



Bexley Middle School Sets Charity Newsies Record



By Nora Cahill and Megan Cooper

During the last week of November, BMS wrapped up the Charity Newsies and Harvest Festival fundraiser. Our school raised over 10,000 dollars, and all of that money will go straight into the charity itself. Charity Newsies is a non-profit organization that clothes children who are in poverty in Columbus. Their mission statement is that no child shall be kept out of school for lack of adequate clothing.

Charity Newsies was first founded in 1907, on a cold winter day. A group of three men were sitting in a restaurant on the corner of Broad and High Street in Downtown. They were watching a boy, dressed in inadequate clothing freezing as he was trying to sell newspapers. The men took his papers and began to sell them themselves as the boy sat inside to warm up. Soon the men had sold all the newspapers,

and sent the boy home with all the earnings.

They after realized that many children must suffer from this problem. So, the Sunday before Christmas, 50 business men went out in the cold to sell papers, and raised \$700 dollars to clothe the children who needed it, and thus Charity Newsies was born.

Now that the fundraiser is over, let's look back on the origins of Charity Newsies and the most successful activities. Each department of teachers for each class had a different activity to raise money. One of these departments was the Individuals

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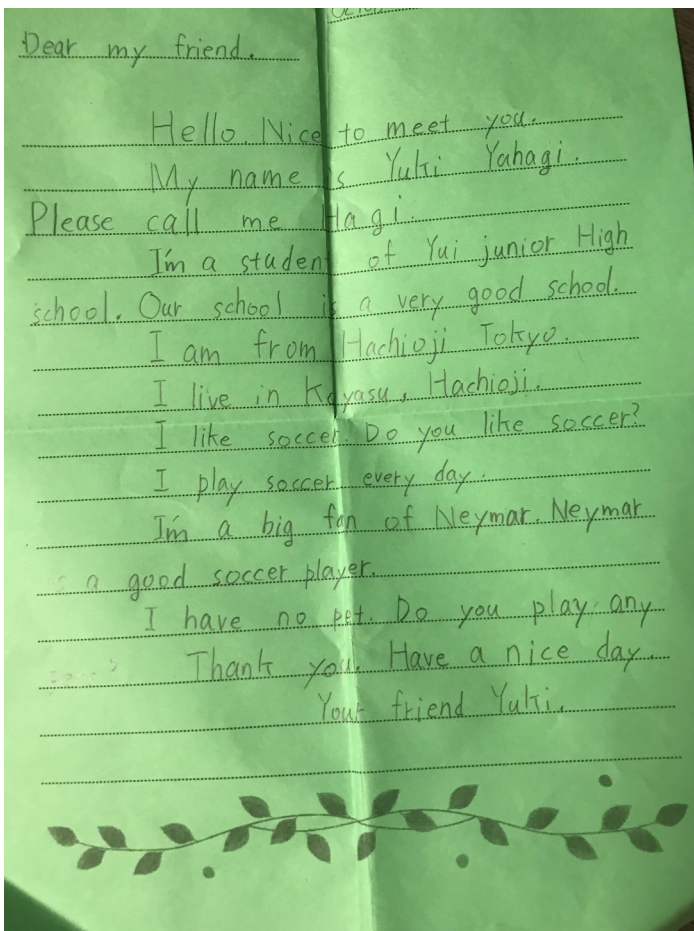
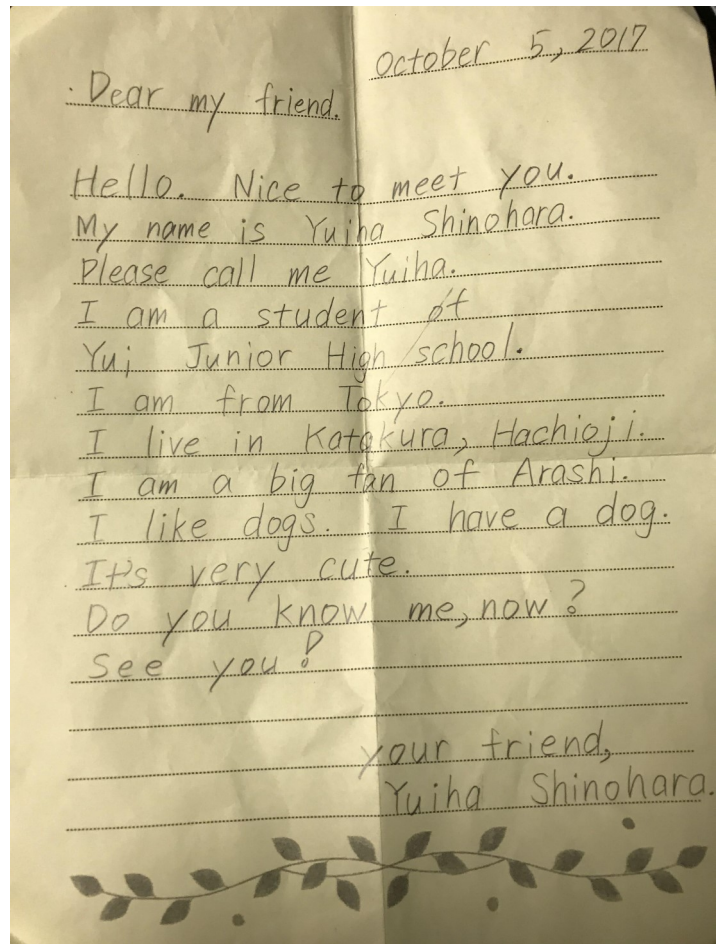
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Japanese Students Get Bexley Middles School Pen Pals

