Remembering George H.W. Bush

Sadly, on November 30th, 2018 our 41st president George H.W. Bush passed away. The Maroon and Gold Gazette remembers his legacy in this edition.

George Herbert Walker Bush was born on June 12, 1924 to Prescott Sheldon Bush and Dorothy Walker Bush. In Milton Massachusetts, he attended Phillips Academy in 1938. In 1942 on George’s 18 birthday he joined the U.S Navy and became the youngest pilot to earn his wings in World War II. Before the Navy in 1941 he met Barbara Peirce at a country club dance. They were engaged in 1943. Soon after, George was deployed as a Navy pilot into the Pacific. Once he returned they married…

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Hereford Clubs: In the Spotlight

Founded in the mid 80s, the Small Animal Club has been at Hereford Middle School for around 35 years. The Small Animal Club was founded as part of the agriculture program and to provide support for it. Going from 7:15 to 7:40 in the mornings, Tuesday to Friday, and 2:15 to 3:15 on Tuesday through Friday afternoons, it is the school’s most popular club with over 67 members!

In the Small Animal Club members help to feed and water HMS animals, clean their cages, and help to provide them exercise and social interaction. The Small Animal Club teaches its members skills like how to handle animals, animal nutrition, animal grooming, and maintenance.

Mrs. Cales, the sponsor of the Small Animal Club became involved with the…

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Focus on Faculty!

Mrs. Cunningham

Another awesome teacher at Hereford Middle School is Mrs. Cunningham. She has been teaching math for 34 years now! She also taught reading for one or two years. She loves teaching! She is currently teaching math. Mrs. Cunningham has switched between five different classrooms and a trailer. We asked her why she taught in a trailer?

“They were adding the D hallway.”

She loves teaching any lesson where students get excited. She loves kids so teaching is the perfect job for her.

When she was younger her boyfriend (now her husband) influenced her to become a teacher.

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Life as We Knew It
4.5 Star Book Review
If you are bored and have nothing to do, or if you are looking for a good book, then you should read the book Life as We Knew It. This science fiction book is about a girl named Miranda, a sophomore, who is living with her family when they are informed that an asteroid is coming towards the Earth. Miranda thinks that it is just an excuse for her class to get extra assignments on the moon, until things get much worse. The asteroid had more force than everyone thought and ended up knocking the moon on course to the earth. Everyone is in a state of panic. The stores are out of food, gas is 10 dollars a gallon, and weather is becoming much worse. You need to read the book to find out what happens next.

This is a very exciting book and it hooks you in when you are reading. I could not put the book down when I was reading. My favorite aspects of the book are the writing and concept. I love the writing because it very thoroughly describes the story. I also like how it is like she is writing in her journal,

Lunch Tray Change
Every day, our environment is threatened. The use of aerosol sprays, such as sunscreen, cleaning supplies, or spray paint deplete the Earth’s ozone layer, a layer of the Earth that protects our planet from the Sun’s radiation. Ozone depletion along with plastic pollution, fossil fuel usage, and air pollution is a large detriment to our environment. According to National Geographic, 18 billion pounds of plastic waste pollute our oceans each year.

When you use a plastic product and toss it in the trash, you contribute to this number. In the cafeteria, the plastic trays you use are made of Polystyrene. This is a type of plastic that is very harmful to our environment due to its slow decomposition rate. Baltimore County Student Councils (BCSC) is partnering with the Baltimore County Environmental Committee in order to transition away from these plastic trays. Instead, they are proposing compostable lunch trays!

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He attended Yale University graduating in 1948 majoring in economics. After he graduated he moved to Texas working in the oil business. His career in politics began when he ran for Senate in Texas at age 40. He ran for President in 1980 but lost to Ronald Reagan, he became Ronald Reagan’s Vice President though. He again ran for President in 1988 and won becoming the 41st President. He was President of the US from January 20, 1989 to January 20, 1993.

While President he passed Medicare, legislation against drugs, and fought against communism.

