

# Pinwheels for Peace

By Cristina DeOliveira with contribution by Emily Bradley and Adriana Salvas

Peace might mean many different things to people throughout the world, yet we all desire that inner sense of peace in ourselves and in our lives. Many students may ask, "Why did our school do Pinwheels for Peace? What does it mean? And who's idea was it anyway?" Mrs. Oriani, a seventh & eighth grade art teacher, got the Pinwheels for Peace idea from an art magazine she gets, then researched it through a website that explained more about it. After viewing an art gallery of pinwheels, she was sold on the idea. In collaborating with and through a group effort from Mrs. D'Alfonso, Mr. Benzie, Art, English, Industrial Arts (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade), Consumer Science, and Music faculty members enabled them to achieve a shared vision of peace by bringing the entire school, teachers and student body from all grades, together by making pinwheels and displaying them outside our school. Mrs. Oriani concludes by stating, "We all can contribute to world

peace by coming together as one school!"

Mr. Benzie, our vice principal, explained how this project was supposed to teach

reported fewer bullying cases. In addition, Mrs. D'Alfonso, our school principal, had much to add to this topic by stating, "this project was a lot of fun, and students were happy working together, getting along despite their differences". Her primary goal in this project was for all to come together as one Middle School. Mrs. D'Alfonso concluded her discussion by, "Thanking Mrs. Oriani and all the teachers for bringing this project together and for participating in this endeavor," which she plans on launching it annually.



*"We all can contribute to world peace by coming together as one school!"*

Mrs. Oriani  
7th and 8th Grade Art Teacher  
BMMS

Several students contributed to this topic expressing what a great idea it was to make the pinwheels, what peace symbolized to them, how much fun it was to make the pinwheels and to be apart

of something that big that united the school.

Lastly, I believe the question that we all should be asking ourselves is, "What does peace mean and how can we contribute to world peace in and out of school?"

students of all ages that we could all contribute to making our school and world a better place, and so far progress has been made throughout the school. Some middle school students have shown better behavior since the Pinwheels for Peace campaign began and even teachers have

## After School Madness

By Emily Bradley

Throughout the year, there are many clubs and after-school activities that you can join! There is Student Council, run by Mrs. Plante. They run the toy drive and sell wipe-boards during the year. There is Community

Service, run by Mr. Roy, they help run the toy drive, also. Also, Mr. Woodward runs the amazing BMMS Buzz. One of the biggest and most popular after-school activities is the drama club, run by Mrs. Goldenblatt; this year they

are performing the *Fiddler on the Roof*. Another very popular activity is the intramurals; these are run by your gym teachers. To find out when club meetings, rehearsals, and scrimmages are, listen to the announcements.

# B.M.M.S—Reaching Out Around the World

By Kathy Scanlan, Monica Manickam, Aishwarya Bhadouria

The Heifer International is a nonprofit organization that has been working for over sixty years. Every Heifer international project has a goal and it is to support people. This fund works to end world hunger. They do so by providing families across the world with animals and plants that produce a necessity, instead of giving them a non-renewable resource such as money or food. The families could receive a chicken, duck, goose, rabbit, or pig for meat. They could get chicken, goats or cows for dairy products. Families could also get sheep for fur, and water buffalo for labor. As you can see, these animals produce necessities that are essential for the family. The family could also get tree seedlings, which help clean the air and prevent air pollution.

Each needy family must give another family the offspring of the animal. This keeps the organization going and allows the families to take one gift and multiply it into many others. It is also away of the families to thank the organization. This is one of the biggest

## HOCKEY!

By Payton Nugent

You may know what it is but think it isn't for you, you might have always wanted to know what it is, but either way I have got the answers to



your questions.

Hockey is not as rough as everyone thinks.

Hockey is actually a

lot like soccer, however some of the differences are that you are on ice and you are using a stick. There is an additional rule in hockey called off-sides, which is when someone goes out of the blue lines before the person with

thanks they could ask for because it is passing on the kindness the organization is trying to send around the world. This cause helps people lift themselves out of poverty and gives them a sense of pride by putting them on the right track to have the ability to feed their families.

You may not have known that our own school is involved in Heifer International. Team 6C has already raised a significant amount of money, over two hundred dollars. How you ask? The teachers have been selling different items. Mrs. Couture has been selling different kinds of candy. Mr. Grupposo has been selling water, pencils and healthy snacks. Mrs. Rasche has been selling school supplies. All three teachers have also been accepting donations from anybody with extra money.

