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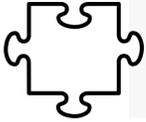
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The Mirror

On September 3rd, we started the 2014-2015 school year with a bang, welcoming 200 new sixth graders, 196 seventh graders, and 166 eighth graders!

The Start of a New School Year!

By Sean Nielson and Olivia Baker

The first day of school was a bit confusing for most sixth graders with locker problems, new teachers and students, periods, schedule errors, and more.

For the sixth graders, it was a big change. Moving to different rooms, using lockers, having different teachers, carrying binders, and keeping track of A and B days! The sixth graders jammed their lockers, forgot their codes, couldn't find their classes and before they knew it they were still wandering around the halls when the period was almost half way over! But, teachers and school mates,

mainly older people who knew how to operate them, would help out! Everyone was very helpful!

It was not all the sixth graders' fault! It is the biggest sixth grade this school has ever had! The biggest sixth grade caused a chain reaction to affect all grades! Now some kids have to share lockers because there aren't enough for every student in the school. Siblings or friends share lockers.

Now, the students have settled into the Middle School either for the first, second or third time! The challenges we faced in the first few weeks of school, show us that anything can be overcome!

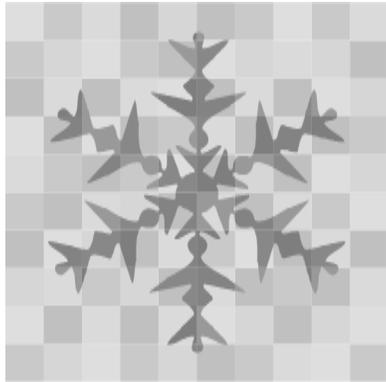


THE FIRST CO-REC OF THE YEAR

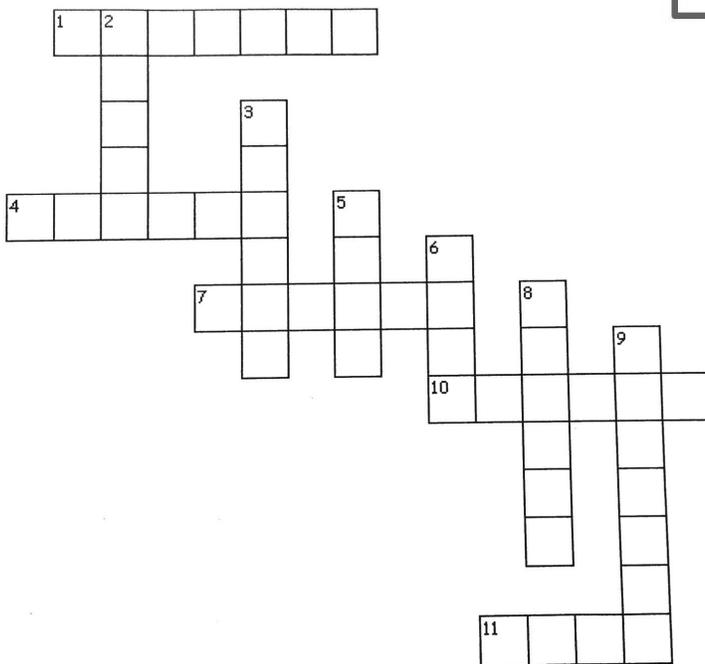
By Sean Nielson

The first Co-Rec was an experience to have! The P.T.A overdid it, making it was really fun! They had a variety of food and drinks such as smoothies, waffles, candy, lemonade, and iced-tea. The DJ played classic dance music like the "Cha-Cha-Slide" and "Cotton-Eye-Joe." The DJ also played modern music like "Fancy" and "All About That Bass." There was a lot of dancing going on - like a very long Conga-line weaving in between the people. The lighting was also spectacular! The Co-Rec was super fun and an experience to remember! Thank you, PTA!

All students in New Paltz Middle School now study Spanish as a foreign language!



Las Películas y Los Libros



Across

1. ¿Cómo se llama la princesa en Aladin?
4. Donde Nemo nada.
7. Un mono famoso en un libro se llama....
10. Cruella DeVille le gustan los.....
11. Un amigo de Woody y Buzz.

Down

2. La chica tiene un perro que se llama Sandy.
3. Una película con dos hermanas. Hace frío.
5. La amiga de Nemo.
6. El actor. Se llama Jack Sparrow en la película.
8. ¿Cómo se llama la esposa de George Washington?
9. La chica lleva los zapatos rojos. Ella es de Kansas.



