



Hawk Herald



THE HIGHLAND PARK ELEMENTARY NEWSPAPER

The Gingerbread Man Play

By Alice Leftwich, Viana Garland, and Eliza Harper

The kindergarteners worked so hard to prepare this wonderful play! They learned music, dancing, acting, and even made their own paper for invitations. They learned everything that was in the story and read different versions of it. They started practicing in October by learning songs and eventually started practicing on stage. They put on a great play that the whole school got to enjoy. The play was cute and fun. Every kindergartener participated and had a significant role. Many people helped make the play possible such as the PTA, CIA, community members, parents, Mr. Barlow, Mr. Mo, and Mrs. Allen -Dale. These people helped with funding costumes, the set, rehearsals, and more! Mrs. Suess's fourth grade PLATO class also helped by making snowflakes for the backdrop and helping the narrator prepare. The kindergarteners were so excited to finally put on the performance for their families who practiced with their children and were supportive throughout the whole thing.



Cast: Evie Stephens, Shandre Hughes-Smith, Ja Korrie Goodman, Dominick Harrington, Nakiyah Hines, Dymond Hayden, Sage Nicholas, Jyrah Allen, Kahiri Stockton, Abigail Brod, Zi Ahir Elliott, Ziva Cruz, Kaiden Barnett, Abigail Nyonsiea, Asher Grasty, Prince Borders-Williams, Apollo Drummond, Bear Dos Ramos, Ada Cherry, Malia Koroma, Ashtyn Blankenship, Julian Johnson, Miriam Garcia-Espana, Aaliyah Mohamed, Grace Oli, Emmalyn Moss, Alaia Alvarado, Wyatt Yates, Westley Rosario, Johani Ngaojia, Hazel Anderson, Avery Journiette, Dhamiko Locke, Bennett Kline, Maliyah Howell, Mya Cherry, Heaven Muhammad, Alexander Lemuz-Hyde, David Portillo-Garcia, Aleigha Pope, Zari Henderson.



Ask AnnaBeth

Dear AnnaBeth: My best friend is moving away. What should I do? - Sad Best Friend

Dear Sad Best Friend: I think you should spend as much time with your best friend before she/he moves away. Time is valuable and your time with them is limited. You could give he/she a parting gift. You could also stay in contact with each other over the phone, by sending letters, or even through social media.

Dear AnnaBeth: I have someone who I want to be friends with, but I am nervous to ask them. What do I do? -Pizza Lover!

Dear Pizza Lover: I think you should write a note and leave it on their desk, but there are many other ways. Sometimes it is easier to write instead of talk. Maybe think about why you are scared, and then that may help you overcome your fear. Even if they don't want to be friends, maybe asking will help you make more friends in the future.

Hidden Hawk

From now on there will be a hawk hidden throughout the newspaper. Can you find the hawk in each new issue?

Ice Skating at Elmwood Park

By Ceci Pace and Rain Ryan

We had a PTA night filled with fun ice skating at Elmwood Park. It was good to see that so many people showed up. We had lots of fun with friends and family while skating and drinking hot chocolate. A big thank you to our PTA for putting this together and for helping our school every day. Thank you to all the people who came to the skate night. We hope you had fun and that it was enjoyable.



Student Spotlight

The student spotlight is a chance to get your name in the newspaper. This month it is all about being optimistic. Your teachers were asked to choose one kid from each class that represents this trait.

Hawks nominated for being optimistic: Prince Borders-Williams, Bennett Kline, James Turner, Grant Rodgers, Tamara Lewis Brown, Kender Rosario, Mericole Evans, Lincoln Sizemore, Amelia Veenstra, Maliyah Howell, Nyla Ramos, Jane Vanden Eykel, Peyton Young, Malon Lafon, Maggie Friend, Valerie Carter, Mai'a Ramsey, Nick Rau, Free Harris, Silas Nay.

Meet Mrs. Suess

By Denman Blanchard, Afshana Wagley, Athena Andrade



Q: What is your favorite thing about working at this school?

A: My favorite thing about working here is the students.

Q: Did you always know you wanted to be a teacher?

A: No, I wanted to be a private investigator. But I was always very aware of what I liked about my teachers, and I would think a lot about how I wanted my own classroom to look.

Q: What is your favorite book?

A: My favorite book is *The Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame.

Q: Who is someone that inspires you and why?

