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T I M E S

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Hello students from HMS!

Is it too early to decorate
for Halloween?

Get ready for sweater
weather!

Have Halloween costume
ideas yet?!

Are you excited for
Homecoming?

Make today great!



**“Jumping’s what
Tigger’s do best!”**

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The Voice of our School

By Jenna Sanders

Many young and talented voices can be found in almost every school across America, and one way that those voices may choose to express themselves is through Choir. In choir programs, students learn how to exercise, expand, and train their voices. Here at Hurricane Middle School, our choir programs are joined by some of the best voices.

This school year, HMS has a new choir teacher, Ms. Stackhouse. Mrs. Stackhouse has a very different approach to teaching compared to Mrs. Young. She prefers more of a fast pace, while Mrs. Young prefers taking things slower. Maddison Peck, an HMS Advanced choir student, prefers Mrs. Stackhouse's faster pace of teaching. "I prefer her teaching because it's quicker, when Mrs. Young was teaching, I feel like we weren't getting much done."

Mrs. Stackhouse also chooses different, more unique songs. "The originality of the songs is better than what most teachers do," said Taylor Pierce, an HMS Choir student.

The originality of the songs that choir students are doing this year are some that students really enjoy! "When I found out that we were going to be singing 'Once upon a dream' I wanted to cry!" Said Maddison.

Mrs. Stackhouse is very passionate about what she is doing here at HMS, and is excited to be working here. Ms. Stackhouse enjoys what she teaches and hopes the students will as well. "I like choosing the material we get to work with, I get to choose some of the things that I like and even some that I hope the students would like!" She says.

Mrs. Stackhouse seems to be just the encouraging teacher that HMS needs, as she also has faith in her students, "I think they are really hard workers and they learn fast!" Her wishful words and creative thinking are what help our students grow. We all look forward to this school year and the talent of the best voices this school has to offer. Our choir, our voice, our school.





Sam Groth hitting his fastest serve.

Tennis, More Than a Game.

By Tyler Stratton

“Tennis is a game where you hit a ball back and forth until someone misses, hits the net, or hits the ball out of the box, first one to a certain score wins,” says Colten Higgins, a football player at HMS. This is an opinion that many people believe but while being simply correct there is so much more that goes into playing the sport. Another myth is that tennis players are weak, which is almost completely wrong.

First of all there are so many different shots that are very helpful in a match such as, slices, serves, volleys, backhands, forehands, topspin, sidespin, overheads, and variations of all of them. Slices are a slower floating ball that when the ball hits the ground it will not bounce

as far which will throw off your opponents and mess up their shot making an easy slow shot for you.

Topspin is a very helpful type of shot that almost all players put on almost all of their shots which allows them to hit the ball harder because the ball will fall faster because of its spin.

While tennis players might not be as strong as football players they are still strong. Australian tennis player Sam Groth hit the worlds fastest serve at 163.7 mph! High school tennis player Bentley Holt can hit a 101 mph serve! With this evidence it's probably a little harder to believe that tennis is a simple sport that means you're weak.



Photo by Alex Chamberlain

What's so cool about dinosaurs?

By Henry Chamberlain

Dinosaurs were the animals from over 65 million years ago that capture millions of peoples imaginations today. Ranging from the size of a small chicken up to 60 tons, these animals were the biggest to ever live on land, and are quite the sight to see even today in museums. Unfortunately, they went extinct and will likely stay that way for at least a few years. Alex Chamberlain, a dinosaur enthusiast who made a life size Tyrannosaurus rex skull out of EPS foam and is now working on another commissioned dino skull, knows quite a bit about these extinct giants.

"I think that earth's conditions in Dinosaur times fostered much cooler animals than we have today. Dinosaurs were bigger, weirder, meaner, and gen-

erally more exciting than any extant species."

Says Alex Chamberlain, professor at Utah Tech University. "My favorite dinosaur has always been Tyrannosaurus rex ever since I was a very little boy. It may have been the single most effective predator of all time.

Almost everything about it represents an evolutionary pinnacle," he says. Non avian dinosaurs (birds are also dinosaurs) went extinct about 65 million years ago, and left behind fossils and other evidence that helps us understand what they were like today. Dinosaurs were some of the coolest animals ever to live, and we learn more about them everyday.

The power of music

By Shavanna Barlow

Music, a way that people can express themselves. Music is one of the most common ways that people express their emotions and how they feel. "Music helps me in all sorts of ways, it helps me when I'm angry, when I need to calm down and it just makes me feel at peace with myself." said Baylee Blasdell, a Hurricane Middle School student. Music provides a total brain workout. Macee Christianson said "I love music because it is a way to express yourself and it makes me happy."

