

# The Other Side

Winter 2012

## Green Vale Community Connects for Sandy Victims

On Friday, November 30th, the Green Vale School had a long day. Grades K – 9 stayed late and helped package boxes of supplies to send to Hurricane Sandy victims. The project consisted of four activities that the Upper School students completed with their younger buddies. We all learned to connect with our community and our school.

The first activity was packaging supplies for the families. We had an array of products, from soap to school supplies, and even food for our animal friends. We packaged the supplies for different charities that will deliver the goods to the families in need.

The second activity was a story read by Mrs. Ressa. The book was about a man who lived through another historic disaster, the 9/11 attacks. He took the story back to his home country in Africa. He inspired his people to help, just like we were inspired to help the Sandy victims.

The third activity was having some fun in the gym. There was an obstacle course, a rock wall, and hula hoops. Everybody had a great time playing with their buddies. The final activity was arts and crafts. We made holiday cards to put in the boxes of goods that we are sending to the charities. Each student sent a Sandy victim a nice hand-made card with a pretty picture on the front. The project was led by Ms. Iannotta and Ms. Field, and both teachers did an amazing job organizing an activity that brought together children ranging in age from 5-14. Ms. Iannotta talked about how impressed she was with the effort and enthusiasm of both students and faculty and how proud she was that Green Vale was able to “help out those whose lives may have been permanently altered by the nightmarish storm”. That afternoon, we all got to help our community and have fun at the same time. - Georgina D.



## 21st Century Farming with 18th Century Sensibilities

In Goshen, NY, there is a new Yiddish farm that was started by Mr. Bass' son, Yisroel. The farm sits on 200 acres of land and is filled with all-organic crops. Yiddish Farm was started in the summer of 2012 and has a greenhouse, a well, and tons of organic vegetables. The purpose of Yiddish Farm is to live in harmony with nature and to teach more Yiddish. Yiddish Farm is successfully fulfilling their purpose, and has been working with another Yiddish farm in Maryland. For more information you can visit their website at [www.yiddishfarm.org](http://www.yiddishfarm.org).



## NYC Fashion Week 2012

During New York City Fashion Week, one of the most important weeks in fashion, the clacking of stilettos and the click-click-clicking of cameras become more pronounced and unavoidable. New York is one of the leading cities in fashion, setting trends for the upcoming season and helping young designers and models jumpstart their careers. Being in attendance at the wildly successful Ralph Lauren Girls 2011 and 2012 shows, where models walked in classic preppy and pretty romantic prints that included furs and ruffled tops accessories with edgy high top sneakers, I had the opportunity to ask fledgling model Logan about her first experience on the runway. "It's crazy and amazing and fun. I am so thankful to be here!" she exclaimed.



Fashion Night's Out is one of Fashion Week's biggest events-- anyone can be apart of it! Fashion's Night Out, or FNO, is an event in which many stores stay open late all over New York City and fashion favorites like Kate Moss and Marc Jacobs interact, shop with fans, and do humanitarian work. Model Karlie Kloss collaborated with Feed, an organization that sells apparel and jewelry to provide nourishment to poverty-stricken people all over the world, by selling cookies and other treats. "I have always loved to bake, and when an opportunity like this came along I couldn't pass it down!" Karlie gushed to interviewers for Glamour, adding, "Along with that, the FNO T-shirts that are sold at every event, to go to benefit AIDS research."

Fashions' icons weren't the only style-conscious folks busy with events, shows and picking out smart sartorial ensembles, the people of NYC gave the models and celebrities a run for their money with fun, crazy and wacky street style fashions. "During fashion week you see everything on the streets from rhinestone jumpsuits to 90's style moon boots, but its really great to see people let loose and express themselves with their clothes more openly than they would during any other week," gushes Stephanie, a fashionista and New York City native.

By: Taylor S.

