



# Eagle Times: Flying at you fast!

## Helping Hands Heaven Langley

Have you ever felt like giving back to the community? Well, now you can and here is how! The Clark Middle School Eagle Times has started a project. We are going to donate toys and other goods to those who are less fortunate.

We are creating Shoebox Smiles, which are shoeboxes wrapped in holiday paper and filled with colorful tissue paper and several inexpensive but fun toys, socks and other treats. The Shoeboxes are easy to assemble and very festive!

In addition to the Shoeboxes, we are also making fleece tie blankets. These super warm blankets are a snap to make and they have fun designs children will like.

According to Mr. Mitchell, "the preschool would benefit from the Shoeboxes and the blankets," and we plan to donate them just before Christmas break.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We have enough materials to fill three shoeboxes and to make five blankets. However, we could certainly use more materials! If you would like to help with these projects to benefit those who are less fortunate we would appreciate the following:

1. Your time! If you have time after school, come to one of our meetings! We could use help assembling the blankets and shoeboxes. All meetings are held in room 238 and we will be announcing times and dates on the morning show.
2. Empty shoeboxes
3. Festive tissue paper
4. Holiday wrapping paper
5. Toys under \$5.00 each
6. Coloring books and crayons
7. Socks, mittens and gloves for boys and girls
8. Fleece in 1-yard increments
9. Scotch tape

All donations can be brought to Mrs. Grimsley's room.

For more information, contact a newspaper staff member or Mrs. Grimsley.



Left: Example of Shoebox Smiles and a completed fleece blanket. Above: Close-up of shoebox interior.

# Student Spotlight

Hannah McKenzie

**Victoria Hart** is our November Student-of-the-Month!

1. What is your favorite band?

A. My favorite band would have to be Rihanna.

2. What is your most embarrassing moment?

A. I fell down the steps in front of a lot of people!

3. What is your favorite book?

A. *Something Upstairs* by Avi

4. What food could you eat every day for the rest of your life?

A. It would probably have to be tacos.

5. If you had a million dollars, what is the first thing you would buy?

A. A new house for my parents.

6. If you could live anywhere in the world, where would you live?

A. I would live in Louisiana.

7. What is the strangest gift you have ever received?

A. A magnet.

8. What is your favorite activity when you are not at school?

A. I love to do gymnastics.

9. What is the farthest place you have ever vacationed?

A. I went to Florida.

10. What is your favorite movie?

A. It is definitely *Marley and Me*.

# Top Ten Steven Spielberg Movies for the Entire Family

Looking for a great movie to watch with your entire family? Below is my list of some of Spielberg's best family films. Grab a bowl of Jiffy Pop and enjoy some family time!

1. *The Goonies*: It is funny and a fantastic story!
2. *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*: It's less gory, very funny and it tells you how Indiana Jones became who he was.
3. *Back to the Future*: Terrific story, good special effects and good soundtrack.
4. *An American Tail Fievel Goes West*: Great animation, funny jokes and a good story!
5. *Jurassic Park*: Good story and it is not as scary as you might think.
6. *E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial*: Good story, amazing soundtrack and nice appearance of the alien itself.
7. *A.I. Artificial Intelligence*: Good story, but it has some sad parts.
8. *Hook*: Great acting, terrific story and a great soundtrack!
9. *An American Tail*: Wonderful story, a few sad parts when Fievel is separated from his family, but great songs.
10. *Balto*: Good story line, nice animation and good score.



# Tops in CMS!

Aaron Washing

# Holiday Shopping Made Easy

Hailey Barnett

The holidays are fast approaching and I have scoured the internet in search of great gift ideas in different price ranges, for everyone on your shopping list! These gifts are not only great for holiday giving, but also terrific ideas for birthdays, or simply as a nice give for someone special. Like the Mad Hatter said in *Alice in Wonderland*, you can “have a very happy UN-birthday!”

