

Weather: got to admit it's getting better

price: 75 cents

## *Happening* at the Healey

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For weeks, we had been shown Power-Points, and slideshows about it. Kids who had gone before were excited to repeat their past adventures, and kids who had never been were nervous but they also couldn't wait because all their friends were telling them about how much fun they had had while being there.

Where? What am I talk-

ing about? I'm talking about Nature's Classroom, which in my opinion, is one of the best parts of the Choice experience. Nature's Classroom is a group of sites set up around New England. Each site has several acres of woods and marshes for kids to explore, get muddy in, and have a great time. There are different cabins or big build-

ings for kids and teachers to stay in, because it is an overnight trip.

Most of the 5/6 graders had been riled up about going to the 2009 Nature's Classroom trip ever since we said our sad good-byes to everyone at the 2007 Nature's Classroom trip. I don't think you could have found a happier group of kids in

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## Room 120 Store By: Jonah Estabrook

Two years ago Ms. Theolien's class had a store. The money they got went to school children in Haiti. We raised \$800. With that they got food, school uniforms, and shoes. They even started to make a bakery. Now they are doing it again! We hope they will get more money than before. Ask your teacher to go (all school recommended). There will be lots of toys and school supplies. The prices will start at 10¢ and end at \$2.00. The store opens on the first Friday in February between 1:00 and 2:30. The store will open every Friday between 1:00 and 2:30. It

will end in June. We hope everyone can come, do not forget to bring money.

## Store 120 by Abigail Powers-Lowery with Maya, Hayden and Nia

Two years ago Ms. Theo-

**NO YOU ARE NOT SEEING DOUBLE THERE ARE 2 COMPETING NEWS REPORTS ABOUT THE SAME STORY AND THE REPORTERS WOULD LIKE YOU READERS TO VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE OF THE 2.**

lien's class had a store. The money they got went to school children in Haiti. We

raised \$800. With that they got food, school uniforms, and shoes; they even started a bakery. Soooooo.... They are doing it again! Hopefully they will raise more money than before. Ms. Theolien says, "I will be happy with whatever I get." Ask your teacher to go (K-8 recommended) she will start small and end big. They have school supplies, stickers, fake jewelry and BALLS! (DON'T FORGET MONEY!) Prices go from 10¢ to \$2.00. The store opens on the first Friday in February between 1:00 and 2:30. The store will also be selling our school newspaper and jeans, so please come down and buy to support the cause!!!!

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**Boxtops: Contest winners to be announced soon.**

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*"what contest...? Huh?!"*

**Boxtops: Keep collecting, new contest coming! Who won the 1<sup>st</sup>?**

New England when my classmates and I were boarding the bus that

would take us to Ocean Park, Maine, home to

one of the many Nature's Classroom sites.

The first activity was so random and fun, that nobody felt uncomfortable with the Nature's Classroom teachers, or each other. That's what a lot of Nature's Classroom is like. Fun, random, goofy, and relaxed. Here's (roughly!) what a typical day was like:

**8:00 - 8:15 Wake up!**

**8:10 - 8:45 Get dressed, take a shower...etc.**

**8:45 - 8:55 Leave for Breakfast (Waitrons leave earlier)**

**9:00 - 9:45 Breakfast!**

**9:45 - 10:15 Transition Time (Relaxation Time)**

**10:15 - 11:30 Whole Group Activity**

**11:30 - 12:30 Transition Time**

**12:30 - 1:15 Lunch**

**1:20 - 1:45 Transition Time**

**2:00 - 3:30 Field Group (exploring in the woods!)**

**3:30 - 4:00 Transition Time**

**4:00 - 5:00 Classes (There were different classes, and you got to choose!)**

**5:00 - 5:45 Transition Time**

**5:45 Waitrons Leave**

**6:00 - 7:00 Dinner**

**7:00 - 8:00 Night Activity**

**8:00 - 9:00 Bedtime!**

**9:00 LIGHTS OUT!!**



OK, so you must be looking at that schedule and thinking, "Wow, they had a lot of transition time!" but let me tell you, most of it was spent packing up backpacks and



bundling up for the next thing. Also, what's a waitron? Well, at each meal one person was in charge. They brought out the meal, and cleaned it up. Each person at each table was waitron a couple of times.

