



The Patriot Times

Brought to you by the students of Charlton Heston Academy

PTO Pumpkin Junkin'



On Thursday, October 15, Charlton Heston's P.T.O put together the first family fun night of the year. Family members joined in the cafeteria at CHA to paint and decorate pumpkins. All ages of students attended with their family members for an evening of fun. Tracy Cruz mentioned that there were over 110 pumpkins sold. A wide range of pumpkins were created based on what materials each person wanted to decorate their pumpkin with. Tracy Cruz posted on the PTO Facebook

page describing the evening, "Standing room only, new faces, and familiar faces all had smiles." A big thank you to those who helped- Varsity cheerleaders and football team, Heather Bozzo, Mr. Bob, and Ashley Van Gorden along with many more parents and community members.

Spotlight Patriot of the Month



Tyler Garcia was chosen as Charlton Heston Academy's

Spotlight Patriot of the Month. Tyler is 15 years, turning 16 on November 10th. Tyler uses the CHA Values in school and outside of school to better himself every day. Tyler said, "[my favorite value is] grit. It brings you up and betters yourself." His favorite class is ELA and Science because he loves both of his teachers, Ms. Johnson and Mr. C. He also

likes that his teachers love him as well!

Tyler's favorite school memory so far is "every day, because you get a new best memory every day!"

Tyler recently got his permit to drive and he loves it. "My favorite part of driving is hearing the roar of the engine," said Tyler. Tyler's favorite animal is a sloth and he loves to drink H2O.

For the full roster of October Patriot's of the Month see page 6

HOMECOMING 2015

Spirit Week

By: Chyenne Parks, Damyen Trudeau and Corrin Damsen

We all know Spirit Week is fun, it's the one week we get to let loose. All students had a blast dressing down to the themed days during the week of Sept 28- Oct 2. Mrs. Larm's favorite day was Mismatch Day because she has a lot of crazy patterns and prints in her clothing. Renee Larm stated, "I always think we [the staff and students] can be more spirited, but there was a lot of very good outfits this year! Students kept it appropriate, which is always great."

Spirit Week started off on Monday, Pajama Day. Everyone

looked so cozy as if they were going to snuggle up and go to bed, the best way to start spirit week off. Tuesday was Sports Day. Everyone dressed in support of their favorite sports team. Wednesday was Neon Day. Students and staff wore bright colors of all kinds. Thursday was Mismatch Day when students and staff dressed in crazy patterns and prints. The goal was to have no matching outfits! CHA ended the week with Friday, Patriot Pride Day. Red, white, and blue flooded throughout the school to support our home team, the Charlton Heston Patriots. Ms. Johnson was

one of the staff members involved in creating the spirit week festivities. Mrs. Johnson described what it takes to put together a spirit week. She said, "We have students pick the day, and what theme they want on the day." She also said, "We have a lot of activities to pick from, and they [the students] also have to plan the homecoming dance but don't forget the varsity cheerleader dance too."

The people that put together a spirit week for the students do a lot more than show up and have fun. Lots of time and planning goes into a really fun week at school.



The Game



By: Kendra Eversole and McKenzie Howe

The Patriot's varsity football team lead to the big win on October 2nd, 2015. This was the patriots first ever Homecoming game that was at our home field in Grayling. The Patriots used what they have been working on at practice and put it into the game. "It is a great feeling. It is just so much joy that I have never felt before," said Zach Allan, captain of the varsity

team. The Patriots use a variety of skills such as "quickness, agility, foot speed, strength, knowledge of the game, and heart," said Coach Huntley. Many players fall right to the ground, but they get right back up to finish the game. "It is really amazing, everyone is so happy,"

says Anthony Peters, also captain of the varsity team.

During the football game CHA had their first Homecoming court. The prince and princess for freshman were Noah Tapia and Erin Brindley. The prince and princess for sophomores were Randy Henges and Faith Kimball. The prince and princess for junior class were Nathaniel DeSnyder and Lexi Chapman. The court nominees walked

to center field at halftime with their family members to be recognized.

