

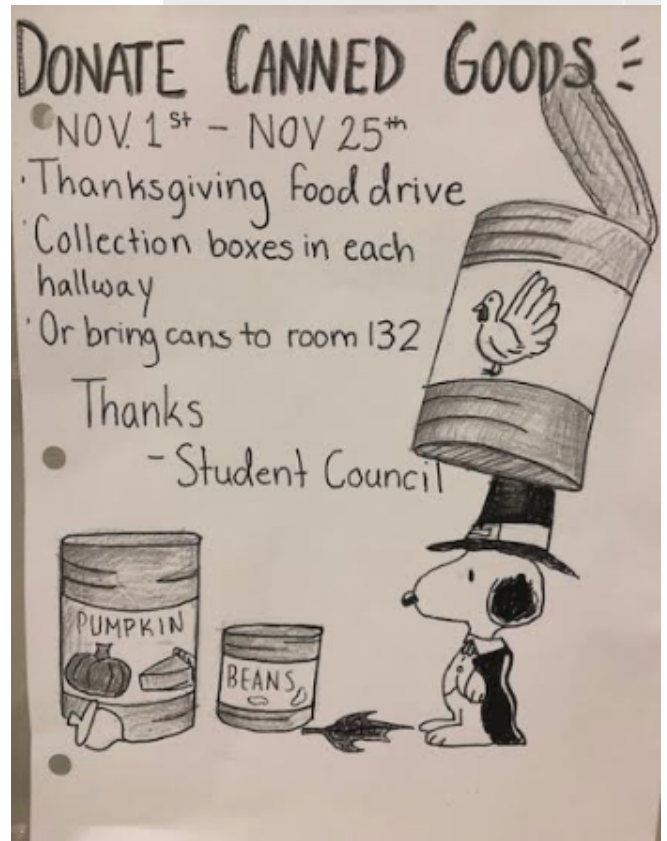
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Who is Ms. Michaud?

Ms. Michaud is originally from New Haven, but grew up in East Haddam Connecticut. She went to college at Central Connecticut State University and now teaches 7th grade science. She became a teacher because she loves science and wants to help others love it too. She also worked for CT STEM Academy doing after-school programs at Church Street, Alice Peck, and other schools. Ms. Michaud plays ultimate frisbee and does ballroom dancing.

