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Operational Report – January 2010
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UHS Activities/Recognition

- Congratulations to the Girls Indoor Track Team on their State Relay Championship on January 23rd at the Reggie Lewis Arena
- Rebecca Brule was recognized at the Worcester County Superintendents' Association Scholars Luncheon held at College of the Holy Cross on January 12, 2010 for her outstanding achievements at UHS.
- Thank you to the following UHS staff members who offered their expertise and presented during the January 19th Technology Professional Day: Lauren Bouchard (History) and Bill Sweeney (Librarian) – Wiki's/Flip Camera and Animoto Video; Robert Craig (Science) – Excel; Georgette Knapp (Math) – Advanced Excel; Peter Hennessy (Technology) – iMovie; Karin Knapik – Word 2007/Publisher; Carol Brooks (Foreign Language) – How Rich Art is; Jenn Pond (ELA) – Beginner Smartboard; Erik Arnold (Asst. Principal) – Blogs.
- Congratulations to Katelyn O'Neil and Maxwell Leary on being recognized as the January Senior of the Month

Subject Overview:

Social Studies

- Mrs. Bouchard's Honors U.S. History class has just completed Civil War projects. The students worked in cooperative learning groups to collaborate on the information they presented in these projects.
- As a result of the recent Technology Professional Day, both Mr. Barbuto and Mrs. Bouchard have created a blog/website for their U.S. History classes. This site will be a place for students to have easy and complete access to homework calendars, syllabus, and other important information and documents related to their class work. The blog/website will be used by Mr. Barbuto and Mrs. Bouchard as an extension of the classroom. Both teachers intends to post questions, comments, and videos on this site. Students will be able to comment on the content. The site address is www.historyuhs.blogspot.com (Mr. Barbuto) and <http://historyroom130.blogspot.com> (Mrs. Bouchard).

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- Mrs. Puckett and Mr. Hutchings were happy to see such a high level of interest in the recent special election for the last Senator Edward Kennedy's seat. As teachers of U.S. Government, it is one of their course objectives to increase citizenship and political awareness. Many students registered to vote and did participate in this election.

Technology and Science

- Teachers have been working on their syllabuses, developing final exams, and rewriting units to better fit the new schedule.
- **Intro to Physics/Technology:** The students have been working on alternative Energies research and a PowerPoint presentation.
- **CAD class:** Students have started working on AutoDesk and will be using the software to begin designing various objects.
- **Computer Applications:** Students continue working on the Microsoft Office software.
- **Wood Technology:** Students are working on their individual wood projects.
- **Construction:** Students continue building various desks, tables, bookshelves, and wall units for the new Video Production room. Students will begin building some of the sets for the Grease play.
- **Honors Biology:** Mrs. Lussier's Biology classes have been very busy doing various Labs and activities such as...
 1. Mitosis Lab- students viewed whitefish and onion prepared slide, drew and labeled different organelles in various stages of the cell cycle
 2. Osmosis Lab- students viewed the process of osmosis (cell transport) using different concentrations of sucrose with potatoes wedges
 3. Cell Lab - students observed various plant and animal cells using different dyes to identify and label cell organelles
 4. Students constructed individual Cladograms
 5. Students constructed a wall sized banner representing Geological Time Scale
 6. Scientific Method Lab

Family and Consumer Science

- Students from the Child Development class devised supporting activities for the book *The Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg. They volunteered to read the book after school to children from the second grade at Taft School and work with the enriching activities to compare and contrast the book and the movie with the children.
- Members of the Child Development and Early Childhood Education classes helped supervise the second graders as they watched the movie "The Polar Express" and served hot chocolate and cookies to them on the last day of school before Christmas vacation.

