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MAY 2024

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***Harrington Middle School
Presents: Matilda Jr.
By Paw Prints Staff***

On Wednesday and Thursday, April 17th and 18th, the students of HMS were treated to a fabulous performance given by the Harrington Theater Club of *Matilda Jr.* Under the direction of Ms. Zimmerman and Ms. Grasshorn, this delightful adaptation of Roald Dahl's beloved children's novel was brought to life on stage with vibrant characters, catchy music, and a heartwarming story.

From the moment the curtains opened, it was evident that the cast and crew had poured their hearts and souls into this production. The energy and enthusiasm of the performers were infectious, drawing the audience into the whimsical world of Matilda and her adventures.

The lead actors embodied their characters with authenticity and charisma. The talented Samantha M. played the character of Matilda and she did an amazing job of bringing out the mischievous intelligence that the character is known for. Miss Trunchbull's villainy and awfulness were captured perfectly by Lucas W. He was awesome! Matilda's parents, the Wormwoods, played by Charlie D. and Sophia D. were hilarious and so fun to watch. Hansika G perfectly performed the kindness of Miss Honey.

The ensemble cast also deserves praise for their amazing voices and choreography. They really helped to bring this heart-warming production to life. From the spirited choreography of "Revolting Children", the heartfelt ballad of "Quiet," and the sweetness of "When I Grow up," the students showcased their vocal talents and stage presence, leaving the audience tapping their toes and humming along.

The HMS Stage Crew did an awesome job. Whether it was ensuring that props were in the right place at the right time, or working with the lighting and sound production, they never missed a beat and played a vital role in making sure that the magic of *Matilda, Jr.* came to life for the audience.

Thank you to everyone who played a part in putting on this fabulous show for the students of HMS. It was such an amazing celebration of talent, teamwork, and creativity, and left everyone in the audience inspired and uplifted by the magic of live theatre.

Culture Fest 2024

By: Sophia K.



Information:

Date: May 17th, 2024

Time: 5 pm - 8 pm

Where: Back Parking Lot of Harrington Middle School

- There will be “passport stamping,” where students in NJHS will be stamping people’s passports, which will be given out as you arrive. The people with the most stamps will win a prize!
- There will be dance performances from different dance schools across New Jersey. Last year there were traditional Indian, Korean, African, and Chinese dances!
- There will be food trucks with food for purchase. Last year, there were several food trucks, such as Palace of Asia, Spirit of San Juan, Spring Roll Company, and more!
- There will be tables where HMS families will represent their culture. Some tables may include dishes from the country, history, music/arts, landmarks, etc.
- There will also be Henna artists! If you don’t know, Henna is a red-colored dye, made from the dried and powdered leaves of the Henna tree. It has been used since the Ancient Egypt period. Henna is typically used in gatherings, like weddings and birthdays, and it symbolizes good health and prosperity in marriage.

We hope to see you there! Thank you to everyone who made this event possible, and it’s going to be an amazing night!

Everything You Need To Know Before Going To Dorney Park!

By Siena S.

Are you excited for Dorney Park? I know I am. There are so many fun things to do, like going on water slides, riding roller coasters, eating food, and more. While it is important to have fun, it's also essential that you come prepared. Here is everything to expect when you visit Dorney Park!

1. Water Slides

There are over 10 attractions in the water park. The one with the most thrill is the Snake Pit. This colorful slide is known to look like a snake and has 4 360 360-degree loops that will spin you from side to side. This slide is four hundred and fifty feet long, and I can assure you it is fun. There are similar slides such as Lightning Falls, and Patriots Plunge. I recommend trying them all even if you're scared, because it will be worth it.

2. Roller Coasters

There are a lot of roller coasters at Dorney Park. When I mean a lot, I mean a lot. There are a total of over 100 rides, including roller coasters. The Hydra is one of the most thrilling roller coasters in the park. It has a drop of 105 feet, also turning you upside down seven times. This one seems pretty scary, but I'm sure it's also equally fun. If you think you'll like this one, indistinguishable rides like the Talon and Steel Force may be ones you will want to go on as well.

3. Food

You are going to be hungry during your experience at Dorney Park. Convenient dining areas like Auntie Anne's, Cinnabon, Dippin Dots, Ritas, and more will be available to you in the park. There are also many drinks including soda, Icee's, and rootbeer floats.

4. Come Prepared

There are many things you can do to make sure you are prepared for the trip. One of the things is to bring sunscreen. It is going to be very hot and sunny, and you don't want to be getting sunburned. Another thing is a bathing suit, for when you go to the water park. Also bring sneakers for when you walk around the park, and sandals for walking around the water park. The last thing you will need is your phone. Your phone is very important because it can help you call someone in case of an emergency, and for taking pictures with your friends! Bring a backpack or drawstring bag to carry everything in.

