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## Getting to Know... Mrs. Shapiro



by Angelina Heath & Malachi Krestel

Mrs. Megan Shapiro is our new art teacher. We found out many things about her that we would like to share. First off, her favorite color of all time is blue. She grew up in Illinois her whole life except for a couple of years when she lived in Kentucky. Her favorite food is cheeseburgers and fries and her favorite drink is coffee. In her free time she likes to read, paint, and she loves to camp. One of her favorite books to read is Eragon; it's about dragons. She also loves to watch movies. Her favorite movie is Pirates of the Caribbean. She grew up in Bloomington, Illinois. She grew up with a little sister. Her favorite sport to watch is gymnastics. She grew up doing gymnastics. Her favorite subject, besides art, is reading, due to her love of books. She has 3 children and she is a great mother and teacher. She loves to read the Bible. Her favorite verse is Psalms 1:1-3 which reads: "Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither--whatever they do prospers." She goes to New Day Church at Lincoln-Way Central High School. She does not have a favorite sports team. She went to college for one year. The college she went to was a junior college. Her favorite animal is a white Bengal tiger. Her favorite type of arts are water coloring, mandalas, and zentangles. What inspires her to be an art teacher is that she always wants to find that creative outlet in life. She sees what God creates and she believes that we have God's creativity in us. Now she is an amazing art teacher at Christian Hills School.

# CHS World Expo 2020

by Alyssa Espano

World Expo is one of the most spectacular and most awaited events in CHS. How exciting is it to travel around the world in just one day? Well, all you need is your passport!

This is the time of the school year where we learn about the unique cultures of different countries. It is a full-day event when every class will represent what is so special about their chosen country. Every classroom would be decorated according to their country. They will serve their specialty foods, and everyone else in the room is dressed up to its culture. Everyone will know what is great in that place, their famous people, their livelihood, their government, what food they eat, and so much more to know!

However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, CHS held the event differently. The expo was held in the school gym. There were tables set to represent each country displaying special projects and candies for treats instead of featuring their special delicacies or famous food. Social distancing of 6 feet apart and wearing of facial masks were required. There was no special assembly in the sanctuary after the Expo. In-person students had early dismissal at 1:30 pm. Remote learners had the opportunity to see the display between 1:45 and 3 pm. Also, presentations for them were different. Some did slideshows about their assigned topic and presented it in their class the day before the Expo event. On the day of the event, 30-minute class sessions were ongoing at the same time. Classes had 40-minute slots to visit the school gym to look at expo projects.

World Expo really looked a lot different this year, but we hope it stayed as exciting and as much fun and as great as the previous years. We believe it will still be the event that everyone is looking forward to having next year.





# China

by Shama Patel

Expo this year looked very different due to COVID-19. Instead of going on a tour to each classroom, each class had their own table in the gym. For Expo this year, Mrs. Sapulich's and Mrs. Morris's preschool classes did China. The preschoolers' tables were decorated really nicely with flags, panda bears, Chinese fans, and cherry blossoms that they made. There were also lanterns and green tea. There were colorful silk kimonos laid out on the tables. There were even real sticks of bamboo from Mrs. Robinson's dad's backyard! There were lots of facts displayed on the walls about China. We learned a lot from them. Usually, we are able to eat traditional food from China but due to COVID, we got some pre-packaged treats. The treats we got from China were chopsticks, fortune cookies, and a gold coin with a dragon on it. The preschoolers' table was really nicely put together.



by Caden Blohm

Expo was a great success this year. Because of COVID-19, we had to do it differently. We usually go from room to room and eat food from the different countries or states but, we couldn't do it because of social distancing. Since we had the expo in the gym, it was decorated like the country each class did. The Kindergarten classes reported on Mexico and had their tables decorated nicely. They made llama projects and used them to decorate their tables. They also colored maps of Mexico that looked nice. They even gave out Mexican candy to all the students. The candy was called Pelon Pelorico. It is a spicy candy that is very good. This year, the expo was different but was also really fun. Although, I missed the delicious food and walking around. This year's World Expo was really fun, and I hope next year's State Expo will be even better.



# KENYA

by Jadyn Gillies

Hello CHS! This year, first grade studied Kenya for the yearly Expo. They did lots of cool and decorative projects and decorated their station with the most colorful crafts, animals, and fun ribbons. They had lots of fun discovering new things about Kenya and were proud to present their awesome projects in each display. The first grade class did a wonderful job with their facts and display boards. They all worked hard and put in a lot of effort to make this year's Kenya a fun place to learn new facts and interesting things you would never know about. We are proud of the first grade class and we appreciate them with all of the hard work they accomplished. Expo was a bit difficult this year, but with everyone pitching in, it was a fun and educational experience. I am looking forward to seeing how next year's Expo will turn out and what the first grade class will put up. They did a wonderful job with everything! We love the first graders and continue to watch them grow in their abilities.





