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NWEA MAP Testing

By: Jemaya Saunders

Guess what time it is? It's time for testing!! Everyone should be prepared for MAP testing. The testing starts the third week in January. There are many ways to prepare and do your best. Some helpful tips are listed below.

- Take your time and stay focused.
- Read or listen to each choice twice.
- Ask yourself if your answer makes sense.
- Check your answer before you move on.
- Use a scrap piece paper for math.

I hope everyone shows grows on their test and don't forget to do your best.

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Martin Luther King Jr. Day

By: Mario Persiani

On Monday, January 15th, 2018, we had off from school for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Do you know who this day celebrates? It celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, who fought for African-American civil rights and the end of segregation. Born to Martin Luther King Sr. and Alberta Williams King, Martin Luther King grew up in a cruel and unfair world. Later marrying Coretta Scott King, and having Martin Luther King III, Yolanda King, Dexter Scott King, and Bernice King, Martin Luther King's life wasn't as bad. "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." This is one of the most well known parts of Dr. King's "I Have A Dream Speech", which he spoke on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, on August 28th, 1963. Unfortunately, Dr. King's life was cut short on April 4th, 1968, by James Earl Ray. The important thing is that before he went, MLK made a huge impact on segregation.



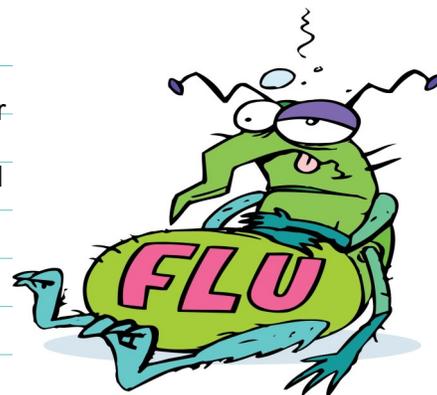
The Flu

By: Raul Cepeda & Jayden Rodriguez

Cough..Cough..feeling sick? Well there is a really bad flu going around America. The flu is spreading around the country from California to Connecticut. If you don't know what the flu is you will find out right now. Influenza (flu) is an infectious disease caused by the influenza virus. It causes stomach aches, headaches, and body aches. It has been going around for this past month.

We hope it will stop before someone gets very sick or possibly dies.

Now for some tips: Eat healthy, dress with layers for the cold, wash your hands before and after you eat and after using the bathroom. Try to cough and sneeze in your sleeve so you won't spread germs, and wear boots or warm clothes when you go outside.



Snow Days

By: Aamiya Moye Avery and Ania Brunson

Schools in Hamden have had 5 snow days off so far this school year. That means we have five days to make up at the end of the year. What's funny is that one of the five days was actually more like a "RAIN" day, because the day off was after a big thunderstorm that knocked down trees, wires, and made the

power go out in some parts. Some things people can do on snow days is sledding, have a snowball fight, build a snow fort, and drink hot chocolate! If you're going to go outside make sure you wear appropriate clothes for the winter!

We hope there are more snow days...do you???



New Year's Eve

By: Emily Olivo and Aniya Thigpen

In the Gregorian Calendar, New Year's Eve, the last day of the year, is on December 31st. In many countries, New Year's Eve is celebrated at night with parties where many people dance, eat, drink and watch or light fireworks to mark the start of a new year. The celebrations generally go on after midnight.

In New York City a big ball drops in Times Square to ring in the new year. Thousands of people crowd in the area to countdown to midnight and watch the ball drop. Other countries around the world also celebrate with special events, fireworks, parties, and foods.

At the start of a new year, people are known to make

resolutions. Resolutions are promises people make to themselves or to others to do better in their lives. Common resolutions are working out, eating healthy and getting more sleep. Did you make a new year's resolution? Have you stuck to it??

Happy 2018 everyone!!

NFL Game of the Month

By: Lennon Fortier, Joshua Mele, and Kyle Riccitelli

The NFL game of the month for January is the New Orleans Saints vs. The Minnesota Vikings. The Minnesota Vikings won at the last second in a very thrilling way! They won 29-24. Stefon Diggs scored the touchdown with a pass from Case Keenum, their quarterback, to score a “walkoff” touchdown. This is a very rare event for the NFL. A “walkoff” score is more common in baseball or even basketball, but not much in football. Next time, they will play the Philadelphia Eagles.

In the first quarter, the score was 10-0 Vikings. In the second quarter it was 17-0 Vikings. In the third quarter, after halftime, the Saints made it 17-7 and started coming back. The Saints scored 17 points in the fourth quarter and were beating the Vikings 24-23. In the last seconds of the game Diggs scored a miraculous touchdown and this play is now known as “The Minneapolis Miracle”. This gave them an amazing 29-24 score and the Vikings won!