Los Chistes



Ask one of Mrs. Holmes' 7th grade Spanish students the answer to these riddles!

¿Cómo se llama un "zombie" rápido?

¿Qué es el vegetal favorito de Michele Obama?

¿Qué es la fruta favorita de Beethoven?

Ha! Ha! Ha!

Seasonal Spanish Words and Phrases!

- Happy Holidays = felices fiestas
- Happy New Year = feliz año nuevo
- Winter = invierno
- Hot chocolate = el chocolate caliente
- Snowflake = el copo de nieve
- Ice hockey = el hockey de hielo
- Snowman = el muñeco de nieve

New Faces: Meet Some of Our New Teachers!



All about Ms. Fisher! Interview by Briana Carlini

Q: How long have you been working as a teacher?

A: 7 years.

Q: What is your favorite topic to teach in science?

A: Astronomy.

Q: What do you find the greatest thing about the MS?

A: I love seeing many faces in one day.

Q: Do you like to read? If so what is your favorite book?

A: Yes, I love to read and my favorite book is *Rules* by Cynthia Lorde.

Q: What is your favorite color?

A: green.

Q: What is your favorite sports team/sport?

A: Hockey is my favorite sport and I think the Rangers are the best team!

Q: If you could have three wishes, what would they be?

A: To buy a house, to be able to play many instruments, and to go to Ireland!

Q: What is your favorite season?

A: Summer!!

Q: Do you have any pets?

A: Yes, I have one dog and his name is Barney!

Q: What is your favorite animal?

A: My favorite animal is a monkey.

Q: What would you like to see in the newspaper?

A: I would like to see kids interviewing other kids!



Great idea, Ms. Fisher.
Stay tuned to future
editions of
The Mirror!

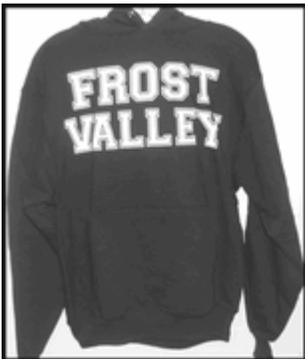


THE 6TH GRADE VISITS FROST VALLEY

By Annsley Fischer

The trip to Frost Valley this September was a lot of fun! Frost Valley is located in the Catskill Mountains and took us about an hour and a half to get there by bus. Each day we participated in many activities – including candle-making, hikes, ropes courses, and tours. Once we left in the morning, we never really went back to our cabins. We had to bring everything with us when we left our cabins, such as a flashlight, water, and additional layers of clothing. At night, we were able to watch the Bird-Man, listen to Dr. Wiesenthal’s “Lester Cane” story, and play a very competitive game of “Doc Says.” Overall, it was very fun!

Frost Valley YMCA Frost Valley YMCA provides people of all ages and abilities with enriching, even life-altering, outdoor experiences. Located on over 5,000 acres in the heart of the Catskill Mountains, just 2 hours north of New York City – they provide year-round access to nature, adventure, environmental education and fun.



Food At Frost Valley! By Lexcia Eisenhardt

Frost Valley had a very unique way of serving their food. For example, we all ate in a super big cafeteria with family style service. This meant that instead of separate meals for each person, each table got enough food for everyone to help themselves. At each table there were about 6 students and each had a job. Jobs included setting up the service ware, serving the food, composting waste, and cleaning up.

New Paltz Middle School: Out and About

Mohonk Field Trip

By Ashley Thacker

This fall, the 6th grade classes went on a field trip to the Mohonk Preserve and tested the pH of Lake Awosting, Mohonk Lake (top and bottom), and Lily Pond. Some of the 6th graders learned that the natural pH of rain is between 5.0 and 5.6. We also learned that fish cannot live in water that has a pH below 4.5. I asked 6th graders what they thought of the trip; students thought it was fun and educational!



Center for Performing Arts' Production of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow"

By Alana Gerber

This year the entire seventh grade at NPMS went to "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" at the Center of Performing Arts. The Center for Performing Arts is in Rhinebeck, NY and opened in July of 1998. It is a big, red barn converted into a theater, which fit the grade almost exactly.

