



HMS Scoop

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harder than others, but I always try to relate to students as best as I can. At the same time, I want to hold all students accountable appropriately.

What's one thing you want to accomplish this school year?

I definitely would want to learn the schedule for each student and grade, more in depth. I understand it, but I would like to grasp it even more.



NEW HMS PRINCIPAL:

MR. ESCALANTE

***By: Allison Scrivens and
Salma Suleiman, Gr. 7***

What is your greatest accomplishment?

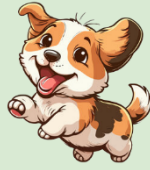
My greatest accomplishment is to be the principal of High Mountain Middle School.

What are you most grateful for in life?

Definitely my family and friends. I've been very fortunate with my personal life and professional life. I feel lucky to be surrounded by a lot of good people.

What do you want people to know about you?

I genuinely try to understand the students' perspective of their daily lives and I know some days are



What's one sport you're excited to teach?

I like teaching volleyball because a lot of students want to learn it. I also used to coach volleyball, so I enjoy it.



What's your favorite holiday?

Thanksgiving



Interviewer- Allison Scrivens

What is your favorite part of being a gym/health teacher?

Just being able to connect with all my students and being able to provide them with a healthy lifestyle. Also, being able to make a positive impact in their lives.



What is your favorite food?

Chicken Parmesan



Do you have any pets? If so, what's their name(s)?

I have a pet dog and her name is Willow.



What is your favorite song/artist?

My favorite artist is Eminem.



Interviewer- Alyias Wiggins

How many schools have you taught in?

Three



How many subjects have you taught?

Just two- gym and health

What was your favorite subject as a kid?

Math



What is your favorite football team?

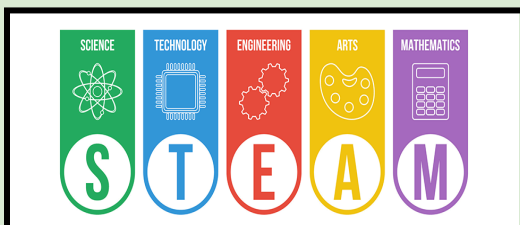
The New York Giants



TEACHER INTERVIEW:

MISS LODER

***By: Dakotah Devroe and
Mackenzie Stuber, Gr. 6***



What made you want to teach?

I always knew I wanted to be a teacher since I was young because I enjoyed learning and helping others learn. However, I never knew what I wanted to teach until high school when I had inspiring science teachers who introduced me to marine biology, geology, environmental science, and chemistry, which I fell in love with.

What other subjects have you taught before teaching STEAM?

Before I became the STEAM teacher, I taught middle school science (biology, chemistry, physical science, and earth science). I also have experience teaching all other subject areas (5th-12th grade) including art and family and consumer science from being a substitute teacher and teaching assistant.

What made you want to teach STEAM?

Originally, I never thought about teaching STEAM until I was approached by the administration team. They understood my personal and professional goals and encouraged me to transition into the position. I am thankful for their support because now I get to share my love and knowledge of science, technology, math, and art with everyone else.

What's your favorite part about being a teacher?

The best part about teaching is watching students grow and learn. I love when students realize that they can be creative and solve problems on their own.

What is your favorite thing to grade? (tests, quizzes, or classwork.)

Ironically I always thought grading was the best part of being a teacher, but it's spending time with the students and observing them grow and learn. So, if I had to choose, I would say projects and quizzes because they provide more details into what a student is and is not understanding during specific intervals of time.

What was your favorite subject when you were in school?

My favorite academic subjects were math and science, and my favorite special subjects were art, family and consumer science, woodshop, and gym because they came naturally to me.

What are your hobbies?

My hobbies include crafting, reading, hiking, cooking, baking, and traveling.

What's your favorite book that you read?

*I love reading in general, particularly I like the genres of mystery, fantasy, and science fiction. One of my favorite science fiction books is *The Loch* by Steven Alten.*

What is your favorite sport to play or just your favorite sports team?

I enjoy playing all sports, but my favorite to play has always been soccer. I love it so much that I even coached it. My favorite sport to watch is football. I am a Giants and Jets fan!

What's your favorite movie?

*I love watching movies. My favorites include Disney movies, fantasy, science fiction, and historical fiction movies like *The Patriot*.*

What's your favorite food to eat?

I enjoy trying new cuisines, but pizza is my favorite because you can put anything on it.

What's your favorite store?

