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NLMS students offer their voice in presidential election



Barack Obama (D) or John McCain (R) will be selected as our new President this week.

By Sarah Frantz

Wow! Did you know that no matter who wins, the presidential election will be making history? Yes, that's right. If Barack Obama is elected president he will be the first African-American president. Also, if John McCain is elected president, his vice president, Sarah Palin, will be the first ever woman vice president. Who will win? Here is a little bit of what their life is like now, and what it used to be like when they were younger. The Democrat running for president is Barack Obama. Barack Obama was born in 1961

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NLMS students 'mocked' the vote

By Selma Pjetrovic

This year is the 2008 Presidential Election. Democrat Barack Obama and Republican John McCain are running for President of the United States.

Both candidates have good

ideas to make the world a better place. Many adults are going to vote this year and many famous singers and actors are going to vote like Chris Brown, Soulja Boy, Ashley Tisdale, Cassie and many more. Everyone knows we are too young to vote but not at NLMS. This year, every-

one voted in our social studies classes. We voted on the issues that matter. Students may be part of Democrat, Republican or an Independent party. In the end, party didn't matter because everyone was able to vote.

Northern Lehigh students offered their voices by ballot

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in Honolulu, Hawaii. He was born to his mother Ann Dunham of Kansas, and his father, Barack Obama Sr. of Kenya. At the age of two, his father and mother split up, and his father moved back to Kenya. At the age of six, he and his mother moved to Indonesia where they suffered a great amount of poverty. They returned back to Hawaii when he was ten. In 1983, Obama graduated from Columbia University in New York City with a bachelor's degree in political science. He then moved to Chicago, Illinois, where he became the director of a program designed to help the poor. Obama left Chicago to attend Harvard Law School in Massachusetts. In 1991, Obama graduated from Harvard and

returned to Chicago to practice law. He now has a wife and two children, and he is also running for president with running mate Joe Biden by his side.

The Republican running for president is John McCain. John McCain III was born on August 29, 1936 in the Panama Canal Zone. He was born to his mother Roberta McCain and his father John McCain Jr. In the 1960s and 1970s, McCain served in the Vietnam War; during the time he was captured and held prisoner for over five years. When he was released in 1973, McCain was decorated with several medals of valor, given to McCain for his bravery as a Prisoner of War and his service as a navy commander. In 1981, McCain retired from the Navy and moved to Arizona, where he

set out to begin a political career. Running as a Republican, he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1982 and then to the U.S. Senate in 1986. McCain also earned a bachelor's degree in 1958 and became a naval pilot. McCain has seven children and four grandchildren, and lives in Phoenix with his second wife, Cindy. He is running for president with running mate Sarah Palin by his side.

Each of the presidential candidates has different views on the issues in our world today. Obama would like to pull our troops out of Iraq. McCain wants to continue fighting the war in Iraq. Both McCain and Obama want to make sure everyone in the US has health insurance. They both want to also limit the use of greenhouse gases to stop global warming.

McCain wants to lower taxes to those who pay income taxes. Obama wants to raise taxes to those who make \$227,000 or more yearly, and anyone who makes lower than that would get a tax cut.

If you would like to learn more about these two candidates watch the debates, or go on a search engine and search their name.



Learning the ropes before hitting the classroom... for real

By Tyler "TT" Trumbauer

Mr. Reimert is a 24-year-old resident of Germansville. He is a student teacher at NLMS with Mrs. Drake. Mr. Reimert is an alumnus of Delaware Valley College. He spent five years of his life there to get his degree.

He is also very involved in sports. Mr. Reimert played lacrosse when he was in college.

He also wants to try to pursue an athletic career. Next year he wants to try out for the Philadelphia Wings in their open try-outs. They are the area's major league lacrosse team. Other than lacrosse, Mr. Reimert also follows the Philadelphia Phillies and the Eagles.

Mr. Reimert is also a volunteer firefighter for Neffs Fire

Company. Being a volunteer firefighter he had to where a fire pager, which is a little black radio that clips on his belt. So when the Neff's company is called that fire pager will go off. Except you will never hear it at school because he turns it off.

When Mr. Reimert is done being a student teacher, He will maybe become a Philly Wing or maybe a teacher. If he takes the teacher route, he wants to start out as a substitute teacher so he can still learn more about the art of teaching. Then if he becomes a permanent teacher at a school he wants to be a middle school history teacher.