A: Anne of Green Gables inspires me. She's passionate, imaginative, intelligent, and always looks for the best in each person.

Q: What is your favorite thing to do when you have free time?

A: I like to play with my bunnies, get coffee, or go on a walk with friends.

Q: Have you ever worked at a different school other than Highland Park?

A: Yes, Crystal Spring Elementary School. I also worked at a school in Atlanta, Georgia before I moved to Roanoke!

Q: What is your favorite subject to teach as a fourth grade teacher?

A: Does recess count? Out of math and science, that's a hard question. I love both, I can't decide, I like both math and science.

Q: How long have you been teaching at Highland Park?

A: I've been at Highland Park for about 8 years.

Meet Ms. Compton

By Marie LaConte, Tilly Binks, Annelise White



Q: Do you have any pets? If so, what are their names and what animals?

A: We have three dogs, Saoirse, Cobb, and Paddington. We also have a cat named Levi, and now a hamster named Fredrickson, but we call him Fred.

Q: Why did you want to work at Highland Park?

A: I wanted to work at Highland Park because once I met Mrs. Rooney, I thought she was a lovely person and deeply passionate about Highland Park. I knew I wanted to work with her and this school.

Q: Did you have any jobs before you became a teacher?

A: Yes, originally, I first worked with the United States Air Force for four years and then I worked in public accounting. Then I decided to switch careers to be a dental hygienist which I practiced for twenty years. And now I am a teacher.

Q: Have you worked at any other schools. If you have which ones?

A: No, this is my first time but last year I worked as a teacher assistant at HP.

Q: Where were you born?

A: I was born in Austin, Texas.

Q: Why did you decide to be a first-grade teacher?

A: I really like teaching kids how to read and building the foundation of their knowledge. It is a privilege to be a part of the children's reading journey.

Q: What is your favorite subject?

A: My favorite subject is math.

Q: What is your favorite book? Why?

A: *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen. It is a wonderful story about a Victorian family.

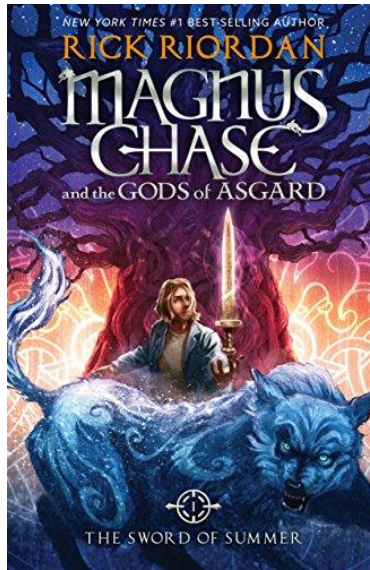
Book Review

By Cael Goldberg

Title: *Magnus Chase*

Author: Rick Riordan

Magnus Chase is a book by Rick Riordan, the author of the famous Percy Jackson series. This book is about Norse mythology. In this book, a boy named Magnus Chase gets slain by a fire giant, and gets reborn as a warrior chosen by Odin, the leader of Norse Gods. Magnus then finds out he's the son of a god, who shall not be named. He then embarks on an adventure to stop Ragnarök, which is the final battle between the gods, Loki, and the giants. This book has a lot of action and is very funny. This book is also in a series with three other books and a guide to Norse mythology. This is a great book, so I recommend reading this, especially if you like books about mythology.



Movie Review

By Addison Horne



The Bad Guys is a movie based on the book series "The Bad Guys". The film is about a wolf, a shark, a piranha, a snake, and a tarantula who are mistreated by the people in their town. Everyone thinks that they are not kind, and they are dangerous. They take advantage of it and don't worry about getting in trouble. They plan a big plot to steal the golden dolphin and, in the end...oh wait! I don't want to spoil it so go watch the movie for yourself and I hope you enjoy it.

Blacktop Upgrade

By Murphy Armstead

We got a new basketball hoop on the blacktop that makes playing there even more fun. Now we can shoot hoops not only inside the gym, but also outside in the front of the school. This is a great way to spend recess especially if the playground is too wet. There is a container of balls available to use. You can also practice on the court to get ready for the best time of the year, the teachers vs students basketball game. If you're in fourth or fifth grade you can get outside and play a game of ball to help practice for it. You can work on dribbling through the court, dodging all players who try to steal the ball, and perfect your shot on the hoop. Using the new hoop for practice could help the students win. You can also play for fun if you want to!



