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Bike Safety

By Josiah Estrada

Two people were hit by a car on the first of February alone. Kids are not paying attention to the road! They are going fast down the hills and, consequently, getting hurt. Some people are getting hurt in other ways, such as sitting on the handlebars. We can prevent this by watching out for cars and going a little slower than usual. Also, kids may not be wearing helmets. Bike safety is critical for ensuring fun after school.

Be Safe, Be SMART —

- S** • snap on your helmet
- M** • make sure to look both ways
- A** • always follow the rules of the road
- R** • remember to brake at stop lights
- T** • take your time



Meet The Teacher

With Mr Soto

Araya Dyakov interviewed NBMS's own Mr. Soto.

Araya: What subject do you teach?

Mr Soto: I teach Learning Center, a class for special education students.

Araya: How long have you been teaching at New Brighton?

Mr Soto: This is my second year.

Araya: How do you like this classroom compared to your old classroom?

Mr Soto: There's not much of a difference, but I've had students tell me that they liked my other classroom better.

Araya: What inspired you to teach this subject?

Mr Soto: In one of my college classes, I got paired up with a kid that had behavioral issues and I realized that some kids need a little bit of guidance. I didn't like the way that they were treated. I wanted them to be treated like humans.

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Araya: Have you taught at any other schools before New Brighton?

Mr Soto: I taught at a non-public school for at-risk kids who got suspended from their previous schools. I worked there for thirteen years.

Araya: What is your college degree?

Mr Soto: I got a BA in psychology from UCSC and I went to CSU Monterey Bay to get a mild-moderate special education credential.

Winter Ball

By Warren Edwards

New Brighton Middle School will be holding the Winter Ball which is coming up soon on February 24, 2023! The Winter Ball will be held in the PAC from 5:30 - 7:30. It will be filled with all kinds of winter spirit, even *after* the holidays. There will be lots of food there for everyone to eat. At the Winter Ball, there will be many songs played by our DJ, Mr. Stoney!



Student Council is providing a photobooth this dance. Plan on making some great memories with your friends!! Another thing, any of the money that is earned from the dance will go to our

other end-of-the-school activities such as the 8th-grade dance, end-of-school field trips, and other school events on campus. If you decide to go to the Winter Ball, we hope you have a great time and enjoy every moment of it!!

School Spirit

By Chloe Cartwright

New Brighton is all about school spirit along with respect, responsibility, kindness, and safety. But New Brighton is more than just a school. We support beach clean-ups and other ways to keep our town clean! New Brighton thrives on being a good school when it comes to picking up trash and making sure our school is kept clean. We also have school janitors to keep the campus clean along with the bathrooms and cafeteria. We hope that during or after break and lunch if you happen to see trash, you could pick it up and throw it away to keep our school clean!



QSA

(Queer Straight Alliance)

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Expressing your identity and finding out who you are is integral to growing up, and part of expressing who you are is discovering your gender, sexuality, and preferred pronouns. NBMS teacher and proud lesbian Erica Marquez, along with our favorite non-binary teacher, Mx. Whit, have created a place for everyone with no discrimination where you can express yourself and discuss the community, QSA. (Queer / Straight Alliance)



This club is full of fun LGBTQIA+ activities such as Quizlet Live and Kahoots, streaming of episodes from LGBTQIA+ shows, and even fun celebrations where everyone can bring treats to the club and share! But most importantly, everyone like to help each other at QSA; if you are unsure why you may not like being called by a particular pronoun, there's a good chance someone at QSA could have a suggestion for you. In the community, they have elected different roles for leadership

to help represent their community and help during the meetings; for example, they have a notetaker to summarize the discussion to anyone who misses it. They frequently have speakers come into class and discuss their experiences and hang out, which the kids love. The history of the LGBTQIA+ community is also an essential part of the club, and they do activities based on that to spread awareness, such as putting up posters. Be bold and check out QSA; the club meets in Room 13 every Wednesday during lunch; eat and hang out! QSA always accepts straight allies because everyone, including 6th graders, are welcome!

Friendship Grams

Friendship Grams for sale! Earlier this month, Friendship Grams were sold by student council on the 7th through the 9th for fifty cents. On Valentine's Day, friends were put first, and the grams were delivered in FLEX class with the surprise of a colorful friendship bracelet on each gram. With the help of Mrs. Lari, the Yearbook class wrote one for every student to ensure everyone got a bracelet. Because of a new law about health regulations in schools, NBMS can no longer give out food, such as candy canes, in our grams. The clever idea of friendship bracelets was a great substitute and complements Valentine's Day well.

