

THE WOLF CUB

MIDDLE SCHOOL MAGAZINE

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EDITION 4

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Poetry
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Dear middle school students,

It's been a successful Quarter 3 at Hsinchu American School! Creating the magazine with the 6th graders has given me the opportunity to reflect on how much you've accomplished this quarter! Specifically, it is amazing to see you participating in international competitions this year, such as MUN and WSC. These opportunities are helping you build your skills, confidence, and relationships as you meet students from all over the world. To add, it's great to see you getting involved in volleyball and soccer. Sports Day was also so much fun for both students and staff. Recognizing the importance of team collaboration, health and fitness, and healthy competition is so important for all of us. Additionally, it has been a successful quarter of students being recognized with awards and achievements. Students of the Month; thank you for being strong role models and positive examples in the middle school! History Fair winners; wonderful job preparing and presenting your History Fair projects. The History fair overall was a very successful for our middle schoolers and we are proud of all of you for trying your best!

Creating the middle school magazine has been such a positive experience for the middle school! As a whole, you are curious, creative, and driven students. Collecting your accomplishments and fun experiences from each quarter into a magazine truly showcases how much you bring to our HAS community. Every student plays an important part in making HAS a unique and special place to go to school. Thank you for making everyday so rewarding and memorable!

We are looking forward to the excitement of quarter 4 with you! Let's make the last quarter a great one.

Ms. Reep



WELCOME

new middle school students!

The middle school party was an exciting event. We got to meet a lot of new people and classmates. The whole middle school went to the cafeteria to eat chips, popcorn, brownies, and also drank juice. This happened at the beginning of the 3rd quarter. When everyone was finished eating, everyone got into their teams. Everyone was split into 2 groups. The Fangs or the Howlers.

The 2 teams had a competition against each other. They played games to see who finished faster. This event happened to welcome new students to HAS. Everyone should thank the Middle School Student Council for making this event happen.

Kerdis (6)

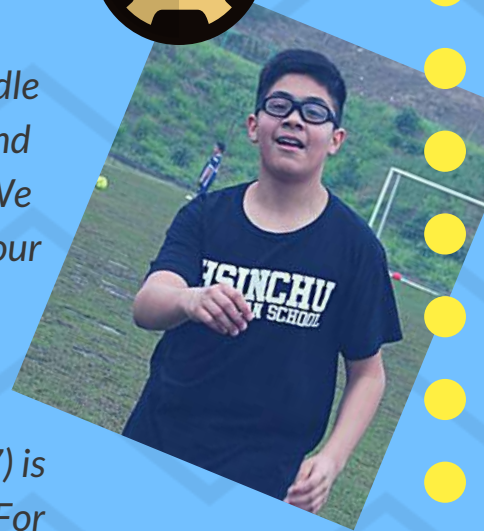


Sports!

in the middle school

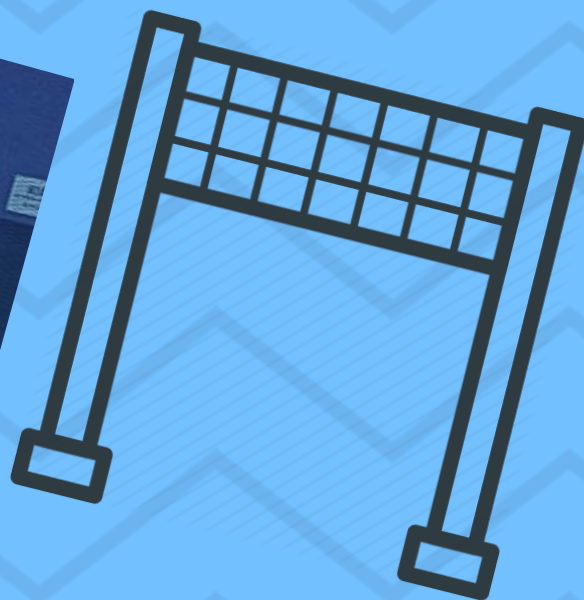


Today I am going to introduce the soccer team and the volleyball team. First, I am going to tell you about the soccer team. The soccer teams' first practice started on November 15th. On the soccer team this year is Kenneth Salas (7), Chris (7) and at last, Andy Liu (8). These are the middle school students on the soccer team. The soccer practice starts at 3:45 and it is on Wednesday. The soccer team has competed with AST and HIS. We lost to HIS, 11-0. We lost to AST also- we lost all the games! We need your help! Support the soccer team!