The main character in the play was Ichabod Crane, a school teacher from Connecticut, who then moved to a little town on the Hudson River called Sleepy Hollow. He promptly wanted to marry the richest girl in town, Katrina Van Tassel. The complication is that the town hero, Brom Bones was also after Katrina's hand in marriage. As a result, Brom Bones plays a lot of tricks on Ichabod to make him look foolish. One day after a party, Ichabod is riding home, when he encounters the Headless Horseman (or so he thinks). Ichabod Crane was never heard from again.

The actors/actresses did a wonderful job. The seventh graders saw the creepier version of the play. They even asked for audience participation, and some of our students were able to play small parts!



Liberty and Ellis Island

By Taylor Bruck, Ashlyn O'Hara, and Caroline Giuliani



On November 19th, two 7th grade Art classes braved the cold and went on a trip to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. The classes took busses to New Jersey to get on a ferry that then took us onto Ellis Island. There, we toured the museum and learning about immigration to NY. We also were able to look for names of relatives on the Memorial Wall. Then, we got on another ferry that brought us to observe the Statue of Liberty up close. We went on this trip to find out what liberty means to us and to see Lady Liberty in person.

FYI: The statue, designed by Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi, a French sculptor and dedicated on October 28, 1886, was a gift to the United States from the people of France.



Diversity Training with James Child By Talia Feinsod and Eliza Behrke

Recently, all 6th graders as well as students new to NPMS went down to Room 27 for a course on diversity. The purpose was to educate students on stereotypical behavior. Most students use stereotypical behavior without even knowing it. They can judge people based on their visual appearance or the way they act in a matter of seconds. These are called flash judgments. At the training, we participated in an activity that taught us about flash judgments, and how inaccurate they can be.

We got to create a story based on a person's visible appearance. Then we shared our stories before getting to learn about the person's true identity. Afterwards, most students were shocked after learning how inaccurate their judgments were.

James Child's hope was to teach all students that flash judgments as well as stereotypical behavior can be hurtful, even if you don't mean it to be. After all, when you meet someone for the first time, you're only getting the tip of their iceberg!

CYO Basketball By Adam Koplik and Jack Kaplan

Basketball is one of the most famous sports in the country. If you want to play, check out CYO, or Christian Youth Organization. Basketball is near you!

I have been doing CYO in New Paltz since 4th grade and it's been a very fun experience. Not only can we play basketball but it is also competitive. Our CYO goes up to 8th Grade. After that Junior Varsity and Varsity are the only competitive teams in High School. I'm in 6th Grade and the last two years we have been playing against teams from all around Ulster County. We compete against teams from Highland to Kingston in the regular season. We also do tournaments; we have been in tournaments like St. Martin's.

Tryouts have already happened this year, but there is always next year! CYO is a very fun league and it prepares you for competitive play at all levels!

Weird but True! By Arianna Moore

1. When it gets cold enough Niagara Falls – one of the largest water falls in North America – can freeze over.
2. A baseball stadium in Texas U.S.A. sold hot dogs that were each longer than two iPads.
3. There's a jellyfish that can change from an adult back into a baby.
4. A prize cow in Canada sold for 1.2 million dollars.
5. It was considered good luck to throw shoes at the bride and groom at 16th century weddings in England.
6. A hot drink can sometimes cool you down faster than a cold drink.
7. Daily scientific fear names: Astraphobia – the fear of thunder and lightning.
8. You can tell the personality of some finches by the color of their heads – birds with black heads are risk takers, while red heads are more aggressive.
9. Orange snow once fell in Siberia.
10. Some spiders' brains extend into their legs.
11. There's a 90% chance your parents will steal some of your Halloween candy.
12. Atlantic Herring (a type of fish) sometimes form schools the size of New York City.
13. In Bulgaria and Greece, nodding your head up and down means "no."
14. Google was originally called "Backrub."
15. Some police officers in Cairo, Egypt, patrol the pyramids on camel-back.

From *Weird but True* book 5 by National Geographic

HOW TO SURVIVE NEW PALTZ MIDDLE SCHOOL

Be yourself and don't let bullies ruin your day!

Don't be a bully!

Do your homework!

DON'T JAM YOUR LOCKER!

Don't vandalize any locker!

Don't talk back to any teachers (even the ones you don't like)!

Think before you talk!

Don't think you're being funny (because most of the time you're not)

Brought to you by P.J.

Geometry Dash: Game Review by Cristian Pannuto



Before you stop reading, **this is not a math game!** That's what everyone thinks, but it's not in any way.

