



VETERAN'S DAY

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Every year, we honor the survivors of past wars on November 11th. It began on November 11th, 1919. This day is the anniversary of the end of World War I, also known as the Great War.

The veterans that joined us consisted of: Otis Anderson, Norman Austin, Jeff Hammad, Walter Kain, and Harry Moore. Mr. Moore's branch of service is the army and he served in the Vietnam War. After the war, he worked in the police department and finished his education. Being in the war pushed him to succeed and pushed his limits. He was a soldier and an undercover investigator. From his experience, Mr. Moore said that he would "never go camping again for the rest of [his] life." Mr. Hammad served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He wanted to join because he liked the idea of blowing things up and being destructive. After the war, he went to college. The war gave him life experience. Mr. Kain served in the navy and joined because he wanted to fight for the country. He served in WWII and his dad served in WWI. All of the veterans agreed that the food wasn't bad. Mr. Moore said, "navy food isn't like army food."

Veteran's Day is a special day to thank the people that served for our country.

They carried their food with them, either in a backpack or in a jeep.

During the assembly, the whole school, from Pre-K to 8th grade, watched a performance in the gymnasium. The younger students made hats and wore them during the ceremony. A memorable thing we always do is that the students hand out red roses to the veterans. In the past, a couple Boy Scouts from THRS demonstrated how to properly fold the American flag in a perfectly straight triangle. This year we had a couple different activities. First, the veterans were introduced. Then, Christina Hron and Azahra Maharani sang the Star Spangled Banner. The national anthem was followed by our student body president, Mya Franklin's, welcome speech. Mr. Moore also gave a historical perspective speech. Next, the 5th grade chorus club sang Grand Old Flag. After that, Rojina Torabi and Sahara Oberoi had us do General MacArthur's Prayer. Finally, Mr. Heinly made his final remarks and thanked the veterans for coming in. It was fun to see all of our classmates and Honor Roll family perform and speak. I learned a lot! ➤



Thank you. Ms. Rychlik shook Walter Kain's hand and thanked him for his service and for being at The Honor Roll School on Veteran's Day.

A million dollars? Middle school history teacher, Harry Moore, shared his thoughts and ideas at the Veteran's Day assembly. "I wouldn't give \$1 million dollars for the experience and I wouldn't take \$1 million dollars to do it over again."

Ms. Joy's Message

THRS is twenty-four years old! Wow! The years have flown by like moments. Through it all we have continued to strengthen our core value of cultivating a love of learning through a challenging educational program in a caring and supportive environment. I speak on behalf of all of us at ECP, when I say that we **LOVE** what we do and it shows!

JOY Dasgupta | Early Childhood Program



A Word from Ms. Quintero



Hello Dolphins,

It is hard to believe that our first semester is already coming to a close! So many wonderful activities have taken place where our four pillars have been

showcased. Beyond our rigorous academics, our robust athletics program, and our commitment to community service, growing our arts program in the performing arts area was important.

As research shows, a developing child benefits greatly from participating in both a visual and performing arts program. Some of the benefits are fine and gross motor skill development, language development, decision making, inventiveness, confidence, cultural awareness, and improved academic performance. As a growing program, we are striving to

expose our students to all aspects of the arts. Today I walked through the middle school hallway and stopped to read a flyer with a smile on my face. The flyer read: The Big Bad Musical: A Howling Courtroom Comedy. Here's the cast of characters. Please see Mrs. White for auditions." This is exciting to see here and after the fantastic job the cast and crew did with Aladdin, I will be first in line to buy my ticket for the next play. Our first Winter Concert featuring the band, orchestra and multiple grade level chorus was lovely and the children were proud of their performance. Thank you, Mrs. White, Mr. Smith, and Ms. Wong!

Have a wonderful break with your family!

So over the winter break, take your child to a concert, a play, a musical, a museum. There are so many to choose from here at home or wherever your vacation destination may be.