Supporting Black Owned Businesses

By Tapanga Colon and Mericole Evans

February is Black History Month. One great way to celebrate and honor black history is to support local black owned businesses. There are many black owned businesses in Roanoke. This is a list of some restaurants you could visit!

Roasters Next Door (RND): A small batch roastery and coffee lounge in the Wasena neighborhood and Vinton.



2 Chill Restaurant: A restaurant in Downtown Roanoke that focuses on providing an inviting and comfortable dining experience. They also have live music regularly.



Caribbica Soul: A restaurant located in Downtown Roanoke that sells all types of things like chicken wings, drinks, and desserts. The owners have blended their backgrounds to make food that is a little bit of the Caribbean and a little bit of Southern American.



Cheesesteak Factory: A two-sided restaurant where one side serves authentic Jamaican dishes, while the other serves delicious Philly cheesesteaks.



Delish Sweets and Treats: A dessert shop in Downtown Roanoke that serves all types of desserts and even do custom orders.



Queen's Vegan Café: A vegan company that is focused on making vegan food tasty and accessible. They provide catering services, prepared meals, and can be found doing pop up events.



**For more types of black-owned businesses to support, check out Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge blog for ideas and descriptions.

Winter Concert

By Nathan Calhoun and Tucker Kootsey

On Tuesday, January 10, third, fourth, and fifth grade music and strings performed for a parent audience at Patrick Henry High School. Fourth and fifth grade strings performed three interesting pieces each. Third grade, fourth grade, and fifth grade music performed an assortment of songs. Everyone who performed in the concert did a very good job. Music students also played an assortment of instruments.



Annual Talent Show

By Cora Barge and Eliza Goad

At Highland Park we have an annual talent show, a fun way for kids to perform for fun where all grades can show off their amazing talents. You can also just come to watch your friends on stage. Mrs. Dogan runs the whole entire talent show! A form will go home in your yellow folder for the "tryouts." Everyone gets in, but they tell you how you can improve your act. Sometimes you will even have practice after school to make your skills even better! Your parents can watch you perform, and your neighborhood friends can come too. Everyone is welcome to the show! You can dance, sing, act, and even play an instrument! You must do something school appropriate. Even if you have any talents that are unusual you can still do them if they are appropriate. Like last year lots of people borrowed mats so that they could do gymnastics. You can also do an act with your friends! I hope you have a wonderful time at the show!

Notable Names Unscramble

By Evelyn Strup and Nina Luci

Directions: Can you use the clue and the provided letters to unscramble a notable name in black history?

Word Bank: Sojourner Truth, Bessie Coleman, Langston Hughes, Kobe Bryant, Gordon Parks, Ruby Bridges, Richard Allen, Alice Coachman, Andre Leon Talley, Ella Fitzgerald

1. A basketball star who played for the Lakers.
bkeo rty nab
2. A pilot who was the first African American woman to hold a pilot license.
ieb ses nlemcoa
3. A minister who was born into slavery. He founded the African Methodist Episcopal Church.
rhiacr d leanl
4. An abolitionist and women's rights advocate who was born in upstate New York.
josoreurn rthut
5. A poet of the Harlem Renaissance who published his first collection of poems in 1926.
antslngo guhseh
6. An athlete who specialized in the high jump and was the first black woman to win an Olympic gold medal.
lacie aochmcan
7. A civil rights activist who began her activism by being the first black child to attend an all-white school in Louisiana.
byru rdgsebi
8. A jazz singer known as the first lady of jazz.
lale gitzfardle
9. Vogue's first African American creative director and later editor-at-large.
arend eonl teayll
10. American photographer and director whose work highlighted issues of civil rights and poverty.
ogron d rpsak

Comic Corner

By Iris Compton-Dean and Free Harris



How to Draw a Spaceship

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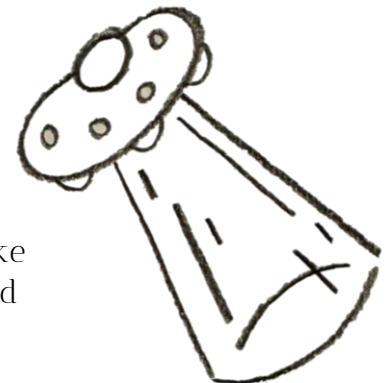
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Step 3



Step 4



Pro Tip: Once you finish drawing make it your own by adding some color and a space themed background!