When he becomes a teacher at a school he wants to be a lacrosse coach if they have that program. Also he would like to be the ACE coach for the 8th graders too.

Overall Mr. Reimert is a very nice man. He is also a very caring person. If you need someone to talk to, you can talk to him. I hope you learned a little bit more about Mr. Reimert after reading this article.



Photo by Tyler "T.T." Trumbauer

Mr. Reimert will be student-teaching in Mrs. Drake's classes through December.

The beauty of Battista lives beneath the biceps

By Selma Pjetrovic

Mr. Battista is one of our new teachers at NLMS. He is an eighth-grade North team science teacher. Most of you know him as the guy in the halls with a stick in his hands and the guy who always stares you down.

Mr. Battista is a fun teacher to be around and knows how to put a smile on your face. He was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., but moved to Pennsylvania when he was 2 years old.

Mr. Battista grew up being a New York Mets fan and he is still a Dallas Cowboys fan. Mr. Battista likes to listen to country and rock music. He isn't married because he is waiting for the day Carrie Underwood will marry him. He is a Guitar Hero fanatic. I asked Mr. Battista if he would change his life and he said no because he loves his life the way it is. All his life, Mr. Battista didn't want to be a teacher but he doesn't mind it because he grew up helping people. When you see Mr. Battista in the halls, be sure to tell him that he is "the man." Don't be shy. Under all those muscles, he is a caring, loving person.



Photo by Selma Pjetrovic

Mr. Battista is NLMS's new science teacher on the North team. He looks entirely too comfortable in the above photo.

Singing a new tune in the music room

By Ruth Milburn

After Mrs. Hauck decided to spend more time with her family and go work for Penn State University, NLMS needed a new music teacher. Mrs. Reiter took the job!

Mrs. Reiter grew up in Pennsylvania and is a graduate of Lycoming College in Williamsport, Pa.

She was teaching in Southern Virginia and has been in choirs since fifth grade. She decided to come to Northern Lehigh so she could be closer to her family. When she lived in Virginia, she was 7 ½ hours away from family.

Mrs. Reiter loves teaching here and says that the students here are the best and most cooperative students she has ever taught.

Mrs. Reiter's favorite food is ice cream and said that it's her weakness. Her favorite band is Cold Play and her favorite color is blue.

When asked what her favorite song was, she said that she couldn't choose. She likes the movie "Ice Age."

She loves to be busy. Besides singing for as long as she can remember, she also plays the flute. Now she is in church choirs. If you see Mrs. Reiter in the hall, make sure you say hi and "welcome" to our new music teacher.