Doris Quintero
K-8 Principal



Headlines from the Headmaster

Dear THRS Families:

Congratulations to the students who are participating in our yearbook/newsletter class. At THRS we are focused on our campus allowing our students to be leaders. We expect our THRS Dolphins to excel in any future endeavor they choose, and it is our responsibility to provide the experiences for them to achieve this goal. I am proud of the students who are working hard on this newsletter and look forward to our Dolphin community getting to experience their first edition.

We have just finished November and are quickly approaching the start of a new calendar year. November is the one month of the year we are reminded to be **THANKFUL** for all that we have and experience each and every day. When I think of our campus, I am reminded just how thankful I am to be a part of tradition, change and a never-ending pursuit of making THRS the best private school in Sugar Land. I am thankful for the best faculty/staff that dedicates countless hours for the education of our students. I am thankful for the amazing families, who truly support what we are doing as a campus and help make this school so special. Finally, I am thankful for the students, who put a smile on my face daily and remind us of why we are happy to work so hard!

THRS believes in our motto: Where well rounded, starts with well educated. We work towards improving our four pillars that guide our campus: Academics, Athletics, Arts and Community Service. I hope everyone was able to read my end of nine weeks newsletter where we showcased each of the above pillars. Please keep checking your emails as we will continue to use our Dolphin Days, postcards and newsletters to build the home-school connection.

CONGRATS again to the students and their teacher, Ms. Elan Wong, on this newsletter and we look forward to seeing our Dolphin students excel!

Thanks to all of our Dolphin families for your continued support. It's always a **GREAT** day to be a **DOLPHIN!**

"Honor, Responsibility, Respect" it's the Dolphin Way!

With much Dolphin Pride,
Tom Heinly
Head of School

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TRICKS & TREATS

HALLOWEEN IS ONE OF MY FAVORITE TIMES OF THE YEAR. WRITTEN BY EMI LAM

It is a chance for you to dress up in something that expresses your personality and interest and you aren't judged for what you love.

As the day passes, the Pre-K students show their adorable costumes. Their parents gather for the annual costume parade outside on the front lawn. Meanwhile, in the other building, elementary students are in their homeroom classes doing fun activities and having "spooktacular" treats.

Speaking as a past elementary student, this is one of the most memorable times all school year.

As the day comes to a close, the Middle School gets a break from working on their classwork to head to the Halloween Social where we all socialize. Students can have these moments captured with a photo booth that includes funny props. Eating, dancing, and listening to music provided by the amazing DJ, no one wants the day to end.

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GIVE ME MY CANDY! ECP gets ready to collect their candy while trick-or-treating around the school. Halloween has been a tradition here at The Honor Roll School. The kids enjoy dressing up and getting candy for the holiday.

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EWV, WAS THAT AN EYEBALL? Samia and Billy are playing a version of "feely cup." In the bucket, there were peeled grapes and macaroni. OR were they actually body parts?

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WHERE'S THE FIRE? Two brave firemen are ready to go, despite the fact that they are starring in the parade.

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THAT'S A WRAP. Guests competed to see who could be the most wrapped in toilet paper. One winner was Rayaan.



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SWAGALICIOUS! Hot dogs, witches, and superheroes, oh my! Ms. Porbanderwala's class strike poses in their fantastic costumes on the front field.

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#BESTIES. 5th grade girls enjoying a rest while waiting in the photo booth line. Emma, dressed as a dark angel, says, "I was having so much fun at the Halloween Social!"



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PICTURE PURRFECT! Here Ailed, Naomi, and Chelsea are smiling for the camera at the amazing Halloween Social! They are about to get into the photo booth to take an awesome instant picture.



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BEE-U-TIFUL COSTUMES. Ms. Frank is with her two students ready to take over the world. Just kidding! They are ready to march in the parade and show off their costumes.



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PHENOMENAL COSMIC POWER....



...itty bitty living space



- Cast? ✓
- Props? ✓
- Mics? ✓

These were all necessities of the featured Aladdin play, here at The Honor Roll School. We have had many hit musicals at THRS, and this was yet another great success.

