



# The Patriot Times

*Brought to you by the students of Charlton Heston Academy*

## Students collect water and money for Flint Water Crisis

The high school NHS students decided to put together a Water Drive for the water crisis in Flint, Michigan. Students and staff dedicated their time on Saturday, January 30, 2016 to raise money and collect donations of water bottles. Saturday was a huge suc-

cess and one entire school bus was stuffed with cases of water bottles. The water bottle collection and money donations continued to be accepted through Wednesday, February 3. On Thursday, the NHS students traveled to Flint to tour the University of Michi-

gan Flint and deliver the cases of water to local Flint schools. The money collected during the water drive and the middle school dance (February 5), will be used to purchase filtration systems.



## Spotlight Patriot of the Month



*By: Rebecca Patnode*

Trenton Austin was chosen as Patriot of the Month and he might have a few words to say. Trenton said that he feels good about Patriot of the Month because he thinks he tried his hardest all month to become Patriot of the Month. Trenton also said that he got good grades and was paying

attention in class to become Patriot of the Month. Trenton said, "Teamwork is my favorite value because we all stick together as a team." Trenton also has 4 siblings. Patriot of the month means everything to Trenton because he really likes school. See all of the January Patriots of the Month on page 2.

## High School Addition Update

*By: Gavin Estep*

On the evening of November 10, 2015 the school board decided that afternoon that there would be an addition to the pre-existing Charlton Heston Academy (CHA). This addition would be for the high school students of 9th through 12th grade (12th grade will be added by the completion of the addition). This addition will include: eight classrooms, a cafeteria, a kitchen, bathrooms, office space, locker rooms, a weight room, and a mechanical room. All thanks to CHA's superintendent Dave Patterson and the bid of \$1,392,900, ac-

cepted by Higgins Lake Builders to build the new addition. This money that was bid also goes towards a 2% increase in wage to staff members that have been employed in CHA since Nov. 10th, of 2014.

The construction of the building has begun and is expected to be finished on June 16th of 2016. Once finished, the building will be given a sidewalk and its own parking lot with an additional bid waiting for its finalization.

The building goes unusually slow during school days. The builders and school officials do not intend to interrupt the stu-

dents and staff of CHA. For this school has promised a working environment that fits the student's needs. Though, when students and staff are not at the school, the builders work quick and hard. Trusses are already going up and the building is expected to be framed by the end of February. This will be a great step forward for CHA. This will allow more students into CHA. It will also provide more teachers, jobs, and probably the need for another bus or two.

The Patriot Times will continue the updates on this as the construction continues.



## Snowman Building Contest sponsored by The Hen House

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~Voting will be on FaceBook March 1st to March 5th.

~Have fun... Good luck!

## Love Around Charlton Heston

*By: Skye Ritchings*

Charlton Heston Academy have some engagements, and marriage around. To round out the year of 2015, there was a marriage and an engagement. Our first runner up is Mr. Clark. He recently just got married to Aubreanna Clark. His expectation on getting married was "Just like it is. Having someone at home every night is nice. More dishes and laundry though." Next is Mrs. Larm, she has been married to Trent Larm for 3 years now, (it will be four in

March). They met in high school, they first got together when he was a freshman and when she was a sophomore. Third, we have Mrs. Schneider, her husband is J.C. Schneider. They have been together for 3 years. She thought she was going to get married, but not as young as she did. Fourth, we have Ms. Drouillard, Her fiance is Kevin Adanson. She was so surprised when he proposed; they have been together for a little over three years.

So if you don't

know what to do for Valentine's Day, some loving ideas are: Buy flowers Fill a jar of candy and reasons why you love them Make a meal with symbols of love Bring out an old Jenga set and write the things you are thankful for about your loved one Make some heart candy brownies Those are some ideas for a wonderful Valentine's Day with your loved one. Make sure you have a loveable day!