As the Dorney Park trip gets closer, the excitement increases. If you don't think you're going to have fun, just think of all the fun things you will be doing with your friends! The 8th-grade end-of-year trip will be a great time and an experience you will never forget.

Memorial Day

By Rose N.

On the last Monday of May, a national holiday many know as Memorial Day is recognized. This year, Memorial Day will be on Monday, May 27th. Memorial Day is a day to honor those who have passed away while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day because many people would decorate the graves of those who passed from serving with flowers, wreaths, and flags. The first observation of this holiday was in 1868 to remember the sacrifices made by Civil War soldiers. By 1873, New York had declared Memorial Day a legal holiday, and more states later named it legal and had a greater observation of it. After World War I, the holiday was opened to honor everyone who had died in all of America's wars. In 1971, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act for Memorial Day, which says the federal holiday must annually be on a Monday. Besides Memorial Day, the only other holiday that got past this act is Washington's birthday, the third Monday of February.

On Memorial Day, there are several things you can do. You can honor the soldiers who died by visiting cemeteries. You can also place flowers or American flags on the soldiers' graves. There are usually many ceremonies and parades which sometimes conclude with a Memorial service. At the Arlington National Cemetery, a small flag is placed on each grave every year. The president or vice president always places a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier as well. On Memorial Day, the most simple thing you can do is participate in the National Moment of Remembrance. This is at 3:00 pm local time. To participate in it, pause whatever you're doing and have a moment of silence for one minute to remember those who died for us in military service. Also, on Thursday, May 23rd, there will be a Memorial Day Tribute located at Laurel Acres Park at 6:00 pm.

There are also a few things you should try to avoid doing on Memorial Day. The most important one is don't wish anyone a 'Happy Memorial Day.' Memorial Day honors those who are no longer with us, so it isn't really a 'happy' day. Also, try not to thank anyone for their service, for the same reason as above. Don't forget about this national holiday and its importance. The purpose of Memorial Day is so we can recognize those who died in war for us, so we should remember that of all things.

Today, more than one million men and women are recognized on Memorial Day since the Civil War began in 1861. Memorial Day is a day of commemoration and honoring across the country. Did you know the red poppy is the symbol of remembrance? It originated in 1915 during World War I when Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae's sadness was taken over when he saw poppies blooming all across Europe.

Celebrating the Magic: Harry Potter Day



In the world of literature, very few books have captured the hearts and imaginations of readers quite like J.K. Rowling's *Harry Potter*. The *Harry Potter* series has been a huge favorite for

readers worldwide. To honor the success and love for the *Harry Potter* series, May 2nd has been declared Harry Potter Day.

Harry Potter Day, also known as "Potterhead Day" or "Wizarding World Day," is an annual celebration observed by fans of the *Harry Potter* series around the globe. What began as informal gatherings and online discussions among fans evolved into organized events, parties, and festivities dedicated to all things Harry Potter. The day serves as a tribute to the magical world created by Rowling and a chance for fans to come together to express their love for the series.

Harry Potter Day can be celebrated in a variety of ways. Some throw themed parties, book readings, and movie marathons. Others go to cosplay contests and trivia challenges.

As Harry Potter Day continues to grow in popularity, new generations of readers are discovering the magic of Harry Potter every day. Harry Potter Day lets us celebrate the magic of J.K. Rowling's masterpiece and the lives it has touched. Whether you're a longtime fan or a newcomer to the wizarding world, there's no denying the appeal of the Harry Potter books. So here's to Harry Potter Day—a day to celebrate the power of imagination, the bonds of friendship, and the magic that lives within us all.

Mental Health Awareness Month

A short by Shawn H.

So, maybe you've heard about Mental Awareness Month. You've probably heard so many people drone on and on about how important it is to be kind to your mind, but I bet you're asking yourself "What even is mental health, and why is it so important?" Oxford Dictionary describes Mental Health as "A person's condition with regard to their psychological and emotional well-being." or in other words, their emotional health. Your mental state can completely change how you see the world around you (For better or for worse), so take things for how they are! Every cloud has a silver lining, you just have to find it! Clifford Beers, the guy who started this whole thing, went from the point of complete insanity to writing a whole book educating the public about how important your mental state really is. If you're ever having a bad day, be like Beers and tell someone about it, they might be able to help you through the pain. It all starts with you, for you are your greatest resource. The grass is always greener when you water it.