The next club that I am going to introduce is the volleyball team. The volleyball team has competed with TPCE and our school won! Evelyn (7) is the only one that is on the girls volleyball team from the middle school. For these two clubs, if you join and participate as a middle schooler, you can be better at sports and learn the games now! When you go to high school you won't really have problems. If you want to join the soccer team please tell Mr. Hilder or if you want to join the volleyball team please tell Mr. Maguire or Ms. Burden. If you have time and finish all your homework, go outside and watch these sports teams play. Support our middle schoolers!

Ikuno (6)





Model United Nations

MUN is a club that all students can join. MUN is a club for students to roleplay United Nations delegates and represents different UIV committees. The MUN meets every Friday at 3:45 in Mr. Silverman's room. Students who have attended conferences this year are McKenzie (7) and Ethan (8). Students do MUN to practice public speaking, to learn how to write speeches, and to work together with teammates. Middle Schoolers should join this club at a young age so they can be prepared for high school competitions! David (6)



Interview with McKenzie:

Q: Why did you join MUN?

A: I wanted to join MUN because it can help me learn new things about international problems and to learn to be persuasive.

Q: What's the best part of MUN?

A: Making friends at other schools and at HAS.

Q: What activity do you think is the most fun in MUN?

A: The most interesting part is talking to other delegates during open lobbying and learning about their ideas.

Q: What do you do best in MUN?

A: I think I am best at asking questions and giving speeches.

Q: Do you think MUN is helpful?

A: Yes, because colleges will like that I have participated in some events and conferences internationally. It also helps me improve my writing and reading.

Q: What part of MUN do you think you can work harder at?

A: Forming resolutions because this is very difficult and you have to use facts and opinions. People can challenge your resolutions so I want to improve them!



**Q: What annoys
you the most?**

Q & A with Staff & Students

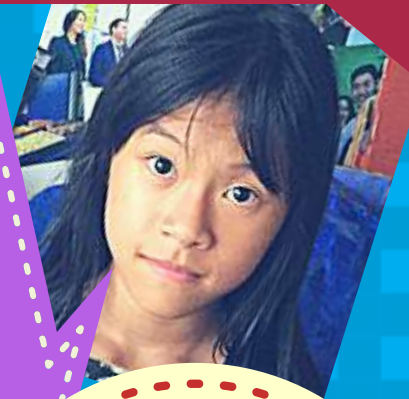
**A: When someone is
chewing with their
mouth open and
you can see the food
they're eating!**
-Ms. Burden



**A: When people
slurp
their food or
chew
loudly!**
-Ms. Chen



**A: When my
little
brother
is crying!**
-Evelyn (7)



**A: An annoying
thing in my life is
doing my homework!**
-Casey (5)



**A: When people drive
cars and scooters
very crazy!**
-Mr. Hilder



**A: A baby
crying!**
-Kenneth (7)

**A: My local
school friend
always copies
my homework
answers and
it is
annoying!**
-Kevin
(8)



A: When I see people fighting!
-Kiki (5)





A: If I am very close
to a Taiwanese
garbage truck,
I find the song
very annoying!
-Ms. Reep



A: Doing the same thing
over and over again.
-Mr. Staples

A: Bees!
-Chris (7)



A: Mosquitoes!
-Andrew (8)

A: Homework!
-Brenda (7)

A: People taking
advantage of
others.
-Mr. Maguire



A: When I am waiting for
someone and then they
don't show up!
-Kalani (7)

A: The most
annoying
thing
in my life is
my son and
the
construction
sounds!
-Ms. Sonia



Thank you for
sharing ;)

