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8th Grade American and Me Essay Contest 2016



During the months of September and November, 8th graders across Michigan participated in the second annual essay contest sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance, Barb Costello. This year, Mrs. Larm's 8th grade class wrote essays about "My Personal Michigan Hero". Students were encour-

aged to write about someone that they know that is considered their hero. Submissions were due November 13th. Ten students submitted essays and the winners were announced on Friday, March 12, 2016. These winners were chosen to represent Charlton Heston Academy. Three winners were

chosen from the 10 total submissions for our school district. Third place was granted to Skye Ritchings, second place to Garrett Hardenburgh, and first place to Randee Gage! "I am really proud of the students who took a risk to write such a powerful essay and submit it on a state level. I always encourage students to give it their best shot because you never know who will find your writing to be captivating," said Mrs. Larm. Randee Gage will have her name and photo with Barb Costello on a plaque that will be at CHA. She will also have her essay put into the finalists with a chance to win a trip to Lansing to meet the leaders of the state government. Congratulations contestants and winners!!

CHA Staff Bowling Night Helps with Relay for Life

By: Skye Ritchings
Each year Ms. Evans organizes a great fundraising event for our Relay for Life team at CHA. This year's fundraising event was bowling at Hi Skore Lanes on March 12th. Each person had to pay \$20

(includes shoes). There were two different types of raffles- the first one was a mystery raffle, they played it every round, which was three. After every round they would have a number picked out and at the end who ever had that number

won money. The next raffle was sold to win certificates to the Hen House. They had goodie bags, raffles and bowling! That night the CHA staff took up half of the lanes. Let's see what Ms. Evans has for next year!



Ms. Emily Ekdom Helps Raise Money for local Art Gallery Children's Program



On March 12, 2016 Ms. Emily Ekdom, Art teacher at Charlton Heston Academy, attended a fundraiser for an Art Gallery in West Branch. Her mom found the flyer about the fundraiser and en-

couraged her to participate. The fundraiser was to raise money for a children's program. It was \$35 to enter the contest as an artist. The contestants had 3 hours to complete a piece of artwork from scratch of their choice. Ms. Ekdom used her 3 hour time frame to create a fox using water color and ink. First, she used water color and then did details in ink (the dark areas). Community members could come and pay \$20 to eat food, drink wine, and vote for their favorite piece of artwork. First, second, and third place was awarded as well as a children's choice award. All artwork

was auctioned to raise money for the children's program. Ekdom's piece won two prizes, Children's Choice and 2nd place. Her fox watercolor was auctioned for \$45 and she won \$100 for 2nd place. Each artist got 75% of the price of the auctioned piece. At the end of the evening, Ekdom took home \$178 from her painting and helped raise money for a good cause. If you are interested in art, or just love being creative, these are some of the many opportunities you have to earn money, help out a community, and do what you love!

100th Day of School!



By: Skye Ritchings
The 100th day of school was Friday, March 4th. The entire lower elementary participated in fun activities all day. Specifically, Ms. Berner's and Ms. Maxwell's class were all about this specific day. Ms. Maxwell's class and Ms. Berner's class had a lot of fun. To start off with, the 100th day of school was literally the 100th day of school. Many schools have different days they celebrate too, but for most elementary schools, 100 days is a huge celebration!

Ms. Maxwell and Ms. Berner's class had lot of fun. Students in Maxwell's class took home a plain white t-shirt to put a hundred things on it. It could be puffballs, eyes, foam stickers, dots, stars, anything like that they could put on the shirt. Next, they made hats with ten strips of paper and each strip had ten stickers, drawings, or stamps. Then, they

popped 100 balloons, each one of the balloons had a number on it, they had to find the number on the hundreds chart. Next, 100 Hershey Kisses were put around the classroom. Each of the Hershey Kisses had a sticky dot on them and a number on the bottom, before they were allowed to enjoy their tasty treat, they had to place to sticky dot on the correct spot on the hundreds grid. Then, they used 100 cups to build a tower. Ms. Maxwell and Ms. Berner had the kindergarteners and first graders write about what they will be, the things they will have and eat when they are 100 years old; they also wrote 100 words about anything they would like. Ms. Maxwell used a really creative computer program that allows the students to simulate what they will look like when they are 100 years old. Then, they put together a 100