Cinco de Mayo

By: Aarav S and Anirudh A

Cinco de Mayo, which translates to the 5th of May, is a holiday celebrated by Americans and Mexicans and marks the anniversary of the Battle of Puebla. The Battle of Puebla was a battle against the Second French Empire, led by Napoleon III. It was because of the Mexican general, Ignacio Zaragoza, that Mexico won the war. Unfortunately, he died a few months later, leading to the French attack at the Second Battle of Puebla, which led to a French victory. Shortly after the American Civil War, they began lending weapons, such as guns and also supplies to the Mexicans. This forced Napoleon to remove his troops.

Contrary to the name and popular belief, this holiday has earned more popularity in America, compared to Mexico. The main reason to celebrate this holiday is to honor Mexican-American culture. Many popular celebration activities include battle reenactments and parades. This holiday they started to gain popularity among people who weren't of Mexican descent, during the 1980s due to increasing beer, wine, and tequila sales on this day.



Cinco de Mayo is celebrated in many ways. There are parades, the most notable being the Cinco de Mayo parade in Puebla with over 20,000 participants, which features Mariachi bands, colorful costumes, dancing, and fireworks. Military parades and recreations of the Battle of Puebla also happen.

THE TORTURED POETS DEPARTMENT

By Liv D

On April 19th this year, Taylor Swift released a new album: *The Tortured Poets Department*. The album's vibe is a mix of *Midnights*, *Folklore*, and *Evermore*. It was a big surprise to the Swifties when she announced it because we all thought she was going to be releasing *Reputation* (Taylor's Version). There were many signs, like how she was wearing all black and white clothes, how she changed her profile pictures online to black and white, and how she had two albums to re-record and the order that all the re-recordings were in was Pop and then Country. Even with that, there were still signs that she was *not*

releasing a re-recording, like how the black and white profile picture wasn't exactly black and white but more of a greige tone, how she had gone from two re-recordings (Fearless TV & Red TV) to a new release (Midnights) and then to two re-recordings (Speak Now TV & 1989 TV) which would mean, according to the pattern, that she would be releasing a new album.

Track List (*The Anthology*)

1. Fortnight (feat. Post Malone)	23. I Can Fix Him (No Really I Can)
2. The Tortured Poets Department 	24. Ioml 
3. My Boy Only Breaks His Favorite Toys	25. I Can Do It With a Broken Heart 
4. Down Bad 	26. The Smallest Man Who Ever Lived 
5. So Long, London	27. The Alchemy
6. But Daddy I Love Him 	28. Clara Bow
7. Fresh Out The Slammer	29. <i>The Black Dog</i>
8. Florida!!! (feat. Florence + the Machine) 	30. <i>Imgonnagetoyoubac</i>
9. Fortnight (feat. Post Malone)	31. <i>The Albatross</i>
10. The Tortured Poets Department 	32. <i>Chloe or Sam or Sophia or Marcus</i>
11. My Boy Only Breaks His Favorite Toys	33. <i>How Did It End?</i>
12. Down Bad 	34. <i>So High School</i>
13. So Long, London	35. <i>I Hate It Here</i>
14. But Daddy I Love Him 	36. <i>thank you alMee</i> 
15. Fresh Out The Slammer	37. <i>I Look in People's Windows</i>
16. Florida!!! (feat. Florence + the Machine)	38. <i>The Prophecy</i>
17. Guilty as Sin?	39. <i>Cassandra</i> 
18. But Daddy I Love Him 	40. <i>Peter</i>
19. Fresh Out The Slammer	41. <i>The Bolter</i> 
20. Florida!!! (feat. Florence + the Machine) 	42. <i>Robin</i>
21. Guilty as Sin?	43. <i>The Manuscript</i>
22. Who's Afraid of Little Old Me?	

STAR WARS

By: Emily A.

HELLO STAR WARS FANS!

Did you know that every year on May 4th, Star Wars fans around the world celebrate "May the 4th", but we say "May the 4th be with You." This day is a playful pun on the famous Star Wars quote "May the Force be with you."

Interestingly, the first recorded reference to this phrase being used was on May 4, 1979, the day after Margaret Thatcher was elected as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. It's fascinating how a simple pun has become such a widely celebrated day for fans of the Star Wars franchise!

It's easy to celebrate May the 4th. You could do a movie marathon, dress like your favorite Star Wars character, or spend the day talking like the great Yoda. However you choose to acknowledge the Star Wars phenomenon, raise a lightsaber, and May the Force Be With You!