****UPDATE**** - Since the publishing of this article, the Super Bowl teams have been determined. The Philadelphia Eagles and New England Patriots will face off in Super Bowl LII.

January Animal of the Month

By: Ava Morrell, Aaliyah Jones, Jeneiryz

The January animal of the month is a penguin. Penguins usually feed on fish, squid, and crabs. During the summer, penguins will eat about two pounds of food each day. Penguins weigh anywhere from 2 to 90 pounds.

Penguins live in the Southern Hemisphere. That is the southern half of our globe. Penguins don't mostly live in the water, they mostly live on land.

Penguins can hold their breath underwater for 20 minutes, but they can not breathe underwater. The only reason why penguins go underwater is because they need food. Penguins only eat meat and not plants. Penguins spend half of their lives in the water and their other half on land.

Did you know that baby penguins are mostly taken care of by their fathers, not their mothers? A mother penguin will lay the egg and the father penguin will cover it to keep it warm.

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The California Mudslides

By: Jack Mele and Kevin Mensah

Mudslides are dangerous and sudden (sort of) avalanches of mud and rocks, and when a slope becomes unstable, all of the debris comes loose and falls down. California is currently experiencing an abundance of them the California mudslides have claimed 20 lives in the Santa Barbara County, Montecito, and Ventura. Currently, in Santa Barbara, due to the Thomas Fire which burned vegetation that could've helped with preventing the mudslides from happening and from a pipe bursting that the power company owns and is in charge of, caused mudflows that claimed the 20 lives, and thanks to California's geology, also rock-slides, which has destroyed many random fences, an entire freeway, and 58 homes. Oprah Winfrey's home in Santa Barbara has also been destroyed by the mudslides. This has been happening since January 9th, 2018, and shows many signs of continuing to wreak havoc. The future is looking pretty bleak for California, with the wildfires *still burning and these mudslides going on, but maybe they can recover.*

Quiz Time!

Which county experienced the mudslide mentioned?

1. Santa Barbara
2. Montecito
3. Ventura

What causes a mudslide?

1. The earth gets angry.
2. A slope gets weakened and it all breaks.
3. An earthquake happens.

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January Poem of the Month

By: Annetta Gatison

The Way The World Is



The snow is falling
The cold wind is calling
Building up on the ground
Yet you don't hear a sound
But yes there is one you can hear
The kids around the corner are shouting with cheer
As the snow all dies down
The streets form more crowds
The snowball fights begin
No matter how cold it gets
But soon that joy ends
Then the summer begins
Now all the kids come out again
To play with all their friends
The snow was falling
The cold wind was calling
But now the warm wind
Put it all on a spin
That's the way the world is



January Student of the Month

By: Imane Sannon

This theme of Student of the Month for January is *trustworthiness*. Trustworthiness is the ability to be relied on as honest or truthful. The students of the month tell the truth, return things they borrow and, most of all, have the courage to do the right thing. All the teachers are proud of the students. The students wouldn't have been Student of the Month without them!

Congratulations to the following students:

Pre-k	Avery Jones, Vashanti McKnight
K	Nicholas Danquah, Jason Farquharson, Omar Telawi
1 st Grade	Jamar Mendoza, Melody Treszi, Christopher Armfield
2 nd Grade	A'Niyah Rivers, Kahson Bray
3 rd Grade	Emilee Jerman, Marcal Little
4 th Grade	Kimberly Eustaquio, Kendra Shubert
5 th Grade	Fatima Hussain, Jemaya Saunders
6 th Grade	Frida Cornejo, Destiny Cepeda
Media	Mark Mastrianno
P.E.	Kyle Riccitelli
Art	Christian Sarcione
Music	Ricky Harrington

January Jokes...

By: Jake Aguilera and Cooper Abramson

1. What does the Easter Bunny say on New Years?
Hoppy New Years!!!

2. What did the furry hat say to the woolly scarf?
You hang around while I go on ahead

3. What do you call a fake noodle?
An impasta!

4. What do you call a sick noodle?
Mac & sneeze

5. Why do seagulls fly over sea?
Because if they flew over bay they'd bay gulls!!

6. What do you call a chicken in the 1960's?
A funky chicken

7. When should you buy a bird?
When it's 'cheep'

9. What do you call a sad bird?
A bluebird

10. What does a cat call a hummingbird?
Fast food



Upcoming Events

- Feb. 8th—Early Dismissal
- Feb 14th—Valentine's Day
- Feb. 19-20th—No School

We hope you enjoyed the Helen Street Herald! We have much more in store for you with our fantastic fourth, fifth, and sixth graders leading the way by writing creative and informative articles.

Mrs. Distasio & Miss Matola