In *Geometry Dash*, you play as a cube, and your goal is to get to the end of each course without hitting obstacles. Sounds easy, right? **Not. At. All.** You're always moving forward. You can't go back, or stop. With a total of 18 extremely hard levels, you'll be occupied for a long time. In each level, there are 3 special coins. Getting a certain amount of coins will unlock cube designs, or special levels! And that's not all... you can make your own custom levels, and play other peoples levels! This game's very hard, and if you can beat it in a week... then you probably cheated.

Huge Power Outage!! By Lexcia Eisenhardt

On Monday, December 1, 2014, there was a big power outage in New Paltz Middle School. It lasted about two and a half periods which ran from close to the end of fifth period to the end of seventh period. In the middle of seventh period we were scheduled to go home early for the rest of the day but five minutes before the period ended, the lights turned back on and we resumed our normal schedules! This was the longest power outage the Middle School has had in a long time. Usually the power comes back on very quickly!

Book Fair

By: Annsley Fischer, Olivia Baker, and Sean Nielson

Once again our annual book fair was a major turnout. Thank you to the PTA for putting it all together! There was a great selection of books this year – from classics to very new titles. The biggest hit this year was the invisible ink pens. There was also a cool selection of posters, knick-knacks, and school supplies. There were themed days with prizes!!! The days were: Game and Quiz Day, CHOCOLATE Day, School Spirit Day, Locker Lottery and Raffle Day, and Lollipop Day. There were tons of prizes and every day a long list of winners was read over the announcements. As you can see 2014 Book Fair was a real success!

Congratulations to James Hyland and Danielle Takacs, winners of the Yearbook Cover Contest! Their artwork will appear on the front and back covers of the yearbook this year! They put in a lot of very creative effort and their work will make the book extra special!



You know what really GRINDS MY GEARS?!?!?! By Brett Longo

YOUTUBE ADVERTISEMENTS!!! I hate YouTube advertisements. They are really annoying, and usually have absolutely nothing to do with the video you are watching. I especially hate the un-skippable ads. They are made **EVEN WORSE** when they are about 30 seconds long on a video that is less than 30 seconds long! Why should anybody have to watch ads on YouTube? I watch YouTube about 1 hour a day, and when I see an ad I just think to myself "stop advertising! I really don't care!" Because of the annoyance they cause, YouTube advertisements really **GRIND MY GEARS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Tomodachi Life Review (3DS) By Brett Longo

Tomodachi Life is a very... strange game. The point of the game is that you create characters to live on your island, and each character has their own personality, which you discover as you play. Each citizen, or "Mii" may have problems over time, and it is up to you to fix them. There are also random events, like flea markets and mini-games. The game has many features, and will easily keep you entertained for a while. The game is also pretty funny, because you are able to treat your people the way you want. If you want to give them their "Worst Ever" food every day, you can. The joy of this game is that it is up to you to create your own adventure. The game is awesome, buy a copy!

Book Reviews

A Crooked Kind of Perfect

by Linda Urban

Zoe Elias has a grand-scheme life goal. She wants to turn into a famous pianist, play Carnegie Hall, and become the next Vladimir Horowitz. All she needs is to get a piano. And take lessons. And, oh yeah, get good. But when her dad buys her a wheeze-bag organ, she realizes that perfection is a little sweeter when it is slightly crooked.

The Mother-Daughter Book Club

by Heather Vogel Frederick

Emma is a bookworm. Cassidy is a jock. Jess is a farm girl and a certified genius. And Megan is a fashionista. The only thing these girls have in common is that they are in a Mother-Daughter book club. With this bond they can tackle anything; from queen bees and family problems to schoolwork, a Patriot's Day fiasco, and the long book for their book club. Be sure to read the next books in this series: *Much Ado about Anne*, *Dear Pen Pal*, *Pies & Prejudice*, *Home for the Holidays*, and *Wish You Were Eyre*.

THE BEST NEW BOOK OUT THERE

Dovewing's Silence, the newest eBook exclusive in the *Warriors Saga* by Erin Hunter, came out on November 4th. It has a surprise in it, so don't ruin it for others!

Reviews by Rachel Reinking

Book Review on *The Maze Runner* By Calla Savelson

Have you ever read the book *The Maze Runner* by James Dashner? Well if not, you should!! *The Maze Runner* is a heart pounding, blood rushing book about a 16 year old boy named Thomas. I could not put this book down! Every chapter was a page turner!