HISTORY FAIR 2018

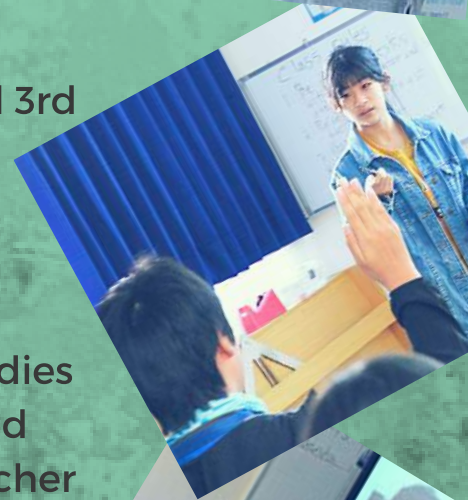
Conflict & Compromise

History Fair is an event once a year and it gives our students an opportunity to practice researching, making an independent project, and presenting to teacher judges for a score. HAS student need to choose on topic and make a history fair. One day, March 28th, middle schoolers presented. The next day, March 29th, high schoolers presented. What was the theme for History Fair? It was "Conflict and Compromise in History".

History Fair presentations took place at HAS in the 2nd and 3rd floor classrooms.

So why should the student do a History Fair presentation? Because we want out students to practice speaking and presenting. How do students create a History Fair project? Students spent time creating projects with their Social Studies teachers. For middle schoolers this was with Ms. Burden and Mr. Maguire. For the presentations, students speak and teacher listen and judge. The judges gave scores for each students and then a final voting happened with all teachers.

Lea (6) & Ms. Reep



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Winners

5th vs. 6th

1st- Kiki Chen

2nd- Casey Chiu

3rd- Gigi Hsu

PTA Award- Lanna Ma



7th vs. 8th

1st- Brian Duan

2nd- Chris Tung

3rd- McKenzie Chen

Honorable Mention- Ethen Chiu

Honorable Mention- Brenda Hsiao

PTA Award- Tanya Hsiao





the World Scholar's Cup®



World Scholar Cup (WSC) is a club that is fun and can improve your English. It is a competition for groups of three. When you go to the competition you can meet new friends. WSC happened because it is a competition to test our knowledge. WSC meets months before the competition. In these months before the competition, we practice debating and other things.



The competition includes debating, multiple choice questions, teamwork, writing, Scholar's Bowl, and a talent show. For debating you will be in the affirmative or negative group. The winners move to the next round, each group has three chances to win or lose the debate rounds. For the multiple choice question you need to do it individually. During the cooperative writing you have to choose a topic and you teammate can help you take notes in the first few minutes. After that, you start to write your paragraphs you need to do it by yourself.



For me, the most fun part is the Scholar's Bowl. You and your teammate will have a clicker with the options A, B, C, D, and E. They will have a big screen with the questions on it. It is basically like a group multiple choice. Then, there will be a talent show you can sign up or not, it is optional.



Last but not least is the closing ceremony. They will give out individual and group medals and trophies.

Finally, they will announce the winners or the groups that are qualified for the global round.

At first it might seem scary or unfun but it is actually fun if you try it. So join the World Scholar's Cup!



Teacher in the Spotlight

AN INTERVIEW WITH MR. MAGUIRE

Q: Who is your favorite U.S. president?

A: I would say Abraham Lincoln is my favorite president.

Q: Where did you get your first degree?

A: The University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign.

Q: When will you get your masters degree?

A: This summer!

Q: Why did you choose to study history?

A: Uhh... Because I like to learn about different development and how people handle power and how conflicts are resolved and started, etc.

Q: What is your favorite time period in history?

A: That's a tough question! I would probably say the early 20th century and the Great War.

Q: Why do you want to teach students?

A: I like to see students develop over time and satisfy their own curiosity. Ya know, explore their interests.

Q: What is your favorite food?

A: Ummmmmm. My favorite food... That's a very good question! If I had to pick one food for my last meal I would probably go with chili.

Q: What is your favorite sport?

A: My favorite sport is probably American football, but right now it's baseball because the season started today!

Q: What is your favorite type of cheese?

A: My favorite type of cheese is probably a sharp cheddar. Man, that's a tough question because I love different types of cheese!

Q: How long have you been in Taiwan?

A: I've been here for 3 and a half years

Q: How old are you?

