

# THE WOLF CUB

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# A Message from MS. KELLER

## **Dear Middle School,**

I've had an amazing first year at HAS watching all of you grow and learn. Working with the 8th graders to create this magazine gave me a chance to reflect on the eventful quarter we've all had. I remembered the fun everyone had on sports day, the sense of accomplishment everyone achieved during the History Fair, and the pride we felt clinching victories in basketball and volleyball.

In each essay, one of the 8th graders shares a lesson they learned this quarter. As they get ready to enter high school this year, they wanted to share what they've learned about themselves and about the world around them. Throughout the process of writing, editing, revising, and publishing, they also learned how to collaborate and cooperate with others to create something they can each be proud of. Each page, from the essay to the layout, was completed by the students. I am extremely happy with the final project and proud of the progress they made as both writers and editors.

We hope that you enjoy and learn from our personal experiences. As you go on to complete this year of middle school, we hope you can remember some of the lessons we've shared. Show that you care about your neighbors with positive actions. Reflect on past experiences to improve your performance. Be confident and try new things!

**Let's finish out this year strong!**



**MS. KELLER**



# COMMUNITY SERVICE:

## Making the World a Better Place

*By Evelyn Lin*

Have you ever attended any community service events before? Community service is important. People volunteer to make the community and the world a better place. Students from HAS attend many community service events. Everyone is willing to help the community.



One of the community service events that students attended was a beach-clean up. We worked with an organization called Subs. They take trash from the beach and turn it into flip flops. It was really fun. Everyone had the opportunity to taste the sand.

Another event we attended was accompanying the elderly. We played bingo with the elderly. We also taught them how to do origami. The elderly were very cute. Students enjoyed playing with the elderly and they had a fun time.

Every month, some students go to Taipei and help out at a soup kitchen. The soup kitchen cooks food for the homeless. The homeless fetch their food at a specific time every day. There is a limited amount of food for them. If they come too late, the food might already be eaten by the others.

Students have a lot of fun doing community service. Attending community service is a good way to teach students to have a good attitude toward those who need help. By attending community services, students are becoming more positive. Community service makes the world better.

# Lantern Festival

*By Michelle Liao*

Have you done something meaningful during Lantern Festival? Let me tell you what you can do on the day of the Lantern Festival. Some traditions include trying must-eat foods, doing interesting activities, and, last but not least, watching the lantern show.



During each year's lantern festival, my parents, my cousins, and I always go to Ping-Xi to fly lanterns. We also eat dumplings, tang-yuan, and noodles because my grandparents always say if we eat these foods, then we can get peace and luck.

People always eat these foods on that day is because dumpling can bring luck, tang-yuan means "reunion," and noodles mean the happy things are continuous.

After we finish flying lanterns, we go to lantern show. People like to guess lantern riddles is because it is relaxing and fun. Sometimes the organizer will give us many different lanterns, and then we can hang them up. Hanging up lanterns is a Chinese tradition. We also watch lion dances. The lion dance means the loong is like alive. It can make good weather and the grain is rich.

Fireworks will go off after the lantern show. The fireworks are very detailed and colorful. They brighten up the sky, like a painting of vibrant color. Flying lanterns can make wishes come true. Watching lantern show can be relaxing and make people happy.



I highly recommend these foods, activities, and places because most Chinese people do these things on this holiday. Chinese people eat dumplings, tang-yuan, and noodles for a good future. Guessing lantern riddles, flying the lanterns, and hanging up the lanterns as an important part of Chinese traditions. Chinese people watch fireworks to enjoy the atmosphere. Hopefully, after you read this article, you will be able to enjoy the lantern festival, too.



# The Great History of 228: Memorial Peace Day

Do you know the history of 228? It is a great national holiday in Taiwan. You now take this day off from work and school. While you are enjoying the holiday, do you know what story is behind this holiday? The tragedy behind this pleasant holiday caused more than twenty-eight thousand deaths.

In 1945, the emperor of the Japanese Empire had surrendered, which led to the end of World War 2. After that, the government of China officially took Taiwan back from Japan. It gave the Taiwanese hope, after the failing rule of Japan, but the Chinese government had disappointed them again.