Thomas wakes up in a strange box, getting pulled upward. He does not know why he is there or where he is or.... *anything* for that matter! All he can remember is his name. When the box opens, a group of teenage boys are looking down at him. One of them says "Welcome Greenie."

Outside of the box is a giant field with woods on one side and building on the other. Most importantly, it is surrounded by walls 100 feet tall. They are stuck in a gigantic maze and must find their way out and solve the mystery of their memory lost. When Teresa shows up, the only girl ever to arrive, the group only gets more suspicious!

This book is not only action. It is about deciding your future even if your past self would do differently. I liked this book because I really felt like I knew Thomas and his friends. If you haven't read this book, I would highly recommend it to you!

What I Thought About John Green's *The Fault in Our Stars* by Briana Carlini

Over this past summer, *The Fault in our Stars* was a big hit! Everyone was talking about it so of course I had to read it. *The Fault in Our Stars* was emotional, funny, fabulous, and overall a wonderful book! The plot of this story is that a girl named Hazel Grace Lancaster is fighting a losing battle with cancer. Her life stinks until she meets an attractive boy named Augustus Waters. He, on the other hand, is winning his battle with cancer. They meet at a motivational therapy session. I find this a good place for these destined lovers to meet. Hazel runs into Augustus not knowing she will try to spend every moment she has left with him.

When I got into this book I could not put it down! It was as if my eyes were glued to the book. I thought that this was going to be a story about mushy, love stuff but it turned out to be a heart-warming story of love and loss. The only negative thing I would have to say is that it was such a good book that I thought it needed a sequel. In this second book it could explain Hazel's or Augustus's back-story. When I read the last sentence I did not cry, as most people said they did, but it was still an emotional ending.

New Paltz Middle School Gives Back

November 4th: Blood Drive by Lily Kate Jones-Guida

On Tuesday, November 4th our school hosted its annual blood drive. About 2,000 units of blood are needed every day just in the Hudson Valley. We were able to raise 122 units!

We are very thankful to those who saved lives by donating. Eighth grade students also had the opportunity to work at the blood drive. Students earned community service hours for their health class. If any 6th or 7th graders are interested, there are many different jobs you can do in the future. Students can work the welcome table where you greet donors or the snack table where you can



talk to the donors and give them food after their donation. There is also a sign holder or scrub. I was a scrub and I had a lot of fun. Scrubs hold a sign outside and encourage people in cars to donate blood. Both Ms. Gruver and all of the 8th grade students looks forward to future blood drives.



Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive

This November, Ms. Gruver along with Alexandra Coenen, Evan Holland-Shepler, and Matt Russell, organized a food drive in less than 2 weeks! Our school collected enough turkey and food items to assemble 23 complete baskets for families in our community. Each homeroom received a list of suggested items and students worked to fill all requests. Any leftover food items were donated directly to Family of New Paltz. We would like to thank any students who donated food. Your donations went to a wonderful cause!

If you give, you will always have. — Chinese Proverb

We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give. —Winston Churchill

It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving. —Mother Teresa

Club News

Listen to the announcements for exact dates of club meetings!

Art Club meets in room 36 on Tuesdays with Ms. Sturgis.

Geography Bee meets in room 2 or 24 with Ms. Mouyios.

Reflections, our school literary magazine, meets with Ms. Rosen in room 38. Listen up for future meetings!

Student Council meets on Thursdays in room 36 with Ms. Sturgis and Ms. Conrad.

The Mirror, our school newspaper, meets on Wednesdays in room 47 or the computer lab with Miss Hughes.

School of Rock, Drama Club, All County Chorus and Band are up and running. Congratulations to all involved!

Consider becoming more involved in your school community!!! Listen to the announcements about all club meetings!

Did you Know...? Teacher Edition!

Ms. Ibrahim has 7 siblings!

Ms. Hopper has a first degree black belt in Tae Kwan Do!

Ms. Chapman has lived in Spain!

Ms. Costello has sky-dived!

Ms. Williams has also sky-dived... twice!

Ms. Ritter lived in a cabin in Alaska for 6 years!

Ms. VanEtten and Ms. Denman run half-marathons!

Ms. Masters lived in The Philippines when she was a little kid!

Mrs. Gallo is an identical twin!

Mr. Constable and Mr. Milici played in a Rock band together when Mr. Milici was a student at the MS!

Ms. Conrad got married at Yankee Stadium!