As Guard 1 in the show Aladdin, I am here to tell you my time working on the drama program. I might not have been a huge part in the musical, but I am glad I got to share the experience with the amazing cast and crew. Putting on this play took a good month and a half. At first, it was a challenge remembering all my lines and positions, but seeing the smile on the audience's faces made it all worth it. One of the most memorable moments was when I got my costume, and my castmates and I were laughing because the pants were so baggy and huge. It was hilarious! The late night practices and dress rehearsals were all worthwhile to see the show come to life and happiness flowing through the air while performing. All the laughter, happiness, and thrill made it an experience I will never forget.



EMI LAM
GUARD 1



ANAYA KARSALIYA
TOWNSPERSON

Today, I will be telling you how this production came together from my point-of-view as a towns person and from helping backstage. This play took many rehearsals and a lot of time and effort. We had to know the lines and specific, on-point timing. Backstage, we had to set up all the props in order and remember the curtain calls. We had to be ready to change the scene settings on time. This was not easy at first, but with time, we got everything settled. We also had to handle the main lights and scenes. If we did not do it on time, it would ruin the whole appearance of the scene. I'm happy it turned out well!

Werd! Alex performing "You Ain't Never Had a Friend Like Me." It was an entertaining moment watching the Genie rapping on stage and showing off his skills.



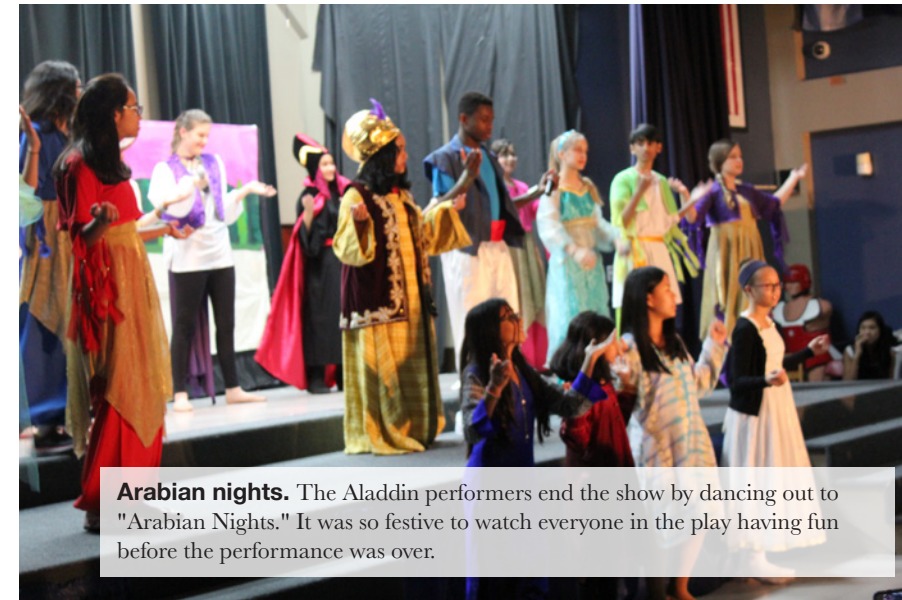
Wait, is that a carpet? Flying out of the curtains, the magic carpet, played by Mohamed, is dancing and wow-ing the crowd. "I put the carpet in magic carpet!" says Mo.



What an audience! Here the audience is laughing uncontrollably at the hysterical Aladdin play. "That was funny," says Anonymous.



Arabian nights. The Aladdin performers end the show by dancing out to "Arabian Nights." It was so festive to watch everyone in the play having fun before the performance was over.



What happens backstage? Hanna goofing around to let the nerves out with the narrators, Surmayee and Mariana. They are getting ready to perform their first showing of Aladdin. "Photobomb!" shouts Hanna.



This was an amazing play and it took a massive amount of effort, from all the rehearsals to the prop-making. This would not have been possible without all the positive energy from the cast, crew, and Ms. White. Thank you!

YOUR GUIDE TO WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THRS



Picking up pumpkins. ECP students start their day by choosing their pumpkins to accompany them on their journey of trick-or-treating.

