 seconds to win the game by getting as many points as possible.

The last few weeks in Computer Club students have been intently creating and coding in Minecraft worlds. It's not too late to come and join the fun! There are still a few weeks left to attend before our last meeting on June 1st.

Congratulations to the boys and girls track teams for a terrific meet on Tuesday 4/19. The cold weather didn't stand a chance against the heart and determination of the HMS athletes. The boys took home a landslide 1st place finish and the girl's took home a close 3rd place finish, neck and neck with the two winning teams.

Monthly FOCUS

This month's Social & Emotional Goal is "Responsible Decision Making". This means when faced with situations where you have to make a decision, that you consider all of your options and choose a responsible choice. For example, if you have the choice of hitting someone or walking way, you should walk away and be the bigger person.

This month's Academic Goal is "Critical Thinking & Problem Solving". This means when you are faced with difficult problems, either in real life situations, in sports, or in school, that you do your best to think them through, maybe ask for help, and then try your best to problem solve what to do.

This month's Career Exploration theme is "Law, Government, and Public Safety". This includes things such as government jobs, being a lawyer, or even being a police officer or firefighter. All of these jobs are very important to our society!

Cinco de Mayo

Michael L.



Cinco de Mayo is a very important holiday in Hispanic and Latin culture. Cinco de Mayo is an annual celebration that celebrates the anniversary of Mexico's victory over the French empire at the Battle of Puebla in 1862.

Some of the celebrations that take place are military parades, festive carnivals, and partying in the streets. Foods that are usually eaten on Cinco de Mayo include tamales, which is stuffing wrapped in corn husks, and horchata, which is a drink with flavors revolving around cinnamon, vanilla, and milk. Celebrate Cinco de Mayo and appreciate the Hispanic/latin cultures!





SPECIAL FEATURE

Seussical Jr. Musical!

Cora M.



This month we all got the chance to see the musical Seussical Jr. In this story the cat in the hat tells a magical tale. Horton tries to save his the Whos and his egg, while JoJo shows the world the wonderful thing known as thinking. This was a great show to watch and everyone was happy they went. All of the actors did an amazing job memorizing lines and songs. None of the lighting or sound was recorded so there were some difficulties along the way but all of the actors kept going. They all said they felt they could rely on each other for help if they messed up, and they all had a lot of fun. If you missed out on the show this year, Ms. Crivello does a play every year and anyone can sign up to be in the play or watch it.

Director: Luke Bryan

Music Director: Becca Crivello

Seussical Jr. takes us into the world of Dr. Seuss, where we meet beloved characters such as Cat in the Hat, Horton the Elephant, and JoJo. Cat in the Hat guides us into the Jungle of Nool, where we meet Horton, the kind-hearted elephant who discovers a speck of dust containing Whoville. He meets JoJo, a Who child

reprimanded for thinking too many "thinks". Horton decides he must protect the speck of dust on a nearby clover, while at the same time protect an abandoned egg left to his care by Mayzie La Bird. Horton tries to convince the other animals in the Jungle of the existence of the Whos, but he is ridiculed and put on trial for insanity. Only his loyal neighbor, Gertrude McFuzz, never loses

Seussical JR. weaves a story of friendship, loyalty, and love. Despite all odds, Horton and Gertrude band together to save the Whos, free Horton, and restore peace and unity to the Jungle of Nool. Seussical JR. teaches us the power of being unique and the importance of fighting for your beliefs.

There will be a 15 minute intermission.

Check out the bake sale, Well Wishes table, and raffle!

Please recycle your program after the show.



Al big thank you to:

Mr. Keith Bowen, Principal Mrs. Theo Tufts & Mrs. Stephanie Lafreniere, Assistant Principals HMS Custodial Staff HMS Physical Education teachers HMS Admin, Faculty, & Staff HMS Art Club Hudson Community Television APS Lighting-Sound-AV HMS Music Department AHS Music & Theatre Department

...and YOU, our audience, for supporting the arts and your performers!

8th Grade End of Year Events!

Kenzy P.

The end of the Year 8th grade events are approaching us fast!

The two main ones coming up are...

8th Grade Dance (Friday, June 3rd) Class Day (Wednesday, June 15th)

The 8th Grade Dance will go from 6:30-8:30 PM and parent pictures will run from 6:00-6:30. There will be a photographer and photo booth open inside and snacks and water will also be available. The theme this year will be *Sweet Dreams* and the color theme is pastels. Tickets will go on sale at the end of May, so be on the lookout to get yours as soon as possible to attend!