Mr. Milici's younger brother is also a chorus and music teacher!

Ms. Beard lived in Ireland and learned how to speak Irish - Dia Huit!

Ms. Hernandez was in the U.S. Marines. Semper Fi!

Mr. Chervenak helped design and write a digital guidebook app for rock climbing in the Gunks!

Miss Hughes spent a year after college living and volunteering on an Indian Reservation in Montana!

*Give us your cool facts for "Did You Know...? Student Edition!"

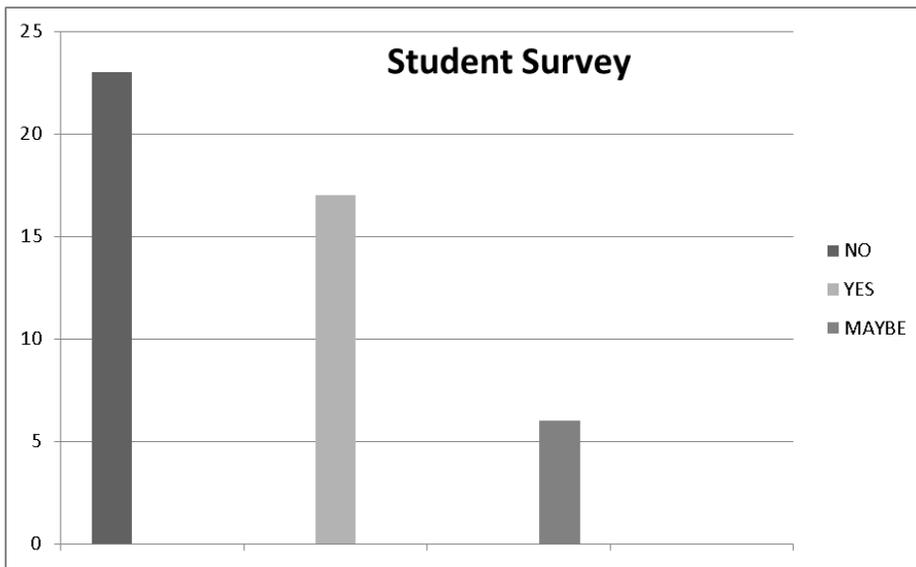
Ebola: The Virus That's Going Viral

By Charlotte Freer

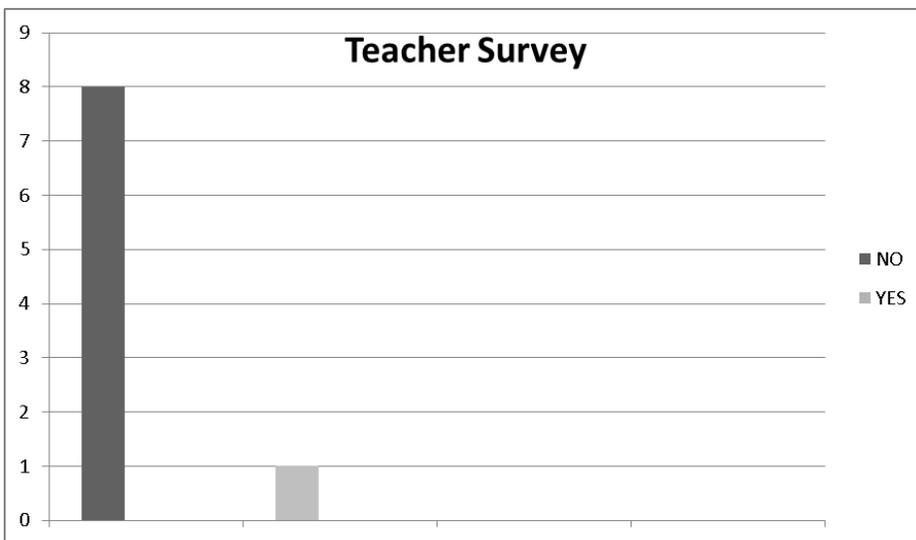
All of you must have heard of the deadly virus called Ebola. It is a wide spread virus becoming an epidemic. As of November 1st, in Guinea there have been 1553 cases and 926 deaths; in Liberia there have been 4665 cases and 2705 deaths; and in Sierra Leone there has been 3896 cases with 1281 deaths. In the United States there have been four confirmed cases and one death.