My favorite store is Amazon, I can get everything from there!

What's your favorite animal?

I am a huge animal lover, so that's a hard one, but one of my favorites is a dolphin.

What's your favorite color?

Green is my favorite color, but I also like blue, pink, and purple because they all remind me of a beautiful summer's day.

How many siblings do you have or do you have any?

I have two younger sisters who both live down south now.

TEACHER INTERVIEW:

MR. ONOVE & MRS. ROUGH

*By: Makayla Barreiro, Gr. 6
and Anna Bua, Gr. 7*

(O- for Mr. Onove answers

R- for Mrs. Rough answers)

How long have you been a teacher and how much longer do you want to be one?

O- I have been a teacher for 34 years, but I want to be one forever.

R- I've been a teacher for 25 years and I want to be a teacher until I am no longer able.

How many schools have you worked at?

O- I have worked at two schools.

R- I've worked at four schools.

Describe a typical lesson.

O- We complete a do now, introduce important concepts, teach with discussions, and we do notes.

R- We do slideshows and group work along with some fun videos.

How do you motivate students?

O- Everyone's different! I try to have fun with all students and hopefully that will help them.

R- We get tickets and have bingo parties. We also have off topic chats.

What time of the day (period) do you like to teach the best? Why?

O- I like to teach in the morning because I think students are more attentive in the morning.

R- Seventh period after lunch because I have the most energy.

What is your favorite thing to teach in social studies (for Rough- in ELA)?

O- Probably the American Revolution

R- I like to teach writing.

Who is your favorite person to teach about (for Rough- to read about)?

O- I enjoy teaching about the presidents and the Renaissance artists.

*R- Famous writer and illustrator,
Chris Van Allsburg.*

**What are some fun future events
you have planned for students?**

*O- We are going to make some really
cool maps of China and India. There
is the 8th grade Rocking Horse
Ranch trip.*

*R- Fairy tale projects and utopia
projects.*

**What is one of your hidden
talents?**

O- Drawing

R- Dancing on Wii

**What are some pets you've had or
would like to own?**

O- I have a Tibetan Mastiff.

*R- I have had a fish and I would like
to have a dog.*

What is your favorite sport?

O- Hockey

R- Hockey

What's your favorite food?

O- Pizza

R- Pizza and barbecue

What's your favorite color?

O- Blue

R- Purple

What's your favorite dessert?

O- Ice cream, specifically Tartufo

R- Key lime pie

**What's your favorite musical
artist?**

O- The Eagles

R- Jimmy Buffet

What are your favorite activities?

*O- Working out, ice hockey and
reading*

R- Baking and reading

TEACHER INTERVIEW:

MISS DONAHUE

By: Jenna Mari and Alice Qiao, Gr. 6



**What is the best part of being a
teacher?**

*Having fun with the kids and making
connections with them.*

How many instruments do you play and what are they?

Ten- flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone, drums, piano, ukulele, and cello.

What subject would you teach if you did not teach music?

Math

If you weren't a teacher what would you like to be?

I don't know.

Who is your favorite music artist?

Taylor Swift and Phoebe Bridgers

What was your favorite subject in school?

Math and music

What is your favorite color?

Dark Green

What is your favorite sport and/or team?

Soccer and NY Red Bulls

What is your favorite food?

Chicken quesadilla

Do you have any siblings?

I have two siblings, one older, one younger.

Do you draw?

No

Do you have pets?

Yes, a dog and two cats.

TEACHER INTERVIEW:

MISS SALVIANO

By: Jenna Mari and Alice Qiao, Gr. 6



What is the best part of being a teacher?

I love learning everyday, getting to share learning, and watching students grow and learn.

What is your favorite book?

My favorite book is Percy Jackson. I really enjoy Rick Riordan's writing style.

What subject would you teach if you did not teach ELA?

I feel like I would teach math or physical education.

If you weren't a teacher, what would you like to be?

Growing up I always wanted to be a teacher or a veterinarian.

Who is your favorite music artist?

Adele and Taylor Swift

What was your favorite subject in school?

ELA and gym

What is your favorite color?

Yellow

What is your favorite sport and/or team?

My favorite sport to watch is football and the New York Giants. However, I love playing golf and soccer.

What is your favorite food?

Buffalo chicken pizza

Do you have any siblings?

Two older brothers

Do you draw?

Yes, but I am not the best. I do love to color!

Do you have pets?

