



# THE MOUNTAIN LINE

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## “IT’S A HARD KNOCK LIFE FOR US”

This quote couldn't be anymore true for the student's who participated in the Hills-Heights or Heights-Hills Operation Known as H2O. The participants in this production took time out of their summer to help Mrs. Worthington and Ms. Ann Hunter in making this play happen. The play is based on "Little Orphan Annie" and was held in the Black Box Theatre at Western Hills High School.

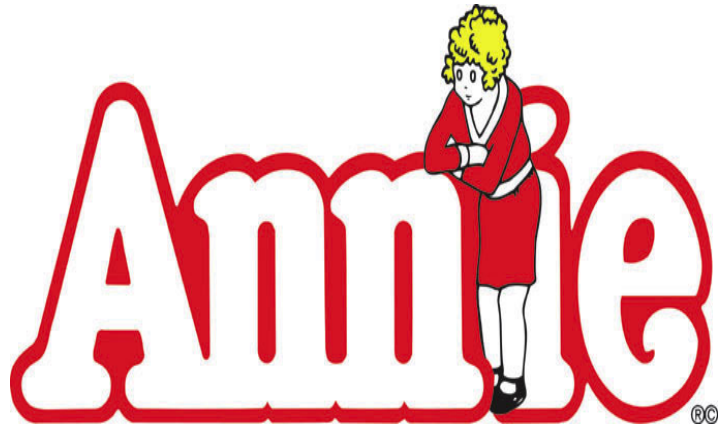
The Play is set in the 1930's during the depression in New York City during Christmas time. This was before many child labor laws were enacted and many people believed that hard work was good for children of all ages. The main synopsis of the play is centered on Annie who has lived in an orphanage her whole life under an evil Director who beats the orphans and drinks all the time. One day a man named Mr. Warbucks decides to send his secretary to the orphanage to pick out an orphan to spend Christmas with. The secretary chooses Annie and during Christmas they develop a good relationship. For Christmas Mr. Warbucks decides to try and find Annie's parents for her and not only goes to the FBI for help but also puts out a 50 thousand dollar reward for any information that would help him find Annie's parents. Unfortunately for Annie they find out that her parents have been dead for years. The play ends with Mr. Warbucks adopting Annie.

The character of Annie is played by Aurora Rundquist who goes to Arlington Heights. Some of the main cast members that you might know are Trinidee Mitchell, who played Pepper, Whitney Winingham who played Duffy, and Kaci Jennings who played Stella. Some teachers who are also in this production are Mr. Bateson, who plays Oliver Warbucks, and Mrs. Stuart who plays Grace Farrell.

If you missed this play you aren't completely out of luck because the Western Hills High School Theatre Arts program has many more Productions scheduled for the rest of this school year.

\*\*For any questions please contact the President of the International Thespian Society, Bruce Otteson, Mitchell Martin who is the Vice President, or Edward Sheriff who is a Senior Representative.

Article by: Robert Harden



### Sweeney Says

Advice Column

Dear Mr. Sweeney,

*I always eat a hearty breakfast, yet during the class before lunch, my stomach embarrassedly growls. How can I disguise it?*

*-Hopelessly Hungry*

Dear Hopelessly Hungry in health class,

Congratulations on being in the .000434% of teenagers that eat a hearty breakfast!!!! This rumbling lets me know that you are hungry. Since it is right before lunch, this tells me that you are getting hungry at about 11:40 or 1:15. Upon further examination, it lets me know that you are use to your sleep schedule from the summer which meant sleeping until noon and eating your breakfast at one or these two times. I have two pieces of advice for you.

1. Stop waking up at noon in the summer.
2. Sometimes dire thirst is masked as hunger, so bring a bottle or a clear container of water and discreetly drink some during class.

Happy to help with your hopeless hunger.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

VAR. FOOTBALL GAME @ FARRINGTON 7PM	9/17
VOLLEYBALL GAME @ HOME , 5:30, 6:30	9/17
WAIVER DAY NO SCHOOL	9/18
VOLLEYBALL GAME @ DUNBAR 5:30, 6:30	9/22
VAR. FOOTBALL GAME @ KENNEDALE 7:00	9/25
VOLLEYBALL GAME @ HOME 5:30, 6:30	9/25



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## Quote of the Week

"I feel that this school year is off to a great start. Morale is high with the staff and it is definitely trickled down to the students. Test scores will improve and our sport teams will benefit from this greatly."