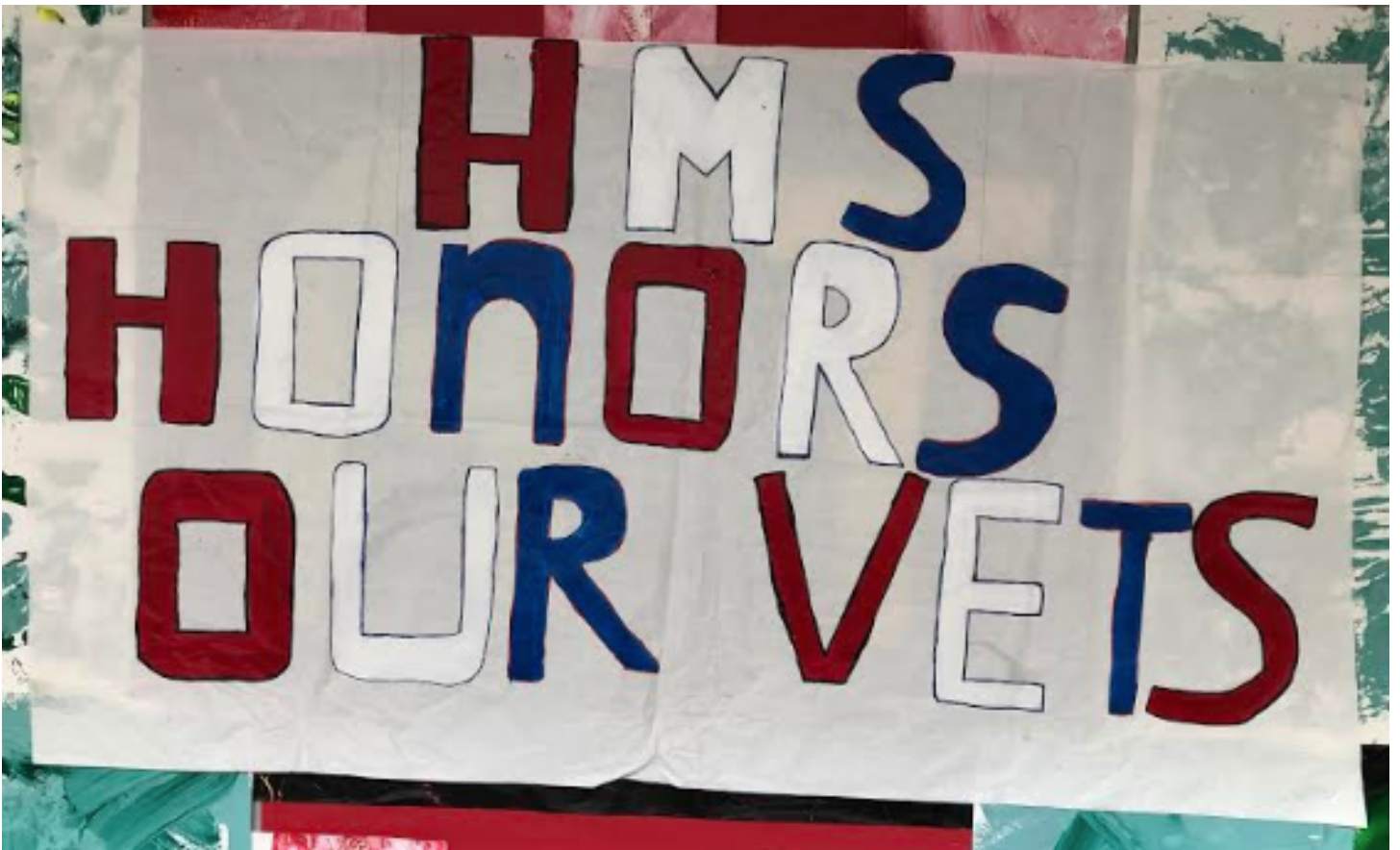
Favorites:

- **Food:** Mac & cheese
- **Color:** Grey
- **TV Show:** The Office
- **Book:** *The Name of the Wind*