Now, I wish I could walk you through every bit of my Nature's Classroom experience, but, you might get bored, so I'll wrap up with a few highlights of the trip.

### **The Ort Report**

After every meal, the next waitron scrapes all the remaining food (or the ort) off each person's plate. It goes into a bucket, and is then weighed. Before lunch is officially over, the waitrons do a song

*I love watching other people walk around while I'm resting*



and dance number called (surprise, surprise: the Ort Report Dance) and then they tell everyone how much food was wasted (aka...the Ort Report). It really makes you think twice about how much you put on your plate.

### **The Underground Railroad**

Part of the Nature's Classroom experience is a night time simulation of the Underground Railroad. It is intense walking around in the dark woods, but not quite scary. You feel the rush of relief when you are told that you have crossed the



Canadian border, and feel a small sense of fear, when they are telling you the punishments. It is an incredible part of the trip, and something that nobody who has experienced it will ever forget.

### Thursday Night Live

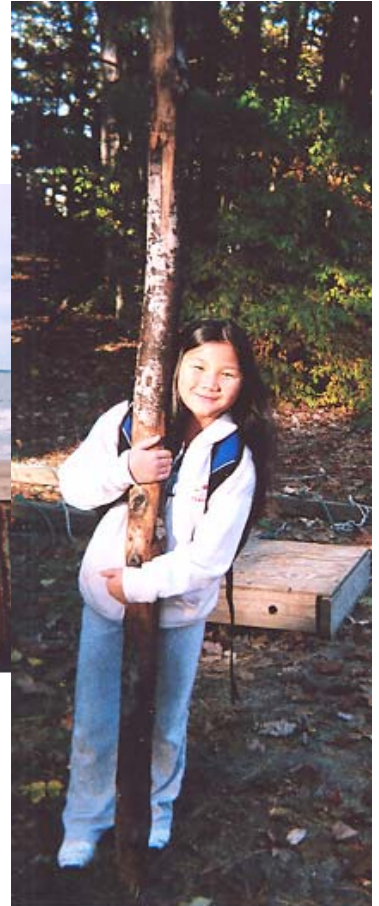
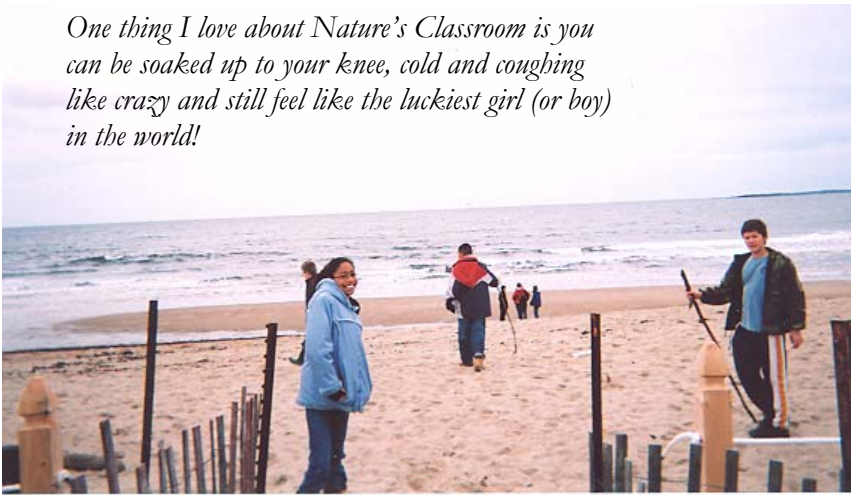
A parody of SNL, Thursday Night Live is joking and funny, a great way to spend the last night of the trip. Most of it is improv, but is genius

*One thing I love about Nature's Classroom is you can be soaked up to your knee, cold and coughing like crazy and still feel like the luckiest girl (or boy) in the world!*

and enjoyable, just like the original. The ideas for the skits are provided by the teachers, but everything else is by kids. It's a great way to get out ideas and to have fun with it.

