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# THE WOLF CUB

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MIDDLE SCHOOL MAGAZINE

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8th grade  
baby pics!

Congrats,  
8th Grade!



\*Brought to you by: 7th Grade Writing\*

## *a message from Ms. Chen*

Dear Middle School students,

We have come to the end of an incredible school year here at HAS. And what a year it has been! I am so proud to be able to serve the wonderful students here at HAS. Our middle school is truly a special school with amazing students. Each one of you has grown and matured so much over the past year. Your teachers – as you should be – are so proud of all of your accomplishments this year. From field trips, to the Science and History Fairs, to the Poetry Slam, to the Spelling Bee, we've created some pretty remarkable memories this year.

To the eighth graders – you have astounded all of your teachers with your brilliance and tenacity but mostly just your never-ending love for fidget toys and Rubix cubes. Congratulations on finishing this chapter of your life at Hsinchu American School. I believe that a student at HAS is a unique type of teenager. You are all so kind to and accepting of others. I know you all have your individual struggles and battles, but the silliness and smiles, make my world, and I'm sure many others', a better place. It is going to sound cheesy, but I think you are absolutely capable of doing anything in the world that you want to. Work hard in your next journey, set goals and do everything in your power to achieve them! I would not be surprised to hear fantastic things from all of you- I know your potential. Come back and visit us soon, even when you are big scary high schoolers. We will miss you dearly.

To all middle schoolers, I implore you, as always, to be safe and to make wise choices. Read great books, explore your world, get to know others' stories and remember what you've learned this year. Have a safe, relaxing summer and I am so excited to see you again in September!

With all my love,  
Ms. Chen



# Taking a Stand History Fair

Middle School Competition

## 7th & 8th Competition Winners

1st – Phoebe (7)

2nd – Alex (8)

3rd – Joseph (8)

Honorable Mention

Una (8) Mike (8)



## 7th & 8th Competition Winners

1st – Amy (6) 2nd – Kenneth (6)

3rd – Chris (6)

Honorable Mention

Ikuno (5) David (5)



The History Fair is an event or completion for students to show off their presentation skills, knowledge of history and their ability to research online. It is held every year and this year (2016-2017) it was held on Wednesday, March 22nd, 2017 and Thursday, March 23rd, 2017. As you can see, this is a two day completion. The first day was for the Middle School, which is held in the Middle School building, with 5th grade vs. 6th grade and 7th grade vs. 8th grade. The second day was for the High School, which was held in the High School building with all levels (9th-12th) completing with each other. Don't forget to thank Mrs. Kruger for arranging this event!

In the History Fair, every student needs to present a Power Point presentation on their research of how a person "Took a Stand" (which was this year's theme). In each classroom, teachers of both High School and Middle School were judges. Not only did the teachers judge, but they had the chance to judge or asks questions. The students were also given a piece of paper for judgment on other students only and they also had a chance to ask questions to presenters at the very end of their presentation. And one more thing, congratulations to all of this year History Fair winners!

by Vicky (7)



# Poetry Slam

## Contest & Winners

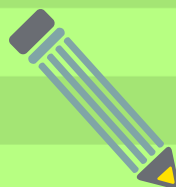
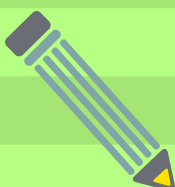
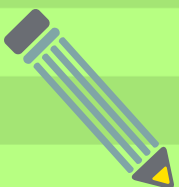


Best in class  
Kalani (6)  
Vicky (7)  
Mike (8)  
Ariel (8)  
Fluency  
Tanya (7)  
Evonne (8)  
Mr. Donnelly Award  
Mila (8)  
Performance Award  
Ethan (8)

Poetry slam is an event for grades 6 to 8 to show off their poems that they wrote before in their Literature classes. In Literature class, teachers taught different types of poetry to students and student wrote different poems. After teachers checked and corrected the poems, students choose the one they liked the most and started to practice reading aloud to other students. Poetry Slam was in the middle school cafeteria from 3:00pm to 4:30pm on Friday, March 16. There was free drinks and foods for guests to take and eat.

Students went up to the stage to perform each of their poems. Everyone was nervous but very brave. Poetry Slam is an activity to let students show their writing and grammar skill. While speaking, judges were choosing each grade's winner. After a few days, teachers announced the Poetry Slam winners of each grade.

by Phoebe (7)



# Sports Day



## Egg Drop

The Egg Drops was on March 14, 2017 Friday. Students in grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 graders and some teachers participated in the events. Those events happened so the students and the teachers could celebrate the Easter day. The events also gave students and teachers joy.