By: Harper I. , 7th Grade

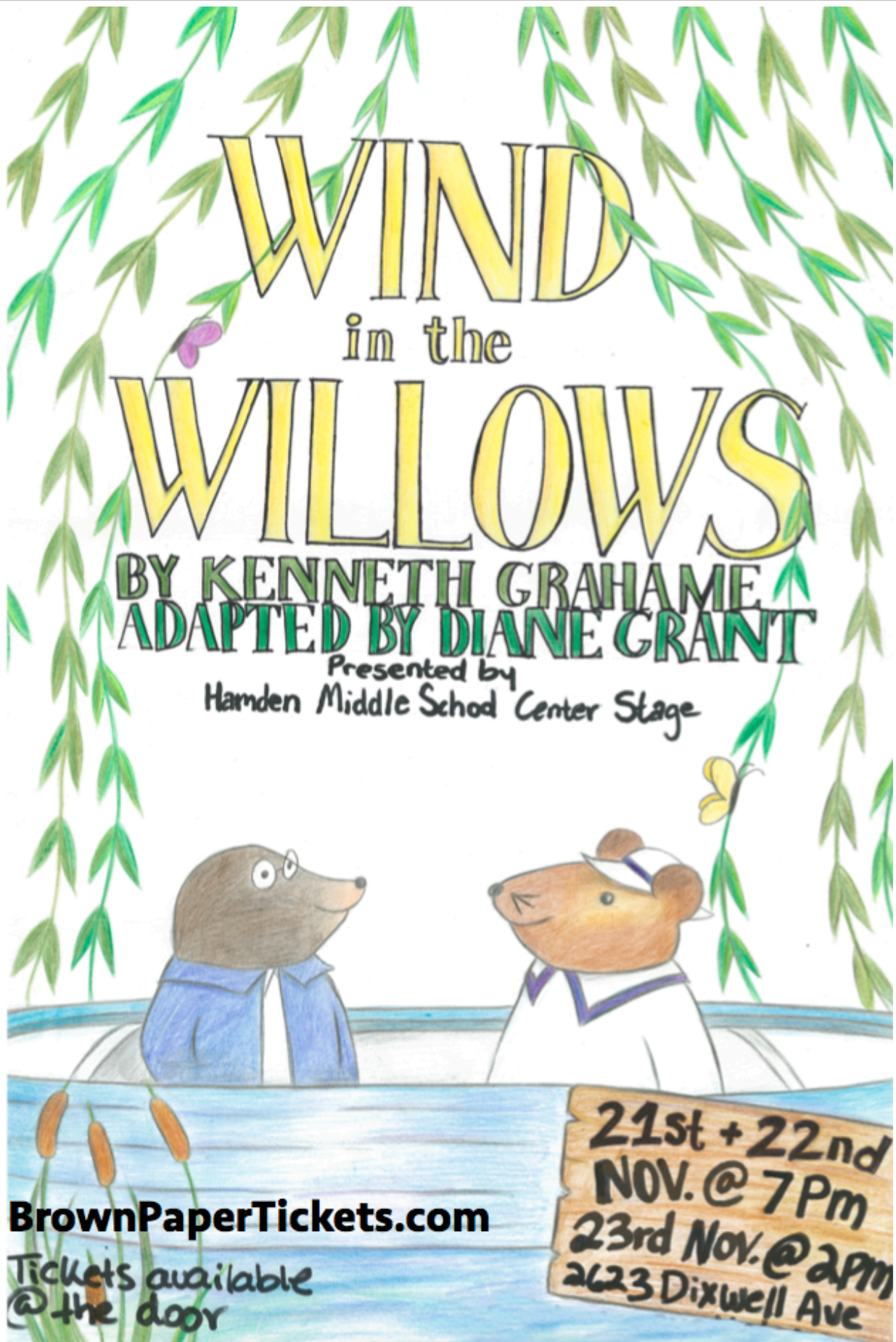


Artwork Of The Month



View the following artwork outside the Art rooms on the second floor of our middle school.

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What Would Happen If...

The Amazon Rainforest Burned Down?

Are the lungs of the earth really in flames? The Amazon rainforest has existed for about 500 million years. It is the largest rainforest in the world. The Amazon rainforest is home to 10 percent of the world's known species. The Amazon rainforest is often called "the lungs of the earth" because it produces more than 20% of the world's oxygen. There are about 10 million species of animals, plants and insects living in the Amazon Rainforest. It rains so much in

the Amazon that if you don't get your umbrella out in 10 minutes, you would be soaked. The trees are so overcrowded that it would also take 10 minutes for the rain to reach the ground below. The Amazon River flows through the Amazon Rainforest, and it is the longest river in the world.

The National Institute for Space Research reported on Wednesday that it had detected 39,194 fires this year in the Amazon Rainforest. It was a 77 percent increase from the same period in 2018. These Amazon wildfires are a human-made disaster, set by loggers and cattle ranchers who use a "slash and burn" method to clear land. Feeding off very dry conditions, some of those fires have gone out of control. The President of Brazil, President Bolsonaro, is also making an infrastructure development layout that would turn the Amazon's many waterways into electrical energy generators. Doing this would block fish and limit the flow of soil nutrients. A group of native people called the Munduruku do not like the idea. Many tribes of people who live in the Amazon rainforest depend on the river for natural resources.

But that leads us to the question.... What would happen if the Amazon Rainforest burned down.....?



Death.....Many trees will die, animals will lose their habitat, and we will doom the next generation.



By: Kevin M., 8th Grade

Team Trees: Is It Possible?

YouTube star Mr. Beast recently passed 20 million subscribers. Mr. Beast is known for doing challenge videos that cost a lot of money or test his mental and physical skills. He is teaming up with Mark Rober, former NASA engineer who makes videos related to engineering and his former career. They and countless other YouTubers are teaming up with the Arbor Day Foundation to plant 20 million trees. They are letting fans plant a tree by donating one dollar, to raise 20 million dollars by the end of the year. But is this possible? Justine Calma from *The Verge* is telling us not to get our hopes up. While interviewing Eike Lüdeling, who is the department head of horticultural sciences at the University of Bonn, who said, "It turns out that many of these seedlings, if not taken care of properly will not do well and may all just die quickly." He explains how it would be better to plant fewer trees and really take care of them then to try to just plant random seedlings. Justine also claims that too many trees can be a bad thing - in the wrong places.



