

# CLIFFSIDE CHRONICLE

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## BACK TO SCHOOL

By: Alisona Le

Time is flying. For what felt like a week or so, has been three months. Summer felt like three days. The 2018 - 2019 school year started on September 6th. Students hauled book bags back to CPMS and heavy chatter and laughter filled the halls. Sixth graders became seventh graders, while eighth graders moved into their new positions as the “seniors” of the school. Students who were new to CPMS went to orientation, where other students struggled opening lockers. On the first day of school, teachers met their new students or reunited with their former ones. On Back-to-School Night, parents met with their child’s teachers. On the start of a new chapter, I wish everyone a wonderful school year!

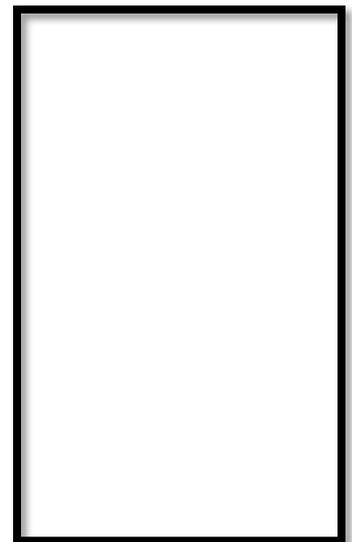


During the first month of school, Mrs. Tulli’s Advanced Art class came together to create Keith Haring chalk drawings to spread PEACE throughout the school.

## STUDENT COUNCIL

By: Pasquale Vicchio

As our students chose voted for our leader for CPMS, everyone waited in anticipation to hear the name that would be called. The results for President was Brianna Fuentes. She has many goals to better the school and they look very bright. Many of them are to help the 7th graders improve school spirit. She proposes to reach these goals through fundraisers and special events for the 7th graders and try to make it special for the eighth graders at the same time. She has a strong influence on the 7th graders because the 8th graders have a dinner dance and more events like that. She is very friendly and has good leadership. A strong influence for the middle school. If you have any question or suggestions just go right up to her. With more help the better our school year will be.



Eighth grader, Brianna Fuentes, was voted by her peers Student Council President for the 2018-2019 school year.

## Thank You!

By: Brianna Fuentes

Every school contains a trustworthy principal and vice principal. Cliffside Park School #6 and the Cliffside Park Middle School have some of the absolute best leaders, Mr. Bargna and Mr. Walker. Fun fact, both school role models worked as educators at our very own Cliffside Park High School. Mr. Bargna actually is an alumni himself! Both administrators are extremely knowledgeable and are always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in the school facility.

Both of our leaders are extremely fair to all students and set great examples for the student body to be inspired by. Anyone who enters the building gets brushed with a warm welcome! We feel assured that Mr. Bargna and Mr. Walker will always be there to help us during a difficult time. My peers and I are fully confident that everything our principal, vice principal, and all of our teachers, have done for us will greatly benefit us in our near futures. From the entire student body, we would like to say "Thank you!"

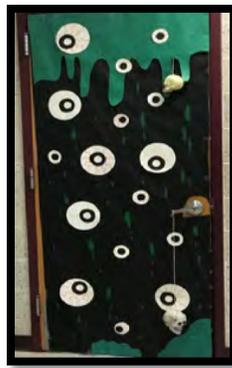
## THANKSGIVING TIME

By: Kerem Kilinc

November is a time when all the leaves start to change colors, yellow, orange, and red. Autumn is walking through the streets. But the best time that is approaching is Thanksgiving time!

Thanksgiving was first celebrated in 1621. The English colonists and pilgrims celebrated as a part of their religion. But thanksgiving at this time was really not celebrated by feasting, it was days of prayer instead. The Wampanoag's also celebrated Thanksgiving as their colony's first successful harvest. But as we all know, Thanksgiving now is a day celebrated by gathering with your entire family, eating turkey and pumpkin pie and watching football. For all that celebrate this wonderful holiday, remember to always find something to be thankful for and enjoy the day with your family!