From the words of Mrs. Couture, "The Heifer International Organization is a wonderful way for all of us to become better citizens of our world. By giving as a team, we are learning that to-

the puck does and they do not go back into the blue lines. The NHL [National Hockey League] also has another rule that the goalie can not go in the corner of the rink.

You can watch hockey on TV. The channels, ESPN, NESN and others, cover professional hockey and some college teams.

More girls should play hockey. Most girls don't play hockey because they either think it is violent or just don't know what it is. When I was on team there were only two girls on my team. So sign up ASAP! When you finally get on the ice it is really a lot of fun. The wind in your hair, the feel of the ice on your blades, and excitement of scoring a goal for your team are all pleasurable elements of hockey. So as you can see hockey is an extremely enjoyable sport!

gether we can make a difference to those less fortunate."

We believe this is how most of us felt about Heifer International and that if we work together we can really make a difference in our world. It is *our* world we live here so we should work hard together to make it the best it can be, even if we do so slowly.

If you aren't one of the students who have these three teachers and you want to contribute to the fund here are some tips for getting involved. If you have



friends on team 6C ask if they wouldn't mind buying for you and give them your money. You can always keep change in your pocket for donations and ask some one on the team to donate for you. For students on team 6C contributing candy can be a big help to the cause so Mrs. Couture always has something to sell.

If you want to consider supporting this remarkable cause outside of school visit [www.readtofeed.org](http://www.readtofeed.org). This website provides email addresses, phone numbers, and other contact information so you can locate the regional office. This website is very easy to follow and is filled with great information.

We sincerely hope you will help save these people from severe poverty and hunger. Thank you in advance because we truly believe you will help this amazing cause. We know you will help these families because if you were in their situation you would wish they would do the same for your family.

# Looking at Hygiene at BMMS

By Cristina DeOliveira

## "Sanitation is important."

Mr. Parson  
Head Chef and Kitchen Manager  
BMMS

Does BMMS have good hygiene and food safety? If so, who helps maintain it and make sure that we restore it when in question? The answer is Mr. Parson, head chef and kitchen manager. He explained the procedures they have in place to ensure food safety. Using the HACCP (Hazardous Analysis of Critical Control Points) regulation allows for a safer environment and the well being for all, starting from food preparation to food delivery. He also mentioned that the refrigerator is kept at 37 degrees Fahrenheit and checked about 20 times daily to ensure proper operation.

## Thanksgiving Can Food Drive

By Cristina DeOliveira

Bellingham Memorial Middle School Student Council continues their annual Thanksgiving Can Food Drive and is currently accepting canned food donations for many Bellingham families. All students and teachers can donate as many canned foods and non-perishable items as they would like. Simply bring in the canned food to school and place it in a box labeled

Thanksgiving Food Drive located in your homeroom. This is a great cause and an opportunity to help others; don't miss out on helping our community! Donate a can

or two and create a special Thanksgiving for many Bellingham families.



In case of a power loss, the kitchen has a back up generator which holds the proper temperature needed to avoid any spoilage or contamination. A power outage only occurred once so far this calendar year and it lasted for approximately five minutes. Mr. Parson went on to discuss the importance of sanitation in the cafeteria. The food preparation area in the kitchen is kept sanitized at all times, gloves and hair nets are worn by all kitchen staff while working with food and gloves are changed often. Also, all hard surfaces throughout the cafeteria and kitchen are wiped down daily to avoid germ-causing bacteria. Mr. Parson even went on to explain how the dishwasher was tested from time to time. He concluded by stating, "Sanitization is important! The cafeteria does everything we can to keep the food and children safe."

Doug, the Custodian, also had much to add concerning sanitiza-



tion throughout the school. He discussed how the bathrooms are cleaned daily to eliminate odors in the air that would contaminate our air quality here at our school and that he did his best to sanitize faucet handles daily. Lastly, Doug concluded by stating, "Wash your hands as much as possible". Concluding my report on hygiene, I believe that we all can work together; unified to protect ourselves from germ causing illnesses by washing our hands, wrists, fingernails and between the fingers for at least twenty seconds with soap, then rinsing our hands with warm water, and followed by using a dry paper towel or an air dryer. Remember to dispose the used paper towel in the trash and not on the floor. Sanitization is not up to one single person to deliver, it's up to all of us to do our part by working together and keeping things clean, germ free, and most importantly making great decisions for the benefit of us all.