Others, like Rhett Allian from *Wired* tell us that the math proves how we can accomplish this feat. Using his "Cupcake - style math," he explains how if one person wanted to make cupcakes for a party with 100 people, where each person needed a personalized cupcake, it would take too long. It would be much more efficient for each person to personalize their own. If we relate this concept to the trees, if we are able to get more individuals to plant seedling, it would reduce the amount of carbon dioxide in the air by a lot, taking less time than it would if one person were to plant 20 million trees by themselves.

Whether you use drones to plant seeds or plant them each by hand, believe that planting 20 million trees will actually work or not, we need to change our environment, even if some trees won't grow. Planet earth has given so much to us, but all we did was take away from it. It is time that changes. By the end of the year, we should plant 20 million trees. Donate a dollar to #TeamTrees to be a part of the change. We need to change the environment.

By: Kaustuv M., 7th Grade

QU Dean of Communications Speaks To Students



On Tuesday November 7th, Hamden Middle School students had the pleasure of meeting with Mr. Chris Roush. Mr. Roush is an American journalism educator and currently the dean of the School of Communications at Quinnipiac University. He shared personal stories and experiences as well as career opportunities in journalism, art design, film, advertising and publications. Students from the Newspaper club, WHMS morning news crew, and other selected students enjoyed the intimate presentation. We hope to arrange a field trip to Quinnipiac in the spring and continue to collaborate for years to come.



Farewell to Fay



Ms. Fay is an intern/student teacher and a graduate student from Quinnipiac University. Ms. Fay was on a long-term substitute position for 8th grade social studies teacher Ms. Williams of team Domurad. Ms. Fay worked diligently with her students making sure to provide a lasting impression. Ms. Fay's last day of her long-term position was on Friday November 8th. On that day, team Domurad students and staff provided Ms. Fay with a wonderful celebration up in the school library to show their appreciation for her hard work. Students created "Thank You" banners and the staff provided refreshments. Team Domurad will miss her daily energy and enthusiasm. We all wish her the best in her future endeavors. Thank you Ms. Fay!



HMS Book Review

Stolen Children is a thriller story written by Peg Kehret. Amy thought babysitting four year old Kendra would be easy. They'd eat ice cream, play a game or two, and Amy would put Kendra down for a nap. But when two men show up and take Kendra and Amy away, Amy's easy babysitting job becomes a horrible nightmare. Amy is forced to stay in an old cabin and entertain Kendra while the kidnappers take short videos of them leading up to the last one, where they demand ransom. Amy must be smart and try and find a safe way out of the situation, but what can she do? After all, she is just a kid. I strongly recommend this book to anybody that loves a good read, and a good thrill. Although the story is not very long, the plot twists and excitement leave you not being able to put the book down. I enjoyed it so much that I bought my own copy so I can read it whenever I want to! I rate this book a 9 out of 10 because it's fun to read and keeps the reader interested. You can find this book in the HMS Media Center or the Hamden Public Library.

By: Magdalena R., 7th Grade



Joke Column

Joke

- A. What is the best thing about Switzerland?
- B. Did you hear about the mathematician who is afraid of negative numbers?
- C. What did the science teacher say when they found out that Oxygen and Magnesium were going out?
- D. What happened to the rumor about butter?
- E. What do you get when you cross grammar with Middle Eastern food?
- F. Why was 6 afraid of 7?
- G. Why did 7 eat 9?
- H. How did the music teacher lock himself out?

Answer

- A. I don't know, but the flag is a big plus!
- B. He'll stop at nothing to avoid them.
- C. OMg
- D. It spread.
- E. Onomatopita.
- F. Because 7 ate 9.
- G. Because you have to eat three square (3^2) meals a day.
- H. He left his keys on the piano.

By: Harper I, Lena H., and Julia W., 7th Graders

HMS SPORTS REPORT

Staff vs. Student Volleyball Game

On October 28, 2019 the Girls Volleyball team battled against the Hamden Middle School Staff in an epic showdown. It was a daunting task but when the dust cleared it was the HMS Staff that were victorious. Coach Poulsen did a great job organizing the game and we are all appreciative of his devotion.



