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Introduction

By Mehreen Hunjan

Dear Readers! This edition of the Green Growl is VERY special. The Green Growl is celebrating its fifth year since its establishment and this is our 10th edition! Over the last five years, LISG has had many wonderful changes and Anil has been here to see them all (He's actually been at LISG since 2014—yes, that's even before Dr. Geyer).

Over the past 5 years, LISG has undergone many new changes. 2019 boasted the most 9th graders—a grand total of 7! The library has been reimagined to become the Imaginarium and now hosts the school pets along with books. And if you haven't noticed, the school layout has changed immensely with the Lower School now housed in the 200 wing and the Middle and Upper School classes housed in the 300 wing.

This special 10th edition includes news about the hallway changes, the Imaginarium, Radio Bingo, Fall Fest, school trips, new students and teachers and much much more! LISG is such an important part of all of our lives and the Green Growl keeps you up to date with everything happening around school. Without further

ado, welcome to the very special tenth edition of the Green Growl!

Back To School Night

By Kevin Lee, Anil Trinidad, and Mehreen Hunjan

In the beginning of every year, there is a back to school night where parents come after school and get to meet their child's teachers and get a gist of what the class will be like. They move from class to class, just like the students. Student Council and chosen volunteers also come and get to show parents to their respective rooms while former students get the chance to talk to the new parents and tell them about their experience in the class.

For example, each year Dr. Aziz hosts two students to provide their perspective, tips, and strategies for Honors Biology. This year Anil and Mehreen talked to the new Honors Biology parents. Once Dr. Aziz finished presenting her slides, Anil and Mehreen gave their perspective on the class and what they went through last year. The parents got to ask questions to better understand what their children will go through and get some tips on how to ace the class... *Yes, it's possible!*

Hallway Changes

By Mehreen Hunjan and Anil Trinidad

One of the first things you might have noticed this September was that over the summer, LISG changed some of the classes in the 200 and 300 wing. Lower school is now mostly in the 200 wing and Middle and Upper school are mostly in the 300 wing. Many students were left wondering why this sudden change happened. When we asked one of the staff, they replied, “In the UNLIKELY event of an emergency, the lower school doesn’t have to go down two stories to exit through the emergency escape window.”

Many students know that the windows in the 200 wing are on the ground floor, while the windows in the 300 wing are two stories above the ground. A change that was most surprising to Upper School was the relocation of the 7th, 8th, and 9th grade to the 400 wing. On the first day of school, you would not believe how many students forgot what rooms their classes were in because EVERYTHING got relocated! The hallway change, though it seemed confusing at first, serves a useful purpose as it provides an added measure of safety for lower school. As for Upper school, the lockers are conveniently located near the new Upper School lounge- which US students have been invited to decorate, hang out, and make it their own.

Fall Festival

By Joy Chen

This year’s fall fest was a blast! For the first time this year, the fall festival was

held in the school garden. The 7th grade had a STEAM challenge in Mrs. Cimino’s class to build carnival style games out of cardboard. The idea was based on the 2012 movie Caine’s Arcade. Some of the cardboard challenge games included a recreation of “The Claw”, a game that used a metal claw to mimic human movements. The ball toss was another fan favorite which included tossing the ball into a cardboard box..that was suspended 15 feet in the air! There was also a catapult that you had to use to fling a bird, fish, or mouse into the cat’s mouth. The skee-ball game had people throw a ball into the holes to get more points. There was an offer where if people could get over 100 points, they could get another bag of popcorn. The basket toss and limbo were uniquely combined. A box was tied to a tall pole and had people try to throw eggs into it. When the box was filled, the pole was tilted to make a limbo bar while the box was emptied.

Lower school students were chaperoned by their 8th and 9th grade buddies and squealed with delight over winning prizes from games and finding the new amazing pokemon card. There was a maze at the end of the garden, as well as other fun activities like the ring toss, cornhole, tic-tac-toe, pong, a picture booth, and more. Delicious treats included munchkins, cotton candy, apple cider, popcorn, and caramelized apples!

A big round of applause goes to our school photographer, Dom Divaio. Dom captured many amazing memories this year. Thank you to our 7th, 8th and 9th grade who helped organize the games and helped our lower school. Thank you to the amazing

parents that sent in food and chose to spend extra time at the fall fest to help out. And a big thank you to our teachers and staff for running the game booths and making the fall fest special for all.



