

Happening at the Healey



Major events and highlights from *Happening at the Healey AY 2010-2011*
the student newspaper of the AD Healey School

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LEGO Robotics in Ms. Morgan's Class Interview with the kids in the class by Reed Solomon

I was interviewing kids who are doing LEGO robotics in Ms. Morgan's class. First Ms. Morgan told me about the LEGO robotics process. The LEGO robotics process is Ask, Imagine, Plan, Create, Test and Improve, Share. Ask means ask questions about what you are going to make or about the programs. Imagine means imagine what your robot's going to do and what your robot is going to look like and you have to imagine your program too. Plan means to plan your program and plan your robot (what it looks like and what your robot is going to do). Create means to create and build your robot. Create your program. Test and im-

prove means to test your robot and improve it. Share means to share the robot and your results.* Now on to my questions.

I asked Rachel, Ryann, and Julian "what are you building?" Rachel and Julian answered, "we are making and programming robots." I saw that the robots were kind of small. I also saw that each kid was making their own robot.

My second question was, "what do you do with the robot?" Rachel said "we test it to make sure it works." I saw that the kids were testing the robots by putting them through a bridge. You wanted it to get through the bridge with its light on.

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THE HIBISCUS by Owen Thompson

"This made my day," said Mrs. Dinatale "the crazy lady who takes care of the plants" (her own words).

If you were wondering if the hibiscus is a famous plant/flower you are sort of right. The hibiscus is Hawaii's state flower. If you are interested in seeing the hibiscus it is on the third floor. Did you know that in some places people drink hibiscus leaves for tea?

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LEGO Robotics...

My third question was, "is it fun?" Carly answered "yeah it's fun." I saw that when their robots broke some of the kids were laughing – I think that's a sign of having fun. And they also had fun creating the programs for the robot.

I think that it's very amazing that the kindergartners can do the LEGO robotics. I did LEGO robotics in first grade but I wasn't very good at it. Good job Ms. Morgan's class!

-Reed Solomon

*My sister, Rachel, helped me with these.

THE HIBISCUS...

Over the winter the winter the hibiscus was thought to have died. It lost many leaves but, surprising everyone, it survived! It bloomed one flower. There are also a few other flowers that haven't bloomed yet but probably will. I think that there is also one more flower that hasn't fully bloomed but isn't as interesting.

Now unfortunately the main flower has died but

the other ones are blooming. I think that the hibiscus will soon be alive again. Maybe you will even be able to drink its tea.

- Owen Thompson

Math League

**Interview with Mr. Jacques and Ethan Sweeting
by Reed Solomon**

I wanted to do this article because I like math. Also I wanted to learn more about the Math Team. I heard about the Math Team on the morning announcements when Mr. Ball stopped in and asked us to listen up for ideas for the school newspaper. I heard about other things but I chose to do the math team.

I asked how does someone get on the Math Team? Mr. Jacques, the 7th grade math coach, answered "I invite everyone and if they think they are good at math, they will come."

I asked how does it feel to compete against other math teams? Ethan Sweeting, someone who is on the Math Team, answered "it's kind of fun because we win a lot."

I asked Mr. Jacques "what

do you like most about coaching the Math Team?"

He answered, "I like how everyone is focused and I like seeing the atmosphere."

I think that when I'm in 7th grade, I want to be on the Math Team. I want to be on the Math Team because I like math and I am good at it.

The Healey math team placed first of all SPS elementary schools again in 2011! Math Champs!

Box tops are back!*

by Gurpreet Kaur

I found a box top coordinator. Her name is Maria Silva. It was lucky I found her. I decided to look for one and there she was. I asked her can you, she said what do I have to do?

Well before I found Ms. Silva, it wasn't easy. I had to ask a bunch of people. Half of them said no! The other half said they can't. Then I asked Brandon to ask his mom and she talked to me and said yes. I was so happy. I was so proud that I was capable of doing it.

The box tops were not gone they were just in people's houses on their cereal boxes, fruit snacks, and many other boxes. **Bring them to school!!!*

Pennies 4 Peace by Juliana Arias

Many people from Pakistan are poor. So we are earning pennies for them. If you ask what Pennies for Peace is for, it is a service learning program. Pennies for peace is important to our class because it is helping people across the ocean that are poor. If you donate at least

one penny that will be great because a penny can buy a pencil in Pakistan.

The Healey School raised \$1500 for Pennies for Peace in spring 2011.



Patriotic Healey fans now have a brand new season



If you read Happening at the Healey, you know it pays to recycle!

My Brother Has a Tummy Ache Kemissa Osit

My brother has a tummy ache
maybe he ate a live chicken
my brother has a tummy ache
he's all green and sicken
my brother has a tummy ache
he doesn't get to go to school
my brother has a tummy ache
I wish I had it too.

WRITE FOR HAPPENING

You must be a Healey student in grade K-8.

Submit your work at <http://12zine.com> using the form.
Or give it to your teacher.

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<http://12zine.com> Read it every day

2nd graders at Healey School receive a surprise visit

This past spring, a famous and glamorous lady visited and surprised second graders at the Healey School.

She is the lovely Yolanda, fashion designer, bridal fashion consultant and educator. For many years Ms. Yolanda owned and operated an elegant bridal shop in Waltham, Massachusetts.

The second graders were in awe as they listened to Ms. Yolanda dramatically read a story to them. They eagerly listened and answered her questions pertaining to the story. It was such an enjoyable reading time.

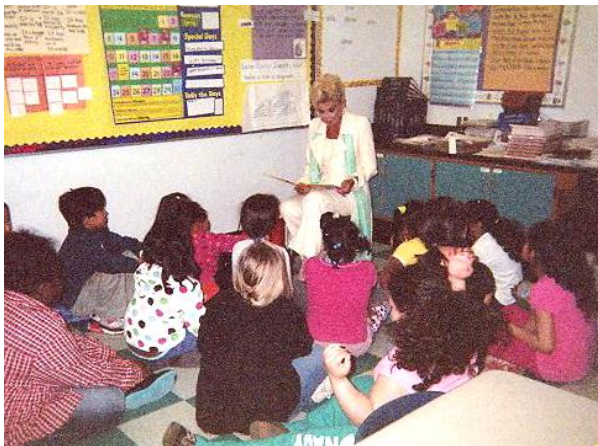
The students presented her with a lovely bouquet of spring flowers and a gold purse note pad and a card which the students personally signed. Ms. Yolanda presented each student with a little token to remember her by. The students were very impressed.

Ms. Yolanda also briefly spoke regarding fashion and stressed how important it is to learn and prepare for their future ca-

reers. The students were inspired and they asked Ms. Yolanda to return and talk about fashion. She agreed to come again and they are looking forward to seeing her again.

Ms. DiGregorio took pictures of her friend Yolanda. Ms. DiGregorio's sister wrote an article about the event and it was published in the *Somerville Journal*, along with one of the pictures taken. Our principal Mr. DeFalco was surprised and well-teased about his handsome picture with the glamorous Yolanda in the *Somerville Journal*!

The Healey School including students of the second grade (room 122), teachers Noelle Yankov and Susan Douglas, Mary DiGregorio of the Literacy Pilot Program as well as Principal Jason DeFalco and Vice-Principal Purnima Vadhera sincerely thank Ms. Yolanda for a delightful and refreshing visit.



*On career day,
we dressed up
as who we
wanted to be
when we grew
up. Hey, Prin-
cipal Mr. De-
Falco was a
great choice!*

