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## The Hyde Weekly #13: The Gingerbread Houses Edition

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# The Hyde Weekly

*This is an informal e-communication from the Hyde School campus, intended to share highlights, signs of growth, issues that are being addressed, and moments of joy. Its purpose is to bring the Hyde School parents and the larger community into the school culture.*

## **Practicing Synergy through Building Gingerbread Houses**

*by Brenden Lutes '18*



*The Government class collaboratively makes gingerbread houses*

This week in government class with Lisa Geller, all of the seniors made gingerbread houses as an exercise to practice synergy. It was very fun. Ms. Geller set rules to making the gingerbread houses, barring some people in the class from being able to talk, and having to take directions from those who could talk. It was an exercise to see if we could work together as a team, even though not everybody could give verbal input.

In my class, we had two teams. Team A's gingerbread house was seemingly better than team B's, until the end when it fell apart. I had some struggles, but in the end the gingerbread house was standing and looked very nice. **Liza Boroughs '18** said, "I was one of the people who could not talk. It was hard, but I found other ways to communicate my ideas and was surprised by the emerging leadership in our group." Overall, the day was extremely fun and gave the seniors a little "extra" class of fun after break!

**Gingerbread Houses Photo  
Gallery**

**Luo/Brooks Discovery Group Successfully Escapes!**

*By Fan Luo*



On December 6th, students in Mrs. Luo and Mr. Brooks Discovery Group traveled to Brunswick and had an adventure in a classroom-themed escape room. Everyone was locked up in a classroom because the “teacher” thought we stole his medal. The only way to get out was to find the clues and solve all the puzzles as a team within one hour.

Even though we had the advantage of having Mr. Brooks on the team, students didn’t completely rely on him. They quickly organized themselves into small groups and found a role they could each play. **David Donnelley’s ’19** attention to details helped the team find important clues. **Se Jun Kim ’18** and **Rachel Willey ’20** were critical to organizing and analyzing all the available information to come to a solution. **Martin Zhe Liu’s ’20** strong visual ability helped solve a key puzzle. **Wells Lawson ’18**, **Jack Gao ’18** and **Brenden Lutes ’18** played a big part in relaying information. **Tori Merrill ’18** and **Aiden Cohen ’19** solved the most puzzles.

With great team work and strong math brains on the team, we escaped with 6 minutes and 9 seconds left on the clock!



**Alumni Feature: Jason Bergh '95**



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We had the pleasure of catching up with Hyde-Bath alumnus Jason Bergh '95 this week. Jason's courageous efforts have brought him to Los Angeles, CA where he launched his company UX Entertainment Group. Jason is currently working in Television and Documentary Production, he has produced films for ESPN's 30 for 30 series, Red Bull TV and much more. Thank you for sharing your story and advice with all of us Jason!

**Please describe your career path:**

"After college I was lucky enough to stumble upon a little magazine in NYC called "The Fridge" where I began my career as a filmmaker and writer. The magazine would throw events all over the country merging together hip hop and action sports. It was my job to document these events and the culture surrounding it. Two of my favorite things on the planet at the time, I was in heaven.

After a few years of doing this I decided to pack my bags, a U-Haul, a newborn baby and my girlfriend (at the time) and drive to Los Angeles to further my career. The first year was rough and filled with lots of ups and downs. I thought about giving up a hundred times but I'm so happy I didn't. When I landed out here about a year later I was introduced to an executive at Interscope Records. That pretty much changed the game for me and helped launch my company UX Entertainment Group. We were hired to produce content for musical artists that ranged from bands just beginning to some of the biggest musical acts on the planet. In heaven AGAIN!

I got lucky, that introduction to the executive changed my life. After about 5 years of this type of work I transitioned into Television and Documentary production and found myself producing films for ESPN's 30 for 30 series, Red Bull TV and a slew of branded content. There is not a day that goes by that I don't understand and appreciate that I really am truly lucky. I got to follow in my father's footsteps in this business and did it by forging my own path, with my own voice."

**Which word or principle has stayed with you the most?**

"They all have a special meaning to me but the one that stands out the most would have to be Courage. Without that, none of the above is possible."

**Which teacher(s) had a particular impact?**

"Mr. Romac, hands down and unequivocally my favorite teacher. For some reason we just clicked. He knew how to get the best out of me and I never wanted to disappoint him. He made me think, he helped me understand that I can achieve things in school and life."

**What advice might you give to a Hyde student?**

"Trust the process, it's one that I questioned a lot when I was at Hyde. As I've grown older I realize more and more that the core values that were instilled upon me there have had a significant positive effect on me as an adult. Without Hyde I don't think I would be in the position I'm in today. I learned a lot at a very young age."

## Jason Bergh '95 Photo Montage

### Not to Miss

- New Parenting Center on [hyde.edu](http://hyde.edu)
- Gallery: Hyde Wellness Month
- Gallery: Government Class Makes Gingerbread Houses
- Gallery: Sports Management Class Portland Seadogs Tour
- Photo: The evil Mr. Potter
- News: Robert Hetherman 'PG is nominated by Maine Senators King and Collins to the US Naval Academy
- News: Boys varsity basketball team win championship 63-46 over Commonwealth Academy
- Malcolm's Blog: "Survey Says...Step Toward Hope"
- Parenting: The Biggest Job: "Parents, Stop That Dance of Deception!"
- Hyde School Blog: "How to Achieve an Optimal Student Mindset"
- Save the Date for Hydeapalooza! June 1-3, 2018
- Lennox Lodge Facebook Page
- Bath Sports Reports
- \*New\* Hyde Weekly Archives - Thanks to Richard Curran for posting!

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