Flying pumpkin. Rhyan in Ms. Wong's 6th grade class is throwing his pumpkin into the air. I guess you could say he's having a pumptastic day! "Don't worry, I caught it," Rhyan assures us.

Say pumpkin! 5th graders in Ms. Washington's and Ms. Alam's class are holding their new collection of pumpkins at the Pumpkin Patch.

Pumpkin Patch!



BOO!(K) FAIR

The BOO-k fair was a very fun activity for students of all ages. It was held over the week of October 13th in the library and it was put together by Ms. M. The book fair was wonderful and very pleasing. It was Halloween themed, complete with an inflatable black cat!



How big could your pumpkin grow? Ms. M is helping the preschoolers fill out their wish lists. The young students came to look at the books and choose their favorites.



Say cheese! All the middle schoolers went to the book fair not just to look for books but also to help the preschoolers. The teacher recommended some books and each person helped one person.



stuff the bus



A Spoonful of Sugar...

BOOnanas & cheesy mouthwatering pizza, fresh on the go. Pizza was served by TK-2 parents at the Bake Sale. They also sold hot dogs and many desserts. These included Gogoz, chocolate covered apples with toppings, bat goldfish, bundt cakes, and meringue with Nutella. It was overall a successful bake sale.



Boxes, boxes, boxes... Students from Ms. Frank's class are putting canned food into boxes to put into the bus.



Results! Ms. Frank's class is taking a group picture with the stuffed bus and admiring their hard work.

Honor Roll Roundup

Learning Through Experiences

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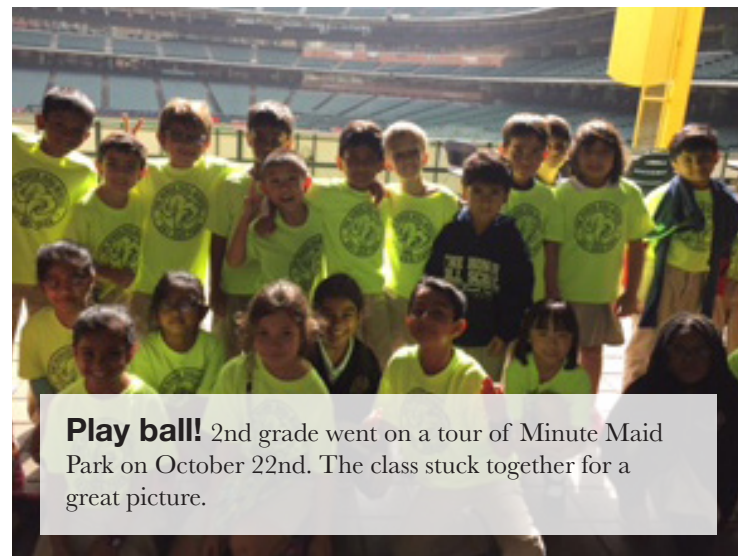
This semester, THRS students went on many field experiences, including Dewberry Farms, Miller Outdoor Theater, and much more! It was a fantastic and fun fall!



Pumpkins! TK 6 went on a field experience to Dewberry Farms on October 20th. They all posed with the pumpkins for the picture.



Riding tires! All of TK 5 went on a field experience to Dewberry Farms. The class posed together for the picture riding tires.



Play ball! 2nd grade went on a tour of Minute Maid Park on October 22nd. The class stuck together for a great picture.



Group picture! All of 7th and 8th Grade went to Miller Outdoor Theater for a field experience on October 5th. They sat together to enjoy the sunny day!

Sports Center BY SAAD MANSOOR

An Old Boot... Yes, An Old Boot

The Old Boot is when the faculty plays a Dolphins sports team. Each year, there are two sports that qualify for the Old Boot games. They are basketball and volleyball. Volleyball is the first Old Boot game. It is faculty versus the Dolphins varsity volleyball team. They play for a trophy that is shaped like a boot. Yes, an old boot. This past game took place on November 20th. It was an interesting game. The students won, although the staff fought hard. Contrasts to the 2015 Volleyball Old Boot winners, the Dolphins!



KICK, SPIKE, SHOOT!