9/11

By Mehreen Hunjan

On September 11, 2001, the World Trade Center (Twin Towers) were struck by terrorist-hijacked planes. This was a grim day and many people lost their lives. People to this day are still living through the consequences. People who were close to the towers inhaled the dust and debris and suffered from many types of lung disease. Every year at LISG, all the history teachers dedicate a day to 9/11 and make sure those who lost their lives are remembered and honored as the years go on. Outside the office, there was a collage that students made and colored. It is important that New Yorkers and Americans in general know what happened that day and learn how to prevent it and hopefully in the future, nothing like this will ever happen again.



Halloween

By Mehreen Hunjan and Anil Trinidad

The air was filled with excitement as students and staff eagerly prepared for a day of spine-tingling fun and eerie festivities. With broomsticks and masks galore, let's explore all the tricks and treats that awaited us this Halloween!

Every year, students look forward to the annual LISG Halloween parade. People of all ages get to dress up and walk around the parking lot, showing off their costumes to the teachers and parents. One thing everyone is waiting for is to see the teacher group costume which is a carefully kept secret from the students. This year it was everyone's favorite, Mario Bros and friends!

The spookiest haunted house experience is right here at LISG! Each department got their own room to decorate. As a time honored tradition, the 8th and 9th grade looks forward to helping set up and spook kids through the house on Halloween. 7th graders got assigned a buddy to tour around the house and hold their scared and sweaty little hands to make sure they don't run around while getting spooked.

To add to the thrill, there was a costume contest with spooky prizes for the most creative, original, funniest, and

favorite. Every year, the office also gets a jar of candy and students are allowed to come in and take a wild guess as to how many pieces are in the jar.

Halloween isn't just about candy and costumes—it's a time to let your imagination soar. So, whether you're a ghost, a witch, or a friendly monster, remember to embrace the spirit of Halloween. It's a night of fun, laughter, and a little bit of fright that brings us all together. Happy Haunting, until next year!

Radio Bingo

By Gloria Chen

On September 22, LISG hosted its first Radio Bingo Night. Radio bingo is a place where you can sing, dance, and play bingo! It was a lot of fun! It is played just like regular Bingo except with songs instead of numbers!

People played limbo and there was even a DJ. People were singing out loud the entire night and having fun. At one point, a conga line formed, and nearly everyone joined in. People gave out ribbons that you twirl. Others danced to the music. People handed out cards with songs by famous pop artists. They played songs in random order. Some people who won Bingo got gift bags, and people who won raffles got gift baskets, such as school supplies, toys, barbies, etc. There were raffles for a signed copy of a new book.

There was pizza and sugar cookies for dessert. People could also bring their own dinner. There was a scientist who gave out prizes to random people. It was a 50/50 pot or raffles. It was a very fun night. For

people who have never experienced Radio Bingo, this was their first and most enjoyable time. Everyone was laughing and dancing. Fun is Radio Bingo!

Outdoor Education Trip

By Joy Chen, Mehreen Hunjan, and Kevin Lee

For the first time in LISG history, grades 5-9 went on an outdoor education trip. On September 14, students went to the BOCES Outdoor Education Center in Brookville, to participate in team building activities to build trust, collaboration, and communication skills while having loads of fun! At first, students thought the field trip was kind of silly and weren't expecting to like it, but at the end, everyone was saying how it was actually enjoyable and way more fun than they thought it would be.

Games on the field included, sneak attack, catch the chicken, and keep the ball in the air. These various games depended entirely on teamwork and coordination. At first, during the sneak attack game, teams felt uncoordinated, but later, learned to strategize and eventually managed to pass successfully. One of the favorites was the Wall. The wall was a 7-9 ft wall that had to be crossed over. Students rooted for each other and encouraged one another to pass the challenge. It was really a wonderful experience!

Another activity was on the seesaw. The seesaw, which was a 5 x 9 wooden board, had a cup of water in the center of it. All students had to get on without spilling the water. The older grades (8th and 9th) had to get on the seesaw without letting either

side touch the ground and all the while without being able to talk. This challenge tested patience, balance, and, most importantly, verbal and non-verbal communication skills. An exciting challenge involved ropes and channeling your inner Tarzan. For this challenge, students had to cross over onto the other platform while also facing a series of challenges such as grabbing a med bag off the ground. Once each group retrieved their item, they had to cross over the gap by swinging on a rope to get to the other side.