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President’s Day

By: *Natasha Meir*

President’s Day is an American holiday celebrated on the third Monday in February. Originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington’s Birthday. Washington’s actual day of birth, the holiday became popularly known as President’s Day after it was moved as part of 1971’s uniform Monday Holiday Act, an attempt to create more three day weekends for the nation’s workers. Presidents Day is now used as a day to celebrate all U.S Presidents past and present. The story of President’s Day started in 1800. President’s Day never falls on the birthday of any American President, yet. Four chief executives, George Washington, William Henry Harrison, Abraham Lincoln and Ronald Reagan were born in February, but their birthdays all come either too early or late to occur on Presidents Day, which

is always celebrated on the third Monday of the month. It was not until the late 1870’s that it became a federal holiday. The holiday initially only applied to the District of Columbia, but in 1885, it was expanded to the whole country. This law sought to shift the celebration of several federal holidays from specific dates to a series of predetermined Mondays. It was believed that ensuring holidays always fell on the same weekday would reduce the number of times employees took time off. The main piece of the Uniform Monday Holiday Act passed in 1968 and officially took effect in 1971 following an executive order from President Richard Nixon. This shift in dates had was made clear in the early 2000’s, when more than half the 50 states had changed the holiday’s name to President’s Day on their calendars.

President’s Day is

now popularly seen as a day to recognize the lives and achievements of all of America’s chief executives. President’s Day is traditionally viewed as a time of patriotic celebration and remembrance. In its original incarnation as Washington’s Birthday, the holiday gained special meaning during the difficulties of the Great Depression.

In 1932 the date was used to restore the Purple Heart, a military decoration originally created by George Washington to honor soldiers killed or wounded while serving in the armed forces. A number of states also require that their public schools spend the days leading up to President’s Day teaching students about the accomplishments of the presidents, often with a focus on the lives of Washington and Lincoln. (History.com)

Groundhog Day



By: *Skye Ritchings*

Do you know what holiday arrives on February 2nd? If you don’t know it’s Groundhog Day! Hopefully you all know what that means. A groundhog comes up every February 2nd to see if he sees his shadow or not. If he sees his shadow there are six weeks left of winter, or if he doesn’t see his shadow then spring is around the corner.

It all started in 1887 when people around the world decided to start predicting the weather with an animal. The first animal the Germans started with was a hedgehog. Then the Germans decided to come over to America in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania then people decid-

ed to change the animal from the hedgehog to the groundhog. The club declared that Punxsutawney Phil was the official weather telling groundhog. In 1887 the Punxsutawney Groundhog club declared that Punxsutawney Phil was his official name.

Woodchucks, Groundhogs, Marmota monax; these are the names you can this animal. Groundhogs usually weigh 12 to 15 pounds. This little creature officially gets out of its hole in March, to go find a mate. Groundhogs are the biggest members of the squirrel family. They are excellent climbers and swimmers.

Some interesting facts according to History.com about Groundhog

day are:

1. Phil has seen his shadow 99 times, and predicted spring 15 times (9 unrecorded predictions).
2. A lab has tested that Phil’s predictions of the weather is 39 percent accurate.
3. You know groundhogs only live six to eight years, but they give Phil a special elixir every single summer to live seven years longer.

Groundhog Day may seem boring but it’s really not. Maybe you think that it’s awesome that a groundhog can predict the weather, you all can have different beliefs on this day. If you’re ever around Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, you should go and experience the 2nd of February.

The citizens of Punxsutawney celebrate this day by getting Phil out of his burrow, then they show everyone he is out. Next, the members of the club, which is about fourteen, go and pull out two scrolls, one is six more weeks of winter, or spring is just around the corner. A member of the club named Phil, “talks” to the groundhog and discusses which scroll he will pick. Punxsutawney Phil picks a scroll and one of the members reads it aloud. Last year Punxsutawney Phil predicted six more weeks of winter. Maybe this year spring will be just around the corner.

Valentine's Day's True Origin

By: *Gavin Estep*

Valentine’s Day Today

Valentine’s Day is celebrated February 14th of every year. It is celebrated all across the globe in many countries. It is a time where people exchange cards, gifts, and candies to their “Valentine”. In the eyes of retailers and business owners, money. Billions are spent across the country alone. This isn’t always how Valentine’s Day was. A minority of people truly know the true origin of Valentine’s Day. Valentine’s Day started long ago in the Roman Empire. How Did We Get the Day?