My classmates and I had a lot of fun at Nature's Classroom, and I hope you had a good time reading about it!

*Tree hugger!*



<Geodome

*Smile!*



*editorial*

## **Helping Haiti**

by Jesse Aronson

Most of you may know that there was a big earthquake that sliced through Haiti. There are many funds in Massachusetts that will help all the people that were affected in Haiti. Please donate any spare money you might have to any cause that will help the people that were affected by the earthquake. The money that you donate will help people rebuild their lives. Please donate money to any cause you would like, remember that any cash will help anybody.

There is a store in this school; the money from the products will go to Haiti. The store was started before any earthquake, and is even more important now. Please read the feature articles on page 2 and visit the store.

## ***Poetry for Haiti***

***When asked to buy a copy of poetry for Haiti, please say yes! All the money from the sales goes to help Haiti.***

## **Elephants stomp on donkeys in Massachusetts**

by Jonah Estabrook

On January 19, 2010, there was a very big election that meant a lot to Massachusetts residents and the American people. It could have been the sixtieth vote for the Health Care Reform Bill, but it became the fortieth vote against the Health Reform Bill. Martha Coakley could have worked harder on the election, but Scott Brown did a very good job sadly for those who wanted Martha).

## **Bake sale for Haiti a huge success**

On Saturday March 6th, 2010, Jesse, Maya, Natalie and Henry had a bake sale for Haiti. There were a couple of other kids helping out from Cambridge, Griffin and William. Everyone made lots of homemade treats and sold them at Davis sq. They all played music and sold treats and had lots of fun. All of the money went to the Matenwa school in Haiti. This school actually teaches lessons in the students native language instead of in French like other schools. So the kids were out in Davis sq for about five hours selling food for Haiti. It was fun and they made a total of \$328.50. It was a great success and now the money is at a great cause. ~Maya L.S.



## Talent Show Tryouts!

by Janelle Hamel

As you know the talent show is starting very soon. There will be lots of tricks and stunts! All of that starts on Wednesday April 7<sup>th</sup>. But that's only the tryouts.

The tryouts are from 12:00 – 1:15 in room 303 with Ms. Matsas. But you must Bring your outfit & music to be approved. Most of the children will do singing or dancing!

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***READ SNOWFLAKE***

***IN YOUR LIBRARY OR  
CLASSROOM***

## Simon's rip off!!!!

By maya L.S.

We bought pizza for a snack after K-2 club. Some of us chipped in to buy it..... some didn't. We got the pizza but someone else found out and took Simon's piece. No one else found out, because there was only a few people there. But then Simon came and all of the pizza was gone. It was awkward explaining it. But then everyone ran off and the person who took Simon's slice DISAPPEARED...

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The magazine about being and becoming 12  
**read 12!** in your library

# *Alice in Wonderland!*

**THE CLASSIC TALE OF A YOUNG GIRL DISCOVERING A MYSTICAL, MAGICAL WORLD WAS TURNED INTO A MOVIE AND GIVEN A BIT OF A TWIST BY TIM BURTON IN ALICE IN WONDERLAND.**