## American Hero Casts One Last Ballot

93 year old Frank Tanabe was known to many as a father, an American citizen, and a World War II war veteran. He volunteered to fight in our amazing army; he joined the Army from the Tule Lake internment camp in California. Sadly he had been diagnosed with liver cancer. Doctors knew he was going to die but he said that he wanted to vote one more time for the next president of the United States. Honolulu elections officials said that the vote will not be counted unless they received his death certificate before November 6, 2012. Sadly Frank has lost his battle against cancer. He died peacefully on Wednesday october 31st in his Honolulu home. This proves to us that it does not matter how old you or who you are, but you matter in America. -Margaret C.



## The iPad Mini: Worth the Huge Praise or Oversized Hype?

On October 23rd, Apple released the iPad Mini. A mini iPad was simply not Apple's style. In Steve Jobs' biography, he claimed how a seven inch tablet "will be dead on arrival". However, due to the lucrative "small tablet market", Apple needed to adapt and establish presence in the market place, especially at a time when Apple's stocks prices have been going downhill. The iPad Mini starts at 329 dollars and work its way up to 659 dollars depending on memory and cellular

configurations. The iPad Mini is powered with an A5 processor and has a 7.9 inch screen. Though the A5 processor might seem outdated, it still has stunning graphic performance. The design of the iPad Mini is immaculate. Its diamond cut corners, the high crafted aluminum body and the extremely slim profile makes the iPad Mini feels high quality. Apple called it, "thinner than a pencil". This design is unrivaled. The iPad mini also features a five megapixel back camera that shoots HD(high definition) photos and videos. It also packs a 1.2 megapixel front facing camera for HD video chatting and picture taking. The tablet also includes the normal IOS software and has Siri(a virtual assistant). On top of all these features, the iPad mini has 10 hours of battery life. Now the biggest disadvantage of the iPad mini is the display. Now don't get me wrong, color saturation on pictures, videos are outstanding and gaming on the device is great. Also, when viewing text and browsing the internet, I could still be easily immersed in contents. However, if you come from a retina display device from Apple's other line up, or higher quality displays then it is disappointing. I'll let Apple pass on this because the iPad mini is supposed to be cost effective. Overall, I recommend this iPad mini to anyone who is looking for the rich impressive iPad experience. I would personally choose the iPad mini over the regular iPad just because of the portability.

My ratings of the iPad mini out of 5 are:

Design 5 Stars

Software:4 Stars

Price 3 1/2 Stars

Ranking vs. other tablets of its kind

2 Stars

by, Kyle Y.



*Have Questions? Need Advice?  
Want the Answers to all of Life's  
Challenges? (Look elsewhere for the  
last one)...you should*

## **ASK AMANDA!!!**

Hello,  
Thank you for all of your submissions. Although we received lots of good submissions, we picked the very best to be featured. Hope to get lots more entries for the next issue, and who knows, maybe yours will be featured! -Amanda

**Question: Dear Amanda, What should I do when I hear someone use words that are meant to hurt people? I really don't like it.**

Answer: Lots of kids use words like this and lots of kids are offended and hurt by them. If you here someone use words like this, let a teacher or parent know. You can also tell the person who used them your feelings about the words, and hopefully they will stop.

**Question: Dear Amanda, I do not understand what we are learning in math class. What should I do?**

Answer: If you are unsure of the material you learn in any classroom, be sure to talk to a teacher or parent, and ask for extra help. They would LOVE to help you. You can also talk to a friend who does understand.

**Question: Dear Amanda, Do you have any tips on how to balance homework and activities?**

Answer: Balancing homework and outside activities can be challenging. What you can do is to make sure you do not have to many outside activities. Also, distance yourself from things that may distract you while doing your homework such as, the computer. Television or any other electronic devices. Make sure you devote all of your attention to homework.

Hope I helped and solved some of your issues. If anyone has any other advice to add, email Mr. Quinlan.

-Amanda

## *The Box Office: Latest Movie Reviews and News* **This Month: Skyfall**

The new James Bond movie known as *Skyfall* is very different from the others in the series. First of all, Daniel Craig stars as James Bond once more. His acting in *Casino Royale* was horrible. However, he was a bit better in *Quantam of Solace* and was all right in *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*. I instantly knew that he was due for a good movie when I saw the trailer for *Skyfall*. His character is very different, as the original James Bond could overcome anything. This new and realistic version, however, has trouble recovering from injuries. This is shown in the movie when Bond is accidentally shot in the chest by his partner and falls about 300 feet into white water rapids. He then goes off and lives in a small beachside cottage, drinking a lot and doing drugs.

