



The Weekly Buzz



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Seniors Say Cheese

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Middle School Brings Home the "Treasure".

Weekly Buzz Reporter Austin Norville
Holland Middle School's One Act Play troupe traveled to The Mary Alice Marshall Performing Arts Center in Temple on the TC campus on January 5th to compete against other schools in a battle of theatrical performances.

Directed by Ms. Gilley, they performed the play *Treasure Island* by Aurand Harris, and earned 1st Place for the second year in a row, winning last year with the play *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by Joseph Robinette.

"It is pretty cool to win two years in a row," stated Gilley.

They also won the Best Crew award for the seventh consecutive year, along with many other individual awards.

The Honorable Mention All-Star-Cast included Shelby Horak, Maria Melendez, Aaron Owen, and Gracie Shelton.

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Holland also brought home the Best Actor and Best Actress awards; Josh Thompson received Best Actor, and 7th grade cast member Mallory Maybin received Best Actress for the second successive year.

"It's (the experience of winning Best Actress 2 years in a row) indescribable. I can't believe it, I feel like I have accomplished something great!" she explained.

The troupe will perform for the community on Monday February 27 in the evening, and for the schools at an unspecified time.

They have been practicing since the second week of October, and have been thrilled with the results of their hard work.

Treasure Island is a play about Jim Hawkins, a boy who works in his mother's tavern, who finds a treasure map leading to an old pirate's loot, and sails off on an adventure with his friends, Doctor Livesey and Squire Trelawney, to find the treasure. Also on the ship is the cook, Long John Silver, who is secretly leading a group of pirates on board towards munty. When the ship reaches the island, the pirates take over and try to find the treasure. Unbeknownst to the



MS OAP claims their trophy!
Photo Courtesy of: Kelly Schultze

pirates Ben Gunn, a castaway on the island, has already found and hidden the treasure in a secret location. Ben Gunn helps Jim and his friends to defeat the pirates and return to England with the treasure.

The cast members were as follows: Kiva Danielle (Mrs. Hawkins), Mallory Maybin (Jim Hawkins), Shelby Horak (Billy Bones), Maria Melendez (Dogger), Mackenzie Barton (Blind Pew), Drew Downing (Dirk), Suzanna Richter (Black Dog), Josh Thompson (Squire Trelawney), Aaron Owen (Doctor Livesey), Tucker Cargill (Johnny), Jarrett Pistole (Long John Silver), Cody Norville (Morgan), and Gracie Shelton (Ben Gunn).

The alternates included: Jacob Cearley, Sissy Brown, Bryce Tubbs, and Jesse Payne.

The crew was made up of Heath Barabas, Nathan Dague, Danielle Ramos, Trenton Caples, and Keeley Kordes.

"I am super excited about getting first because it is my first year to be in OAP," exclaimed sixth grade cast member Cody Norville.

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★ **Reminder: OAP** ★
★ **Practice TONIGHT!** ★
★ **6:30PM** ★
★ **(Don't be late!)** ★
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Quote Of The Week:

"Every person must decide whether to walk in the light of creative altruism or in the darkness of destructive selfishness. This is the judgment. Life's most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?"
-Martin Luther King Jr.

In Other News...

Man from the Mountaintop

Weekly Buzz Reporter Cole Norville

Monday, January 16th, marks Martin Luther King Jr. Day; a day that commemorates the life of one of America's most inspiring and relentless activists.

Born in Atlanta, Georgia on January 15th, 1929, King had an impressive academic career, skipping two grades in high school and enrolling in Morehouse College in Atlanta when he was fifteen. He went on to earn two Bachelor degrees and a Ph.D., as well as receiving numerous honorary degrees from several universities.

At nineteen, he followed in his father's footsteps as a Baptist minister, serving as an Assistant Pastor in his father's church before moving to Montgomery, Alabama in 1954.

In 1955, King became a part of the Civil Rights movement when he headed the Montgomery Bus Boycott, a protest against the racial segregation on the city's public transportation system.

He continued to be a part of the movement for thirteen years, leading protests and marches and giving speeches against racial segregation in America.

For decades, America had operated on a system in which African Americans had separate institutions and facilities (schools, hospitals, bathrooms, diners etc.) from whites. Although the official policy was "separate but equal", many of the African American institutions were of a much lower quality those for whites.

