

What's the Buzz

of, by and for Highlands' students



The HORNETS Have Spoken

Class of 2018 Most Likely to:

Become a Billionaire: **Luke Stockbridge**
Become a Doctor: **Temoore Ali, Andjelija Vojinovic**
Become a Secret Agent: **Adrian Gonzalez**
Become a Famous Musician: **Robert Brusak**
Become a Talk Show Host: **Logan Lestina**
Become a Movie Star: **Joseph Watkins**
Become a Middle School Principal: **Aidan Foley**
Become a U.S. President: **Luke Stockbridge**
Become a Chef: **Natalie Garbe**
Become a Teacher: **Chloe Vasil**
Become an Inventor: **Robert Henkel**
Become a Professional Athlete: **Luke Stockbridge**
Become a Fashion Designer: **Althea Hensley**
Become a Comedian: **Logan Lestina**
Become a Voice on a Cartoon Show: **Dominic Mini, Ryan Taylor**
Travel the World: **Maja Czarnota**
Write a Best Selling Novel: **Katherine Payant**
Break a World Record: **Anthony Curran, Alec Byrd**
Serve in the Armed Forces: **Kyle Findley**
Discover a Cure for a Deadly Disease: **Connor Wolosewicz**
Be on Broadway: **Joseph Watkins**

Who in the Class of 2018 is/has the...

Best Laugh: **Marta Tasevska**
Best Dancer: **Matthew Drafz**
Best Smile: **Katherine Amonson, Emmaline Novak**
Best School Spirit: **Kaitlyn Vespa**
Most Helpful: **Lilja Waliewski**
Most Artistic: **Katherine Payant**
Cleanest Locker: **Gretchen Wittwer**
Hardest Worker: **Chloe Vasil**
Friendliest: **Emmaline Novak**
Best Handwriting: **Nayeli Torres**

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7th Grade Springfield Trip

by Kate Hill

This year the 7th grade visited Springfield! It was hard getting to school before 6 in the morning. At first the bus ride was quiet, but as we got closer to Springfield people started getting excited. When we arrived in Springfield the first place that we visited was the New State Capitol. In the Capitol we did a tour, and got to see the Senate floor and even sit in Senate chairs.



After that we made our way through Springfield and went to the Old State Capitol. At the

Old State Capitol we walked through and saw many parts where Illinois government used to take place. Soon after the State Capitol, we visited Lincoln's Tomb. Before actually going inside the tomb we saw several war memorials. When inside the tomb we took a small tour. On the tour were several statues and we saw where Lincoln and most of his family are buried. Another place we saw within

Springfield was Lincoln's neighborhood. Here we walked around the very place where Lincoln had lived, and looked at his house. While we didn't get to go inside of it we still got a very good look at it.

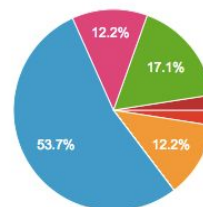
One final historic place that we visited was the ALPLM, or the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. Here we saw many wax figures depicting the life of Lincoln, and saw two movies to show the history of this time period. They also had many political cartoons of the time. No they aren't just in modern politics, they could even be found in common newspapers of the 1800s.



The very final stop we had on our Springfield trip was Godfather's Pizza. Here we all met up and had a pizza buffet. Many people said that the bus ride was their favorite part of the trip. On both bus rides we were able to talk and mess around with our friends. Many people also said that they liked the ALPLM. One of the movies that we had seen there was 4D. The seats would shake when cannons went off and even smoke like material went into the air. The other movie, many people are still wondering if the narrator is really a hologram. Overall, the Springfield trip was trip that I don't think any of us will ever forget.

What was your Favorite Part of the Springfield Trip?