Cross Country Club Finishes Strong



This year's Fall Intramural was Cross Country with Mr. Simone. The club focused on conditioning, agility, long distance running, and team building. The program ran for 8 weeks meeting every Monday and Tuesday from September 17th through November 4th.





Below is a picture of one of your HMS staff members when they were in Middle School. **Guess who?** it might be. See the answer on the morning announcements.



Where Are The Dragons?



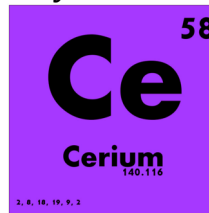
Rumor has it... two dragons live inside the perimeters of the school. Only select students know... they lurk in our midst, entangling with the humans. The teachers are sworn to not tell, but the select students are also sworn to silence. So they left clues around the school to help track them down.

Here are the clues to help you track one of them down:

*My name starts with a C, but it sounds like a K.

*I lurk in the shadows, every single day.

*Here is the clue to my name:



*The first and last letters and the classroom in which you will find me. This will give you the clue to finding my friend.

Good Luck.

By: C_____e

When Should School Start?

Recently people have wondered whether it would be more beneficial for the school day to begin later and thus allow students to get extra sleep. The argument is that students are not in the habit of going to sleep early; therefore they don't sleep as many hours as they should, since they must arrive early at school the following day.

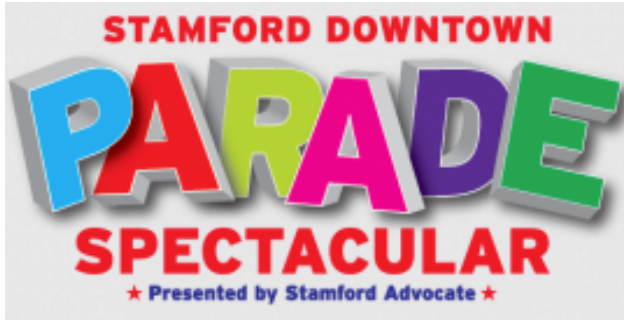
The counter argument is that a later start to the school day shortens the time students have after school to play sports, engage in extracurricular activities, or to simply relax. In addition, there are some who believe that school should be held on Saturdays.

As these alternatives are being debated, what side do you find yourself on?



By: Mercedes H., 7th Grade

Downtown Parade Spectacular



You may have heard of the famous Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. On Thanksgiving Day huge balloons, floats, performers, and bands march through New York City. But you may not have heard of the Stamford Downtown Parade Spectacular. It is one of the largest helium balloon parades in the country and takes place right here in Connecticut. It will be held this year on Sunday,

November 24 at 12 pm in downtown Stamford.

Also this time of year, from October 5-November 5, the Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular took place at the Roger Williams Zoo in Providence, Rhode Island. There you can see 5,000 pumpkins carved with intricate designs and lit up at night. The pumpkins weighed from 1 pound to 2,000 pounds! My family and I visited earlier this month for the first time and was amazed by the decorations and setting they created as you walked through the trail.

