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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.

Wolfpack Spirit, Let's Go!

By Emerald Pham '20



Can you guess who these members of the Hyde community are dressed as in their Janoween costumes?

After a long run, it was time for our Wolfpack to take a break. Noticing that most of our pack were emotionally and physically exhausted from the last few stressful weeks. I asked myself, "Why don't we all celebrate some school spirit together?" That is how I started collaborating with senior **Kyra Holdampf '19** to come up with a plan for this amazing Spirit Week.

To kick off the week with a fresh and humorous atmosphere, we decided on Backwards Day as the theme for Monday.

Rhyming had suddenly become a trend, so we thought, "Why don't we have Twin Tuesday and Throwback Thursday?"

Friday would be a blast if our Wolfpack could do Red Out to honor and celebrate the Chinese Lunar New Year. Mrs. Fan Luo, **James He '21**, and I also planned out cultural activities to present during the community meeting.

Hmmm... What day did we have left? Wednesday? After a while, **Kyra** and I finally got enlightened. Since our Wolfpack didn't get to have a Halloween last year, how about we celebrate a Janoween for this year? No one owes each other now -> Problem solved. What a great Spirit Week the Wolfpack would have!

Every fun party or break always comes to an end because our Wolfpack needs to move on to accomplish more. We all decided to wrap up our Spirit Week with a fantastic Red Out to cheer for the Prep Basketball Team on Friday night, as well as giving out Spirit Week awards for the faculty and students that had the best costumes for each theme. The dance team performed during halftime to hype up the crowd. Furthermore, the wrestling tournament was an "All in" with the support from the whole Hyde community. Lastly, Mrs. Luo and other international students celebrated a Lunar New Year Feast at the Merritt house Sunday night.

What a fantastic week! Best wishes and luck to everyone in the Hyde Community!!

Touring the USS Providence

By Communications Director Jenny Collinson



Mrs. Dubinsky with her history students holding on to the rudder in the stern of the ship.

On a 4 degree chilly, yet sunny, Thursday, students in Mrs. Dubinsky's history class got the chance to tour the USS Providence replica, currently docked in Wiscasset, Maine.

The original replica was destroyed in a massive storm in 2015, so it is undergoing extreme re-construction. The plan is to have the new large mast delivered in March and then for the ship to be ready to set sail in April.

Hyde alumni parent Dick Forrest (John '82) gave a tour of the ship from the Captain's quarters to below deck to the steering mast in the stern of the boat, and answered the many questions about the boat and what life was like on board when the ship was originally commissioned to sail for the navy during the Revolutionary War.

The students noticed that the rudder to steer the ship was above deck, and required a lot of muscle to move. Dick explained that not only were the sailors exposed to the elements while steering the ship, at times they were also being bombarded by canon fire.

When asked about rain gear, he said the Colonial sailors wore what was called linsey-woolsey, which was a twill or plain-woven fabric woven with a cotton warp and woollen weft. No L.L. Bean Gore-Tex then!

If it wasn't wool that they were wearing, they also had access to canvas cloth which they would cover with bear grease to repel the rain.

The ship seemed that it would take about a crew of 8-10, but Dick surprised us all by telling us that it originally sailed with 60 men. It had 10 canons, and each canon needed 5 men to operate, hence a crew of about 60. There would often be 50 men below deck sleeping or eating, and there was only a hole for a bathroom. He said during this time period, that it was thought that taking a shower would make you sick, so people went without. This was why brides started carrying bouquets of flowers, to hide the smell!

Dick also explained the phrase "baby born with a silver spoon in it's mouth." At that time, the wealthy class were able to avoid plague because they ate with real silver utensils. It turns out that colloidal silver is a natural antibiotic.

Thank you so much to Dick Forrest and the many shipbuilders working to restore this beautiful boat. We are looking forward to going back in March to see the new mast installed and returning in April to see her set sail.

[View Photos from the Trip](#)

Ready, Set, Chess!

By Faculty Justin Siekierski



Nguyen stands with his awards for placing 2nd overall and winning his age bracket.



Nguyen plays Chess Master Jarod Bryan in the 5th round.

This past weekend I had the pleasure of attending Maine's first Blitz Chess Championship in Hermon, Maine, with junior **Bach Nguyen '20**. Blitz chess refers to a fast-paced style of chess where each player has 3 minutes to either checkmate or draw their opponent. Once you make a move, you tap the clock with the same hand used to move the piece, and your opponent's clock starts. The game ends when time runs out or someone loses their king. It is very exciting to watch as a whole game of chess is condensed into just a few minutes.

This tournament was an open contest (all ages participated) consisting of eight rounds with each round featuring two games. At the halfway mark, Nguyen was in a three-way tie for 1st place. In the 5th round, Nguyen played Jarod Bryan, a 2250 ranked chess master and eight-time Maine State Chess Champion. Nguyen was able to fight back from being down a pawn in the first game to earn a draw. Bryan was able to use his expertise and experience to win the next game. Ultimately, Nguyen would finish 2nd overall to Bryan while also being crowned the scholastic champion for his age bracket.

