

Happening at the Healey

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ART GALA commemorative issue

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Ms. George's 4th grade is tops in box tops contest

by Maya Lubeck-Schricker

Ms. George's class won the competition! Their total was 441 boxtops! But the really awesome thing is that there are only 16 kids in her class! The average amount of box-tops each kid brought was about 27 boxtops.

Ms. Sutherland got second place by a tiny amount. They

got a total of 266 boxtops. She has 21 students. The average amount of boxtops was about 12.5 boxtops.

Ms. Taylor's class was third place, and only a little bit behind! They did get a total of 279 boxtops which is more than Ms. Sutherland's class, but because the contest is the number per person Ms. Sutherland won because the average is a bit higher.

Ms. Taylor's class has 23 students, and the average is about 12 boxtops per person.

1st Healey Art Gala set for May 16 at Armory

Feature editors: Maya Reynosa Williams & Hayden Latimer-Ireland

YOUNG ARTISTS IN ACTION GALA PROGRAM OF EVENTS

- 4:00 p.m. Silent Auction & Visual Displays open
 4:30 p.m. Music, Movement & Theater Performances
 Singing by Ms. Cronin's grade 1 Class
 After School K-2 Poetry Theater
 Three Dances by Ms. Matsas' 7/8 Dance Troupe
 After School Theater by Boys & Girls Club
 Creative Drumming grade 5/6 with Ms. Liu
 Rock 'n' Roll, The Vaccinations, grade 5/6
 6:30 pm Young Artists in Action Awards

On Sunday, May 16th, from 4-7, something really exciting will happen for the Healey School at The Amory on Highland Ave. If you don't believe us come to the art gala! **READ ON** and you'll know something about this mysterious thing called the art gala and why you just might want to be there.

The art gala!

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The members of the art gala are going to wear T-shirts that are designed by Steven Novick that anyone could identify!

There will be people reading poetry, Mr. Stephano's rock band, Mr. Wairi's African drumming class, Ms. Cronin's class will sing, Ms. Matsas's class will do some dance performances, and there will be a theater performance by the boys and girls club! **Sunday, May 16th, 4-7 pm, at The Amory, 191 Highland**

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All About the Young Artists in Action (Yaa!) 2010

Anne Augustin and Raquel Oppedisano

Young Artists in Action is an event held for the Healey School. This event will take place on Sunday May 16th. The event takes place at 191 Highland Avenue, from 4-7 pm. Several student groups from the Healey School are performing. The point of it is to raise money for the Arts enrichment program for the Healey School; no other school is involved in this particular event. At the end, awards will be given to the people who have taken their time to work with Healey



students in the arts.

In this activity, you also will have a lot of things to do. You will see performances by all kinds of people. There will be a lot of exciting and nice performances by children in all kinds of grades. It will be fun and exciting to have entertainment, while looking at some of the school's best artwork. You will enjoy every moment of it. Tickets are available in the school office and at the door. You will enjoy it so much you will never want to leave.

Mr. Stephano's rock band!

by Maya R-W and Hayden L-I

Mr. Stephano's rock band will be one of the performances at the art gala. The band began when Mr. Saunders came in and asked who would want to play an instrument and a bunch of kids raised their hands and then Mr. Stephano asked who already played an instrument and again a bunch of kids raised their hands and Mr. Stephano asked Mr. Saunders if they could start a band! (They would get ready and play at the SHS/ROCKS concert in June, 2009. The Vaccinations rocked the SHS auditorium.) For some info they practice Friday afternoon in the science lab. The instruments they play are saxophone, guitar, drums, clarinet, trombone, violin, and piano. Mr. Stephano plays the guitar! If a student walks into his class not knowing how to play an instrument they

learn. Mr. Stephano says, it's just like arithmetic, you can't come to 5th grade not knowing your arithmetic!"

QUOTE: "The kids have learned how much fun music can be!"

The **VACCINATIONS** is a band right here within the walls of the Arthur D. Healey School. It is led by Mr. Stephano in room 305. Also one parent and three seventh grade students are included in the

MEET THE VACCINATIONS... BY JEREMY NELSON

band. Every Friday the band goes to the science lab and sets up all the instruments and equipment. Now that the band has gotten all new sound systems, amplifiers and microphones the quality and loudness of the music being made is much better. The band at one point went to the armory to record a CD and it was amazing. First of all people said it was an amazing experience and

real fun to do and second people loved missing school.