One dog, Great Dane (Milo)

2nd. Throughout these days, families build and create home altars to remember the dead, cook traditional dishes, and visit grave sites.

Students in eighth grade Spanish classes created Dia de Los Muertos projects based on what they learned. Have a look at some projects.

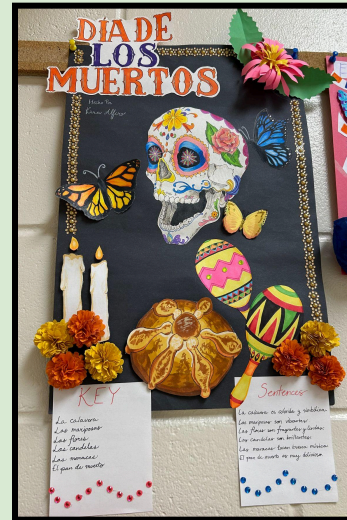


SPANISH PROJECTS:

GRADE 8

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

By: Kelvin Hernandez, Gr. 7



El Dia de los Muertos is one of the most popular holidays in Mexico. Families honor their deceased ancestors by coming together on this day. This tradition goes back to the Aztecs. They had an entire month dedicated to the dead. This holiday takes place on November 1st and



STUDENT COUNCIL'S



WINNERS

By: Jenna Mari and Alice Qiao, Gr. 6

On Halloween, High Mountain School students had a fun-filled day planned by the Student Council. Students started the day by decorating paper pumpkins and disguised them as something else without changing the pumpkin shape. There were a lot of creative disguises that included different characters, animals and more! Students proudly taped the pumpkins on their lockers and teachers and Mr. Escalante walked around the school to determine the most creative.

HMS students were judged in different categories for our annual Student Council costume contest. There were eight categories like best overall and scariest. The winners got to pick a prize of either five points or a homework pass for any class.

Teachers and students also enjoyed the annual Memorial Halloween parade. The elementary school students walked to High Mountain on Halloween in their costumes. Middle school students watched as they

walked by in their costumes.

Toward the end of the day, the student council hosted a Halloween bingo. Students played multiple rounds with different styles like regular, X, and four corners. There were lots of winners. The winners received a pumpkin with a pop it and either five points or a homework pass. Everyone had a great day!

Costume Contest Winners-

Scariest- Dakota Devroe



Most Creative- Luca LaCognata



Best Duo- Jack & Finley Wright



**Best Group- Allison Scrivens,
Gia Albornoz, Ashley Soto**

Funniest- Jaehl Leo



Classic- Ryleigh Zamora

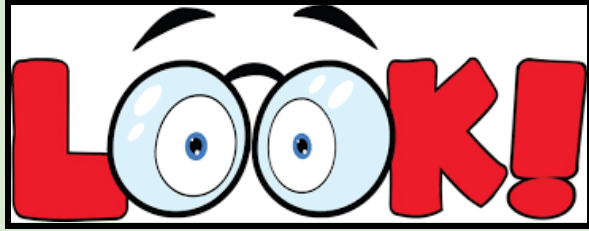


Overall; Partner- Emily Darby & Mikaella Sapena



Overall- Joseph Febbo





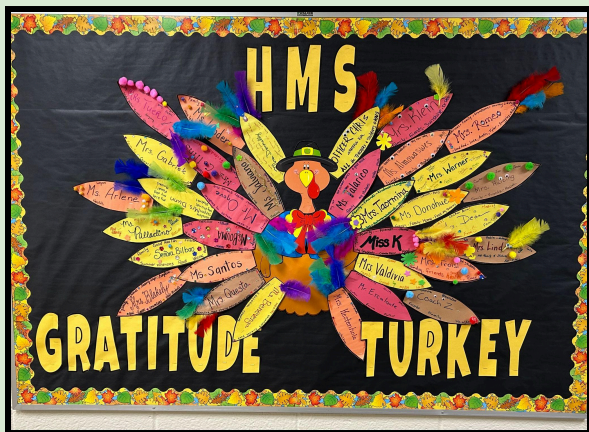
what's trending

in November 2023

By: *Dakotah Devroe, Jenna Mari, and Alice Qiao, Gr. 6*



HMS Ripples Bulletin Board-
"Leaf A Positive Comment"



HMS Staff Bulletin Board-
"Gratitude Turkey"

Fashion:

Some fashion trends this time of year are Y2K fashion, eco-friendly outfits, vintage fashion, oversized clothes, statement accessories, and personalized clothing. The vibe is relaxed, monochrome, and comfortable. Metallic footwear, off-the-shoulder tops, and black topcoats are trendy fashion items. Red is the ideal color to be in. Distressed leather belts, baggy jeans, cargo pants, and ties are currently in. For shoes, there are many trending ones like Dunks, Uggs, Blazers, and Air Forces.



