

Highlights:

- Science Fair
- Mission Possible!

## Science Fair! by Priscilla Jiminez

Boys and girls the Science Fair is here. Are your science fair projects ready? If you need help here are some questions I asked Ms. Abrams. The first one was “How can you get 1<sup>st</sup> place?” She said you have to be creative and it should be useful for people. If your project is not creative then you will not be able to go to the real one and only SCIENCE FAIR!!! Did you know that the Science Fair teaches you an important lesson? For all the boys and girls that don't like doing this and think it is hard, well it isn't. It is very easy. The Science Fair is to be held at NJIT for students who qualify. Hope to see you there!

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## Helping Children by: Arly Duran

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Have you heard of giving your pennies or dollars to help children who are terminally ill? BASCS recently held a fundraiser to support Shayne, a boy who has leukemia. Leukemia is a type of cancer that you can die from. This boy has been undergoing therapy treatment since 2008. Shayne goes to Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's School & Youth. Shayne has a mom, dad, sister, and a brother. Thank you for everyone's support in raising money to help Shayne. You have made a difference in this kid's life.

**POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- HAITI
- BASKETBALL
- HONORING MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY
- CREATIVE WRITING

### Haiti by Jordan Smyer

An earthquake occurred in Haiti on January 12th. The earthquake was powerful. On the magnitude scale it was a 7.0. Haiti is a poor country, and they need to be able to recover from this disaster.

Many schools and organizations are helping the people of Haiti recover, sending money. The money is to get treatments for any injures and to provide food. They also need money to build and fix their country from this earthquake. Many people were injured from this crisis.

Speaking of donating money, BASCS has decided to pitch in and help. Our school had a dress down day on the 21st & 22nd of January. Instead of paying one dollar for donation, we gave two dollars. After all the money was collected, our donations went to Haiti. Thank you everyone at BASCS who has contributed to this cause.

### Basketball!! By Tiana Masso

Hello, my name is Tiana Masso! I interviewed Mr. Mehmedi about the basketball team. When I asked him if he enjoys coaching the basketball team, he told me that he does enjoy coaching, especially at the middle school level. I then asked Mr. Mehmedi about what skills members from the team need to improve. He said that they need to shooting hoops, dribbling, and passing the basketball. Good luck to BASCS basketball team!

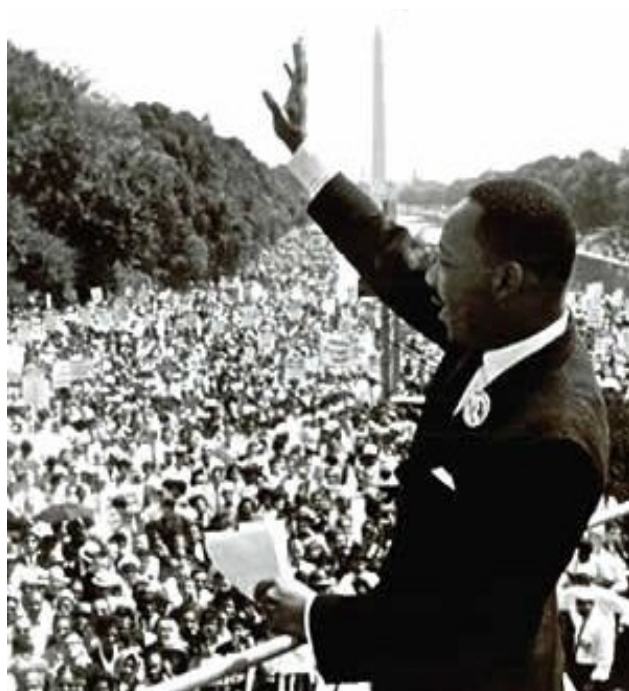
## MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY by: Alexandra Vargas

Who brought respect to our country? Martin Luther King Jr.! Who fought for equality among all people? Martin Luther King Jr.! Martin Luther King Jr. was an important person in history. He was the first person who brought people together to have a fair and equal life. He gave peace to the world. If he did not help fight in the Civil Rights Movement, then people would not understand the importance of equality.

This is why he is very important and we celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day!

### **Photo:**

**Martin Luther King Jr. presenting his "I Have a Dream Speech."**



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## Creative Writing Selection

### The Suitcase by: Eddie Pavlick

One day a man stopped me on the street on my way home from school. He handed me a suitcase filled with \$1,000,000 in cash. He told me, "You can only spend it on yourself, your friends, and pets, also the people who live in your house." That is it.

Right away I went to Toys R Us and bought a DSi, and a PS3. And a lot of other stuff. Then I went to Pet Smart and bought a dog house.... Then a dog. I also bought a lizard, turtle, fish, frog, and supplies for them.

After that, I went to the Real Estate Office and bought a new really, really big house. Then I went home and told my family. "Pack your bags. We are moving out." "Where are we going?" said my girlfriend Sandra. "We are going to a really, really big house in upstate New Jersey," I said.

We went to the new house. It had a hot tub and a pool indoors and out. On the first floor it had 1 bathroom, 1 living room, 1 kitchen 1 dining room, 1 bed room, and one extra room (which I had no idea what to do with).

I hooked my PS3 to the TV and the Internet. Sandra and I both played Modern Warfare 2 and Kung Fu Panda with our friends online. It was so much fun. "We love being rich" Sandra and I said.

My dog Harry had his own house with a huge lawn. He has a little door just for him to go in and out. There is a gate that is only in the backyard and his house is inside the gate. Also there is this pole that goes from the kitchen to his food and water bowl. That is so Sandra and I could put his food and water in so we don't have to go outside.

Sandra and I got married. We had a boy and named him after me, Bill Hancock Jr. I decided to make the extra room his bedroom. He was born on March 25, 2009. He is so cute.

#### 5 Years Later

It is a few years later, and we are still rich. It is Bill's birthday. We are going to Six Flags. He is turning 5 years old. He will be able to bring three friends. He decided that he would bring bought his friend Bob, his cousin Aidan and his other cousin Joey. We spent the day at Six Flags and had so much fun. On the way home, we went to Apple Bees for dinner. After Sandra and I dropped off Bob, we brought Joey, Aidan, and Bill to Aidan's House. They had so much fun. They played Hot Wheels. Then they went into the pool. They had a lot of fun. Bill slept over. They stayed up until 5:00am. Then they passed out watching Mall Cop 3. They slept until 12:00 pm.

We were having so much fun spending all our money. Sandra and I often spoke about what we would do if we ever needed to give the money back. We brushed it off and said that it was a gift and there was no way that the man could ask for it back. We finally began to forget about the man and the worry we felt about returning the money and decided to keep spending. It was about 3 months later when we received the shock of our lives: a cop came to our house and said. "All that money you spent was fake. You're going to jail!"

