



Hazleton Area Cyber Academy NEWSLETTER

April 28, 2023



If you are a senior and are going to Prom, please be sure to take pictures and submit them in for the newsletter. Send your pictures to Mrs. Medek at medekm@hasdk12.org

Pay It Forward Day

Pay It Forward Day is April 28th every year. It was created to make a difference by creating a huge ripple of kindness across the world. Small acts of kindness multiplied by millions can change the world for the better. What can you do to pay it forward?

- Pay for someone's coffee.
- Help someone in need.
- Donate blood.
- Help someone pay for their groceries.
- Donate to a charity.



Need some help with Microsoft Team? [Click here](#) to watch a short orientation video as well as how to access Microsoft Teams from a laptop, tablet or your phone.





Teacher SPOTLIGHT

STACEY MEHALICK

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

JADE BORRERO



Ms. Horvath nominated Jade Borrero from 1st grade for the Student Spotlight this week. Jade is an all around great student!!! She attends all live classes and completes all her work on time. Jade is always raising her hand volunteering for every subject. Her camera is always on to show she is working hard & is smiling while she's learning. Jade came halfway through the year from in person learning & she has been a wonderful asset to our virtual classroom!



Hi! My name is Stacie Mehalick and I have been a teacher for 20 years! I teach Kindergarten and this is my 16th year of teaching Kindergarten! I love to see the amazing amount of growth I see in each of my students from the start of the year to the end of the year! It's amazing and I get to see it firsthand! Online learning allows for the student's to grow in so many ways while achieving so much! I love all animals but especially puppies and dogs! We have a 2 year old dog named Tripp!

I spend all my free time with my family – Bob, Robert, and Henry! We enjoy going to the beach, going to Phillies games, swimming, golfing, playing tennis, listening to all types of music, and traveling together!

Pizza is my favorite food especially from my favorite place at the beach! If I could have dinner with one person, dead or alive it be my Nanie (Grandmother). I miss her every day.

I read books to my students every day. Children's books are truly my favorite! I love all types of music and I have too many musical artists to list just one. The last show I binged watched was You on Netflix.

Something you may not know about me is that I find great enjoyment in decorating and gardening at home. In the last few years, I've planted well over 100 different plants, shrubs, and flowers. I am looking forward to this summer so I can get back to planting! 😊



what's happening

IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday, April 29- Senior Prom
Wednesday, May 24- Field Day For Seniors
Thursday, May 25- HACA Knoebels Field Trip
Thursday, May 25- National Honor Society Induction
Wednesday, May 31- Final Exams For Seniors
Thursday, June 1- Final Exams For Seniors
Thursday, June 1- Senior Awards Ceremony
Friday, June 2- Last Day For Seniors
Sunday, June 4- Grades Are Due For Seniors
Wednesday, June 7- Half Day For Students- Final Exams For Underclassmen
Thursday, June 8- Half Day For Students- Final Exams For Underclassmen
Friday, June 9- Half Day For Students- Make Up Exams And Last Day For Students
Friday, June 9- Class of 2023 Commencement



MS. BOVE'S CLASS

7th grade Science Earth Day Infographics On Environmental Concerns

The CONSEQUENCES of ILLEGAL DUMPING

What is illegal dumping?

Illegal dumping is the dumping of a waste illegally in a public place. For example on a curb or in the street

Why is illegal dumping an issue?

Illegal dumping can bring rodents and insect which can cause diseases. This is one of the many problems that illegal dumping can bring. The government has to spend millions of tax dollars to pick up unwanted trash.

Why is E-waste an issue?

Electronics like TVs, computers and other electronic waste have cathode ray tubes which contain lead. Lead is a hazardous material. E-waste should be properly disposed of by a certified hazardous waste hauler.

What is something that can be done to prevent illegal dumping?

It is believed that periodic neighborhood cleanup projects discourage illegal dumping. Illegal dumping is less likely to happen in a clean, watched neighborhood. People caught dumping can also be fined up to 10,000 dollars and face up to 6 months in prison

What is something that could be done to prevent illegal dumping?
One way that can prevent it is doing neighborhood cleanup projects, which discourage it.

Don't Trash the Neighborhood

Why is E-waste an issue?
E-waste is an issue due to it being certified as a hazardous waste hauler, which means that it releases pollution, which then in turn damages the environment.

Why is this an issue?
This is an issue due to it causing environmental harm, damaging the grass and drinking water that's around you.

What is Illegal Dumping?
Illegal dumping is disposal of trash, that is located at one area and disposed of in another area without any legal permission given to them.