piece puzzle. Ms. Maxwell and Ms. Berner both read books to both their classes. Finally, they put together a 100th day snack. The class had to count out ten of each of these snacks: cheerios, raisins, peanut butter cups, chocolate chips, m&m's, trix, cocoa puffs, Chex, marshmallows, and goldfish. Ms. Berner's student, Haley Phovemire said, "We are celebrating the 100th day of school! My favorite part was making hats" Also, Trevor Lawrence said, "We are celebrating the 100th day of school! My favorite part was reading a hundred books and all of it actually." The day was noticed by staff and students and many commented that it was entertaining for the students and anyone who ventured down to the elementary wing of CHA.

A Fun Trip to Grayling: Hanson Hills and The Rialto Theater

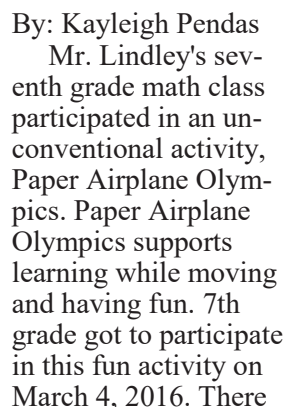


By: Dakotha Larive
March 8, 2016, the seventh grade students who earned going on a field trip, went to Hanson Hills and the Rialto movie theater in Grayling. Ryan Greaves, the middle

school Science teacher, planned the trip ahead of time making it one of the best times the children could have. The workers at Hanson Hills had students throwing snowballs and going down

the hill with giant smiles across their faces. The kids got pizza from Bear's Den Pizzeria and other food the school provided such as carrots and ranch. After that, the students got back on the bus and were driven to the movie theater to watch, "Zootopia". The students were allowed to get a small soda and small popcorn. Though they weren't the only people in the theater, they were very well behaved. Austin Weiler, the middle school Social Studies teacher, also helped along the field trip. Some of the students and teachers could describe the field trip as fun, rewarding, amazing, exciting and interesting. The People who run both the Hanson Hills and the Rialto movie theater welcomed the 7th grade class back anytime.

Around the Halls: Mrs. Lawrence



are two parts of Paper Airplane Olympics. Part one represents accuracy and precision and, part two represents distance and speed. For part one students got to construct their own airplanes using only one sheet of computer paper. Then, the students tested their paper air-

planes with two practice throws. When throwing the paper airplane, the students tested the accuracy and precision by trying to hit a target. How it would go is one student would go against another student and whoever had the best distance and speed advances to the next round. This goes until a champion is declared. The rules for part two is the same as the first. However, students now are throwing their airplanes for distance. Once they have thrown they measure the distance and whoever has the longest distance out of the two moves on to the next round. This round goes on until a champion is declared.

By: Sofia Dubois
Mrs. Lawrence
(Van Gorden) works at the Charlton Heston Academy preschool. She will be 29 on August 5th. Her favorite color is purple because it reminds her of spring. She has worked at Charlton Heston Academy since 2012 when it opened. She likes working with young children, "They have so much energy and teach me new things all the time," she said. Her favorite movie is "We Bought

a Zoo.” She likes it because the storyline is good and she likes anything with animals. She likes to spend her free time spending time with her husband, fishing, hunting, and walking her dog, and favorite animal s are Dolphins. Her favorite foods are tacos, nachos, and other Mexican foods.

Her favorite CHA Value is community, because thinking of her co-workers and students as an extended part of her family

helps her feel motivated, and reminds her to be humble and kind to others. She thinks it is a value that keeps our school grounded and focused on helping each other succeed. Mrs. Lawrence has two siblings, an older brother named William, and a younger sister named Caitlin. She thinks that Charlton Heston Academy is a great school that is doing very forward thinking things for our students and community.

By: Madi Cunningham
Ms. Patrosso class is extremely polite, hard-working and adorable. The kids in her class are very curious and asked a lot of ques-

tions. The teacher is very patient and gives every student a chance. She is not afraid of making herself look like a goof-ball when teaching her

students, for example Ms. Patrosso wore an outfit, looking like thing one, to teach her kids about literature. Hidden inside that class are little geniuses, they care about correct punctuation, correct spelling and even capitalization, even when it is a fun day like Dr. Seuss week. Everybody in that class is friendly to everyone they meet and they care about each other. Ms. Patrosso class is just like a big family, they will welcome you with open arms.