**IN THE MOVIE A GIRL NAMED ALICE WHO LOOKED TO BE ABOUT 20 FALLS INTO A RABBIT HOLE AND ENDS UP IN A STRANGE ROOM.**

**SHE HAS A BIT OF A DEBACLE AT-TEMPTING TO GET**

**THROUGH A STRANGE DOOR BUT ENDS UP WALKING THROUGH THAT DOOR INTO A PLACE CALLED UNDERLAND. IT IS A BIZARRE WILD PLACE WHERE SHE MEETS ODD CREATURES LIKE A FLOATING SMILING CAT AND TWO UNUSUALLY PROPORTIONED PEOPLE (SOMETHING THAT TIM BURTON ALWAYS DOES). THROUGHOUT THE STORY ALICE TRAVELS THROUGH UNDERLAND MEETING CREATURES THAT JUST KEEP GETTING WEIRDER LIKE A BLUE CATERPILLAR THAT SMOKES AND BEST OF ALL, THE MAD HATTER, A CRAZY MAN**

## **MOVIE REVIEW BY JEREMY NELSON**

**WITH A RUINED TOP HAT AND A VERY HYPER ATTITUDE. SHE LATER MEETS THE EVIL RED QUEEN OF HEARTS (WHO DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE ONE), THE KIND GENTILE WHITE QUEEN AND THE HORRIBLE, DEATHLY JABBERWOCKY. THE JABBERWOCKY IS A FICTITIOUS BEAST FIRST MENTIONED IN THE**

**POEM JABBER- WOCKY BY LEWIS CARROLL. THIS BEAST IS AT ONE**

**POINT LET LOOSE IN THE FINAL BATTLE SCENE WHERE IT IS BEHEADED BY ALICE WITH SOMETHING CALLED THE VIOLETT SWORD.**

**I FOUND THIS MOVIE TO BE BOTH FUNNY AND EXCITING WHILE WATCHING IT AND ENJOYED IT VERY MUCH. HAVING READ THE BOOK MANY TIMES OVER WHEN I WAS YOUNGER I WAS GLAD TO BE ABLE TO SEE THIS AS A MOVIE ON THE BIG SCREEN. I THOUGHT TIM BURTON'S HANDY WORK WAS PERFECT AND TO HAVE IT TIED WITH JOHNNY DEPP'S SUPERB ACTING MADE THIS MOVIE A MUST SEE FOR ALL AGES.**

# what the heck is this art gala thing!

by phineas and jonah

If anyone knows what the heck this art gala thing is all about please come to the computer lab on Tuesday or Wednesday morning to explain to us what it is. And if you want we will give you a penny!



*Photograph by Ksenia E. Holt*

**Chocolate!!!!!!** Maya L.S.  
There was a giant chocolate bar.... WE split it... We were greedy... And.... WE loved it!!!!!!It was so awsomey tasting that we didn't save any for the people out of the room. But, it's not like it went to a bad cause..... Or did it.....

## Jazz

By Ksenia E. Holt

On January 6, students explored jazz with 'Made In The shade'. They learned about types of jazz like swing jazz, fusion, and Latin jazz. They also explored marching band, classical and blues. Also a bit of improvisation and conducting.

## COSTUMES / DRESSY OUTFITS WANTED

By No Body

Have you any outgrown costumes or fancy formal style dresses or boys' wardrobe items that you could lend or donate to the after school club, Healey American Idol?

If you do, please let after school director Hilary or teacher Janet know when you see them, or contact us at

[happeningmagazine@yahoo.com](mailto:happeningmagazine@yahoo.com)  
and we'll connect you!

Wouldn't it be fun to help dress a Healey superstar!