During halftime, after homecoming court, the cheerleaders performed a dance routine. As they performed the dance the crowd was cheering. They did a mix of popular songs including "Going Down For Real", "Shut Up And Dance", and "Runaway". The performance was a cheer routine combined with a dance. When the cheerleaders did the dance they really got into it making it exciting for the crowd to watch.

As the Patriots wrap up their 2015 season, they played their last game in Posen, MI on Saturday, October 24. Wrapping up with a loss, the Patriots broke records this year with two total wins. The Patriots record this season is 2-6.

The Dance

By: Chyenne Parks, Corrin Damsen and Damyen Trudeau
Students at Charlton Heston Academy know that spirit week is in celebration of the Homecoming game. However, the celebration doesn't stop when the buzzer ends the game. After the game there was the Homecoming Dance that the high school students have been waiting for. It was Friday, and the high schoolers couldn't wait until the night of the dance.

Heather Bozzo, the dance coordinator, remembers her experience at homecoming when she was in high school. "I remember hanging out with my friends, and I hope the kids have that

[experience] too." Ms. Bozzo has put a lot of passion into the Homecoming dance. Ms. Bozzo said, "This is the 3rd year of homecoming. We did it the second year because of the football game." Bozzo's favorite part of being with the kids was "...the pep assembly, but seeing the kids dressed up was great too."

Homecoming night is one that students are supposed to remember for years to come. Being at a small school can make those nights unforgettable. The dance is a time for students to let loose and have a blast with their peers. The high schoolers know that they will never forget that night because it

was like a magical moment for them, and the teachers as well. Bozzo stated, "...[at the dance] I had just as much fun as I did with my students, and I didn't feel like I was chaperoning, but as a teacher is feels a little different [being there at the dance with the students]."

Now that another year of Homecoming has come and gone, the high school students have even more to look forward to next year. Homecoming events continue to grow and improve each year. Number four can only bring good things and great memories for the senior class next year.

** Lessons Learned **

Ms. Stricklers Centers of Fun

By: *Kayleigh Pendas*
On October 12th, Ms. Strickler's class was doing math centers. Not just any math centers, really FUN math centers. Kiara Moss said, "Math is my favorite subject." Ms. Strickler had a

group that learned the near doubles strategy and also, had groups that did different games. The groups had four or five people each. Ms. Strickler had great ideas for the games. These games were fun and educa-

tional which is really great! I could tell the students loved these math groups!
Thank you Ms. Strickler for putting together all of these groups. Overall it was a great experience, these are definitely fun games!

The Five Values of Charlton Heston Academy

By: *Nellie Kleinert*
Charlton Heston Academy adopted five core values this year: excellence, grit, love, community, and teamwork. Excellence was chosen to represent that students and staff excel in school and life. Grit means mental toughness and courage. Grit was chosen to demonstrate that everyone can overcome challenges. This word is similar to perseverance. CHA also adopted the value of love to remind us that we care about everyone. Also, community was chosen to prove that we extend our roots into our community. Finally, team-

work to show that you have to work together to achieve success. These words were determined based on a few factors. Some were pulled from the mission statement we currently have while others were suggested by members of the school board (Mr. Church, Mr. Patterson, and Mr. Sarsfield). Finally, everyone agreed on the five we have throughout our school today. According to Mr. Sarsfield, most of the best schools that he visited established values that are understood by all stakeholders (staff, students, parents, and community members).

It allows all common language when discussing expectations. Board members, administrators, teachers, students, and parents can use the values to address challenges and to celebrate successes. Mr. Church, Mr. Sarsfield, and Mr. Patterson felt the five words together best symbolize what our school is all about. If you visit CHA you can find the values throughout the hallways and posted in the classrooms. Teachers are working hard to encourage students to use the values at school and home.



Mrs. Greaves Number Forms

By: *Dakotha Larive*
The parents and the community want to know what's going on in the classrooms at Charlton Heston Academy. In Mrs. Greaves fifth grade classroom, the students are learn-

ing about expanded and standard forms of numbers. Standard form is when you write a very large or very small number easily such as 163 written as is. Expanded form is writing a

number to show the value of each digit. For example, the number 163 is written in expanded form as 1(100)+6(10)+3(1). The kids work together in pairs of two, to show grit and get their work done.