The events were: Egg Drop and Easter egg hunt. Middle school students were divided into some groups. They designed a protective tool and put an egg inside. After that, they dropped the egg from the 4th floor to Bl. If a group's egg did not break or show cracks, they will get some rewards. The reward is a big chocolate bar. They can use any materials they have. Such as balloons, sticks, cups, tapes and more. After this, students hunted for Easter eggs. Students could keep and eat what they found!

by Sean (7)



# Staff & Student Q & A

Q: What is your favorite memory from the school year?

A: Kiki, Ikuno, Amy, Aliyah are important and special and my favorite memory is playing with them. And Aliyah is the monkey sister!  
-Gigi (5)



A: The Winter Performance teacher dance. It was fun to dance with the teachers.  
-Mr. Geller

A: My favorite memory would be participating and preparing for Spring Fair and going on Field Trips.  
-Mr. Kruger



A: I like the Winter Performance the best! I enjoyed students' performances and seeing their different face from daily school time. I can see their talent and courage in their performance.  
-Ms. Doris



A: E7 Play because it has a lot of games.  
-Andrew (7)



A: My favorite memory would be Candy Rain because it was so much fun to throw candy to students! Also, it was awesome to dress like a grape.  
-Ms. Reep



A: My favorite memory is the school trip. It was the first game room that I went to!  
-Amy (6)



A: Playing soccer at Spring Fair. It's nice to do enjoyable things with the students.  
-Mr. Staples



A: Um... I think it is Spring Fair because I can eat a lot of foods.  
-Aliyah (6)





A: My favorite memory is Spring Fair. I ate a lot of food, played games, and helped sell drinks. It was a lot of fun.  
-Mr. Figueroa



A: Making our Earth Art Projects!! We got to go outside, we got to be creative and make art with new materials! Any everyone seemed to have a lot of fun while doing it!  
-Mrs. Kruger

A: Thanksgiving because it was nice to have the whole school eat together. The day was very well-planned. Playing some American football was very exciting, and beating Mr. Hildreth topped the day! -Mr. Maguire



A: Playing in the computer lab during Lock Out.  
-Erwyn (5)



A: Spring Fair because it was a fun experience and I had a lot of fun!  
-Ikuno (5)

A: Basketball in P.E.  
-Roger (5)



A: Earth art because it's interesting but hard and made me want to try.  
-Kiki (5)



A: When I asked someone to guard during P.E. and Gigi ran around the field going "AHH!"  
-Mr. Hildreth



A: The Winter Performance is very impressive. Students only practiced for two weeks but they did a wonderful show. They worked very hard using the break time or after school they stayed to practice. Especially the girls' performance was excellent.  
-Ms. Wu



It's been fun!  
See you next year :)

# Spelling Bee

There was a Spelling Bee contest in the Middle School cafeteria on April 26th. The Spelling Bee is a contest of grade 5, 6, 7, and 8 students to show their English spelling skills. Judges were responsible for verifying whether spelling is right, then gave the first, second, and third places to the people who won. Each student got one spelling sheet for the spelling words, and they needed to remember all the words on that spelling sheet. In the first round, the top three students of each grade were picked by Literature teachers to participate for the real contest. In the real contest the top three of grade 5th and 6th students competed with each other while the top three of grade 7th and 8th students competed with each others.

Finally, the winner of grade 5th and 6th competition was Kalani. The winner of grade 7th and 8th competition was Mila. Each of these winners earned 500NT dollars to order free books! The theme of Spelling Bee contest is to let students show their English spelling skills. Also, the prize was intended to motivate students to work hard to win.  
by Tanya (7)

5th vs. 6th Winners- 1st Kalani (6)  
2nd Amy (6) 3rd Dwight (5)  
7th vs. 8th Winners- 1st Mila (8)  
2nd Ariel (8) 3rd Alex (8)





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# Spring Fair

SPRING 2017

**SOUTH AFRICAN  
PANCAKES**

Pannetkoek  
Come and buy it!  
30NT  
Delicious!



