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WE PLEDGE TO HISTORY

1988, Joshua Howard Elementary:

Five intelligent students meet up to form their school's history. As the Howard Elementary pledge was created, the five courageous students stood proudly for their school and said,

"I believe school is important.

Today I will do my best,

to learn,

to achieve,

to follow school rules,

and to respect the rights of others.

I am proud of myself and my community.

I am a Howard School student."

Howard's pledge has been passed on for 34 years. Still today, we stand proudly and recite our school's history. Students from the school's first Student Council came up with this pledge in 1988. The following students are,

-Ben Owens -Keith Palmer -Matthew Schleif -Jenny Schofield -Sarah Shirkey

Here we have a quote from representative Matthew Schleif: "It was an honor to be part of Howard's first Student Council and help create the Howard Pledge! I think it is great that students still say it every day! I hope they never get rid of it."



By Rami Hider

Winter Would You Rather?! By Maya Nasher

We surveyed some Howard staff members to find out which winter favorites they would pick! What would YOU choose?

Build a snowman	OR	Drink hot cocoa?
67%		33%
Go sledding	OR	Go skiing?
60%		40%
Play outside in in the snow	OR	Play inside with board games?
50%		50%
Snowball fight	OR	Ice skating?
40%		60%



Steph Curry beats Ray Allen's World Record

On December 14, against the New York Knicks, Steph Curry beat the world record for 3's. He beat the record of 2,973 and even won the game. People say no one will ever break his record. Steph Curry is young and still has a long life ahead of him. There was a huge celebration during the game. His mom, dad, and college coach were all there. A week after that, Curry broke 3 thousand 3 pointers. Steph is officially the best shooter ever. For those who don't know what a 3 is, it is a long range shot.

"Everything's Fine With Ms. Finan!"

By: Madleen Chami and Zainab Rhei

We went down the hallway looking for Ms. Finan. We asked somebody where the copy room was, but she came walking to us when we were going to the office. She told us to go to the art room and we have fifteen minutes. It was okay with us. Ms. Finan is the new art teacher at Howard Elementary School and she is a great artist.

Madleen: "Who's your favorite Tiktoker?"

Ms. Finan: "My favorite Tiktoker would be rubin_allergy since he does a lot of cool science and facts. I can't find the specific person for art though... so also art Tiktoks."

Madleen: "What's your favorite color?"

Ms. Finan: "Rainbow, but secretly turquoise."

Zainab: "What's your favorite food?"

Ms. Finan: "Spicy sushi!"

Zainab: "What's your non-favorite food?"

Ms. Finan: "Oatmeal, I don't know why, I never tried it, but I don't want to eat it."

Zainab: "What's your favorite subject?"

Ms. Finan: "Other than art, science."

Madleen: "What is your favorite thing about art?"

Ms. Finan: "That everyone can do whatever they want and they can be creative."

Reporters: "What's your favorite painting?"

Ms. Finan: "Starry Night from Vincent Van Gogh."

Madleen: "What's your favorite song?"

Ms. Finan: "A song called 'Hamilton'."

Madleen: "What makes a class fun to teach?"

Ms. Finan: "My own PBIS Rules: respectfulness, responsibility, and creativity."

Zainab: "Did you live anywhere other than Michigan?"

Ms. Finan: "I lived in Arizona for 2 years, but other than that, Michigan."

Zainab: "Where were you born?"

Ms. Finan: "Detroit."

Madleen: "What are your favorite steps to get art ready?"

Ms. Finan: "New art supplies and when you finish your art, you are proud of it."

Here are some additional facts Ms. Finan told us without questions:

- Her favorite sport is tennis and she played it.
- She has 2 cats that are both boys: Enzo and Luca.
- Her favorite animal is a giant panda.
- Her favorite art supply is watercolor paints.
- Her favorite drink is pink lemonade.
- She used to play piano, and she took singing lessons.
- She has a half-brother, Nick, and she is adopted.

By : Dean Haidar



The White House

By Adam Harajly



Did you know the White House opened on November 1st 1800? The White House has a lot of history to go with it.

By the numbers: The White House has 132 rooms, 35 bathrooms, 6 levels, 412 doors, 147 windows, 28 fireplaces, 7 staircases and 3 elevators.

Did you know the White House has a music room, a workout room, a chocolate shop, a bowling alley, a family theater, a map room, a china room, and even a flower shop?

Now you know how it is inside this beautiful monument and some history about the White House.