Nguyen is no stranger to the game of chess. He competed on an international level in his native country of Vietnam in the World Chess Federation (FIDE).

Nguyen was first introduced to chess by his friends. He says, "I used to hang out with a group of older friends in the neighborhood. We always had fun stuff to do, and one day a guy pulled out a chess board and showed us all how to play. I was always losing since I was the youngest. Then, my mom sent me to the city's sports center for learning and playing chess. When I got a bit better, all my friends stopped playing chess (haha), but I kept playing chess since then."

On what he likes most about chess Nguyen says, "I get to travel to a lot of places and stay with my chess friends. I find chess itself is really fascinating and it teaches me to think ahead of everything quite carefully, too."

Nguyen also shared this insight, "I think life is like a chess game to me. Whatever happens happens, but our decisions result in consequences."

Nguyen will next participate in the Panther Scholastic Tournament on February 9, followed by the Maine State Scholastic Tournament on March 30.

January Regional Parent Retreats

By Faculty Claire Grant



Clockwise from upper left, the Capitol Region, the Colorado Region, the New York Region, and the Vermont and New Hampshire Region

The January retreats were outstanding - from the thoughtful preparation with masks, to the heartfelt sharing, to the caring intrusion and support, everyone worked hard and came away with nuggets of learning.

One parent remarked that the weekend began as one of obligation and then became one of enlightenment. The laughter, shared meals, and intimate conversations cemented an already dedicated group of Hyde parents.

Celebrating the Lunar New Year

Faculty member and dance coach Fan Luo organized a school wide presentation to celebrate the Lunar New Year. Thank you Mrs. Luo!



Staff Feature: Rick Page



Please join us in congratulating Hyde staff member Rick Page for his promotion to Assistant Chef this month. Rick joined the Hyde Dining Services team in 2016 and has been responsible for preparation and service of the evening meals. Rick has also taken over our Sunday Brunch and prepares a wide variety of made to order omelets each week.

A lifelong Mainer from Boothbay Harbor, Rick started in the food service industry as a teenager and progressed through the ranks to ultimately become the chef at Lobsterman's Wharf, a top restaurant in Maine. Rick is married with two children, and his patience and "Happy To Do It" attitude is a perfect fit! We asked him some of our favorite questions,

What interested you in your current position?

After working many years in the seasonal restaurant industry, I was drawn to the more consistent pace and less demanding summer schedule.

What is most rewarding about your job?

I enjoy meeting the students from all over the world and preparing interesting items that they may enjoy.

What makes working at Hyde unique?

Working at Hyde allows me to apply my cooking skills in a different way from the restaurant setting, while still applying various cooking and serving techniques.

Alumni & Development Office Update



Each year the Annual Fund provides approximately 8% of the operating budget, providing funding where it is needed most and making an impact today on the students at Hyde.

The Annual Fund provides immediate budget relief and supports the greatest needs that are essential to Hyde's excellence. Tuition alone does not cover the full cost of a Hyde education. To keep Hyde Strong we rely on philanthropy. Please, join fellow Hyde community members in making Hyde Stronger every day.

The participation of every member of the Hyde community is a measure of confidence and a show of gratitude for what our school is offering to students and their families – Hyde's unique Family-Based Character Education. If alumni, families, members of the faculty, and staff, grandparents and friends contribute generously, according to their ability, Hyde will continue to thrive. Please consider a gift to the 2018-2019 Hyde Annual Fund and show your support for our school!

Thank you!

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Stars of the Week



Stars of the Week is a way we recognize someone in the community for outstanding effort either in class, in the dorm, or on the athletics fields. You can also be selected for an act of kindness or exemplifying one or more of the words and principles. Students, faculty, and staff will all be invited each week to suggest a Star of the Week, and a handful will be recognized at Friday's school meeting. Recognized this week:

Amanda Morgan '22

She has put a lot of effort into everything she does, but especially in basketball. She shows up on time at practice every day and always does an amazing job. She also shows her concern and kindness to people that she loves.

Jai Tobin '19

Jai has shown leadership in the dorm by running inspection and making sure everything runs smoothly on his wing. Jai has been a great support system for students who have been struggling this weekend.

Andrew Stark '19

Has really jumped into the dorm life setting as a true leader. He never complains about what is asked of him, and we ask lots and then some. I am really happy having him around because he makes my job much easier.

Jasmine Lam '19

Jasmine is doing an excellent job taking leadership in music class. She created an accurate chart for our most recent song and has been running class rehearsals. Jasmine is consistent and sets a high standard for her peers.

Brady Rose '20

The only words you need to read are: Brady brought the energy. "Ice ice Brady"

Jack Lipinski '20

Jack has been leading wake-up in Governors Hall and generally being very helpful around the dorm.

Shelby Hondo '20

Shelby is always being positive during dance team and cheers people up.

Not to Miss

- Hyde Photos
- Hyde Videos
- InstaHyde
- Parenting Center on hyde.edu
- Joey G opt ed in Education Week: *Let's Rethink Schooling*
- Malcolm's Blog: *Kid's got a pot attitude*
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