Thanksgiving Day

By: *Carissa Ryan*
Have you ever heard the story of how Thanksgiving started? According to History.com, in 1621, the Plymouth Colonists and the Wampanoag Indians had a feast in the fall known as Thanksgiving. It was-

n't until 1863 when President Lincoln made Thanksgiving a National Holiday to be held every November. The Pilgrims had no oven and the Mayflower's sugar supply had gone down by the fall of 1621. The meal did not feature pies,

cakes or other desserts, which have become a celebration. Instead, the colonists and Indians feasted on turkey. Thanksgiving happens once a year, the last Thursday in November.

Density Fun - Discovering Densities Core

By: *Gavin Estep*
Introducing Density
Density is a basic physical property of matter. It is a measure of the amount of matter in a given space. Density is not something size, shape, or weight. It is unique for that reason. The value of a pure substance's density at a particular temperature and pressure is constant- never changes! A solids density can be determined by dividing an object's mass and volume. The units for a solid's density are expressed by g/mL (grams per milliliter). A liquid's density is determined by the formula:
 $p = \frac{m}{v}$
{p=density, m=mass, v=volume of fluid, p_g=density of body}

Archimedes
Charlton Heston
Academy's 11th grade is working on density in their junior chemistry class. To understand density 11th grade learned of Archimedes. Archimedes believed that the wreath of Hierro the second was not pure gold as it should be, that the blacksmith had replaced some gold with silver. Later, Archimedes happened to go to his bath, and when he got into the tub and observed, the more his body sank the more water ran over the tub. Seeing this he jumped out of the tub and ran home naked shouting the Greek word, Eureka, meaning: I have found it. Archimedes had found density! Using density, Archimedes could determine whether the wreath was pure gold

or not using the solid density formula in the paragraph above.
The Lab
This lab is hands on and is meant to teach those who need hands on learning. 11th grade measured the density of many objects including: cubes, coins, screws, etc. The class used beakers and graduated cylinders to measure these items. The final question was about a tub in the front of the classroom; there was two bottles in the tub, one Pepsi, and the other Diet Pepsi. Students had to determine why Diet Pepsi floated and Pepsi sank. The answer was that Diet Pepsi has no sugar while Pepsi has sugar that makes the Pepsi denser, therefore Pepsi sinks while Diet Pepsi floats.

Thanksgiving Fun



By: *Vera Crawford and Nevan Pace*
For some fun with your kids try some arts and crafts.
Materials: Pine Cones, Leaves, Glue, Glitter, String and a Needle.
Steps:
1: For this part of the project you take your pine cone and some Elmer's glue. Then, put the Elmer's glue all over your pine cone or leaf.
2: Then sprinkle glitter all over the pine cone/leaf.
3: Then if you have a leaf use a needle and string to make a tiny hole for the string. The string will make it so the leaf will hang. With pine cones, you just tie a string around the end.
This craft idea came from Grandpa David Crawford

Something Positive

By: *Chyenne Parks*
"Look in the mirror because you're beautiful and handsome. Don't let people's negative thoughts stick in your head!"

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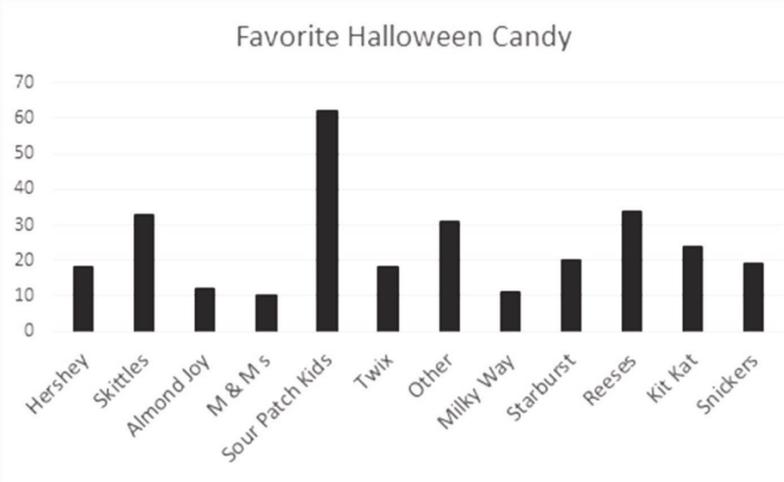
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Hey Kids, be part of our
No Cavities Club