It was 313 A.D.,

Roman Emperor Constantine the Great legalized Christianity and stopped the persecutions. This led to Christianity becoming the official religion of the Roman Emperor. This led to the conversion from Pagan to Christianity. When the Pagan’s converted, they didn’t completely abandon their traditions. One thing they brought with them was Lupercalia.

Lupercalia was a fertility day (later becoming Valentine’s Day). As the Christians took this holiday as their own- calling it St. Valentine’s- the Roman Empire began to fall. This led to the continu-

ation of the holiday and the changing of the traditions.

Our Traditions Today

Now, Valentine’s Day is a day of showing appreciation and care for others. We pass cards and give gifts. We show we care for each other by doing acts of kindness, appreciation and love. For example, notes, cards, flowers, gifts, and sometimes extravagant things. Young children exchange Valentine’s Day cards at school and celebrate with goodies and candy. Today’s Valentine’s Day has changed since its beginning and will continue to change as the decades pass.

January Patriots of the Month

By: *Rebecca Patnode*

Patriot of the month for January is...

Bentley Perez (Pre-K/ VanGorden), Lindsey Smith (Pre-K/Benson), Haley Fritz (Kindergarten/Maxwell), Caden Nelson (Kindergarten/ Rodriquez), Ashlynn Edwardson (1st/ Patrosso), Emma Wylie (1st/Berner), Laely-anna

Gloaria (2nd/Kinney), James Marshall (2nd/ Strickler), Dillon Teed (3rd/Drouillard), Fiona Kimball (3rd/Bell), Camdon Austin (4th/ Schneider), Trinity Autio (4th/Bellinger), Gabe Tarrant (5th/Greaves), Alyssah Schwemle (5th/6th/Janetski), Trenton Austin (6th/Greaves), Darrick Rayment (7th/ Larm), Marshal Damsen

(8th/Lindley), Hayden Wilson (9th-A/ Mozdzen), Sam Jarosz (9th-B/Mozdzen), Anna Young (10th-A/ Canamore), Alisha Hardenburgh (10th-B/ Canamore), Hailey Cooper (11th/Bozzo), Nathaniel DeSnyder (11th/Johnson), Matt Walker (Staff member).



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By: Maddie Huntley

Black History Month is the celebration of African American history, and it is also to honor all African Americans. Black History Month “fires up” many debates of the fairness of a designated month for one race. Also, school closings on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, is a very largely triggered debate. Most schools that are located in areas of more cultural diversity, do not attend school on January

18, of every year in observance of Martin Luther King’s accomplishments and his birthday. Morgan Freeman once said, “I don’t want a Black History Month. Black history is American history.”, which sparks up even more debates on the subject of Black History Month. The month dedicated to African Americans, and their culture, started off as Negro History Week, but later developed into what we know it as to-

day. February has been Black History Month since 1976! In school students are taught about certain African Americans that have made a very large impact, and only touch on the people who have made a small difference. Harriet Tubman is one of the many African Americans that do not get talked about much. As a young child she was sadly a part of slavery. Harriet was whipped many times for not obeying her master. Harriet ran away from the plantation she lived at to free herself. In time Harriet used the Underground Railroad to help free her family and any other slaves she could. Harriet has also been known to be a Union spy during the Civil War.

## Something Positive

By: Kayleigh Pendas

Shimmer like glitter,  
Shine like a star,  
Be crazy,  
Be wild,  
Be who you are.

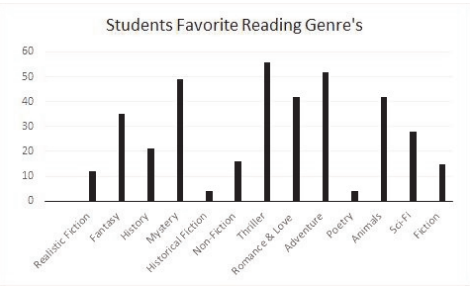
So make mistakes,  
Don’t be plain,  
You're not a shame,  
You are great!

