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Bubble Run, Bubble Fun

By: By Amelia Carpenter



Holland Township School students of all ages enjoy a beautiful day and participate in Bubble Run on October 25th.

Bubbles filled the air, along with the laughing of young students and loud exciting music. Joy was plastered on students (and even teachers) faces. The Bubble Run was a fundraiser to reach the end goal for the PTO's pavilion project.

"It is similar to walk-a-thon, read-a-thon, run-a-thon, where schools are able to raise money and students are able to participate in a healthy outdoor fun activity," Said PTO president, Mrs. Bickhardt. "An outdoor space would be great for staff, students, and community."

This was the PTO's third year actively fundraising. The PTO's goal for the Bubble Run was to raise \$20,000. Not only did they reach that goal, but they raised an extra \$11,000 dollars! That's right! The PTO raised \$31,040 in total!

Finally the school can construct this new pavilion. "It can be an outdoor class space, cool areas while it is hot, girl scout meetings, boy scout meetings, cool spots for spectators to watch sports during hotter days," Mrs. Bickhardt stated.



Bubble Run was not only for fundraising, but to bring our school community together.

Riley C, an 8th grader, put the sense of community into words. "I liked when the preschoolers were happy about the bubbles. It was cute," Riley C stated.

Kaylee L, fellow eighth grader, seemed to agree with that sentiment: "Yeah, the preschoolers were easy to walk with."

The student (and teacher) consensus is that the bubble run was worth every lap around the track.

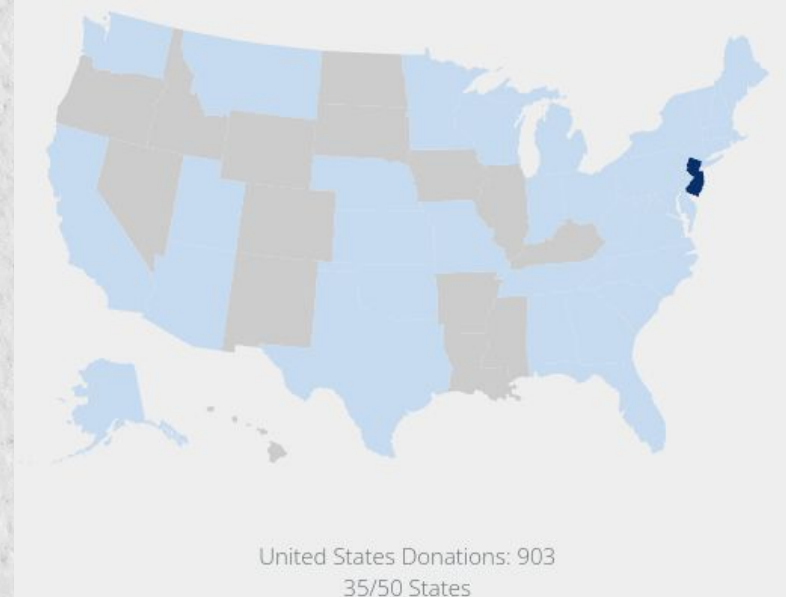
Brooke P, a fourth grader, said it best: "I would definitely do the run again. I liked hanging out with my friends and seeing the bubbles," Brooke P said.

The teachers at Holland seem just as excited as the students.

"I am excited. I'd like to take my classes out when the weather is nice." Mrs. Luzzo said.

The PTO is excited to finally start building the pavilion, and the student body seems just as excited to use it!

DONATIONS MAP



The map above shows donations that came in from across the United States. States shaded in blue indicate a part of the country that donated to the event.

Classroom Donations Leaderboard

1	Team Zdepski	485.71% of goal raised
2	Team Nugent	381.21% of goal raised
3	Team Raike	356.38% of goal raised
4	Team Chioffe	342.16% of goal raised
5	Team Dressel	316.36% of goal raised

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Leah W Thrills Audience in Eighth Grade Annual Show!

By: Sage Krutsick



Eighth Grade students perform in front of jam-packed HTS gymnasium on October 31st.

Every year eighth grade students put on the performance of the Thriller. Thriller is a song that was originally by Michael Jackson in 1982.

Leah W was this year's lead role for the dance. There were a lot of people wanting to play the part of front man Michael Jackson.

"My mom kept telling me it was okay if you don't get picked but then my name was called and I was so excited," Leah W said.

Leah W knew that it was a very important and popular role. So she was surprised that she got it.

"I was shocked, because a lot of kids signed up to be Michael Jackson. I was utterly surprised when they called my name," said Leah W.