"The bottom line was that, on paper, everybody was

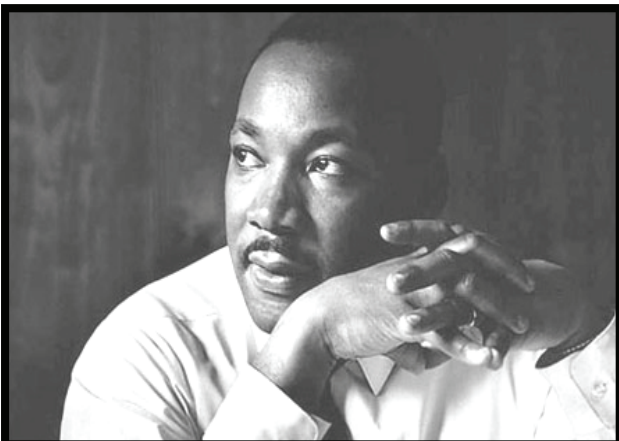
supposed to be free and equal, but it wasn't like that," said HHS History teacher Coach Russell Reinhardt.

A gifted orator, King gave many speeches which inspired both whites and blacks to strive for an America free of prejudice. He not only denounced the segregation of African Americans, but racism and hatred against any group.

"He didn't approach it (civil rights) from a minority viewpoint, but a human viewpoint," said HHS Principal Mr. Britt Gordon.

On April 4th, 1968, King was shot and killed in Memphis, Tennessee a day after delivering his famous "I've Been to The Mountaintop" speech.

Decades after his death, Martin Luther King Jr. still remains a prominent historical figure, and America still tries to realize his dream of a world, as he put it, in which people are judged not "by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."



Service Postponed

Weekly Buzz Reporter Ashlyn Kinard

For the past two years, Holland ISD has held a day of service on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Students participate in many activities such as yard work, brush pick-up, painting, and serving meals to the senior citizens.

This month, Holland ISD will celebrate MLK Day on January 16. Since students have MLK Day off of school, Holland will not be participating in a day of service until the spring.

"I'm sad, because we got to help people and get to show others what you can do and how you can help the

community," expressed freshman Meredith Santos on why she regrets moving the service day.

Holland ISD participates in the day of service for many reasons. Some of these reasons include helping out the community, helping students think beyond themselves, and giving back to the community.

"It made me realize I should be thankful for all I have and not to take it for granted," stated freshman Alexis Festa.

Fortunately, Holland ISD has rescheduled the day of service for the week before Spring Break, so the school can continue to give back to the community.

Feature Presentation

War Horse Gallops into Theaters

Weekly Buzz Reporter Ashlyn Kinard
War Horse premiered in theaters on Sunday, December 25th. War Horse is a drama war film worth watching.

The main characters are Jeremy Irvine as Albert Narracot; Emily Watson as Albert's mother, Rose Narracot; and Peter Mullan as Albert's father, Ted Narracot. As well as human actors, this movie included the horse, Finder, plus 14 more horses, as the horse, Joey.

It includes a cast of many minor characters including David Thewlis, from Harry Potter, as Lyon; Tom Hiddleston, from Thor, as Captain Nicholls; and Benedict Cumberbatch as Major Stewart.

War Horse was written by Lee Hall and Richard Curtis, and directed by Steven Spielberg. Composing the music was one of the best known, awarded composers in US history, John Williams. He has written music for many films including, Harry Potter, Indiana Jones, and Star Wars.

The movie takes you back in time to 1914, during World War I. The film is about a horse named Joey who is sold into the army as a commander's horse. Albert, his previous owner, is distraught when he loses his horse. While Joey travels around the world following the army, his determined horse owner will not give up on his search to find his beloved horse.

War Horse is a 2 hour and 36 minute movie. It is an excellent movie that is sure to fight its way into the viewer's heart.

Mission: SEE IT!

Weekly Buzz Reporter Kinsey Gordon
Mission Impossible: Ghost Protocol opened on December 21, 2011, and shocked the world with a huge impact.

The main character is Ethan Hunt, played by Thomas Cruise Mapother IV.

Other main characters include Benji Dunn, Jane Carter, and William Brandt, agents on Hunt's team played by Simon John Beckingham, Paula Maxine Patton, and Jeremy Lee Renner.

As well as fantastic actors, this movie had an excellent crew of writers and directors. The director for the movie was Brad Bird, who is known for his well-liked movie, The Incredibles. The writers for the movie were Josh Applebaum and André Nemeč. Not only is this movie filled with top-notch effects, but it included the talents of composer Michael Giacchino, known for his other works in the television series Lost, as well as in movies such as, Ratatouille, Star Trek, The Incredibles, Super 8, Up, and others.

