

SCHOOL AND CAMPUS NEWS

Students Unhappy over Lack of School Lunch Choices

by Maya Chuck

Ten students wait at the classroom door; other students charge the lunch cart. Students jump at the lunch bag. Elbows fly. Hands tear into the lunch bag! This isn't a lunch fight, this is a regular lunch period with students after the same prize: a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. The fighting over the few pb&j's have lead to concerns that there aren't enough lunch options for the students who stay upstairs for Lunch and Learn.

School lunch options follow a criteria based on nutrition, based on policies passed by the U.S Congress legislation, one of which is called the Wellness policy which has nutrition guidelines for foods in schools starting from 2006-07. An article published by The International Journal of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity titled, "ReportCard on School snack food policies among United States' largest school districts in 2004-05: Room for Improvement" states that schools need to give more healthy options.

Guidelines suggest that lunch options should not be only supplied based on nutrition guidelines, but also to accommodate all students, students that are vegetarian, or don't eat certain foods for religious purposes. Peanut Butter& Jelly happens to be a nutritious alternative for students who may be vegetarian; but the options for students who do eat meat leave most of them running for the PB&J in a compe-

tion of survival of the fittest.

Many students choose to stay upstairs for lunch instead of going down stairs because of the convenience of extra help from teachers, or the ability to do homework in quiet classrooms.

"It's too loud and crowded downstairs" said 9th grader Kevin Walsh.

"I prefer to stay upstairs to eat lunch because I'm able to get my work done," said another 9th grader Stephanie Ferreyra.

Even though there are many positive aspects of staying upstairs, students are faced with the lack of the lunch choices and the amount of lunches available.

With most students preferring peanut butter and jelly (based on a Hunter Voice survey), a lack of those sandwiches produce conflict on a daily basis, prompting necessary changes in the way lunches are distributed. Now only some rooms receive bags of lunches containing two to five of the coveted sandwiches.

In a survey of 9th, 10th and 11th graders, students were asked what they thought should be provided upstairs for lunch. Many of them said that there should be more sandwiches options, fruits, and even the possibility of downstairs "hot" lunches.

This survey also asked whether students thought that more attention should be paid to what students wanted for upstairs lunch. All of them felt that it was important for the students who stay upstairs, to have more of a say in what lunches were to be provided.

The Voices of Hunter

by Vicky Lau

What does it mean to be American?



Piotr Teczeynski
"It's just like being Canadian...only we have stars and stripes."



Yang Liu
"To have American citizenship...to eat a hamburger"

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Girl's Soccer Team Begins First Season

By *Leanne Anzules*

Though Martin Luther King has a championship Boys soccer team, this spring is the first time MLK has had a female soccer. March 1st 2007 was the first day of tryouts for the females aspiring to join the first year of the MLK team. Tryouts were held that day by Martin Jacobson who is also the coach for the boys soccer team, whom have already won 9 championships. Thirty-five girls tried out and, because of the no-cut policy for the first year, every girl from each of the 7 schools in the Martin Luther King campus are now part of the Girls Soccer Team.

The girls soccer team comes after it had been requested for three years in a row by the Public Schools Athletic League (PSAL). It is often said that New York City public schools do not provide girls the same athletic opportunities that boys get. Sensing this inequality, Martin Jacobson took substantial measures and threatened the association with a lawsuit.

"Things like this take long but it took too long so afterwards, it was instantly approved under Title IX," Jacobson said, referring to an amendment enacted in 1972 stating equal opportunities in any educational program.

As the team learns the ins and outs of soccer, the boys soccer team are now collaborating with the girls to train

them. Individually they go around and assists the girls, telling them in which areas they need help. Jacobson said, "The boys do not tease the girls of course because they understand that these ladies are not familiar with the sport."



All the team members agree that each one of them needs improvements. The coach suggests, "Touching the ball is always helpful and they just have to play as often as possible..." He clearly states that he is not concerned with the teams losses or wins its just important for them to first "...learn the rules of the game."

Manhattan Hunter Science in Photos



Caroline Mejia dresses up for the fourth annual 9th grade Indian Wedding



Jodi Duhaney and Ajani Burgess pose at the Junior Prom on May 11th

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT: CREATIVE WRITING

You make me feel

A lot of time had passed by since you left me.
Who is the person you are smiling with now?

It was so precious that nothing else was worth.