## HALLOWEEN DOOR DECORATING

This year, School #6 and the Middle School showed some Halloween spirit by having a Halloween Door Decorating Contest. It is a tradition that happens every year, and this year, there were some wonderfully decorated doors. Some of the doors were mummies, pumpkins, bloody scratches, and so many more spooky things. But this year, there were three doors that stood out amongst its competitors.

In Pre-K, Mrs. Hompesch won!. Her door was a web of cut-out spiders with the preschoolers' faces on them. It was titled "THE ITSY BITSY PRESCHOOLERS." It was a very creative idea. In Elementary School, Mrs. Kane's Third Grade class won against the Kindergarten, First Grade, Second Grade, Third Grade, Fourth Grade, Fifth Grade, and Sixth Grade. The door was full of details. It was a tree in the night of Halloween. Each leaf on the tree had a name of one of the students in her class. Then, there were pumpkins scattered at the bottom of the tree. Each pumpkin contained a multiplication or division word problem created by the students themselves, and then they solved them by creating an equation. This is what the third graders were learning at the time and it was creative to use what they were learning and use it to win the Halloween Door Decorating Contest.

Finally, the CPMS winner, Mrs. Woyce's class! Her door was incredible. It was actually her entire doorway! The first thing you see in the doormat that says "DO NOT ASK ALONE" with bloody handprints painted onto the paper. Above the doorway were spider webs hanging from the ceiling and a skeleton head in the middle. There is a "DO NOT CROSS" ribbon that stretches across the entire doorway. On the actual door, there was a large poster that had the alphabet and some numbers in creepy handwriting, and the scary bold word "GOODBYE" followed by some more bloody and black handprints all over the bottom half of the door. On the left side of the doorway, there were some excellent drawings of the Purge villains in their masks, which are very detailed and very creepy. More handprints spread across this drawing, too. The right side of the doorway was completely covered in more handprints entitled "RINGS" in a spooky type of handwriting. This door was done with fantastic details and lots of time was put into decorating it.

This year's winning doors were wonderful, and congratulations to all the winners of the contest. Next year will hold a new set of fantastic doors and hardworking winners, and I can't wait to see what our student body creates!



Ms. Woyce's class won 1st place! Great job!



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## CPMS VOLLEYBALL

By: Everest Saric

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BUMP! SET! SPIKE! And the crowd goes wild for 2018 –2019 Cliffside Park Middle School's Girls Volleyball team. Coach DiGiacomo had tryouts for the team started early in the school year about one week after the first day of school. There were over 40 girls trying out. This year the team consisted of 13 girls, five seventh graders and eight eighth graders. The girls on the team were Rachel Lopez, Everest Saric, Jadyn Isikliyol, Sera Kim, Julianna Oriente, Monalise Mucha, Melany Duarte, Nicole Jenn Da Silva, Alexandra Pantoliano, Arta Ibershimi, Melakai Aligo, Maria Jose Rospigliosi, and Maria Fernanda Rospigliosi. This year the team voted on two team captains who were Rachel Lopez and Everest Saric. The starting six on the team this year were Maria J, Maria F, Jadyn, Rachel, Everest, and Alexandra.

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Maria Fernando was coach's go-to server because she was a great athlete who could do their overhand serve perfectly, and the last couple of games Jadyn got her overhand serve, as well. This may not have been CPMS's best volley ball season, but they tried their hardest! Passing the ball as often as they could and going into every game with a fierce competitive spirit! We played against very competitive towns such as River Dell, Ridgefield, and Tenafly. The best game that the girls had this season was their game against Fairview. It was an extremely close one. Fairview won the first set, and Cliffside won the last two! Overall, CPMS's volleyball team played the best to their ability and are looking forward to a great season next year!



CPMS's eighth grade volleyball athletes.