Research has shown that music can "reduce stress, blood pressure, anxiety, mood, pain, improve sleep quality, your memory, and mental alertness." - www.hopkinsmedicine.org Music is based on relationships between one note to the next.

In 1969 a Oliver Sacks, a certified doctor, used a experimental drug called L-dopa to try and awaken patients with post-encephalic syndrome (post-encephalic is a disease that is caused by "triggers degeneration of the nerve cells in the substantia nigra"- en.wikipedia.org). One of the things that helped cure the patients for a while was music. His patients started to do things on their own when they heard the kind of music they liked, but it didn't work as well when it wasn't a song they knew or didn't enjoy as much. So whether you are young or old, music has a big impact on our lives and without it our world would be pretty dull.



What's to Come in Theater and Why You Should Join It

By Madison Peck

Do you like to act?

Do you like to dance?

Well, if you said yes to any of these questions, then you will definitely be interested in Mrs Harvey's Theater 1 class for next year!

Hurricane Middle School's theater class is a very fun addition to everyone's regular school day activities. Mrs Harvey states, "We have lots of fun. We have lots of different performances that focus on specific skills."

There are two interesting and fun activities coming up for the Theater 1 students, which include the Reader's Theater and the Cartoon Voice-Over.

To start, the Reader's Theater project is where students practice their voice skills by reading a script, and perform in front of the class with a group.

After being asked about this particular activity, Hannah Stout replied with, "It was a pretty chill assignment, with an equal say for everyone in the group."

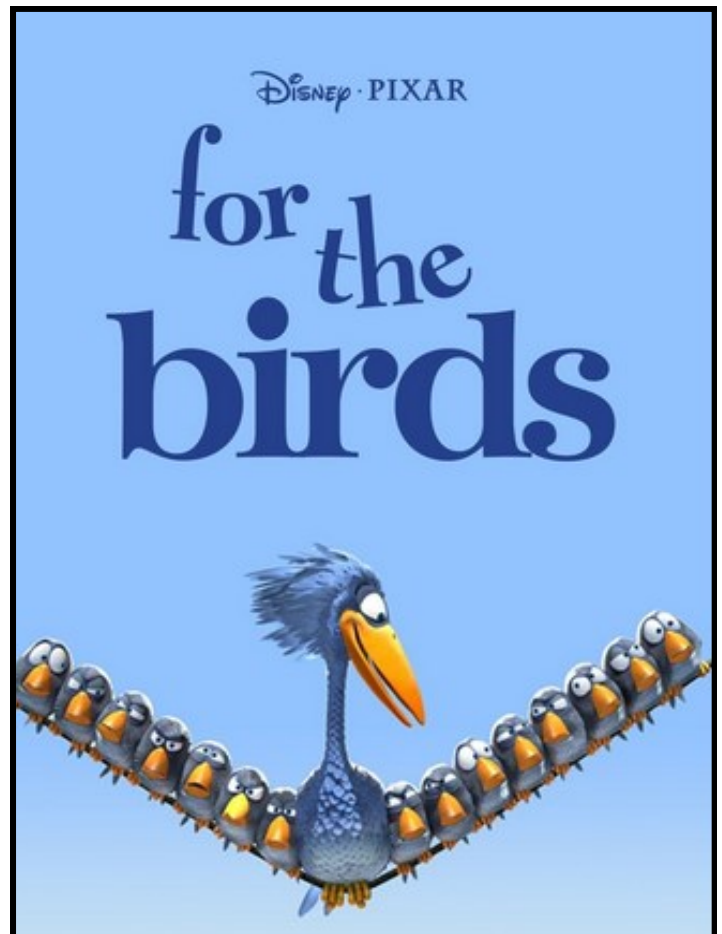
In contrast to what Hannah said, Adelyn Jowers stated, "It was fun, but kind of awkward."

She said that she liked the activity, especially being with her friends, but it was kind of embarrassing to be up there in front of the whole class.

Next up is the Cartoon Voice-Over assignment. This project is where a group of students voice-over a short cartoon clip, usually a Disney short. One that Mrs Harvey used last year was the short called, "For the Birds".

Hannah Stout said that this was one of her favorites, and that, "I learned to do more improvisation when in the moment." Now, you might be wondering, what could I possibly learn from this? Well, in response to that question, Mrs Harvey said, "Students are focusing on the use of their voice as an acting tool."

