

# HOUSTON HEAT

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## Let's Go Clubbing'

### Featuring the Art Club

By: Nazarete Maganda

Ms. Mitchell is the head art teacher; Mr. Epperson is the co-teacher. This year Ms. Mitchell is working on a project with circuits and sound combined with art. This year is her fourth year of working with the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Art Program. The Art Program is open to all students from grades 6-8. The Art Program is open to students who are shy and/or insecure. She encourages them to talk to everyone in the program. The Art Program guides students to use their imagination for good. She started this Art Program because she is an artist and she loves to do new things.

### The Monthly Sports Roundup

September 16, 2019

By: Emma Fink

Houston won 36-0 on their last football game against Clovis Yucca. Their next game is Saturday, September 21, 2019. They expect to win their next game, but Mr. Wilson just wants to compete. They are playing in Clovis against Clovis Marshall. Who are the quarterbacks? The quarterbacks are Zach

Salcido and the backup is Adrian Rodriguez.



Picture: Left: Zach Salcido

Right: Adrian Rodriguez

### What's That All About? Houston Electives.

By: Adriana Ashley

This month for What's That All About? We're going to be talking about Project Lead the Way(PLTW). 'What is Project Lead the Way?' you may ask. Well, PLTW is an elective you can take here at Houston. You do projects all year long. Recently; they have finished their zoo project. You pick a biome, then an animal from that biome. After you do that you make

#### **IT'S TIME FOR SOFTBALL**

Practice starts October 28, 2019 from 4:15 to 5:45.

You must have paperwork done in order to practice.

See Ms. DeCrowe for more info.

your little zoo. Next, PLTW is going to build tiny houses.

### October Fun Facts



- Candy Corn was originally called Chicken Feed.
- More money is spent on Halloween Candy than on Christmas presents.
- Jack-O-Lanterns come from the Irish Legend of Stingy Jack
- Halloween originated from the ancient Celtic festival. Thanks to Adilee Hamm.

### 21<sup>st</sup> Century Attendance Data

- Total Participation days for 21<sup>st</sup> Century-892 days.
- Average daily attendance-59 students
- Average Hours of Attendance-17.52
- Average days per week-3

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## How the Tables Have Turned

A Feature Story by  
Amrynn Shorter

In schools, there is a procedure that is in place for students, assigned tables at lunch. There are pro's and con's, here are some examples of the pro's; assigned tables at lunch separates trouble makers and talkers, it causes less problems for administrators, and it's easier to maintain positive behaviors. It also keeps people from fighting and you get to meet new people. Lastly, it encourages you to make new friends. A con is that it keeps you from your friends or people you are

familiar with. It causes awkward situations and forces you to sit beside people you don't know or don't like. Some ideas that can bring these pro's and con's together is to randomly mix students each year so that everyone could have a chance to meet new people. So you can possibly sit by your friends. This will help the school's reputation by letting the students have a choice on something.

\*Since this story has been written they have modified where students of the week, get to sit where they want!

## Say "Hi!" To Mr. Spencer!!

*By: Esperanza Levine*

Mr. Spencer is a new teacher at Houston Middle School. He moved here from Illinois, and applied for a job in the Hobbs school district. He is an 8th grade Social Studies teacher. Why did he pick the subject? He enjoys Social Studies. He decided to become a teacher because he has a spot in his heart for the students, to help them learn, and to grow as people. Mr. Spencer does not want to do anything else besides teaching.

His words were, "I am happy to be here." He enjoys meeting new people at the school, students and teachers alike. His favorite color is Green, and his birthday is November 21. He has two brothers and a sister, in his family. He enjoys the taste of Mexican food. His favorite day of the week is Saturday, because he gets to sleep in. Mr. Spencer's favorite month is November, mostly because of his birthday, and the holiday, Thanksgiving. Thank you Mr. Spencer for the insight into your life.



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## **BOOK REVIEW**

By: Cholena Grass

Butcher Baker written by,  
Walter Gilmour and Leland  
E. Hale

Published by, Open Road  
Integrated Media, INC

” Butcher Baker” was an Alaskan serial killer. His real name was Robert “Bob” Hanson. Robert’s spree started in 1971 until 1983. Stalking inappropriate women. Robert claimed to have killed only 17 women. The FBI left it at that, although his body count is probably in the high 30’s to 40’s.