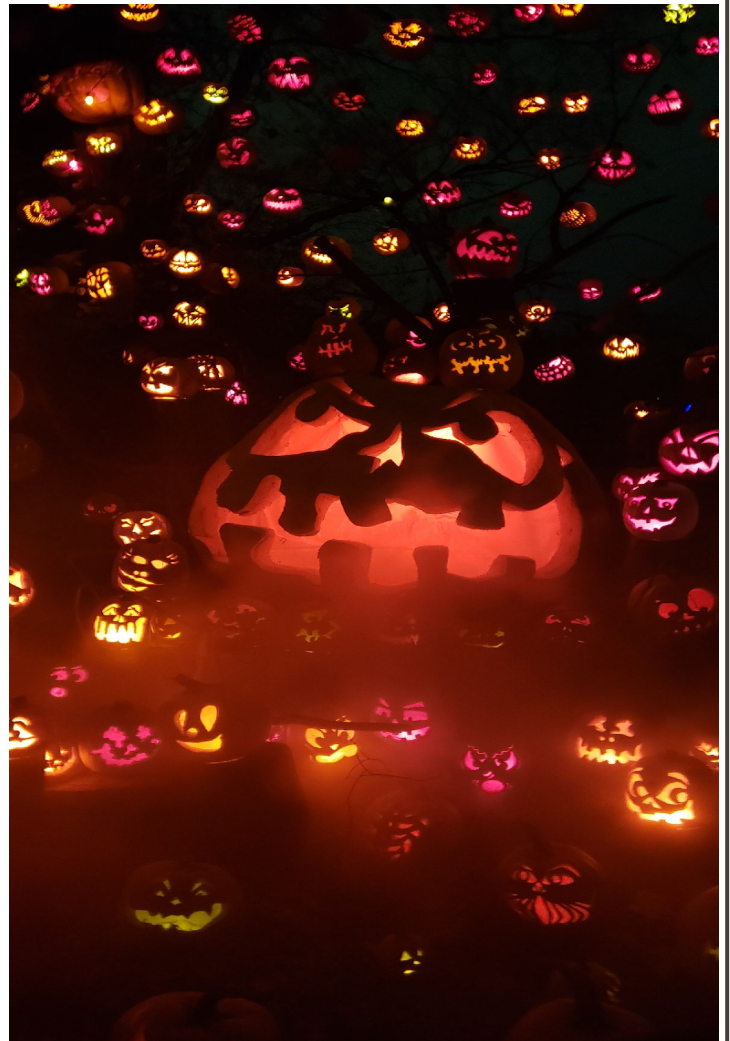


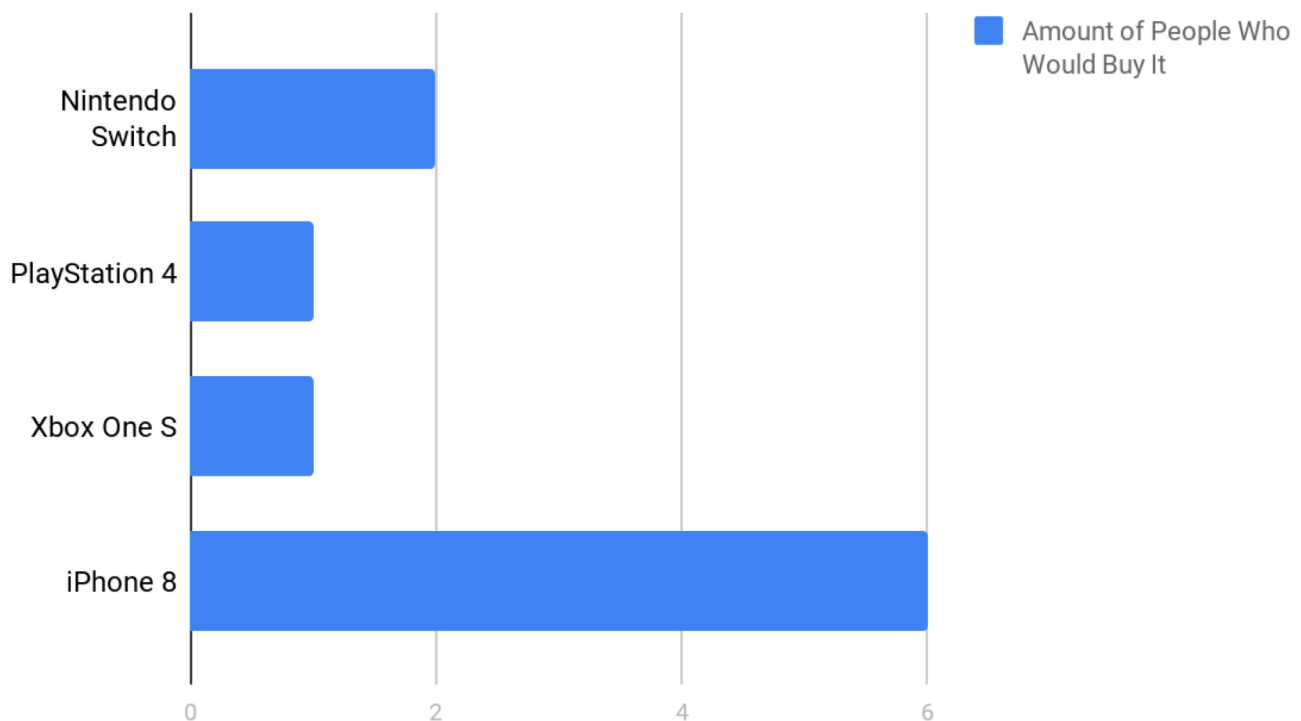
Photo and Article By: Lidia M., 7th Grade