A big thank you to the administration who helped to organize this trip. The challenges helped build teamwork, friendships, and trust within each group. After the field trip, on the bus back, everyone was talking about which activities they enjoyed the most and how everyone actually had fun.

Catch the chicken helped people learn how to depend on their teammates and practice moving in unison with one another. The seesaw strengthened verbal and non-verbal communication and the climbing wall helped everyone support each other and build trust between classmates. The swinging rope challenge helped people strategize and listen to each other. All in all, these activities helped strengthen the relationships and trust between peers and we can't wait for this trip to come back next year!



Frozen, Jr.

By Mehreen Hunjan

This year, the annual school play is *Frozen, Jr.*. This has been long awaited and the students who were in the play last year are ecstatic and can't wait to be a part of this year's production. Most people in this school know the story of Elsa and Anna, the two sisters who are the protagonists of the story. While fighting off a cold winter and many people who don't exactly have the best interests for them, the two sisters face adversity to discover the strength and love behind their sisterhood.

Frozen, Jr. was announced in May of 2023, much to the excitement of the current cast. Since the beginning of the school year, the cast and the directors have been working very hard to get everything done. We can't wait for February where we finally get a glimpse of the hard work that everyone is putting in.



Jokes

By Anil Trinidad

1. With pointed fangs I sit and wait. With piercing force, I dole out fate. Over bloodless victims, I proclaim my might. I can eternally join with a single bite.
What am I?

A stapler.

2. I have a name but it isn't mine
You don't think about me while in your prime. People cry when I'm in their sight
Others lie with me all day and night.
What am I?

A tombstone.

3. You may see this hairy creature by the light of the moon. You can start running but it will likely catch you soon. You can hope for escape with the rising sun. But you have a better chance with silver bullets and a gun.
What am I?

A Werewolf.

4. Who makes it, has no need for it.
Whoever buys it won't use it.
Who uses it, won't care.
What am I?

A casket.

Q: What did people say when the Headless Horseman started dating a zombie?
A: He's lost his head!

Q: What's in a ghost's nose?
A: Boo-gers.

Q: What does a panda ghost eat?
A: Bam-BOO!

Q: What do Italian ghosts have for dinner?
A: Spook-hetti!

Q: Where does a ghost go on vacation?
A: Mali-boo.

Q: How did the skeleton know it was going to rain on Halloween?

A: He felt it in his bones.

Q: How did the zombie become great at trick or treating?

A: Dead-ication.

Q: Why don't skeletons like Halloween candy?

A: They don't have the stomach for it.

Q: What Halloween candy is never on time for the party?

A: Choco-LATE!

LISG Pets

By Gloria Chen

This year, LISG welcomed a new pet named Rudi! Rudi is Mrs. Ambrosio's African Grey parrot. She can live up to 80 years! You can always go to the art room to see Rudi. Mrs. Ambrosio brings Rudi in nearly every day and students can't wait to see her. You can sometimes hear her make sounds or talk if you wait patiently and quietly. Rudi is so fun and is a great addition to classes.

As you know, Tutu came in last year. However, that is not fair, the school enrolled Tutu without an IQ test. She must be a genius! Tutu recently got moved, if you ever want to visit her you can always find her at the Imaginarium! If you go to aftercare, that is where you will find Tutu! Tutu was originally in Dr. Aziz's room. Mr. Brimer's niece, Alexa Hills, gave Tutu to us! Tutu is found to the left of the door. But don't pay all your attention to Tutu! Gilbert can be found on the right side of the entrance door, Gilbert will be waiting for you in his tank! Gilbert is our school's goldfish, he has been around since the fall of 2022.

New Students and Teachers

By Gloria Chen

Every year, we welcome a new class of kindergarten students. They are all new kids and very young so they are bound to be nervous. Despite all this, the LISG class of 2032 has adapted very well to their new environment and seem to love coming to school every day (even though some are

well near asleep when they arrive at 8 AM).

This year, we also welcome new students

Gr. 1: Sienna, Ahana, Chandler, Aaron, Isabella

Gr. 2: Queenie

Gr. 3: Angelina, Kristian, Ryan, Anjali, Sammy

Gr. 4: Levi, David

Gr. 5: Jacob F.