Favorite Halloween Candy

By: Kayleigh Pendas

A survey was sent out to classrooms the week of October 12th. The results show that 292 students out of 517 students responded, including preschoolers. This chart represents the student's favorite Halloween candy. 62 students voted for Sour Patch Kids It was the favorite. M&M's was the least favorite along with Milky-way and Almond Joy.



Upcoming Events

By: Makayla Graham, Dalton Miller and Zak Spicer

PTO Upcoming Events

Canned Food Challenge @ CHA
Drop of canned food at CHA or send with students!
Boxtop and label competition begins in October and runs through December until Christmas Break- send Box Tops with students! (see ad)
CHA Sweatshirt delivery mid-November
Popcorn sales 11/6
PTO meeting - 11/3 @ CHA - 6:30pm
CHA Upcoming Events

Boys and Girls Bowling
Varsity and Junior High Basketball Begins
Both sports will have more information closer to the start date
CHA family Portrait Night Thursday, November 19th 5:30pm - 7:30pm
Richfield Township Library Upcoming Events
Toddlers Times 10:00 am - Books featured: Nov. 6 - The book "Wiggle" will be read on Nov. 20 - "Thanksgiving at Our House" - Leaf craft included

In honor of Veteran's Day (Nov. 11) - doughnuts and coffee for our Veterans
Community Upcoming Events
Thanksgiving Day Dinner at the St. Helen VFW - 11/26 Thursday 3:00pm - 6:00pm
Bluegill Committee Dinner Theatre - November 7th at the American Legion \$20 includes dinner and show- contact Pam Scott for more details at the Richfield Township Hall
Commodities - Monday, November 23 - Township Hall - 10am - 11:30am

NWEA Testing

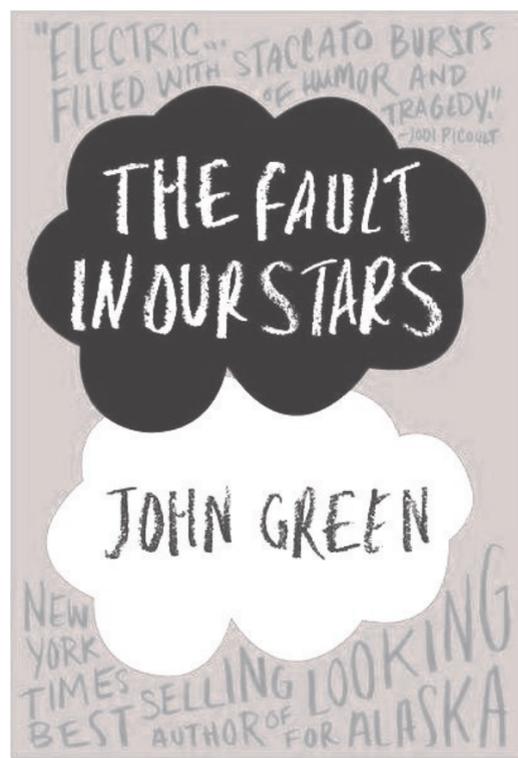
By: Pearl Galbraith and Natasha Meir

NWEA MAP is a standardized testing program. It stands for North West Elevation Association Measure of Academic Progress. According to the NWEA website "the RIT scale requires a consistent precise tool that would provide accurate measurement of each students' academic growth."
CHA used Performance Series Scantron testing previously to assess our students' academic growth. The school switched testing programs to keep up with the ever changing testing programs. NWEA was recently re-evaluated and improved in 2015. With the new improvements, NWEA can give more accurate data. MAP scores show the students'