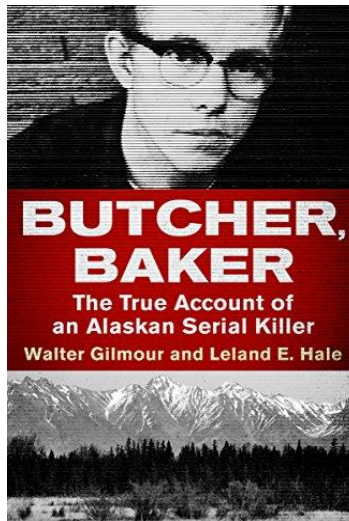
Robert hunted these women, in the Alaskan wilderness. He would take them to his cabin and after hours of torture, he would drive them out to a port and put them into an airplane. He flew them to a cabin near the Knik River. After he got there he would let them run for a little then start to hunt them. Robert also had a favorite hunting spot too, the banks of the Knik River. Robert had these amazing hunting skills from, well obviously hunting in the wilderness. Robert even had award-winning trophies.

Reading ‘Butcher Baker’, at first it may seem boring but it's actually very interesting if you like documentary/thriller books

or movies. There is also a movie about ‘Butcher Baker’ called ‘The Frozen Ground’ rated R.

At the end of the book, it shows the 17 women with their names and ‘finding date’

With the detective and Roberts flying map of where he left the bodies.



## **Favorite Cereal Survey:**

Count Chocula

Boo Berry

Franken Berry

\*Email your answer to  
[applingm@hobbsschools.net](mailto:applingm@hobbsschools.net)

## **Teacher Quote of the Month**

By: Zoey Bromley

“Don’t be afraid to fail, be afraid to not try,” Mr. Wilson.



## **Dear Houston**

By: Anonymous

Here's some advice:

How do I not get bullied? You should definitely tell an adult, stay strong, try to not give them a reaction.

How do I deal with mad friend's? Ask them what is bothering them. If they say they need space, give it to them.

How do I get good grades? By listening, pay attention in class, study, turn in all assignments, try hard.

How do I get recognized? Middle School is hard enough, just wait it will happen.

Now some advice from teachers: Just stay happy and smile. Stay in school and get a good education!

If you want to submit a question to Dear Houston: please email or drop it off to Mrs. Appling at [applingm@hobbsschools.net](mailto:applingm@hobbsschools.net)

**If you have suggestions or things you would like to see in the new Houston Heat, please contact Mrs. Appling at [applingm@hobbsschools.net](mailto:applingm@hobbsschools.net)**

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## Monthly Awareness

Are you aware of.....

Teen suicide. By: Ambria Garay

Over 1,000 teens commit suicide a year on average. Some wonder what exactly is teen suicide?

Teen suicide is when a teenager causes his or her death. Teen suicide is the third leading cause of death in young people ages 15 to 24. It's been said that boys are four times more likely to die from suicide than girls. Being a teenager is stressful. There are big changes and tough situations. Hormones can change our mood very quickly. Divorce, siblings, pregnancy, moving out, etc. can cause severe negative moods. Not to mention, school, losses, and change in friendships.

What are some warning signs? Symptoms like, changes in eating and/or sleeping habits, loss of interest in normal activities, acting out and running away, alcohol or drug use, and many more. If you or a loved one experience these symptoms, get help. Things as simple as confronting someone and/or talking to someone can really help. Sure it can be scary, but it can really help. Treatment for suicidal behavior depends

on child's age and symptoms, and overall health. Don't be afraid to speak up and help a loved one or even yourself! Here is the hotline so that you can talk to a professional. National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-273-8255.



## OCTOBER JOKES

By: Joshua Ramponi

- What instrument does a skeleton play?  
*Trombone*
- What does a tax collector and a vampire have in common?  
*They both suck you dry*
- What's the worst monster you can think of?  
*The IRS merged with the Grim Reaper!*



October  
Happenings!

Oct 21-25 Boo Grams for sale during lunch. This year Boo Grams have changed you will not be purchasing candy but fun treats \$2. Handout 6<sup>th</sup> period on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

October 28-November 1- Red Ribbon Week Dress Up Day:

Oct 28- Wear Red for "Red-y to live drug free"

Oct 29-Wear mismatched clothes for "Don't let drugs mix you up."

Oct. 30-Wear black for "Black out drugs."

Oct. 31- Wear your favorite team T-shirt for "Support a Drug Free Life."

Nov. 1-Black and gold for "Our school chooses to be drug free."

Oct. 23- My Power

*Oct. 31- HAPPY HALLOWEEN*

Week of Oct 7-11 End of the first Nine Weeks.

## **21<sup>st</sup> Century**

### **Classes**

Beginner and

Advanced Strings-

Dr. Rojas

Beginner Robotics-

Mr. Duskey

Advanced

Robotics- Mr.

Dodson

HOSA- Mrs. Daly

Journalism-Mrs.

Appling