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## Say Good-bye to 2017 and Bad Habits

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As years come and go people want to change their bad habits at the start of a new year. 2018 is here! Time for a new year and a new you!

Some of the students and teachers were brave enough to share with us what New Year's resolutions they are making to improve themselves for the 2018 year.

**Mrs. Marszalek**, eighth grade teacher, said, "I want to lose weight."

Just don't let her fool you. She was actually eating a cookie while stating her resolution to me!

Eighth graders **Alvin Hernandez** and **George Gad** both said they want to improve their basketball skills. They really want to take the Mounts boys' basketball team to the championships in 2018 and take a much desired big win for HEMS.

**Dr. Attick** seventh grade teacher said, "I want to stay as positive as possible and let this be the best year ever!"

**Tatianna Hernandez**, seventh grade, said, "I would like to

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keep my grades up and take our team to the finals."

**Raequan Williams**, sixth grade, said, "I want to practice more at basketball so I could join the team next year."

**Arlen Clarie**, fourth grade, said, "I would like to join a sport this year, like softball."

Girls' basketball coach and third grade

teacher, **Miss Touch**, said, "I want to practice

We, at *The Castle Caller*, wish everyone

"I want to stay as positive as possible..."

Dr. Attick, HEMS teacher

good luck with their 2018 resolutions. We are a month into the new year. Only 11 more months to go!

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# Sports

## Lady Mounts Season

By Najeli Rodriguez

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This year the Lady Mounts are off to a great start. The team also got a new assistant coach, seventh grade teacher, Mr. Wilner.

Eighth grade player **Yocilia Leon** states, "Freeland is going to be our biggest opponent this year."

Assistant coach Mr. Wilner said that, "Every game is a

challenge."

His goal this year is to win more games this season and to make the playoffs.

Seventh grade cheerleader **Milagro Acosta** said the Lady Mounts are doing much better than last season.



Lady Mounts players **Ashley Fabian** and **Genesis Borrero** said

they want to win as many games as they can and "...Make our school proud!"

This reporter serves as team captain for

the Lady Mounts and is very proud of the team and the work they have put into the season, but there is always room for improvement.

Come out and support the Lady Mounts basketball team. They are working very hard to win each and every game and need the support of the students behind them.

Go Mounts!

# HEMS Happenings



Left: Middle school spelling bee contestants pose and cheer with pride after the HMS spelling bee held on Dec. 20, 2018. Right: Sixth grade contestants celebrate after participating in the spelling bee for the first time.



Bottom photos: Middle school students in Ms. McCuen's art classes work hard on constructing gingerbread houses before the holiday break.



# Features

## *Mounts' Corner Chat*

### Poll Question

*At what age did you receive your first cell phone?*

*5-7 years old - 21%*

*8-9 years old - 31%*

***10-12 years old - 45%***

*No cell phone - .05%*

*\*Poll data completed by Mr. Shafer's 6th grade math class from a sample of 6th - 8th grade HEMS students.*

## HEMS Students Appreciate Christmas Gifts

By Bianca Colon  
Junior Reporter

It's that time of year again to appreciate the gifts we got for Christmas from our friends and family. Below are some students who wanted to share their appreciation for their favorite gifts from Christmas 2017.

**Hilary Baez**, third grade, said her favorite gift was a play house. Hilary said it was really fun to play with because she got to help build it.

**Kailtyn Ortiz**, third grade, said her favorite gift was her new tablet. Kaitlyn said she loves to play with electronics and she likes playing all the games on it.

**Miguel Castellom**,

third grade, said his favorite gift was a really cool nerf gun. He said it was really fun.

**Gabrie Rodriguez**, third grade, said his favorite gift was a nerf gun, too.

**Matthew Perosky**, fourth grade, said his favorite gift was a new bike. Matthew said he loved the bike because it had gears, really cool tires, and it was super fast.

