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Keeping Clark Mills Clean!

By: Ava Bataglio

December through March are the most common months for elementary school kids to get colds, viruses and the dreaded Flu. In this article you will learn about what causes the Flu, and how to keep yourself and the areas around you clean.

The Influenza virus, also known as the "Flu" is caused by droplets in the air. These droplets are infected and carry the flu virus with them. If you are around someone who has the flu, try to keep your distance. Also, don't share things with other people who are sick. That is how germs spread.

Many kids and adults around the world take vitamins. Vitamins can help prevent the flu virus from getting into your body. Another thing to consider this flu season is getting the Flu Shot. There is a 50/50 chance the shot will work, so it's worth a try!

This year, the Flu is especially dangerous. Some young kids and elders are even being hospitalized because of the virus. Make sure you always have some sort of sanitizer with you. Also, never, ever put your hands near or in your mouth!

Don't forget these useful tips, especially if you don't want to get the Flu!

The Scoop on Clark Mills

By: Kailianna Chin and Ava Dakis

Clark Mills is the Home of the Dragons. We have so many school activities before, during and after school! Some activities enhance our learning, while others help to raise money. But all of the activities are fun!

Clark is proud to sponsor many fundraisers to raise money to buy cool new things for our school as well as help different charities. One recent fundraiser was "Jump Rope for Heart". The money that we raised went to the American Heart Association to help find a cure for heart disease. Fourth and fifth graders jumped rope for this cause.

Every year Clark Mills has a talent show. Students and even some adults perform in this annual extravaganza. This year featured performances in singing, dancing, playing instruments, karate and even comedy. The show is the chance for students to show off their talent! Fourth Grader, Gianna Palaia and a performer in the 2018 talent show said, "It has been an amazing experience working with the crew. My amazing partner Angelina Tufano helped me choreograph a fun, bubbly dance to show off to the whole school! This would have never been possible without the M&M Producers, Mrs. Tobio and Mrs. Fiorentino." The talent show is a lot of work but so much fun!

The Souper Bowl Food Drive is a drive that the Clark Mills Student Council runs. We donate food to help local people who need food. You place your canned goods in a box of the football team you want to win the Super Bowl. Before the Super Bowl weekend starts, the student council collects what has been donated. We interviewed Mrs. Palaia, a first grade teacher at Clark Mills. We asked her what she thought of the Souper Bowl, and she said, "I love the idea because it is going to a good cause." We also interviewed Mrs O'Grady, a second grade teacher at Clark Mills. She said, " I love it! The Student Council does such a good job in promoting this event. They remind us to bring in foods for the people in need."

Last but not least, the Valentine's Day Bingo! This is a very popular event. Every year, a few weeks before Valentine's Day, the PTO holds an after-school event where students can play bingo, and they win cool prizes. Mrs. Palaia says, " Valentines Bingo is so much fun! They always do a great job with the amount of students they get. I love it!" Mrs O'Grady also said, " I really love bingo. I really enjoy going to bingo. It is so much fun, and they always have a great turnout! Great job, Student Council!"

We hope you enjoyed learning about the amazing and the BEST elementary school around, Clark Mills! Our school has so many events and fundraisers that are fit for anyone! They work so hard and students like us appreciate it a lot! We LOVE Clark

Mills, and we hope that after reading this article, you will love Clark Mills just as much as we do!

Jupiter

Kai Bohichik and Elijah Wahba

Do you know that Jupiter has 63 moons? Also, the planet has many appearances. Jupiter has a storm that has been going on for more than 200 years! People have seen it there since telescopes were invented about 200 years back. The storm is called “The Great Red Spot.” The size of this massive storm is about 2 Earths put together. NASA says “The Great Red Spot” is most likely a heat source.” The Great Red Spot is the same as a severe **hurricane** for Earth but 20 times bigger. Because of this, The Great Red Spot is very deadly.

Jupiter has many looks or appearances. It is the largest planet in our solar system. Jupiter can fit 150 Earths in it. Jupiter is made up of white and red gas. As a result, people call Jupiter a “gas giant”, along with Saturn. Jupiter is the 5th planet from the sun. There is no surface to this gas giant just a rocky core.

Jupiter has very **faint** rings. Faint means not clear. Another fact is to spin all around it takes only 10 hours, when our planet takes 24 hours. Also, Jupiter is called a failed star. People call Jupiter that because it contains the same gas a star would contain. However, NASA states “Jupiter’s stripes and clouds are cold.”