# Australia

by Chelsea Brooks

This year's World Expo was different because of COVID-19. All the teachers had a space in the gym to set up for their class's country. The gym was filled with many beautiful arrangements of colors. Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Epley, and the 2nd grade classes did an amazing job at putting together their section to represent Australia. They had a coral reef on the floor in front of their posters. They also had a map of the world that you had to arrange in the right places to make a giant picture of the world. The posters the students made standing in the back of the coral reef on a table were great. One of the posters was about famous actors who were born in Australia. They also made their very own didgeridoos. They were very colorful and bright. Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Epley even made didgeridoo kits as a prize for every student in all the other classes to make for themselves! The second grade classes did an amazing job exhibiting Australia this year for the World Expo.



# NETHERLANDS

by Joely MacRitchie

This year's Expo was obviously very different from last year. Everything was set up in our lovely gymnasium. All of the kids' projects and posters were set up on tables. The third grade showed us all about the wonderful Netherlands. Some of the students did their projects on Netherlands' food, religion, where it's located, and other things about the country, like how the Netherlands is located in northwestern Europe. The people of the Netherlands' ethnicity is Dutch. Another thing it's famous for is the Anne Frank annex where her and her family hid for two years from the Nazis. Traditional foods there are just a simple cheese on bread, meat and potatoes, and seasoned vegetables. The normal dress wear is a nice sweater, a comfortable pair of boots, and of course a fluffy hat. At the end of all the touring of the Netherlands, they gave everyone a delectable caramel candy. Well all I can say is, third grade did a wonderful job portraying and showing all the wonderful facts and things of the Netherlands!



# GUATEMALA

by Josh Mraz

Although this year's World Expo was much different than the norm, it still had an amazing outcome. Especially Mrs. Bergeron's 4th grade Guatemala projects. They had an incredible display ranging from volcanoes to quetzals. They also had incredible reports on topics such as the country's bird (the quetzals), food, wildlife, and more. The display and reports together left you in awe whilst learning new things left and right. The projects have continued to become better, and better and this year it showed. The reports describe Guatemala astonishingly well. They depicted a brilliant picture of how things are in Guatemala. Anna's quetzal report, Brooklynn and Derek's food report and Caleb's wildlife report were exceptionally great. This COVID-19 expo may have been extremely odd, but it still was arguably on par with any other expo. As these students grow, so does their success on reports, which leads every expo to continue to get better and better.

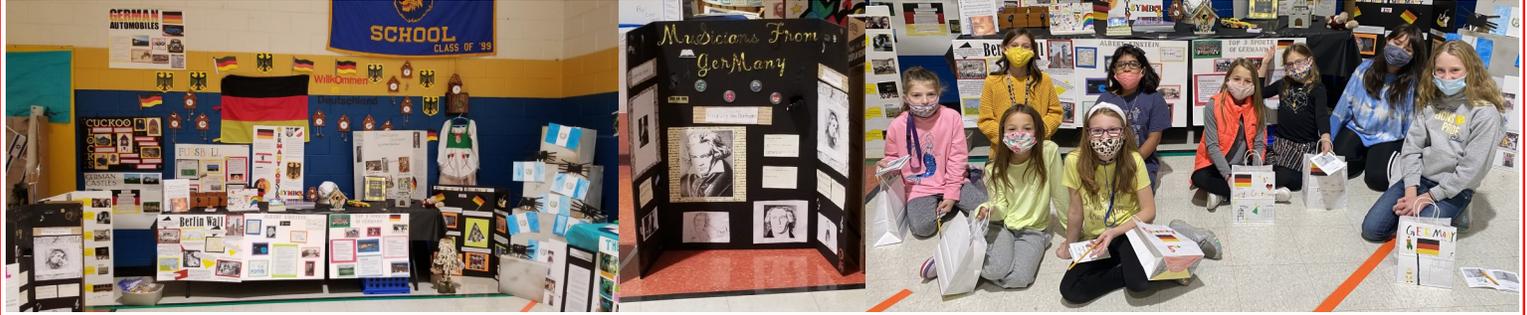




# Germany

by Blake Walters

The fifth grade told us all about Germany for this year's World Expo. It was decorated with a bunch of German flags which are black, yellow, and red. There were also a lot of cuckoo clocks around their spot. The cuckoo clocks were there because they were invented in Germany. It also had bunches of posters there with lots of fun facts of Germany. After you were done looking at the facts and projects, there were gummy bears for each student. There were gummy bears there because Germany also invented them. It was very cool looking at the projects there. It also really caught my eye with all of the bright colors and cool decorations. I liked the expo a lot, and especially Germany's spot.



# ISRAEL

by Jacob Leary

This year for World Expo, the 6th and 7th grades taught us all about Modern Israel. This is the first year 6th and 7th are doing Modern Israel. They had a really cool set up and a video that teaches you a dance. The dance was a traditional dance for Israel. All the 6th and 7th graders projects for expo were very interesting. Some of the projects were famous people, food, history, and much more. Once you got to the Israel part of expo, you got a bag with a little game. The game was really fun to play. The way we played is you would have three pieces of candy and put down one. One person would spin the dice, and if the dice landed on a W, they would get to take the candy that the people laid down. After a while, whoever has all the candy wins. The Modern Israel expo was really fascinating to see.