The greediness of the Chinese government, economic failure, and corruption disappointed the Taiwanese people. On February 2, 1947, an inspector hit and shot at people in Taipei City while he was inspecting a tobacco store. People in Taiwan then stood against the government. People protested all across Taiwan. So the government decided to send the military to handle this riot. Thousands of people were slaughtered.

The whole protest lasted for 3 months. 228 was one of the greatest historical events in Taiwan. However, Before 1980, 228 was unable to be talked about in public. In 1995, the president had finally apologized to the people. Memorials were built in different places all over Taiwan. The government also named February 28 Peace Memorial Day.

The bottom of the page features a decorative background. On the left, there are stylized fireworks in yellow, red, and white against a dark blue night sky. Scattered throughout are small, colorful dots representing confetti. On the right, a large, curved red shape, resembling a rising sun or a stylized moon, is partially visible.

*By Ethen Chiu*

# History Fair

By Brenda Hsiao

The History Fair is an event in which students present a historical topic to other teachers and students. This whole-school event is a good way for students to learn more famous historical events that the textbooks might not mention. For the presentation, we usually have one month to prepare, which is a hard time when we research, research and research. I could already feel the nervousness and excitement when I was doing the research. I hoped my presentation go well; I hoped it would not be ruined by my nervousness.



On March 14th, the day that we have been preparing a long time for, finally came and brought excitement to the whole middle school. After the half day of class, I casually ate lunch and nervously went up stairs. I took a deep breath, entered room 307, where we presented.

I was the third one to present. This made me much less nervous. As the words, "Brenda, it's your turn," came out of the teacher's mouth, I knew I had to be ready. I took the presentation remote and started to present my topic: The Nanking Massacre. As expected, my nervousness just messed up my whole presentation. I didn't know where to look, I forgot what to say. I stared at the PowerPoint, reading it word-by-word like a robot. As I finished presenting, one of my judges told me that there was wrong information in my PowerPoint! I didn't know what to say. I wished that I could go back to the time when I was still doing the research. I wished I could have practice more. I wished I could have been more careful.



I heard other students sharing with each other how they presented. Some were happy; some were disappointed like I was. Next year, I would be well-prepared and present my history fair project with no mistakes.



# Winners

## 4th - 6th Grade

1st - Lanna Ma  
2nd - Yuki Lai  
3rd - Lian Chang

Honorable Mention -  
Edison Chi Little  
Ryan Chen  
PTA - Gigi Hsu



## 7th - 8th Grade

1st - McKenzie Chen  
2nd - James Chang  
3rd - Jacob Cheng

Honorable Mention -  
Jia Qu Gooi  
Bill Cheng  
PTA - Tim Chen



# Congratulations!

# MY MUN MEETING

Can a middle school student make a difference in fighting global human rights abuse? One of the missions of MUN is to advocate the value of human rights and prevent people from suffering human rights abuses. The delegates at MUN conferences try to solve human rights issues by debating resolutions. For example, according to Ms. Keller, the esteemed MUN advisor, “delegates have to consider another country’s perspective and culture, even if it is different from their own.” The delegates work together to write a resolution that is suitable for every country. I learned valuable communication and debating skills as well as rules of procedure.

This year, I participated in HIMUN III. I was very excited to be the delegate of the Russian Federation, but I wanted to hide my anxiety. Before I presented in the meeting, I researched Russia’s view on human rights. Contrary to my expectations, I learned that, according to the Human Rights Watch, Russia’s violation of human rights includes the right to freely express opinions, to practice religions, and for prisoners and LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) to be treated fairly.

On the day of the conference, each delegate gave an opening speech that shared their country’s perspective on human rights. I read out my speech trembling with fear. After the opening speech, every delegate cooperated to write the resolution. The next day, the delegates debated the resolutions and provided their opinions on the issues. After we debated on the resolutions, we took a vote to decide whether the resolutions should be passed. Fortunately, we passed all of the resolutions.



I think that the debate improved my logical skills and enhanced my global awareness. Hopefully, the resolutions can help the United Nations, and promote world peace that every citizen in every country deserves.

