

GO SHARKS

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Exercise
- Student/ Staff Stars



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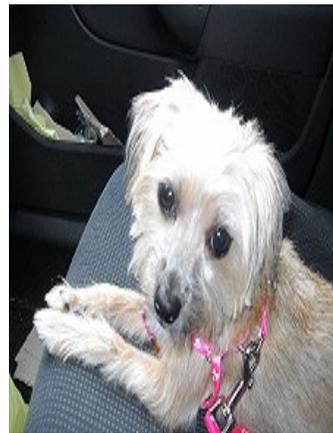
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Stray Dog Rescued

One morning in the fall a small stray dog was found outside RHS. Ms. Hill, the art teacher, decided to give the dog a home. Below is her written account of how the dog came to live with her and her family.

Mr. Montalvo, the head custodian at RHS, found the dog right at the front door of the school really early one fall morning wet and dirty. I took her to the art room and waited until 9am when the shelter opened but decided to take her home with me because no one had reported a dog fitting her



Look at Shulie! Isn't she adorable?

description missing. The vet said she is a terrier mix and she weighs about 7 lbs. We think she not quite

a year old. Her name is Shulie which comes from a character in the School House Rock Musical.

Remember that no good deed goes unnoticed. Kudos to Ms. Hill for taking Shulie in and giving her a loving home.

By: Queen Allah and Robert Arroyo



Feb/Mar

February 2011

Rafael Hernandez celebrates Black History Month see page 4 and 5.

Parent Corner

March 2011

Friday March 11th: Warning Notices Go Home!

Tuesday March 15th: Grade 8 Parent Meeting @ RHS

Tuesday March 22nd: North Ward Advisory



Meeting @ Barringer 6-8pm

Thursday and Friday: March 24th and 25th:

RHS Mariachi Band is going to Long Branch

Wednesday March 30th: Fuel Up to Play with NY JETS

How To Start A Team



There are many sports that we can play. RHS does have a cheerleading squad as well as a baseball and basketball team.

In our discussions about what to include in this edition of the *Spotlight*, we realized that there weren't that many sports team at the Elementary level. We decided to look at what is required to start a new team such as tennis or volleyball or football. Below is what we discovered:

First, we would need some equipment. We also need uniforms. Last but not least we need players and a coach. It would also be nice to have a mascot.

Second, we would have to ask the students if they would like to join the team. We can have a bake sale or ask for donations to buy equipment and uniforms. Also, we can ask teachers if they would like to volunteer to be the coach.

Next, we start organizing the team. Once we have players and the coach, they can start practicing. Once they have practice the team will be ready to compete against other teams. That's how you start a team.



By: Dyanni Carr, Obaro Inweh and Kahlil Blanding



Exercise is very important to our overall health. You should try to exercise everyday for about 30 minutes.

Dr. Long

Health Corner: Exercise

Exercise is a very important part of our daily lives. We wanted to find out more about it so we interviewed Dr. Long our school nurse. Listed below are the questions we asked her:

Q: There are lots of people making TV shows about

exercise, but do they all work?

A: Most of them work, but then people don't do them as long as they should.

Q: What are some of the popular exercise programs?

A: Nautilus (circuit training), Zumba and Medicine Ball.

Q: How many calories should we eat each day?

A: It depends on your size about 1,000 to 1,800.

By :Queen Allah, Chritan Gomez and Emily Lugo

By Naomi Gibson and Aniyah Reed



What Are We Listening To?

Ms. Porsh is a young rapper/singer. Ms. Porsh used to attend central until she graduated from high school. She started her rapping/singing career at the age of 14. She's now 19 and has written the songs:

sexy walk ,rock your hips , get on that wall, bounce like me, also swim. Some songs she has been feature in by Dj lilman. Dj frosty, Dj sharphandz, Dj big o, and Dj jayhood. Ms.porsh (the misses) songs are usually Baltimore club, and brick

bandits. Ms. Porsh is very successful and is growing into the right path.



We interviewed Mrs. Charles to find out more about the debate team. Below are the questions we asked:

Q: Who is on the debate team?

A: The debate team is comprised of students from 6th – 8th grade. The current members are: Luis Cruz (Captain), Maloni Jones, Josue Vargas, Karen Rios, Meghan Bevan, Kassandra Ramos, Destinee Glover, Shanae Brooks and Zanaib Muhammad.

Q: What is the debate team?

A: Debate is a “Sport” in which the tools are words.

Q: When are the competitions?

A: There are five championships throughout the year:

November 13th, December 18th, January 22nd, February 19th and March 19th.