## Ms. Doherty's class pets!!

by Maya Reynoso Williams and Hayden Latimer-Ireland



Ms. Doherty has two class pets! She has a rabbit named Jasmine a.k.a. Jazzy and a guinea pig named Café Blanco (white coffee.) Café Blanco has quite an appetite, he eats carrots, apples, spinach, and corn flakes! When you give him a carrot he takes it and runs off. When he is hungry his squeal sounds like an emergency alarm! He will be 4½ in February. He is very energetic and cute!!! Jazzy is a cute rabbit she eats dried papaya, carrots, apples, cheerios, and corn flakes! When the classroom gets noisy she hides under her pink blanket!!!!!! Ms. Doherty's class likes having them in class!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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## Maya's phone

by Maya Lubeck-Schricker

Maya Lubeck-Schricker has finally gotten a phone!!!! On Friday March 5th, 2010 Maya went to the at&t store only expecting to look....But she saw a dark blackish blue impression and she got it!!! Here is the story. It was just her birthday and she really wanted a phone. But naturally she didn't get one. Then over that week there were at

least five times when she needed one, for example she got lost. So on Friday Maya and her Mom went to the store to see what they could do. Eventually they decided they would trade her dad's phone and use Maya's birthday money to get a new one to replace her Dad's. She now loves her phone very much and enjoys it to this day.

## 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade math league

by Aman Gabriel

Are you a 7/8<sup>th</sup> grader who is smart and is bored of having to do easy math work? If so you might be lucky and get invited to the 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade math league! It's really fun and here's the best part it's in about all of the Somerville schools. The schools compete against each other. It is on Mondays. One teacher is Mr. Jacques at the Healey School who teaches 7/8<sup>th</sup> math and you could ask him any further questions. If you go you will meet Ethan Sweeting, Jude Fils, Gary Lam, Jennifer Matthews, Jonah Connally, Kalvin Janik, Kevin Ma, Mark DiNatalie, Brianna Dell'Isola, Thanh Nguyen, Hebron Abadi and Ariela Esmurria.

Are you up for the challenge?

*The K-2 Fun with letters, words and the news club with some of their teachers.*



## *This just in* Healey math team city champs

The Healey 7-8 Math Team is the city champion, having defeated all the rest of the city's elementary school 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade Math Teams in BOTH city-wide meets this year! More on this next time.

## **ATTENTION POETS, STORY WRITERS**

Are you a student at the Healey School? Join us in contributing to the Healey School's first literary magazine since 2003! Yes, *YOU!*

Send in one or more stories, a few poems, and one may be published in the beautiful collection we are planning. Help us edit the journal! Contact [adhnews@aol.com](mailto:adhnews@aol.com) or talk to Ms. Beyer, or Ms. Sklar.

## *DO WHAT THEY SAY!*



# The Winter Basket Raffle

by William Quan

The winter basket raffle was a raffle of 14 theme baskets. The Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) set up the raffle. The ticket prices were \$1.00 for one and \$5.00 for a set of six. The raffle was originally set for the 15<sup>th</sup> of December but it got pushed back to the 21<sup>st</sup>. All the money of the raffle tickets went to the PTA.

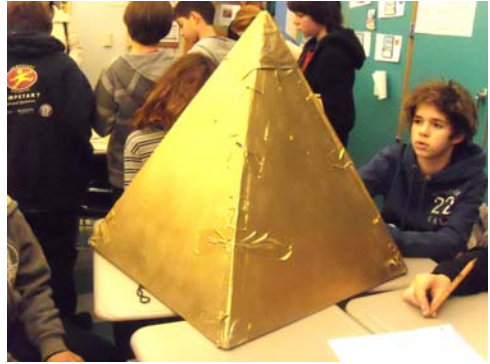
The form had the name, address and phone number of the buyer. There were regular baskets and there was also a quilt made by Ms. Yang's quilting group. I personally was extremely lucky. I won not one but two baskets and I only bought 10 tickets. Aman Gabriel, another reporter for *Happening at the Healey*, also won two prizes, including the quilt. Congratulations to all the winners.

## Pyramid breakfast

by Maya L.S.

The fifth and sixth grade classes were studying ancient Egypt. First they had to make a map of Egypt and they had to write a report about a specific Gnome. A Gnome is like a city or a state. Then the same groups had to make a pyramid. It had to be exactly two feet high, but it could have any sized base. Groups used wood and nails and hot glue and cardboard to build them. Then we had a breakfast to show off all that we did. Parents came in

and looked at each group's work. Then, we tested the pyramids by how strong they were by putting a platform on top of the pyramids and put weight on it.