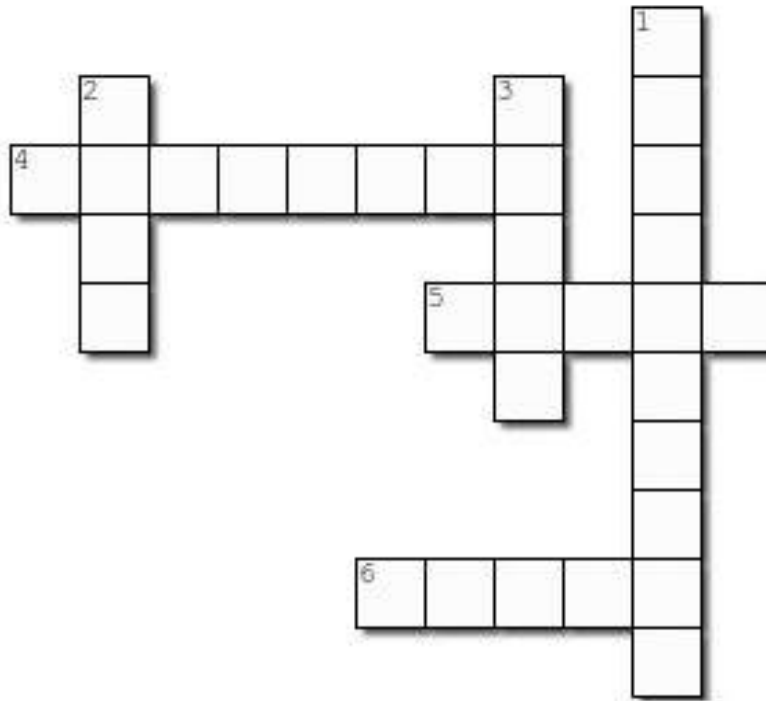
*By Johnny Yang*



# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

By Brenda Hsiao and Johnny Yang

Complete the crossword puzzle about HAS using the clues below!



Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net

## ACROSS

- 4.** This third annual conference took place on February 23 and 24, with the mission to foster global awareness
- 5.** The first name of the author who wrote *On an Island on the Sea*
- 6.** The standards that HAS follows

## DOWN

- 1.** A sport at HAS that consists of six players who stand on opposite sides of a net
- 2.** How many days, including weekends, were in Spring Break?
- 3.** An annual celebration of a mathematical concept that takes place in March

# TRIUMPH AT LAST

By Bill Cheng



“To learn to succeed, you must learn to fail,” said the All-Time Great, Michael Jordan. In a previous basketball game against TPCA, things did not seem to go our way. In the final seconds, we failed to grasp victory and experienced defeat. It felt as if all hope was lost, slipping past our fingers. However, this rising feeling of fiery passion towards our beloved sport reignited hope of winning again. We desperately needed the glory and pride. Deep in our hearts, we knew that we deserved one thing. Triumph!

*Beep!* The whistle sounded. At the very start, our team was in terrible shape. Turnovers were uncountable and the ball seemed to repel the hoop as if an invisible object was blocking it. Luckily, so was the other team. I felt the tension as time wore on. It tore me apart, how our team lacked efficiency and was not making any progress. We began to wonder. Did practice pay off? Were the suicides worth it? Then, out of nowhere, Peter dribbled swiftly past the defense and put up a floater. *Swoosh!* The score was now 2-0 with HAS in the lead. I could see how that play inspired the other players to do well. Hope was not yet lost. Inevitably, we lost some points due to poor defense. Unlike us, HIS lacked intensity. We watched the last shot land in the bushes, as the last second ran out. *Blaaap!* Although the 1st quarter was over, we saw how good they were and could not risk going easy on them.



I couldn't hear a word the coaches were saying. My concentration was fully focused on victory. With a quick pep talk and plenty of rest, I could definitely tell that the fire of intensity had lit up once again. My mind ran through every possible way to victory, twitching like a supercomputer on steroids. Our star players, Peter and Wen, went



completely insane, attacking the rim like it was a fragile fort about to surrender. In a matter of minutes, our lead doubled. Our rhythm flowed. Shot after shot the team spirit surged. The rich sensation of hope occupied every corner of my heart. Thanks to the suicides we had run, tiredness didn't take over, even in the third quarter. As the other team painted with fatigue, our team remained energized. An explosive crossover even put an enemy defender to the ground. The hyped crowd roared as they watched Otis's amazing ball handling. Our energy was taken to the next level. Victory was within arm's reach. All I could think of was the final play when the shot clock would run out and our team could celebrate.