\$10.00 and Under:

**Boys:** *Transformers* action figures

**Girls:** Baby dolls are still popular, especially the ones that come with different outfits.

**Teens:** Photo cases for all their special memories with friends.

**Adults:** Personalized M&Ms (3.99 per bag)

\$20.00 and Under:

**Boys:** *Star Wars* Clone Wars action figures

**Girls:** Fur Real Friends and Baby Alive

**Teens:** *Twilight* series (Meyer) and *The Lord of the Rings* Trilogy (Tolkien)

**Adults:** Gift cards to their favorite store and desk organizers

\$40.00 and Under:

**Boys:** Scooter and Blokus Trigon

**Girls:** Monopoly M&Ms Collector Edition

**Teens:** Pictionary Man

**Adults:** Dinner date for two at Chili’s

\$50.00 and Under:

**Boys:** Electric football

**Girls:** Jumbo sequence game

**Teens:** Wireless controller for Xbox 360

**Adults:** Spa certificate (1 person)

Many of these items are available at your local Wal-Mart or you can visit [www.walmart.com](http://www.walmart.com). For spa certificates, gift cards and dinner date, visit your favorite local retail shop! Happy shopping!



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*Captain Underpants* by: Dav Pilkey

If you are the type of person who likes action, humor, and mystery, then the Captain Underpants series is perfect for you. Two boys named George and Harold, who are mega-pranksters at their school, get caught on tape by their principal, Mr. Krupp, who absolutely despises them. They buy a hypnotism kit and make Mr. Krupp give them the tape, but then they start playing around and accidentally turn Mr. Krupp into Captain Underpants! At this point, the adventure begins as they try to rescue the crazy hero from the worst enemy ever.

Will they catch him or will he be destroyed?  
Find out in the first installment of *Captain Underpants*!

**\*\*Book Nook\*\***  
Hannah Leedy

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*The Outsiders* by: S.E. Hinton

Ponyboy, a teenager living with his brothers, Soda Pop and Darry, has to face life being in a boring town. Unfortunately there is a group of rich and snotty teens known as the Socs, which is short for Socials. The Socs think they can take over everything, including Ponyboy.

When a murder occurs, Ponyboy and his close friend, Johnny are blamed for it. They run away to another town where yet another horrible crime happens. Trouble seems to follow these two guys!

Will this reckless teen fight back or keep running for the rest of his life?

**Teacher(s) of the  
Month**  
John Henry

It is hard to find just one teacher to spotlight here at CMS because we have so many great teachers. I

decided to spotlight two teachers instead. The two Teachers of the Month are (drum roll please!):

Mr. Latham and Mrs. Wallace

Mr. Latham:

1. What is your most embarrassing moment?

A. When coaching in a basketball game, someone had spilled water on the floor. Well, I hit that water spot while walking up the sidelines and fell flat on my butt!

2. If you could only listen to one CD for the rest of your life, what would it be?

A. I would listen to Garth Brooks- *No Fences*.

3. What is your favorite hot dog topping?

A. My favorite hot dog topping is LOADED! Chili, cheese, ketchup, onions and relish.

4. What is your favorite movie?

A. I have a couple of favorites: *Coach Carter*, *Remember the Titans*, *We Are Marshall*, *Hoosiers*, and *Grumpy Old Men*

5. What is your favorite sports team?

A. My favorite college team is the University of Kentucky wildcats and my favorite professional team is the Pittsburgh Steelers.

6. Where is the farthest you have ever traveled for vacation?

A. The farthest I have traveled is to the Bahamas. I'm ready to go back!

7. If you could live anywhere in the world, where would you live?

A. I like where I am, but if I were to move it would be some place warm year-around, where I could be on the golf course.

8. What is the one food you could eat for the rest of your life?

A. I could eat a good steak every day, but I love Mexican food as well.

9. What is your favorite activity outside of school?

A. My favorite activities outside of school are spending time with my family and friends and I am always up for a good sporting event or concert. In the summer I love to play golf or go spend the day on the lake. In April and October, I enjoy going to Keeneland.

10. If you could be any celebrity for a day, who would it be and why?

A. I would love to be Coach John Calipari for a day. He has been a great role model and a service to the state. He has also brought back the excitement to Kentucky basketball! Go Cats!