By: Gavin Estep
Alannis Bussa is a 15 year old girl currently attending Charlton Heston Academy. Alannis is a freshman (9th grade). Her homeroom teacher is Mrs. Mozdzen and she also attends the classes of: Ms. Bozzo, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Alden, and Ms. Neimeth.
Alannis also at-

tends an online college psychology class from Lake Superior State University (LSSU). Alannis attends this psychology class to prepare for her future of becoming a lawyer (Alannis wants to be a lawyer when she grows up), she needs to pass a psychology class. Alannis plans to be a lawyer so she can get her word out by choosing a side of an argument. She enjoys the idea of being able to defend her side of an argument. She also enjoys the idea of a high paycheck here and there.

A hobby of Alannis' is to watch TV. She also enjoys the outdoors. Her favorite school subject is math. The reason for this is because math

always has an answer. Alannis says that she does any chore you can think of around the house.

Alannis has three siblings: Skyler Bussa, Steven Bussa, and Haley Robins.

Some of Alannis' favorites are... love (her favorite school value), blue (favorite color), penguin (animal), Jumping Off Swings (book), Scooby-Doo (movie), Teen Titans Go (cartoon), macaroni & cheese (food), Dr. Pepper (drink), John Green (author), and her favorite poster on her teacher Ms. Bozzo's wall is a poster with a unicorn on a psychiatrist bed saying "Believe in yourself"

By: Dakota Larive

“I believe everything happens for a reason. People leave so you learn to let go, things go wrong so you appreciate them when they’re right, you believe lies so you eventually learn to trust no one but yourself, and sometimes good things fall apart so better things can fall together.” - Marilyn Monroe.



By: Natasha Meir
Angel Brethauer is in ninth grade. She has three siblings Jacob, Nicolle and Grace. She has been going to Charlton Heston Academy for four years. Angel's birthday is

April 12th. Her favorite color is purple and her favorite animal is Manta Ray. The Manta Ray belongs to the genus Manta, the Manta Ray is a very large species and it is a known fish. Angel's favorite food is chicken strips. Angel She thinks a good birthday party would be to have a bonfire with lots of friends. Angel's best friend is Breanna Meir because she's always there for her. However at lunch, she sits by Breanna Meir and William Thompson. Her dream job is to be an Orthopedic Surgeon because she wants to

help others. Her favorite movies are the Harry Potter series. Angel's favorite book is Looking for Alaska, because it's really inspiring. She was in softball and wants to be in softball again. She likes softball because it's really fun and competitive. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Mozdzen because she's super supportive. The college she wants to go to is University of Michigan because of the great programs they have there. Angel's favorite CHA value is Grit, "because it pushes you to do stuff"

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St. Patrick’s Day



By: Sofia Dubois
Around CHA, St. Patrick’s Day is celebrated too! Ms. Berner’s second grade class made green pudding and used their five senses before eating it! Students around the school added creative and festive additions to their uniform to avoid getting pinched! Haley Jarosz wore and shared a collection of sticky green mustaches in all shapes, while other kids wore necklaces, hair bows, bracelets, and pins. Mr. Sarsfield wore his special tie that is St. Patrick’s Day themed.

April Birthdays

Compiled by: Katelin Travelbee
Parris, Nevaeh 04/01/2010
Estep, Tristin 04/01/2007
St.Louis, Thomas 04/02/2007
Evan, Lewis 04/03/2006
Cichowski, Dylan 04/04/2008
Tarrant, Gabriel 04/04/2005
Uponen-Parks, Mason 04/05/2011
Maxwell, Michel 04/06/2005
Wintermote, Shyan 04/06/1999
Franks, Randy 04/06/2003
Butson, Wyatt 04/07/2009
Beach, Mercedes 04/07/2006
Heilman, Hazel 04/07/2005
Marrison, Emilia 04/08/2005
Turner, Michael 04/09/2011
Knierim, Taylor 04/09/2008
Green, Taylor 04/20/2006
Luckey, Joinie 04/10/2006
Thomson, William 04/11/2001
Briethauer, Angel 04/12/2001
Garia, Anvalena 04/12/2006
Butson, Neveah 04/12/2010
Briggs, Sophia 04/13/2010
Daldine, Jordan 04/13/2002
Frey, Marvin 04/16/2001

