

Middle School Reporter

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What is The Middle School Reporter All About?

By Kate Toll

Here at the Middle School Reporter, we put a lot of thought and effort into each article we write. We take a whole term to create each issue to get the best possible results.

At the first meeting of a term everyone brings their ideas for the next issue, and we brainstorm a bunch of article ideas. Next, people choose which article they want to write. Sometimes you write a piece with a partner, and other times you write your own article. We decide on a date that we will have our first drafts done, so that we can have our next meeting.

For our second meeting in this production process everyone brings a first draft of the article they have written. Since the first draft is NEVER perfect, the whole meeting is for editing and revising. The articles are passed around from person to person, and the whole MSR staff reads, edits, and suggests ideas for the articles. The task ahead: to make revisions and email revised articles to Mrs. Suhecki.

Before the third meeting, Mrs. Suhecki, the seventh grade English teacher who is our faculty advisor, puts in A TON of work. She takes all our revised articles and puts together a draft of the issue. At the third meeting, everyone

looks over the draft for typos, format errors, suggestions, etc., so that Mrs. Suhecki can make these changes and finalize the issue.

Finally, the issue is published for the whole middle school to enjoy! We predominately publish online through Bromfield's school website and on the main Bromfield Edline page. In addition to this, each middle school home-room receives a handful of copies for students to check out.

If you enjoy writing, please come join us at The Middle School Reporter. At the start of the school year, we'll announce our first meeting of the year in the morning announcements. Or you can always talk to Mrs. Suhecki, room 340, about your interest. Being a member of the MSR does require dedication; the staff depends on one another to follow through with article assignments in order to put together a great issue. Although you need to be dedicated, it is not an overly time-consuming commitment; we only meet after school three times a term, for about a half an hour each time. We hope to see you next year!



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What Others Have to Say About the Middle School Reporter

By Bridie McNamara and Lucy Opalka

The Middle School Reporter does not go unnoticed. Many students, faculty, and parents have great things to say about the Middle School Reporter. A lot of students have said that they would love to join, but they are too busy—but this doesn't mean they don't have time to enjoy reading it. A number of the people we spoke with stated that they have favorite articles. Sixth grader Abby Kilcommins says, "I like MSR [Middle School Reporter]. My favorite article was the one about the 6th grade science mu-

seum field trip." Helen Lunsmann, 6th grade, states, "I really look forward to some parts of each issue." People also enjoy the different themes of each issue. Eighth grader Meg Opalka told us that she enjoys all the pictures and that there are a lot of interesting topics to read about. Kate Marinelli, also in 8th grade, shared that she loves the publication, and she always wants to look at it to see what people wrote about. Mrs. Suchecki reports that she often gets numerous emails and comments from parents and fellow faculty members after an issue is

published. Mrs. Suchecki notes, "People are definitely impressed! I definitely feel proud of my MSR staff when I walk through Bromfield after an issue has been published and other teachers stop me to tell me how great the latest issue looks." We get a lot of good suggestions from students, too, which we incorporate into our planning. All the praise, suggestions and interests is greatly appreciated, and we feel our issues are always filled with great articles for our fans to read.

Comic

By Michael Jarosz



What MSR Members Have to Say About Being a Middle School Reporter

By Heather Downing and Hannah Wharton

Members of the Middle School Reporter have great things to say about being a member of the MSR staff. Many plan to come back next year and hope more will come join this great group. Here is what our staff has to say:

Kate Toll, a 6th grader, states, "It's a lot of fun writing and seeing my name in print."

6th grader **Josh Marinelli** said, "It's good. I like it."

7th grade reporter **Heather Flokos** comments, "It's great for people who like to write and for people who want to get to know Mrs. Suchecki."

Emma Keaney, a 7th grader, admits, "It's really fun, but I have a lot of other activities, so it's hard to go to the meetings."

8th grader **Nikki Margaretos** feels, "It develops good skills for journalism."

All the Middle School Reporter members greatly enjoy being part of this awesome group. We hope that more people will join, so that they can experience this great club as well!

What Are We Writing About?