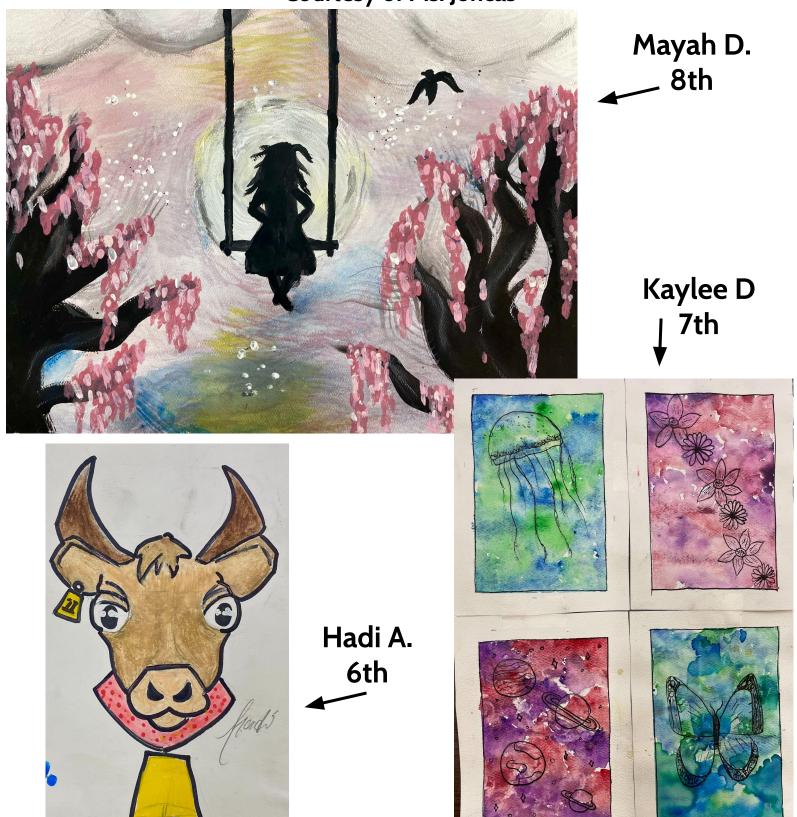
The second event is Class Day. Each student will be allowed up to 2 guests (due to capacity of the gym). It starts at 9 AM. The ceremony will include awards for academics, clubs, and more, and each 8th grader will receive a T-Shirt. The ceremony concludes with a slideshow of pictures from the 8th grades' experiences throughout their years at HMS. On the 14th, the day before, 8th graders will practice for Class Day, as well as get yearbooks signed. Fall sports players will be also able to talk with the AHS coaches about tryouts and when fall sports start.

Mark your calendars
8th graders because
our time at HMS is
almost over and you
don't want to miss
out on these fun end
of year events!



Student Art & Literature

Courtesy of Ms. Joncas



Quote Of the Month

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not!" - Dr. Seuss, the Lorax

Student & Staff Shout Outs

Shout out to Mrs. Vivian for her amazing study groups and all of her hard work after school to help us be successful!

Shout out to all of HMS for the best Spirit Week participation we have seen in a long time and for everyone who participated in Hat Day! We raised lots of money for the Student Activities Account! Thank you!

Shout out to Mrs. Reinitzer for always providing us club updates for the newsletter! We appreciate your contributions!

Shout out to Ms. Joncas for her hard work leading the creation of the props for the Musical!

Shout out to Becky Radziewicz, the softball coach, for leading the softball team to their first victory!

Shout out to Mrs. Sloat for helping out when have computer problems or forget to charge our computers. Also, thank you for all the fun contests while the Book Fair was running!

Shout out to Mrs. Freemantle for helping out with the D.C. trip and being an amazing math teacher!



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HELPFUL TIP OF THE MONTH Avery W.

Take Two to Review!

Use a study guide when one is given to you by a teacher. Better yet, take two! Use the first to review what you do know, and the second to work on things you don't know quite yet. Work on it slowly over time, and not all the night before too!

*This helpful tip was provided by a Team 8 teacher! :)

MONTHLY RECOMMENDATION

Michael L.

Movie: Coraline

Coraline is an outstanding movie about a young girl who traverses through a mysterious portal in her new home and finds a strange new world on the other side.

Coraline is a great mix or horror, comedy, and thrills which makes it a great watch!

CONTACT INFORMATION

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



