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A Closer Look At: The Dining Hall

By Julia Laferrera

The Dining Hall. The place where hundreds of kids nosh on a deluge of food every day. But have you truly thought about The Dining Hall? I mean, why is it called The Dining Hall? (if you don't believe that is the name, check out the sign next to the door.) Why can't it be "The Cafeteria"? To buff up the stereotype of a dingy cafeteria. Because the Dining Hall isn't a stingy cafeteria. It is more of a large room with portable tables, and a kitchen in the back. But how does the school as a whole think? I decided to investigate.

To find out exactly what people thought of the Dining Hall, I took a survey. The people who took the survey were people from selected classes. Classes included one homeroom class from each grade. The results were intriguing.

Out of the 54 people surveyed, 25 stated that they continuously brought lunch from home. The rest said they bought lunch or equally bought and brought. Most also agreed with the variety of food- the food ranges from spaghetti to the nachos. And the food is certainly adequate with the needs of all the kids served everyday. It is above expectation as of quality, keeping in mind the number of lunches served in a day. Most of the results were very close statistics.

Pizza is one of the foods available in the Dining Hall. In, fact, it is one of the most popular food. Many people would like it more often than once every two weeks. But the fact is, Pizza isn't the healthiest food to eat. According to About.com, teenage kids should have a calories intake of 1900 calories a day, or around 600 calories per meal. In one single slice of Papa

Gino's cheese pizza is 310 calories. That is half of the calories recommended in a meal! Also, parents would get angry at the school for giving out unhealthy food frequently. So unfortunately for pizza lovers, we can only have pizza ever so often.

"The cookies are great." one student commented. Everyone enjoys the desserts in the cafeteria, and we should. Not all schools give desserts out at lunch. It even has reasonable decor. But do we recognize the little things that make it special? How many times have you looked around to notice the patterns on the floor, or the tiling on the wall? We all should take time to acknowledge the little things that make up the Dining Hall.

Teen Role Models First Edition: Miley Cyrus

By Charlotte Horan & Abby Oksanen

There is a lot of controversy about superstar Hannah Montana/Miley Cyrus. Some people like her, and others do not. Since she has such a big fan following, we thought it would appropriate to find out what people think about her as a role model and a singer. We went to most homerooms in the sixth grade and took a survey, here are some of the questions and students' opinions.

Chris B. on Turquoise says: "I think she is a bad musician and is a bad role model."

Josh C. on Emerald says: "I think her talent is fake and I think she is only famous because she's on Disney."

These are some of the responses from fans of Hannah/Miley:

Eamon H. on Celadon says: "Her shows are good and her voice is pure."

Ryan H. on Ivy says: "She is a natural and amazing singer."

Overall in the sixth grade Miley Cyrus is disliked. But to our surprise, many kids went to Hannah Montana movie that aired on April tenth.

Teachers:

What is your Phobia ?

By Alex Durkee and Christina Bardjis,

We interviewed some teachers and administrators about their fears and phobias. The results are real conversation starters!

Mr. Henningson:

- Creepiest animal: Wild rats
- Greatest fear: Lightning
- Phobia: Claustrophobia
- Creepiest thing that came to mind: Hair ball in his coffee
- Scariest thing he's ever seen: Falling off a ladder
- Afraid of any mythological creatures: No
- Scariest moment of his life: Jumping off a 75 foot waterfall

Mrs. Saha:

- Creepiest animal: Lizards of any kind
- Greatest fear: Going into an MRI. machine
- Phobia: Claustrophobia
- Creepiest thing that comes to mind: Bearded dragon lizard
- Scariest thing she's ever seen: Being pulled under water when swimming, and having a drowning feeling
- Afraid of any mythological creatures: A creature that could put a spell on her
- Scariest moment of her life: A ride on a faulty roller coaster

Ms. Shorser:

- Creepiest animal: Meal worms, pill bugs, and red wiggler worms
- Greatest fears: Spiders
- Phobia: None
- Creepiest thing that comes to mind: Having a bat come into her house

- Scariest thing ever seen: Running out of the Callahan tunnel because a car caught on fire
- Afraid of any mythological creatures: Some Harry Potter monsters and aliens
- Scariest moment of life: Walking down the Grand Canyon in a huge lightening storm at midnight

Mr. Lambert:

- Creepiest animal: Centipede
- Greatest fears: Getting impaled by a beach umbrella, or and a squirrel lands on his head and won't come off during a walk
- Phobias: No
- Creepiest thing that comes to mind: A snake ready to strike
- Scariest thing ever seen: A swinging gate hit a car and almost killed a man
- Afraid of any mythological creatures: No
- Scariest moment of life: Being on Big Shot ride which shoots you 80 floors up repeatedly

Mr. Lamoureux:

- Creepiest animal: Anaconda snake
Greatest fears: Meeting an anaconda snake
Phobia: None
Creepiest thing that comes to mind: Lying down on a bed of spiders
Scariest thing ever seen: An automobile accident
- Afraid of any mythological creatures: No
 - Scariest moment of life: Accepting the job of principal at Curtis

Book Review of *The Last Olympian*

By Noah Furman

Imagine living in a world where some peoples parents are Greek gods. Well in New York ,Percy Jackson is having trouble getting through the school year. His only escape is at a camp that half-bloods attend. (A half-blood is the child of a god and a mortal.) Percy is the son of Poseidon. Thousands of years ago, the gods fought a war against the Titans. Because of this, the gods are

plotting to bring the lead Titan, Kronos, back from the underworld. Out of the underworld, Kronos can destroy the world. Will Percy save Olympus and the gods or die trying? This book is great for anyone that likes hilarious and action packed books. The bonus is while being enthralled with the adventures, readers learn more about Greek mythology. This is definitely a great read.

Dwight Evans Interview

By Evan Griesing

When I traveled to Red Sox Spring Training in Florida, I caught up with Dwight Evans, former Red Sox left fielder, at the Red Sox Player Development Facility. He was nice enough to do a quick interview.

Q: What was your favorite moment while playing for the Boston Red Sox?

A: "I get asked that question a lot. I would probably have to say it is when the team was in the playoffs and we worked together as one unit. There were lots of great moments, but those were the best."

Q: As a hitter, which pitcher(s) did you fear the most?

A: "Goose Gossage* and Nolan Ryan*, because they were intimidating to step in front of, because the ball was there so fast."

Q: How are the young players looking this year?

A: They are looking great, in fact there are a couple in Minor League camp right now that are consistently looking good year after year, and we try to keep them close to the majors and I wouldn't be surprised to see them in the majors in the next year or so.

Q: What is your job currently?

A: I am a consultant in player development for the Red Sox.

*1- Goose is a Hall of Fame pitcher that played from 1972-1994 with a 3.01 ERA. He was at times a division rival, as when he played with the Yankees.

*2- Nolan is a Hall of Fame pitcher that played from 1966-1993 with a 3.19 ERA, and pitched seven no hitters. He spent the majority of his career as a Texas Ranger.

Dwight Evans, Red Sox outfielder from 1972-1990, was a very famous baseball player. Dwight's best year was clearly in 1987 when he hit 34 home runs and hit .306. Throughout Dwight's career, he hit a lifetime average of .273 and hit 376 homers with the Red Sox. In 1991, his last year playing baseball, he played with Red Sox division rival, the Baltimore Orioles.

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