For the Star Wars Fans, here are all the movies/series in order:

Star Wars Episode 1: The Phantom Menace

Star Wars Episode 2: Attack of the Clones

Star Wars Episode 3: Revenge of the Sith

Star Wars Episode 4: The Force Awakens

Rogue One: A Star Wars Story

Star Wars Episode 5: The Last Jedi

Solo: A Star Wars Series

Star Wars Episode 6: The Rise of Skywalker

Star Wars Episode 7: A New Hope

Star Wars Episode 8: Empire Strikes Back

Star Wars Episode 9: Return of the Jedi

If I'm going to be honest, I would definitely recommend "The Mandalorian" because it is an action-packed story about a Mandalorian bounty hunter who embarks on a series of thrilling adventures across the galaxy.



Country of the Month

- Lithuania -

By: Sophia K.

Here are some interesting facts about Lithuania!

- Lithuania's capital is Vilnius! In Lithuania, you can see many gardens, fountains, and local restaurants.
- The area is 25,212 square miles.
- The national language of Lithuania is Lithuanian. Some people also speak Belarusian, Russian, and Polish.
- Lithuania has two independence days, February 16th, 1918 and March 11th, 1990.
- Vilnius is the only major European city where you can ride a hot air balloon!
- The country was first inhabited in 14,000 - 12,000 BCE, by the Balts.
- Some foods eaten in Lithuania are...
 - a) Šaltibarščiai - A cold beetroot soup
 - b) Cepelinai - A potato dumpling made from potatoes and ground meat
 - c) Kepta Duona - Bread in small pieces and fried with loads of garlic
 - d) Varškėčiai - Cheesy rice cakes with berries, honey, and cream
- The GDP Per Capita is \$25,064.81.
- Some popular sports in Lithuania are basketball, soccer, rugby, cycling, ice hockey, and golf.
- Lithuania's main exports are refined petroleum, furniture, petroleum gas, wheat, and cars.

MAY Word Search

By Shreya

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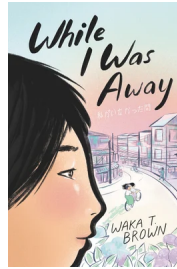
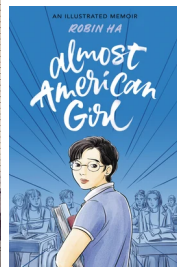
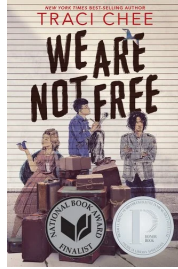
22 (a poem)

By Sophie S.

You see that fresh
Crisp 22 on the jersey
The boldness it gives you,
The power the number holds
The power I hold wearing the,
Number.
Hearing teammates,
Cheering you number
“Go two two”s go”
It brings the number alive
It brings happiness all around
Hearing my mama
Proudly yelling
Her daughters
Number from the stands
“Go 22 go”
It brings the number so much joy
Seeing my family members wearing
22 on the backs
Of there shirts
Watching them rep
The best number

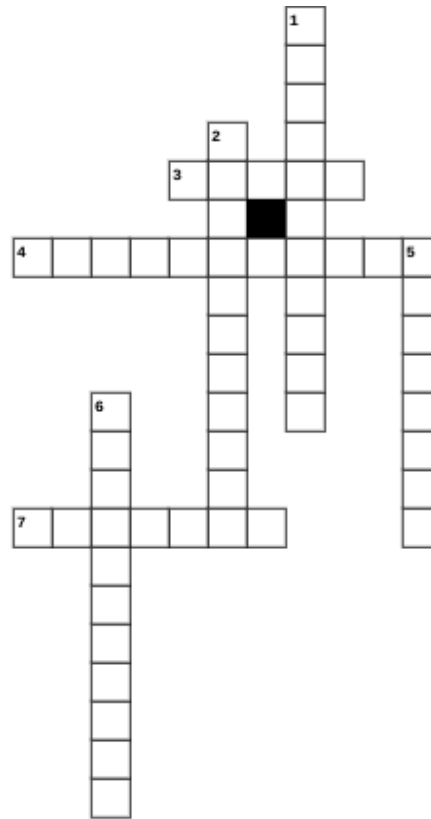
22 loud and proud
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Not even saying my name
Just my number
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Wear that number
With proudness
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Make sure always to rep that number
22
Don't let anyone ever take
22 from you
Mama always says
Wear it proud and loud
Don't let anyone shut you down
Be proud to wear
Number
22

**CELEBRATE ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER MONTH!
CHECK OUT THESE GREAT READS!**



May Puzzles

By: Emily A.



Across

- 3. food you eat on cinco de mayo
- 4. another phrase for Harry Potter day on May 2nd
- 7. they bloom in the grassssssss

Down

- 1. a mexican holiday on May 5th
- 2. "You're a wizard,"
- 5. you celebrate this holiday on May 4th
- 6. we honor the men and women who sacrificed their lives while serving in the U.S. military.

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