Music:

The song “Super Shy” by NewJeans is trending on TikTok. TikTok is a big music platform. Genre fusion is also huge. Streaming platforms to share music are in. Virtual reality concerts are a thing many musicians are doing. Collaborative music projects are happening too. Taylor Swift just had her *Eras Tour* in the U.S. She is now doing it internationally.



Celebrity Drama:

K-pop idols Hyuna and Dawn broke up after six years as a happy couple. Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce are dating. It is getting more serious because Taylor changed the lyrics to “Karma” for him. Selena Gomez thinks that Taylor and Travis's relationship is bad.



Makeup:

The most popular lip mask brand worldwide is Laneige. They have many flavors like sweet candy,

berries, gummy bears, mango, and mint choco. Not to mention all of the limited edition ones. Also, for high-end makeup, Dior just came out with the viral blush and lip oil.



Sports:

Right now the NFL playoff picture is starting to become clear. Travis Kelce has been the big talk of the league ever since starting to date Taylor Swift. The Chiefs have grown into a very popular team since all the Swifties are showing up. Right now in soccer, it is Messi vs. Ronaldo. In hockey, the Vegas Golden Knights just recently won the Stanley Cup. The top teams in the NBA currently are the Boston Celtics, Orlando Magic, Milwaukee Bucks, and Philadelphia 76ers.



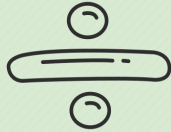
JOKES & PUNS

By: Allison Scrivens and
Salma Suleiman, Gr. 7



**Why should you wear glasses
when doing math?**

They improve division.



Why couldn't the bike stand up?

It was two-tired.



Why did Adele cross the road?

To say hello from the other side.

**What did the grape say when it got
crushed?**

Nothing, it just let out a little wine.

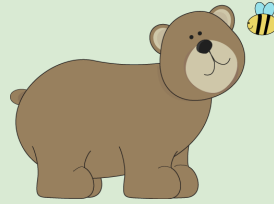
**Why was Cinderella so bad at
soccer?**

She kept running away from the ball!



**What would bears be without
bees?**

Ears



What do you call a pile of cats?

A meow-ntain.



**Why couldn't the sunflower ride its
bike?**

It lost its petals.



**What do you call a pig that
practices karate?**

A pork chop.

**What do you call a sad
strawberry?**

A blueberry!



WORD SEARCH: WINTER

*By: Allison Scrivens and
Alyias Wiggins, Gr. 7*



How quickly can you find the following words?

Ice

Frozen

Snowman

Reindeer

Skating

Olaf

Tree

Snowflakes

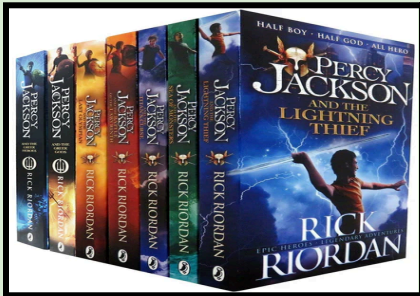
Hot

Chocolate



BOOK REVIEW:
PERCY JACKSON

By: Jenna Mari and Alice Qiao, Gr. 6



Percy Jackson and the Last Olympian is the 5th book of the series. To us, it's the best book in the series. There was a lot of non-stop action throughout the book. We like how all the characters in the book worked together to defeat the titans. A God had made all the mortals in Manhattan fall asleep before Kronos came to attack. They ended up defeating the titans. Percy got an offer to be a god, but turned it down. He was the first person ever to turn this offer down. Find out why by reading this book.