Imagine a boat flowing  
coke,  
Hurry, hurry let’s go to  
Rome,  
Don’t forget the rope,  
Let’s go!!  
Let your creativity flow,  
You are screaming,  
Lights are beam-  
ing,

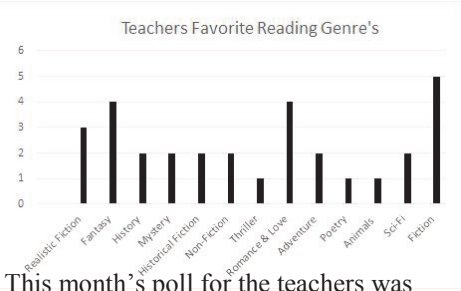
You have pride,  
Run inside,  
You left your phone,  
Oh no! There’s nowhere  
to go!  
The boat is sinking,  
You are screaming,  
Oh what a scare,  
Imagination and creation  
can take you anywhere!!

## Monthly Polls

By: Kayleigh Pendas



For the month of January, the survey theme was favorite reading genres. The survey was handed out on January 8th. A total of 361 students voted out of 517 (including preschoolers). The most favorite reading genre was thriller. Romance/Love and Animals both tied. Historical Fiction and Poetry tied as well they both had four.



This month’s poll for the teachers was favorite reading genres as well. A total of 30 teachers voted. (Mr. Canamore voted for all of the genres). The teachers that did not vote just got put into the general Fiction vote. Fiction was the most liked reading genre, and it came in with 5 votes!! Thriller, Poetry, and Animals all three tied.

## Preschool Power



Addison Pendas

By: Rebecca Patnode and Kayleigh Pendas

Addison Pendas has preschool power. She is 4 and her birthday is on August, 17. She has 2 brothers and 2 sisters. Her to sister’s names are Brook-lyne and Kayleigh. Addisons 2 brothers are Andrue and Hunter. Addison likes being a younger sister because she has a big sister to count on and help her learn to do good things when she grows up. Addison’s mom’s name is Jasmine and her stepdad's name is James.

Addison’s favorite thing to do with her family is to go sledding in the winter and she also likes to go on picnics in the summer. She has a couple of pets. Jenna is a terrier boxer mix. Her other pet’s name is Riker, a boxer cane-corso mix. The last puppy is a chocolate lab and pit-bull named Zeus. On Addison's last birthday she had her tonsils taken out and had an ice cream picnic.

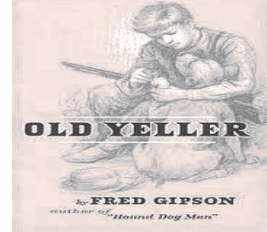
## February Birthdays

By: Corrin Damsen

Kimbal, Fiona 02/01  
Kirsch, Gweneth 02/02  
Miller, Dakota 02/03  
Damsen, Corrin 02/04  
Eisele, Michael 02/05  
Green, Haley 02/05  
Romps, Keena 02/05  
Wilbur, Jaquoub 02/06  
Delvalle, Julian 02/08  
Perryman, Brooke 02/10  
Heavner, Maliki 02/11  
Kleinert, Nellie 02/11  
McDaniel, Bryce 02/11  
Hardenburgh, Garrett 02/13  
Galbraith, Pearl 02/13  
McCorry, Rayna 02/15  
Klienert, Alexis 02/17

Tapia, Jaquoub 02/18  
Spry, Kenneth 02/18  
Pace, Nevan 02/18  
Benson, Kaylie 02/21  
Richardson, Lucas 02/21  
Kicknosway, Makayla 02/22  
Spear,Riley 02/22  
Dodson, Jevon 02/22  
Kimball, Faith 02/23  
Ciaramitaro,Jozlyn 02/24  
Peirce, Dryden 02/24  
St. Louise, Jacob 02/25  
McDaniel, Makayla 02/25  
Patnode, Hannah 02/26  
Bakun, Blake 02/27  
Swietyniowski, Lucas, 02/28  
Damsen, Miranda 02/28

## Book Review: Old Yeller



By: Katelin Travelbee

This is a book review on a book named Old Yeller, written by Fred Gipson. This book was released on December 25, 1957. Old