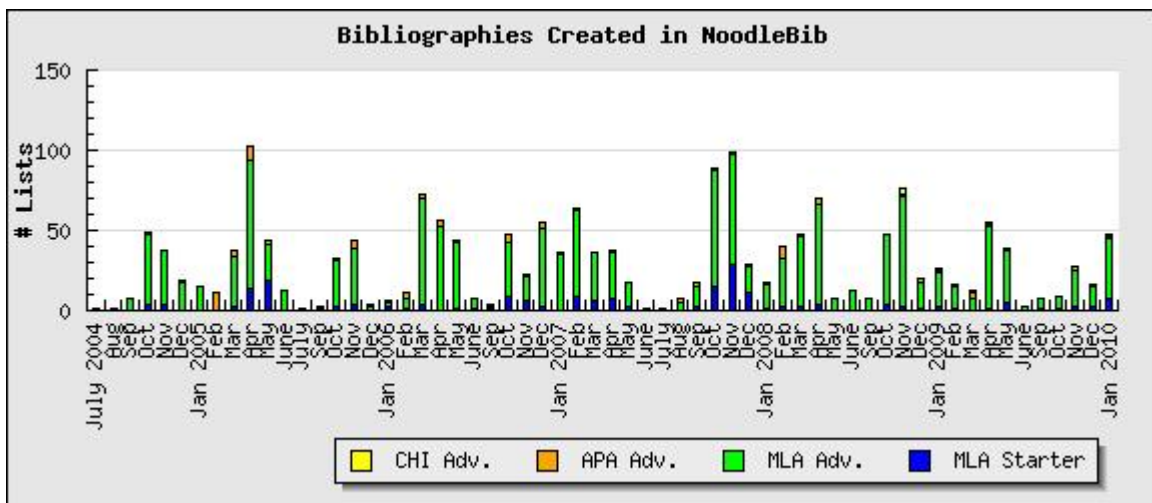
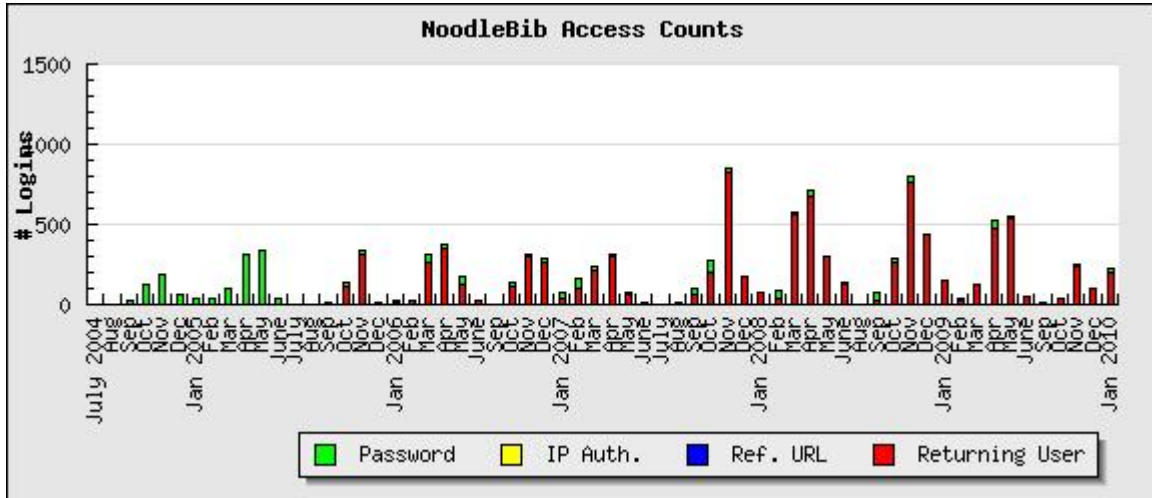
Art Department

- Mrs. Blais at Uxbridge High School and Mrs. Mistler at Whitin are planning for the second Empty Bowls Project. Held for the first time last year, students at the Middle School and High School level created handmade bowls and sold them with a simple meal of bread and soup to raise money for the hungry. This need is greater than ever. We should all support them in this endeavor.
- The entire art department is planning for the annual Arts Night in March. This project was an idea of Mr. Daniel Stefanilo, whose love and support of the arts will not be forgotten. This district wide event celebrates all the arts and has become a showcase for our town's very talented children.

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UHS Library

- Thirty new books were added to the collection – fiction, non-fiction, bi-lingual poetry (Spanish), and manga.
- Mr. Sweeney recently completed a course at Assumption College which focused on the social issues underlying the Salem witch trials.



Student Council

- During the three day week of January 20th - 22nd, the council made collections during lunch for the Haiti Relief effort. The council raised over \$200.
- For Principal's Day, January 15th, the council donated a tree through the Heifer Project in Mrs. Bennett's name.
- On January 29th, students will be permitted to wear a hat or bandanna, accompanied with a \$1 donation. The money raised will be donated to Steve Scott and his family.
- The dress down day donations for the month of January will be given to Steve Scott and his family.

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SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions)

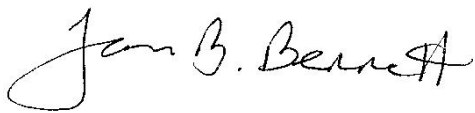
- SADD sponsored a Sticker Shock program in December with Lynch's Wine and Spirits and Quit N Time Liquors.
- Participating in the 84 challenge about smoking cessation.
- Currently selling lollipops for a fund raiser to provide activities and awareness about good decisions.
- Purchased the DVD: Dangerous Decision: Learning to Think Before You Act
- Teaming up with Mrs. Knapp's Statistics class to do the Drug Free Action Alliance survey regarding alcoholic advertisements and the Superbowl.
- SADD has secured a donation for a “crashed car” during Prom Season

Interscholastic Sports:

- Boys Varsity Basketball 11-3 -- Qualified for District Tournament
- Girls Varsity basketball 1-12
- Boys Indoor Track and Field 6-3
- Girls Indoor Track and Field 12 – 0

Upcoming Monthly Events

- Winter Carnival Week February 1 - 5
- “Yellow Dress” school-wide assembly and panel February 3
- School Council Meeting Monthly February 3
- Snowball Dance February 5
- Monthly faculty meeting February 8
- Monthly UHS Crisis Team meeting February 8
- Monthly District Crisis Team meeting February 10
- Blackstone Valley Coalition Meeting on February 12
- February Vacation Week February 15 - 19
- Administrative meeting February 23



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