## Blood Test!!!!!!!!!!!!

On Tuesday February 9<sup>th</sup>, there was a health test in the Nurse's office. There were three things you had to do if you signed up. In my case, first they took two little tubes of my blood. Then they tested my weight three times. They do it three times to make sure they have the correct weight. They also had to test my height three times for the same reason. Then I sign my name saying I got my gift card, then I receive my 20 dollar giftcard for Target, then I get some food and leave. It really wasn't so bad getting my blood taken, it was just like a pinch for about a minute.

And, in the end..... I got twenty bucks!!!!!!!!!!!!

~Maya L.S.

# Winners

of the Walk/Bike to School  
Poster Contest  
by Ksenia E. Holt

**Isaac McKenna:**  
Visual appeal



**Jenny Le & Sarah Sweeting:**  
Effective message



**Melissa Poudel:** Artistic merit

*With my dad every day, I come to school on foot.  
For the snowy days ahead, I've already bought snow boots.*



**Nicholas Capuano:** most original



# TVs in the school

by William Quan

Have you noticed that lots of TVs in the school are broken? The reason why the TVs are here is because they are meant to be used. Not only that, the TVs in the building have cable. It's really stupid to have cable for the TVs if half of the TVs are broken, especially when Somerville Public Schools are cutting other major things.

It's not like teachers watch TV while having lunch. Get the TVs fixed and use them or be rid of the cable. It's stupid!

# Boring school?

by Phineas Devins

Some people think that school is boring; personally I agree but that is just my opinion. But I also think that without school your friends might not be around or you will be tired of nothin' to do. I also think that school is needed for a

good job so I really can't decide if I like school or not. And I think lots of people would agree with me on what I wrote. Maybe you could give your perspective on things if you join the newspaper club.

by Jonah Estabrook

Why are we so bored at school? Well, it's just that there is no fun time except for the 45 minutes of recess and lunch. Only 8% of the day is recess and that is not much, I think 10% is much better. Recess is the most important part of the day. Kids I know literally live on recess even though it is a short amount of time. If there was no such thing as recess I'm pretty sure nobody would know what free would mean.

# Go green!

by Destiny Brown

That GO GREEN! If we do not go green we will be killing the animals. So you should go green so the animals will not die. There is a *go green group* you should join.



# 1,000 pencils but no sharpeners!

~Maya L.S.

The club has thousands of pencils but no sharpeners! I found a pencil that I wanted to use, but it had no tip. So naturally I ask Alan if he has any sharpeners. He said that he did and we start looking in his bags. Eventually we move on to the next bag not finding it in the first, then the next bag then the next etc. After the last bag,

there still was no sharpener. Then Alan takes out his pocket knife and starts sharpening it the 'old way.' Well, it doesn't really work. The tip kept getting cut off. Then after about 5 minutes someone comes up to us and says I have a sharpener, do you want me to sharpen it for you?