Black Friday Gamers

So, now that it's November, the holidays are looming near. Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, but also, there is Black Friday. The day where you get a bunch of stuff on sale, and the perfect time to buy everything you will need for the entire next year. One thing that goes on sale a lot and is really popular during Black Friday are electronics and also video games. Since so many people these days own at least one video game console (*come on, I know that you're guilty of it... basically everyone has at least played a video game once in their life*), I decided to ask people in my homeroom what they would rather buy from a store at this time: A Nintendo Switch, a PS4, an Xbox One S, or a 2017 Iphone 8. All of these products are around \$300-\$400, so they are all very similar in price, all with there own strengths and weaknesses.

Homeroom results:

Points scored



So, the majority of people who I asked picked the iPhone 8. But, why? Well, I think that it's because not everybody is a gamer. And, out of all these electronics, the iPhone has the most functions other than being a gaming console. You can call from it, text, and much more. However, a lot of people also picked the Switch. I think it is because they might have been around Nintendo their entire life, and they have the best game series, while the other consoles have more power, and smaller games instead.

By: Zayed E., 7th Grade

What Am I Thankful For?

Kaustuv is thankful for many things. He is thankful for technology, he is thankful for ophthalmology. He is thankful for calculating in calculus, with sums in subtraction. He gives thanks to fast math, and praises shoelaces. He is thankful to revenue, and likes glue. He is thankful to his friends, who he is befriended to. He is thankful to origami, he has made a tsunami, and finally, he is thankful to his family. So, what are you thankful for?



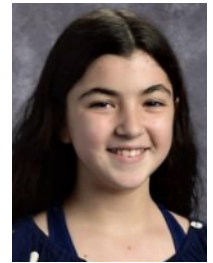
By: Kaustuv M. 7th Grade



I am thankful for all my friends. I couldn't survive without them and they all mean so much. I'm thankful because some people may not have very good friends. I am so glad that I have found people like them. Some of them I have known since preschool and some are newer but no matter how long I have known them they are still BFFs. With everything they have given me (emotionally and physically), I feel forever grateful. This is very corny but there is no way in words to describe how much I am grateful for them. Love you so much,

By: Oona Z., 7th Grade

I am thankful for my friends. They mean everything to me. My best friend knows everything about me, and she never judges me. She understands and helps to the best of her ability. My friends are kind, supportive, and loyal. If I go to school unhappy I always leave happy because my friends brighten up my day. The best part of my day is when I walk into the gym and see their smiling faces. They just look so happy to see me that I know that everything is worth it. They make me who I am. I owe everything I have to my friends.



By: Harper I., 7th Grade



I am thankful for many things. I am grateful for my friends and family, they always support me even when I'm going through a hard time. I would like to give a shout out to Harper I, she has been my best friend since kindergarten, and I am so lucky to have her. She has stuck with me through rough times and has supported me and helped me get through it. My family is also a great example of this. They always have something to say, and always know how to handle a situation. They also always know how to cheer me up and how to make my smile. I am thankful for them because they make my life a happy place.

I am also grateful for my school, and that it is a safe environment. When I originally came to HMS I was afraid that it would be different and that I would always be late, and never have good grades. Now that I have warmed up to the school though, I have come to realize that for me, it is a safe environment where all my friends are, and people who care about me. Sometimes I might not want to go to school, but I am grateful that I have the option for education. Everyone has made my time at HMS more enjoyable than I thought that it could be.

Finally, I am also grateful for music. Music has gotten me through some tough times and I couldn't get out of my head until I pressed play. It really has a way of relaxing, and calming me down. Music is what makes me happy, I love playing the piano and being in band and jazz band, and I don't know what I would do without it. These are the things that I am most grateful for in my life.

By: Paige C., 7th Grade

What Am I Thankful For?

