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Engineer, Create, and Tinker in the New Innovation Space!

By Lucia Bahamonde

You might have heard about the new innovation space. You might have even been there and if you have, you know this new classroom is pretty cool! “The innovation lab is a place where you can make, tinker, and engineer. We are exploring tools and giving kids challenges.” explains Ms. Jacoby, the innovation lab teacher. The idea for creating the innovation lab did not just pop out of thin air, as it was a whole creative process. Dr. Newman, Mr. Carswell and Ms. Jacoby all had great input. “The idea started several years ago,” explains Ms. Jacoby. “We thought about ways to use the room with the media center.” she continued.

On any given day you can walk into the lab and witness students in all grades constructing, modeling and exploring. “When students come here they are able to try tools and can use them for class assignments.” reveals Ms. Jacoby. If you are someone very creative and like to tinker and create new inventions, there are many things you can explore in the innovation lab. “The 3D printer is a fabulous tool that kids are using for class assignments and one of the newest things is our new augmented reality station!” shares Ms. Jacoby. So if you want to create something, the sky’s the limit! Be creative and go on and head over to the innovation space where you can do tons of exciting stuff! Have fun tinkering!
Rumor Has It
By Kayla Giset

Did you hear what's buzzing around the school? Rumor has it that a new gym is being constructed next to the Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten playground! The good news is it will be much bigger than the gymnasium we already have. The mission of University School is to be well rounded and what's better than adding a gym adding balance to education! The Lower School’s Director, Mr. Adam Carswell agrees with this balance. He said, “It is a great idea!”

The new gym will include offices so the PE administration can work, and a giant area where the football team can practice. Mr. Kuhn, the Physical Education instructor of the Lower School, reveals, “The new gym will have much more space than our current gym. We don’t get to use the gym all day for physical education, so the new gym will definitely improve that problem.” The gym will also have equipment, like a volleyball net, weights, and more. The new Sports Center will definitely benefit all USchool students everywhere! Go Sharks!

Campus Companion Connections
By Amanda Stewart

Campus Companions is an after school program that draws lots of attention. The program allows Lower School students to be partnered with Upper School students to do fun activities together. Talia Gutkin, an Upper School senior explains, “Campus Companions has been around for twelve years and really focuses on life lessons. High schoolers like it because they help younger students have fun while learning.” Games like “Two Truths and a Lie” are played to get to know each other better. This requires the person to say two true things and one false thing about themselves. The other person has to guess which one is the lie. Campus Companions benefits all involved. After all, what could be better than learning life lessons with experienced students?

“Campus Companions really focuses on life lessons.”
-Talia Gutkin
Martin Luther King Jr. Monument on Stone Mountain
By Avery Redlich

"Unless you know where you come from, you'll never know where you're going." This is Jeanette Payton’s philosophy. Jeanette Payton is not just a JK teacher, but a person who knows the difference between right and wrong. Ms. Payton grew up in Memphis, Tennessee and was there when Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated in 1968. She has been a dedicated educator at NSU University School for close to 37 year and strongly feels that knowing the past makes for a better future.

Recently there has been discussion of placing a monument of Martin Luther King Jr. on Stone Mountain. Are you familiar with Stone Mountain? Well, it was once home to cross burning and KKK rallies, and it also has a massive confederate carving on the side of the mountain. Stone Mountain has a reputation of racism and violence. Martin Luther King Jr. once said in his "I Have a Dream" speech, "Let freedom ring from the Stone Mountain of Georgia," and that is just what the Stone Mountain Memorial Association plans to do. They want to take a literal line from his speech, and make a Liberty Bell ring on Stone Mountain in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Is this a good idea? It seems as if honoring a man who stood for peace and justice certainly would be! After all, "You want to move on and go forward, but you don't ever want to forget,” said Jeanette Payton. Let us never forget Martin Luther King, Jr!

PAJAMA DAYS
By Miranda Novelli

Wouldn’t it be great to roll out of bed and not have to worry about getting dressed? Well, you can do this if your school has Pajama Days! There are many benefits and disadvantages to this school event. The benefits can be that Pajama Days help raise awareness for a cause or support a fundraiser or a charity. The disadvantages are that when younger grades are out of uniform they tend to get a little thrown off and find it hard to concentrate. Mr. Carswell, our Lower School director, has an opinion. He said, “No, I would not be against having pajama days, but I would like it to be for a good reason.”