Every year, there are two sports that start with the school year. Those two sports are soccer and volleyball. Unlike past seasons, this time soccer was more about learning and understanding the game. At THRS, you are eligible to play sports starting from the 5th grade. This year, even though the soccer team only won 3 games, it was one of the best soccer seasons we have ever had during my time here. We learned a lot of soccer

moves and techniques, thanks to the new coach, Coach Flores. Volleyball had a great season, and improved from last year, according to the players on the team. The Varsity and JV girls were undefeated. When the 1st quarter of the school year ended, so did the two sports. At the start of the second quarter, basketball, wrestling, and cheerleading began. We look forward to more of these sports in 2016.

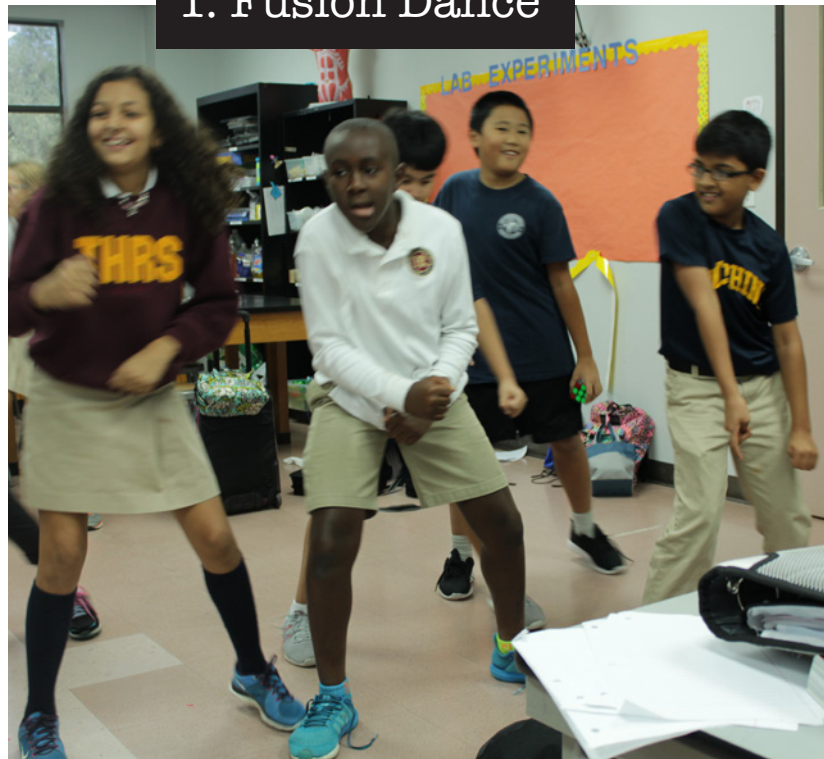
GO DOLPHINS!



Is it club time yet?

Students from a fifth through eighth grade have had the opportunity to choose from many different extracurricular activities for their last period. These include clubs such as Art, Fusion Dance, American Sign Language (ASL), Graphic Design, Strings, Digital Tech, Stage Tech, ISEE Prep, and more!