Overall, it may be said that Mrs. Harvey's Theater 1 class is a fun and educational way to spend your elective points on next year, for 8th and 9th graders alike. I hope you take this into consideration, as theater is a great way to spend part of your school day.



Extraordinary Pets!

By Madison Ramirez

What is considered an odd pet? While there are many types of household pets, such as cats, dogs, hamsters and more, there are many other pets that we dare to call extraordinary!

Want an odd pet that is helpful to have around? Well, look no further than Anteaters! Some of you may be confused. I don't blame you. Anteaters are known as pets because they can eat up all the ants in the house. They also respond to their names and demand attention when neglected. Also, anteaters are friendly, loving and expressive to humans but not to ants and termites. Sorry ants and termites!

You up for another pet? Here we go! The capybara! The capybara can make a good pet, but they do need their own enclosure. This giant rodent enjoys cuddles with their favorite human. They will even cuddle with other animals. So cute! Did you know that they eat their own poo for nutrition! Now that's weird.

That's it on Extraordinary pets!



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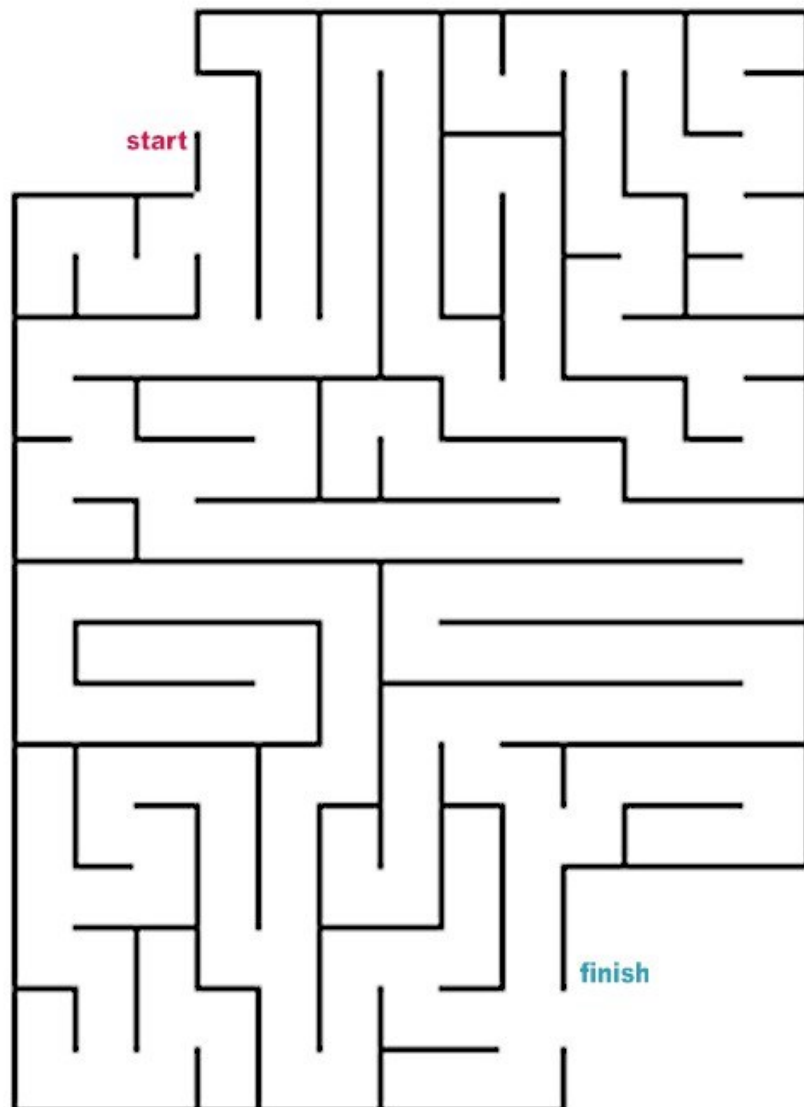


Image above shows Capybara

Activities Page

Wacky Riddle

**What letters don't
come in the mail?**



Have you got a case of Wanderlust?

If so, come see how you can
travel to

Europe with Southern Utah
Educational Tours.

We're planning a trip to Ireland,
Scotland and England during
Spring Break 2023 and going to
Greece, France or Costa Rica
during Spring Break 2024.

Come to an information meeting

Thursday,

**September 22 @ 6 p.m. at the
Hurricane Community Center,
Room 106 to find out more and**

Riddle answer: The ones in the alphabet