By Josh Marinelli

If you've never read an issue of MSR, you should check it out. All our issues from this 2009-10 school year are up on Bromfield's main Edline page. Here is a taste of what you'll find:

In Each Issue:

Middle School Teacher Feature

Middle School Sports Feature

Middle School Council Updates

Book and Movie Reviews

Middle School Survey

Comic

Featured Articles This Year:

Transitioning To Bromfield

Tips on How to Stay Organized

Information on OCD

Tips For Decorating Your locker

Field Trip Favorites: Fantasies and Realities

Eco-Friendly Travel

8th Graders Travel to Salem

Performers Visit Bromfield

Exploring Other Cultures

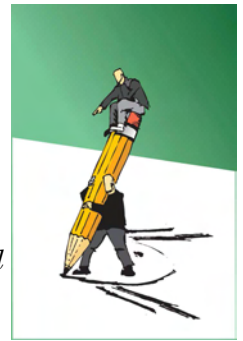
Earthquake Breakdown

Fashion Trends

iPod Top 5

HES Name Change

6th Grade Overnight Science Museum Trip



What to Expect as an Incoming 6th Grader

By Josh Marinelli, Bolek Myczkowski and Jeremy Flint



If you're in the 5th grade at HES, and you're not sure what to expect next year as you enter Bromfield, this article may help a bit. We asked some of the 6th grade teachers what you can expect from

class and your overall first year experience at Bromfield. Here is what the teachers we talked to had to say:

Mrs. Hurley- Guidance Counselor: "I am here to help in any way. Enjoy your experience."

Miss Miller- Language Arts Teacher: "You should expect to be delightfully challenged!"

Mrs. Carlucci- Math Teacher: "You should expect to become a better problem solver."

Dr. Tarullo (aka **Dr. T**)- Science Teacher: "Expect to remember nothing. But you should have fun. And do your homework!"

Mrs. Mercadante- Chorus Teacher: "You should work as hard as you do in any other class. But have fun when you're singing."

Mr. Reynolds- Band Teacher: "You're going to learn about the fundamentals of music. I hope you enjoy playing your instruments."

Mrs. Chandler- Art Teacher: "I expect creative style and artistic design ideas. Come to class with an open mind."

So if you weren't sure what to expect from Bromfield when you started reading this, we hope that you now feel a little bit more excited about it all. From everyone at the Middle School Reporter, we wish you a great 6th grade year. It doesn't take much to fit in here at Bromfield...or in the Middle School Reporter. As you're settling in next September, we'd love to see you at a Middle School Reporter meeting if you're interested in checking it out. There is a spot for all in the Middle School Reporter!

Book Recommendations for Summer Reading

By Emily Erdos and Heather Flokos

With summer coming up, you will need to find some good books to keep you busy over the summer. If you haven't started to think about any good books yet, here is a list of 20 great books that you could get started on:

1. *The Mysterious Benedict Society*¹ by Trenton Lee Stewart
2. *Things Not Seen*² by Andrew Clements
3. *Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech
4. *Love That Dog*³ by Sharon Creech
5. *Ida B.* by Katherine Hannigan
6. *The Secret School* by Avi
7. *Which Witch?* by Eva Ibbotson
8. *Candyfloss* by Jacqueline Wilson
9. *Shug* by Jenny Han
10. *Flush* by Carl Hiaasen
11. *No Talking* by Andrew Clements
12. *elsewhere*⁴ by Gabrielle Zevin
13. *The Same Stuff as Stars* by Katherine Patterson
14. *Heartbeat* by Sharon Creech
15. *Eleven*⁵ by Lauren Myracle
16. *Kane Chronicles* (series) by Rick Riordan
17. *Eleven Birthdays* by Wendy Mass
18. *The Lost Years of Merlin*⁶ by T.A. Barron
19. *Three Cups of Tea* (the junior version) by Greg Mortenson
20. *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E.L. Konigsburg



This issue was brought to you by the fantastic MSR staff pictured above. (Note: Sadly, a number of MSR staff were not present for this picture.)

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1. This book is the 1st in a series of three
 2. The sequel to this book is *Things Not Heard*
 3. The sequel to this book is *Hate That Cat*
 4. This book is for more advanced readers
 5. This book is the 1st in the series. The next two books are *Twelve* and *Thirteen*
 6. This series is followed by the Avalon trilogy and the Merlin's Dragon Trilogy

Middle School Survey: What Do You Do Over the Summer?

By Jane Sullebarger

Over the summer I go to summer camp and surf, but I was curious about what other middle school students are up to over their summer break. I surveyed 6th, 7th and 8th graders about what they do over the summer. Here are some of their answers:

Emma Grant, 6th grade: "Nothing much; I usually stay in Harvard."

Alex Hill, 6th grade: "Swimming and sailing."

Emily Cumbo, 7th grade: "I travel to upstate New York."

Lizzie Cumbo, 8th grade: "I do ballet."

Alex Cadman, 8th grade: "I go to Britain, and then I travel to Maine to build houses."

These are some things that some people do over the summer. What are your plans for summer 2010?