1. Fusion Dance



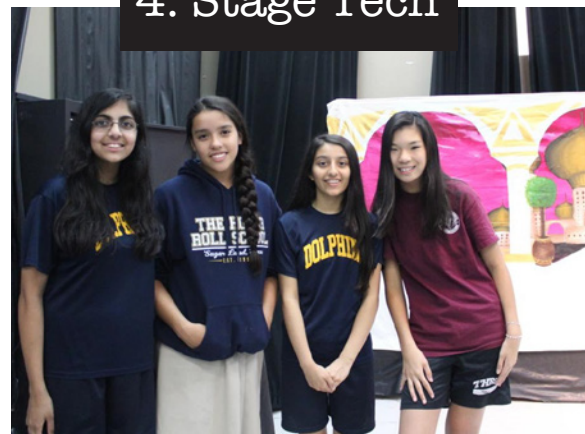
2. ISEE Prep



3. ASL



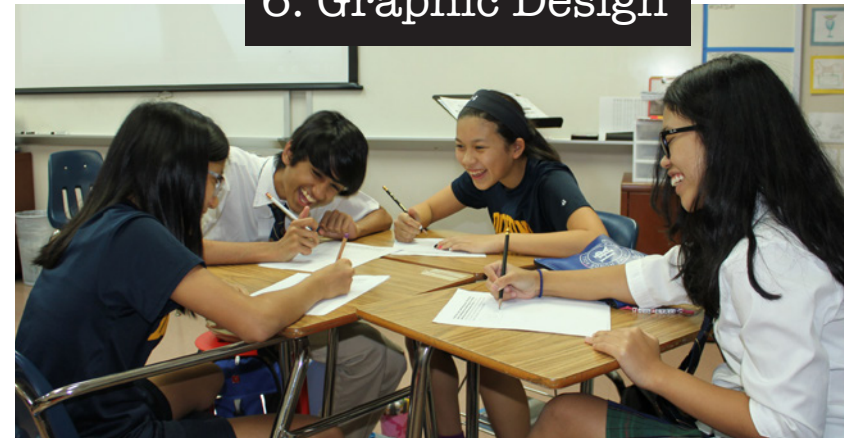
4. Stage Tech



5. Digital Tech



6. Graphic Design



7. Art



8. Strings



RACHEL, 7TH GRADE



ALEJANDRO, 8TH GRADE

1. Just dance! Salma, Clint, Eric, Manav, are dancing to the beat. In Fusion Dance, students combine different dance styles. They also perform during special events. It is organized by Ms. Rahman.

2. ISEE you working! Inyeneabasi, Katharine, and Caitlyn are working on their ISEE workbook. Students are preparing for the upcoming ISEE exam. It is led by Ms. Gruetzmacher and Ms. Hamilton.

3. I love you! Students are showing off their knowledge of American Sign Language. They learn how to communicate with one another with the help of Ms. Lauren.

4. Behind the scenes. Without techies, the drama productions would not be the same. Ms. White trains THRS students to be great techies. The setup takes a lot of work and energy from the stage crew.

5. What's that image? Billy helps point others in the right direction. Ms. Balouchestani teaches students animation and other things on computers.

6. Logos & doodles. Students create logos for restaurants and companies with Ms. Wong. "Graphic design allows us to explore and unwind our imagination," says Caitlyn.

7. Beauty in everything. In art, students do different things that involve painting, sketches, pop art, etc. In the picture, Ailed is helping to create background for the Aladdin musical. This club is led by Mr. Clark.

8. Joy to the World! The strings club meets to learn and play pieces together with Ms. Wong. "I like the songs we are supposed to play and I am pumped for the Winter Concert," says Ashley.



MS. MICHELLE BAILEY is a first grade teacher who graduated from the University of Houston. She loves the character Belle and used to teach at Commonwealth. She loves basketball and enjoys cooking, art, and making crafts in her free time. She

found out about THRS because she went to Clements High School and has taught 1st – 5th grade before. Her hobbies are cooking and making things. She loves cheeseburgers, her favorite color is pink, and she likes to shop at the store Francesca's.

MR. JACK PASCHALL is a 3rd grade math and science teacher who graduated from the University of Houston. He loves Goofy and used to teach at Hutchison Elena in Lamar ISD. He loves track, basketball, and competitive cheer. In his free time, he likes to read, jog, and work out. He found out about THRS from a friend has taught 4th – 8th grade in the past. He loves the color green, eating lasagna, and shopping at Target, Kohl's, and Kroger.



MS. BETH MARTIN is a 3rd math and science teacher who graduated from Sam Houston. She loves Eeyore and anything equestrian. She used to work at veterinarian clinic and Quail Valley Middle School. In her free time, she likes to play with her 4-year-old daughter and ride horses. She found out about THRS from Mr. Heinly and has taught 5th – 8th grade. Her hobbies are anything with horses. She loves the color hot pink and Starbucks.