Further more the band made t-shirts that were black with a red syringe that said the vaccinations on it and under it had the phrase "a cure for the blues". There are also forms you can get that allow you to buy an authentic t-shirt of any size for only 10.00 \$. The t-shirts are actually a collaboration of original designs from Simon D., Zack C. and Naomi R. but the finished product is made by Adrian L. If you feel like getting one please contact Mr. Stephano at room 305.

The band consists of

Jeremy N, Naomi R and Katie B on piano - Zack C and Jonah C on bass - Nathaly F, Stuart M, Craig T, Shavon D and Justin D on drums - on guitar is Steve S (Mr. Stephano) Jesse A, Ruby V, Natalie MB, Alec P and Linda V... then on saxophone is Simon D, Gustav H, Adrian L and Michaela W - then there is Henry S on trombone - next on clarinet is Rosy J and Anna C-S - on flute is Jenny M.

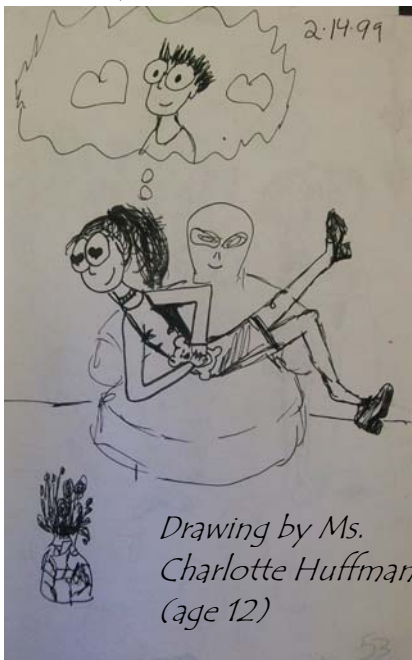
Ms. Cronin's Singing Group!

by Maya Jr. & Hayden "P"

This year a parent in Ms. Cronin's class came in and worked with the students on singing. Her name is Sharon Simon. She teaches Music Together and performs professionally. The students practiced songs with Sharon, and she taught them how to use

their voices and sing. Then, someone told Ms. Cronin about the Art Gala, and her class was asked to perform. They have 3 songs that they will perform. Ms. Cronin thinks that Sharon's coming in is good for the students to learn how to sing and have fun with singing. Ms. Cronin says the kids have something fun to look forward to during the week! They are

Art Teacher Back in Time: our last year's long term substitute art teacher Ms. Huffman shared her experiences as a 12 year old for a feature story by Lucy and Maya Sr. in the premier issue of 12! magazine.



Newspaper Art ☺☺☺

Back In Time- Suzanne Lubeck works with Katie Braga, making papier-mâché shoes in the science lab. Suzanne came in for three sessions at the request of the newspaper to make an art project (2008).



really glad that they are able to perform at the Art Gala.



ONE COOL LOGO:

Healey parent (dad of Ben and Peter) Steven Novick designed the Logo for the Young Artists in Action Gala. THANKS STEVE!



MS. MATSAS'S DANCE PERFORMANCE!

BY MAYA REYNOSA WILLIAMS & PHINEAS DEVINS

Mrs. Matsas was 3 years old when her mom enrolled her in a dancing school, Jody's School Of Dance. She danced there until she was 25 years old. After she left dancing school she still danced! She does jazz, ballet and lyrical. She also performed at the John Hancock in Boston. But her favorite performance was when she was 16 years old at assembly square mall and performed the conga in a benefit show for drug and alcohol abuse prevention. She also danced on "Dance Party," which was a cable TV show for teenagers. She performed at a Gala for the opening of Saint Anne's School.



Mrs. Matsas with her student Andre James.

Mrs. Matsas came to teach at the Healey 10 years ago. She spoke to the principal, Mr. Driscoll, about starting a talent show.

There was some discussion about whether there should be a talent show for the neighborhood program and one for the choice program. Mrs. Matsas insisted that there should be only one tal-

ent show for the whole school.

Mrs. Matsas believes that dancing and art are important for the Healey School because it makes students' grades improve. They are able to focus when they know that they have something to look forward to that is both a fun and learning experience

Ten Year Anniversary Talent Show set for June 3rd

by Brianna Bravo, Melissa Sanon, & Yalissa Cruceta

The talent show is an event that happens every year, which started ten years ago. Students are able to

go on stage, show their talent, and have fun. For every year we had the talent show we were success-

ful with it. The students' talents are videotaped so that they can be aired on TV. Our talent show is a

place where family and friends can get together and watch students perform. It also shows how much kids could show their experience towards their talent. There is a fee to get in so that it could help out the Healey but everybody will be able to afford it.