If we were to have some pajama nights they would most likely be once or twice a year. More so, if it were for a fundraiser it would be whenever that fundraiser takes place. Regardless, perhaps sometime throughout the year you may just be able to roll out of bed and come to school in your Pajamas! HOW COOL!
Super, Stylish Science Lab  
By Luke Pfister  

When you walk around the Lower School do you notice anything different? Like a Science Lab perhaps? Within a short period of time, and with much blood, sweat, and tears, our new Science Lab was constructed and is now ready and open for business! Miss DeMaria, the Science Lab teacher, confessed that it was not her brilliant idea but the idea of our director, Mr. Carswell. Mr. Carswell designed the lab and the NSU engineering team put the plan into action. Miss DeMaria revealed, "The renovation took the entire summer and they are still making upgrades!"

It wasn’t easy installing brand new transparent cabinets, special plumbing, and a mechanical exhaust arm that removes any fumes. Just recently a drying rack was installed and all the sinks are finally equipped to filter out any bad chemicals. In the end Miss DeMaria said, “It all worked out!” and the students certainly agree, our new Science Lab is a HOME RUN HIT!

Homecoming Happenings  
By Alyssa Bowers  

The game is starting and the teams are getting ready to play. The cheerleaders are cheering for their teams, while shaking their pom-poms. On Friday, October 23rd, The U School Sharks went head to head against the Lions. Although the Sharks played a great game, they wound up losing to the Lions. But, as with all U School spirit, everybody cheered at the end of the game.

It takes lots of work to be a football player. You have to have good grades, something that can be hard to do because there is a lot of school work. Although the worst thing about football is the possibility of an injury, the best thing about it is the exercise for the body and the mind, it opens the door to academic opportunities and fosters a sense of community and sportsmanship. Regardless of winning or losing, we are proud of our US Shark players!
Unsung U School Heroes
By Joey Goldstein

We know Mr. Carswell, our Director, and we know all of our amazing teachers. But, who else takes care of our school? There are a lot of people who work behind the scenes to make our school the best it can be. Meet some of these unsung heroes.

Ana Santiago is Mr. Carswell’s assistant. She said, “I have been at U School for seven and a half years.” Her favorite part about working at our school is being with all the people. When she is not working she loves to dance.

Another one of the unsung heroes is Virginia Riling. She assists Mr. Kopas, the Head of School. “Part of my job is taking in all his messages and making appointments,” Ms. Riling said. “Along with that I process all the donations. One thing she would change about her job is, “Having more time in the day.”

Most people at our school know about this next man and always call out his name, but now it’s time to find out who he really is. His name is Rayo or Reinaldo Ortiz. His job is to maintain the whole Lower School building. He takes care of all the tables in the cafeteria and classrooms along with snacks. He is a man full of humor and energy. He recalls, “One time I was doing a cartwheel at school and I fell on my back.” Something he loves to do when he is not working is fish. He says, “It makes me happy.” In conclusion Rayo said, “I love my job, and there is nothing I would change about it.”

These unsung heroes are just as special as all the other people who work in our school. They all play a big part in our everyday learning and contribute to us being happy! Next time you see them in the hallways; you can wave and say hi.

Mrs. Ana Santiago

Mrs. Virginia Riling

Mr. Reinaldo Ortiz
“Rayo”
Each year, students throughout the University School donate their time and assistance to those in need. These charities range from the Make-A-Wish foundation to Debbie’s Dream, and Third Grade students in particular go to the Broward County Humane Society. Mrs. Judith Card, a Third Grade teacher explains the importance of this charity, “We think that it’s an age appropriate charity for our students, and seeing animals helps children to find value.” Third Grade will visit the Humane Society after the New Year, however, students are already excited. Ava Collazos, a Third Grade student says enthusiastically, “I would love to go to the Humane Society!”

When the students go to the Humane Society, they get a tour of the entire property and get to see most of the animals up for adoption. Students can give the animals treats, but cannot go inside the crates. Sean Vittanakorn, a Third Grade student says he would love to go in the crates, “because I have a bond with the animals.” But Naava West disagrees. She feels, “it could be dangerous!” Either way, if you are interested in learning more and interacting with the animals, The Humane Society has a great program called Cooper Kids Club.

