

School News: Texas Special Edition



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The New School in the Heights provides an alternative educational experience and social-emotional support for bright children.

Ms Kim's Trip to the Houston Zoo
By: Will
Ms. Kim's trip to the zoo was pleasant and beautiful. She was there for education, not pleasure. She did not see any animals. Her seminar at the zoo was about how it is important for kids to stay in school and be a part of their neighborhood. Students who have motivation are rewarded with life. The kids should make some sort of money making stand, such as a root beer stand. Maybe the school will have a root beer stand this summer!



The School Cat
By: Guillaume
I like school more when Smelly Elliot is here because he is a cute cat. It makes me happy to think about him. I really enjoy playing with Smelly Elliot a lot. I like him so much that I miss him when I have not been to school in a couple of days. Smelly Elliot makes me very happy when he visits us at school. Playing with him cheers me up if I am sad. I like to say he is my cat friend.



PI Day
By: Natasha

PI day is on March 14. PI looks like a sign, but it is really a number. In 2002 a group of people in Japan used a computer to calculate PI more than one trillion decimal places. Ms. Candace and her class actually started making a PI chain. It actually looks really AWESOME! On each circle of the chain there is a number on it. The number is part of the PI number. The chain is at least six feet tall. Hope you celebrated PI day on Sunday!



Go Texas Day
By: Cameron

For go Texas Day Ms. Debbie's class wore western attire and learned about bluebonnets, state symbols and emblems. Did you know that people ride horses on the freeway? The horses are on the freeway during the week of the rodeo. This is event is called the trail ride. Ms. Debbie's class also learned about Blue Bell Ice Cream. They did an activity that involved pretending to be a real Blue Bell factory worker by making their own ice cream. Ms. Debbie also taught them that not everyone in the United States can get Blue Bell ice cream, but it is still the 3rd best selling ice cream in this country!

Current Events

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Saint Patrick's Day
By: Morgan

St. Patrick's Day is a yearly feast day that celebrates Saint Patrick. Saint Patrick is most famous saint of Ireland. This day is celebrated on March 17, and is a national holiday in Ireland, a bank holiday in Northern Ireland, and a public holiday in the Republic of Ireland. It is also celebrated in Australia, New Zealand, and Montserrat. The United States celebrates Saint Patrick's day as a public holiday. St. Patrick's feast day became part of the Catholic Church calendar because of the French scholar, Luke Wadding in the 17th century. (Although, the Irish Church had been celebrating this feast day for some time). St. Patrick's Day is a holy day for Roman Catholics in Ireland. Saint Patrick's day usually happens during Lent. The church calendar usually does not celebrate Saints' feast day during different kinds of ceremonies.



The Super Bowl
By: Bobby

WHO DAT?!? I'll tell you "WHO DAT" is, it is the New Orleans Saints football team winning the Super Bowl! This year's Super Bowl was played in Miami, Florida. The Saints defeated the Indianapolis Colts, who will be cringing over this loss for a while. It was an intense game, but the Saints were determined to win it. This was their first time to the Super Bowl ever. The Saints won by a landslide! The score was 31 to 17! "Who dat" who said the Saints were not going to win?



Summer Project
By: Taylor

Last week Ms. Kim and Ms. Jessica went to the zoo to hear about "Lemonade Day" for the school. They went for us so we will have a cool project to do this summer. Ms. Kim and Ms. Jessica were listening to a man who was telling him about the lemonade business he made with his kid. He talked about how lemonade has the same things as business. For example, he told them about how the location of the lemonade stand made a difference in the business. He talked about how he searched different streets looking for the best place to sell lemonade. He said busy streets did not work, and said they wanted to move their business to a calmer neighborhood to sell. It is neat how lemonade can be thought of as a real business.

## All About The Great Lone Star State



The Alamo  
By: Griffin

The Alamo was named Mission San Antonio de Valero when it was built in 1724. Missionaries were converting native Indians and did farming. The Spanish army took over and named the mission the Alamo in the early 1800's. Both the revolutionaries and royalists lived in the Alamo during Mexico's ten year fight for independence. During the Texas Revolution, the Texans captured the Alamo and held it for 13 days. Among the people who held it were Jim Bowie and David Crockett. Santa Ana's army finally defeated the Texans on March 6, 1836. All of the brave men inside lost their lives fighting for their freedom.