It is also for the whole entire school--not just for the neighborhood program or just the choice program. The talent show is a fun experience to kids and parents so when they hear about it, they get really ecstatic. Since it is a talent show we need hosts to call out the performer so we

use eighth graders as our MCs. Last but not least the reason that we get the talent show every year is because of a wonderful teacher who takes her time to get it done, and her name is Mrs. Matsas.

So be there Thursday evening, June 3rd, from 7 to 9 pm in the Cafetorium!

What was the picture contest all about?

by Alex Flores & Steven Le

The Boys and Girls Club is playing kickball. The rest of the after school program is playing basketball. Janet is teaching the students really well.

We like to go to the Boys and Girls club to report on their scene after school. One day we found out that one of the



John Silva *"Untitled"*



teachers, Sam (Samantha Patton), was doing a contest to see who can take the most and best pictures.

The contest is part of ImageMakers, a national Boys & Girls Club of America photography program for all Boys & Girls Club members age 6 through 18.

You can see they took really good pictures.. The contest was on March 19, 2010. The judges were Charles Bandes

Cinthia Umaña *"Pink Goopy Slime"*

and Jorge Herrera and Errico Studios. Dunkin' Donuts gave a donation.

There were two people who won. They are Jose (Junior) Lopez of the Healey School who won in the ages 6-9 group and Lucilene Pires who won in the 10 to 12 age group.

Sophia Da Silva
"Balloon Dog"



Jose Lopez *"untitled"*

**HEALEY BOYS AND
GIRLS CLUB
PRESENTS
ZOOMED IN
OUR CLUB
THROUGH
OUR EYES**

Tyrone Cornet *"untitled"*



MY ART GALA POTTERY

by Jonah Estabrook

The art gala is coming up and I am in it. I will be showing my totem pole along with my friends Liam, Henry, and Elliot. I did more than one pottery session with Julie Peck at her studio. We had a project to make totem poles for a test. If they worked out and turned out well the fifth and sixth grade would make totem poles for the Healey Lobby, which did happen....

Totem Poles at the Healey

by Maya Lubeck-Schricker

In the school year of 2008/2009 some of the classes in the Healey school made little clay pieces. The pieces would either be put together into a totem pole or be hung on the wall next to the totem poles. Kids planned what they were going to make for about a week. Then Julie came in with clay, and the kids worked with her for a long time. Julie taught them how to make their pieces, and how to make them look cool.

When all of the pieces were finished being shaped Julie brought in paint and



Felecia Scolley



Evelyn Ayala: "I learned how to be more creative."

glazes. She taught them about mixing the colors and how to put them on. Kids chose their colors and put them on their pieces. There were many colors so in the end it was very very colorful. Julie took them home and put them in the kiln.

In the next school year, Julie brought in the pieces and started assembling them. There were butterflies and flowers and many more cool things. The theme as you could probably guess was outdoors and garden things. There was a total of three totem poles and multiple pieces hanging on the walls. You can still see them now! They will probably be up for a long long time. So we all thank Julie now for helping our school with such a wonderful project and putting so much time into them. Thank you for coming in and helping the kids, and putting everything together with hardly any help and working on it for days.



Carlton Baton and Olivia Haley (right)



Raquel Oppedisano (left) and Melissa Sanon

Melissa: "We worked hard on it, it's beautiful and improves the school. Art shows people's feelings."



Eddie Dahlstedt and Leo Quintiliano



Andre James and George Monteiro



They will ... be up for
a long long time.



Totem!

Photo credits

The pottery students took each others' pictures. Photos of Julie by Maya L-S

The Young Artists in Action committee was formed by Ms. DellaCamera to help with the Gala. The YAA Group made invitations and thank you cards. Members are Julia Fernandes, Koryssa Choissen, and Dylan Fernandes, in addition to Happening's own: Maya Lubeck-Schricker ("Maya Sr."), Katie Massie, Zack Colleran, Maya Reynosa Williams ("Maya Jr."), and Hayden Latimer-Ireland ("Hayden Planetarium").