After his Presidency he moved back to Texas living a quiet life until his death, on November 30, 2018 at the age of 94. By: Liam Bartness

![Image](Left: Polystyrene tray) (Right: Compostable tray)

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Walking in a Teacher’s shoes

Have you heard the phrase “Don’t judge someone until you walk a mile in their shoes.”? (If you didn’t, now you have!). That means that you shouldn’t judge someone until you know what they do every day. Well now you can take a walk in your teacher’s shoes! I talked to a few of the teachers and asked them about their shoe preferences, advice for students about shoes, and even got a few quotes from them. The first teacher I talked to was Mrs. Livingston. She said that one of her favorite brands of shoe is “Beartrap” because they’re super comfy. She recommends that you wear shoes that are your size and not to wear flip-flops because they will give your foot problems later in life.

Our second teacher I interviewed is Mrs. Sanna. She prefers the brand “Whatever” because they’re cheap and comfy. She also prefers earth tones and she usually wears flats and sometimes boots with heels if they’re comfy. She says that your shoes should show your personality and that you shouldn’t try to copy what other people are wearing, have your own style. Next up we have Mr. Bennett. “Don’t be a slave to fashion! Comfort over fashion!” Mr. Bennett likes sketchers because they’re great for running and they are very comfy. He will usually wear the colors gray, brown and black. He recommends for students that they don’t wear uncomfortable shoes or shoes with wheels. “Good coffee and comfortable shoes. Life is too short for uncomfortable shoes.”

The final teacher I interviewed was Mrs. Johnson. Mrs. Johnson LOVES Dancekos and her favorite color for them is black. Her nurse friend introduced her to them and they’re really comfy plus they don’t hurt when you’re conducting students all day. She has owned a pair of red Dancekos since the year 2000. She says that kids should wear something that’s good for their foot and not uncomfortable fashionable shoes because in the future your feet will start to ache.

By: Gia G

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Mrs. Cunningham only likes technology if it helps the kids. She thinks that fractions are the hardest to teach because kids do not understand them that well.

Mrs. Cunningham is flexible with time. She loves to spend time with her family and she loves her dogs. She also loves photography and horses. She would love to be a photographer. Mrs. Cunningham did financial work for a while. She teaches 6th graders, but she used to teach 7th graders too. She subbed for 6 months in an elementary school.

Outside of school she is a horse show judge. She is a sports mom, all her kids played sports.

She loved to watch them play. She likes to make math fun and enjoyable. She wants to make students really open up to math. She is organized and plans things ahead of time. Her greatest weakness is the amount of time it takes her to work with technology. She has always worked for BCPS. She has a bachelor’s degree with a triple major and a master’s degree. In 5 years, she sees herself still teaching at Hereford or retired and living somewhere that is warm through all seasons.

By: Kendall Ralston
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As a summary of what goes on in the Small Animal Club, Mrs. Cales said “The Small Animal Club gives kids an opportunity to learn skills and pursue what they are interested in and teaches responsibility, all while providing excellent care for our Hereford Middle School animals. By: Anna Ralston

When asked what her favorite part of the Small Animal Club is, Mrs. Cales said, “Always seeing the kids learn new skills and how to handle animals.” Mrs. Cales also said that the Small Animal Club “started with only a couple animals, but we have definitely grown this year.” They currently have guinea pigs, rabbits, a hamster, chinchillas, and Mrs. Cales brings Liberty (her personal rabbit) to school, so he can hang out with the students in her classroom.

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What is your role? This initiative cannot be successful without active student participation. At the end of lunch, be sure to sort your trash and recyclables, and dispose of them in the proper receptacle. By doing this, you are reducing your negative impact on the environment. Also, consider purchasing reusable alternatives for plastic products. Products like reusable straws make a big difference in helping the environment! Robert Swan once said, “The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it”. A change starts with you! By: Caroline Weigel
so it shows all of thoughts and feelings very well. This book I think is good for middle schoolers and older. A part that was exciting in the book is when the people find out that the moon was knocked off course because it hooks you in and you feel like you need to keep reading. You can find this book in the school library at HMS. This was a very good book that I think deserves a 4.5-star review. This definitely should be the next book you read. This book has lots of excitement, drama, action, and cliff hangers. I highly recommend this book.

By: SW

“What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.” – Jane Goodall

“It’s only after you have stepped outside your comfort zone that you begin to change, grow, and transform. -Roy T. Bennett