# Greece

by Kameron Cleveland

Greece was one of the countries for the World Expo. It was presented by the 8th grade class. In total, there were 16 projects done about this country. These projects included Ancient Athens, the Peloponnesian War, and many more. Did you know that there were two major powers in ancient Greece? They were Athens and Sparta. The candy that was featured at the Greece table was a rich caramel candy that was so delicious. Mrs. Pavoni is the teacher of the 8th grade class. I would say she did an amazing job leading the class through Greece. I would love to visit the real country some day. This is filled with amazing culture and facts. I think 8th grade covered everything.





Every year Christian Hills Church and School collect, wrap, and fill shoeboxes to send to needy children all over the world. This year was no different. Even though we are in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, our church and school stepped up and donated so much that we were able to pack 215 shoeboxes as of the publishing of this edition of the newspaper, but more donations may be coming in! We want to send a big thank you to everyone who participated, especially the coordinators, Kathy Rowley and Lori Huish from CHC. We would also like to thank Mrs. Cox, Ms. DeCarlo, Mr. MacRitchie, Ms. Sweeney, Daniel, Karalyn & Mrs. White, and Mrs. Zalewski from CHS for coming out on a Saturday to pack all the boxes. Finally, we would like to congratulate Mrs. Robinson's 2nd grade class, who won the gift competition by bringing in an average of 19 items per student. They will soon be enjoying a show-and-tell day with a surprise snack from Mrs. Robinson for their efforts. Well done good and faithful servants!



## We Should Be Thankful in all Circumstances—Holiday Edition

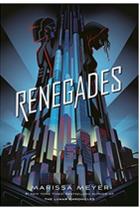
by Anthony Espano

With Thanksgiving around the corner, I thought I should bring this up. I know it is hard to be thankful for anything right now, but really think of what God did for you over the 6 months in quarantine, and even currently, now that you're at school/work. It says in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 this: "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." With the election coming up, protests still sparked in the streets, uncertainty about the future due to the current pandemic, dead loved ones from disease, and health protocols blocking us from visiting our relatives and friends still. I know these things may not be what we are thankful for, but the Pilgrims had a problem they faced, too. Fortunately, they survived to make the first Thanksgiving dinner with the Indians. Where did the turkey come from anyway? I was wondering that as well, but that's not the kind of Thanksgiving we're focusing on right now. "But Thanksgiving isn't without the food!" you're probably thinking, but Thanksgiving isn't without gratitude either. And I mean literally: Thanksgiving literally has the word "thanks" in it. I can guarantee that the Pilgrims prayed before eating; it shows in the picture given... Anyway, I know that the current situation isn't helping anybody; nobody is taking advantage of the situation. Everyone is hurting. But aren't there some things we need to be thankful for this season? For instance, protection from infection? How about spending time with your family? How about even going to school, either online or in-class? How about even going to Chapel despite protocol? I'm just giving suggestions, but there are lots of things to have gratitude for despite all the problems in the world. After all, we do have to be thankful in all circumstances (1 Thess. 5:18). Which reminds me, Christmas is also just around the corner as well! We should be thankful for Jesus as our only hope because He was the only one who could die a sinless death for us. God loved us so much He sent his only Son to die for us (Jn. 3:16), but we have to believe in Him to have salvation, because He is the only way (Jn. 14:6). So we should not only be thankful, but we should have hope as well. We should be thankful for God's protection over his children, that is, us, and that we should have hope in the storm despite all the problems going on in the world. We should have hope because He is out of this world!! So I hope you have gratitude for the past and hope for the future because buckle up; God is about to do a miracle! Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!



## RENEGADES BOOK REVIEW

by Jeremiah Johns



The Renegades Trilogy is a great book series written by Marissa Meyer. In Galton City, good and evil forces wage war on each other. It is the longest war the world has ever seen. The good forces, who are the Renegades, take victory by destroying the evil forces leader, Ace Anarchy. It has been several decades since the war and the remaining villains hide in the darkness. Now the villains believe it is time for revenge. Ace Anarchy's niece, Nova Artino, penetrates the renegades headquarters in disguise as her own enemy. She is desperate to save her uncle, Ace Anarchy, who is still alive and slowly dying. Nova must capture her Uncle Ace's helmet to restore his power before it is too late. She must hurry up to protect those she loves and finally destroy the Renegades. I would recommend this book for grades 6-8. I say this because it contains many mature topics and ideas that may not be appropriate for smaller children. It is a very suspenseful book and has many unexpected turns. I would recommend this book to people who enjoy superhero books and adventure. This book is number 3 out of the 3 book series. If I were to rate this book, I would rate it a 9 out of 10 stars because of its thrilling adventures and exciting plot twists.

## Bible Verse for this Season

### Living as a Gifted Part of the Body

"We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully."

Romans 12:6-8 (NIV)



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