In the past, Third Grade students have donated treats, toys and cleaning supplies to help the animals. This works out very well since the mission of the Humane Society is to provide a comfortable shelter for homeless animals and to place them in loving homes. According to the Humane Society website, http://humanebroward.com/, it has room for about four-hundred dogs, cats, and other animals. About 350 animals are given to the Humane Society every week. There are many ways to donate to the Humane Society, you can volunteer, adopt, donate treats or money, or do all three of these things. After all, there are pets who need you to rescue them. Most importantly, if you’re thinking about buying a pet, then consider adopting one from the Humane Society instead!
Boo!

By Annie Wasserman

Ghost, mummies vampires, Frankenstein too, as the Wicked witch, I’m making you a brew. Have you ever sat in bed late at night thinking you hear a creaking, moaning or even a wailing sound? Well, you are not alone and yes you might be hearing ghosts. Bailey Liberty, a Kindergarten student says, “There is no such thing as ghosts!” But Bailey has no proof.

What about those blood sucking, indestructible creatures that are known as vampires? They can’t be real. Right? National Geographic found corpses of dead vampires who were alive in 1576. According to legend though, vampires can’t die unless in direct sunlight, but when in direct sunlight, they just turn to dust.

Now onto the undead, zombies! Zombies are the creatures that most people are afraid of. Like ghosts, they just possess you; with vampires you become one; but with zombies you are both dead and alive. Now that’s scary! Bailey still thinks there are no such thing as zombies. Again she says, “There is no way!” Although there has never been a true-recorded sighting of zombies, this means nothing! They could still be out there. Well, are these mystical creatures real? The world may never know.

Girl Power

Reese Sobol & Sophie Tabb

“Girl Power” is a term of empowerment. It is used quite frequently to show that women are a strong, powerful and respected force in this world. However, there are many women “behind the scenes” that go unnoticed. They are victorious and set a great example for others, but are they as popular as today’s female artists? Mrs. Sweitzer’s Fourth Grade class was surveyed and gave a pretty good explanation. 10 out of 24 students recognized pop superstar Selena Gomez and the pop girl band, Fifth Harmony, was loved by 12 out of 24 students. Two female soccer players that lead the US in the World Cup were up next. Hope Solo and Alex Morgan were known by many people in the class. 9 out of 24 students recognized each of these players, which was slightly less than the pop singing artists. Ally Escobedo, a Fourth Grade student said, “I don’t think it’s fair that celebrities get more attention than soccer players.” She continued, “It’s so weird how people are always going to concerts, and usually never get pumped up for soccer games.” Well, whether a pop or sports star, females should be recognized for their “Girl Power.”
Top 5 Devices of 2015
By Evan Sterne

5. Apple Watch
Size: 42mm or 38mm
Facts: The Apple watch allows you to call, text and play on the go. Its basically like an iPhone attached to your wrist. You can turn it on by either moving your wrist or pressing the side button. Like all apple products it has a responsive touchscreen.

4. Kindle Fire HDX
Size: 7 inches
Facts: The Kindlefire has 64 GB and over 10,000 apps including email, interactive calendar, Amazon Prime, Twitter, Facebook and YouTube. It is ultra-fast, wireless, equipped with Wi-Fi and of course has a touchscreen.

3. Mac Book Air:
Size: 12.8 inches
Facts: The Mac Book Air has 128 GB. You can customize your photos and it has a desktop just like Windows 7. Also, there are many more built in apps than the iPhone.

2. IPhone 6s
Size: 4.7 inches
Facts: The iphone 6s comes in a variety of colors including silver, gold, rose gold and space grey. You can get it in 3 capacities: 16 GB, 64 GB, or 128 GB. Once again it has a fabulous touch screen and comes with all the benefits of any Apple product.

1. Surface Pro 4
Size: 12 inches
Facts: The Surface Pro 9 has a 9 hour battery life, and a really cool touchscreen. A main benefit is it comes with Windows 10 and Microsoft Office for free!

