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“FOR THE STUDENTS, BY THE STUDENTS”

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## Tech Requests By Nikki Tardiff

As the 2007 holiday shopping heats up, so does the New iPod Line. The new line comes with the new Shuffle, Nano, Classic, Touch, and the coveted iPhone. Here's the scoop on the latest iPods: First up is the redesigned iPod Shuffle, which has the same sport clip but comes in five different colors, which are Pastel Blue, Silver, Lavender, Pastel Green, and Red. They hold 240 songs and are about \$80 each.

Next on the list is the brand new iPod Nano, which has been redesigned to a 2 inch screen and is nearly 5 inches tall. It has also been redesigned to feature movies and TV shows, more photos and games, and, of course, more music. They come in five different colors, Pastel Blue, Silver, Dark Grey, Pastel Green, and Red {only available in 8GB}. The 4GB version costs \$150 and the 8GB versions start at \$200. These iPods can hold from 1000-2000 songs.

Now the iPod Classic is an **awesome** iPod. It looks like a regular iPod; it has a click wheel, a 2 1/2 inch screen, comes in the normal iPod colors of white and black, and can fit in your pocket. But something about this iPod is different than all the rest, and that is the **80-160GB** of storage! That's right, these iPods hold that much, which is equivalent to 20,000-40,000 songs, 25,000 photos, and 100-200 hours of video! The Classic's price is roughly \$250 for the 80GB version and about \$350 for the 160GB version.

I strongly recommend this next iPod to everyone the iPod Touch. It is the leader of the iPods next to the iPhone. I only say this because if you look at the picture above, you'll realize that the Touch and the iPhone are VERY similar. They are about the same size, they both have multi-touch screens that are 3.5 inches high, same settings, but the Touch isn't a phone. That's the whole Touch description. The Touch and iPhone would be the same thing if the Touch was a phone. The Touch comes in one color, black, holds 8-16GB, and is \$300 for the 8GB version, and \$400 for the 16GB version.

Last but definitely not least on the list is the iPhone. It is not a true iPod, but is classified as one, as it is a phone as well. But who in their right minds would not even think of buying this? It comes with many beautiful features: calling, text messaging, photo taking, video playing, voicemail, Internet connection, and Wi-Fi connections to games, a global clock, a calculator, and much more, and all at your fingertips. They are \$400 and come in black only.

Want to learn more about any iPods you'd like to look into? Go to [apple.com](http://apple.com) and find out!



iPod shuffle



iPod nano



iPod touch



iPhone



## What is a Liger? By Allison Degen

A liger is a mix between a male lion and a female tiger. It is said scientifically as *Panthera tigris x Panthera leo*. A liger resembles a lion with separated stripes. They are the largest cats in the world. Like tigers, ligers enjoy swimming. A similar hybrid, the offspring of a liger is called a *tigon*.

Jungle Island, Miami, is home to a liger named Hercules, the largest non-obese liger, who is said to weigh over 900 pounds. Hercules was also featured on the Today Show, Good Morning America, Anderson Cooper 360, and Inside Edition. Also, in 2005, he was in a Maxim magazine when he was only 3 years old. He was also in the Guinness Book of World Records as the largest cat. He seems really healthy and is expected to live a long life. The cat's breeding is said to be a complete accident.

Ligers have a tiger-like striping pattern on a lion-like background. Some adult ligers at times retain faint markings. The markings may be black, dark brown, or a sand-like apricot. The background may be sandy or golden. In common with tigers their under parts which are pale.

# The Top 7 of '07 Movies for Kids

By Bryan Bausback

If you're a person who really loves movies, here are some of my top movie picks of '07.

## 1. **Shrek the Third**

Genre: Comedy/Adventure/Animated

Stars: Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy, Cameron Diaz, Antonio Banderas

Synopsis: Shrek must find his long-lost cousin Artie so that he can become king of Far, Far Away because Shrek doesn't want the throne. Prince Charming, however, has ideas of his own about becoming king. So, Shrek and Prince Charming go to war over who should be king.

## 2. **Harry Potter and the Order of Phoenix**

Genre: Fantasy/Drama/Adventure

Stars: Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Helena Bonham Carter

Synopsis: Harry and his friends have to defeat Lord Voltmort's army from reestablishing before it's too late.

## 3. **Underdog**

Genre: Comedy/Adventure/Family

Stars: Jason Lee, Jim Belushi, Peter Dinklage, Patrick Warburton

Synopsis: A beagle with superpowers named Shoeshine has to stop the mad scientist Dr. Simon Barsinister from destroying Capital City.

