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Dear Readers,
Welcome to the first edition of the Hurffville Husky Herald, a bi-monthly newspaper for Hurffville students, staff, and families - reported and written by Hurffville students, guided by Miss Keller and Mrs. Leong. In the coming editions, we hope to bring you news of interest to the Hurffville "family". If you have an idea for a story, please let us know and we may include your idea in a future publication. We hope you enjoy this inaugural publication!



The Hurffville Husky Herald News Staff

(not pictured: Hailey Bercute, Alyssa VanBlarcom, Madison Malandrino, Jenna Gervasi, Dominic Appel, Olivia Morrett, Annalisa Conti, Hannah Campbell)

Our Amazing Principal, Mr. Pollock

By Zachary Andrews, Kayla Jones, and Alyssa Baron

Have you ever talked to our new principal Mr. Pollock? Well, we recently interviewed him so we all could get to know him better. We each asked him a few questions about himself to share with you! We hope that you will enjoy this article and get to know Mr. Pollock much better.

Mr. Pollock's first job was as a construction worker. When Mr. Pollock was asked, "What do you think the kids at Hurffville School can do to help make this school a better learning environment?", he replied, "Kids could work hard and always do their best." Another question that we asked our amazing principal was, "What state were you born in?" Mr. Pollock answered Pennsylvania. "Who kept you company as a child?" we questioned. His mom, and his younger brother and sister kept him company. Then we questioned "What was your favorite subject in elementary school?" Mr. Pollock replied Social Studies because he likes that it tells a story. He especially likes to learn about the American Revolutionary War. "Have you always been an elementary school principal, Mr. Pollock?" we asked. "No, but I have been for twenty-three years." Mr. Pollock answered. "If you had to give any advice to the students at Hurffville Elementary School what would it be?" we asked him. Mr. Pollock replied, "Always do your best job and that's all that matters." "If you had to change anything about this current school what would it be?" we asked. "I would make sure that learning is fun for all of the students. I believe that fun learning helps a lot!" Mr. Pollock answered. The next question we asked him was what difficulties did you face as a child? He replied with, "I struggled with reading because I started at a very young age (4 years old)." After that we asked him what he thought was the greatest thing about Hurffville School. He said, "Everybody works hard and does their best." That is what we have learned about Mr. Pollock!



Community Service at Hurffville School!

By Kate Cochran and Olivia Morrett



*Each one
of us has
the power
to make a
difference
in the
world.*



We have recently had the privilege to interview Mrs. Fanning, our guidance counselor, about the new community service initiative she has recently started. She started the community service here at Hurffville School so that the students could think of helping other people. She had also said that the children here are very nice and they like to help people in need. Mrs. Fanning believes that community service is really good for us and if we start now, we would probably continue doing it as adults. Mrs. Fanning also told us that she and her daughter like to pick up trash around the neighborhood and that when her daughter gets a year or two older she would like her to read books to the people in the nursing homes.



Mrs. Fanning says...

"It is my hope that Hurffville Elementary School will be a place not only of acquiring valuable knowledge but also a place where children can experience kindness to one another and the value of reaching out to members of our community in meaningful ways. This year we would like to help our students understand the importance of community service by providing opportunities for them to think of and help others."

Each month we have selected at least one school-wide activity in which your child is welcome to participate. These are strictly voluntary. More specific information will be available each month, but a general overview for the rest of the year is as follows:

December: Donate new batteries for Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (for games and toys)

January: Make a Valentine's Day card for Senior Citizens at local nursing home

February: Pennies for Patients, supporting Leukemia Foundation

March: Make a thank you card for local firefighters

April: Donate children's new pajamas for Salvation Army & Promote recycling

May: Write thank you cards to Veterans and members of armed forces

June: Make thank you cards for local police officers

In addition, Mrs. Fanning would like to encourage children to find small ways to show kindness each day that don't have to cost a penny:

- smiling at someone
- holding the door for the person behind you
- talking to someone who is all alone
- sitting next to a person who seems lonely at lunch
- picking up trash in your neighborhood, parks, or school...

Thank you, Mrs. Fanning!

Goodbye, Mr. Monti! We'll Miss You!

By Jenna Gervasi and Madison Malandrino

If you haven't heard already, one of our favorite 5th grade teachers, Mr. Monti, is leaving us at the end of December. So the Hurffville School newspaper took time to interview him.