*Zack &
Karyssa
(left)*



*Julia &
Dylan
(right)*

Trials

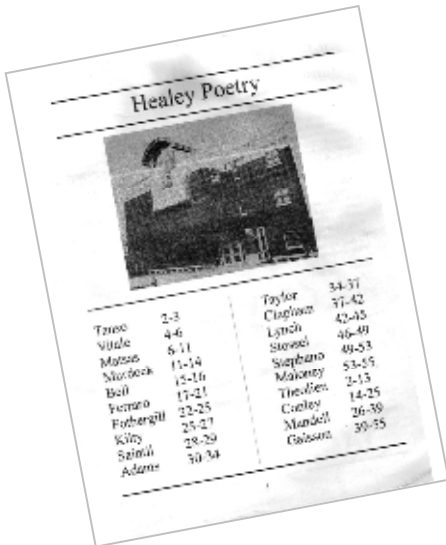
by Zack Colleran & Maya L. Schricker

Here at Journalism club, we like to do a lot of things; write articles, make posters, and, one thing we like to do the most, is, buying and eating pizza. Most of the time, there are a few kids that pitch in, a few dollars here, a few dollars there. Sometimes, people only pitch in a dollar, like Simon did a few weeks ago. Well, they usually want their pizza; and Simon didn't get it. It starts like this: As usual, people had put in their money. Some more than others, but still enough. When the pizza arrived, kids got their pizza. There were

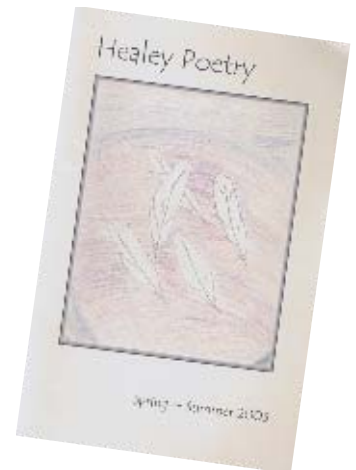
extra slices, so the people that paid more money got more pizza. But, when Simon came for his slice, Ethan had eaten it! Everyone told him not to, but, he did. Simon got mad, but Ethan threw a pizza box at him, and fled the scene.

Simon decided to sue Ethan. Everyone set up a court trial but Ethan still didn't come! Well, the trial was delayed to a different date. Finally, today, March 15, 2010, we held the trial from beginning, to end. We started off telling Ethan he was about to get "sued". As any normal person would do without knowing, he just

said, "What?" So, we told him what was going to happen. Simon explained why he wanted to sue Ethan, but still, Ethan needed more info. Then, Jeremy came bursting into the room. He was a witness, so we let him join our trial. We thought Jeremy might need to get sued, too, because he was one of the people that had an extra piece, and, he didn't pay anything. Neither did Ethan. So, we made them a deal. They could both pay 50 cents the next time we were in the mood for pizza. Well, neither of them liked it, so we will deal with the case later on.



Compiled and published by Mr. Stephano in 2002, Healey poetry was the first known school-wide literary publication. Inspired to continue Mr. Stephano's effort when he took responsibility for boys' basketball, then librarian Alice Sajdera advised a group of student editors to edit and publish Healey Poetry 2, 2003.



CONTEST

WHO KNOWS EVERY PIZZA PLACE IN SOMERVILLE? FROM EMMANUEL MUKADI AND STEVEN LE

WHO CAN NAME ALL OF SOMERVILLE'S PIZZA PLACES? DO YOU KNOW? WHOEVER CAN LIST THE MOST PIZZA PLACES WILL GET A COUPON FROM YOUR FAVORITE PIZZA PLACE AND YOU WILL GET A BIG FREE PIZZA!!!!!!!!!!!!

GO TO WWW.HAPPENINGNOWEVERYWHERE.COM. SEND IN YOUR LIST ON THE FORM AND TELL US YOUR FAVORITE AT THE BOTTOM OF YOUR LIST. DON'T TRADE OR SHARE INFORMATION; IF THERE ARE TIES YOU WILL SHARE THE PRIZE.

OR, YOU MAY PRINT YOUR LIST AND GIVE IT TO EITHER ONE OF US.

commentary

Why do People Like Unhealthy Cereal?

by Phineas Devins

Why do people eat unhealthy cereal? I asked some people and most of the responses were "because they taste good" and other responses were "I hate unhealthy cereal!" or "I eat it because it is the only thing I have to eat" so most people like unhealthy cereal

because it tastes good. But I like unhealthy cereal and healthy cereal. But not all people like both categories.

Clark's teaberry gum

by Ksenia E. Holt

Clark's teaberry gum is delicious. It tastes like mint and a mixture of berries. I would recommend it to anyone who likes tea, berries, or mint.

by Nicole Morales. 5/6 art class project.

