QUESTIONS WITH A TEACHER

RECOGNIZING HISPANIC HERITAGE
THE ORIGINS OF HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

GIRL LEADERS
and how they're helping the school

student made fall drawing collection
Welcome to our first issue!

This issue was created by the NMS Magazine Club. We create monthly magazines that include content like comic strips, short stories, school news, teacher interviews, and a lot more!

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Thank you, and enjoy!
Most of us know about Hispanic Heritage Month. In this short article, I will be talking about how it came to be, things that happen during it, and more.

Hispanic Heritage Month is from September fifteenth to October fifteenth. This used to be celebrated for only a week, under President Lyndon Johnson, but thanks to President Ronald Reagan it was converted to a month.

The month pays tribute to the many generations of Hispanic Americans who have positively influenced our nation and society.

During this month, the independence days of many Spanish-speaking countries form part of the celebration. This includes Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua, Mexico, and Chile.

If you take Spanish at Neelsville, you may have participated in Locotubre, which ran from October eighteenth to November ninth.

Overall, yearly, across the United States, people celebrate the cultures and contributions of Latino and Hispanic Americans.
Earlier in the school year, people trashed the bathrooms; they stole things such as soap dispensers and paper towel holders, and wrote graffiti all over the walls, thinking it was cool in some way. There was also the infamous devious licks trend, where students would try to steal items from their schools.

Said trends were popularized through social media platforms, mostly TikTok, and most of the students who take part in doing stuff like this are only doing so for attention and clout online.

On top of that, the vandalism is very frustrating for the staff members at Neelsville, especially the building service workers, which are short-staffed at the moment.

However, the Girl Leaders club decided that they had to do something about it. They took action by repainting some bathroom stall doors over the graffiti, and are planning to do more, like painting around the cafeteria and outside.

In later issues of the magazine, we may dive into new projects that the Girl Leaders are taking on.
She waited for fifteen minutes after the sliver of light beneath her bedroom door disappeared. Once she was sure her parents were asleep, Sadie slid the window up and stole down the trellis. The autumnal air swished down into her lungs — crisp, chilly, and delicious. She landed like a cat, crouched, hands on the floor. Sadie didn’t need to jump the last of the way to the ground, but where would the fun be in not doing that?

Her ten-speed leaned next to the bins — where she’d left it. With a glance up at the droopy eyes of the house, she hopped on her bike and cycled off into the night. After half a minute, she clicked her torch on and plopped it into the basket. The beam sliced through the evening’s ink.
The streets were empty at this time of night, save for the high school kids. They drove around, windows obscured with pot smoke, beers in one hand, steering wheels in the other. Sadie didn’t bother to hide from these, but she did take caution to avoid collisions. If only her father — who grumbled about their poor driving skills — could see them now.

It didn’t take her long to reach Lisa’s house. Google Maps told her it was an eleven-minute journey, but she always raced to beat the time. She usually made it in seven minutes or less. Not that she had her phone with her now. Her parents had installed a tracking app a few months back. Sadie left the blasted thing plugged in on her nightstand. Should they check in the morning, it’d seem she’d slept the night through. It never occurred to them that their modern child would leave the house without it. As far as they were aware, they’d succeeded in their attempts to curb their daughter’s night time excursions.

Stay tuned for the next issue of the magazine to continue reading the story, or check out *Under Blankets, Under Stars* by Joshua Insole to read ahead!
These questions involve recent events from our school or that have impacted our school, such as viral TikTok trends, the one-way hallway situation, and more. Enjoy!

**Eila:** How do you feel about the trends that are affecting our school, which are being spread through social media platforms, such as TikTok?

**Ms. Peay:** While TikTok can be a great platform, I don’t like it, because we are very short-staffed and people that clean have to do more work.

**Eila:** What do you think about the Girl Leaders club trying to fix the vandalism in the bathrooms, hallways, and more?

**Ms. Peay:** I think it’s amazing, and it shows that they care. I think helping the school like this needs to spread to everyone.

**Eila:** Finally, do you like the one-way hallways? Do you have any ideas on how to improve them or are there any things you have noticed?

**Ms. Peay:** I really like the one-way hallways during transitions from class to class. We’ve recently opened up the new science stairwell to minimalize crowding and to help students arrive on time to class.
Again, I would like to thank the whole magazine club at Neelsville, as well as Ms. Sarrazin, for helping me curate the content inside of this issue.

If you are at all interested in joining the club, we'd love to have you help us! Just have a parent or guardian fill out a permission slip, and return it to Ms. Sarrazin. Permission slips to join are located outside room two sixteen in a yellow folder!

Hopefully, you enjoyed this issue of the magazine. Remember to stay tuned for the next issue, coming out in early January. See you!
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