All of a sudden, it was the fourth quarter. Time was naughty, slipping away rapidly. With an enormous lead, the obvious tactic was to play tough on defense and take advantage of our point differential. At this point, Mr. Lines even signaled for James to sub for Wen. Judging from the reaction of the coach, I had a feeling that we were going to win. Stress was replaced with calm, and the urging offensive tactic reversed into a defensive tactic. Logically, it was the right decision, but somehow my instincts refused to go with the plan. I took two terrible shots

and wasn't even close to making one of them. At this point, time passed at different paces according to the game mood. I felt dizzy while also fully concentrated on the game. My instincts became my primary weapon for my mind would doze off to somewhere else while watching the game. My thoughts were interrupted by a violent buzz. It took me a second to realize it, but WE'D WON!



In the end, the god of basketball had been correct. Failure eventually leads to success. Experience and hard work build up to victory! Just thinking about games ahead to time triggered fear and excitement. Basketball until college just seems so out of reach compared to now. I guess if we kept this work ethic up, success can lead to success.

# A Seriously Extraordinary Swimming Competition

By Chris Tung

It was all a silent moment. Competitors were all dressing up to leave. I sat down on a bench, waiting for my dad to come to pick me up. After waiting for an eternity, my dad finally arrived. He asked if I had fun, but I didn't answer him. I was too exhausted. How did I become so exhausted? It all starts with an extraordinary competition.

"Christopher Tung," the staff called out my name. I went into the locker room and sat next to my opponents. After the competitors were all ready, the staff brought us to the pool. It was the biggest pool I had ever seen. Competitors all stood on their starting blocks. Unfortunately, I do not know how to dive, so I just jumped into the water. At first, the water didn't really feel anything. But after a few moments, it felt like ice. The coldness started to quickly spread throughout my body. I looked at the audience, trying to find my dad; it was all hopeless and I couldn't find him.

"Men's 50 meters butterfly, get ready!" My nervous thoughts came out. *What if I lost badly?* Weird thoughts began spreading through my mind. I couldn't count how many were there. I thought about focusing; always remember to focus. "On your mark! Go!"

I quickly spread my arms out in front, and used my feet to push as hard as I could against the wall. I thought about the advice my coach had told me. *Kick, kick, kick.* My hands pulled back with full force. I spoke in my mind - *pull, kick, pull, kick.* My heart pounding fast, nerves tingling, every muscle contracted. I went up and down, breathing the air in and out. The water came rushing past me, and it felt like I was moving at an incredible speed that no one else could beat.

My thoughts were annoying me, making me think I was still at home relaxing. Then all of a sudden, the cheering became more audible. I didn't stop. I continued.

The crowd was silent. I thought that they were shocked by the unexpected little kid who swam so quickly and beat the other older opponents. I tried to look aside to see if I was first. Unexpectedly, I was last!

I learned that it was a good idea to go participate in a competition. We can not only learn to stay confident, but also get prizes, even if the result was unexpected. Still, I won 6th place in the competition, and I could never forget about this competition.



# SPIKE LIKE WOLVES

by Evelyn Kuo



I have never been a volleyball player, but I think volleyball is a cool and very active sport. Every time I see people playing volleyball, they jump so high. I can always imagine how painful their wrists are when I hear them spiking. It made me hesitate when deciding if I should join the team, but I decided to give it a try.

On the team, we have two strict and responsible coaches who train us well and take good care of us. They are especially strict when they teach us. The coaches teach us how to do a perfect spike and an overhand serve. We've had several games with AST and HIS in the past few months. As I gain more and more experience, I feel confident and start to enjoy this sport.

On February 28th, we had a friendly match with AST on their campus. It was a mixed game with three boys and three girls on a team. It was a difficult match, but we beat them eventually. The feeling of winning the game was awesome. I am looking forward to our next game.

From this experience, I overcame my fears and difficulties. I also gained more confidence. Volleyball inspires me to have an open mind for new things and explore what I might be good at. I am very glad and proud to be part of the team.



# THE CULTURE OF KOREA

By Molly Cheng

Have you ever been to Korea before? When I went to Korea, I had an expectation that I could buy clothes and eat a lot of food. Before my trip to Korea, my luggage was already full. When I returned, my luggage was exploding!