A: I'm 28.






by Erwyn (6)




Sports Day



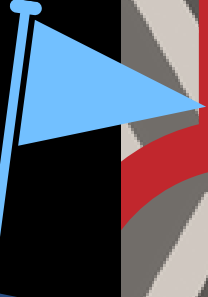




This day was so fun because the whole school was playing different sports. The activities lasted from 12:30-3:00 and happened on the 3/15/18. Before the activities began, we had a pizza lunch and a funny “Minute to Win It” game in the cafeteria to see which grade could get pizza first! The middle schoolers certain activities and the high school did some other things. For example capture the flag was one of the middle school activities. We also had a relay race with candy and played dodgeball with soft frisbees, also known as DodgeBee. We also played frisbee golf outside near the art statues! The activities were inside on B1, on the soccer field, and out in the art park.

We all had a lot of fun. My favorite activity on this day was the DodgeBee. The teachers who helped were Ms.Chen, Ms.Burden, Ms.Reep, Mr. Maguire, and Mr. Staples. For my opinion I think it was awesome. I was also really happy for the half day!



Dwight (6) & Ms. Reep



Egg Drop

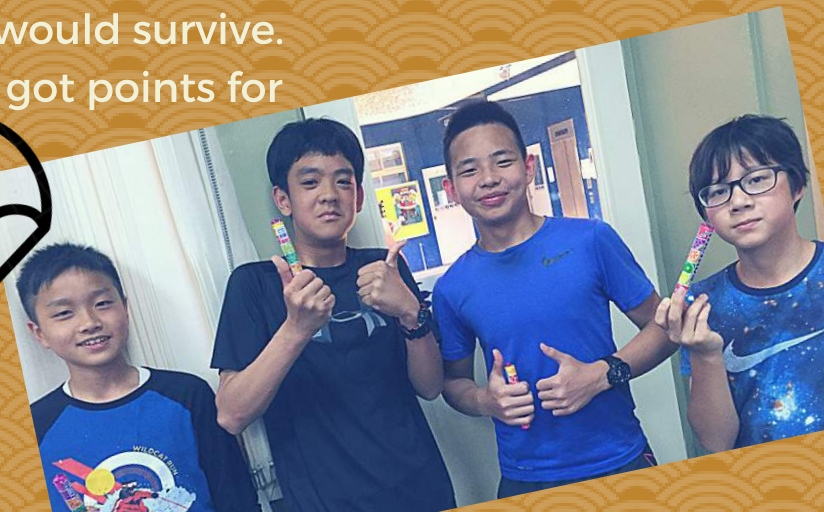
MS StuCo Event

On 3/31 the middle school had a event called Egg Drop. Of course there were two activities. There was an Egg Toss and an Egg Drop contest. The Egg Toss challenge started with you and your teammate standing very close, like 1-2 meters apart. Everytime you or your teammate caught the egg, you would each walk back one big step and continue until your egg dropped. The egg toss wasn't that easy. You think sometimes you will toss it too high or too far. Sometimes the egg would break in half. At last, there were two teams that won! 1st place: Kevin and Erwyn. 2nd place: Chris and Ethen.



The second event is the main activity, the Egg Drop. After the Egg Toss ended the StuCo gave us one bag of materials to make own protection with. The materials inside the bag were paper, straws, rubber bands, sticks, and cups. We also used some tape. At last we all went up to the roof and threw it down to the 1st floor and saw who's would survive. A lot of people's eggs survived so we got points for our houses!

Andrew (6) & Ms. Reep



Students of the Month

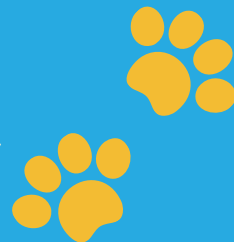
The most recent Middle School Value of the Month was perseverance. Students learned about this important life skill in Advising with their teachers and classmates. At HAS, we want our students to understand the value of persevering through difficult situations, improving, and always working their hardest! This value will benefit students now and well into their future achievements outside of HAS.

We would like to congratulate Sean Bos and Steve Loo for demonstrating outstanding perseverance in quarter 3. Sean has been working hard to raise all of his grades and he has become noticeably more responsible and dedicated. Steve is new to our school this semester, and he is off to a fantastic start! Steve has volunteered to several extra-curricular opportunities and he has a great attitude towards school and learning. Congratulations to both of these HAS middle schoolers!