By Grace Jones

Have you heard about the new Japanese Pen Pals in Ms. Jax's class? If you haven't- stay tuned. Ms. Jax is a seventh-grade Individuals and Societies teacher who has found a fun way to make learning about other cultures interesting for her students. She has paired her classes with one or two pupils going to school in Japan. The Japanese students told her classes about Japanese culture: what their school is like, popular celebrities, and music.

"My pen pals name is Kanna," Jillian Savage explains, "She is in badminton club, and she really likes dogs." On the other side, in Mr. Castorena's class, Maia Nelson did not get a pen pal letter. "I



would love one." Nelson clarified. "I think they [pen pal letters] are important because they show [the students] that not all cultures and places are like Bexley, Ohio."

Adam Keels told us about his Pen Pal who enjoyed tennis and soccer like many Bexley students.

"They actually are a lot like us," Savage continued. "...with their likes, dislikes, activities, and hobbies." Ms. Jax's classes are very excited about their newfound friends. There are many different views on this topic, but whether your excited, jealous, or just happy to be included, but I think we can all agree this is a pretty cool experience for our seventh graders.

Sixth Grade at YMCA Camp Wilson: A New Tradition?

By Noa Pitstick, Olivia Ramsden, and Alina Lacki



This year, the Bexley Middle School sixth graders took the first ever sixth grade trip to YMCA Camp Wilson. We interviewed a few sixth graders, Mr. Vincent and, Mrs. Resek about how they liked Camp from their point of view.

One sixth grader said, " I would love to go again and if I did, I would like to have more recreation time."

Another sixth grader said, "If I went again I would want to ride the horses!"

The final sixth grader we interviewed said, "I would have liked to be a pig (for meals) or raise the flag or do something like that."

Over all the students had fun at camp, some sixth graders had better opinions than others.

When interviewing Mr. Vincent and Mrs. Resek who were at camp with all of the sixth graders and just overseeing the camp experience.

Mr. Vincent said "I would like the permission forms to be accessible online and only have to go through one person, just to make things easier" Mr. Vincent and Resek said that their favorite activity was the evening activity, meals/piggy waste challenge, and the wall climbing and team challenge.

Mr. Vincent and Mrs. Resek loved camp

and would likely be part of it again. If they are part of Camp Willson again, they would add boating and spend more time on the petting zoo activity by taking away the orienteering activity.

With or without any changes, Camp Wilson will not doubt be the start of a new sixth grade tradition!



Trail Group Leaders

Emily - Echo

Hikari - Hickory

Shawn - Scorpion

Lily - Lily Pad

Alex - Ash

Judnard -Jurassic

Thanksgiving Traditions for BMS Students

By Jillian Savage

Thanksgiving is a time to spend with your family while discussing what everyone is thankful for, and, let's be honest, eating a lot of good food. Everyone has their own family traditions for Thanksgiving, maybe going to a friend or family's



house, maybe Grandma's pumpkin pie, or maybe even just sitting all together and saying what your thankful for. Let's get a look at some other people's Thanksgiving traditions.

Grace Jones told of the tradition that her aunt makes corn pudding for Thanksgiving. "It's one of my favorites!" Jones said. "I go to my aunt's house in Pittsburgh every year."

Nora Cahill told of her Thanksgiving tradition, "We watch a lot of movies together."

"I go to Virginia every year." Lauren Beck explains. "We have a lot of family there."

All Jones, Cahill, and Beck attend Bexley Middle School and they all have different traditions. Jones's revolved around food, Cahill's around an activity, and Beck's traveling.

Even though Thanksgiving is over, there's lots of time to think about next year's traditions!

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and Societies auction. Mrs. Jax, one of the Individuals and Societies teachers said that all of the sixth, seventh and eighth grade auctions raised over three thousand five hundred dollars.

The highest selling auction item this year was Mr. Goolsby being security detail. Ellie Cohen bought Mr. Goolsby's services for forty-five dollars. Mrs. Jax also expressed her feelings about the students in her classes this year, they were especially kind, generous, giving this year, and that she had a lot of fun being the auctioneer. Fortunately, we will be having another auction in the spring to help raise money for South Sudan.