Davies, Kaylyn 04/16/2003
Lage, Samantha 04/17/2006
Addair, Sarah 04/17/2003
Larvie, Dakotha 04/18/2003
Driscoll, Gabriel 04/18/2009
Storms, Alyvea 04/19/2011
Kinyon, Keagon 04/19/2007
Pierce-Tracy, Whitney 04/19/2004
Raymont, Darrick 04/19/2003
Kleinert, Dale 04/21/2006
Bohm, Paxton 04/23/2008
Kollar, Alyssa 04/23/2002
Vinyard, Christian 04/24/2007
Wells, Micheal 04/24/2000
Beardsly, Jacob 04/25/2001
Gloria, LallyAnna 04/25/2008
Ludow, Jacob 04/26/2007
Christensen, Lexia 04/26/2001
Brown, Kourtni 04/27/2010
Walsh, Breanna 04/28/2006
Lane, Laila 04/29/2005
Romancky, Hunter 04/30/21007
Romancky, Ryan 04/30/2007

Teacher Birthdays
Renee Larm 04/06

Upcoming Events

By: Gavin Estep
Every Thursday at the Hen House in St. Helen, from 1 p.m. till the supper crowd shows, there will be a knit/crochet group. In this group you knit/crochet for yourself or others. Materials will be provided along with coffee. The starter of this group is P.J. Coldren. Coldren has lived in Saint Helen for fifteen years and has recently retired. She once attended a knitting group in West Branch but needed somewhere closer. If you need to learn to knit/crochet, Coldren can teach you. For more information call 389-4498 or contact Coldren at pjcoldren@tm.net.
April 9- Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts- 7:00pm: Shadows of the 60’s - Tickets @ www.kirtlandcenter.com
Moms to mom sale. Sat., April 30th at the VFW Hall in Roscommon. This event will last from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Reserve a table for \$10, bring your children’s items, sell them, and keep all the profit. Sponsored by Friends Helping Friends Foundation in Roscommon. Call 989-275-6014 for more information.
Ladies Night Out! Come and dance the night away to support the American Cancer Society... Doors open at 7:30 p.m.... Appetizers, cash bar, contest, auction, and even a prom queen competition... DJ music by Party Pam Productions... Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door... Ask about special pricing for group advance sales Order your tickets now! April 30th, 2016 8 p.m.- 11 p.m. at the Houghton Lake Elks Lodge 1982.
National Library Week! From April 10th-16th, Richfield Township Public library plans to have a full week of fun activities. For more information visit Richfield Township Public library or contact the library at library@richfieldtownship.com.
The library is also hosting a toddler Storytime every Friday this spring starting on April 1st. All library activities are free and you don’t need a reservation. You drop-in.
Painting with friends. Spring alive fundraiser at Lk. St. Helen Baptist Church on April 30th. \$30 per person. Tickets are on sale the Hen House in St. Helen. The fundraiser will begin at 1:00 p.m. Contact 989-390-5894 for more information.
The St. Helen Bluegill Festival all you can eat spaghetti dinner fundraiser will be hosted at the Hen House on April 12th from 4-8 p.m. Adults will eat for \$8 and children 12 and under will eat for \$5. Enjoy the spaghetti.
April 15th- 8th/9th grade Spring Formal @ CHA- 6-8pm
April 30- Spring Pop Up Market 10am-2pm @ Found it Resale (805 Lake St. Roscommon)
May 7- Charlton Heston Academy PROM @ Lakeside (old Comfort Suites) in Houghton Lake. Dinner begins at 6:00pm, Dancing 8pm-12am.
May 15- Kirtland Warbler Tours start at Hartwick Pines State Park, Grayling. Kirtland's Warbler tours begin. 7am Monday-Friday, 7am & 11am Saturdays and Sundays. Meet at the Visitor Center classroom before carpooling to the viewing site. Tours are free, Recreation Passport is required for park entry. For more information contact the Michigan Forest Visitor Center at: (989) 348-2537

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Engaged! Ms. Evans



By: Skye Ritchings
Yay! One of the Charlton Heston Academy staff members recently

got engaged, Ms.Alicia Evans! She got engaged on March 12th, in their kitchen just by themselves, so it was sweet and surprising! She is very excited to be engaged. Her fiancé, Guy, and her have been dating for a year and half. She knew there was something special in their relationship. They have an idea for their wedding. Ms. Evans is thinking

about sometime June 2017. All 3 of the kids were excited. They already know what they want to be in the wedding! Her dream wedding is an outside event, next to water with all our friends and family celebrating with us. Of course lots of ideas for decorations and color schemes! I bet they can’t wait to say ‘I Do’!