-Coach Martin-

## 'MY EDUCATION, MY FUTURE'

On Tuesday September 8<sup>th</sup>, President Barack Obama addressed America's youth about the importance of a good education. He spoke eloquently and passionately to the future minds of America.

Obama, while great at addressing problems in our nation, took this time to speak about the problems he faced in his childhood and how he eventually overcame them. He stressed that no social class or ethnicity should get in the way of a successful future, and that no amount of talent and good looks should take the place of hard work and dedication.

His speech was unbiased and universal. It spoke to no political party, nor did it single out any one group of people. Yet, controversy sparked the day before the speech was given. Some skeptical parents did not want their kids to watch it at school and expressed their discontent; some even refused to allow their child take part in viewing the speech. They believed that he was going to stress his agenda and talk about his politics. He spoke not about politics, but about the need for young people to take responsibility for their own education.

Although controversy stewed, the President engaged his adolescent viewers by addressing important life lessons which most parents want their children to hear. Regardless of race or political alliances, education is universal. The kids of today will soon be the adults of tomorrow, and if we work hard and succeed at our goals, then none of those differences will matter.

Article by: Chelsea Pace & Katie Gammill



## Entertainment Update

### The Time Traveler's Wife (PG 13)

- Pass the Kleenex and chocolate, this one is a tear jerker. Starring: Rachel McAdams, Eric Bana.

**Final Destination (R)**- Surely you all know the tale of cheating death, "Final Destination 4" takes it to an all new level. Starring: Bobby Campo, Shantel Vansanten.

**Gamer (R)**- This film is fast-paced and action packed. It is an intense thriller that will keep you on the edge of your seat. Expect the unexpected, this movie is not what it seems. Starring: Gerard Butler, Amber Valletta, and Ludacris.

## Hills Got Talent



Sometimes talent goes unrecognized throughout Western Hills. Talents that need to be surfaced. Dionicio Sanchez, 11<sup>th</sup> grade, expresses himself through poetry, a talent used to

express feeling, opinions, and the world through their eyes.

Dionicio explains his point of view, "*Poetry is a talent that does not receive enough recognition*".

## Nurse's Notes

Lisa Easterling

1. Which of these are important in preventing spreading the flu?

- a. Frequent hand washing with soap
- b. Kissing pigs
- c. Keep your distance from sick people
- d. Answers A and C

2. If you have flu symptoms and fever above 100 degrees you should:

- a. Ask your parents to call the attendance office and report flu-like illness.
- b. See your doctor
- c. Go to school and infect everyone else.
- d. Stay home free of fever for 24 hrs.
- e. Answers A, B & D.

Article By: Brandie Black and Jordan Akers

## An excerpt from 'Addicted to You'

By Dionicio Sanchez

To be with you is to be at peace,  
Something I long for in your serenity.

To gaze upon your luminous eyes,  
That appears as the alluring moon in the night.

The captivating sound of your voice  
Is to mesmerizing for me to hear and follow by choice

The way that your silk sin feels

Is to addicting that my emotions you steal.

This deep and overwhelming passion that we share

Is too much that none could ever compare.

And life does its best to get into our affairs,

But I know that our love is greater than even Shakespeare.

## A World's View

"Day of Eternal Love: 09/09/09 China"

By: Alyssa Villarreal

09/09/09, The date known as the day of eternal love was not over passed by the Chinese and their competent love for numbers. The record of 314,000 weddings were arranged on 08/08/09 thanks to the thousands of weddings across the country, which was also the data of the Beijing Olympics.

In Mandarin language, the number nine "jiu" has a meaning almost the same as longevity, meaning a long life, which in traditions state that by getting married on this day, it's good luck for a long-lasting relationship.

## A Student's View

**Ashlee Hay (sophomore)**- "*It's good for the Chinese because of where they live and their beliefs, but it might not be as important to us. That doesn't mean we can't keep an open mind about it though.*"

ANSWERS: 1. D 2. E



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