41 responses



- Old State Capital
- New State Capital
- Lincoln's Tomb
- ALPLM (Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum)
- Lincoln's Neighborhood
- The Bus Ride
- Godfather's Pizza
- ALPLM (Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum)

Saying Goodbye

by Whit Proctor

I recently interviewed our music teacher. Mrs. O'Reilly is retiring at the end of this year. Now I know we will all miss her, but here are some things you might have not known about her.

For starters, Mrs. O'Reilly has taught at Highlands for her entire career. She told me it was her first and last teaching job. When she retires, Mrs. O'Reilly wants to travel to New York and do what she is best known for, performing. But if she could direct one more musical for the great Highlands' students, she would love to do a musical called *Newsies*. She would get to live her favorite part of teaching, watching the cast of the musical receive the applause and love of the audience.

As you know, Mrs. O'Reilly is renowned for her great musicals she produces here at Highlands, but what you may not know, is that she has actually had a part in a musical. She was a bride running from the altar in a musical called *Company*, and based on what we have seen from the musicals she has produced, we can assume that the musical was a hit. Although we will all miss Mrs. O'Reilly, we can all have the feeling that we got to be taught by the great, Mrs. O'Reilly.



Roller Coasters

by Mirielle St. Arnaud

You hear a loud rumble. Then a scream. But not to worry; you are at an amusement park. You are hearing a roller coaster, one of the most popular attractions in the world. Roller coasters have a lot of history, and there are a lot of different popular roller coasters and parks to visit.

Popular Parks

One of the top roller coaster parks in the world is Disney. Disney has several different parks, and there are approximately 25,000,000 people who visit the Disney parks each year. Another very popular park is Six Flags. There are a few different parks in America, and they have over 100 rides. If you don't like roller coasters, you can still have fun with the games at most parks. A few other parks are Cedar Point, Universal Studios, and SeaWorld. These all attract a lot of visitors, and they are all on the list of the top 20 most popular parks.

Famous Coasters

The tallest roller coaster in the world is Kingda Ka. It has a 456 foot drop, and it launches you up at 128 mph. You can find it at Six Flags in New Jersey. It is not the fastest roller coaster, though. That title goes to SkyScraper. It includes a

570 foot drop. Although it has not opened yet, it will definitely set high standards for roller coasters. You will be able to visit it at Skyplex, Orlando. There is another roller coaster that has set high standards that cannot be broken.

This roller coaster is called Crouching Tiger and Turtle. It is located in Duisburg, Germany. It looks like a roller coaster at

first, but when you look closer you can see that it doesn't have any cars. Instead of tracks, it has stairs. You walk the entire ride. You can't get any slower than that. Finally, we turn to the roller coaster that started it all: Switchback Railway at Coney Island, New York. It was a long, straight track that was used to deliver coal. Some people were wondering why the coal got to have all the fun and started jumping in the cars. It was officially opened as a roller coaster in 1884. Those are some of the most famous roller coasters.



This is Crouching Tiger and Turtle.

<http://www.kuriositas.com/2011/11/crouching-tiger-and-turtle-roller.html>

Roller Coaster Safety

Some people might be annoyed about the height limits on roller coasters, but they are actually for your own safety. Some rides aren't safe for people who are shorter because the cars are too big for shorter people. It could also be that the seatbelt won't hold the rider in if they don't reach the height limit. Some rides have maximum height restrictions where you can't be too tall. These are to make sure that the ride can hold your weight, or so that your knees won't be jammed in case of an emergency. There are a few other safety precautions that roller coasters have. They are tested for safety in the morning before the park is opened to the public. First, the park owners will walk around the track to make sure that there is no debris, leaves, or anything else on the track that would stop the cars from moving. Then, they check to make sure that all of the screws are tight enough. They also make sure that all of the bars and straps are tightly on the cars. Finally, they will run the ride a few times by putting bags of sand in the seats. If there are any conflicts with these tests, they will repair the ride. If the ride cannot be repaired in time, it will be closed while they fix it. Now everyone should be assured that roller coasters are safe.