Six National Flags Flown Over Texas  
By: Natasha

In Texas there were six flags. The first one was Spain starting in 1519. The flag has two red lions and two yellow buildings. In 1685-1765 the French took the land from Spain. In five years the French did not rule anymore. Later on, Santa Ana and his Mexican army took over Texas from 1821-1836. Texas and Mexico had a war, and the Texans eventually won. Texas was its own country in 1836-1848. Later, Texas joined the United States of America and they were part of a split country from 1861-1865. When the United States rejoined, it got bigger, and made a new flag with 50 stars on it. Each star represents a state. So Texas has had six flags flown over it from 1519 until the present.

### Kerrville

By: Jacob W.

Kerrville is a quaint little town built on the Guadalupe River in the early 1800's. It is a very slow paced town and is very different than Houston. Downtown is very small with only two storied buildings including a small shop that Elvis once played in front of. The drive there is very calm but a long ride along I-10. As you catch your first glimpse of the long road that is Sydney Baher., you're only seeing the hotel and gas stations of the town and once you get to the intersection of Sydney Baher at Main, near the courthouse, you are in downtown.

Once you get near Schreiner campus you are in one of the main neighborhoods. If you stay up until around 8:30 or 9:00, deer will start roaming the street. Being that it is very hilly, it is great for hiking, or if you prefer a nice long walk. The prime eateries are probably going to start off with: your house, Mammacitos, and Main Street Chinese. The community is very friendly, and open. Kerrville offers a warm welcome to anyone who comes to stay. The entire town itself has great hospitality.

The weather in Kerrville is great because of its wide variation. In the summer it is hot and somewhat humid, and in the winter it is very crisp and cold. The perfect thing to do is bundle up by the fireplace with a cup of hot tea and a book. During summer it is great to go outside with a cup of iced tea.

I have family and a house in Kerrville and being able to go there often is amazing. Some of the things you must bring include a leash, a dog, and anything outside. If you go once you will be hooked for sure!

### Fun Facts-Armadillos

By: Joshua

Did you know Toho. Co., the company who makes Godzilla and other movies made an armadillo-like monster named Anguirus who has been in a bunch of movies? Did you know armadillos are related to sloths and anteaters? Also, armadillos can curl themselves into a ball to protect numerable body parts from predators.

Did you know that nine-banded armadillos are common to southernmost states like Texas? This is why the armadillo is the Texas state animal.



What I Did in San Antonio This Spring Break  
By: Jeff

When I was in San Antonio I went to a five star hotel. At the hotel I did a lot of swimming. Our hotel's name was Hotel Contessa. It was in front of the River Walk in San Antonio. I also went to the Alamo, it was fun. The next day after we saw the Alamo, we had to go back home.

## NSH Student News!

### My Night at 'The New Moon' DVD Release Party:

By: Baylee:

On March 19<sup>th</sup> during spring break I went to The 'New Moon' DVD release party, and I had a lot of fun. There were trivia questions. I answered one of them and won a t-shirt! Later on, the celebrity from the movie, Daniel Cudmore, came out and answered a few questions. After that I went downstairs to buy the DVD, and I saw him! I went to ask him a question and he saw me, and he said hello to me. He asked me how I was and I told him, "Good!" Then I asked him my question. Later, I looked down at the DVD my grandfather bought me and it was signed! I think that all the DVDs were signed at the party before people bought them. It was the best night of my life!

### Texas War

By: Nich

In the 1700's-1800's the war between Texas and Mexico had been going on. The point of the battle was to give Texas its freedom because Texas wanted to separate from Mexico. Texas became its own state on December 6, 1829. A lot of people were injured or killed. The types of defense used at that time were bayonets, muskets, shrapnel, cannons, rifles, and long swords. The two leaders during the war were Sam Houston and Santa Ana.

## Critics' Choice Continued



Iron Maiden

By: Patrick

Iron Maiden is a British heavy metal band founded in 1975 by current bassist Steve Harris. The current members of Maiden are Nicko McBrian (drummer) Adrian Smith (lead guitarist), Steve Harris (bassist), Dave Murray (guitarist), and Bruce Dickinson (vocals). In their thirty-five years, the band has released a total of 14 albums. Their heyday was in the mid-eighties, but they have recently had a huge resurgence in India and Latin America. Some of Maiden's most recognizable songs are "Number the Beast" and "2 Minutes to Midnight." Also some of the songs respected by Maiden fans are "Powerslave," "Can I Play with Madness," and "Pashendale." Their most recent tour was the "Somewhere Back in Time Tour." I myself have just become a Maiden fan in the past six months, and the reason why I like them is that they have great rifts. I. On March 4<sup>th</sup> 2010 Iron Maiden announced that on their upcoming Final Frontier Tour that on June 9<sup>th</sup> they will play a show at the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion in Houston Texas. I hope this article has convinced you to give maiden a listen.