The movie is about secret IMF agent Ethan Hunt who is assigned to lead Dunn

and Carter to intercept a courier working for a person of interest code-named "Cobalt." Hunt must escape from a prison in Moscow before leading his new team in their assignment. Their next job is to infiltrate the Moscow Kremlin; while in the process, they discover that "Cobalt" has beaten them to the punch and stolen the needed information as well deciding to bomb the place. Immediately discovered in the rubble is injured Ethan, and America is suspected to be behind the bombing. The President activates "Ghost Protocol" and Hunt and his team are left on their own. The rest of this movie is filled with adventure, thrill, and plenty of action.

This movie is fantastic, from the mind-blowing effects, to the plot behind the story. Throughout this, the main lesson is team work, and getting along with others who at first seem "Impossible" to work with. Mission Impossible: Ghost Protocol gets four stars from most movie critics, and is a must-see for this New Year. Some available times at the Premiere Cinema 16 in Temple are 4:00, 6:20, 7:10, 9:30, and 10:20.

GUESS WHO?

Weekly Buzz Reporter, Peter Erickson

Q: What is your favorite band and why?

A: I like all kinds of music, so it's hard to pick one.

Q: If you could dine with any celebrity, who would it be and why?

A: Jessica Alba, because she is good looking.

Q: What is your favorite school subject?

A: History.

Q: What grade are you currently in?

A: 10th.

Q: What is your favorite movie and why?

A: Harry Potter series, because they are pretty sick.

Q: What is your favorite brand of clothes?

A: Skateboard brand.

Q: What is your favorite car?

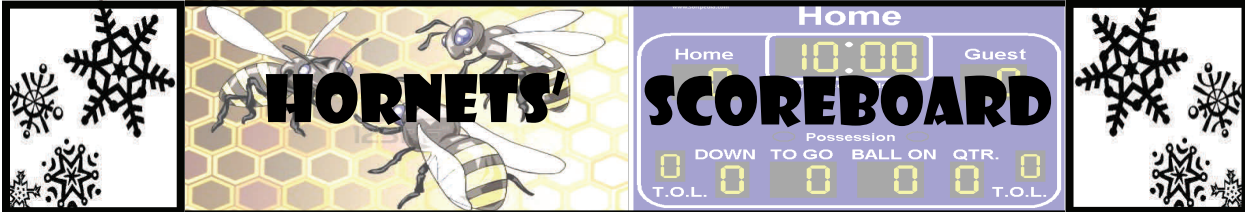
A: Mustang Boss 429, because it is the most awesome car

Guess Who : Mrs. Ruff



Revealed By: Dustin Jensen





Starting it Off Right

Weekly Buzz Reporter Kinsey Gordon

Christmas Break was not just a time of relaxation for the Lady Hornets; over the break, they practiced and competed in order to prepare for their approaching district season. Competing and battling in the Thorndale Bulldog Invitational was a challenge for the Ladies as they faced three very good, skilled teams out of the eight that were entered.



Lady Hornets break out before the Snook Bluejays game Tuesday January 3. Photo by Kelly Gordon

“My goal for heading into the Tournament was to continue getting better with each game as district was right around the corner. We were pleased to win two out of the three games, but we’re not satisfied. We have some big

dreams that will require a lot of hard work,” stated Varsity Girls Head Coach Jorge Aguirre.

In their tournament play, Hornets faced the San Saba Armadillos, Taylor Ducks, and Austin Travis Rebels. With a loss to the Armadillos, but wins to the Ducks and Rebels, the Hornets placed fifth out of eight teams.

After finishing their tournament play, Lady Hornets traveled to Snook to take on the state-ranked Bluejays.

“Our goals were basically the same for this match: trying to continue to improve each game before district. I was pleased with our effort this game as well,” continued Aguirre.

Hornets fell short 49-30 to Bluejays, but this was a better outcome compared to the one from their previous season.

Starting their district play, Lady Hornets faced Milano Lady Eagles in an intense battle which led to a very well earned victory for the Hornets with a final score of 58-35.

“I was confident we were physically and mentally prepared for our district season, and the challenges that lay ahead. We were pleased with the outcome of the first match, but not satisfied, it’s just one game,” continued Aguirre.

With their next district game against the Thrall Tigers approaching quickly, the Ladies are preparing to try and dominate the rest of their district season.

Practice Makes Perfect

Weekly Buzz Reporter Kinsey Gordon

Not only have the Lady Hornets had a busy break, but the Boys have as well. With multiple practices and a game over the break, the Hornets are trying to improve their game for district each and every match up.