Are you afraid of roller coasters, or do you love them? There usually is no in between. But now that you know about the different parks, a few famous roller coasters, and the safety precautions, you might have a very enjoyable (and scary) summer. So go jump on a roller coaster (or don't) and have a great time!



This is Kingda Ka.

<https://www.tripsavvy.com/review-of-kingda-ka-3225674>

Favorite Books and TV Shows

by Giuseppe Bernardo

Have you ever finished a book or TV show that was so good, you wanted to watch or read it again. Well, stop! I surveyed 131 students and here are the top TV shows and books that you could enjoy.

Favorite TV show: **Stranger Things** (Netflix lists)-

This thrilling Netflix original drama stars Golden Globe-winning actress Winona Ryder as Joyce Byers, who lives in a small Indiana town in 1983 -- inspired by a time when tales of science fiction captivated audiences. When Joyce's 12-year-old son, Will, goes missing, she launches a terrifying investigation into his disappearance with local authorities. As they search for answers, they unravel a series of extraordinary mysteries involving secret government experiments, unnerving supernatural forces, and a very unusual little girl.

Favorite book 1: **Harry Potter**

Harry Potter is a series of fantasy novels written by British author J. K. Rowling . The novels chronicle the life of a young wizard, Harry Potter, and his friends Hermione Granger and Ron Weasley, all of whom are students at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.. The main story concerns Harry's struggle against Lord Voldemort, a dark wizard who intends to become immortal, overthrow the wizard governing body known as the Ministry of Magic, and defeat all wizards and muggles, a reference term that means non-magical people.



Favorite book 2: **Wonder**

Auggie is the fictional boy in the children's novel Wonder, which chronicles his dramatic and emotional first year at Beecher Prep. He was previously homeschooled as he underwent multiple surgeries for a rare facial condition called Treacher Collins syndrome, complicated by another syndrome.



Favorite book 3: **Percy Jackson**

Percy Jackson Book Series, Look no further than Rick Riordan's fun, fast-paced Percy Jackson Series, which follows the adventures of young demigod (half mortal, half Greek god) Percy and his friends Annabeth and Grover. And the story continues in the thrilling Heroes of Olympus spin-off Series.



All of these books are in the Highlands School library. Get your books today!



Fun in the Sun



By Brent Rodrigo

Summer is less than a month away and people are starting to plan vacations. Some people plan to just stay home and watch TV. Some people like to do activities every year like a tradition. We received 124 submissions in the survey posted on Schoology. Here are some of the most popular activities during summer.

Summer heat makes people who live in hot cities be able to fry an egg on the blacktop. What else can you do than go swimming in a pool! Or you could just pour water on your head. But why would you do that if you could just stay cool for hours and hours! Swimming is a fun thing to do. Sure you might get wet, but it will be a blast! You can bring in some toys to play in the water or go on the slides. Just don't forget about the required height limit to go on a slide.

Some people who don't have a pool in their backyard or close to their homes plan to go on a vacation! The most popular place to visit (recommended by the survey) is Florida. Florida has great amusement parks like Universal Studios and Disney World. Not to mention that they also have a National State Park known as the Everglades National Park, where you can find lots of animals including crocodiles.

No matter what you choose to do for this summer break, it is always good to stay active while you are having fun and also remember to apply sunscreen.... lots of it!



Summer Activities: the Good and the Bad

by Brandon Rodrigo

Ding! School has ended and it is time for summer vacation. Your mind is racing with what to do during the break. Go to the beach, go to another country, hit the pool! There are lots of possibilities to choose. You don't know what to choose because they are all so good. Here are some possibilities to choose from.

Stay at Home:

You decide to stay home. Nothing bad could happen, you think to yourself. You play your favorite video games or play outside with your friends. For the first week of summer, everything is fine. You can binge watch videos or catch up on your favorite book. You get to sleep in every day. The only thing that wakes you up is your hungry stomach because you slept past breakfast. You eat your food and you do what you usually do, but your parents make you do chores or make you study for the next year. You obediently agree. After you finish your duties, you get back to doing what you wanted to do. You turn on the TV, but you watched all of your favorite shows. You caught up on your book and you don't want to play outside. You are extremely bored and you can't go to sleep. The only thing you hope is that your family goes on vacation.