“Zootopia” a Disney Production



By: Katelin Travelbee
Zootopia is a movie about a bunny that had a dream since she was a little bunny to become a cop and the bunny family thought that bunnies could only be farmers and nothing else. Well this bunny showed them wrong. When she grew up she becomes a cop after working very hard. In the movie she goes and is trying to find out a case of missing animals in Zootopia and why they are going back to their wild state. She meets friends along the way, then some of the friends betrayed her. The 7th graders really liked the movie here is a word from some. Makayla said, “It was really good and amazing. However certain parts made me jump in excitement.” Kaylyn Davies said, “It was a pretty interesting movie and at some parts popcorn rained. I hope there is a second one.”

Spring Time!

By: Kayleigh Pendas
When you hear the word spring what do you think of? “I think of leaves, flowers, and squirrels hibernating,” said Nevan Pace. Well in spring it rains more than usual which means more rainbows. Spring is also when the bees come and pollinate the flowers. Spring is an important season. Dates, equinoxes and solstices can change. Seasons occur because of the tilt of the earth's axis. Depending on who you ask, season's start on different dates in different countries and hemispheres of the Earth.

If you love bright colors, flowers, good smells, starting gardens, and rain, spring is a good season for you. But the downside of spring is pollen... Yes pollen. Pollen gets a lot of people sick. Spring is known as “allergy season” to some. The first day of spring was March 20th, 2016. “My favorite part about spring is when you get to see all of the pretty flowers bloom and it starts to get warmer,” according to Zandra Kenney. So spring is a great transition season from the winter. Without spring farmers would not be able to

grow crops. Also, winter would last a couple months longer so it would just go straight to summer. “My favorite part of spring is there is no snow and I get to do backflips in the front yard,” said Aubrey Evans. Spring time for some is spring cleaning. Why do we spring clean? Spring cleaning allows people to get rid of stuff they have accumulated through the winter and fall months. It’s just a great time to open the windows, let in the fresh air and get rid of things that you don’t need.

Staying Fit at CHA

By: Dakotha Larive
Charlton Heston Academy is getting into shape! Spring is here, which leads to summer. Time to get active! CHA is offering students, staff and parents a taekwondo and yoga class, to be active, if they want. They learn punches, kicks, 3 step sparring, 4 direction punch, combinations, stretches, meditation, and bag whorls. Middle school students, Haley, Skye,

Corrin and Randee are going to Mio for a three on three basketball tournament. They have been practicing with their coach, Zach Miller, for a couple of weeks in preparation for the tournament. Mr. G has been staying after school for running club, with students, who chose to join. In Mrs. Larm’s classroom, after school, staff and teachers are working out. Mrs. Larm said,

“Having someone to hold you accountable on a regular basis helps to improve motivation. That’s what we’re doing, holding each other accountable and working together. We have fun too!” Trying to stay fit is important because it keeps people healthy. Motivation is what gets you started, Habit is what keeps you going.

Gage Well Drilling



By: Natasha Meir
Gage Well Drilling is a business in St. Helen. They drill wells, make repairs and pump services. They also do pump repairs, they pull pumps out and changes them they have been

open over sixty years. They don't only do work in St. Helen they do it for other towns too. They run a crew of four which is Ed Meir, Floyd Meir, Butch Thayer, and Butch Thayer Sr. Ted Thayer is the owner of the busi-

ness. William Gage is the one who opened Gage Well Drilling. They do the St. Helen parade every year. They give out random souvenirs during the parade. Floyd has worked there over 35 years and helps pass on his knowledge to the newest employee, his son, Ed Meir. They don't only do wells, repairs, and pump service they work at businesses. They worked at Charlton Heston Academy. They do a good job because people have said good things about their business.