Yeller is about a dog named Old Yeller that goes to a wonderful family fie including a father- Jim Coats, a mother- Katie Coats, and two sons- Travis Coats and Arliss Coats. While Jim is out on a cattle drive, Katie, Travis, and Arliss are left to look after their Texas Ranch. When a stray dog comes and eats their meat, Travis tries to drive him away. The dog, that they named Old Yeller, ends up

saving Arliss from a bear attack. As Travis and the brave, faithful dog grow closer, a concern increases about an outbreak of rabies in Texas. A tragic event brings them apart. If you have never read the book you should. It is a favored classic. I love this book mainly because the dog and the boy relationship and the storyline, even though it is a really sad book at times.

## Upcoming Events & Activities

By: Garrett Hardenburgh

PTO  
3-5th grade Field Trip Sponsored By the PTO  
2/7-11 Book Fair @ Richfield Township Library  
2/10 Cake Walk  
6:00-8:00 @ CHA  
0.25 cents per Game  
2/2 PTO Meeting  
6:30 @ CHA in the cafeteria  
Week of 2/8 Chocolate Rose Sale  
Hoodie Sale in March  
Little Caesar's Fundraiser Ends Mid-February  
CHA did not reach food drive goal. However, we have earned 602 cans and food boxes to donate. Ladies Auxiliary of St. Helen donated 176 cans and boxes.  
Mitten Tree still up, PLEASE DONATE!  
CHA  
The High School Boy’s Basketball  
• Feb 18th vs. Grayling @ Grayling High School  
The Girls High School Basketball  
Feb 16th vs. Grayling @ Grayling High School  
Middle School Boys & Girls Basketball  
Feb 1 vs Grayling @ 5:00pm  
Feb 7 at Mio league @ Mio  
CHA Bowling

Date	Center	Host School	Boys
Girls			
Feb. 6	@ Arenac Lanes	Standish-Sterling HS	11:00
2:00			
Feb. 6	@ Village Lanes	Alcona HS	10:00-1:00-
4:00			
Feb. 13	@ Hi Skore Lanes	CHA	2:00
11:00			
Feb. 20	@ Monitor Lanes	SINGLES TOURNAMENT	2:00
2:00			

Community Events  
2/1 Winter in St. Helen Medallion Hunt  
Ends When Found  
2/7 Annual Ice Fishing Contest Ends  
2/8- 2/12 - Stop In at the Richfield Township Library  
Create a Valentines Card for a Local Veteran and Nursing Home Residents @ Richfield Township Library  
Paper, Glue, Glitter, Stickers, and Ribbon all Provided  
\*Cards will be distributed to Horizon Senior Living Center and Local Veterans  
2/13 Valentine’s Banquet & Auction Fundraiser  
Limited Number of Tickets-Get Yours Now  
2/13 Men’s Ministry Fundraiser for a Storage Shed at the Faith Alive Church  
2/13 Snowpackers Annual Snow Run  
2/21 Bluegill Festival Committee @ 12:30pm  
All you can eat pizza and salad.  
\$8.50 for ages 12 and up  
\$4.00 for kids 12 and under  
Mini-race and plenty fun games  
Hot Reads for Cold Nights- winter reading program for teens and adults  
@ the Richfield Township Library  
Complete the specially designed Bingo Cards  
Month of January, February, and March (ends March 26th)  
Be entered into a weekly and monthly drawings for mugs, bags, and other goodies.  
3/8 Presidential Primary Election (Michigan)

## Sorting Ceremony Announcement



By: Garret Hardenburgh

Ms. Bellinger’s class, the fourth grade, has reached the time for the fourth annual Sorting Ceremony. After the sorting, they will start reading the first book in the Harry Potter Series called The Sorcerer's Stone. The Sorting Ceremony was originally started by Mr. Flip during the 2013-2014 school year, for the 8th grade ELA class. As summer crept on him, Ms. Johnson decided that she would like to help Mr. Flip with the whole Harry Potter unit. Sadly, Mr. Flip had to move, and quit his job as a teacher. After he left, Ms. Johnson kept the spirit alive and decided to take over the Sorting Ceremony full time. The Sorting Ceremony is when all new initiates to Hogwarts are sorted to their group, or house. There are four houses, Gryffindor, Slytherin,