Selected and photographed by Melissa Sanon and Raquel Oppedisano



Cinema topics

HISTORY OF WALT DISNEY AND MICKEY MOUSE

by Jonah Estabrook

Mickey Mouse started off as a simple animation show. The episodes are still available and they're a hit. I find them much better than these days' shows. It's hard to believe but Walt Disney was Mickey's voice from 1928 to 1947. Walt Disney as a kid drew Mickey on wood because he and his family could not afford paper. So imagine walking around your house seeing pictures on your wall forever. Walt Disney continued his episode making and more and more episodes came out, then he became world famous and started new things. He

made the new characters for Mickey Mouse and made some other movies on other characters. Than Walt Disney died with his last movie made, Aristo Cats, this was Disney's last movie. Now he is remembered because of his movie and ideas. Mickey Mouse is now the main character of Disneyland and Disney World. Mickey Mouse and his friends are being continued in comics and shows. The Disney movie organization is still in existence and more movies are being made.

THE GREAT GLOVE HUNT...IS OVER

by William Quan *The Person It's All About*

For all of you who enjoyed Maya's articles about the "The Great Glove Hunt" there will be no Number 3. Now that the cold weather is gone, hopefully, for good I will not bring in my "Great Gloves." Subsequently, there will not be anymore "Great Glove Hunts" that will occur until next year.

But it will be different nonetheless, Maya will, almost certainly, be going to a different school so the "Great Glove Hunts" will never be the same.

I have to admit that the "Great Glove Hunts" were fun. It was fun throwing the little fluffy gloves at people. It was fun trying to

get the gloves back before somebody got them and hid them. It was fun looking for the gloves; although it did get frustrating when I just couldn't find the gloves. It was a good time, except for when it was time to go and I couldn't find my gloves or keys!

Local Fire

By Jonah Estabrook and Phineas Devins

On April 6, 2010 there was a fire in Everett Massachusetts, we think it was caused by someone playing with fire. The fire didn't look like a cigarette did it. The fire was also pretty small. Part of the dock there was burnt. Nobody was hurt and it was put out in a half an hour.



Happeningnow!everywhere was spawned in 2006. A national and international magazine, it was started to broaden the horizons of *Happening at the Healey's* writers as they matured into middle and high school, as well as to serve as a better fundraiser for the newspaper than Krispy Kreme doughnuts.

recently hit Louisiana beaches and rivers including the Mississippi River. More than 45,000 gallons of oil are being released every day. Meanwhile Sarah Palin can only speak these words “drill, drill, and even more drilling.” That shows how careless,

OUR SCHOOL NURSE

by Destiny Brown

As you know every school has a nurse. Our nurse is Nurse Lynn Chamallas. She is an R.N. and has been a school nurse for 9 years. Ms. Chamallas said she loves being a nurse because she loves helping people. She always wanted to be a nurse, her whole life. What do you want to be when you are older?

Oil spill in Louisiana

by Jonah Estabrook

Not so long ago an oil rig exploded off the coast of Louisiana, the dirty water just

and mindless she is. If she were still governor of Alaska and people spilled oil on her land she would get mad at oil. This is why we should calm down about drilling and look into a cleaner better future, like wind energy, dams, and more. Power plants should be cut (especially nuclear power plants). It just looks ugly, the earth messed up, environment unhealthy. This is not what we want it. If this happens every day we would be in one, big, terrible mess. With lots of clean energy we would not be in any trouble, it would be almost impossible for such a big oil rig to explode.

HAIKU

Lucy Coombs

Summer

Summer is really hot
Sometimes I go to the pool
It's cooler at night

Spring

Spring is colorful
It is fun to play during spring
Spring is a nice season

Fall

The leaves are crunchy
It is getting colder now
Playing in leaves is fun

What is my ...

Emmanuel Mukadi

What is my name
What is my name
Is it that chair
Or does it start
P or f
Or an
E
What
Should
I call
Myself
Number
2?

HOW

Emmanuel Mukadi

How is a word
What does it
Mean if you
Say the word
How what
Does it
Mean?

NUMBER

By Emmanuel Mukadi

What is a number
What is a number
Is it a boy
Is it a girl
What is it
What do
You do
With it
Can I
Fight
It
Or
Can
You?