Water. I Guess

By: Adam

Water is very wet and is made up of atoms. Water is also very interesting. Did you know that if you stay in water too long it can be fatal? I bet you did not know that. This is because over time when you are in water too long the water causes your cells to become over enlarged. It can be looked at as "WATER TERRORISM." A lot of things are dissolvable in water such as sugar, which is good for food. Water is also good for food. There is even this thing where you just add water and it produces real food very fast. So, water is cool, but sometimes it get hot and if it gets too hot it will melt into water vapor.

Hatchet

By: Austin

We are reading a book called Hatchet in Ms. Candace's class. It is about a kid named Brian who just had a plane crash and has to survive in order to be rescued before the winter comes. Brian was on the plane on his way to go visit his dad. The reason the plane crashed is because pilot of the small plane had a heart attack. Brian was forced to take hold of the wheel and crash the plane into the lake. Also, when Brian takes over the plane, he hit the controls and the plane went the wrong way. In order to survive he has to make a fire and figure out how to survive in the wilderness. This story is cool because it is about a boy trying to survive in the woods.

Restaurant Review: Jeanette's Bistro

By: Sara

Three weeks ago I dined at a new restaurant called Jeanette's Bistro. Jeanette's Bistro is a Belgium/French cuisine. They are famous for the mussels, French fries, and crêpes. These happen to be my three favorite French foods. The minute I tasted the food I knew I was in heaven. It tasted so good, it was like a dream come true. The French fries were crisp, the mussels were not overcooked, and the crêpes were sweet as sugar. I know this is the place for me. So, if you like French food, Jeanette's bistro is the place to go!



ALF

By: Will (his biggest fan)

Gordon Shumway is a creature whose nickname is ALF, which is short for Alien Life Form. ALF's home planet of Melmac exploded because all of the hair dryers were plugged in at the same time. Gordon was patrolling Melmac in a spaceship and the explosion cause him to fall into the Tanners Garage on Earth.

Melmacians are never more than a meter tall, and they are hairy. They also have forty organs, and all but two of them are stomachs. Melmac has a grey sky, blue grass, and a purple sun. There gold is worthless, and wax is precious. I like this show because it is funny. Gordon is hilarious because he has to try everything out.



Geek High

By: Baylee

Geek High is about a girl named Miranda Bloom. She goes to an advanced school called Notting Hill, or as she likes to call it "Geek High." She has a sister named Hannah. Hannah acts like a princess. In their family, Miranda's friend, Finn, just started a school gossip blog. In this gossip blog, Finn has been revealing secrets about herself and Miranda. Hannah's friend Dex was hanging out with Hannah and her friends one night. This is where a very messy Miranda met Dex, and started to fall for him. Hannah and her friends new Miranda liked Dex, so they all decided to go to the mall and buy clothes for Miranda's new makeover. At the end of the book, Miranda starts to think about everything that went on at Geek High. Thus, there is a sequel to this book called Geek Aboard. Another sequel is coming out soon which is called The Summer of Geek. I really love the story in Geek High because it shows that there is nothing wrong about being a geek!

About Dungeons and Dragons

By: Andrew

Dungeons and Dragons or D&D was created in 1974 by Tactical Studies Rules, Inc. Many people regard Dungeons and Dragons as the beginning of the modern role playing games and role playing industry. Since the game was fun [in a lot of people's minds] through early success imitators tried to cash in too. Right now about 6 million people play D&D in the US and about \$1 billion in sells.

A typical game of Dungeons and Dragons usually has a party a Dungeon master and one adventure that is basically one story the dungeon master get to make an adventure or get premade adventure for the game. The adventure has a main quest some encounter with monster and challenges the player must overcome. What adventurer would want to run in to traps then a dragon?



"Info." and Legends of Dragons By: Jacob H.

Dragons usually are believed to have wings and breathe fire. They also are said to have scales and claws. Some also have horns. Almost always they are said to be venomous. Some dragons may have two or more heads. They may also have more than one tail. They may have two, four or even more legs; however, most are known to have four legs. Dragons eat things such as rats, birds, snakes, bats, or even humans, especially children. Dragons are very intelligent creatures. They live in remote areas, far away from humans, in places that are dark, damp and secluded, such as caves. Dragons were first thought of as creatures who lived in water. Later they became associated with fire. Sea serpents may have been the first dragons, and may be the reason for this association. For more information, check Wikipedia on search on Bing for "Dragons or Legends," or ask Jacob H.