**Jacob Flores**, fourth grade, said that his favorite gift was an I-pad and new video games. Jacob said he loved the I-pad the most because he played really cool games

on it.

**Randy Santana**, sixth grade, said his favorite present was a P.S.4. Randy said he liked it because it was really fun and there are so many games to play.

**Julissa Rosario**, sixth grade, said her favorite present was a new and advanced art set. Julissa said she likes being creative, drawing, and making things on her own.

**Bruno Rodriguez**, seventh grade, said his favorite gift was a chess game. Bruno said it was cool and it put his brain to the test.

**Anabel Lantigua**, eighth grade, said her

favorite present was new red shoes. Anabel said she liked this gift the most because they were really nice and very comfortable to wear.

**Nora Minyety**, eighth grade, said her favorite present was baby blue shoes. Baby blue is one of Nora's favorite colors so that made the shoes very special.

What was your favorite gift this Christmas? Did you get a new phone, video games, a favorite outfit, or special jewelry? Maybe spending time with family and friends was your gift. Whatever you got, we hope you loved it.



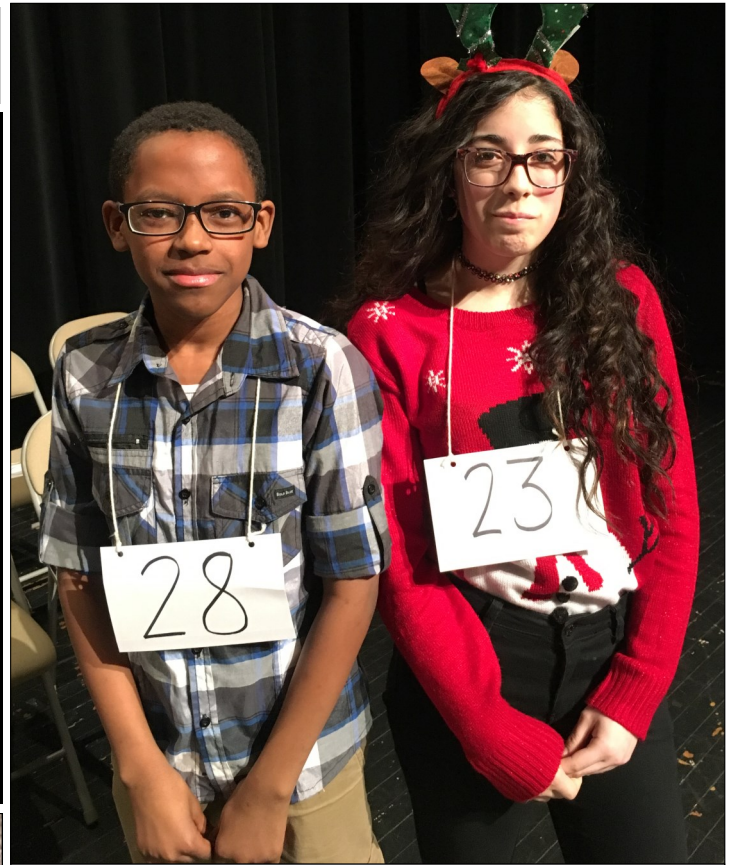
## HEMS Spelling Bee

Congratulations to sixth grader **Hayleigh Correll** for winning the 6th grade spelling bee at HEMS held on December 20, 2018. **Evan Tobias** was the runner-up.

Congratulations to eighth grader **Yamairis Ortiz** for winning the middle school spelling bee. Seventh grader Bruno Rodriguez was the runner-up.

All four students represented HEMS at the district spelling bee held on January 24, 2018, at Hazleton Area High School.

**Hayleigh Correll** was crowned the winner of the HASD spelling bee on January 24th. She will represent the Hazleton Area school district at the regional bee in March.



From left: Middle school spelling bee runner-up Bruno Rodriguez, and bee winner Yamairis Ortiz smile after the HEMS spelling bee on December 20th.

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taken soon for  
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