Ravenclaw, and Hufflepuff. The students of Gryffindor very courageous, and most become valiant heroes. The students of Slytherin have great ambition, are manipulative, cunning, and have great determination. Those chosen for Ravenclaw are witty, smart, slick, creative, and have a desire for learning. However, those chosen for Hufflepuff are caring, always emotional, loyal, honest, and very patient.Cameron Austin, Remy Bailey, Dale Kleinert, Michael Maxwell, Dakota Miller, and Cheyenne Story. There were six students placed in the Gryffindor house, their names are Cheyenne Story, Dale Kleinert, Remy Bailey, Dakota Miller, Michael Maxwell and Cameron Austin. The students placed in the Slytherin house are Brian Ad-dair, Kevin Dubois, Angelo Delvalle, Elliott Hardenburgh, Thomas Kucharczyk, and Joanie Luckey. The members of the Ravenclaw are Rory Bailey, Mercedes Beach, Taylor Green,

Brianna Kitchen, and Xavier Virtue. Finally, for the Hufflepuff house, the six students are Trinity Autio, Col-ton Barror, Gwen Kirsch, Keaton Mater, Dominac Williams, and Leland Autio. Leland Autio is a fourth grader who was sorted into the Hufflepuff House. “I feel very good,” said Leland, “But I’d rather be in Gryffindor just the same. But I’m glad I am an emotional person.” After the announce-ment, it was time for each of the four houses to compete to gain their first house points. The four houses were told to each make a poster bearing their house animal, and then they had to present the poster. The Hufflepuff House won first prize for twenty points, not only for their poster, but two fourth graders took charge and presented it themselves. They did not have the high schoolers present it for them. Colton Barror and Leland Au-tio explained what it means to be a Hufflepuff, and they were creative about it. Like they say, CREA-TIVITY IS KEY!



AROUND THE HALLS

Connor Donald



By: Rebecca Patnode  
Hey, Hey, Hey have you heard about Connor Donald? He thinks that Charlton Heston Academy (CHA) is going great for him so far this year. Connor wants to be a Computer Specialist when he grows up. Connor first came to this school in 2014/2015. Connor Donald is nine years old. Connor likes

to play football in the summer and likes to play snowball fights with his family and friends in the winter. According to Connor, Mrs. Schneider is the best teacher he could ever have because she is fun. Connor loves math because he loves working with numbers. Connor loves to be creative.

Mrs. Mozdzen



Mozdzen is twenty seven years old. The high school she graduated from was Heritage High School in Saginaw. She attended and graduated from Saginaw Valley State University. She took six years of college and has two degrees. She has her Associates of Science and Bachelors of Science. Also she has her teaching certificate. Also she is able to teach math 6-12 grade and biology 6-12 grade and she is working

on her master's degree. A few of her hobbies are cooking, camping, reading and she's starting to like running. She wanted to teach at Charlton Heston Academy because of the philosophy of the school. She decided to teach math because it's challenging. She will be married for one year in April 2016. She has been teaching at Charlton Heston Academy for three years. She has two sisters, Karly and Madison. Also if she wasn't a math teacher she would be an eye doctor.

Blake Bakun

By: Dakota Larive  
Blake Bakun was a former student at Houghton Lake with his older and younger brother. Of course now he attends Charlton Heston Academy in seventh grade. Blake has always found

salmon delectable. His favorite color is blue. A future career choice he can see for himself in is becoming a lawyer because he enjoys proving he is right and arguing. Also, he is interested in watching soccer, yet he

doesn't play the sport. Out of the differences between Houghton Lake schools and CHA, Blake would consider the teachers an improvement.

Mr. Lindley



By: Haley Jarosz  
Middle school math teacher Mr. Lindley started teaching in 2014. He is also the JV girls basketball coach. On a scale of 1-10 Mr. Lindley says that he would rate this job a 5 on how stressful it is. He is usually at the school until 7 or 8pm preparing for the next day and grading papers. He said the best part of teaching is the students he works with and his colleagues. He went to Concordia University in Ann Arbor and graduated in 2013. Mr. Lindley is a Mathematics major and has a degree in Elementary Education. He can teach every subject from kindergarten- 8th grade. His hobbies include baseball, watching movies and sports.