Starry night (after Vincent van Gogh) by Eliza Forrest 7th grade art class

Colonial Day

by Ashley Murray

On colonial day we had to dress up as colonial kids so did the teachers. We also had 4 rooms. The school room, cooking room, games room, and the crafts room. When we were



in the games room it was run by Ms. Clapham. We did a

lot of colonial games like colonial hopscotch, bowling, Jacobs's ladder, top, ball in the cup. When we were in the craft room we made cooper candle holders.



We took a stencil and poked holes on the piece of copper. When we finished we had someone put it together and we put it on where our teacher's name is. After we went to the cooking room we made homemade butter and homemade cornbread.



Whispering sticks are wooden sticks that you have to bite on and they keep you from 'whisperin' to your friends.



It was so FUN!!!!!! !!!!!!! I think it was the most enjoyable room

in the whole colonial day. The last room was the school room. Mrs. Glasser A.K.A Ms. Baker was the teacher. There was 2 parts, 1 you sat down in a desk and wrote the alphabet in pomegranate juice. And then we went and were wearing the dunce hat if you are dumb. The whispering stick and the baby and idle sign. When we were done we ate the corn bread we made earlier and apple cider. We had a great time!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



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Cell phones!

by Jesse Aronson

I lately got a cell phone and it broke in the washer but I guess it was my fault. It was from Verizon, I think Verizon is the best because if you call anyone who has Verizon then its free so if everyone got Verizon then It would all be free the phones are great but at of all the phones I would recommend is the intensity because its cheap it's a media phone it does not have any soft where problems. The keyboard is really comfortable, but if you have big hands I would not recommend it. f you have big hands over all I would say that Verizon is the best but AT&T has some really nice phones you should check out.

It's Been a While

~Maya L.S.

As you could guess by the title, it's something that we haven't had for a while.

Guess what it is. It is CE-REAL!!!!!! We used to have cereal almost every club meeting. But, when the new year started, new starvation started. There was no cereal! But, now, on Monday, March 22nd it is BACK!!!! Alan brought cereal, and LOTS of it. There was chocolate cheerios, honey nut cheerios, and some weird chocolate marshmallow cereal. It was delicious! But, not only was there cereal, but there was milk and chocolate sauce! That is really special for us. We really loved it and it was awesome and we ate it all up! We all thank Alan but I especially thank him for it. So, Thaaaaaaannnnnnnnnk kkkkk Yooooouuuuuu ALAN!!!!!! We really appreciate all that you do for us.



Turning used jeans into wearable art:
Magazine jeans aka jeansco aka why
jeans aka red ribbon fashion is a major
ongoing project of the creative writing
laboratory of Happening publications.
(Below, right) Ms. Huffman in her
magazine jeans: photo by Lucy Coombs,
Jeans by Simon Davenport/ courtesy 121
magazine.



By Kayla Brown Hayes. 8th grade art class
Selected and photographed by Melissa Sanon and Raquel Oppedisano



Health care bill passes

by William Quan

The United States House of Representatives passed a historic bill on health care on March 22, 2010. The bill's passage will result in the largest expansion of health care coverage across the nation in 40 years. The piece of legislation was passed with 219 House members saying "Yea" and 212 saying "Nay"; 216 yes votes were required to turn the bill into law. The bill then went to President Obama's desk for him to sign off on the bill. He then traveled around the country, informing people about the new changes in health care.

After the bill was passed, the House voted on changes to the core bill; those bill changes then went to the United States Senate for approval. The bulk of the bill went straight to the Oval Office for the President's signature.

The bill's support and opposition was mostly split along party lines. All the Republicans in the House voted against the health bill, even Joseph Cao (a Louisiana representative) who had voted yes for the health care bill in the fall. Thirty-four of the 247 active Democratic House members voted against the health care bill, including Stephen Lynch who is a Massachusetts member who represents parts of Boston and its southern suburbs. President Obama promised that he would use an executive order (an order by the President to a federal agency authorizing or prohibiting something), the day of the bill, to ban using taxpayer money for abortions. Because

of that promise, support of the bill rose by 7 votes, one of them being the bill-passer.

All through the day Republicans wasted time before the vote. They wasted time by initially opposing procedural things, which then got turned into 5 or 15-minute votes, only to unanimously support the procedural item in the end. Another tactic that the Republicans used to stall was saying, "Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to revise and extend my remarks in opposition to this flawed health (care) bill." All 178 of the Republicans could say that quote without even spending any of the Republicans' time. Only added words to the quote could take away time, and it would be only 5 seconds at the most. In a way it helped President Obama because he was negotiating with undecided Democrats to vote for the health care bill while the proceedings were going on. Most likely the Republicans were also negotiating with undecided democrats to vote against the "flawed" bill. But the Republicans' plan backfired as the stalling gave extra time to the president to manipulate crucial votes.