Thomas Eric Duncan was the first American to come down with Ebola. Sadly, he died on October 8th of this year. When he was re-entering the country, he told Ebola screeners that he had NOT been in contact with any infected patients. Had he lived, he would have been tried for bioterrorism because the truth is he did have contact. He had carried a pregnant woman with Ebola to a hospital. Nurse Nina Pham caught the Ebola virus and then four days later nurse Amber Vinson contracted it. Both nurses are currently Ebola free.

Symptoms of Ebola are: fever, weakness, aches, diarrhea, vomiting, and stomach pains. As quite a lot of people are scared of Ebola, I did a survey to find out whether or not us here at NPMS are scared of Ebola. The results are below. What do **you** think of Ebola?



Most students surveyed were somewhat scared of Ebola.



Most teachers surveyed were not scared of Ebola.

FYI

There is no evidence indicating that **Ebola** virus is **spread** by coughing or sneezing. **Ebola** virus is **transmitted** through direct contact with the blood or body fluids of a person who is sick with **Ebola**; the virus is not **transmitted** through the air (like measles virus).

Direct contact means that body fluids (blood, saliva, mucus, vomit, urine, or feces) from an infected person (alive or dead) have touched someone's eyes, nose, or mouth or an open cut, wound, or abrasion.

From cdc.org



Winter and Holiday Activities!

Mix it up this winter and try new activities! Selected by Briana Carlini

1. Go ice skating.
2. Build a winter bonfire and make s'mores.
3. Rent some snowshoes and go snowshoeing.
4. If you have the equipment, go winter camping.
5. Take your dog for a walk.
6. Go cross-country skiing.
7. Attend a dog-sled race.
8. Go sledding.
9. Build a fort and have a snowball fight!
10. Drink hot cocoa!
11. Shovel your parents driveway! They will appreciate it!
12. Make your own birdfeeders out of pine cones, peanut butter, and birdseed.
13. Go ice fishing.
14. Go on a winter picnic. Take blankets, sandwiches and hot soup in a thermos.
15. Head out on a photo expedition to take pictures of the winter landscape..
16. Have siblings or dogs? Set up an obstacle course in the yard with jumps, tunnels and other challenges.
17. Make snow paint. Simply add food coloring to water and put in a spray bottle, then go out and paint your yard!

DIY: Holiday Crafts Suggested by Alana Gerber



Button Snowman: Glue three white buttons (turn top one perpendicular to create eyes) to white felt; trim felt, leaving a $\frac{1}{8}$ " edge. Cut small hat shape from gray felt and adhere to top with hot-glu. Then glue ribbon behind hat to hang.

String Starbursts: Trace a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " circle on a 3" birch slice. Mark eight evenly spaced points around the circle and insert small nails. Wrap embroidery floss around nails, making square and star shapes. Add a nail to the top; tie on a loop of string to hang.

Fabric Tree: Use pinking shears to cut two triangles measuring $4\frac{1}{2}$ " H \times $2\frac{3}{8}$ " W from fabric. Hot-glu long edges of triangles closed and stuff with batting. Insert cinnamon stick in opening at the bottom of triangles and glue fabric closed around it. Thread a loop of string through the top to hang.

Delicious Holiday Recipe: Mini Pumpkin Pies Suggested by Talia Feinsod

What You Need:

- 1 pkg. graham cracker tart shells (6 shells)
- 4 oz. Neufchatel Cheese, softened
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup plus 1 Tbsp. sugar, divided
- 2 eggs, divided
- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup chopped Pecans
- 6 Tbsp. thawed whipped cream topping

HEAT oven to 350°F.

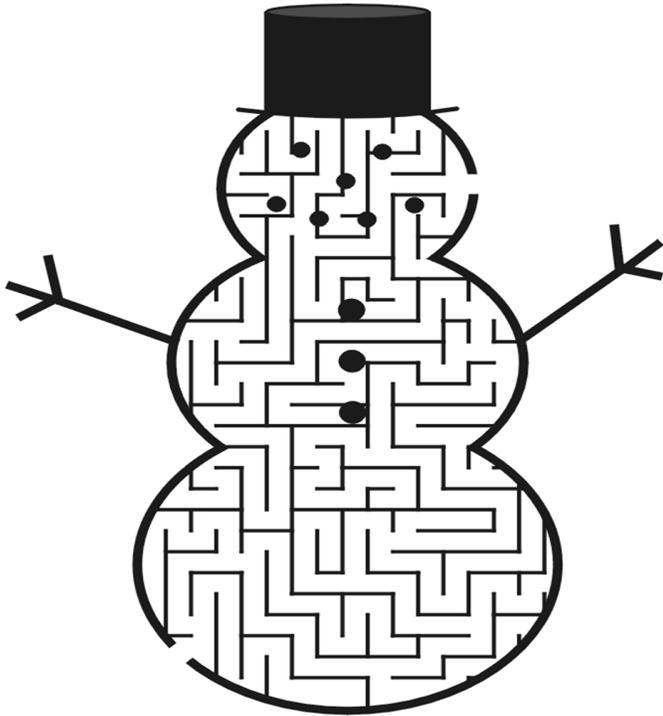
PLACE tart shells on baking sheet. Mix Neufchatel, 1 Tbsp. sugar and 1 egg until blended; spoon into tart shells.

