

Middle School Monthly Magazine

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Special points of interest:

- Wonderful Thanksgiving leftover suggestions
- Stretch your thinking with an article that includes the 8GT spelling words
- Greetings from our PTA
- Learn about the fun clubs we have here at Hulstrom
- Learn what Hulstrom staff members are thankful for

MONSTER MASH

The monster mash was incredible this year. We had almost all of the middle school show up. Thanks to our PTA, we had hotdogs, drinks, and a variety of chips for food. All of the middle schoolers were entered into a costume contest. Caleb was a robot that he made himself, Shivaun was Alice in Wonderland, and Even was Twisted Sister and they won. We also did a pumpkin carving contest and we had 4 amazing pumpkins entered. They were all amazing and very creative, but we had to only choose 3 winners. Both of those contests were judged by our volunteers and the students that went to the dance. We had teacher volunteers to help

STUCO, NJHS, and PTA. Mr. Zukin says that it was controlled and we could have minimized the space. Our 6th grade science teacher, Mrs. Teran says it went FABULOUS! Our Student Council sponsors, Mr. Hill and Mrs. Grimm, say that we did a great job planning. We reflected to the other dance really well to make this one better. Our very own journalism club said that it was good and that we might want more decorations. Over all, this year's Monster Mash, for the first time



ever, was good, organized, and a lot of fun. I think that means that there will be a lot more fun dances to come.

By: Cait

Girls Basketball

This year at Hulstrom, the basketball teams are divided into two teams. 8th grade girls and 7th grade girls. 7th grade girls have won their first two games against Niver Creek on the 3rd and 13th of No-

vember. The scores were possibly 22 to 18 and 25 to 28. The 8th grade girls won their first two games on the 12th and 5th of November. The scores were 28 to 12 and 38 to 18. Both teams made it to the tournaments

By: Melissa

but didn't win. Both teams won two games out of the ten games they played this season. At least they won some games then none. Great season Girl's Basketball teams!!!

Hulstrom Clubs

Tai chi: This club teaches the students a Chinese martial art form called Tai chi. It is taught by Mrs. Xu.

Book club: In book club the middle school students are reading hunger games . This club meets every Thursday.

Journalism: Journalism is now an after-school club from 3-4 on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Stromberg says that she misses the



Mrs. XU the Tai Chi teacher

By: Moorea & Jul6e

extensions class for Journalism but she believes that an afterschool Journalism class will be just as fun and that we will be able to have a wonderful experience. :) History Club is run by Mrs. Pearson and it meets every Thursday after school.

Thanksgiving Recipes

Turkey Tortilla Soup

Ingredients

1 small yellow onion, chopped
2 tbsp. vegetable oil
1 to 2 lbs. ground turkey
10 cups chicken broth
1/4 cup store-bought salsa
1 tomato, chopped
1 tomatillo, chopped
2 green onions, chopped
1 jalapeño, chopped
Chopped cilantro
1 can garbanzo beans or 1 can kernel corn

Discovered by: Kasha

In a skillet, brown chopped onion in vegetable oil. Add ground turkey and brown thoroughly.

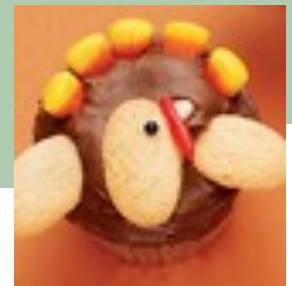
Add chicken broth, salsa, tomato, tomatillo, green onion, jalapeño, cilantro, and garbanzo beans or corn.

Simmer for approximately 5 to 10 minutes, until soup is well heated.

Serve with tortilla chips on side.

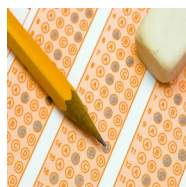
For more recipes go to:

<http://familyfun.go.com/thanksgiving/18-classic-thanksgiving-desserts-799741/#Sweet%20T.O.M.%20Turkey%20Cupcakes%20IMG:1>



Editorial—Standardized Tests

How do the silly rules made for standardized tests like CSAP really test your knowledge on the subject? I mean, if you're testing on science, are they really testing you on science, or are they testing your reading comprehension? Some people take longer to read and understand problems, but they do understand! Plus, it takes even more time to fill in bubbles for the answers on a whole separate sheet.



"...it takes even more time to fill in bubbles..."

And what's the thing with #2 mechanical pencils being prohibited, and wooden #2 pencils are not? I'm still wracking my brain for a way that you can cheat with a mechanical pencil. Apparently a student taking the SAT put a camera in one to share it with his friends who had yet to take it, but I don't think many kids in middle school will think of that, (although I just put it out in the open...) or be capable of it.

And I don't think schools with small budgets, small teacher staff and not many textbooks

will have an equal chance at getting a high average. I'm also pretty sure the teachers don't like having to teach around the tests, or taking teaching time to give the tests. And the monologue they have to go through EVERY TIME is boring and redundant on both sides.

I guess there can be a good side to this though, but to me, it's not obvious. So in the end, it's up to you to decide how the pros and cons balance out.

By: Kelley

PTA Greetings

The PTA would like wish everyone a safe and joyful winter break! Enjoy your time with family and friends, creating memories. Thank you to all the parents who so kindly donate time and talents to enrich and support our children and our school. All our students' experiences are better because of your willingness to volunteer.



