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FIDGET CUBES AND SPINNERS

GRACE KIM



There has been some controversy on whether fidget cubes should be allowed to have in class. Most of the teachers would say that the fidgets cubes are distraction to both them and the students while a lesson is being taught. On the other hand, most students would say that the fidget cubes have been beneficial to their learning and has helped them pay more attention during their classes. Some schools around New Jersey and other states have had disputes on whether the fidget cubes should be allowed. Most of the points that have been brought up on the side of allowing for fidget cubes is that a select few kids that can't pay attention and need something to help them. 11% of the American child population has ADHD. The fidget cubes purpose is to help those kids pay attention in class. There are different sides to this argument so we took the liberty of asking a few students and staff on their opinion.

"I think that fidget cubes should be allowed in school because some students are not able to concentrate for a long period of time. The fidget cubes help kids concentrate." One student offered.

Another teacher agreed. "Research shows spinners are a replacement for the student that constantly clicks their pen and they help relieve stress/anxiety for students who are constantly moving and shaking their leg under the desk. As long as the students aren't throwing them or bothering others," this teacher says, "They are a good asset."

On the other hand, Mrs. McEntee believes, "Fidget spinners are a toy. Fidget cubes are a tool. My class is a no-spin zone."

"I personally don't like them," one student offered, "But if they help students then they should be allowed."

Whether the school decides to keep the fidget products is up to them. It all depends on whether students take advantage of having the fidgets around.

THE BULLDOG DIG

BY KELLY WEI

Bunker Hill Middle School hosted the annual Bulldog Dig Volleyball Tournament at Washington Township High School on March 24th. Players ranging from 6th to 8th grade destroyed the game, beating their fellow classmates with fantastic themes such as The Queens of the Court, Shuffle, Donald Bump, Princesses of the Hill and lastly the winning theme team, Bumpin Beach Babes. Congratulations to the winning 6th grade team, The Warriors and the winning 7th grade team, Team Legit. The 8th grade team Black Thunder took home the title for their grade. In the final round, it was Black Thunder versus The Teachers. The Teachers won with the unexpected guidance counselor, Mr. Fimiani, the German teacher, Herr McCloskey, and the rest of the team crushing the 8th grade boys in the final minutes. Definitely a fantastic event!

BHMS IS READY TO KNOCK IT OUT OF THE “PARCC”

BY: SYDNEY SCHIAVO

Ms. Baud

Do you think PARCC is good for the students?

Well, there has to be a way to compare the students in the state and country. She says “PARCC is just PARCC.”

Do you approve of the test being on the computer?

Yes because most of the tests in the future will be on the computer and it’s economically friendly.

Do you think the time to take the test is accurate?

Most students don’t use all of the time given.

Would you prefer paper or computer?

Paper because I am definitely more comfortable with paper.

Have you ran the PARCC before?

I ran it for 2 years in Pennsville.



Dr. Morros

Do you think the PARCC is good for the students?

Yes because it is good to challenge yourself and compare to all the students.

Would you prefer paper or computer?

All the students are experts on the computers.

Do you think the time to take the test is accurate?

Yes, I haven’t had students complain for the time.

Have you ran the PARCC before?

I’ve ran it since it started.

Do you think reading a book and being able to do nothing else once you are finished is a good idea?

Books are personally my favorite, getting the opportunity to read is awesome!

INTRODUCING OUR TEACHER OF THE YEAR, MRS. ZEOLI!

BY: JESSICA WEI

How long have you been teaching?

I’ve been teaching for 19 years.

How long have you been teaching here at Bunker Hill?

This is my 12th year teaching here.

Why did you want to become a teacher?

I’ve always enjoyed helping other people. When I was in college I didn’t know what career I wanted but when I took my education class I felt at home and more comfortable.

What did you do before you became a teacher?

I worked in an orthodontist office as well as retail in college.

What subjects do you teach?

I teach 8th grade Social Studies, 6th grade French and Spanish.

How many kids do you have, how old are they and what are their names?

I have a 9 almost 10 year old son Mikey and an 8 year old daughter, Grace.

How did you feel when you became teacher of the year?

I was completely shocked and overwhelmed. I was honored to be chosen as the Teacher of the Year amongst such a wonderful staff of teachers.

What is one piece of advice for your students that you have when they are having a stressful time?

One piece of advice I would give is to know that tomorrow is a new day. Everything will be okay. Just always have fun and find a reason to laugh to everyday.



LEARNING ABOUT OUR NEW CHIEF DOG

The students of A2 & B1 had a chance to sit down with our new principal Mr. D'Ostilio. They asked him a variety of questions in order to get to know him a little better. Here is what they learned.

Devin Oberempt: Who are you cheering for at the Super Bowl?

I am cheering for the Falcons because my dad always cheers for the Patriots and they win too much.

Alexis Fitzpatrick: Do you have any pets?

Yes, I have two guinea pigs, named Fluffy and Strike.

Dylan Breen: Where was your first job?