Chirp, Chirp, It’s Your Dinner Calling
By Connor Donahue

Have you ever eaten a cricket? How about a bug in general? Well, you better be ready because companies are creating crickets for all of us to eat! You may be wondering why somebody would eat a cricket. Well, here is something even more odd, crickets are healthy for you! They pack tons of protein and hold the necessary nutrients for your health. Some of you may think this is the weirdest thing that you have ever heard, but not everybody thinks the same way you do. Aaron Glasser, a Kindergarten student, said, “I would eat crickets because they are my favorite animal!” Maya Gilaei, another Kindergarten student disagrees. She exclaimed, “I think that Crickets are disgusting!” Just remember, next time you see crickets in your soup, don't be surprised!
Have you ever wondered what it would be like to have an electronic butler? Robots are man made electrical tools to help people with everyday life skills. According to Mrs. Lieberman, Digital Arts instructor, “I would love to own a robot in my house. I would love to program it to do cleaning, cooking, and grocery shopping.” Sound funny? Well, this may become a reality. In the last 50 years, scientists have been working on developing human like robots called androids that maybe one day may help out human families. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if future robots could help out with daily life activities?

There are four possible robots in development. The Benebot will be found in stores to help you decide which products you want. It will give you the top five options to help you make your decision. The Chimp uses light sensors from its head, which bounce back to his sensors to move around objects. The chimp would be really good for blind people. The PR2 robot is the one that can help sort and fold laundry. If your parents are working, the PR2 can help by doing the laundry, getting a snack, doing the dishes and helping you with your homework. If your security system is running slow, the Jibo robot is there to rescue you. It has a facial recognition security system, which can sense strangers and set off your home alarm. Mrs. Lieberman embraces and strongly supports the engineering of robots. You should too!

Do you never know what to buy your family and friends for the winter holidays? Well, 5th grade reporter Alexis Ellman does. She went around to multiple classes in the Lower School, and surveyed the students on what gifts they want for the winter holidays. The options were toys, electronics, gaming systems, clothes, gift cards, or other things. In Mrs. Ast’s 1st grade class, the number one item is electronics, but Sabrina, one first grade student, wants a gift card. When asked why she answered, “You can buy things.” Gift cards are a great idea if you want to give something the recipient will use. Again, in Ms. Chavez’s 5th grade class, electronics was the leading option, but Jacob Lyons, chose another option. He explained, “I prefer board games and sports equipment.” It is a good option to give a gift that has to do with the person’s hobby, just like Jacob wanted sports equipment. In the last class surveyed, Mrs. Rothstein’s 3rd grade class, electronics was by far the top option. So, the answer to the question based on the survey taken on what to buy this year is clearly electronics. It seems to be the most wanted item of 2015!
There’s a new barbeque restaurant in Davie, Florida opening December 7th. Mission BBQ isn’t just a regular restaurant, this one gives back to those who serve us. This “mission” all started when two friends who loved BBQ wanted to run their own restaurant. They had their idea all in place back in 2011. One of their friend’s sons was in the army and they thought why not make their idea into something more meaningful. Something that combines authentic BBQ with helping those who sacrifice their lives every day for our freedom.

Mission Barbeque gives profits to organizations like The Wounded Warrior Project, The Honor Flight Network, and USO. If you bring in a picture of a veteran you know they will hang it on the wall with the story behind the picture. The Manager of mission BBQ said, “The walls begin to talk with stories of warriors.” Mission BBQ is a real life example of gratefulness to our veterans. Mission BBQ can only be successful with everyone’s support. So give back to those who give us so much, and help mission BBQ complete their mission. Give Back Today by eating great food at Mission BBQ!

Where can you roast marshmallows, swim, and get alone time from your parents? You guessed it, sleep away camp! 70% of University School’s 4th and 5th graders go to sleep away camp. 100% of those who go, say sleep away camp has benefitted them. At sleep away camp, you learn how to take care of yourself, and you have someone taking care of you. It’s a win-win. If you know you can do something, you’re free to do it. If you need help, your counselors tell you how!

Sleep away camp allows you to be independent and prepares you to face the real world. You will make friendships that last you a lifetime. Asher Rictor in 5th grade says, “Sleep away camp is the place to be! I have learned so much there.” Although everyone has a different experience, most people who attend like their sleep away camp because you can have fun without missing your parents too much. Camp friends are always your best ally. Hayden Liberty in 4th grade says, “My camp friends always have my back.” Most kids get a little homesick in their first two years, even three, but overcome it and wind up having the best time of their life.