Q: Have they ever won a championship?

A: We don’t have championships in debate, but our school is always in the top 10 throughout Newark. One year, one of our debaters, Brian Pirapakaran,

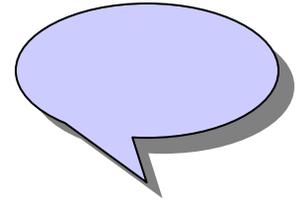
Q: How do you join the team?

A: You need to show up for the meetings on Wednesdays (3:05pm-4:30pm) and be committed.

Please show your support to the debate team!

By: Aniyah Reed and Naomi Gibson

The Debate Team



Ms. Hill and Kindergarteners have a pizza party after reading Pete’s A Pizza.

Student/Staff Stars Pete’s A Pizza

Take a look at the pizza project that the Kindergartners completed. It looks delicious! Yummy! Yummy!



Road To Carnegie Hall

The band and orchestra students are preparing to perform at Carnegie Hall. They have been practicing and working very hard to raise money. We plan to follow them along the way as they practice, fundraise and get prepared for their performance. We spoke to Mrs. Hatcher about the preparations that are being taken.

Q: If you’re not in the orchestra can you still go to support the school?

A: There are no more tickets left.

Q: Name some instruments that band members can play?

A: They can play the violin, viola or cello.

Q: What fundraisers are we going to have?

A: Make concert DVD, make T-shirts,

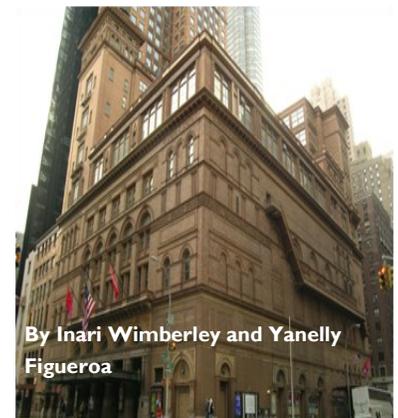
candy and bake sales.

Q: How many kids are in the band and orchestra?

A: There are 190 kids that play instruments.

Q: Are there any trips coming up for orchestra?

A: We are to spend a day in New York City to visit Julliard.



By Inari Wimberley and Yanelly Figueroa

Interesting Events @ RHS

2/8/2011 First Hip Hop Dance Class

3:05-3:55pm

Two teachers from the NJ Performing Arts School, Leslie Lucy and Yusef Harris taught classes and demonstrated the moves for the children. Grades 3-8 are helping them broaden their talents and interests. Permission slips are required and fundraising is necessary in order to keep this class alive. Many students in the school love to dance and this class is the perfect tool for keeping them fit and encouraged to do something positive with their free time.



2/10/2011 Assembly (Drum-off)

Some 7th and 8th grade classes (7-232, 7-233 and 8-340) competed in the drum-off. The winner was 8-340, the bi-lingual 8th graders. For the individual competitors, Jhostyn Castro was the winner but there were many competitors including: Josue Vargas, Julian Gonzalez and Al-Jauqay Hawkins. The competition was very close within a point of each other.

Congratulations to all those who competed!!!

Online Art Gallery is launched

RAFAEL HERNANDEZ SCHOOL STUDENTS SHARE THEIR ARTWORK WITH THE WORLD!

Newark, NJ -- Move Over Famous Artists! Rafael Hernandez School artists are taking over the spotlight! Monica Hill, the school's Art Teacher, has teamed up with Artsonia, www.artsonia.com -- the world's largest online kid's art museum -- to display the students' artwork. Anyone can view the school gallery online at: www.artsonia.com/schools/rafael1. Visitors can browse the artwork in the school gallery by grade level, or by specific exhibits. Rafael Hernandez School students join thousands of students from over 100 countries whose artwork is showcased on Artsonia. "This program is a wonderful way to get parents and family members more involved in Art Education," said Monica Hill.



2/18/2011 Black History Month Celebration

The SLC, Mrs. Hatcher and Mr. Crever hosted a Black History Month celebration in the auditorium for the RHS community. The celebration included singing, dancing and drumming. Highlights from the evening are pictured above and below. Thanks to all who participated!



Wednesdays after school Piano Lessons start 3:05-3:45pm

Meet Mr. Crever in the Music Room if you are interested. The important information is listed below:

- Need permission slip
- Class size 10-15 students
- 4th grade-8th grade
- Instruments provided
- 8 week session



Mr. Crever plays many instruments the piano is just one of the many.



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