## 4. **Mr. Bean's Holiday**

Genre: Family Comedy

Stars: Rowan Atkinson, Max Baldry, Willem Dafoe, Emma de Caunes

Synopsis: Mr. Bean has won a church raffle for a trip to a French beach. He has many wacky adventures along the way.

## 5. **The Simpsons Movie**

Genre: Animation/Comedy

Stars: Dan Castellaneta, Julie Kavner

Synopsis: Homer must save the world from a catastrophe he created himself.

## 6. **Pirates of the Caribbean 3: At World's End**

Genre: Action/Adventure

Stars: Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom, Keira Knightley

Synopsis: Jack's crew has to return him from the dead and has to control Davy Jones' heart.

## 7. **Spiderman 3**

Genre: Action/Adventure/Comic Hero

Stars: Toby Maguire, Kirsten Dunst, James Franco

Synopsis: Spiderman has to stop three vengeful villains before everything that he has worked for goes wrong. His real battle, though, is against himself.



# **Pennies for Puppies**

By Julia London

Have you ever heard of the Seeing Eye? It is an organization that raises dogs to help blind people go about their normal daily routines. Mrs. Sanborn's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class will be raising money to help the puppies that are being raised at the Seeing Eye. If you chose to raise a puppy; you keep the puppy from 7 weeks up to 18 months. You do not have to pay for the dog, food, and veterinary services. But if you want to buy toys, you need to pay for those extra items. The dogs are usually German Shepherds, Golden Retrievers, and Labrador Retrievers. Mrs. Sanborn's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class has been raising money since November and will continue into January. Try to close your eyes for a minute or two and imagine how a blind person feels throughout their entire life. Please support this worthy cause and donate today!



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# Features



## Tech Requests

By Frank DeLuca

Do you want to hear about all the awesome electronics? The video games are the biggest ones so I will start with them.

You know they just came out with a great called **Rock Band**. It's like you are in a real band! You can choose a guitar, drums or a microphone. You would love it! There is also another game that is pretty similar, it's just called **Guitar Hero**. You play all these awesome songs on the guitar provided. They even have whammy bars. It makes the sound very cool. In **Guitar Hero**, you only get the guitar, but it is still a lot of fun. **Guitar Hero** is about \$40.00.

**Rock Band** is about \$60.00. But don't forget that it's pretty new so the game, the microphone, the drums and guitar will cost a lot. But trust me, it's worth it.

All you wrestler fans in Holland Brook School get ready to get your money out. **Smackdown vs. Raw** just came out. I hear it has awesome graphics, every wrestler and you can play online.

For those of you who enjoy music, I know a game for you. It's called **DM2 Mixmaker**. You can make music, put it on a disk, and put your voice over the music. The cool thing about this is that they give you a DJ pad. The game is at a low price too!

For the **Wii** here are some amazing games. **Wario Ware**. There are a lot of games that you can play and improve your skill including **Wii Play**. In **Wii Play** there is Ping-pong and other games as well. There is also **Super Paper Mario**. You can change into several of the Mario characters. They all have super powers. Also, Mario can turn into 3-D or paper. You will have to save the Princess Peach from Bowser.

Last, there is the cool, new **Metroid Prime**. It's just like all the older **Metroid** games but better and has improved graphics.

If you want any of these games they sell them at various stores including EB games, Game Stop, ToysRUs, Walmart, Target and many more. Have fun and take care of them!



## BEHIND THE SPECIALS

### Music with Mrs. Kempe

By Joey Mania



You all know Mrs. Kempe. But do you know this about her?

Mrs. Kempe has been teaching for 20 years. She is hoping to continue to teach for a long time. She teaches music because she really enjoys children and, of course, music. She has taught in Illinois, Michigan, Kansas and Massachusetts.

Mrs. Kempe was born in Massachusetts. She began to teach right after college in 1977. She went to college in North Chicago from 1973-1977. She later went to Western Massachusetts for her master's degree.

Did you know that Mrs. Kempe had to learn basic music for almost every instrument? She still teaches lessons in her neighborhood. Mrs. Kempe thinks HBS is a great place to learn. She has three children, two boys and one girl. Mrs. Kempe really likes all the new technology. She is learning new things from the Smart Board and from her students. Mrs. Kempe is a very cool teacher!! ☺



## Maggie's Escape

By Melissa Heintz

On October 24, 2007, Mrs. Sanborn's class gerbil, Maggie escaped. No one knows what happened; however, we've got an idea of what Maggie might say...