MIX pumpkin, spice, remaining sugar and egg until blended; spoon over Neufchatel layers in tart shells. Sprinkle with nuts.

BAKE 40 min. or until centers are set. Cool completely. Serve topped with COOL WHIP.

Fun and Games

Happy Holidays and
Happy New Year to All!
From *The Mirror* staff



WINTER Word Scramble

Unscramble each group of letters to form a winter word.

1. THO HOCCLAOTE _____
2. NWSOANM _____
3. ODCL _____
4. ATJCEK _____
5. RCTAIHSMS _____
6. IDERENRE _____
7. GILHST _____
8. OLDHIYA _____
9. OFEASWNLK _____
10. AATSN _____

WINTER WORD SEARCH



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See how many of these words you can find in the puzzle. The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

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| 1. Snow | 5. Shovel | 9. Slippery | 13. Scarf |
| 2. Snowman | 6. Cold | 10. Slide | 14. Hat |
| 3. Winter | 7. Freezing | 11. Sledding | 15. Earmuffs |
| 4. Weather | 8. Snowflake | 12. Skating | 16. Mittens |

Selected by Sean Nielson

WINTER CROSSWORD



Across

1. Time off from school or work.
5. Used to decorate a Christmas tree.
7. It's a season for giving _____.
10. Holiday celebrated on January 1st.
12. Strap them on an go downhill on snow.
13. I'm dreaming of a _____ Christmas.

Down

2. Winter sport on frozen water.
3. African-American holiday celebrated in the winter.
4. Famous Snowman
6. Flakes that fall from the sky.
8. The month following January.
9. Jewish holiday celebrated in December.
11. Santa's Helpers



Students Show School Spirit During Red Ribbon Week!

The last week of October is a special week here at New Paltz Middle School!

by Mark LaBorde



The last week of October is known as Spirit Week. This was what we did for each day:
 Monday—Wear Red Day
 Tuesday—Wear Crazy Socks
 Wednesday—Twin Day
 Thursday—School Colors Day
 Friday—Wear your Halloween costume!



Spirit week shows how kids and adults can have fun at school. Spirit week is important because it changes up the daily routine of school and makes it a bit more fun! Kids feel more enthusiastic about learning!. On Monday, people wore red to promise to stay drug-free. On Tuesday



students wore their craziest socks. On Wednesday, friends decided to dress as twins. There were even some triplets! On Thursday, we wore Maroon and White in honor of the school colors. On Friday, we got to wear our Halloween costumes to school. There were some excellent costumes – some creepy, some funny, some strange!

Wearing our costumes on Friday really brought out the Halloween Spirit. Staff members of *The Mirror* have some new ideas about school spirit week. We'd suggest Pajama Day, Crazy Hat Day, Favorite Character Day, or Movie Day!



The Real Story Behind Red Ribbon Week!

By Alana Gerber



Red Ribbon Week is an alcohol, tobacco and other drug and violence prevention awareness campaign. NFP provides drug awareness by sponsoring the annual National Red Ribbon celebration. Red Ribbon Week started off in 1985 and still goes strong today. In response to the kidnapping, torture and murder of DEA Agent Enrique Camarena, angered parents and people in communities across the country began wearing Red Ribbons to raise awareness of the killing and destruction caused by drugs in America. In honor of Camarena's memory and his battle against illegal drugs, friends and neighbors began to wear red badges. This showed that one person CAN make a difference. Say no to drugs!

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If your club, organization, or sports team is having an upcoming event, please let a *Mirror* staff member know so we can cover the event. Or, do you have an idea for a story? See Miss Hughes or come to our meetings!!



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