After learning that she got the lead role she was happy to know that her friends supported her.

"Most of my friends are happy and excited for me to get this role," Leah W said.

Leah W knew that she wanted to have a memorable moment in eighth grade. What better way than to be Michael Jackson in the Thriller dance.

"I was thinking about it, and when I look back on my eighth grade year I wanted this memory to stick out. Being Michael Jackson in the show will definitely be memorable," Leah W said.

Being the lead role wasn't always an exciting thing for Leah, especially as a kid.

"I was terrified of it in kindergarten and first grade and had to go in the hallway because I was scared of it," Leah W said. But that fear didn't stop her from practicing the dance.

"To practice for the role, I watched Youtube and watched the original Thriller video to practice the moves and the role," Leah W stated.

Sometimes nerves can take over. Leah W recognized that she might be nervous but she wouldn't let them take over.

"The other thing is that you need to control your nerves because you are performing in front of a lot of people," Leah W said.

She got through it though, even if it was a little hard.

"It is a little challenging, because you have to make sure you're on beat so the rest of the cast is on cue with you," Leah W said.

Leah had some easy parts on the opposite side, and fun parts.

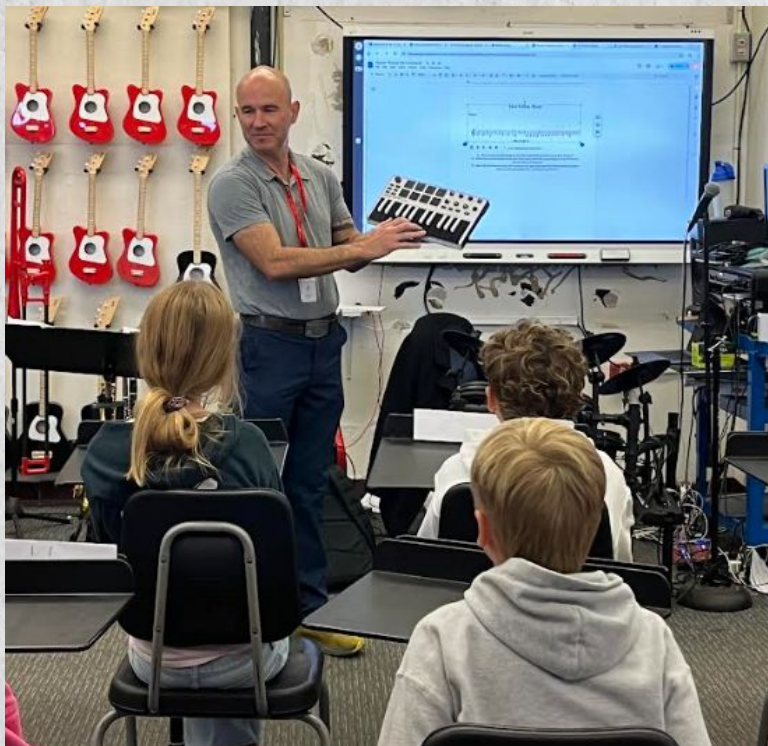
"The dancing part is a lot of fun, so that was easy to learn and have fun with," Leah W said.

On Halloween the eighth graders performed the Thriller dance to family and friends to keep the tradition going.

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Work Hard, Play Hard! Middle School Band Members Get Ready To Display Their Talents.

By: Ben Lusardi



HTS Band director, Mr. Kuchinsky, instructing students how to use a piece of musical equipment.

This fall Mr. Kuchinsky and the hard working band members have been practicing hard to prepare for upcoming shows. They have been rehearsing and rehearsing concerts and performances, with their amazing instruments.

Students who are looking to join the band are eligible when they enter 5th grade. The 5th grade band has multiple instruments to offer to the band members.

"For the 5th graders they can play the saxophone, the flute, the clarinet, the trumpet, the baritone, bells, and the trombone.", said Mr. Kuchinsky.

When the band members go to middle school they can still use the same instruments, but still have more to offer. When you reach middle school, 6-8th grade, you can get one new instrument, which is the drums which is very popular for middle school band members.

There are still other instruments for the band members, which include the guitar and the violin.

"To play those instruments you need to have private lessons outside of school due to them being more complex than other instruments," Mr. Kuchinsky said.

It takes a great deal of repetition and practice to get ready to perform in front of a live audience. Band members must make a time commitment and display dedication before they are ready to present their talents to other people.

"The 5th graders rehearse every Monday and Tuesday, whereas the 6th graders rehearse every Wednesday and Thursday," said Mr. Kuchinsky.

