

Middle School Winter Concert

James Ramundo

The Middle School Winter Concert was a blast! Both the chorus and band played holiday and catchy songs. The crowd sang along to some of the chorus songs, as well as listened and cheered to the complex and upbeat songs the band played.

Several months of preparation and practice to perform was well worth their efforts. The chorus and band played for both the Elementary and Middle School students. Parents came to watch and support their kids performing. After the amazing concerts, everyone left to begin their winter break. The school was enlightened and full of celebration. The Winter Concert is memorable every year and is always impressive and fun. I hope next year's concert is even better.

Middle School Yearbooks

Alisona Le

The best way to preserve a memory is through a yearbook. The Yearbook Club has started collecting memories from the class of 2020 8th graders.

During the month of October and November, the Yearbook Club held a yearbook cover designing contest. Flyers were posted throughout the

halls. Entries looked beautiful. The winner was Kylie Jung with her 'sticker-like' wall design. With books, pencils, and tests scattered throughout her drawing, she awed the club. Yearbooks will be available for purchase for \$15.00 until April 13. Purchase your yearbook today!

Honor Society

Lois Kim

Students in the Cliffside Park Middle School Honor Society attended several trips this year. To be inducted into the Society candidates need to meet certain requirements. First, they need to obtain five hours of volunteer service by the end of January and then ten hours by the end of the school year. The Honor Society will have a ceremony in June. The Honor Society participates in several events to help the community and is a community service based scholar society, for academi-

cally strong students in school. Their first good deed was to participate in the Edgewater Cleanup and sell bracelets for the Sandy Hook Promise Organization. Some fundraising events included a pajama drive, a snack sale for the Women's Shelter, and a snack sale for the American Breast Cancer Society. Look for their Penny Drive event to raise money for Leukemia and Cancer. The Honor Society teaches students the value of community service, good deeds, and leadership.



Memories from the Decade

Kevin Matias

2010

On January 27, Apple unveils the iPad tablet computer.

“*Time*

2011

Osama Bin Laden was killed which ends a 10-year manhunt.

Flies”

2012

Hurricane Sandy was one of the deadliest and most destructive hurricanes of all time.

2013

Macklemore and Ryan Lewis' Thrift Shop was number 1 in the billboard Song of the Year End charts

2014

Frozen became the highest animated grossing film in history. The song Let it Go was very popular.

2015

The New York Mets baseball team went to the World Series.

2016

On July 26, the first solar powered plane, the Solar Impulse 2, successfully completed a trip around the world.

2017

On August 21, America witnessed the first visible solar eclipse since 1979.

2018

-On May 19, Meghan Markle and Prince Harry got married.
-All 12 Thai boys were rescued from the cave they were trapped in.
-For only the eighth time in history, a spacecraft landed safely on Mars

2019

On April 10, the Event Horizon Telescope captured the first photo of a black hole.

Student Council Update

Irena Avalos

The student council officers, President Emily Kappmeier, Vice President Gina Hong, Treasurer Sofia Vergara, Secretary Irena Avalos, and School Spirit Elias Tereikeh planned many events for the second marking period. Homerooms participated in a holiday toy drive and delivered the new unwrapped toys to the New Jersey Pediatric cancer patients. Secondly, we held the annual candy cane sale. Students could send a candy cane with a special note for 50 cents. Also, Spirit Week was held from December 16th to the 20th. Monday was Jersey Day, Tuesday was Raider Wear Day, Wednesday was Twin Day, Thursday was Throwback Day, and Friday was Red and Green Day. The Student Council also participated in Make A Wish letters to Santa. Macy's donated \$1 for every letter submitted. Stay tuned for more information on an upcoming Raider Wear sale.

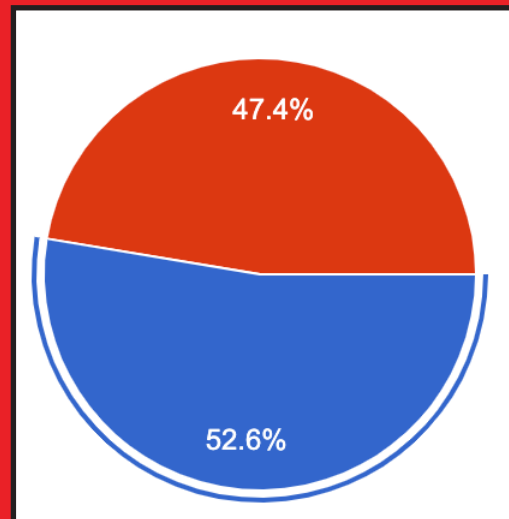
Teachers Favorite Grade to Teach

Matthew Brodsky

7th Grade



8th Grade



Staff

James Ramundo
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Stay Green

Anna Bergelson



Staying green is extremely important. We have to protect our planet, animals, and plants. It is not difficult to stay completely green. Here are some simple tips and tricks to help you make a difference:

1. Try your best to limit the use of plastic. Instead of using plastic water bottles and containers, use reusable ones.

2. Conserve water. An easy way to conserve water is to turn the faucet off while you are brushing your teeth.

3. Start a garden. Starting a garden does not mean you have to have a large backyard full of vegetables

or plants. A small garden is enough because plants release oxygen into the atmosphere and absorb carbon dioxide.

4. Reduce, reuse, and recycle! It is very important to follow the three R's rule: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. Reducing helps conserve trees and wildlife. Reusing limits plastic use. Recycling can help us turn used items into new ones.

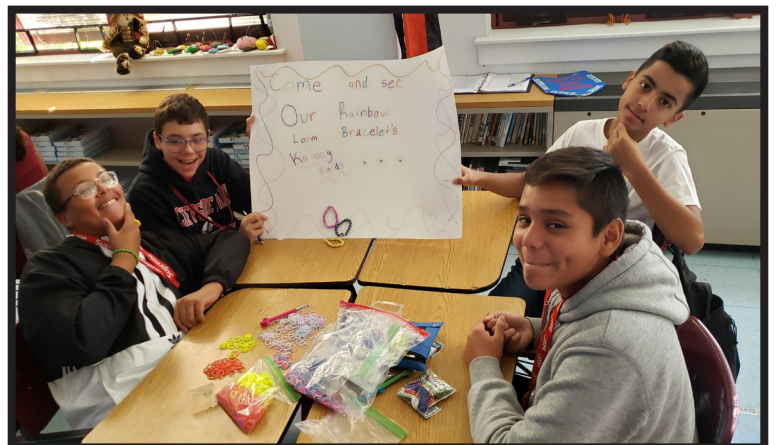
5. Tell all of your friends and family about staying green. Spread the word on how to stay eco-friendly. We should come together to set a goal to protect our environment.

Social Studies Classes and Their Products

Alisona Le

For two weeks, students from Mr. Ventura and Ms. Schmitt's classes prepared to create, design, and sell products. Students used paints, clay, cardboard, paper, and other components to build. They created stress balls, keychains, stickers, phone holders, picture holders, and other miscellaneous items.

When sale day came, students from numerous classes poured in. The students had displays and posters to showcase their products. Prices ranged from 50 cents to 5 dollars. The sale collected more than 700 dollars. All profits went to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.



November Field Trips

James Ramundo

During the month of November, two field trips were held. One of the field trips was a National Junior Honor Society and Peer Leaders trip to the Community Food Bank of New Jersey. The other was a Spanish field trip to a Flamenco Theater.

The Community Food Bank of New Jersey field trip was organized by Mrs. Frohlich and Ms. Foster. The students went to the food bank to organize donated food for families in need. Students made boxes for the food, organized contents inside the boxes, weighed the boxes, and made sure everything was in the correct place. As a team, students were able to help feed families. It was educational, inspirational, and helpful. The trip taught students how to work

together.

The Flamenco Theater trip was very educational. The students, with Ms. Brito and Ms. Tenkerian, learned various dances that are cultural to different Spanish countries. It was loud and fun to watch. After the show, students went to Viva Margarita to feast on Spanish food. And finally, a small stop to Kilwins for treats and a group picture on the steps.

Field trips are great ways to educate students as visual learning is more fun. You learn more than 70% of things you know by experiencing it. We helped struggling families eat a meal by packaging and shipping the food to them. Field trips help you learn to help others, and I look forward to additional field trips in the future.

WINTER WORDSEARCH

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Winter Sports

Nicolas Jaramillo

Wrestling
Coach Dolan



This year's wrestling team is small but good with both 7th and 8th graders on the team. Their first match is at Cliffside Park High School against Ramsey on January 29th. Good luck team.

Boys Basketball
Coach Taalu



The Boys Basketball team this year is mostly consisted of 8th graders and some 7th graders. Good luck boys! Get those wins!

Girls Basketball
Coach Bucco



This year's girls team has an even amount of 7th and 8th graders. Have a great season!

WINTER WORDSEARCH

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| CHILLY | PLOW |
| COLD | SCARF |
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| FROZEN | SNOW |
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