MR. TERENCE CLARK, the new art teacher and girl's basketball coach, graduated from the Ringling College of Art and Design. Before coming to THRS, he freelanced at Hollister and was a high school art teacher in Miami. He enjoys football and likes to paint in his free time. He found out about THRS through job postings and enjoys fishing as his favorite hobby. His favorite color is blue, his favorite food is chicken, and his favorite store is Macy's.



MS. LAUREN WHITE, the band, music, and drama teacher, got her degree from Texas State University. She worked at Barrington Place, Commonwealth, and Palm Royal Elementary before coming to THRS. Her favorite sport is soccer and likes to costume in her free time. She found out about THRS from Mr. Heinly. She has taught preschool – 2nd grade before and likes to sing as her hobby. Her favorite food is lasagna and she loves the color green. She also likes to shop at JoAnn Fabrics.



MS. SALIMA PORBANDERWALA is the 4th grade social studies and ELA teacher and graduated from the University of Texas at San Antonio. She loves Cinderella and used to teach at HSID. She found out about THRS through job searching. She enjoys playing tennis, reading, and watching movies. Ms. Porbanderwala has taught 2nd – 5th grade. She loves scrapbooking and eating pizza. Her favorite colors are red and green and she likes shopping at Forever 21.



MS. SHARAARA RAHMAN, the 5th and 6th grade science teacher, went to Binghamton University in New York and The University of Houston. She was a Clinical Research Scientist at the University of Texas Medical School before coming to THRS. She loves tennis and likes to travel, decorate her

house, and read in her free time. She found out about THRS from her friends and has taught 10th – 12th grade Advanced Placement Science in the past. She loves dancing and any food dealing with spicy curry. Ms. Rahman loves the color pink and her favorite stores are Zara, Anthropologie, and Nordstroms.



MS. GWEN CURTICE, the 5th – 6th math teacher and contest math teacher, graduated from the University of Texas and the Education Texas Tech University. She loves Cinderella and football. She used to teach at the Gifted and Talented Academy and was a competition math teacher and at Commonwealth and Austin Parkway. She likes to read and watch movies in her free time and found out about THRS from Mr. Heinly. She has taught grades 2nd – 8th and likes to garden and read in her free time. She loves Mexican and Italian food and the color navy blue. Her favorite stores are J.Crew and Target.



MS. ELAN WONG, the 6th grade ELA, Yearbook, and Orchestra teacher, graduated from Carnegie Mellon and Boston University. She loves Ariel and kickboxing. She used to work as an editor and designer for several magazines and taught English to kids in Alaska and Taiwan. She loves to draw and read and found out about THRS online. She has taught 2nd – 8th grade before and loves to Netflix or shop in her free time. Ms. Wong's favorite food is potatoes and loves the color red. She enjoys shopping at Sephora.



MS. ANNA MURCHISON, the 7th and 8th grade science teacher, graduated from Texas A&M and LSU. She loves Simba and used to teach at the Gifted & Talented Academy. She likes football and loves to read in her free time. She found out about THRS

through Mr. Heinly and has taught 7th and 8th grade biology in the past. Her favorite hobby is growing orchids and her favorite food is artichokes with hollandaise sauce. She loves the color green and shopping at Magnolia House Gifts.



Puns.

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I'd tell you a chemistry joke, but I know I wouldn't get a reaction.

I wasn't originally going to get a brain transplant, but then I changed my mind.

I am on a seafood diet. Every time I see food, I eat it.



Why was Cinderella thrown off the basketball team? She ran away from the ball.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. It's impossible to put down.

THE REAL DEAL...

BY EMI LAM & NAOMI DITLEFSEN

What has been the most memorable moment of school so far?



GETTING ALL A'S FIRST QUARTER.

JUSTIN, 5TH GRADE

THE FIELD TRIP TO MILLER OUT-DOOR THEATER.

DAVID-TYLER, 7TH GRADE



MR. HEINLY'S BIRTHDAY.

JASMINE, 3RD GRADE



THEY CHANGED THE PASSWORD FOR THE DOOR.

SHAHZEB, 3RD GRADE



PLAYING.

- SKYLAR, TK



Happy Holidays from the THRS Newsletter Staff!