In the fall there is another group of the band, it's called jazz band. Students can join the jazz band and their practices are the jazz band rehearses every day 2 during advisory. The jazz band is totally optional for the band members, and the jazz band also has their own performances.

Mr. Kuchinsky has been working hard on the concerts year by year, whenever the band plays in the concerts it's always a beautiful performance, the band has the same concerts every year with new and old band members.

The band members every year has many concerts to offer, "The concerts that take place in the school is the winter concert and the spring concert in May" said, Mr. Kuchinsky

There are also other performances such as, "We go to the firehouse for a tree lighting, and we go to Dorney Park and get judged. We play with all ascending districts in Del Val for the arts festival in march."

In the eyes of a band member this is what it's like to be in band "It takes effort to play your instrument, and you have to be committed since you need to buy your instrument and it takes time to learn music," said Connor Misar.

If you have what it takes consider signing up for the band next year.



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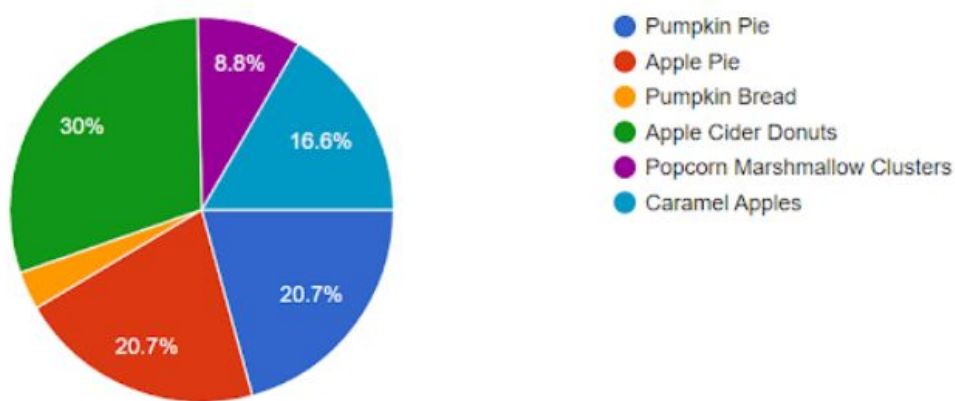
HTS Selects Favorite Fall Dessert.

By: Addison Simini

When people think of fall they think of football, halloween, the color orange and most importantly food.

The season of fall offers a wide range of food options for food lovers. Some popular treats include apple cider donuts, apple pie, pumpkin pie, pumpkin bread, popcorn marshmallow clusters and caramel apples.

The Holland Herald put out a poll for grades 3-8 to vote on what their favorite fall treat. Winning most popular is the apple cider donut which got 30% of the votes while the least popular pumpkin bread obtained less than 5% of the votes.



The pie chart above shows the data of HTS students favorite fall desserts.

DIY: How to Make This Delicious Dish at Home



Apple Cider Donuts were the overwhelming favorite of HTS Students (Photo courtesy of New York Times)

Ingredients

- 1 ½ cup apple cider
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ¾ teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon cardamom
- ½ cup whole milk
- 1 egg
- ½ cup light brown sugar
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 2 tbs melted butter
- ¼ tsp salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Cinnamon sugar mix
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 2 tsp cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon melted butter (to coat the donuts in)

Directions

1. Reduce the apple cider: On medium heat simmer the apple cider. At the 15 minute mark mix the cider up. This process will take about 20 minutes and you should have about ½ cup left. Let cool for 10 minutes.
2. Donuts: Add the flour, baking soda, baking powder, cinnamon, nutmeg, cardamom, and salt. Whisk and set aside.
3. Mix up the melted butter, egg, sugars, milk, vanilla until combined. Add in your dry ingredients one cup at a time.
4. Next, add in the cooled apple cider and mix the batter until fully combined.
5. In your greased donut pan, add the donut batter.
6. Cook at 350 for 12 minutes. Cool for a few minutes in the pan.
7. Brush the donuts in the 1 tbsp of melted butter and dip both sides in the cinnamon sugar mix.
8. Enjoy!

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Sports

Cross Country Team Reaches Finish Line on 2024 Season



Members of HTS XC run in a meet held earlier this season.



Quinn W was a standout runner for HTS XC.

By: Cooper Howe and Cali Travers

The Holland Cross Country team has completed another successful season.

To be a cross country runner you have to have good stamina, work hard, be able to arrive at practices and meets, and be a good sport.

"The team was very supportive of each other and worked hard throughout the season to improve," says Coach Deckert.