Mrs. Wallace:

1. What is your most embarrassing moment?

A. I was walking during time between classes in college and I tripped and flew like Superman through the air!

2. If you could listen to only one CD for the rest of your life, what would it be?

A. Skillet- *Awake*

3. What is your favorite hot dog topping?

A. Ketchup

4. What is your favorite movie?

Teacher(s) of the Month cont...

A. I love the Bourne series and also love romantic movies like *The Notebook* and *A Walk to Remember*.

5. What is your favorite sports team/s?

A. The Green Bay Packers and the Wisconsin Badgers.

6. Where is the farthest you have ever traveled for vacation?

A. In high school, my friends chose me to join her family in Tucson, Arizona. It was so beautiful. I would love to go again!

7. If you could live anywhere in the world, where would you live?

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A. I would love to visit many places, but there is no place I would want to live besides Green Bay, Wisconsin.

8. What is the one food you could eat everyday for the rest of your life?

A. Chocolate, Chocolate, Chocolate!

9. What is your favorite activity outside of school?

A. I love playing with my dogs.

10. If you could be any celebrity for a day, who would you be and why?

A. I would love to be President for a day, just to see what a President goes through.



## Clark Middle Launches Recycling Program

Rachel Sames

There are no crops. Everyone is choking and wheezing. The sky is a thick, grotesque black. Some light shines through, people flee and the ground is singed until it is crisp and dark.

Now we travel to the beach, which is no longer a beautiful place. The water is crashing, rising far above the normal shoreline and no children can swim because it is too dangerous.

If we have any chance to save ourselves and Earth, pollution must stop. If we do not change now, this is what the future will be like.



According to Russell Huebsch, of eHow.com, "the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that major cities like Chicago and Los Angeles will experience at least twenty-five percent more heat waves." This means that the effect could spread, and soon the whole Earth could become the equivalent of a round, giant s'more.

Things are already happening. Below is a short list of the effects of pollution that are steadily increasing: (tropical-rainforest-animals.com)

- Respiratory symptoms such as coughing and wheezing.
- Premature death
- Typhoid
- Lead in soil from factories
- Ozone in the lower atmosphere

### Recycling cont...

- Too much sodium chloride present in the water, especially estuaries in areas such as the Mississippi River delta.

Clark Middle School knows that recycling is one way to help curb the effects of pollution because we will add less refuse to landfills. CMS has started a school-wide recycling program.

In the cafeteria, there is a trash can different from the others. It is used to recycle plastic bottles, such as milk and juice bottles. All you have to do is empty your milk into the fountain next to the can and place your empty plastic bottles in the recycle bin.

Also, many teachers have a baskets or boxes in their rooms to recycle paper. If your teacher does not

have one, perhaps you can suggest that he or she start one or maybe you could volunteer to bring one in for your class or Startime.

I was curious to know what the teachers thought about the CMS recycling program and about recycling in general, so I interviewed eight grade teacher, Mrs. Maggard.

1. How important do you think the issue of pollution is?

A. I think it is very, very, very important.

2. How well do you think CMS has begun to address this issue?

A. I think we've begun to address the issue, but I think we have a long way to go, including putting recycling bins in all of the classrooms and making students more aware of the importance of recycling.

3. Do you think we could recycle more?

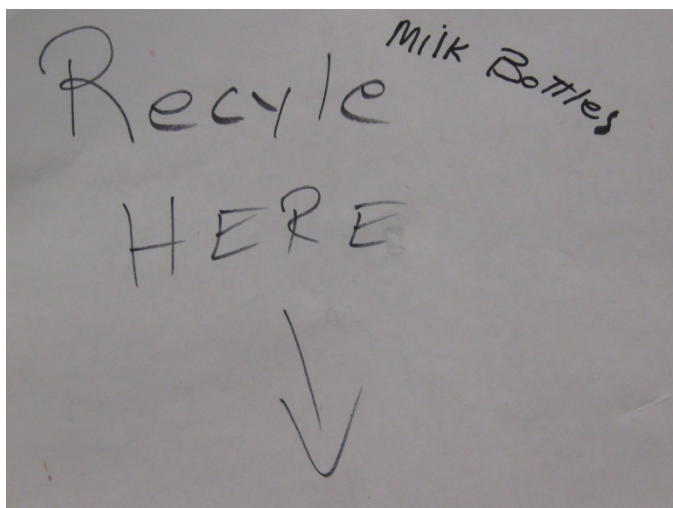
A. Yes I do. I think we need to be recycling paper in every room.