Sports Update

Information gathered by: Danyen Trudeau  
Girls Basketball

The High School girl's basketball team has played two games since the beginning of their season. Unfortunately, both games resulted in a loss. The girls versed Brethren and Grayling. Danielle Marshall said, "In our first game [versus Grayling] we were really aggressive. We got a lot of compliments for our hard work and great effort." During the first game versus Grayling game on January 18th, the girls fought a tough battle with an ending score with Grayling taking the win. Felicity Kimbal is a point guard for CHA said she enjoys basketball. She believes her team needs to focus and keep their heads in the game in order to get better.

Middle School Basketball  
The middle school

boys and girls teams have been participating in the Mio League on Sunday's at the McGregor Athletic Complex. CHA plays 1-2 games per Sunday versus Oscoda, Mio, Fairview, West Branch Juarez, and Hodgins. Coach Lindley said, "Our hard work and dedication has proven to pay off. The girls show great sportsmanship and effort during practice and games. Even though the wins haven't come, the team chemistry is always effectively positive." 7th grade advisor Renée Larm said, "I watched the girls play in Grayling and I was very pleased with their attitude during and after the game. They kept a positive outlook during the game and congratulated everyone on their efforts. They make me proud!" Coach Josh Alden said, "It's been a tough season so far but the boys have played really

hard. We are working a lot on fundamentals and learning the basics of the game. Our strengths are having fun and just playing basketball." Alden also stated that the team shows a lot of commitment and knows where to put their focus. They don't worry about the team they play or what the scoreboard says, "We just make sure that we are making improvements on the court," said Alden. Marshal Damsen is a small forward and starter for the middle school team. Marshal said, "In our last game [Sunday, January 31] we all played pretty good. I think as a team we need to work on our passing, boxing out and our defense." The girls and boys will play their last games of the season on Sunday, February 7th in Mio at 8:00am.



By: Nellie Kleinert  
The Spotlight Artists are from the fifth/sixth split and they are Abby and Kelsey. They like to draw animals. In art they learned Chinese Calligraphy and Silhouettes. The

part of the silhouettes Kelsey liked was designing the background and making it look like the home or biome the animal or organism they choose to do. Abby liked choosing the visual

resource. The project that Kelsey liked was the silhouettes and Abby liked all of them. Kelsey likes art because she thinks that drawing allows her to express her feelings. Abby likes to draw



Ms. Kinney's 2nd Grade Classroom



By: Sofia Dubois  
Ms. Kinney's 2nd grade class did an experiment called, The Scientific Method. The first step in this experiment was to use a dropper the class were given for the experiment, and drop water on to a penny while drawing what it looked like. Then the class used the dropper and added ten more drops and drew what it looked like. Next, the class draw what they see at the top of the penny, then they draw what they see on the

side of the penny. Then they used a magnifying glass to view the penny closer and see if held the drops of water. Next, they put droplets of water on the penny to see how much it would hold, then they flipped the penny over to the "tails" side of the penny and tested to see how many drops of water it would hold. They also answered questions about the experiment. One of the questions asked was, would nickels, dimes, or quarters hold simi-

lar amount of water. Marley Douglas and Wyatt Mason from Ms. Kinney's class said their favorite part of the experiment was using the dropper to drop water on the penny. Morgan Ketchpaw and Paige Falutz said that that it was exciting and that it was their first experiment. Hadassah Heintz and Emersyn Williams said that they think other kids would like it because it's fun and they like to do the experiment.

Ms. Johnson English 11

By: Haley Jarosz  
Ms. Johnson's 11th grade English class did an activity on the book The Lord of The Flies. The book is about a plane crash on an uncharted island strand-

ing a group of school-boys. The stranded boys have to create a government and rules in order to survive. Without, there will be conflict. The activity Ms. Johnson had them

do was 3 questions based on what they were reading. She had the students work with their table groups. Readers switched back and forth reading different characters.