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Berlin City Drive for Education Grant Recipient: The Store Next Door

by Anna Chabot

On December 13th, 2016, Berlin City Auto Group hosted The Store Next Door as well as some students for an awards ceremony. Twelve students and five adults went to Berlin City Auto Group. When we got there, we found our seats and watched people get called up to receive their grant and say what they would use it for. After we got our grant, we had our picture taken with our check. After Berlin City gave out all of their grants, they had pizza available for everyone to eat. The Store Next Door received a grant of 3,500 dollars. Grants and donations are always welcomed at The Store Next Door, and they are very appreciated, as they go to helping out students. Thank you to Berlin City Auto Group for the grant and to The Store Next Door for being there for students when they need some help.



72 Hours

by Robert Shepard

Throw together a mix of terminal illnesses, life lessons, and baking soda volcanos and you get *72 Hours*. The brainchild of the ingenious and complex mind of Brianna Remeika, the short play is written specifically for the One Act Festival, a two-day event over March 10th and 11th. Many schools perform shortened plays for judges, with the potential to earn awards. The tale follows several kids with illnesses, ranging from cancer to mental illnesses, as they attempt to heal via a self help group. There are struggles and heartbreak as the kids trudge through their lives (imagine being sick and constantly hormonal).

The play itself is the filtration of its author's own experiences, as Remeika had to cope with a range of challenging circumstances. Themes that ask why to exist if only in sorrow, should one fear death or living, and the idea of time--whether it is running out or just starting--are quite prominent. Yet, hopeful light shines behind the dark themes. The play concludes that time binds wounds and love heals them. There is a public performance on March 6th in the LMS auditorium. Any questions can be fielded by Ms. Whittaker or Brianna Remeika. *72 Hours* promises to leave an impression on your mind that lasts well over 72 hours.

Mrs. Gosselin's Story

By Ashley Ward

Erica Gosselin, a 9th grade math teacher, got into a car accident during her junior year of college. This is her story.

Q: What do you remember from during the accident?

A: I don't remember the accident actually happening; what I remember is seeming to wake up. I was lying on my back on the ground, and I remember thinking, "Why am I on the ground, outside of the car? What just happened?" So, I remember coming to, the feeling of waking up, and it seemed like a nightmare, you know? Because I'm lying on the ground, and I'm looking at the bottom of the car, and I'm staring at my feet. I was folded in half with the weight of the car resting on me. So, if you can imagine, I'm lying there, and it was really cold, I'm lying on the cold, wet ground, staring at my feet and realizing that I'm folded in half under the car. It seemed like slow motion, and I remember thinking, "Okay... I've been in an accident. What about the people who were in the front of the car? Where are they, and how am I going to get help?" This all happened in the middle of the night on a country road. I just woke up and seemed to find myself in the middle of a nightmare. The fear was almost more than I could bear. I remember being really, really fearful that I was going to lie there and just die. I didn't hear my friends; I was with my boyfriend at the time and his sister, who was driving, and I couldn't see them or hear them. For all I knew, they were hurt as well. I just remember being extremely afraid.

This is the first installment of Erica's story. Stay tuned for the next issue of Indigo Ink to hear more about her road to recovery.

Get to Know AFJROTC

by Maggie Elwell

AFJROTC stands for Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps. The AFJROTC's mission statement is to develop citizens who are dedicated to serving their nation and community. The program also promotes "Building better citizens for America". A student does not have to have an interest in the military to join the class. For further information about the program, please go to A202. Come "Meet the Challenge" with us!

Recently, I interviewed Cadet Seth H. about what he liked about the LHS Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC). Throughout the interview he referred AFJROTC as, "one big family". Seth also mentioned that he has met amazing people who have changed and shaped his life for the better. If anyone would like more information about the program, please go to A202. Come "Meet the Challenge" with us.

The Human Experience

by Isho Maalim

I seem to be quiet,
but really I am observant and loud.
People see me not talking,
just sitting alone, and gazing at the floor,
but really when I'm at home
I'm loud.

I seem to be dumb,
but really I am smart and unique.
Not long ago I said something dumb,
because I was nervous.

I seem to be introverted,
but really I am a deep thinker.
I'm shy sometimes,
but really I just think of the answer a bit more deeply.
I'm afraid to say the wrong answer.
and that I'm not comfortable with people.

I seem to be mean,
but really I am friendly.
Because I said no to you yesterday doesn't make me mean;
instead I'm saying I'm bold.

I seem to be serious,
but really I am silly and funny.
You think I'm showing a serious face, but
it's because I don't want to show any emotion right now.
People see me sitting
and not talking, just minding my own business
and they think I'm serious,
but really I'm silly inside and out.

I seem to be relaxed,
but really I am wild.
People see me sitting, thinking I'm relaxed.

I seem to be spoiled,
but really I am a hard worker.
When I set my mind on something I work really hard to achieve it.
This year I will get an 84 in Biology.

An Anime Adventure

by Robert Shepard

The Anime Club is one of the hidden gems in the high school. It meets every Friday with a member roster ranging from 20-30 students. The kids meet to watch, discuss, and enjoy anime together. There are snacks and a comfortable environment for all to relax and have a great time. However, the goal of the club is to also spread more interest into anime and get people more in tune to the art. They will sometimes watch the shows in Japanese to increase respect and admiration for the art. Each Friday will also have different videos on the que to show a variety of different anime types, from deep love stories to intense combat scenes.

"(Anime) is more than just the stereotypical yelling and screaming," explains President Jordan Day, "they're real stories about characters that you can really connect with." He goes on to explain that there are parts of anime that include intense moments of action, but like any other show, it is a part and not the whole thing. You can't judge a book by its cover. And if anyone still questions that, they should go check it out.

As well as a president there is also vice president and an executive board. The club is run mostly by students for students and has been going for five years strong. Many of its members are regulars that consistently show up, some since they started high school. They are drawn back again and again for the great atmosphere and friends, above all else. Stop by and enjoy some cookies and cultural diffusion while making some great friends.

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Mystery Skiers

Can you guess which LHS staff members went cross- country skiing during February break?



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Some New Teachers at LHS!

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(Yes, we did run this one in the last issue, but you can't have too much of a good thing, right?)