When I was a boy, I was a dishwasher at Red Lobster.

Maddie Nocella: What college did you go to?

I went to Mary Washington, in Fredricksburg, VA.

Frank Mazzuca: Where did you grow up?

Newport News, VA.

Jimmy Stapleton: Do you have any kids?

I have 3 kids, Allison, Amelia, and Andrew.

Ananda Taylor: What are your favorite movies or TV shows?

I don't have a favorite movie or TV show, but my favorite actor is Denzel Washington.

Allie King: Were you ever a teacher?

Yes, I taught English.

Mary Danovich: Do you like being principal?

Yes, especially at BHMS.

Jimmy Mckeever: What is your favorite food?

Pizza!

Nick Ayling: What is your favorite music?

I like listening to The Beastie Boys and Lenny Kravitz.



GETTING TO KNOW ROOM A2 & B1

There are a group of students here at Bunker Hill that many of us have not had the pleasure of getting to know. The newspaper staff decided it was time to change that. Sydney Schiavo, Olivia Indriso, Abigail Wilson, Jacob Minnick, Kelly Wei and Katrina Lucero had a chance to sit down and get to know the students of A2 & B1 a little better.

First, Katrina and Abby interviewed the sixth graders. They asked about their hobbies and favorite things to do. Michael and Devin gave the classic answer of video games! Maddie and Dylan both said watching movies, especially Disney, as their answer. Charlize's favorite thing to do is gym. All seem very fun!

Kelly and Jacob asked our eighth graders what they would change about the school. After all, they have been here for three years. Ananda would add recess after lunch and Allie would just make lunch longer. Alexis would like everyone to be nice to each other. She does not like bullying and thinks everyone should give each other compliments. Frank would make our school days shorter so he could have more time at home and Nick would allow phones in school. All of these things sound great!

Sydney and Olivia got to sit and talk with the seventh graders. They inquired about the students' favorite class or project. Mary said her absolute favorite class is Math! Jimmy S. really enjoyed Tech class with Mr. G., while Jimmy M. prefers gym class.

It was a pleasure to meet and talk with these students. If you ever have a chance you should stop by and say hello. They always welcome visitors!

BULLDOG BASH

KATRINA LUCERO



Many sixth graders are sure to have heard of the famous Bulldog Bash. It takes place in the end of May, and has tons of exciting activities for everyone. Game trucks, obstacle courses, face painting, a hamster wheel, and tons of other water games are available for you to enjoy. Not only that, many snacks are included too! In the past, there has been water ice, Chick-fil-a nuggets, nachos and many delicious drinks to cool you down after having some fun in the sun. The cost? 10 service hours, good behavior, and A's, B's, and C's on your report card. Get your Dog Tags signed and turned in by May 10th to be eligible to attend.

MARCH MADNESS

ANTHONY DELLOMO

Sixty-eight Universities were awarded a spot in the 2017 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament, but only one can be crowned champion. In the Final Four North Carolina edged out Oregon winning by a single point, while Gonzaga surpassed a seven-seeded South Carolina. University of Phoenix Stadium is where the two one-seeds faced each other. Gonzaga finished the season with thirty-seven wins, and not far behind, North Carolina with 32. The game came down to the final thirty-seconds where Gonzaga trailed by one, but thanks to Kennedy Meeks of the Tar Heels, the Bulldogs could not get off a potential game tying shot. North Carolina would earn their sixth NCAA Men's Basketball Title and get redemption from last years disappointing championship and buzzer-beating loss.



RENAISSANCE FAIRE

KELLY WEI

Bunker Hill Middle School brought back the Renaissance Fair on April 4th. Students brought their parents and other spectators back into the past where princesses, knights, Kings and Queens dominated most of Europe. This year, 7th graders had the opportunity to reenact their favorite jobs during the Renaissance such as royalty, knights, bakers, crafters, and musicians. Renaissance-like music was played by orchestra and band students. Brightly creative posters on display lured in many parents and spectators. Food such as bread and cookies helped make the Renaissance experience tasteful. Fantastic job to every seventh grader who have accurately made the parents and others understand what it was like in the 14th-17th centuries.

Congratulations to Bunker Hill's Students of the Month!



February:

Grade 6: Lauren Brookstein, Isabella Cabrera, Gabriela Estrada, Christian Heil, Daniel Pecheux

Grade 7: Grace Blaney, Kevin Bradley, Maya Campbell, Jacob Radano, John Striano

Grade 8: Nicolas Ficcihi, Bella Fortino, Lauren Murray, Ryan O'Dell, Paige Speece

March:

Grade 6: James Brigandi, Raina Grimes, Shane McGinley, Madeline Nocella, Carli Sullivan

Grade 7: Jacob Capriotti, Adam Hoskins, Abby Kulikowski, Gabriella Micolucci, Leah Schemelia

Grade 8: Bartholomew Buonocore, Allison Cangelosi, Mason Kennedy, Erin Leonard, Morgan Severance