The Wolf Cub Word Search

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 SUMMER
 TAIWAN
 VOLLEYBALL
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 WOLVES
 WORLD SCHOLARS CUP



Honey Puffs

A NO BAKE COOKIE RECIPE



Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 2 cups cereal (we use a mixture of puffed wheat and toasted oats).
- 1/4 cup raisins (optional)

Directions:

1. Combine peanut butter and honey in a saucepan. (Tip: to keep my peanut butter and honey from sticking to my measuring cups, I spray the measuring cups with cooking spray beforehand.)
2. Heat on the stove just until it starts to boil.
3. Remove from heat.
4. Add cereal and raisins.
5. Drop on pieces of wax paper or (for a more festive, party feel) into colorful cupcake holders.
6. Lick the spoon!
7. Let harden in fridge for 20 minutes.
8. Enjoy!



Student Poetry



Ken the Trash and Pan

By: Sophie Su

There once was a piece of trash named Ken
Who smelled like a smelly trash can
He lived in a garbage truck
Because he was stuck
There he died and came back as a pan

Ken is now a pan and he is not a fan
He was used by a man
Ken shouted "hot hot hot"
Since it burnt a lot

There he lived everyday until the day he became a can?

Identity by: Vicky Hsu

Who am I?
Who are you?
Simple question like this,
Can make our head spins
Around and around

For us,
Identity is a question
We been finding for years
An answer,
we been searching
like a ghost,
Drifting aimlessly in the crowd
with a little cule of what we are finding.

Then slowly,
people start to question
Those words start turn to pression
Like rocks on our shoulders and knives making
cuts
Deep cuts

It hurts
Of course
But unlike a sickness
That can be treated
It can't
It stays and grows
As time goes old
And
Forever
It last

We started to change ourselves
Over and over again
Pushing our limit
To what people want us to
And think:

Maybe now,
People will approve us
Maybe now,
People won't hate us that much

Ridiculous
People's hater not only didn't stop
It grow
Worst than ever
They keep on making assumptions
While pushing and pressuring us

It's
isolating
For people stay away from us
And we can't fit in to them

It's
tiring
As it never give us a chance to rest
or just catch a breath


So,
as time slowly pass
We slowly lose ourselves
We lost the answer to who am I
We lost the the answer to what does it mean to
be I

We start to question ourselves
Why am I here?
When we are just coping and doing what people
want us to?
Like a puppet
Or a robot
programmed by peoples
No real voice
look
emotions
Or even,
actions

And yes
We're lost
In a maze with no way out
trap

So now,
please take my advice
For it's so important to just be you:

You are perfect just the way you are
Nobody can change it
Even if they can
Just stay strong and prove them wrong
And that,
Will be the answer to who you are.



By Ethan Murphy

Bang! Shot, dead.

In a Florida school, 17 lives gone.

All of those kids had a bright future ahead of them, but it was stopped with just a bullet.

Just like a wall blocking your path.

It's sad to think that something so precious as life, can be taken away in an instant.

Children going to school are no longer safe.

Children now have to live with the worry that they might not come home from school.

Going to school is now a gamble between life and death, it is not your choice to live.

When citizens think about this, they want to take action and try to ban all of the firearms.

When the government thinks about this, they make owning a silencer in America legal.

When citizens want to take deadly weapons away from schools away from innocent lives.

The government hands teachers deadly weapons right where they are surrounded by little kids.

What citizens want is none of the government's concern.

But instead it is a suggestion for them to do the opposite.

With the new policy, the world can surf on bullets and rifles.

And at the end, there will be more sorrow and sadness in the future.

And it is only because no one wants to make change.

The guns are just asking you to pull the trigger that are being pointed at innocent people.

We now live in a world where when you say goodbye to your children, it might be the last.

So throw that gun in the trash, we are done with all of the nonsense.

It is now the time to finally say no to guns.

Ode to Wonderful Bacon

By Kenneth Salas

O'wonderful Bacon sitting next to me! When I come in a room and your sizzling in the pan. I know you are there smelling delicious and yummy. If there is an option for you. I will choose you every time.

O'wonderful bacon telling me to eat you. I start to drool and wonder about you. Wherever I go I think about you I think of you as my family however your not. Even if I see salad I would rather choose you.

O'wonderful bacon whenever your around I believe I'm in heaven. When I feel you i burn myself. But I will never give up for you. I could taste your greasy but delicious fat in my mouth. O'wonderful bacon sitting next to me I love every corner and every side of you.

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