Color war is usually the highlight of the camp session. This event is where two teams face each other for the championship. The two teams usually consist of the top bunk versus bottom bunk. Doesn’t this sound exciting? So next summer, roast a marshmallow, swim, and just have a great time at sleep away camp.
**Next Stop, Mars!**

By Jessica Leeds and Lilian Anderson

Could there be life on Mars? What if? Mars, or the red planet, is the fourth planet from the sun, right next to Earth. NASA has sent many rovers to the surface of the red planet for observations, including the Mars Rover. From the images these machines acquired, NASA has recently discovered water on Mars. Max Goldberg, a Third Grade student said, “I think water got on Mars because it used to be icy then broke down.” So if there is water on Mars, this could mean life!

NASA is the government space organization that has designed, built, and launched U.S. rockets and shuttles. Have you seen the movie *The Martian*? Well in the movie, NASA’s orbiter of Mars has found a view of the Acidalia Plannitia. It seems as if science fiction is quickly becoming science fact! NASA has recently been working on sending people to an asteroid in 2025 and sending people to Mars in the 2030’s. Sending people to Mars is going to be very hard and take a lot of work. When asked if she thought that we could send people to Mars, Griffin Taylor, a Fourth Grade student replied, “Yes because if you have the right things, it’s possible.” But NASA is not the only organization trying to get people to Mars.

NASA’s biggest competition would be Mars One. Mars One is a private organization headquartered in the Netherlands, who are also planning to go to Mars. They have already decided to bring just four people, and 200,000 men and woman have already answered their call for astronauts. When asked if he would volunteer, Andrew Dorton, a Fourth Grade student said, “No because I will miss my family, friends and my dog too much.” We asked many kids how long they think it would take the ship to get to Mars. Alex Shuster, in Third Grade, said, “2 ½ years because that’s how long I think it will take.” Mars’s closest approach to Earth is every 1.6 years/120 days. High speed orbits could make the trip in 130 days! Mars One says that the trip will cost them about 6 billion dollars, and most of the funds have already been raised. The first trip to Mars in 2020 will be a demonstration launch, and if that goes well they will send 7 more cargo ships to Mars for the astronauts.

Mars One is planning on the trip taking 7 months and they seem way ahead of the game compared to NASA. However, whoever gets to Mars will have to make a lot of sacrifices. The astronauts will have to stay on Mars forever, since neither of them can manage a return trip (though NASA might try a return trip but doesn’t know how). These astronauts are going to have to leave Earth forever and never see their families again. The astronauts will also face the challenges of Mars itself. Mars has plenty of deadly storms. Mars has a super thin atmosphere and most dangerous objects from space could harm them. The astronauts will also have to wear spacesuit everywhere outside the pod (where the astronauts will live). These astronauts will have to be really brave. Science gives us many answers, but creates many more questions at the same time. So, could we get people to Mars? What if?

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**Sugar Rush**

By Vaughn Rex and Ryan Jackson

People around the globe have always loved the sweet, smooth taste of sugar, but many are unfamiliar with the affects and problems caused by it. Sugar is made from sugar cane or sugar beet. It begins as a juice from these plants and is then brought to a factory to be cut down and processed. When you eat sugar you may be killing brain cells because sugar hyper activates your body’s joints and muscles. Still, many children enjoy sugar, while parents try to allow as little as possible.

Too much sugar causes health issues like diabetes, obesity and tooth decay. To prevent these problems, doctors say to eat as little sugar as possible. Dylan Rex, a Fourth Grade student said, “I like sugar because it is sweet and tasty, but I only eat about a teaspoon a day because I want to stay healthy.”

Sugar is highly addictive and that is why people should monitor what and how much they eat. Mrs. Sweitzer, a Fourth Grade teacher shared, “I think if sugar is abused it can have a big impact on your life!” Since sugar will always be around, you just have to be smart enough to know when to stop.
Reading, Math, Science, Social Studies and Writing are all part of the daily curriculum 180 days a school year. So why would students choose to participate in an elective class that requires MORE WRITING? I found the answer to be quite a simple one—FREEDOM! The Great White Gazette Newspaper Staff had many article topics and current events that were of great importance to them. The desire and drive to get these issues across to Lower School population required great commitment and responsibility. My newspaper staff took their freedom and independence very seriously and produced epic articles for all to read and enjoy. Thank you to the 2015 Great White Gazette Newspaper Staff for all your hard work and dedication! I am looking forward to working with you all in 2016!

Sincerely,
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