By: Kayleigh Pendas

For reading month the K-5 grades had a unique schedule every Friday they got to dress up like whatever the schedule had said. The first Friday was a free one and it was one hundredth day, read my shirt day, dress like your favorite book character, cartoon day, and finally beach day. The bigger kids could

participate but it wasn't necessary. There were other events all through March that different classrooms participated in. The K-5 teachers also put on a teacher reading switch-a-roo. Certain teachers would have a certain classroom and they would switch with the "homeroom" teacher and read to their classroom.

Mrs. Larm's class spent the first 15 minutes of every ELA class period doing IDR (Independent Daily Reading). The middle school and high school were in competition for reading the most books. 7th grade came in first place reading about 170 books during March, but as a middle school class, they read over 350 books! Ms. Johnson's high school English class read a total of 505 books in the month of March! Congratulations to the high school on being the winners for the reading month challenge, high school vs. middle school!

By: Haley Jarosz

March 1st 2016 was the day Hen House announced the winners of the 3rd annual Snowman Building Contest. With 1st

place prize at \$100. 2nd place at \$75, and 3rd at \$25. The 2nd place winner was Carisa Ryan with 151 likes. 1st place winner was Haley Jarosz with

183 likes. The voters used Facebook to vote for the picture of the snowman they liked best. All voting was on the Hen House Facebook page.



The High School Addition Update



By: Gavin Estep

At the school of Charlton Heston Academy, there has been a project in progress. The school is building a new high school. This is adding on to the current school with grades Kindergarten - 11th. This addition at its completion will allow the 12th grade into the school and move the Pre-K to our existing building and expand

the school. CHA currently leases the Pre-K building and will no longer have that lease agreement. With this comes even more possibilities. The school is adding another gymnasium and a mechanical room. The addition of a full-size gymnasium will include a suspended track above it. This will also allow more classes and opportunities to the students of Charlton Heston Acad-

emy.

The addition will be about 30,000 sq. ft. This addition will contain eight classrooms and eight more classrooms will be added in the further addition of a full-size gymnasium. Offices will be moved to this addition and grades 7th-12th will be moved as well. The student faculty ratio (the amount of students per teacher) is expected to drop and spread out in order to allow students to concentrate and allow the teachers to help the students in need.

The addition is starting to look like a building. The walls are halfway up, with exposed studs and other wood framing in the classrooms, offices, kitchen, cafeteria, locker rooms and other utility spaces. The dry-

New Food Pantry in St. Helen



By: Corrin Damsen

Scott Marshall, owner of VIP Marketing and Publishing, along with building co-owner Tony Hoffman, donated their building located at 10020 Woodlawn in St. Helen to the We Care Shop. The building will be used for a new food pantry called We Care We Feed. The food pantry is also run by the food com-

mittee that work with John Sutter. The pantry will be open on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 to 2. People can ask for food 1 time a month. However, if there is an additional need the people can speak to John Sutter for more help. Scott has donated his building because his business has outgrown its facility.

Scott said, "I thought I would sell it ,but after John Sutter expressed his interest and community need, it just made sense to give it up for the greater good. I have no doubt that John Sutter and his associates will make great use of the building to help others" John said, "This is a great opportunity for us to improve and grow food distribution to the community where there is always a need. We are very grateful for Tony Hoffman, Scott Marshall and VIP Marketing and Publishing for their generosity and concern for the community." Donations of food and money may be made to the pantry during business hours or by calling John Sutter at 989-808-4655.

Spring Break 2016: Where is CHA going?

For this month's poll the poll the theme was spring break activities. The survey was handed out March 9, 2016. Some students were asked by their homeroom teachers to quote their favorite activity. Vera Crawford said, "I am traveling to Tennessee to visit my

grandpa and see some of my cousins." Joshua Costea said, "I am going to go bike riding without training wheels!" Taking walks and being active is a popular activity as well as hanging out with friends. Somewhere cold isn't very popular but spring

cleaning and spring shopping almost tied. Spending time with family is a mildly popular activity. Blake Bakun said, "I am going to visit my grandparents in Ft. Myers Beach, Florida and we are staying the night on the beach."