The 2000+ page long bill has many new things that will change health care from what it is now. The new system has been modeled similarly to Massachusetts, which in 2006 passed a state bill that was about health care reform. The monumental bill will require all American citizens to acquire health insurance. It will also offer subsidies

for people who can't afford straight insurance rates from the private sector.

The bill will expand Medicaid coverage—health care for poor people. It will also allow people to stay on their parents' plan until they are 26-years-old. People denied coverage because of pre-existing conditions will find justice; health care providers will no longer be allowed to refuse coverage to somebody because of a pre-existing condition. The executive order that the President has promised to sign will allow zero federal dollars to be used to help fund abortions. There are many other minor laws and requirements that are in the core bill and the fixes bill.

The Congressional Budget Office has calculated the funding and spending for the massive reform bill. The Budget Office is non-partisan—it is impartial about Republican or Democratic views—so theoretically the Congressional Budget Office is not biased about the information they provide. The Budget Office calculated the bill to cost \$940 billion over ten years. The cost of the bill will be more than offset by

new taxes and \$500 billion worth in cuts to the Medicare program – health care for people over the age of 65. In fact, the federal deficit is projected to decrease \$138 billion because of this bill.

There will be penalties for both individuals (for themselves) and companies (for employees) who neglect to get health care coverage. The penalty for individuals who don't get health care will be about \$700 (one person), per year and about \$2,100 (whole family) per year or 2.5% of household income; whichever amount is higher will be the penalty. The penalty for companies will be higher than for individuals (per person). A penalty of \$750 will be imposed to the company for each employee who doesn't get coverage.

The goal of every American getting health care coverage has dated back almost 100 years to when Theodore Roosevelt introduced the issue. It had also been the life's dream and goal of Edward "Ted" Kennedy, who died last year, for everyone to have health care coverage.

DON'T MISS THE RECYCLATHON

The third annual Recyclathon will be held on Wednesday May 19th from 12:15-3:30. Please come! Lots of fun and games! There will be a huge yard sale and newspaper designer jeans. All money goes to print the Healey school newspaper.

IN THE HEALEY BACK YARD

--Recyclathon Reminder--

Save up your soda cans and bottles—each one worth a free toss in our can toss game! Bring to Recyclathon on May 19th

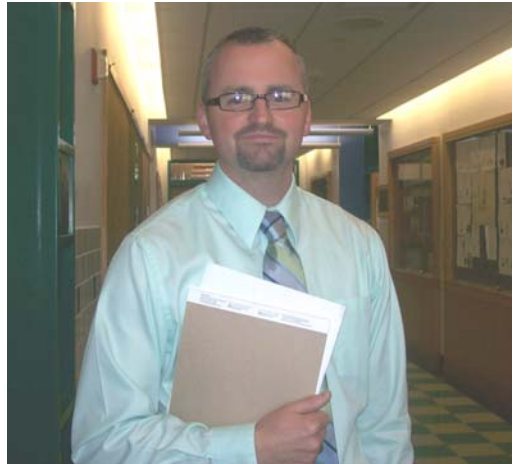
STUFF NEEDED NOW!

If you have any of the following, please bring them in now and put them in our recycling cart by the main school entrance (near the office)

- Coffee cans (big & bigger) metal/plastic
- Surplus bottled water
- Outgrown jeans
- Used ink or toner cartridges (we recycle)

MR. JASON DEFALCO

OUR NEW PRINCIPAL AT THE HEALEY!



Melissa Sanon and Raquel Oppedisano were photographing art when our present and new principals came by together! Meet Mr. DeFalco at the Art Gala!

Help the animals

by Grace K. Takvorian

Did you know that Mrs. Taylor's daughter Rachel is assistant to the Somerville animal control officer? She is! She works with April, the city's animal control officer. They need help collecting supplies for the animals. They need

- Cat food
- Dog food
- Bird food
- Cat and dog beds
- Bleach
- Old clean towels, blankets and sheets
- Leashes
- Dog and cat bowls

If you can help, please bring in any of these. There's a collection box in the school office. Or you can bring them to Ms. Clapham or Mrs. Taylor.

Old clean towels are really needed and maybe you can help with this.