For more, visit <https://www.wm.com/us/en/support/faqs/what-is-illegal-dumping>

THE PROBLEM WITH PLASTIC

1. How are plastic products created?

Plastics are made from oil, a nonrenewable natural resource limited in supply. They are also made from coal and natural gas. The process of making plastics is usually quite complicated. Recycling plastic is also very difficult to do.



2. Why is making plastic an issue?

Making plastic requires large quantities of water and energy resources. The manufacturing of plastic also produces harmful chemicals that if not properly treated may pollute our water and air systems. Plastic is filling up our landfills and if it is burned, it releases toxic fumes. If we do not recycle, it becomes waste.



3. What is the problem with plastic waste?

The problem with plastic waste is that the plastic is designed to break down into smaller pieces when exposed to sunlight. They do not decompose when they are disposed of in landfills. Plastic waste may end up on streets and in the ocean. Marine animals mistake many plastic items floating in the ocean as food, which may injure or kill them.



4. What is something that can be done to reduce plastic waste?

We can recycle plastic to help reduce plastic waste. By recycling, the plastic can be used to make other plastic products. We can also use reusable bottles, bags, and containers and purchase products with less packaging to help reduce the waste.



LESS PLASTIC IS FANTASTIC

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By: Alana Ganc



The Problem with Plastic



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Plastics are made from oil, a non-renewable resource limited in supply.

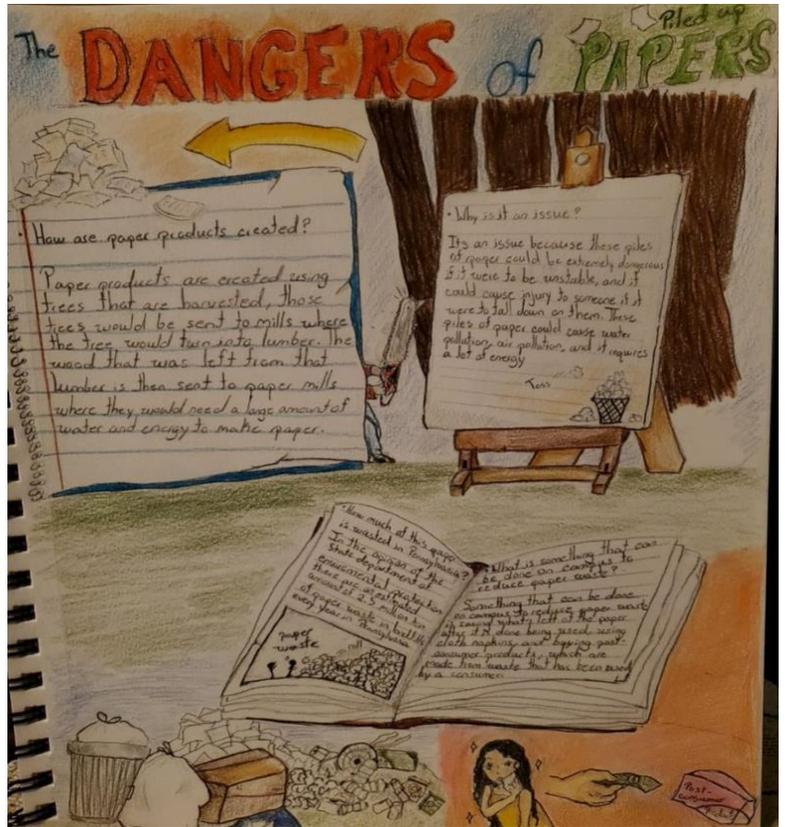


Why is this an issue?

Manufacturing plastic requires large quantities of water and energy resources. Plastic produces harmful chemicals that if not properly treated may pollute our water and air systems.

What is the problem with plastic waste?

90% is not recycled with plastic waste. In LA alone ten metric tons of plastic (bags, straws and soda bottles) are carried into the Pacific Ocean. Plastics are only designed to break down smaller when exposed to sunlight. They DO NOT decompose when in landfills!



Mrs. Medek's Class

Just as George Washington wrote a Farewell Address at the end of his presidency, so did Mrs. Medek's freshman class. Students had to list their accomplishments and give advice to next year's freshman.

Good morning teachers and students, I am writing this letter as a farewell to my freshman year. First, I would like to thank my teachers and fellow classmates for making this year amazing. Without all of you I would not have been able to accomplish some amazing things. This school year I was able to accomplish amazing grades. With my grades being so well I was able to take an opportunity to become a volunteer firefighter with the intentions of becoming a career firefighter and an EMT in the future. Some advice I would like to give to the incoming freshman class is stay focused, try your best, and no matter what you can succeed as long as you put your mind to it. I wish everybody the best of luck in the future.