Thankful for the time you allow me to be with you.
If I were to meet you again

I'd never regret it You're the reason why I'm getting weaker.

Yet because of you I'm stronger now.

-Jodi Liu

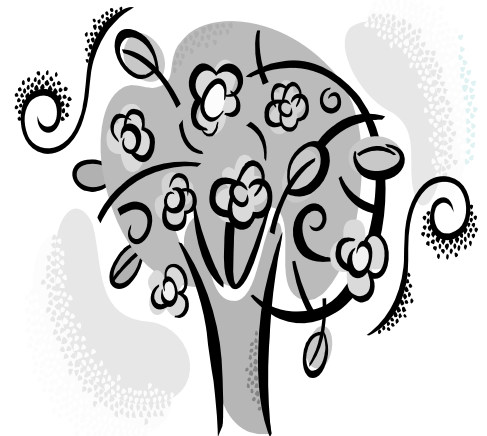


Untitled

Treading along a dirt ridden path
With myself only and a lamp
Looking down and never up
Treading with rustling leaves
Beneath
The large old oak tree,
And the quiet chilly wind
Against my warm cheeks
Never looking up, so afraid of no
moon.
No stars and no light to shine on my
little road,
Of dirt and rocks and shadows
which loom.
Seasons and come with little
change for me
Stuck on a path and there!

A forked road...or more...paths to
tread upon.

-Denise Diaz



Beautiful

I'm phat not fat
I'm valuable not horrible
I'm the future you seek
The hope that you can't see

Just because I'm black you see an
attacker
What if I was white?
Would you see me as your backer?
Yes African American not Austrian,
Asian, or Arabian

Who portrays what beauty looks like?
In the minds of the intelligent
It is nothing but a mite.

Why does everybody judge me cause of my physical appearance?
I been through a lot, so what if you are high maintenance
I would be better off if you gave me some reassurance.

I feel like this world just tries to put me down.
It is because of me or because of my background?

- Jessenia Garcia



OPINION AND EDITORIAL

My 10th Grade Year: Full of Ups and Downs

By Carolina Acon



My 10th grade year at Manhattan Hunter Science High School has been an unforgettable year because—more than any other year—I’ve learned invaluable lessons and met new people who now have special places in my heart.

I’ve learned how to: solve trig functions from Mr. Gershon; debate the pros and cons of global conflicts from Mr. Shed; write amazing short stories from Ms. Irom; speak better Spanish from Ms. Johnson; and name organic compounds from Mr. Jewram.

I also learned things about life and the long journey that I have ahead. In life, you can’t take things for granted and you should appreciate everything you have because in a split second it could be gone. A wise person once said, “Learn from yesterday, live for today and hope for tomorrow.” Life is unexpected with all of its ups, downs, twists and turns. There were times this year when I felt like I was on top of the world and there were other times when I absolutely hated everything about life. Although this year was challenging, I got through it

and I’ve realized everything was worth it. Learning to snowboard at Hunter Mountain with the Snowboarding Club, for example, was definitely very hard — I came back with a million bruises— but overall it was a great experience because I learned something new.

No matter what, I always had my three biggest supporters in school: Kathe, Nicole and Mauro. They were always

there to help me whether it was about school, family, friends, or even hunger. Nicole and Mauro will no longer be with us at MSHS next school year. It’s an awful feeling to have such amazing people come into your life and then have to leave. I’m so glad I met them, but there’s one person in particular that I met this year who I will never forget: That’s

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my best friend Genesis Castillo. We have arguments that last for ten minutes, laughs that last for hours and smiles that last forever. I never knew what a real best friend was until I met her.

This year made a big impact on my life, and I am grateful for everything, even the tearful arguments, bruised knees and failed quizzes. Through it all, I became a better person and I’m glad.

To The Editor:

I am a sophomore at MSHS and I am referring to the editorial “Embracing All Cultures with Celebration” (March 2007) by Matt Yaggy.

I strongly agree with what Matt is saying about how there is more programs for the other ethnic groups represented in the school. A reason why that doesn’t happen is because the Caucasians represented in our school don’t ask for it. In order for you to have something, you have to ask for it and the people have to come together to the English and history teachers to discuss the situation.

My recommendation to the author & the Caucasians represented in our school is to come together talk about and plan something never seen in MSHS.

Sincerely,
Nixon R. Arauz

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