In conclusion, Jupiter has a storm that has been going on for many years. Also, it has many appearances. It also has very faint rings. Jupiter is a great planet. There are still so many things we have to learn about it.



The Evolution of Google

By Jessica Costanza

If you ever needed to research anything on the internet, chances are you used a search engine called "Google". Google was founded on September 4, 1998, in Menlo Park, California. Sergey Brin and Larry Page are co-founders of Google. Brin is the President of the company and Page is the Chief Executive Officer. The average salary of Google employees is around \$188,000 a year!

Larry Page and Sergey Brin met in 1998 when they were both PhD students at Stanford University. Page and Brin had the idea for Google when they were in a friend's garage. The three of them were studying for exams. The name "Google" was not made official until January 1999.

Both Sergey and Larry are part of a club called "The One Dollar Salary Club". CEOs of companies like Amazon, Apple, and Google, just to name a few, join the club when they feel that the money they are getting is unnecessary. The CEO's get paid \$1 at the end of every month and get paid a normal amount of money at the end of each year.

Through the years, Google has changed a couple times. One way it has (and still is) changing is that there is always new content being added. The biggest way Google has changed is in its logos. In 1999, (when the name Google was made official), The logo was the same every single day, big colored letters, GOOGLE. In 2015, Google began to change the logo every day. Whether it is special for a famous person's birthday, or for a holiday, a season, or just the plain Google logo, the search engine is always exciting.

In conclusion, Google has changed many times, but it has also stayed the same. It is still the search engine our parents knew and loved in 1998 and we love today!



NEW FEATURE

Spotlight On Clark Mills' Students

Written by: Wesley Wan and Elijah Wahba

Do you know what kids at Clark Mills do while they're not at school? Wesley Wan recently entered a national chess tournament in Orlando, Florida. Jacob Kadan performed at Carnegie Hall and Cameron Guindi danced at the Macy's Day Parade. We interviewed all these students.

Our very own Wesley Wan went to a national chess tournament in Orlando, Florida. Wesley also likes to play chess on the computer. We interviewed Wesley Wan and this is what he said, "The chess tournament had a lot of kids competing from all over the country. It is tough to beat the kids, but I really enjoy chess."

Another student we interviewed was Jacob Kadan. When we interviewed him we asked how he felt about going to Carnegie Hall. He replied and said, "I felt fine". He also said he was practicing piano a lot after school. He was very excited about going to Carnegie Hall and performing "Minuet in G" by Johann Sebastian Bach.

Our last interview was with Cameron Guindi. He said he was proud of himself for getting into the Macy's Day Parade as a dancer. Cameron was part of the 2017 Macy's Day Parade. Cameron danced on a float during the parade which was televised all over the country.

In conclusion, Clark Mills has many talented kids. Some dance, some play music, some are great chess players. But every student at Clark is AMAZING!

If you know a student who should be featured in our next edition, please send a brief description of who he/she is and his/her accomplishment to Ms. Hanson at shanson@mersnj.us by April 30th. Please type "Spotlight" in the subject.



Spring Recess Is Coming!

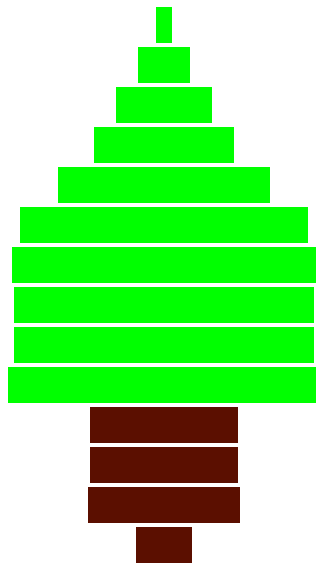
By: Kai Bohichik and Jayson Preiser

Spring Break is almost here! At Clark Mills our break is from March 30th to April 8th. Spring recess was first started in 1934 when college students wanted to take a break from school. Spring break is for students to take advantage of the warm weather of spring for one or two weeks. Also, it was started to celebrate the arrival of spring.

People do many things during spring break. Some people take a vacation. Other people study all break to prepare for school exams, while others play video games all day. Another way is for people to catch up on getting some well deserved rest. Whatever you do, have some fun!



The staff and editors of The Clark Mills Dragon's Den Newspaper wish you a wonderful spring break!



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