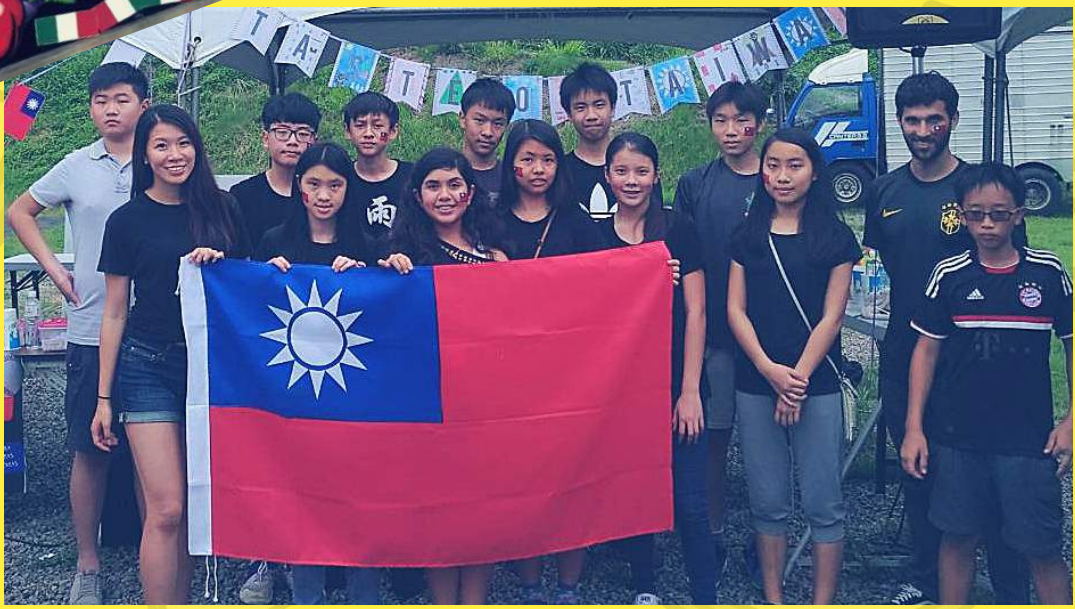
**7TH GRADE  
ITALY**

PASTA WITH TOMATO SAUCE  
COSTS 4 TICKETS

FRUIT JUICE  
COSTS 2 TICKETS



PASTA WITH CREAM SAUCE  
COSTS 4 TICKETS



Spring Fair was an event at HAS on Saturday May 13th. The entire school participated in the event. Each middle school grade picked a country as a theme. Ms. Reep and the 6th graders sold Japanese melon floats, Mr. Kruger and the 5th grade sold South African pancakes and BBQ, Mr. Maguire and the 7th graders sold Italian pasta, and Ms. Chen and the 8th grade sold Taiwanese food like bubble tea and ice cream waffles. We could buy food or drink and even games. We prepared food and sold it to customers. We also played a game with Mr. Hildreth for 30 minutes. It was the 8th grade challenge to the 5th and 7th grade for volleyball for 30 minutes and the game judge is Mr. Hildreth.

You could bring your friends here for shopping and eating. There was also rock band music and everyone had fun. We sold things and we worked together as a class. If classes made extra money we got to keep it for buying something for our class. Spring Fair is one of our favorite events because everyone gets to participate.

by Andy (7)



# Guess who

Be  
yourself.

Enjoy your middle  
school life. Be aware  
of Mr. Staple's quizzes.

8th grade is not something to  
be afraid of. It can be scary but  
with people that you know around you,  
you will feel more comfortable  
and not be afraid.

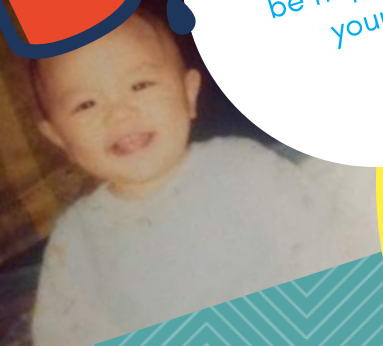
Work hard and  
be happy. Enjoy  
yourself!

Middle school is  
hard sometimes. you have  
to challenge yourself, and let me think...  
Be positive all the time!

Treasure all the happy memories and  
spend time with your friends. You do fun  
things with your friends in high  
school but you can't have  
as much time to play.

Enjoy your  
life now.

Bye! See you next  
year. Be a good  
student.





Study for  
Mr. Staple's quizzes.



Speak English as  
much as you can.

Enjoy your  
holiday before high  
school and have fun  
with your friends because  
they may leave.

Do your homework,  
mates.



Never give up on studying and face  
all the difficult stuff.  
Keep trying new things.



We have to treasure the time  
while we are still in middle  
school. You will not be as  
pleasant anymore  
in high school. Enjoy middle school.



Do your best and play  
with your friends.

Do your  
homework.

