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Underclass Student Council helps Japan: Chipwiches !

Special points of interest:

- Chipwiches for Japan
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What could be better than huge chocolate chip cookies and ice cream? Two Chocolate chip cookies with ice cream in the middle! The Student Council asked the Cooking Club to make the famous Terri Sylva cookies and then stuff them with ice cream for their fundraiser for Japan. After two Rec Arts periods of mixing and baking and stuffing, we had 57 decadent desserts. The Council had 36 pre-orders and the rest were sold the next day.

Most of the participants thoroughly enjoyed this

fundraiser and we are happy to report a donation to Rev. Russell Becker, Pastor of the Franciscan Chapel Center in Tokyo, Japan where he does outreach work. We were able to send his Center \$150.00 in proceeds. Rev. Becker has seen the radioactive impact of three Mile Island, been in the midst of the Twin Tower tragedy and now is at the center of the latest natural catastrophe in Japan. Rev. Becker is a native of Buffalo, NY and has been in Japan since August of last year. Most of the people he is helping now



or tends to are Filipinas married to Japanese nationals. His Franciscan Center has been in existence for 25 years. Thank you, Father Becker for your kindness and charity to the survivors.

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EARTH DAY : SUSTAINABILITY

We live and interact on this Earth every day; why then should we only celebrate it one day a year? Our Earth needs to be respected and revered so that life as we know it can be preserved; changes in our habits must come soon. Everyone can be "green". Do you know that some towns don't even recycle? Do you know that many schools don't even recycle, yet have pro-

grams to raise people's consciousness about sustainability? Sad, but true. More and more stores and retail companies are trying to go green by reducing their carbon footprints, but we have to pitch in and help. There are so many websites devoted to sustainability, and there are countless ideas out there on how to make a difference. Here at school we could: Start by not

using or buying water in plastic bottles. Bring your lunch in a reusable container. Print paper on both sides when possible; open the blinds and use low energy light bulbs. Set the thermostats at 65 in the winter and 75 in the summer. Install water saver toilets and faucets. Ask your bus driver not to idle the engine.

Just try to be green!





HOLMSTEAD CELEBRATES 40 YRS WITH ALUMNI DINNER



The Holmstead Staff was treated to a fantastic Pasta Night amidst many of our former graduates, their friends, spouses and children. So many smiles and hellos to good friends and former students were exchanged by all. The food was actually catered by one of our own, Andy Mc Nalley, who owns a successful catering business in Hawthorne.



Pat gave a hearty welcome to all and later goodie bags were handed out as we enjoyed a custom cake and delicious coffee and tea. The Gazette wishes to extend their hearty congratulations to all the alumni and to the Holmstead staff for 40 incredible years so service and dedication to our students.





GO GREEN:

This month is a good time to start being more environmentally conscious. There are many ways to reduce your carbon footprint. One way would be to buy products that use less packaging. This will cut down on the waste produced by disposable packaging. Another way to conserve would be taking shorter showers. You can also bring your lunch to school in a reusable bag instead of plastic or foil. Using energy efficient light bulbs that saves both energy and money is another good way. These little things will help with waste production and

keep the earth a beautiful place. Our planet is running out and we need to make an active change in the way we live if we want later generations to flourish. For more information, go to simplemom.net/tips-to-go-green. - E.G.H.



EARTH DAY: 4/22

Earth Day was first celebrated in April, 1970, created and instituted by Senator Gaylord Nelson to inspire and raise the consciousness of all people, so that we would all have appreciation and respect for the Earth's natural environment. It's mission is to make us all aware of what we can do to protect our Earth and how important it is now, more than ever to reduce our carbon footprint; it went international in 1990 and is now globally celebrated in over 175 nations. The United Nations has now designated April 22 of every year as International Mother Earth Day. Please do your part to love and respect our planet.



Holmstead's Plant Sale Fundraiser



Make sure you get in your order forms to Jean by April 12 so that she can order all

the plants for the 2011 Fundraiser. Plants will come in mid May and will be ready for you to take home and plant. After such a cold and bleak winter, we look

forward to all the beauty and exhilaration of Spring annuals and yearly perennials. Every year Jean and her crew of volunteers do such a fabulous job hauling in all the plants, sorting them and keeping track of all the record keeping. It is a long day for Jean and her crew and they all deserve many kudos for their hard work and devotion to this

huge fundraiser. Many thanks to Jean who gives us her time and talents each and every year to make this a big success! Yah, Jean!



SPRING BREAK: AT LAST...AT LAST !

Many Holmsteaders are looking forward to a much awaited break from readin', writin' and 'rithmetic....and all those teachers' special looks! For the first time in a long time, the Spring Break actually coincides with a holiday week and falls at the end of the month, so in actuality, we break in April and return in May! Awesome! When we return, it will be a mere 6 weeks until the end of the year; hard to believe, but true! Many of us will use the break to recoup and catch up on sleep while others will travel near and far and come back rested and or perhaps, even more exhausted! Whatever your plans, have fun, be safe and we all look forward to coming back to end this very eventful year. Seniors, you are almost there! There is light at the end of the tunnel at last!

Oh, and incase you have forgotten, there is a big Royal Wedding taking place across the big pond! For those who care, it will be broadcast on every cable channel and if you get the BBC channel, it will be broadcast without those annoying commercials! Cheeri-0 mates!



Congratulations, Prince William and Kate... the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge!

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Please keep in mind and in your hearts and prayers, all those who have suffered the devastation of the many tornadoes that hit our Southern states over the break. Many towns in Alabama were hit and destroyed; one of our former teachers, Malinda, now resides down there, and luckily was spared any storm damage. Our hearts go out to all her neighbors who were not so lucky.