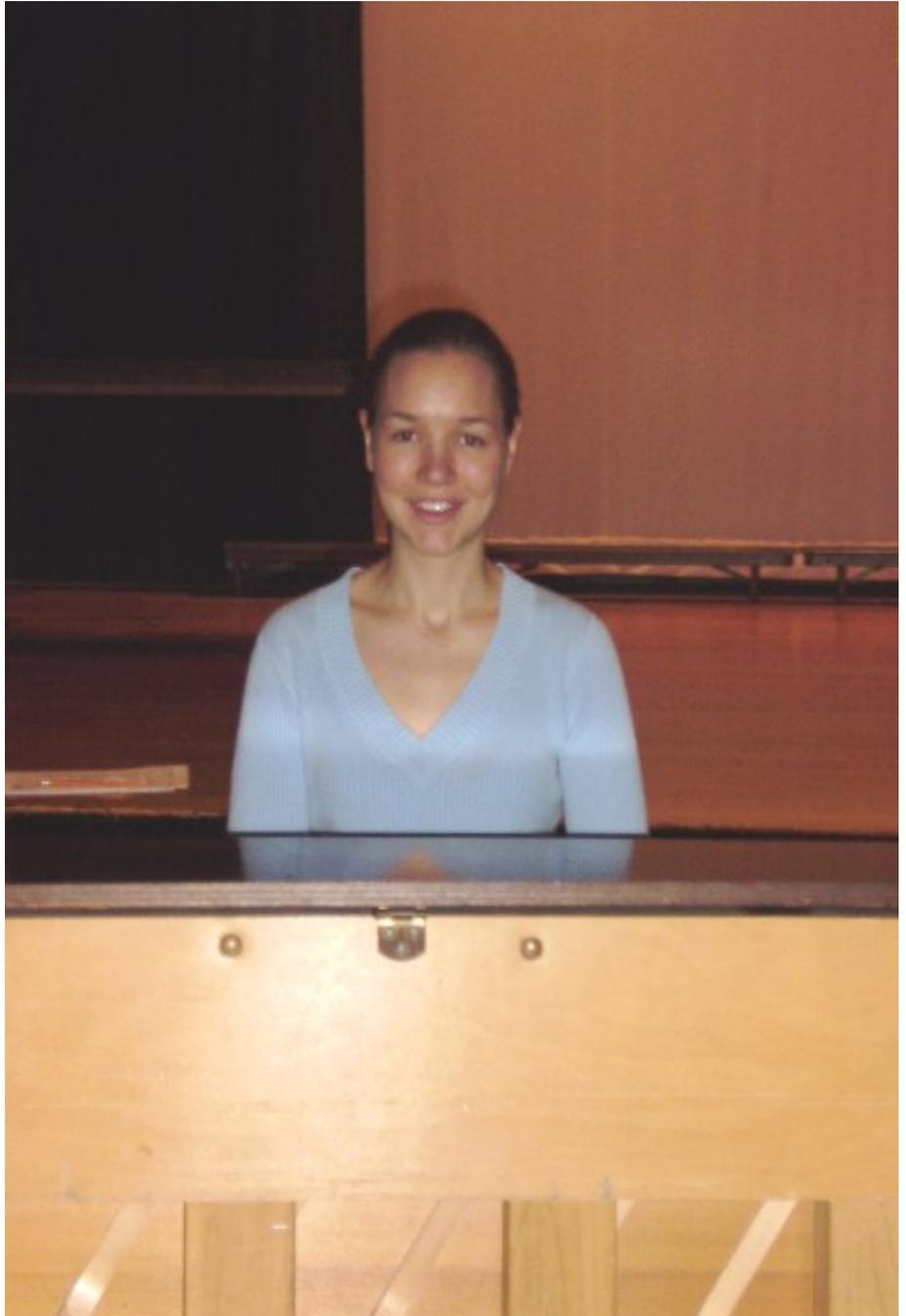


Photo by Ruth Milburn

Mrs. Reiter has become a familiar face in the choir and music section of Northern Lehigh Middle School. She replaced Mrs. Hauck who resigned last year.

A difference of friendships

By Brie Williams



FRIENDSHIP

Good friends last a lifetime.

Friendship means the world to girls because they have a buddy to be there for them. Having a friend to support you throughout whatever happens.

Having a friend that will not get into fights, calling each other names. Girls out there, stay with your friend until death do you part.

Boys' friendship is a lot different than girls' friendship. Friendship to boys is going to sports, being playful, helping each other out and being active.

Think of your friendship and don't do anything wrong!

Rosie Petunia Chamberlain shows her 'bulldog' spirit



Students get fired up at annual Pep Rally

By Selma Pjetrovic

As you all know, Northern Lehigh Middle School recently had its very first Fall 2008 Pep Rally. We took this time to recognize those wonderful students who put on their jerseys to represent our school.

We all noticed that every boy, girl and every staff member had an awesome time. Our

principal, Mrs. Chamberlain, had said that we will have a second pep rally in the winter. Yes, the seventh-graders have won the spirit stick but watch out because the eighth-graders will be back to win it all.

If we were able to give out a most-spirited award to the student during the pep rally, it would surely go to Connor Hedash, since the whole time he was out of the stands going

crazy.

If we were able to give it to a staff member, we all know it would go to Mr. Battista. He has put a smile on everybody's face by coming to school dressed up like a field hockey player in a skirt.

We all hope you had a wonderful time and keep up the good work in representing NLMS.



7th-graders possess the 'Spirit Stick'... for now



Rachel Hendrix, Shauna Rausch and Carissa Blessing prepare some games at the Pep Rally.

Sign up to save lives!

Students can now sign up for the American Red Cross CPR intramurals in January. One class will be held after school on Jan. 12 and 14. Also there will be another class on Jan. 21 and Jan. 28. Students must sign up for either session. Parents are allowed to sign up also if they need the certification for their job or just want to learn how to do CPR. Registration papers are located outside of the gym by the gym door closest to the ladies locker room side of the gym.

Have an interest in writing an article for The Bulldog Times? See Mr. Barnes. Yea, that's right. See Mr. Barnes.

Pumpkin roll in'

The National Junior Honor Society is selling Pumpkin Rolls as a fundraiser. They are \$9 and will be ready before Thanksgiving. Students can contact Mrs. Bowser if they are interested.