There are many reasons I'm thankful for my friends. If it weren't for them, I probably wouldn't have made it to where I am now. Not only are they funny, but they also give me endless support, and I honestly couldn't ask for more. Last year was not easy for me, and I was going through a lot. But my friends were always there for me along the way, which is how I got through such a hard time. I'd like to thank them for everything they have towards making my, and many others lives better.

And to all the new friends I've made this year, thank you too! Whether it's asking me if I'm okay in class, making me laugh, inviting me to things outside of school, they have all made me feel more accepted this year. Thank you for not making me feel like I have to change. Most importantly, thanks to all of you for making me into the person that I am today.



By: Mercedes H., 7th Grade



What I am thankful for are selfless people. Confused? Let me explain. Anybody who puts aside time and effort to help anyone, I thank. First of all, anybody who works, or has a job, thank you. It can be anything. Paving our streets. Driving a bus. Being a teacher. Or a scientist. Or a comedian. Veterans Day just passed by, and any veteran, or anyone in the Army, are a great example of a job. These people are putting aside their lives to ensure our safety. But, the thing is, your job can be anything. If you work in any kind of job, as long as you are putting aside time and effort, and helping people in any way, like making their lives easier, making a new invention, or even giving them a form of entertainment, then I thank you.

I would also like to thank not only people who have jobs, but also anyone who has helped anyone, expecting no reward in return. You may have helped your parents carry their groceries. Or you may have helped someone cross the road. Even things that you do by muscle memory, like holding the door, count as this. It doesn't matter how many people you helped, whether that be yourself, another person, your family, anyone. I thank you, and the world also thanks you. Because even if it seems like nobody cares about what you did, don't worry. The world takes a moment to turn to you, and say thank you.

By: Zayed E., 7th Grade

This holiday season, I have begun to think about the things that I am thankful for. I am thankful for the fact that I have a home to stay warm in and that I have a family to be with. I am also thankful that I get to go to HMS because I have made a lot of new friends and I have fun every day.



By: Lena H., 7th Grade



I am thankful for having a roof over my head. Because the temperatures are dropping more and more, I am lucky to have a warm place to come home to. I am lucky to have a place to call home.

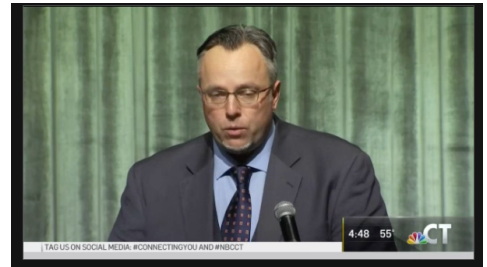
By: Kevin M., 8th Grade

A vibrant autumn-themed illustration featuring pumpkins, gourds, and various leaves in warm colors like orange, blue, and brown, set against a white background. The central focus is a large orange pumpkin with a green stem. To its left is a smaller, light blue pumpkin with white stripes. To the right is a small orange and white striped pumpkin. In the foreground, there's a yellow pear with a brown stem and a small brown acorn. The background is filled with various autumn leaves in shades of orange, brown, and blue, along with small berries and twigs. The overall style is flat and modern, with a warm and inviting color palette.

A top-down view of a meal spread on a green tablecloth. The spread includes a bowl of green beans, a bowl of sliced carrots, a bowl of green olives, a bowl of sliced yellow olives, a bowl of bread rolls, a bowl of salad, a plate of roasted chicken legs with orange slices, and a plate of flatbread.

By: Paige C., 7th Grade

HMS Veterans Day NBC Photo Review



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Giving Thanks To Our HMS Veterans

Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving both offer a special time to pause, reflect and appreciate the blessings in our lives. During this season of giving thanks, I want to express my gratitude to those that have served our country. Thank you for your service and continued support.



Mr. Hawkins
U.S. Army



Mrs. Colello
U.S. Marine Corps.



Mrs. Beaver
U.S. Navy



Mr. Levy
U.S. Coast Guard



Mr. Robles
U.S. Navy

*** Not pictured: **Mr. Camerato** *U.S. Navy*

On behalf of the Hamden Middle School community, I wish you and your families a wonderful Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving.

With deep appreciation,

Mr. Simone, HMS Staff and Newspaper Editor