We went to a spa in Seoul. People needed to separate by gender. The floor was scalding. Everyone in the bathhouse needed to be nude, so my family and I didn't go.

Besides the mall, there was a strawberry shop. The strawberries there were as big as my palm and as sweet as candy. I learned that Korean strawberries can grow well because is a difference of more than 30 degrees between summer and winter. The climate makes vegetables and fruits sweet and crisp.

In Korea, people eat kimchi for every meal. When I saw that there was kimchi in the hotel's breakfast, I was surprised that Koreans could eat spicy food in the morning. The kimchi in Taiwan and Korea is very different. Kimchi in Taiwan is not crisp, sweet, and spicy like Korea's.

When I went to Korea, I saw that everyone on the street wore the same jacket, and our tour guide told us that is because Koreans like to follow the trend.

I was enjoying this trip the whole time. I learned the differences between Taiwan and Korea. Including culture, food, and lifestyle. It was a fun experience for me to visit Korea. If I have time, I would love to go there again.



# Italian Spaghetti Sauce with Meatballs

By: Chris Tung and McKenzie Chen

## Ingredients

### Meatball

1 pound lean ground beef  
1 cup fresh bread crumbs  
1 tablespoon dried parsley  
1 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese  
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper  
1/8 teaspoon garlic powder  
1 egg, beaten

### Sauce

3/4 cup chopped onion  
5 cloves garlic, minced  
1/4 cup olive oil  
2 (28 ounce) cans whole peeled tomatoes  
2 teaspoons salt  
1 teaspoon white sugar  
1 bay leaf  
1 (6 ounce) can tomato paste  
3/4 teaspoon dried basil  
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper

## Procedure

PREPARATION: 20 M

COOK: 2 H

READY IN: 2 H 20 M

1. In a large bowl, combine ground beef, bread crumbs, parsley, Parmesan, 1/4 teaspoon black pepper, garlic powder and beaten egg. Mix well and form it into 12 balls. Put it in the refrigerator after done.

2. In a large saucepan over medium heat, saute onion and garlic in olive oil until onion is translucent. Stir in tomatoes, salt, sugar, and bay leaf. Cover, reduce heat to low, and simmer 90 minutes.

3. Stir in tomato paste, basil, 1/2 teaspoon pepper, and meatballs. Simmer 30 more minutes. Serve over pasta.

# AMC 10

*by James Chang*

You never know what you are capable of. We always try so hard on practicing for mathematics competitions. I did AMC 8 last year, and it was a good experience. The questions were easy, so it was so hard to not get those points. The AMC test is a test that is testing students' skills. This year, the test was also at National Senior Hsinchu High School. Also, this year's test was on 2/14, which is Valentine's day. Even though I could take AMC 8, I chose to take AMC 10. I want to tell you that you should do what you are capable of. You will know why if you continue reading.

This year, when I wanted to go to a math competition, I found out AMC 8 was over. Then a tenth grader asked me to take AMC 10 with him instead, and I agreed. Since the basketball season was not over, I didn't get to go to math team practices. I only had time to practice on my own. I was quite nervous about the test because I didn't think I was able to do it. When the day came close, I was thinking that I will do badly.

During the Chinese New Year break, I spent most of my time relaxing and didn't really practice. When the day arrived, I was so nervous. I finally started to do some practice. I found out the questions in the previous years are quite easy. I started to feel a little bit of confidence. Next, I went to the place. This year was just like last year. The only difference was that I took AMC 10 instead of AMC 8 this year. I started to do the first 10 questions. They were okay for me. When I continued with the rest of the questions, I freaked out. I felt like I was reading a language I had never seen before. I had a feeling that I did badly.

Since I don't know how to do those questions, I left them blank. I thought that at least I would get the basic 1.5 points (1.5 for leaving blank, 6 for a correct answer, and 0 for wrong answers). When my parents picked me up, I felt so disappointed in myself. I regret taking AMC 10. I hope that my next AMC 10 will be better.

I learned you should only do something you are capable of. If you can choose, do something you are sure that you can do. You shouldn't do something that is not for you. In this example, I took AMC 10 instead of AMC 8. It is a bad deal because I could have gotten a better score on AMC 8. Just remember, don't take AMC 10 when you can take AMC 8. Also, don't take AMC 12 when you can take AMC 10. You should only do what you think you can do.



