



# Trojan Times

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## Race To the White House

By: Lauren Adams



McCain

Obama

I know all of you have heard about the election for the President of the United States. If not, here who's running for president and vice president. The Republican candidate for president is John McCain and for vice president is Sarah Palin. The Democratic candidate for president is Barack Obama and for vice president is Joe Biden.

This is how John McCain feels and wants to change about education

- John McCain wants to improve parent information.
- McCain wants to prepare for the 21<sup>st</sup> century higher education.
- John McCain wants to fix the student leading programs.
- John McCain wants to set parents and students at the center of the education process.
- McCain thinks that students will change a school
- John McCain thinks that education must worthy of the promise we make to our children and our self.

This is how Barack Obama feels and wants to change about education

- Obama wants to reform the No Child Left Behind.
- Barack wants to make math and science education a national priority.
- Barack Obama wants to make a plan called Zero to Five plan which helps children learn things before pre-school.
- Obama wants to make child care high in quality but low in price.
- Barack wants to address the drop out crisis in schools.

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## HMS VOTES!

By: Johnathan Marchbanks and Haley Wagner

On October 31, Halloween is not the only thing to look forward to. That day our school will be holding a mock election because as you all have probably heard by now, it is an election year. The candidates on the ballot are John

McCain and Barack Obama, along with their running mates, Sarah Palin and Joe Biden.

You all may think that because we are not eligible to vote, or have no voice, but this way we can speak our opinion and exercise our

right to vote. If you don't already know, research the candidates so you know who you are voting for that day and why.

\*K-4 will vote October 30th and 5-8 will vote October 31st

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# Trojan Sports Section

## Soccer

By: Mallory Giger

On the day of the first soccer game of the season, everyone was talking about it. "Whom do you think will win?" was the question that rang through the halls. Inevitably, the reply was always, "Grant, of course."

The players said it. The students said it. Everywhere you went, the team had no support. It had almost become a fact that we were going to lose. After all, Grant was almost undefeated

last year. That meant atomic loss, right?

Wrong. High Mount played a wonderful game, with impenetrable defense and sneaky offense. The team surprised everyone, including themselves, by their 2-0 victory. Who scored the winning goals?

That would be Ellie Hass, the 7<sup>th</sup> grade center forward. Ellie thanks Mr. Robben for our great season. "He's a really great coach; he got us really far." Ellie also wishes luck to the 8<sup>th</sup> graders. "We're really going to miss them," she said.

This led to winning three

games, the most that we've won in five years! What do other students say about the team?

"The team has wonderful sportsmanship; everyone's really nice," says defense player Kylee Martinez. Fifth grader, Hannah Wilder, adds in, "It's a lot of fun being on such a great team."

Even other students like it. "The games are energetic and fun!" says 7<sup>th</sup> grader, Tori Millender.

Many other teams didn't think much of HMS, given that our team only consists of three 8<sup>th</sup> graders and three boys, but High Mount showed all teams that regardless of age and gender - we had a great team.

## **Team Spirit** By Marissa Haywood

The team spirit of this month is James Haywood for the baseball team. Even though the season has been over for a while we are still going to show pride in are HMS students. Coming straight from his coach, Mr. Munden has said "He was always showing team spirit and cheered on the team every time he wasn't playing". He is now playing on the fifth and sixth grade basketball team. He is in the sixth grade in Mr. Munden's homeroom class.

**Never let your head hang down. Never give up and sit down and grieve. Find another way.  
-- Satchel Paige**

## **Art Club** By: Mr. Wilkerson

I am thrilled to have returned to High Mount School for the 2008-2009 school year. One of my privileges at High Mount School was to sponsor the HMS Art Club. I am happy to announce that I will be sponsoring the HMS Art Club again next year. There are twenty students in the art club who were selected from the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Murals will be the focus of the art club this year. We will be painting the ceiling tiles in the art room and hope to participate in Art on the Square again this year. Art club meets every Friday from 3:00-5:00 in the Art room.

**Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep.  
-- Scott Adams**

## History Comes Alive at HMS By: Marissa Haywood

Bringing history to High Mount School! HMS had its own federalist camp sight on October 17<sup>th</sup> 2008. Every student from fifth grade through eighth grade got to see how people lived during the Civil War. Taylor Nuckolls grandparents actually took part. Her grandparents volunteered to come and show us how they would survive during this time and how they went through life when the war was going on. They shared their life experiences with us. Ms. Nuckolls showed us how the women always wore wigs and never left the house with out gloves.

All the students who went to see the presentation were able to leave with a little piece of soap that people used to make during that time. People couldn't buy soap and they had to make their own. It took over three months for the whole process of letting it harden. This soap helps with poison ivy, acne, kills fleas and more. There also was a candle maker that had a holder that you could carry around with you when you went places because of not having any form of lights, they only had candles to be able to see in the dark. At the end of the presentation they were giving away a chocolate cake to anyone who could answer one of their questions about what we had learned that day. The winner of the cake was...Ms. Dammerich!!

## Upcoming Events By: Thomas Vratney

- Oct. 28, 2008: VB/BB Vs Shiloh At Home 5:00 pm
- Oct. 31, 2008: Halloween
- Nov. 2, 2008: Daylight Savings Time Ends - set the clocks BACK 1 hour and change the batteries in your smoke detectors.
- Nov. 3, 2008: Parent Teacher Conference  
Book Fair begins
- Nov. 4, 2008: Teacher Institute, No School
- Nov. 7, 2008: 1st Recognition Assembly
- Nov. 11, 2008: No School (Veteran's Day)



## Young Artists At Work By: Haley Wagner



By: Lily Qualls

The temperature is dropping and days are getting shorter so to celebrate the fall, Lily Qualls drew an autumn picture for the newspaper. Lily is in Mrs. Mentzer's kindergarten class, and this is our pick for this issue's young artist at work.

There were many other great pictures to choose from so keep drawing and your picture might make the next issue!





***"We cannot forever  
hide the truth about  
ourselves, from  
ourselves."  
- John McCain***

***"I'm asking you to  
believe. Not just in my  
ability to bring about  
real change in  
Washington...I'm asking  
you to believe in yours.  
- Barack Obama***

## Teacher Spotlight

By: Johnathan Marchbanks

This week's teacher spotlight is Ms. Brenner. Ms. Brenner was a very interesting person to interview.

She has taught at High Mount for fifteen years. Ms. Brenner went to SWIC and SIUE and has her Bachelors and Masters.

Ms. Brenner loves to be outside working in her garden and playing with her animals. Ms. Brenner loves nature and does everything she can to help the environment.

Ms. Brenner plays the piano and has her motorcycle and gun licenses. Ms. Brenner also has a flying machine that her and her husband fly.

Ms. Brenner is very interesting person and really deserved the spotlight. Maybe your teacher will be next!

## Trojan Times Go Green

By: Johnathan Marchbanks

Did you know that if every American home replaced just one light bulb with an energy star qualified bulb, we would save energy to light more than 3 million homes a year!

Everyone should go and purchase CFL light bulbs because they are energy efficient and they reduce the green house gasses that are released, so go out and purchase some today!



Information obtained by [energystar.gov](http://energystar.gov)

## Book Fair is Coming to HMS!

The Fall Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled for the week of November 3rd.

The event is sponsored by HMS PTC and benefits our library.

Parents are being encouraged to volunteer at the book fair on the following dates & times.

Fri., Oct. 31st	2:30-3:30 pm for set-up
Mon., Nov. 3rd	1:00-8:00 pm
Wed., Nov. 5th	9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Thurs., Nov. 6th	9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Fri., Nov. 7th	9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Please contact Heather Jordan at #236-2691 or Lorraine Cange at #236-7920 for more information or to volunteer.



## Classroom Spotlight

By: Haley Wagner, Morgan Vielweber, and Brooke Newcombe

While visiting Ms. Knowlton's classroom last week, I watched as the class of first graders learned about fire safety because of the unexpected drill earlier that day. The students listened intently as they read over a worksheet on fire safety. Ms. Knowlton then called a few students to the carpet to demonstrate the 'stop, drop, and roll' technique. It was exciting to watch.

"My favorite subject to teach is math because you can use physical activities to teach it," Ms. Knowlton said when I asked her, but all the students agreed that arts and crafts was their favorite.

It was a joy observing Ms. Knowlton's class, maybe your class will be next!