Pros:

Play with your friends, catch up on your book, watch Youtube, play video games all day long

Cons:

Chores, extra studying, potential boredom

Hit the Beach:

You get really bored and you decide you want to go to the beach. The salty ocean smell, the food stands around you, and all your friends come to join you. You have fun with the beach ball and having chicken fights in the water. Your body relaxes as it hits the cold water. The only problem is that it is a little bit too cold. You run out of the water to let your body get back to the warm air but you step on some rocks. Your feet are in pain and your body is cold. You decide to rest on your blanket on the beach. You lay down and take a quick nap. When you wake up, your body is stinging. You look down and you appear to have sunburn. You run into the ocean but your legs get chafed. You fall down and you get salt water up your nose and in your eyes. You really dislike the beach and you want to go somewhere else.

Pros:

Nice view, fun activities like snorkeling and building sand castles

Cons:

Sun burn, rocks, salty water in your eyes and nose

Go on Vacation:

Your family decides to go on vacation. You go somewhere cool or somewhere hot. You relax as soon as you get there. There are a lot of things you can do in this new place. You can explore your surroundings or find something fun to do. You can't decide what to do but your family's got you covered. You go visit some museums or hit the beach or just relax. You find a cool place to have fun. There is an amusement park, a water park, arcades, and a place to eat food. You are having so much fun but the deadline of your trip is coming. You don't want it to end but you know it must. You pack your bags and when you get back home, you realize you are missing your favorite jacket. You left it at the hotel and it's too far to get it back. You could buy a new jacket but you spent all your money at the arcade. You really liked that jacket and you wished you hadn't gone on vacation.

Pros:

Opportunities to explore other people's cultures, lots of places to go and lots of fun things to do

Cons:

This will definitely drain your wallet and you could possibly lose some items.

Go to the Pool:

You are really starting to dislike your break, so you decide to go where most people go, and that's the pool. You dive off the diving board and try to do as many tricks as you can. You go down as many water slides as you can go on, and you relax in the hot tub. You decide to relax even more in the lazy river. You have a great time swimming in the waves in the wave pool. You get out and you feel a bit hungry. You go to the food stand to get a hot dog or some pizza. You get to your seat and take a huge bite, but you drop some of your food on your body. You wipe it off on your towel and it gets all over your clothes. You finish your food and get back into the pool, but you hurt your ankle when you jump in. You look down to massage it, but when you reach your hand down, you touch an old band-aid that was stuck on your foot. You try to fling it off but it won't come off. You are shaking it crazily and then you decide to wash it off in the pool. You dip your hand in the water but it feels a bit warm. You look around and the little kid next to you is starting to laugh. You leave the pool and wish you never went to the pool.

Pros:

Lots of slides, food, not salty, hot tub, lazy river, wave pool, lots of fun features

Cons:

Urine and other strange items in the water.

Jimble, Wiblwert's son, comes home to study for his end of the year exams, just like his dad for his night school.



The Soldier Who Didn't Surrender Until 1974

by Abraham Kayali



Onoda as a young man.

Hiroo Onoda was an Imperial Japanese Army intelligence officer. He was trained at the Nagano School. He fought in World War II and didn't surrender in August 1945.

There have been many Japanese soldiers in the Pacific Theatre who didn't surrender because of their militaristic indoctrination, or because they didn't know about the surrender. Hiroo Onoda was the last of them.

They were called remaining Japanese soldiers (残留日本兵 in Japanese) or Zanryū nipponhei (in English

Japanese pronunciation).