# SUDOKU

*by Evelyn Kuo, Bill Cheng, and Michelle Liao*

Try to complete this math puzzle on your own!

The rules of the game are simple: each of the nine blocks has to contain all the numbers 1-9 within its squares. Each number can only appear once in a row, column or box.

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1			6					
			8				1	7
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# WELCOME TO WORLD SCHOLAR'S CUP

By McKenzie Chen

Welcome to World Scholar's Cup, scholars! World Scholar's Cup is an international team academic program, in which participants from 82 countries all come to one place and compete with each other. There are different subjects that students can choose, such as literature, science, social studies, history, or art and music. World Scholar's Cup has rounds all over the world, and this year we will have global rounds in Beijing, Sydney, The Hague, Manila, Astana, and Durban. We are divided into two divisions, junior and senior. Juniors started with team debate and seniors started with collaborative writing.

World Scholar's Cup is mainly for educational purposes, but also for building social relationships, like making friends from other schools. For me, I choose special area. Special area is something that is not related to any subject, such as Atlantis, Jack the Ripper, the Bermuda Triangle, and more. Usually, we will be in teams of three, so I am teamed up with Kerdis and Chris. We started this with team debate. In team debate, you debate people from other schools, and there is judge or panel to decide if you win or not. If you win, you cheer and go on to the next round. If you lose, you still go to next round. We lost the first and third rounds, but we won the second round. We felt good for OURSELVES. After debate is collaborative writing. How this works is we are in team of three, and we have 25 minutes for researching our topic, and then you have 45 minutes to write essay. Last, for 15 minutes we check each others (which we really didn't do). After that we had to turn in our essay.

On the second day, we had Scholar Bowl, which like a giant kahoot, but they will provide the team with a clicker to use for answering the question that is projected on the screen. Then we had debate showcase, in which the best scholars from different schools to come up to the stage and debate with others. Next was the talent show, when people came up and showed the talent that they have. At last, there was the closing ceremony, when we got our awards and said "Bye-bye," to others. Even though it was a long trip to Kaohsiung, I really had great time having fun and hanging out with friends. This could be the memorable competition that I have ever been to.



# INTERVIEW WITH MS. CHEN

By James Chang and Evelyn Lin

**How many years have you been the associate principal of HAS?**

Last year I was a vice principal. This year, I am the associate principal.

**How did you feel about this job and how do you feel?**

I really like being the associate principal because I get to work with students from grade 4 all the way til grade 12 and I really like to plan different events and run different projects that will make the school better.

**What was your job before teaching in HAS?**

I didn't have a job. I just graduated right before coming to HAS.

**What is the hardest thing to do as an associate principal?**

I think the hardest thing is to manage my time because there are so many things going on at the same time, but I am working on it.



**What is your favorite song?**

Sample of My Pasta.

**How do you feel about WSC this year?**

I really like WSC. I think it is a good program to get kids to really love learning, gain experience, and grow as individuals. I am very proud of all the MS scholars for going to WSC the first time this year.

**Do you prefer coke or sprite?**

Sprite.

**What movies would you recommend for your friends to watch?**

Coach Carter, The Blind Side, Crazy Rich Asians

**What is your hobby?**

I really like going to the gym, running, and I recently got a bicycle, so that is the recent thing I am doing.

**If you had a free airplane ticket that allowed you to travel to any place, which country would you like to travel to?**

Switzerland

**Why would you choose to go to that country?**

Because it is a beautiful country. I always wanted to go to that part of Europe. I like cheese

**What is your favorite subject?**

Literature and French.

**What is the name of the university you went to?**

I went to the University of Toronto and Ontario Institute for Studies in education at U of T.

**What did you study there?**

My first degree is in Literature and French, and my second degree is a Bachelor of Education.

**How do you feel about this interview?**

I feel like I am in a job interview, but I like talking to you.



# LOOKING AHEAD TO **QUARTER FOUR**

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It's Going to Be Amazing!

GRADUATION  
END OF YEAR TRIP  
SPRING FAIR  
TAIMUN  
TASMUN  
ROBOCUP JUNIOR  
...AND MORE!