At the end of the season the cross country team had to run at the championship meet at Phillipsburg, which is considered one of the hardest trails in the state. The championship includes schools from all over Hunterdon County.

Coach Deckert adds, "It was so great to see the runners run so strong for the final time and some hitting season best times."

There were many great runners on the cross country team.

"Quinn W, Maddy M, Andrew B, Cooper H, Joey D, Dax W were consistently in the top 5 all season long," Coach Deckert replied.

"Bo Deets and Quinn Walker were the team captains and did an amazing job as role models for the other kids," Coach Deckert says.

The team is offered to 5th and middle schoolers and is a co-ed sport. It is a great opportunity for students in fifth grade because it is the only sport in the school that is offered to that grade. Another positive is there are no tryouts to be on the team. All you need is a pair of running shoes and a strong work ethic.

If you believe you have what it takes, join the cross country team next season!

Sports

HTS Soccer Puts Together A Double Digit Win Season

By Maximo Badlato



The 2024-2025 Holland Township School Soccer Team.

The 2024 Holland soccer team had an amazing season. The co-ed team ended the season off with an overall record of 10 wins and 3 losses, while the girls team ended with a 3-2 record.

There were many players on the A team who contributed to the success of the team.

"The A team players that stood out the most included Josalyn C, Leah W, Annie T Gracie R, Diego A, Gabriel D, Michael H, Chuk A and Cole W," Coach Croasdale said. "These are all 8th graders. Also contributing to the A team were goalkeeper Nicholas A, Reymond A, Bradley G, Isaac F, Rilynn H, Emma M and Lexi C."

One of the large reasons for the team's success was the ability to score goals. The team's top scoring players were Josalyn Croasdale, Leah W, Lexi C, Cole W, Michael H, Chuk A, Gabriel D, Bradley G, and Diego A.

The team did not make it to the conference finals, however Coach Croasdale said there were many memorable moments the team should be proud of.

"The most memorable games were beating Alexandria 3-2 on 8th grade recognition night at Del Val High School on the turf and a come-from-behind 3-2 playoff win vs. Lebanon at Holland School. The playoff loss to Union was heartbreaking as we were up 1-0 and ended up losing 2-1," coach Croasdale explained.

Eighth grade graduating players include Riley C, Kali Y, Zeke F, Jayden R, Derek S, Josalyn C, Leah W, Annie T Gracie R, Diego A, Gabriel D, Michael H, Chuk A, Cole W, and Bradley G.

The Warriors were only one round away from making it the league tournament championship game. Despite losing quality players, coach Croasdale believes the team can make a run at the championship next season.

"With a combined 13-5 record and making it to the semifinals in the league tournament, the Holland Warriors had a great season and have lots of promise for the future," Coach Croasdale stated.

The team hopes that more people will join next year, so if you are in sixth to eighth grade and you love playing soccer, consider trying out next year for a winning program!

Sports

HTS Volleyball Puts Together Championship Season By: Cali Travers and Cooper Howe



The HTS Volleyball Team celebrates after winning championship game at North Hunterdon High School.

The Holland school volleyball team played a great season this year. The team won their first-ever conference championship trophy, a great accomplishment.

This year's team showed a tremendous amount of determination and grit on their way to victories.

"The Team didn't just want to win, they wanted to BEAT other teams. They really pulled ahead in a lot of our matches; so much that we often had to switch to underhand serves as a show of good sportsmanship," said Coach Simini

The team worked and communicated greatly throughout the season and they all had a role in the game.

"Overall, their ability to focus and work as a team was remarkable. If one of our best players was having a bad day, we could sub someone else in to fill that gap. Every one of our 19 players put in the work to make this season a success. It was fantastic to see such a team mentality the whole season," says Coach Simini.

Although each and every player was vital to the success of the team, they were a few outstanding players who caught the eye of Coach Simini.

"Madisyn F and Quinnlie R stood out as exceptional team leaders, often getting the team back on track and making adjustments out on the court," stated Coach Simini. "When we were down a couple points or things were not working, Madisyn and Quinnlie could pull the team together."

The team is excited to graduate several players to Del Val High School next year. There is no doubt the girls have what it takes to compete at the next level.

Coming Back Strong Next Season

Although the team will miss ten of our 8th graders next year, the future looks bright.

"I think we have a good shot of making another championship run next year. Our B-Team Players stepped up this year, won most of their games, and challenged our A-Team in practice. Our game play may look a little different but our aggressive nature and desire to win will remain," announced Coach Simini.

If the team next year can replicate the same performances they did this year, next year may just be another memorable year for HTS volleyball.