Hiroo Onoda was sent to the Lubang Island, near Luzon, in the Philippines in late 1944. He met up with a group of other Japanese soldiers on the island. A man named Major Yoshimi Taniguchi had given him orders to live off the land, and refused him to die by his own hand.



This is the Lubang Island where Hiroo was sent.



Here in this photo, you see Japanese defenses alert to an American air attack in Luzon in 1944.

He said to Onoda **“It may take three years, it may take five, but whatever happens to you, we will come back for you. Until then, so long as you have one soldier, you are to continue to lead them.”**

Higher ranking officers made Onoda unable to carry out his mission to sabotage the enemy airstrip and pier at the harbor. This made the US campaign on the island, which happened on February 1945, easier. When the US forces came to the island, the large group split up into smaller groups, mostly of 3-4 men. Most of the men were taken down by the American troops or surrendered. The only people

who escaped was Hiroo Onoda and three other people who were under his command. Their names were Private Yuichi Akatsu, Corporal Shoichi Shimada, and Private First Class Kinshichi Kozuka. The four men set up bases in the mountains.

Once Japan had surrendered in September 1945, Onoda and his group came across a number of leaflets. The first one was left by locals and was discovered quite soon. It said, "The war ended on August 15th. Come down from the mountain!" However, they thought it was an Allied propaganda trick.

After what they have thought was true, the group continued to raid the local islanders for food and other types of resources. General Tomoyuki Yamashita of the Fourteenth Area Army dropped leaflets from the air with an order to surrender. Once again, the group thought it was another trick. Without knowing about the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, it seemed unlikely that Japan was willing to surrender.

In 1949, Private Yuichi Akatsu had escaped from the group and surrendered to Filipino force a year later in 1950. This made the three others be cautious about disloyalty. Later, in 1952 the search mission of the group grew larger with letters and pictures of group's families dropped from an aircraft, but again, this was thought of as a trick. Every piece of evidence the group came across increased their hostility. Even when they were dressed up in the Imperial Japanese uniforms, the people who they came across were in civilian clothing. They even thought of the civilians as Allied soldiers disguised in order to lure them out, and because of this, they didn't care when they were firing at locals.

In 1953, Corporal Shoichi Shimada was shot in the leg but soon recovered with the help of Onoda. On May 7th, 1954, he was killed by a search party when he fired upon his potential rescuers. Onoda and Kozuka would continue their mission to damage, gather intelligence on, and attack the so-called "enemy", which had no longer existed. On October 19th, 1972 during a skirmish, Kozuka was shot and killed by the police while he was burning a farmer's rice collection. Lieutenant Onoda was now left alone.

On February 20th, 1974, a Japanese explorer called Norio Suzuki found Onoda. Onoda still refused to surrender, but Suzuki had an idea to locate his original commanding officer, Major Yoshimi



Onoda, saluting to the Japanese flag.

Taniguchi. In March 1974, his former commanding officer travelled to the Philippines to fulfill his promise to return, and end his orders in person. The Philippine government, who was President Ferdinand Marcos, granted him a pardon, although he killed 30 innocent people on the island.



Here, Onoda gave his Samurai sword, family dagger and more weapons as part of his surrender.



Here in this picture, Onoda has come back to Japan on an airplane.

Finally, when he returned to Japan, he was very popular, but he found it hard to adjust to the new Japan. He found it hard that it had decayed from its traditional values. He made an autobiography and in 1975, he left Japan for Brazil. There, he raised cattle and later opened many series of training schools. In his last years, Onoda said in an

interview: **“Every Japanese soldier was prepared for death. But as an intelligence officer, I was ordered to conduct guerrilla warfare and not to die.” I became**

an officer, and I received an order. If I could not carry it out, I would feel shame. I am very competitive.” On January 16th, 2014, he died at the age of 91 years old.

This information has come from Simple History. Simple History is a Youtube channel which shows many things in history with animated figures reenacting the scenes.



Animated figures will look something like this on Simple History.

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