*There I was, with the top of my cage open. I stood up on top of the wheel (finally a use for it) and jumped. I sprung over the side and onto the counter. I jumped down to where the sink was located. Then I plunged down onto the floor. Finally, I was free! I walked around. I noticed a pink object in Amanda's C.'s cubby. I ran over. There was lying the tastiest eraser I've ever chewed. I took a few nibbles and carried on. I lounged on the headrest and eventually fell asleep.*

*When I awoke the next morning, it was Saturday! I thought Pumpkin should be free too! Turns out, Pumpkin was already got out of the cage. She didn't like it that well so she went back to our house. The day dragged on and again I found a comfy spot and went to sleep. Finally, it was Sunday! Unfortunately, it was my last day to be free. I cherished it by running all around the room. That night I did not go to sleep. The next morning, Mrs. Sanborn came into the classroom and I waited to make an escape from the room. Ha-Ha! Mrs. Sanborn left the room! Oh no! She left the door closed. When Mrs. Sanborn **finally** got into the room, there I was sitting on her tote wondering where to hide, so I just sat like a duck. Obviously, she caught me. She put me back into the cage. Then I joined Pumpkin and, seemingly mindless to the children, I just sat thinking of my next plan....."*



## FEATURE TEACHER

**Mrs. Liskovec**

By Emily Glauber

Mrs. Liskovec is a very special teacher. She is also an inspiration to many people. Did you know she has been teaching for almost 25 years?! It will be official this April.

Mrs. Liskovec was born in Newark, New Jersey. She lived there until she was in third grade. She loved it there, and then moved to Clark, New Jersey, and stayed there up until about eleven years ago.

She wanted to become a teacher because she was a struggling student in high school and she felt that, "In the right class with the right teacher, things can happen" and she wanted to make that difference to other kids. Her favorite teacher when she was growing up was a math teacher named Miss Karlowitz. She made math easy, and made her realize that she could do it.

Did you know that Mrs. Liskovec loves horses, and she always has? When her mom would take her brother to riding lessons, she would be running right under the horses and was never afraid of them. I would be!

Mrs. Liskovec feels that, "If you want to be a teacher, you absolutely have to love it. If you don't it will get very frustrating and you won't be able to help students much." She learns as she goes along from using computers and feels that they are changing the world a lot.

She can't say that she had just one experience that has changed her life, but many. If she sees others do things that she admires, she adapts so that she does things in that manner. She says, "You need to change a lot when you are a teacher."

I learned a lot about Mrs. Liskovec by writing this article and being lucky enough to have her as my teacher last year. I hope you learned a little bit more about one of the GREAT teachers at HBS.

# Sports and Entertainment

## **Ben Rothlisberger a.k.a. 'Big Ben'**

**By: Sarah Warkentin**

Personally, I like the Steelers as my favorite NFL football team. They are 5 time Super Bowl winners, their colors are the same as Holland Brook, and they have a good chance of getting into the play-offs this year. They have been playing since 1933. This is their 75<sup>th</sup> season! I have liked them ever since I was little. I don't know why but, whenever the word Pittsburgh or Steelers came up I would get all happy. At least I have good taste! Anyway, let's talk about the quarterback, Ben Roethlisberger. Ben is also called 'Big Ben' because he was consistent on the field and the actual Big Ben clock is very consistent. In 2005 he led his team to the Super Bowl

and won against the Seahawks. Once, in June of 2006, Ben was riding his motorcycle, without his helmet, and a car made a left-hand turn and accidentally ran into him. He went over the handlebars of his motorcycle and shattered the car's windshield with his head! After his accident he said: "Whenever I ride again it will certainly be with a helmet." And now, December 2007, Big Ben is helping the Steelers to a successful year and hopefully to the play-offs. Maybe even the Super Bowl!



## **Losing Tiki Barber:**

**By: Dominique DeSeta**

Tiki Barber, the Giants running-back just retired last year. Many people think that he was a great loss and the Giants would lose this year. Though this year the Giants have nine wins and 2 losses, it might mean that losing Tiki wasn't too bad. Last year, on week 13 the Giants had 8 wins and 4 losses. Brandon Jacobs, who has replaced Tiki, could be the reason the Giants are doing so well. Many other people think it is because of Eli Manning that the Giants are doing so good.

Other people think it is because of Plaxico Burress and Jeremy Shockey. Though Jeremy Shockey and Plaxico Burress are making wild catches and helping the Giants win, how can a wide receiver and a tight end make up for a running back's mistake?

It seems to me that the only people that could have made the Giants bad last year and good this year are Tiki Barber and the coaches. Though the coaches do not play, they coach the team and even if they coach it bad the players don't have to listen to them. So that leaves me with Tiki. He might be a good football player, but I think that losing Tiki Barber hasn't been too bad!

## **Readington Red Bulls**

**By: James Wolfangel**

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade Readington boys travel basketball team is ready for another fierce and competitive season. Tryouts were tough – over 20 kids tried out for the team. Practices are underway and games started in early December.