By Thanh Nguyen. 8th grade art class

Selected and photographed by Melissa Sanon and Raquel Oppedisano



Many Dolphins are life savers! by Laila Baugh

Many dolphins are life savers. Dolphins have saved people many times. They help people from drowning and shark attacks, They're the most kind creatures in the world. Most of us are trying to help them from becoming extinct but others are just making their condition worse. Recent times people are falling from boats and drowning but dolphins have come and dragged them to shore.

By Niah Carvalho. 5/6 grade art class. Selected and photographed by Melissa Sanon and Raquel Oppedisano

THE CITY WIDE SWIM MEET

by Gurpreet Kaur

On Saturday March 6th there was the city wide swim meet. It was for elementary students. People saw all the kids swim. Every student was very excited to go in the pool. The parents were so excited to see their kids swim. The pool was 12 feet deep. The elementary stu-

dents were ready to swim. The Healey School was rocking. Every student was cheering for the people who were swimming. The Healey School won for School participation, Grades 6-8, 1st Place and Grades 1-5, 2nd place. The swimmers tried their best swimming and people made them feel strong and special.

Cheerleaders! By Denise Umaña

Hi my name is Denise and I love cheerleaders and I want to be a cheerleader so this is why I wanted to do this about cheerleaders I hope you enjoy this! Cheerleaders are very flexible and they can do back bends and handstands I wish I can do a hand stand! I like when cheerleaders do the pyramid! And I did it with my friends because we all like cheerleaders. I am a cheerleader in my club but we are not real cheerleaders and we take cheerleaders classes at my club we have two kids that are in fifth grade and they are my teachers! And I can try to be a real cheerleader one day but I have to learn a lot about cheerleading! I really really really want to be a cheerleader!

Zack's smack continued from back page

I focused on that. I took a deep breath, then went back into the batter's box. Next pitch was a ball in the dirt. It was in the dirt, but the catcher caught it just before anyone could steal. Walked back in. Strike. Right down the middle.

"Its okay, Zack! Just swing away!" I heard my dad say.

Stepped back in yet another time. Okay, I thought. I still have one more strike left and one more chance to hit. I can do this. It was more like just a reassurance to myself, then actually knowing it. The next pitch was perfect. I took a swing and followed the ball

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off my bat and into the outfield. I started running towards first base. That's when I saw it. The ball's color fading out as it disappeared behind the blue outfield fence. HOME RUN!! I thought. Then I rounded second, and saw my coach at third, waving for me to come home, that it was in fact a home run. Then I rounded third. As I ran into the tackles, high fives, and "OH MY GOD"s of my friends, I remembered. This wasn't your ordinary home run. The bases were loaded. It was a **grand slam!**

Somerville Baseball

Zack Colleran

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Do you want to play baseball in some division, but can't figure out where to play? Well, give Somerville baseball a try. It has a variety of divisions, like the minors, if you're in the age range of 7 to at least 8. Then the majors, which run from ages 9-12. Then, the next league is the juniors, which go from age 13, to age 16. All these leagues can be challenging, and they all are fun, whether that's referring to the friends on your team, or just playing in the games. You should possibly consider trying this out.

SCHOOL NEWSPAPER FRIENDLY OUTREACH:

If you are reading this and you go to another school, do you have a school paper to share with us? If not do you want some tips on starting one? Contact us at www.happeningnoweverywhere.com.

Red Sox Day

By: Ashley Murray

On Wednesday March 31, 2010, we had a Red Sox Day at the Healey. Kids were wearing hats, shirts, and even baseball gloves. Even teachers were wearing hats and shirts!!!!!! We had fun taking pictures and seeing how much Red Sox spirit people have. There were even kids wearing Red Sox jerseys. I was even wearing a shirt and hat!!!!

ZACK'S SMACK

BY ZACK COLLERAN

Baseball. You probably think of the game where all the people get hits and score, and possibly score home runs. When you're at that plate, all that you think about is hitting the ball. Well, that's how I felt when I was up there. I'm on C.P.C.U. Credit Union. We were down by 15, and there were no outs. Bases loaded, and all the men were eager to score. Then I stepped up to the plate. Normally, I would probably walk or get something like a single in that pressure. It was different today. I was told by my coach to take a strike first. I nodded quickly, just wanting to get up to bat. I stepped up. First pitch was inside, but over the plate.

"Strike one!" I heard the Ump call out.

"Alright, Zack, now start swinging!" my coach said.
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photos by Ashley Murray