We found out some things that you may or may not have known about Mr. Monti. Mr. Monti has been teaching 5th grade for five years and also taught 4th grade for 8 years. His most embarrassing moment was in the cafeteria and he slipped on a piece of food in front of the kids. The colleges he went to were Moravian College and Rowan University. The things that got Mr. Monti into teaching were that the students got his humorous jokes. His favorite subject was reading. The sacrifice Mr. Monti gives is not being able to spend time with his wife and kids. He started teaching because he loved working with kids. He sees himself a principal in 10 years. Mr. Monti's favorite thing about teaching is finally seeing a student understand something. He realized he wanted to be a teacher in college. Mr. Monti thinks that the biggest responsibility in teaching kids is about knowing that the parents of his kids trust him.

Sadly Mr. Monti is leaving he is leaving on December 21st. He will be taking on the role of a Vice Principal in Pittsgrove Township. He said the thing he is going to miss the most about Hurffville School is THE KIDS!



Hurffville's Mock Election

An Interview with Mrs. McGinty by Wayne Caucci and Leah Sandifer

1. [Leah] Why did you come up with this idea?

[McGinty] "I had a discussion with Mr. Pollock and he said we could do it. So I suggested that we did it by computer and involve Miss Keller."

2. [Wayne] Do you think this will inspire kids to vote in the future?

[McGinty] "Hopefully it will inspire them because they will know the responsibility in voting. I say, if you don't vote, don't complain."

3. [Leah] Do you think that there will be conflicts in the future with kids over which president to choose?

[McGinty] "No because they usually vote for who their parents vote for."

4. Wayne: Do you think that you will do other things for the school in the future?

[McGinty] "Yes. If it all goes well we can use it to vote for what we can do on field day and take tasks and surveys."

5. [Leah] Will you do this again in four years if you don't leave Hurffville?

[McGinty] "I will probably be retired in four years but I will try to pass it down."

6. [Wayne] Were you excited about the voting?

[McGinty] "Yes I think it was fun for students."

7. [Leah] Whose idea was it to come up with a voting booth?

[McGinty] "It was Mr. Pollock's idea to come up with a voting booth."



Introducing Some of Hurffville's Fabulous First Graders...



Evan Duca thinks Hurffville is special. He likes all the teachers because they teach and they are funny! He likes being a friend and thinks Mrs. Finucane is funny.



Dominic Pratt says the best part about Hurffville school is recess because you get to play with your friends. His favorite thing about school is lunch because you get to eat. He says Mrs. Byrnes is smart!



Lauren Stanger Says the best part about Hurffville is that you can use computers and play games. Her favorite thing is the teachers because they are nice. She loves Mrs. Byrnes!



Mason Givens says the best part about school is recess because he gets to play freeze tag. His favorite thing about Mrs. Byrnes is that she is always the same!



Arianna Nelli thinks Hurffville is great! She also thinks Mrs. Finucane wears nice clothes. She loves when Mrs. Finucane is silly and she loves when her class reads!



Faith Randazzo likes Hurffville because it's big. She likes Mrs. Finucane because she teaches her. She also likes how Hurffville has a lot of classrooms.



Frankie T. thinks Hurffville is fun! He loved the Halloween parade at Hurffville because parents can come. He thinks Mrs. Finucane is funny.



Tessa McNeil thinks Hurffville is awesome! She likes having lunch at Hurffville because you can order food! She likes when Mrs. Finucane helps her with her work.



Faith Gallagher. Says the best part about Hurffville is the teachers because they are nice and they help us learn. Her favorite thing is art because she has a talent for it! She thinks Mrs. Byrnes is very nice.



Alyssa F. from Mrs. Byrnes class says the best part about Hurffville is that the teachers teach you stuff. Her favorite thing is eating lunch because she gets to eat with her friends! She thinks Mrs. Byrnes is



Bobby Davis loves first grade, he loves math and lunch. Bobby likes Mrs. DeLeo because she reads books, and Mrs. DeLeo has introduced them to every first grade teacher, and he likes them all.



Amira Green loves first grade because she likes math, lunch, recess and gym! She likes Mrs. Curtis because she is really nice and is enjoying class. Amira has made some new friends like Tess and Ava! She loves Hurffville School so far!