Best Movies of 2021

By: Houda Hamka

If you want to know what the most memorable movies, books and crazy moments in 2021 are, I'm about to let you know. One popular movie that went viral was *Spider-man No Way Home*. It is a very cool movie that goes along with the original series. Another movie is *Tom & Jerry*. It is indeed for all ages, as it is a classic to the original. It is very funny and I know you will enjoy it. A few more are *Raya and the Last Dragon*, *Peter Rabbit 2* and *Space Jam*. Check them out!

BEYDOUN'S MOVIE TALK!

By: Noah Beydoun

Have you been looking for a new movie to watch? If you have, let me tell you about a brand new movie that just came out. It's called *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*. You're probably thinking there are no new *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* movies out right now. Well there is, and you can watch it on Disney Plus.

Here is a summary of the movie. I am not going to tell you everything because I don't want to spoil it for you. The movie follows Greg Heffley and his best friend Rowley as they go to middle school. Greg's brother Rodrick tries to tell him the things that can happen in middle school, especially about staying away from the Cheese Touch, but this just scares Greg. Throughout the movie, it seems like Rowley keeps getting all the attention, even though he keeps embarrassing Greg. Greg just wants to fit in and keeps trying, but fails. Greg and Rowley end up fighting and not speaking to each other. Greg pretends to be friends with another kid from school because he misses Rowley and wants him back. Then Greg sticks up for Rowley when three teenage bullies pick on him. At the end they became friends again and Greg likes Rowley just the way he is.

I give this movie five stars. If you like the book, then you will like this movie. It was really funny and interesting. The story talks about things that all kids can go through. One of my favorite parts of the movie is when Greg and Rowley become friends again. You should really watch this movie when you have the time.

NFL Playoffs by Mousa Salem



Did you know who made the NFL playoffs? If you didn't, the teams who made the playoffs in the AFC are the Tennessee Titans, Kansas City Chiefs, Buffalo Bills, Cincinnati Bengals, New England Patriots, and the Las Vegas Raiders. Now the NFC which is the Green Bay Packers, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, LA Rams, Dallas Cowboys, Arizona Cardinals, San Francisco 49ers, and the Philadelphia Eagles.

For the NFC, during the Wild Card round, the Buccaneers beat the Eagles. The LA Rams won against the Cardinals, and the 49ers beat the Cowboys. Next, in the divisional round, The Rams will be facing off against the Buccaneers and the Packers host the 49ers. In the AFC, it was the Bengals over the Raiders, the Bills won against the Patriots, and the Chiefs took down our principal's favorite team, the Steelers. Fun fact, Ms. Sabaugh went to that game in Kansas City! Sadly the Kansas City Chiefs beat the Pittsburgh Steelers so now they are versusing the Buffalo Bills in the divisional round. The other Matchup being Tennessee Titans against the Cincinnati Bengals.

Even if you missed last week's divisional round, be sure to watch the conference championship matchups this weekend!

Our First Steps, and Our Solutions

It seems our world has had more and more pollution over the years, and this year is no different. Each year we have polluted more overall and have had more issues, this dilemma has seemed to have no end in sight and what can lil' ol' you do about it? Well today, that'll be our focus: on educating the world with numbers, solutions, and great ideas, on Simple Solutions, with Hadi N. and Owen S.

After the birth of industry, aka the Industrial Revolution, we were polluting about 280 ppm of carbon total, and 1000 ppm is considered dangerous, so you can imagine its effect. Today we have about 406 ppm of carbon, and we are on our way to much more. We have a huge amount of plastic in the ocean, enough to cover Texas in trash, all of Texas. Our Arctic Circle is the same size as the smallest continent, and many cities are going to be underwater if we don't stop polluting. All these effects will only grow in the future, so what are we going to do?

Here are a few tips to help this problem. Start by lowering heat during the summer, we get heat from energy and we get energy from burning fossil fuels, which pollute the air with toxins. You can also use reusable water bottles, straws, bags, and lunch boxes. Often these items get dumped in the ground, in the sea, or burned, which releases toxins in the plastics. One last way is to plant plants in your house or backyard, you can even plant class plants, as it's less cruel than caging animals. Not only do plants clean the air, but science has proven that they give a huge mood boost and sense of responsibility, without the pain of losing your furry friend. If we all start taking these first steps and push on the staircase, we will reach the top, with a clean and healthy world. Thanks for listening, and goodbye!

*Bonus fact: Our school can still suffer from pollution, and Owen has measured the toxins in our area and he has found that on the streets in some places the toxins are very high, such as by Telegraph Road. However, to look at the bright side, the main doors of the school and other school doors have very low pollution, which is the best it can be.