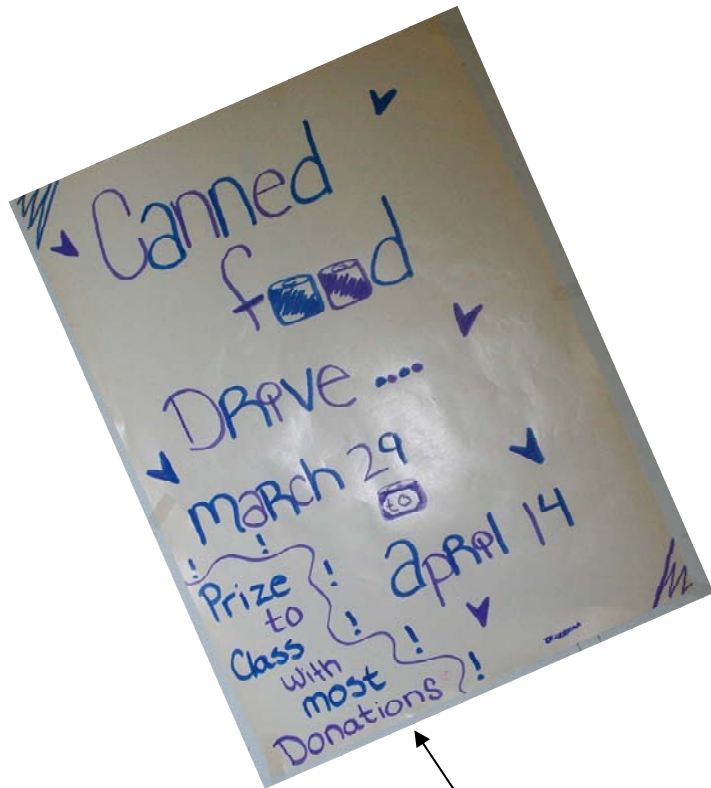
## Open Mic Café

April 15<sup>th</sup>

By no body ☺

On Thursday, April 15, from 6-8 PM, the Healey School library will become a stage for all 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders who want to present a poem, skit, song, or any kind of short performance. If you are in the 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade and want to perform, go see Ms. Beyer to sign up! And start practicing.

Too shy to perform? Not in 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade? AUDIENCE NEEDED! Enjoy, applaud, enjoy! There will be food and drinks for sale! Eat, drink, enjoy!



Pay attention!

**staff****Ella Bauerle****Destiny Brown****Lucy Coombs****Simon Davenport****Rene Diaz****Jonah Estabrook****Alex Flores****Eliza Forrest****Aman Gabriel****Kaenja E. Holt****Hayden Latimer-Ireland****Steven Le****Maya Lubbeck-Schrieker****Gabi Mathews****Nia McLean****Jeremy Nelson****Abby Powers-Lowery****William Quan****Marisa Rafal****Naomi Rafal****Denise Umana****Ruby Viena****Maya Reynolds Williams**

THE CUP FINALS IN EXTRA TIME THEY ENDED 1-1 BUT WENT TO PENALTY SHOOT OUTS AND ITALY CONQUERED FRANCE 5-3. BUT THERE WAS SOMETHING THAT STAYED IN THE SOCCER FANS MINDS BEFORE THEY WENT TO EXTRA TIME. ZIDANNE THE BEST FRANCE PLAYER WHO WAS GOING TO BE NAMED THE BEST WORLD PLAYER BUT UNFORTUNATELY NEAR THE END OF THE GAME HE HEAD BUTTED AN ITALIAN PLAYER. SO HE WAS GIVEN A RED CARD WHICH MEANS HE WAS DISQUALIFIED FROM THE END OF THAT GAME, AND THE NEXT ONE THAT HE WOULD PLAY. HE HAD A BIG EFFECT ON THE PENALTY SHOOT OUT.

THIS YEAR IN SOUTH AFRICA THE POOL OF TEAMS HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED. U.S.A IS LOOKING GOOD AND WITH LUCK OUR NATION WILL MAKE IT TO THE SEMI FINALS

**WORLD CUP!****By JESSE ARONSON**

EVERY 4 YEARS THERE IS SOCCER WORLD CUP. THE HOST THIS YEAR IS SOUTH AFRICA; TEAMS BATTLE IT OUT FOR THE GLORY OF BEING THE BEST SOCCER TEAM IN THE WORLD. LAST TIME FRANCE PLAYED ITALY IN

**Turkey Bowl****by Destiny Brown**

THE 8TH AND THE 7TH GRADE HAD THEIR TURKEY BOWL. IT WAS A TIE. BUT AS WE KNOW IT WILL BE BROKEN VERY SOON. GO 8TH GRADE.