**The Magazine Drive**  
By Craig Behan  
It happens once a school year, the magazine drive! Students sell magazines to parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, or ask their parents to take it to work to help with making magazine sales. If a student sells a "Reader's Digest" he would get a mini cell phone with games. Sell the "E-spn" magazine and you get a mini game. The prizes this year were found outside of the cafeteria right next to the nurse's office.

## RED SOX WIN AGAIN!!

By Luke Lussier

Yes! We've done it again! Over a span of four years we have won two World Series titles and now I am good and proud to be a Sox fan. We took the Angels in the first series then the Indians in the next. It was hard work, but hard work makes it all the way. Finally the Rockies in a four game sweep! Well, congratulations Red Sox on a great, long and late regular and postseason!



# A Work of Fiction - "Making the Connection"

By Corey Umlauf

Sometimes, Lizzie felt as if everything she learned in class was related to the social aspect of school.

She looked over her science notes the day before.

*Symbiosis- A close relationship between species that benefits at least one of the species*

She thought that this could be related to anything from being best friends with Lana to Marie cheating off her in Math class.

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To solve this problem, Lizzie had to use the Order of Operations. The expressions she solved first were the most important, kind of like Marie. As Lizzie solved the problems in order, the level of "popularity" went down. Lizzie thought that this process could be renamed as the "Order of Popularity". You could say that the first equation you solved was the most popular student in the school. Then you go in order all the way down to the most unpopular

student. This "order" was determined by the bright pink list mounted to the cafeteria wall. How could the teachers not notice it? Everyone was gathered around it, hoping their placements were high. As Lizzie got closer to the popularity list, she saw that her name was at the very bottom of the page. She came in dead last, again.

## Popularity List

1. Marie White
2. Jamie Thomas
3. Ellen Terenter
4. Connie Briggman
- ...
101. Eliza Tennetmar
102. Lana Laurena
103. Lizzie Brown

This list was posted by Marie White.

"Why do I always have to be at the bottom of the list?" Lizzie complained.

"Well, Lizzie, you have no reason to be at the bottom of this list. Marie just wants to annoy you. Promise me that you won't let this get to your head like last time?"

Lizzie's memories of pink jelly all over Marie's white blouse began to sink in as Lana finished her little pep talk. She had gotten mad at Marie for blaming her for writing on the desk and put a bucket of pink jelly over the cafeteria door. When Marie opened the door, jelly poured out of the bucket and then... SPLAT! Jelly went everywhere. Lizzie had a history of arguing with Marie. Lizzie had scuffed tennis shoes, Marie had designer flip-flops. They did not exactly see eye to eye.

"I'll try not to get in trouble this time. I mean, dumping ten gallons of jelly on Marie was a little too much effort. I'll go with something smaller. When she tries to cheat off of me in Math, I'll just put the wrong answers in and then when she gets up to do something, change the answers to the correct ones. See? I'm not going to get a detention for that!" Lizzie tried to make herself look as innocent as possible. Hopefully nobody would find out what she had planned for today.

"Just wait. Today is going to be a memorable day for Marie." Lizzie said under her breath.

To be continued in the next issue.

## Old Is the New Celtics

By Luke Lussier

The Celtics are now up at the top seed in the eastern conference.

With their new "big" three, it's a definite that we will go all the way. Speaking of the "big" three, it includes: veteran Ray Allen from the Seattle Supersonics, ten time all-star Kevin Garnett or KG and all time from rookie season PP or Paul Pierce. Believe it or not but we have three all star veterans in our lineup! We had to give a lot to receive a one man phenom. For Ray Allen we had to lose Wally



Szerbiak and Delonte West. For KG (he did not come cheap but

We got rid of Al Jefferson, Gerald Green, Ryan Gomes, Teo Radcliff, Sebastian Telfair, and a draft pick. I said "no no" to this trade but after watching him play his preseason I think it might pay off. This is the season of the Big Green Team. Their season kicks of November 2nd. To get their whole schedule and for other great things about the Celtics and their new players go to Boston-

Celtics.com.



Ask Logan is a soon-to-be advice column.

So in the next issue of "The BMMS Buzz", make sure you

send me something you need advice for.

(All questions will be answered at one point or another.)

To ask me a question, e-mail me at:

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(I will not e-mail you back.)

p.s. Everything is anonymous, so don't put your real name, otherwise I will not respond.