The story line as a whole is another part of the movie that is fabulous. The name *Skyfall* is very mysterious, as when Bond is questioned about it he ignores it. Watchers will find out what it represents at the closing of the thriller. The Aston Martin DBS has always been a very large part of the James Bond movies. This was probably the only aspect of the movie that disappointed me. The Jaguar XJ is driven most of the movie by M until Bond must get his old, sweet Aston and drive it into the middle of Ireland.

The bad guy is most likely the part that I liked most about the new James Bond movie. Javier Bardem, from *No Country for Old Men*, is fantastic as a crazed man named Silva, who wants to get revenge at M for her leaving him to be tortured by enemies. Silva had once been her best agent, but he had gone off, doing things like hacking the Chinese government. M, being her loyal self, would usually not make choices like this. However, she had been given eight agents in return. Ironically, Silva looks to M as his mother and loves her. This is a characteristic that M usually does not have in the James Bond movies, as she is naturally strict and short with her agents but also very loyal to them. Overall, *Skyfall* may be one of the best James Bond movies ever, second to only *Goldfinger*.

-Anton D.



## Calling All Bakers!!!!

*The Other Side* is having a recipe contest! If you are a baker and have a great recipe, then you can hand in your recipe to Mr. Quinlan and you could be our winner! The contest is simple. All you have to do is submit a recipe. The editors will bake all of the submitted recipes and pick our favorite. The winner will be announced in the next issue of *The Other Side*. Happy Baking!

## **BEST (OR WORST) OF 2012!!!**

New Year's Eve is just around the corner, which means that 2012 is almost over! This past year has been full of memories, and we want you to share yours with us. Just think of your favorite moment of 2012 and write about it. Your memory can be funny, weird, or just downright embarrassing. Stories can be emailed to Mr. Quinlan, Georgina D, Margaret C, or Olivia B. The winner's story will be in the next issue of *The Other Side*. Deadline is to be January 10th.

~Olivia B.

## Twinkies Are Gone? Are the Mayans Correct About the End of the World?

On November 16th America's famous snack collapsed. Hostess announced that it is going out of business. Hostess, the snack symbol of America, established in 1930 has given up. The revenue in 2008 was supposed to be around 2.8 billion dollars. After workers failed to stop protesting of more pay, Hostess announced that it could not sustain its business any longer. It was forced to fire around 18,500 workers. This is not a surprise though. Speculations were



already brewing when the workers were not happy. They wanted more pay, bonuses and benefits. Also, Twinkie sales and Ding Dong sales would not keep up with expenses. In fact, Hostess even warned how this

would happen in its annual report. However, there could still be a possibility Hostess could be bought out, but right now the chance is dim. Though many fans of Hostess are depressed, there are positive aspects as well. Recently, a study shows that by 2030, 42 percent of America will be obese. Around 30,000 people die prematurely of obesity each year. And another study shows that 42 percent of the obese people currently eat Twinkies. Could this make America more healthy? America has taken a bigger stance on staying healthy since 2010. Even the first lady, Michelle Obama has been running a campaign for kids to stay fit. Is the fall of the Twinkie America's savior? Or will the high calorie snack make a comeback?

-Kyle Y.

## Off the Bench: The Green Vale Sports Seasons Wrapped Up

### GREEN VALE 5/6 FOOTBALL BATTLES ALLEN STEVENSON AND THE ELEMENTS

During the 2012 football season, Green Vale 5/6 football played Allen Stevenson at home, and we lost by the score of 6-0. We were supposed to play 8 on 8 football, but we were forced to play 11 on 11, because they thought we had too many players. We hung with a team filled with 6th and 7th graders, and we made many big plays on defense.