TOP TEN BOOKS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

By: Makayla Barreiro, Jenna Mari, and Alice Qiao, Gr. 6

1. *Percy Jackson*
2. *Harry Potter*

3. *Space Case*
 4. *Tuck Everlasting*
 5. *Hunger Games*
 6. *The Westing Games*
 7. *The Heroes Of Olympus*
 8. *The Book Thief*
 9. *Wonder*
 10. *Hurricane Child*
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RECIPE:
OVER-THE-TOP ICE CREAM

By: Anna Bua, Gr. 7



Time: 30 minutes
Servings: 4 people

Ice Cream

- 1 pint vanilla ice cream
- 8 ounces fudge, cut into 1/2-inch cubes, plus more for serving
- 4 large pretzel rods, crushed (about 1/2 cup), plus more for serving

½ cup coarsely chopped
chocolate-covered toffee candy bar
(such as Heath), plus more for
serving

4 teaspoons chopped candied lemon
peel, plus more for serving

Homemade Caramel Sauce

½ cup granulated sugar

¼ cup water

6 tablespoons unsalted butter (3
ounces), cubed

½ cup heavy cream

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

½ teaspoon kosher salt

Directions:

Make the sundaes

Scoop ice cream into a large bowl;
stir ice cream until slightly softened,
about 2 minutes. Stir in fudge,
pretzels, toffee candy bar, and lemon
peel until evenly combined. Cover
and freeze until firm, at least 3 or 12
hours.

Make the caramel sauce

Stir together sugar and 1/4 cup water
in a medium saucepan. Cook over
medium, stirring constantly until
sugar dissolves, about 1 minute and
30 seconds. Continue to cook,
without stirring, until the sugar
mixture turns amber in color, 7 to 10
minutes. Gently swirl pan once, and
carefully whisk in butter cubes.
Remove from heat; gradually whisk
in cream, vanilla, and salt. Let cool
for about 15 minutes.

To serve, scoop ice cream evenly
into 4 bowls. Drizzle each with about
2 tablespoons of caramel sauce;
reserve the remaining sauce for
another use. Garnish sundaes with
additional fudge, pretzels, toffee
candy bar, and lemon peel.

Make Ahead

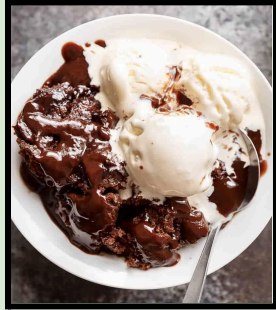
Caramel sauce can be refrigerated in
an airtight container for up to 2
weeks—microwave in 15-second
intervals to loosen before using.

Enjoy!



RECIPE:
HOT FUDGE CHOCOLATE
PUDDING CAKE

*By: Allison Scrivens and
Alyias Wiggins, Gr. 7*



INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup all-purpose flour (or plain flour)
- 1/2 cup white granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup cocoa powder
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup milk
- 1/4 cup unsalted butter, melted
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

FUDGE SAUCE:

- 1/2 cup white granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons cocoa powder
- 1 and 1/4 cups boiling water

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly grease a 9-inch square baking pan. Pre-boil water in a kettle while preparing cake.

FOR THE CAKE:

1. Combine 1/2 cup granulated sugar with the flour, cocoa powder, baking powder and salt. Add in the milk, butter and vanilla; whisk until smooth and fairly lump free.
2. Pour the batter into a prepared baking pan or dish and spread evenly.

FOR THE SAUCE:

Combine together the remaining 1/2 cup white sugar, brown sugar and remaining 3 tablespoons cocoa powder. Evenly sprinkle mixture over the batter. Slowly pour the boiling water over the top (**DO NOT STIR OR MIX INTO THE BATTER. ALLOW THE WATER TO SIT ON TOP**).

1. Bake 35 minutes or until the center is almost set. Remove from oven. Allow to cool for 15 minutes.
2. Serve in dessert dishes with ice cream or whipped cream, and spoon fudge sauce from the bottom of the pan over top of each serving of cake.

ICE CREAM SURVEY RESULTS

By: Salma Suleiman, Gr. 7



To go with our newspaper's theme, the newspaper club decided to see what HMS students thought about ice cream. A Google Form survey was completed during recess by all grade levels. Here are the top three choices for each question.

1. What's your favorite ice cream flavor?

1. *Cookies and Cream*
2. *Cookie Dough*
3. *Mint Chocolate Chip*

2. What's your favorite ice cream topping?

1. *Crushed Oreo Cookies*
2. *Sprinkles*
3. *Gummy Bears*

3. What's an ice cream flavor you haven't tried, but want to try in the future?

1. *Cookie Dough*
2. *Cookies and Cream*
3. *Strawberry*

4. What's your LEAST favorite ice cream flavor?

1. *Strawberry*
2. *Mint Chocolate Chip*
3. *Chocolate*