Tess Pantalone loves first grade so far because she likes writing, she gets to write about her weekend or what she likes to do. She also likes hanging out with her friends in school. She likes Mrs. Curtis because they do really fun math games!



Braden Chew loves first grade because he loves to write stories in class. He likes Mrs. Curtis because she is nice and she reads cool books to the class. He has made 3 new friends Jake, Christian, and Eddy. He loves first grade so far!



Christian Martin loves first grade because his teacher Mrs. Curtis reads books to his class and gets to play on the playground. He has made new friends with Braden, Jake and Eddie! Christian's favorite special is gym because he gets to play around.



Charlie Coggins loves first grade so far because he finally gets to do homework. He loves the change from a little school to a big school because there are more kids that he can be friends with. First grade is going good for Charlie!



A'lynn Shockley loves to play first grade math games in class. She likes Mrs. DeLeo because she helps her when she's stuck on a problem and she is very enthusiastic. A'lynn loves first grade.



Justin Forman loves first grade because you do work and get to play at recess. Justin likes his teacher because she is very nice and she reads to them. He also likes the change to a big school to a little school.



Madeline Gleason likes Mrs. DeLeo she is enjoying school and has met a girl named Jasmine and she is her best friend. Madeline loves the new change, the big gym, and the long walks to special Madeline loves Hurffville School.



Giavanna Tursi likes Mrs. DeLeo because if she is stuck Mrs. DeLeo helps her. She likes the Hurffville Husky awards and thinks it would be special.



Recently I had the opportunity to interview five first grade students who attend Hurffville Elementary. The purpose of this interview was to see if the students liked their new school. When asked about their teacher, Mrs. York, it was clear to me that the kids thought she was nice and very helpful. Angelo C. said "she is nice and helps him with his hardest subject, math." Taylor J. adds "she is funny because she makes everybody laugh." Michael H. likes when she takes the class outside. When I asked about their favorite subjects, math and writing are big hits. Abby P. likes math because she enjoys adding. Taylor J. also likes math because she likes to play math games. Writing is on top because kids are able to express themselves and tell stories. According to Angelo C. and Peter B., Hurffville is filled with lots of nice people such as special teachers and a new principle that make the school awesome. It was very clear that these students think Hurffville Elementary rocks!!

By Zoe Brooks

Chorus Newsflash!

Congratulations to the Hurffville School Fourth and Fifth Grade chorus. Their song "First Flakes" was recently selected as a finalist in the NJ 101.5 radio "Christmas Choir Contest". Their song was played on air on December 7. Listeners (and fans of the chorus) were encouraged to vote for their song for the next 24 hours. If the chorus receives the most votes of all of the schools in their age division, they will receive a prize of \$1,000. If they receive the most votes overall, they will receive a brand new piano! The radio station selected 14 finalists from all of the entries received from kindergarten to 12th grade from schools all over New Jersey.



Holiday Website Suggestions from the Computer Lab...

NORAD Tracks Santa:

<http://www.noradsanta.org/en/>

Visit the North Pole:

<http://northpole.com/>

Make-a-Flake:

<http://snowflakes.barkleyus.com/>

Great Holiday Games:

<http://www.abcy.com>



Did You Hear the One About...



- ...how snowmen greet each other?
("Ice to meet you!")
- ...how sheep in Mexico say Merry Christmas?
("Fleece Navidad!")
- ...how elves greet each other?
("Small world, isn't it?!")



If you liked those, you will love the other ones we found @
www.theholidayspot.com

Jokes contributed
by
Jenna Gervasi

Hurffville's Favorite Fa-La-La-Las...

By Daniel Dougherty and Joe Guarracino

We went around the school and asked every class what their favorite holiday songs were, and these were the five options! Frosty the Snowman, Jingle Bell Rock, Dominick The Italian Christmas Donkey, Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer and Winter Wonderland!



1. Dominick The Italian Christmas Donkey 184 Votes!
2. Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer 180 Votes!
3. Jingle Bell Rock 82 Votes!
4. Frosty the Snowman 40 Votes!
5. Winter Wonderland 33 Votes. !

Thanks to all 519 Teachers and Students who voted!



Hurffville Students' Top Gift Choices



Thanks to Dan Dougherty , Sophia Santiago, and Emma Laliberte for compiling this information!