progress based on where they started at the beginning of the year. It shows individual based scores as well as where the student falls among their peers nationwide academically.
Ms. LaPorte is the supervisor for NWEA testing. She is responsible for administering the tests. "I don't think that the students will know a difference when testing," said LaPorte regarding the recent switch in testing programs. LaPorte also explained how NWEA works. "It is a resource that is based off of data driven assessments that supports teaching and learning. The scores are used for the teachers to support how the teachers teach and how we are learning."
Students in Mrs. Greaves class volun-

teered to give their opinion about NWEA. The first one is Joseph Carlington. The other one is Brianna Thomas. Joseph said, "[NWEA] was hard but easy." Joseph liked NWEA more because it was not as confusing as Scantron. Joseph said, "My class did good as a team but maybe could of done better."
Another student, Brianna Thomas, from Mrs. Greaves' fifth grade class said, "Scantron and NWEA are similar because some of the questions are the same, but some are different." Brianna said, "That the NWEA was setup better than the scantron. I think that my class did good because they do good in school, but we need to work on are behavior."

Book Review: The Fault in our Stars



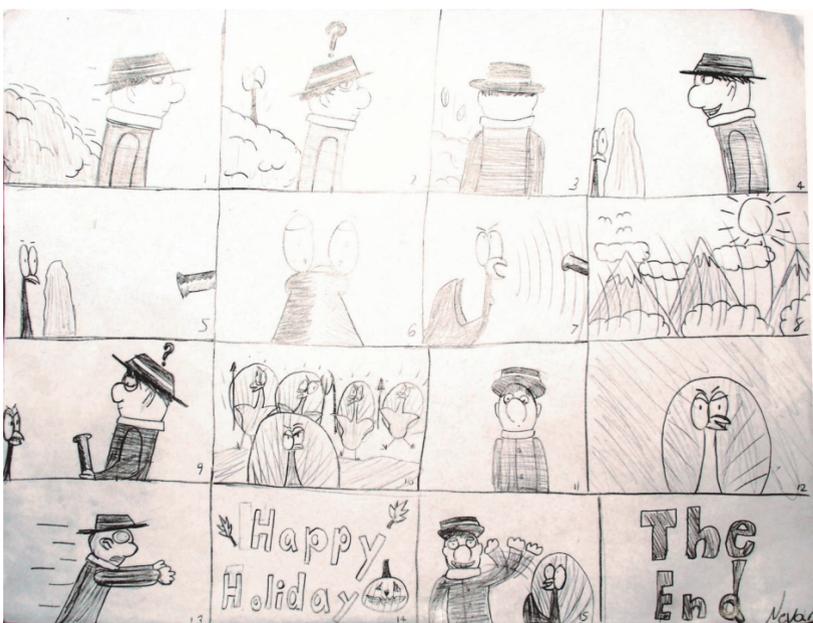
By: Katelin Travelbee
The book The Fault in Our Stars by John Green is a good book, in my opinion. The book is about a 16 year old girl named Hazel Grace. She has a tumor in her lungs and lung cancer that makes it so she can't breathe well. She has to carry an oxygen tank around everywhere. She goes

to a cancer group for people fighting cancer or people who have fought cancer before.
At group one day, someone new came into the group. His name is Augustus Waters and he came in at a friend's request, his friend's name is Issac. Augustus has had Osteosarcoma, bone cancer, before. When Ha-

zel and Augustus meet they feel like they are perfect for each other and will be together for ever and ever. The relationship was a good one, even when Augustus got diagnosed with cancer in his whole body.
Hazel and Augustus went to meet her favorite author. Augustus didn't tell her that he got diagnosed until they were done with the trip. Hazel stays with Augustus and helps him and his parents. While this going on, Issac is dealing with his own type of tragedy.
My favorite thing about The Fault in Our Stars is the character interactions. I really liked that the two main characters accepted each other for who they are regardless of what they were going through. If you haven't read the book yet, you really should.



THE THANKSGIVING TURKEY



Thanksgiving

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HISTORY

Class Pets

By: *Dakotha Larive & Kaylyn Davies*

Did you know, there are animals in three classes at Charlton Heston Academy? In Mrs. Larm's class there are 12 pets. She has two guinea pigs, G and Poof. She also has a 55 gallon fish tank that has a turtle named Spike, a baby Bluegill, and two goldfish, named Molly and Rainbow-Marshmallow. Also, an algae eater named Olaf helps keep the tank clean. Don't for-

get the four tadpoles that will soon grow into frogs! The second class is Mr. Greaves. He has four baby bluegills and eight tadpoles. The third class, Mr. C's, has a hamster named Bacon and an African Dwarf Frog named Romeo. The very last class, Mrs. Greaves, has a Beta fish, named Sassy Khakis.