Some big plays included the hit of the year, a clutch hit by Hayes on third down, as it knocked their best wide receiver out. Also, the leader of our defense, the heart, Eric, made a strip sack and five key tackles, while shutting down their running game. Tyler "The Tank," the soul of our defense, made a huge strip sack, changing the tone of the game, and he disrupted Allen Stevenson's offensive tone, forcing them to speed up.

Offensively, we didn't play so well, as we gave up a couple of sacks and fumbles, and botched snaps. Some was the offensive line's fault, due to the botched snaps and bad line play. But everyone struggled, but Christian C. made a couple of big plays. One of the plays was a twenty yard run that he nearly ran for a touchdown, but he was tackled. Christian is the heart of the offense, and the offensive line is the soul.

Our second game of the season was canceled due to Superstorm Sandy, as the bridges were cut off. But we will continue into winter sports, where there is fitness, dodgeball, and basketball. Dodgeball is by far the most popular choice. But last year, our basketball team went 9-1, losing to Holy Child once, but we got their best player, superstar Alex S., who, combined with Green Vale superstars Henry B. and Daniel K., give us the new Big Three!

**Go Green Vale!!!**

-Tyler H.

## Winter Sports are Here!

Fall sports are over, and it is time for winter sports! There are two choices for this year, and they are basketball, fitness, and the most popular choice, dodgeball. Last year, there were two basketball teams, the Knicks,

who went 4-1, and the Nets, who went 5-0. This year, there is an A and B team for basketball, because there are so many kids signing up. There is one travel team, the team which will travel to St. Elizabeth's, in the city.

Basketball has always been a strength for Green Vale, and last year, our amateur teams went 9-1 combined. We have added some fifth graders, along with the addition of Alex S., a star combo guard who left Holy Child for Green Vale. We also have British import Oliver M., who was born here but moved to England, because his father was a rugby player in England. We are confident they will help our teams to a very good record. Add that to our returning sixth grade superstars Henry and Daniel and other top players Tyler, Alberto, and Christian, and we have a superb team ready to contend with anyone.

Fitness is a very popular choice for kids, and the children go upstairs to the fitness room, where there are treadmills, ellipticals, and other machines. Many kids do fitness, as the coach is Mr. Schettino. On the other hand, the other coaches who do not coach either fitness or basketball, are going to coach dodgeball. Many kids are going to choose dodgeball, due to its popularity around the world.

Our basketball team will continue to dominate, so root for us! We are going to show that it is our strength, due to the talent that comes in and out. This team is ready to win against schools anywhere. We will tell the world not to mess with us and we will come out winning! **Go Green Vale!!!**



OUCH! Hayes delivers one of the finest hits in football history... all of football history. Apparently, Ray Lewis of the Baltimore Ravens saw this picture and flinched!

## Green Vale Field Hockey Rolls Over Competition

The Upper School Girls' Field Hockey Team had an amazing season. We played like a team and won every game but one. There was never a game where we didn't try our hardest.

The season started out with a game against Fieldston. We got on the bus and drove to Riverdale. When we got there, we were pretty intimidated. The other team was older and stronger than us.

The bleachers were full of Fieldston fans that were cheering their friends and classmates on. After Ellie had scored our first goal, we started to gain our confidence. We played hard for the rest of the game, and we ended up winning 3-0.

The rest of the season went well, and we won every game except for the one against Chapin. Even though we played our best and didn't stop trying until the whistle blew, we still lost. However, our coaches told us that we had tried our best, and that was all that really mattered. Although we did feel defeated, we took their advice and moved on.

By the end of the season, we had won every one of our games except for one. We were really proud of ourselves, and it felt nice to finish strong! ~Olivia B.



Future Queen of England, Princess Kate, played field hockey while in school. Could she make the Green Vale squad?

## Please Have a Safe and Comforting Break!!

The Other Side would like to wish all members of the Green Vale community a wonderful and healthy holiday season. As the pictures below indicate, 2012 ended with many challenges for Long Island and the surrounding area. Please spend time with family, be safe, and appreciate all the blessings you have. See you in 2013!

-The Other Side staff



*The Other Side's* celebration of Art.  
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