Happy Holidays!

bring you happiness and may your holidays be treasured with family and

To our Hulstrom Faculty and Staff. This is a very appropriate time of the year to express sincere appreciation to you for your dedication to the students of Hulstrom Options. May the new year

friends!

January will be full of exciting PTA happenings! Our first PTA meeting for 2010 is scheduled for January 12th at 6:00 PM in the cafeteria. Our nominating committee has been working diligently! The candidates for the upcoming election in February will be announced and we will be discussing plans for the upcoming "Silent Auction, Dinner and Dance!"

By Mrs. Styer

What Are You Thankful For?

This time of the season we should to sit back and think about all the things we're thankful for. I would like to say that we do, but do we? Or have we forgotten what this holiday is really about and lost our self in the gastronomical celebration? Now that I have your attention and you have done some major soul searching, I think that it would be appropriate to present you with this list of a few of our Hulstrom staff, and what they are thankful for!

Mr. Grabhorn- His four children, his parents, and his grandmother.

Mrs. Hall-Every day

Mrs. Pierre- Johnson
- All her blessings.

Mrs. Pearson-
Freedom.

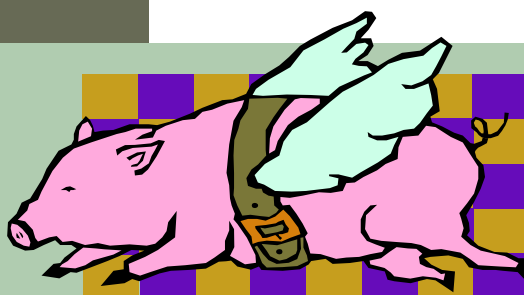
Mrs. Israelsen- living
somewhere with
four seasons.

Mr. Gruenwald- his
keys

Mrs. Runger- her family and that pigs don't fly.

Mr. Zukin- His daughter

By: Eleni



PTA Update

The PTA has a new schedule to coincide with the new year. They have asked us to preview some of them in the November newsletter. Some of the events are listed below along with the date of the first meeting.

-Our first PTA meeting in 2010 will

be on January 12th at 6:00 PM in the cafeteria.

-In February the candidates for the election will be announced.

-The PTA will soon be discussing plans for the "Silent Auction, Dinner and Dance."



We wish you all a fun winter break and a great New Year.

-Moorea

(With information from the PTA schedule by Jeanie Styer)

Fabulous Journalism Staff

8th grade

Kelley
Kasha
Melissa
Jul6e
Moorea
Andrew

7th grade

Cait
Eleni

**Next month—
amazing cookie
recipes!**

Every month, journalism club will be posting a newsletter, such as this one, onto the Hulstrom Homework website, so visit us next month!



By: Andrew

Epistolibris

Once I embarked on a journey to Mount Acnestis, a sorrel mountain somewhere deep in the Himalayas! I aimed to visit the Manichean (and, mythically, draconian) guru Akranibikaka and learn the skills of meditation, and debate the difference between light and dark. I also wanted some hair. By some vis major (or else my constant yanking at it), I was not granted any hair atop my head, nor, to my *perpetual* embarrassment, any where else. Fortunately, when an acquaintance of mine apprehended my complaint, he suggested the guru of Mt. Acnestis.

So I started to climb. (To tell you how I got all the way around to the other side of the world in two hours would be otiose.) Where was I? Oh, yes, I started to climb Mount Acnestis to speak with the Byronic guru who lives there. Byronic? That's more than I can say about most people I know! *Heck!* I thought. *The only time my wife gets worked up over anything is when she suspects the pantry to be devoid of coffee beans!*

I started to climb Mt. Acnestis! I climbed higher and higher and higher and higher and no one cares and higher and

higher and higher until finally I came upon a strange man selling ice cream from a cart (did I mention that the altitude was 20,000 feet). (How ironic!) (This is the strangest use of parentheses I've ever seen!) How readily he said Hello (though it was in some other language), and how friendlily he took my hand and told me of the contents of his strangely engraved cart! *Paletas*, he said they were, *helados para Mexico*. It was at that very moment that the dawn came, and I realized he originated in the Western Hemisphere! Beginning to become worried, I decided I would, suavely as I could, evade a conversation so that I could speedily reach my destination. But he would not have it! He sucked me in! How crude! How Machiavellian! How... How... ENTERPRISING!

My eyes reeled. My head swam. Or did you say that the other way around? I could not remember! I was doomed! He offered me an ice cream, which, in my haste, I accepted. That was the fateful moment that changed my life. That's redundant. I began licking the putrid Popsicle, that nerve-fracturing, ever-decimating frozen dairy death—*PALEEEETAAAASSS.....*

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And then the transformation began! I grew some hair! I was perfectly sanguine! But then something new occurred—in addition to feeling my original problem dissolving, I felt an icy chill creep down my spine, and a new problem arose. I felt a compelling urge to vote for Fidel Castro in the next presidential election, and another to mention the guru to everyone I knew! I was undergoing a novation, lest ye forget the word.

Then the vile vendor removed his very face, exposing the face of Fidel Castro himself!!! “Thou vile mendicant!” he cackled. “Remove thy presence from mine own and fly! Fly to America and vote for me! Ha ha ha!”



Mt. Acnestis