Facing the Meridian Yellowjackets early in the break, Hornets played for intense quarters of basketball in which they came out with a huge victory.

“This was a game we did not play with enough intensity, but were able to still come away with a win, so that was good; but, overall, we were not pleased with our effort,” stated Varsity boys Head Coach Matt McCray.

After the break ended, the Hornets traveled to Snook to take on the BlueJays; four quarters of back-and-forth play unfortunately ended in a loss for the Hornets 53-42.

“In the Snook game, we showed much better intensity defensively, but just couldn’t make enough shots to pull away in the second half,” continued McCray.

Continuing their pre-district play, Hornets took on number four in the state, the Mumford Mustangs, this past Friday, and proved they were a strong basketball team, as they only lost 46-38.

“The Mumford game was a barometer as to where we are going into district against a top-notch opponent. The Mustangs

came to Holland with a 19-0 record and ranked number four in the state. The defensive effort was outstanding, and is the type of effort we will need to be successful in district; we held the Mustangs to more than thirty points less their season average. It was nice to compete at a high level, but we were disappointed in the fact that we fell short of the win, and will use that feeling to feed our hunger and drive for competitive greatness into the district race,” enthusiastically commented McCray.

The Hornets have battled through a tough pre-season, and have proven their strength and depth on the floor. Their district race begins Friday, January 13, in Holland against the Gateway Gators.



Tyler Ramthun prepares to shoot a free throw against Mumford in last Friday nights game. Photo by Kelly Gordon

♂ He Said

She Said ♀

“Dreams” Define Our Future

Weekly Buzz Reporter, Brian Leija

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. had a dream that became his legacy. Without that particular dream, America would not be what it is today. Martin Luther King Jr. is one of America’s biggest historical icons. A significant amount of what has been changed concerning racism since his lifetime is because of what he stood to change.

His most well known speech was presented on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C.. The famous, “I Have a Dream” speech was a 17 minute long speech sharing King’s desire for racial equality and to an end to discrimination. Only one other man has historically tried this and he did not achieve what Dr. King achieved. King, having a statue of Abraham Lincoln at his back pushed for what they both stood for; equality.

Dr. King stood up for African-Americans when large majorities of the nation stood against them. Dr. King insisted on non-violent protest. His protests consisted of speeches and non-violent acts. He followed the ways of his idol, Ghandi. Both men were advocates of equal rights, and both did this without violence.

Dr. King did things for equal rights that no person has done, or would have been able to do. The mark he left on history impacts everybody everyday. Without his “I Have a Dream” speech, or his passion for what was right, our country would not be what it is today. His importance to our society is one that cannot be matched.

Has Change REALLY Come?

Weekly Buzz Reporter, Nichole Festa

Martin Luther King Jr. is perceived today as one of the major defenders of equal rights for all culture groups. Although many people believe that he was immensely influential, unfortunately, his teachings prove today to have only somewhat impacted today’s society. Although hidden from the surface, racism and segregation are still very much a part of society today.

It is not the teachings of King that are flawed; it is the nature of society. King spoke of equal rights, and races living together in harmony. As time has passed, society has begun to let these morals slip away.

When we go to the store, we all too often see that one person who clings to their purse every time a person of minority walks by. Sometimes, we even see that one group of kids at school who break off into a clique of similar races, or even stores that seem to have workers of only one ethnicity.

Had Martin Luther King Jr. really been as influential as he is perceived to have been, situations like this would not exist today. Although peoples’ hearts may still be segregated, the laws are not; that is just one thing King achieved that society will never be able to change.

Granted, King did have an impact on today’s society; different races can eat in the same restaurants, shop in the same stores; on paper, everything looks good. But does that really change what is in peoples’ hearts?

World As WE Know It: Do you believe Martin Luther King Jr. has had as much of an influence on society as he is perceived to have had?



Staff Member:
Coach Aguirre
“I definitely believe that Martin Luther King Jr. deserves a lot of civil rights and he absolutely has had a huge influence on society. However, I wish people would be more aware of the contributions that others made to the advancement of civil rights.”

Senior:
Stephanie Lastovica
“Martin Luther King Jr. had a tremendous impact on the world. He influenced people by giving them the courage to speak their opinions just like he did. His speech ‘I Have a Dream’ was so powerful, and it touched many people.”

Junior:
Evan Allison
“Martin Luther King Jr. did what he wanted to do because there was no segregation towards blacks, no separate things and it is what he wanted.”

Sophomore:
Zachary Rickard
“Well, yes, he made his point. If he had not done what he did, then we would not be where we are now.”