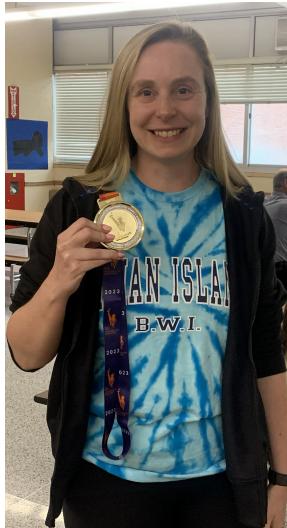
Gr. 8 Beatrix

As well as new teachers including, Mr. Brimer, Miss Calarco, Ms. Brink, Miss Grzybowski, and Miss Pugliese. We welcome all who come to LISG this year!

Ms. Spaulding in the NYC Marathon!

By Mehreen Hunjan

On Sunday November 5th, Ms. Spaulding ran the New York City Marathon, which spanned through all 5 boroughs of New York City, ending in Central Park. Marathons are no easy feat however. Just to complete it, Ms. Spaulding prepared for years by competing in many outdoor races and taking many, many, gym classes. She started running the race with her sister but completed it before her. During the first 13 miles, she felt amazing, but as she entered the second half, it started to get a lot tougher, mentally and physically. But in the end, she finished it. Only 1% of people in the world complete a full marathon and it takes a whole lot of stamina and hard work to run 26.2 miles. After she finished running, Ms. Spaulding felt much stronger than she did before and we wish her good luck on any future races she may compete in.



The Final Word

By Anil Trinidad

I hope you liked reading this edition of the Green Growl. This is our TENTH volume and probably the best yet. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to give us feedback. Interested in writing for the Newspaper? If you are in upper school you can join in the coming trimesters. Interested in being in the news? LISG will be starting its own Green Growl youtube channel. If you would like to join or have any questions contact Dr. Aziz at Saziz@lisg.org. See you next trimester and remember we, the Green Growl, are LISG's BEST and ONLY newspaper. See you next time! -The journalists of Green Growl.

Fact or Fiction

By Doc Aziz

Mercury is the closest planet to the sun and pretty hot - but it still has ice on it

Venus has 2 moons while Jupiter has 62

A full NASA space suit costs a cool \$12 million

Saturn's rings are 5.9 million years old

Neptune has winds that travel faster than the speed of sound on Earth at sea level

Two pieces of the same metal can actually fuse together in space

If you fell into a black hole, you would get squashed like a pancake

The sun's mass is
1,989,100,000,000,000,000,000,000 kilograms

It takes a photon, on average, 170,000 years to travel from the core of the Sun to the surface and only 8 additional minutes to reach the Earth

More solar energy reaches Earth's surface in an hour and a half than we used in all of 2004

Saturn has a cloud at its north pole that's shaped like a hexagon

Dung beetles are able to move their dung balls in a straight line when the sky is clear, but can't when it is overcast

The skin peels off your feet in space

You grow 3 cm in space

Answers will be posted outside Doc Aziz's room

Biographies

By Everyone

Mehreen Hunjan is an 8th grader- class of 2024! -and serves as the Editor of the Green Growl. She has been a part of the Green Growl since edition 6, making this her 5th edition. She loves listening to music and her favorite subject is science.

Anil Trinidad is an 8th grader -class of 2024. Loves homework especially when it's all due on the same day. Has a great head of hair.

Ben Salem is a weird kid who puts salt on bagels. Also, he has four GameBoys (and counting!)

Joy Chen is a 7th grader- class of 2025. She loves reading and puzzles, and often finds her nose stuck in a good book.

Kevin Lee is a 7th grader- class of 2025. Loves when SiWoo asks him for the answers to every question for every subject.

Gloria Chen is a 6th grader and the youngest contributor to our newspaper!

Dr. Aziz LOVES working with the creative minds of talented journalists at LISG who are always on the lookout for a good story. Thanks for reading! You're done :)

Crossword Puzzle

By Ben Salem

Across:

3. When you hide silently in the corner,
_____ drill!
6. The queen of memes
7. Holiday on October 31st
9. The room for the admins, in the middle of
the school
10. The second word of this year's tagline
11. Do Unto _____, October's book of the
month
14. First word of the war between green and
white
15. The third word of this newspaper's title
17. The mascot of LISG
18. The key to success for tests

Down:

1. The third word of the place where missing
things go
2. The student leader's second word
4. The school's fish (mentioned in one of the
articles above!)
5. The first word of this year's tagline
8. It's home here at _____
10. The length of the Turkey Trot
12. The school's turtle
13. Mrs. Ambrosio's bird
14. When you evacuate outside, _____
drill!
16. What the hallways are called at LISG
17. First word of place where missing things
go

