

The Tiger Times

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Debut Edition

Debate Team

By Jacob Abroon

At the end of a long Wednesday, as many students walk out of those two doors into the yard, others walk down the staircase to the cafeteria for afterschool, there are a few students who are there for the upcoming challenge they will have to face in the upcoming couple of weeks. These are the students in the Debate team at ESMS, and they go there instead of home or another after school, because they need to prepare for the debate tournament.

These students, who are split up into two groups, one containing 7th and 8th graders, and the other containing 6th graders, are given 3 topics that they will debate on; they have to research and prepare both sides of the argument, for all 3 topics. The most recent one was, *We believe that prisoners should have the right to vote*. Another, which isn't as self-explanatory, was *We believe that nature is more effective than nurture*. This topic is claiming that the nature of someone, or something that isn't easily controlled like how tall you are, or your eye color, or natural hair color, and things that depend



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An Interview With Mr. Getz

By Jacob Abroon and Zachary Meryn

In an exclusive interview with Mr. Getz, we discovered more about our principal, and that he is more than the great guy who runs the school, but a friend. In an interview by Jacob Abroon and Zachary Meryn, we found that our principal is very relatable, shares a great sense of humor, and is a great overall person.

Mr. Getz

Q: What is your biggest accomplishment at ESMS so far?

A: Supporting all the teachers here, so they can do a great job.

Q: What would you be if you weren't an educator?

A: A pirate

The Fall Fest

By Rhone Galchen and Jared Meryn

The Fall Festival was a great hit on Friday, November 2nd! From a huge man standing on ladders covered in lights to a great costume contest. Fall Fest also included the best group costume, best pumpkin design and best Halloween desserts.

Congratulations to Hayden and Katlin from 605 for best individual costume, Emma from 604 for best dessert, Jolie from 605 for best carved pumpkin, and Emma and Jacqueline from classes 604 & 605 for best group costume. Congratulations to all our winners. Go Tigers, ROAR!

Photos by Jacob Abroon & Darragh Boyle



6th graders dance to Young Blood at



Ms. Hyman dressed as Mrs. Frankenstein at the Fest

Debate (cont'd)

on your biology, is more important than how someone is nurtured, or how they are raised. So, for example, in the sport of basketball, the height of a player can help being able to block someone's shot or shoot a basket easier. But how someone is raised, like how many times a day they practice, or if they even like basketball, also has an effect on how good they are at basketball. So now, if you weigh the sides, each part is important. So the job for these debaters is to do exactly that, but be more convincing than the other school they are facing.

So, what do you think is more important? Do you think that the way you are raised is more important than what is in your genes when you are born? Do you think that prisoners or former prisoners deserve the right to vote? Another topic is *Do you agree with mayor Bill De Blasio's SHSAT admissions proposal?* Maybe you should research it like the students in debate.

We went deep for information, and this is how Rhone Galchen, a 6th grader in debate, described the tournament:

"I would describe it as chaotic, yet calm. I would describe it like this because it was the sixth grade's first debate tournament, so many people were stressed. However, once you actually had to debate things were much more calm and disciplined."

Getz (cont'd)

Q: Did you ever have a pet?

A: I had two pets, a bat and a squirrel named Cyril and mother got rid of the bat.

Q: Why do you like being a principal?

A: I love being in a school community, and being around teachers, parents, and children, and the best way to do that is by being a principal. I was a teacher in 1984, then I trained teachers, and then I was principal.

Q: What inspired you to become a teacher?

A: I used to work at UNICEF, and I always taught children when I spoke to them. I liked the idea of teaching kids, so it inspired me to become a teacher.

Q: How long have you been working here?

A: Since 1984



The Light Man astonishes the crowd at the Fest



The potluck at the Fest

Saying of the Month:

"Courage is not the absence of fear, but the ability to act despite one's fears."

-John McCain

Reading Buddies

By Zachary Meryn

Every Wednesday, you have lunch. But some people across the school do something different. Every Wednesday at lunch, the Reading Buddies travel to our next-door neighbor, PS527, to read to first graders & kindergarteners.

The young children are always happy to see their buddies. It is the perfect opportunity to set an example. Every week, these two schools are pulled closer together. But, due to an unfortunate turn of events, reading buddies was canceled the Wednesdays of 10/31 and 11/7, but, we did continue and now children have their buddies back.



He also said:

“The best part of the tournament was getting to speak. I think this was the best part of the tournament because I had been practicing for so long and I was excited to try and impress the judge and help my team to victory.”

How did you feel after it ended?

“After the tournament ended I felt motivated. I felt like this because my team did well but we could still improve, and I was determined to be able to make those improvements and add more experience to my little debate career.”



The Food Drive

By Jared Meryn and Rhone Galchen

How many cans were there in your class? The student council came up with the idea of making a food drive for the whole school. As you probably know, the class that won got a donut party. The winners this year were 604. Many cans were brought in, which benefits many people. We should all know that ESMS has made a difference. Congratulations to everybody, and I hope you know what you did for New York State.

Girls Volleyball

By Darragh Boyle and interview questions by Zachary Meryn

On November 1st, the ESMS Tigers Girls Varsity Volleyball team faced the Harbor Hurricanes. Even though they worked hard, we sadly lost the finals. The Hurricanes won 25 to 10 in the first game and won 25 to 13 in the second game. The other team was a very good team, and they took the lead. It was very hard for our great team. The Hurricanes had a great speaker who helped the team. Lauren Ireland, a 6th grader player on the team said,

“for most people especially the 8th grade the loss was devastating. I felt sad that our team lost with all our practice.”

She felt that they tried their best and thought they could do better next time.

Q: How do you feel about the outcome of the game?

A: I felt devastated that our team could not continue.

Q: What was the most disappointing part of the game?

A: When they got a huge point advantage.

Q: How do you think we can do better next time?

A: More practice.

We congratulate the volleyball team on their almost victory and wish them luck next time. Perhaps, with persistence, they will bring home the gold. Go Tigers, ROAR!

U.S News

A California Tragedy

By Darragh Boyle and helped by Rhone Galchen

The California wildfire has sadly killed 89 people, has left 699 missing, and has burned 153,336 acres in bute county. This is something that should be looked at more, this is California's deadliest wildfire ever and the most destructive as well. Many homes were destroyed by this wildfire, in Paradise, California the mayor predicts that only 10-20 percent of homes survived. What most people want to know is how did this happen and why, well many scientists believe that this wildfire is connected to climate change and it does seem look like that, also the heavy gusts of winds don't help. There has not been enough attention about the connection of climate change to the California Wildfires in the news. So we need to take action! So this begs the question, what can you do to help? Find out in the next issue in U.S news!



A wildfire raging in California

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