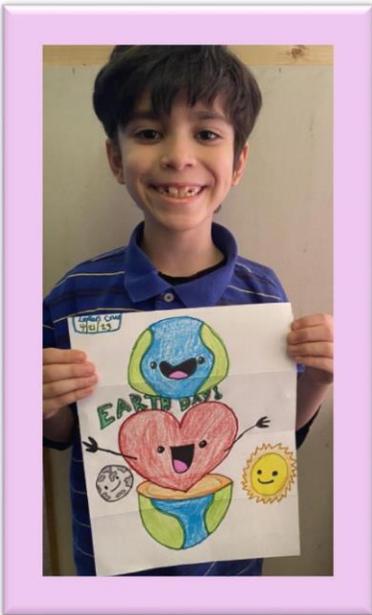
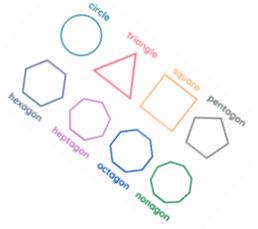
Sincerely,
Dante

Hi my name is Izabella. This is my farewell address from 9th grade. I have accomplished good things this year but also had some rocky moments and to whoever sees this I say that you should always pay attention in class and show up and do your schoolwork. Try to get good grades because when you don't get them it makes you feel bad about yourself but with good ones you will so proud of yourself. I didn't do very well at first but I'm trying my best to turn that around. If you ever feel stuck or feel like you can't do it, always push yourself because your only letting whatever people told you that you couldn't do it win. Just believe in yourself and anything is possible. All of my teachers have been good to me this school year, helping me pass and get my grades up. I can't thank you guys enough for that and for believing in me. So thank you. This is my goodbye to freshman, year and hello to a new year...

Miss George's Class



Lexion Cruz – Making shapes because we are learning about shapes and their attributes in Math class!



Lexion Cruz – Earth Day Celebration



Johnathan Maldonado – Earth Day Celebration



Abigail Aparicio – Found real life objects in the form of shapes we are learning about in Math Class!



Ty Antonelli – Showing some pet love.



Brody Singley – Earth Day Celebration

Congratulations

Brett Antolick



District 2

Baseball Player

OF THE WEEK

@AntolickBrett

<https://nepasportsnation.com/antolick-pitches-hits-way-to-honor/>

Nickname:
"Smokey"

Favorite
Team: NY
Yankees

Future Plans:
Attend Texas
A&M
University
and continue
to pursue his
dream of
playing
professional
baseball

FOLLOW
YOUR
dreams

*Hazleton Area
Cyber Academy
Proud*



Congratulations

JATNK DIAZ GUZMAN

On your full
scholarship to
East Stroudsburg
University!



May is Mental Health Awareness Month



Each year millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental illness. During May, join the national movement to raise awareness about mental health. Now more than ever we need to find ways to stay connected with our community. No one should feel alone or without information, support and help they need. Mental health conditions are more common than you might realize.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline



1-800-273-8255

1-800-273-TALK

TEXT: 988

<https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>

The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals.

The Trevor Project



1-866-488-7386

<https://www.thetrevorproject.org/>

The Trevor Project is a national 24-hour, toll free confidential suicide hotline for LGBTQ youth with trained counselors on hand.



The Pennsylvania State Police and Troop N Camp Cadet invites children and adults with special needs or disabilities and Special Olympics participants, along with their immediate family to join us for the fourth annual, free law enforcement based “Sunny Day Camp”. This is a fun filled, interactive learning day with law enforcement for ages 8 and up (no age limit). This event is coordinated by the Troop N Community Services Unit.

WHEN – *NEW DATE: Saturday September 16th, 2023 - RAIN OR SHINE!

WHERE – Pocono Raceway, 1234 Long Pond Road, Long Pond PA 18334

Time – 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM

Day includes demonstration and activities:

-Canine Unit -Aviation – Helicopter -Police Vehicles -Special Emergency Response Team (SERT)

-Games / DJ / Face Painting -Fire Departments -And Much, Much More!

Registration opens on May 1st and can be done through the Troop N Camp Cadet Website: TroopNCampCadet.com & on our Troop N Camp Cadet Facebook Page. Troop N Sunny Day Camp is FREE with lunch and snacks included.

Any questions can be referred to the Troop N Community Services Unit Tpr. Anthony Petroski (570) 459-3900 ext. 216 or MTPR. David Peters (570) 459-3900 ext. 269

SCHEDULING

Students in grades 8-11, the scheduling link for the 2023-2024 school year has been posted in your Homeroom/Attendance Team. Please remember you must complete this form by May 12th. [You can also click on this link.](#)

ACT 158

The deadline is May 15th to complete Act 158. Please work with your guidance counselor to complete the Act 158 requirements. If you do not complete the requirement you are putting your graduation in jeopardy. Act 158 is a state requirement.