The Big Trip: Washington D.C & New York

By: Corrin Damsen

On May 1 to May 6 the high school students will be going on a trip to Washington D.C., and New York. Not all of the high school students will be attending though. The students will meet at Charlton Heston Academy, and will be taking a charter bus to New York City, and Washington DC, along with students from other schools. There will be lots of sightseeing, and the students will be going to see a Broadway show called "Something Rotten". This trip was planned through the foreign exchange program and they had extra seats so that is a main reason why these certain students were chosen. The grades that

will be attending this trip is 11th graders and six 9th graders. Mrs. Jessica Stockmeyer will be the only chaperone. Also the students that will be attending this trip are: Dryden Pierce, Tommy Gertcher, Jay Kim, Patrick Fink, Danielle Marshall, Taya Carothers, and Tabatha Stringha. Dryden Pierce is looking forward to, "All the cool attractions and the little shops in time square." Danielle Marshall is looking forward to "seeing the NBA store and all the big buildings." Taya Carothers said, "I am excited to go and see the monument of Rockefeller." She's also excited to go see all the other monuments.

The students were also chosen to go by the high school teachers, and previous traveling experiences were taken into account. "We hope that the students will have a good time and enjoy their days there. We hope to hear all about it when they come back," said Ms. Bozzo. There will be a lot of sightseeing for the students. There are multiple things they will be seeing such as The White House, World War 2 Memorial, Central Park, The Empire State Building, Statue of Liberty, and China Town. They are also going to have a lot of free time to explore 5th Avenue. Everyone is very excited for the opportunity.

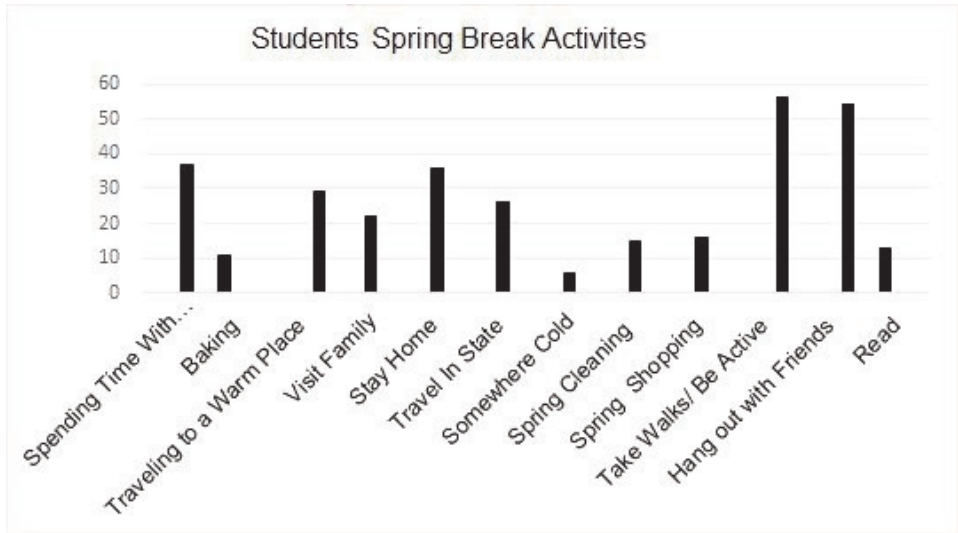
Cursive Writing

By: Corrin Damsen

Do you ever wonder why schools don't teach cursive writing anymore? Here's why. Our government thought it wasn't necessary to have a professional signature. You should at least know your name in cursive so that you can sign your name in a professional manner. Some schools still do

teach cursive writing, but only in elementary. Cursive writing is joined up writing in any style of penmanship. The purpose of cursive writing is to make the writing faster. Technology is becoming very popular. Technology doesn't use cursive writing so the need for reading and writing it is becoming less demand-

ing. Some people say that cursive writing should still be taught because students need to be able to read the handwriting of their elders as well as decipher historical documents as well. Much of our history is written in cursive writing and if you can't read it, you could be missing out!



For the teachers the poll theme was the same, spring break activities. However three teachers over spring break will mostly be working.

The least popular activities were baking, traveling somewhere cold, spring shopping, taking walks and being active, and reading. However teachers like

Ms. Berner are going to be enjoying adult beverages on the beach. Have a Great Spring Break!!