Freshman:
Lauren Lum
“Yes, he definitely created an awareness of the need for equal rights during his time and even today.”



FYI...



Nurse's Note

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Recently, it has become a 7th grade/12 year old requirement, but some of you have not been protected yet. Find out before it is too late!

Christi Carlson BSN, RN

PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

A new semester...what a great time to make a fresh start and begin to do things the right way. I have to admit there are many ways that I want to improve over the course of the weeks and months to come. I want to be a better husband, Father, servant to others and of course, principal! I'm hoping that each of you is ready to strive for excellence in every area of your life. Here's why... because you were put here by God to do great things! You weren't made to fail, suffer or be unhappy but to live a full and purpose-driven life. That starts right now, in school, with little things like treating others with respect and taking care of yourself physically. ...by doing your best at everything you do each day...by caring for and encouraging others. Live your life in such a way that will cause others to respect, honor and appreciate you. Remember! Life is not always about you and sometimes it will be tough, but in the end, you will bring honor to yourself and those close to you when you choose to lead a great life. Sir Winston Churchill (you should know who this is and you better look it up if you don't...) once said that "We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." See how much of yourself you can give away

Buzz's Words Of Wisdom

*It's time to get down to business...
Books before Sports!*

Menu

January 13th - Macaroni and cheese, sausage wrap, potato salad, green beans, pears.

January 16th - ~No School!~

January 17th - Yogurt plate, lasagna, corn dog, ironman salad, broccoli normandy, Italian bread, pineapple chunks.

January 18th - Pepperoni pizza, spicy meatballs, corn, tossed salad, pineapple chunks, graham crackers.

January 19th - Veg beef soup, corn dog, baked potato, tossed salad, strawberries, graham crackers.

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Fun Page



Top 10 Signs You Know You're on the Wrong Airplane

1. The captain comes on the speaker speaking in tongues.
 2. You walk into the restroom and the commode starts speaking to you.
 3. There are no seatbelts.
 4. Oxygen masks are not filled with oxygen; they are filled with helium.
 5. Your final destination is Mars.
 6. Only one wheel is on the landing gear instead of three.
 7. You have a clown as a flight attendant.
 8. The seats are made of bubble wrap.
 9. You ask for a drink and the stewardess asks for your pin number.
 10. There is no door on the airplane .
- Weekly Buzz Reporter Denver Whisenhunt*

Jokes of The Week

What's a good holiday tip?
-Never catch snowflakes with our tongue until all the birds have gone south for the winter

What do you call a snowmn in the summer?
-A puddle!

What does a Snowman take when he gets sick?
-A chill pill!

Two snowmen were standing in a field, and one said to the other 'Do you smell carrot?' The second replied, 'No, but I taste coal'

What do snowmen call their offspring?
-Chill-dren

What happened when the icicle landed on the snowman's head?
-It knocked him out cold

Who are Frosty's parents?
-Mom and Pop-Sicle!

Who is Frosty's favourite Aunt?
-Aunt Artica!

What do vampires put on their holiday turkey?
-Grave-y

Birthdays!!!

January 13th
Cody Lanford

January 17th
Karina Matinez
Tyler Tubbs

January 15th
Carsen Wiley
Makenzie Wiley

January 20th
James Ayers
Lexie Karl

Juniors and Seniors

Sign up **Friday 13th** between **8am-5pm** at
arc.tamu.edu

For a *whoopin'* weekend

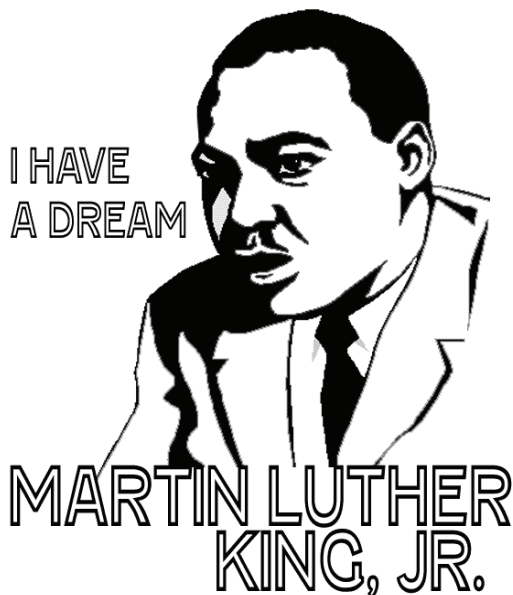
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JANUARY 16TH

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American Serial Killers

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