It is very important for schools to involve animals in student's lives because it gives responsibility and re-

spect. Caring for animals in the classrooms can help teach any subject. For example, how much does a guinea pig weigh? Or where does a guinea pig come from. If there are animals involved with students learning, it shows that kids will want to learn more enthusiastically. Also, boys do not often get the chance to practice nurturing skills as girls do (www.petsintheclassroom.org).



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Larm's Turtle and fish



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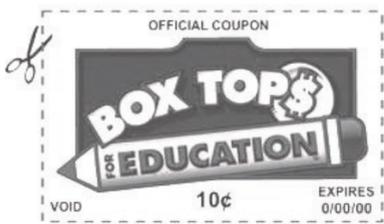
Mr. Greaves tadpoles



Mr. C's hamster, Bacon

PTO LABEL CONTEST

Save these labels



to help your school

Bring in these important Labels and support CHA'S PTO and events!

Color against color from NOW until December 18th! Matching (to shirts) colored drop boxes will be in the front of the school for you or students to drop off labels!!

Teams are Blue, Red, white White and Black will work together.

A count will be done during Thanksgiving break to announce who is in the lead!

Winning color will be announced after Winter break and will receive a ice cream party!

Good luck! Look for collection boxes soon! Boxtop collection sheets will be available in front of the PTO window.

Patriot of the Month explained

By: *Haley Jarosz and Nellie Kleinert*

The Patriot of the Month is a person who is the best at showing the five CHA values. The five values are love, girt, community, teamwork, and excellence. The teachers are responsible for choosing students that best fit the criteria. The students nominated as

Patriot of the Month for October are: Addison Vick, Ema Bailey, Eton Huntley, Brooklyn Pendas, Brock Lamie, Michael Fritz, Abby Kitchen, Emerson Willams, Ava Lamie, Marteena Tarrant, Ryan Patterson, Taylor Green, Sierra Gamez, Laila Lane, Corrin Damsen, Rande Gage, DJ Sting-

ham, Robbie Bidol, Michael Wells, Tyler Garcia, and by staff nomination, Mr. Clark. These students have in some way represented what it looks like to be a Charlton Heston Academy Patriot. If you see any of these students, please congratulate them on their excellence as students.

November Birthdays

Compiled by Katelin Travelbee

Wilson, Hayden 11-01-2001
 Banning, Macy 11-04-2010
 Duvall, Xander 11-04-2010
 Gram, Makayla 11-04-2003
 Parks, Chyenne 11-04-2002
 Patnode, Rebecca 11-04-2003
 Schewemle, Alyssa 11-06-2004
 Marshal, Nichole 11-06-2000
 Benson, Nolan 11-09-2010
 Steiner, Gavin 11-09-2005
 Romanky, Dustin 11-10-2004
 Zettel, Khole 11-10-2008
 Garcia, Tyler 11-10-1999
 Berry, Dameon 11-10-2001
 Jackson, Zoey 11-12-2010
 Wager, William 11-12-1998
 Aiden, Forbes 11-13-2008
 Dillion, Teed 11-13-2007
 Travelbee, Katelin 11-14-2002
 Howe, Mekenzie 11-14-2003
 Hawinks, Jeffery 11-15-2005
 Trudeau, Austin 11-15-1999
 Wolf, Conner Paul 11-16-2005
 Brown, Olivia 11-16-2004
 Hartwell, Gavin 11-16-2004
 Johnson, Michelle 11-17-2002
 Benson, Morgan 11-17-2006