The Red Bulls have a roster of eleven players. In the guard position, are offensive threats Anthony Natale, Tommy Vitale, Nick Luciano, Luke Wolklin, and James Wolfangel. In the forward/center position, rebounding and blocking you'll find big men Henry Hawkins, Daniel Scassera, Chase Lindemann, Mike Novello, Pat Clare, and Tom Hogrelous.

This year the Red Bulls will be playing in a total of 3 tournaments. The Flemington, Garden State, and Readington Holiday tournaments are our lucky three picks. The Red Bulls will proudly wear the white, crimson, and black uniforms this year. Check the next edition of the school paper for scores, team news, updates, and tournament results.

# Rave Reviews

## Video Game Consoles and System Review

By: Krishna Varre

### ***Nintendo Wii:***

Nintendo's Wii may just be one of the hottest game systems around! The Wii may rank low in graphics, but what makes the Wii so famous is that it's one of the systems to have a virtual game play. When you start off with the Wii, you'll get the two basic controllers, the Wii remote and a Nunchuk. You can move your way through action when playing the Wii and be sure to pick up some of the newest games like Super Mario Galaxy and The Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess!

### ***Nintendo DS Lite:***

With awesome 3D rendered graphics and amazing light, Nintendo's DS Lite is favored. Using the stylus on the side of the DS, you can navigate menus or access inventory items by touching the lower screen. Also you may notice that in between the two screens, there is a touch screen. If you don't know, that would be your microphone! Try talking into it and see what happens with the DS. And also be sure to get your copy of the latest games like Big Brain Academy and New Super Mario Bros.!

### ***Playstation 3:***

Sony's Playstation 3 delivers a whole entire new way of gaming. The PS3 has a built in Blu-Ray disc for some of the ultimate fun. The PS3 also provides an endless array of multimedia activities without even needing to insert a single game. Another thing to add is that the PS3 has some of the best graphics out of all the systems. When you get your Playstation 3, you'll be definitely busy for a while!

### ***XBox 360:***

Microsoft's Xbox 360 will most likely be around for a while. Its Xbox Live service allows players to compete online and play arcade games. It also has game demos, trailers, TV shows, music videos, or rented movies. A good thing about the 360 is that like a few other systems, it has built-in support for wireless controllers. Another good thing is that all of the Xbox 360 games are going to be designed for high-definition. If you do get the Xbox 360, your parents will have a real hard time getting you to stop playing it!



## **The Lightning Thief**

By: Lauren Nazzaro

Have you heard about the book everybody's been reading now? Well if you haven't, it's called The Lightning Thief. It's the first in a series called Percy Jackson and the Olympians. It's about a twelve year old kid named Percy. For some reason he's been kicked out of every school he's ever been to. When he goes back home for a school break, he has to put up with his stepfather, Gabe. Percy's mother is a nice woman who works in a candy shop called *Sweet on America*.

When Percy and his mom go on a trip to the beach, a rousing storm arises. They hop in their car and drive away. That's when his mom says that she has to take him to a camp his real father suggested but she didn't like. Percy wonders what's going to happen when he arrives at this camp and why his mom is taking him there.

I read this book and I thought it was great. It has a lot of action and an interesting story line. If you like fantasy fiction, you'll love this book!



# Fun and Games

## Hints and Tips By Patrick Quinn

### Lego Star Wars II

**Beach Trooper:** UCK868

**Bib Fortuna:** WTY721

**Gonk Droid:** NFX582

**Lobot:** UUB319

**Ewok:** TTT289

**Ugnaught:** UGN694

**Jawa:** JAW499

**Skiff Guard:** GBU888

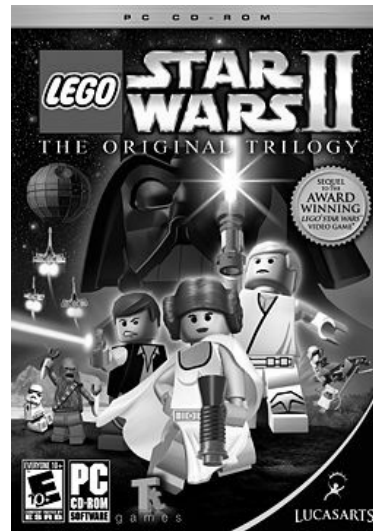
**TIE Fighter:** HDY739

**Rebel Trooper from Hoth:** EKV849

**Han Solo with hood:** YWM840

**Imperial Spy:** CVT125

**Tusken Raider:** PEJ821



**Look for more Cheat Codes next issue!**

Attention, Bobcats!

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your poetry, short  
story, or essay  
published?

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favorite writing piece to  
the HBS Ledger for our  
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# By Hailey Dugan

# School Word Search

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