4. What else would you like to see CMS do with this matter?

A. This isn't really recycling, but I'd like to see us go to plastic, washable lunch trays in the cafeteria.

5. Is there anything else you would like to say to Clark Middle students?

A. I would like to say to the students that the choices you make now will affect you later, so you need to make smart choices for the Earth so we will have a better Earth later.



## Do you see two faces in the image?

(Hint: turn paper upside down!)

Tevin Jackson

## Broccoli Casserole

Mrs. Grimsley

If you are anything like me, you love Thanksgiving as much for the closeness of family and friends as for the food! I was recently called by my husband's grandma with the annual request for my broccoli casserole. I always make it and there are never any leftovers!

To everyone, I hope you enjoy your own Thanksgiving dinner and more importantly, I hope you enjoy the time with your family and friends.

### Ingredients:

- 2 pounds frozen broccoli
- 1 – 10 ¾ ounce can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 medium onion; finely chopped (because my cousin hates onions and this way she has no idea they are in there! ☺)

- 1 pound sharp cheddar cheese, grated (I like to grate mine fresh)
- 2 eggs
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 package of Ritz crackers
- 1 – 9 x 13” pan
- Aluminum foil

#### Directions:

1. Turn on your favorite music. I like to listen to reggae when I bake things, but you choose the music that makes you happy.
2. Grab your mom, dad, son, daughter, friend, sibling or any other loved one and ask them to help you. (It's always more fun to bake with someone else)
3. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
4. Combine all ingredients (except crackers) in large bowl. Mix well. Spoon mix into 9 x 13” pan.
5. Cover with aluminum foil and bake at 350 degrees for 50 minutes. Meanwhile, crumble crackers and set aside.
6. Remove foil and sprinkle with crackers.
7. Bake until crackers are golden brown. (~ 10 minutes)
8. Enjoy!

Serves: 15 – 20

## CMS Poll

Students and Staff, what is your favorite part of Winter Break?

1. The holidays
2. Spending time with my family and friends.
3. Receiving gifts.
4. Giving gifts to my loved ones.
5. Sleeping in.

Choose your favorite part of Winter Break and submit your answer in the poll box we will have set up outside the gym each morning.

We'll publish the results in the December issue!



# Happy Thanksgiving, Clark Middle School!

## Editor's Corner

Mrs. Grimsley

November is one of my favorite months of the year because the leaves have changed colors on the trees and the air is filled with the earthy scent of autumn. During this month, I enjoy going hiking to be closer to nature. November is also the time of year that my family gets together for a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner. Like many of you, several of my family members live in different parts of the county, so it is nice to have a time set aside when we can get together to enjoy each other's company.

One of my favorite recipes to take to our family Thanksgiving dinner is broccoli casserole (see page 7). Even though I make a large dish of it, there are never any leftovers! In our next issue, we will have a section of recipes you can try and share with your families. If you would like to submit a favorite recipe, please email it to me! I will happily include it in the next issue.

I would like to thank my newspaper staff for all their hard work. I think you will agree that they are doing a fantastic job with their articles! I am so impressed with their work ethic and passion for what they are doing!

I also want to extend a BIG thank you to Ms. Mathias who helped us with the new design. We collaborated and decided to try this new layout and I think it is terrific. So, thank you so much, Ms. Mathias! I appreciate all you do.

I would also like to say thank you to Mr. Frazer for his help with the questions for the teachers and students. It is truly appreciated!

Students and staff of Clark Middle School, if you have anything you would like to contribute to the newspaper, please do not hesitate to submit it to me. I will accept a hardcopy or a copy via email. Our school is great because of our collaboration and our newspaper can be made even better through our collaboration as well.

Best wishes!  
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