Avery, Nichole 11-17-2006
 Virtue, Xavier 11-18-2006
 Harger, Brogan 11-18-1998
 Wingate, Janathen 1-18-1998
 Richerdson, Jakub 11-19-2008
 Sinischo, Tayler 11-19-2000
 Sheffield, Michael 11-19-2002
 Williams, Dominic 11-20-2006
 Pendas, Kayleigh 11-20-2003
 Carling, Josephl 11-21-2004
 Douglas, Thaddeus 11-21-2006
 Autio, Leland 11-21-2005
 Specnt, Jacob 11-21-2007
 Weals, Logan Michael 11-22-2006
 Near, Ryan James 11-24-2000
 Taylor, Richard 11-24-1998
 Perez, Bentley 11-25-2010
 Schewemle, Kaylee 11-25-2004
 Beery, Jayda 11-25-2007
 Driscoll, Raven 11-28-2006
 Brindley, Erin 11-28-2000
 Scott, Jayden 11-29-2002

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Spotlight Artist of November



Zainabh Adams is the Spotlight Artist this month. She created an amazing piece. Zainabh is in fourth grade and enjoys Art. She loves batman, that's why she chose Batman as the theme for her project. It took her about two weeks, but it was all worth it because she is the Spotlight Artist for November. She started her project September 15th and finished October 8th. The reason behind the project is for perspective and to learn different ways of looking at things. Ms. Ekdorn called the project the tunnel book because it has 3 layers.

AROUND THE HALLS

Meet Anthony Peters



By: Darrick Rayment
 This is Anthony Peters. Anthony is 17 years and old his favorite color is blue. Anthony has wanted to play football ever since he was a kid. He lives right here in St. Helen. This 17 year old loves his football team. He describes his team as "...One big family." Anthony has four siblings: three step brothers, and one little sister. Also, he has two puppies named Ketchup and Cowboy. His plan after graduation next year is to go to AAU (Ann Arbor University) to be a Doctor or play for the NFL. Anthony loves CHA, and he loves all of his teachers as well.

Meet the Tech Teacher Mr. Clark



By: Darrick Rayment
 New teacher, Brandon Clark but as you know him, Mr. Clark, is our new K-5 technology teacher. Charlton Heston Academy has never had a technolo-

gy teacher before. Mr. Clark went to Saginaw Valley State University to study Elementary Education and Social Studies. He grew up in Freeland, Michigan, a small town outside of Saginaw. Mr. Clark had an excellent experience during his 3rd and 4th grade years of elementary school. His teachers made him want to teach as well. Mr. Clark is engaged and will be getting married in December. While he doesn't have any pets of his own, he currently turtle sitting for his sister. Mr.

Clark is 24 years old and this is his first year as a teacher. As a first year teacher, Mr. Clark said, "Having a classroom of your own is really cool, but it's overwhelming too." Mr. Clark's hobbies include video games, which is one way he can relate to students at CHA. "I really enjoy video games. I think they help kids in life like computer skills, decision making, and strategies," said Mr. Clark. When he's not playing video games, he loves watching sports.

Playground Magic



By: Rebecca Patnode
 Hey have you heard there is a kindergartener that has a blast on the playground? His name is Ramond Crossly and he has a few things to say about the new playground! Raymond said he really likes the playground because it is fun. Raymond's favorite part of the ship is the top. He likes is to drive with the wheel on top of the ship. "One of my favorite things to do on the bottom is to play games down there," said Raymond. His least favorite toy set to play on is the swings because they go too high when I swing.

HOW DO YOU DO?



By: Rebecca Patnode
 Howdy folks, how do you do? Trinity Autio in third grade gets to play on the new playground. She thinks the new playground is okay. "My favorite thing to do is play with some friends as super heroes," said Trinity. "I like to be batman," said Trinity. Trinity's least favorite thing about the playground is the boat, but her favorite part of the playground is the swings "because they go high when I swing."

How to Prepare for Winter

By: Sofia Dubois and Natasha Meir

Now that it is fall, winter is coming soon which means snow, cold temperatures, and frozen roads, so here are some ways to prepare!

How to prepare your vehicle for winter weather: One way to prepare your vehicle for winter weather is to make sure the heater and defroster works properly. Also for safety reasons always keep an ice scraper at all times. Also before you head onto the frozen roads remember to check your antifreeze levels. Another way to be safe on the road, is to replace, if necessary, your filters and keep water out of the fuel and filters by maintaining a full tank of gas. Also you should make sure your thermostat works properly. Next, another way to ensure your safety is to make sure your brakes work so if you have to stop suddenly the brakes function properly. Also check fluid levels to ensure safe driving.

How to prepare your house for winter:

One way to make sure your house is up to date for winter weather is to make sure you have an ample heating source. Also make sure all openings are closed so it stays warm. Therefore, make sure that your chimney is clean, so when you run your wood burning appliance it doesn't clog with smoke and cause a fire hazard. All fuel burning equipment should be outside. Keep fire extinguishers near in case of a fire. A way to keep your house warmer is to insulate your house by installing a storm window in each window, or cover your windows with plastic from the inside to keep the cold air out of your house.

How to prepare yourself for winter weather: The first thing to do to prepare for winter is to take all the safety precautions by having some of the items below in your emergency kit.

- ~ A snow shovel
- ~ A windshield scraper and a small broom
- ~ A Flashlight / Batteries

- ~ Water and food
- ~ Matches
- ~ Extra Clothing and blankets to stay warm
- ~ A first aid kit
- ~ Road salt

The next thing to do to prepare for winter is to know when a storm is coming. To know if a storm is near, you could turn on a radio or check the local new station. Before you travel, make sure to check the weather. Also you should have an emergency kit prepared, and you should know your terms and what steps you should take to be safe in case of an emergency. One way to stay warm in winter is to keep the doors in your house shut and try to stay in one room. Therefore the same rule applies to driving, you should minimize traveling in your car so that you stay off of the dangerous roads (freezing rain is rain that freezes when it hits the ground, creating a coat of ice, on roads, and sidewalks making them slippery, and harder to brake with a car). Be safe and have fun during winter!

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October 2015 Patriot's of the Month



The October 2015 Patriot's of the Month are (pictured in no particular order) is Addison Vick (not pictured), Ema Bailey (not pictured), Eaton Huntley, Brook-lyne Pendas, Brock Lamie (not pictured), Michael Fritz (not pictured), Emersyn Williams, Abby Kitchen, Marteen Tarrant, Ava Lamie, Ryan Patterson, Taylor Green, Sierra Gomez, Laila Lane, Ally Lamie (not pictured), Corrin Damsen (not pictured), Rande Gage, TJ Stingham, Robbie Bidoul, Michael Wells (not pictured), Tyler Garcia, Karlee Green, Tyler Silva, and Mr. Brandon Clark.

New Playground for K-5 Students at CHA

By: Rebecca Patnode
New things are constantly happening at the ever growing Charlton Heston Academy. Students came back after summer break to another great change. A new playground was installed for the K- 4th grade students. Mr. Patterson says that he got the equipment from a company called Pen-

chura FKA Superior Play. Mr. Patterson said that it was built when the students at Charlton Heston Academy went on summer break in the middle of August 2014. Mr. Mike Brown and Mr. Brady Smith built the playground. "The money that CHA got was mostly from donations from dress down days and other com-

munity donations," said Mr. Patterson. "The playground cost about 38,000 dollars," said Mr. Patterson. New playground equipment that was installed includes a wooden ship, new swings, a tetherball pole, shaker beam, net climber, balance beam, and a basketball game.



High School Chemistry Mole Day!!!



The mole is a unit of measurement in chemistry, pertaining to molarity (concentration of matter). The mole revolves around the use of Avagadro's Number (6.02x10²³). With the exponent being ten to the twenty-third power, Mole Day is celebrated on the 23rd of October.

A prime concept in chemistry is precision and accuracy, so Mole Day is not a 24 hour event. The beginning numbers (6.02) is used for the timeframe of the celebration; Mole Day lasts from 6:02am to 6:02pm. Junior Dan Furguson said "I think it's pretty awesome that they make the celebration specific to the [Avagadro's] number."

On October 23rd, the high school chemistry class celebrated Mole Day! Festivities included wonderful surprises, a delicious student-organized smorgasbord of food, and handmade mole animals. "Mole Day inspired me to learn more about what other fun things await in chemistry," says Junior Alexis Chapman.



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