

Talbot Student Newsletter

Mrs. Nasrallah brings fascinating background to Talbot

By Ariana Barboza and Ta'Jai Gardner

Mrs. Nasrallah is an 8th grade Bengal Tiger side mathematics teacher. She is funny, fun and energetic. She roasts people and throws that “sauce.” We will be tell you about our beloved math teacher in this edition of Teacher Profile.

We asked Mrs. Nasrallah questions for this profile.

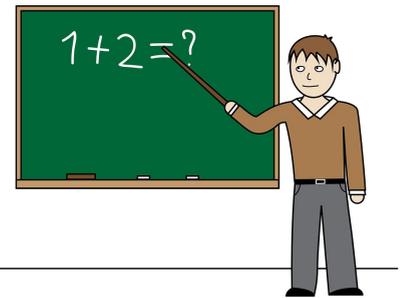
Mrs. Nasrallah is from the Azores in Portugal. She said that life was completely different on the Azores then than now. Being from the islands she didn't have the same things as the kids on the mainland, but it wasn't because her family couldn't afford it; it's that it wasn't available. On her free time she would explore creeks and forests, build her own toys, make her own games, swim at beaches and hot springs. There was little technology. TV was on at 6 p.m., and there was one channel!

Mrs. Nasrallah does have family back on the Azores that she does miss. She has 2 aunts, 4 cousins, and of course her friends that she terribly misses.

Mrs. Nasrallah had many pets back on the Azores but we choose one of the most exotic ones! Ya she had dogs and cats but have you ever heard of someone owning a porcupine. Yes she had a porcupine she also had ducks and chickens.

She also faced a much different academic environment than we are used to today. “One other thing that went on when I was little was, in school I used to get beat by the teacher when I did something wrong,” she said. “The teachers would hit us with a ruler.” Also if she didn't have a full day -- if she didn't have class -- she was able to leave school.

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Mrs. Nasrallah

Principal's Corner: Starting the year well

By **Michael Thompson**

This is the first installment of a regular feature. Michael Thompson will periodically check in with Talbot's principal, Ms. Lewis, about how things are going at the school.

I interviewed Principal Lewis about how she believes the school year of 2017-18 has started.

I asked: "How do you think the school year has started?"

Mrs. Lewis replied: "We have had a really nice school year. We are coming together as a community and we are representing Talbot well."

Then I asked: "You reach for a Talbot reimagined. What do you mean by that?"

Mrs. Lewis responded: "What it would mean for Talbot to be the school that every student wants to be a part of and every teacher wants to be a part of. It's about creating a school full of citizens united around education."

Finally I ended with: "What are your goals for 2017-18?"

Mrs. Lewis listed a set:

"Goal 1. Improve community/culture.

Goal 2. Increase student ownership of our school.

Goal 3. Improve learning for all students and all adults.

Light goal. To just have fun!"



Principal Lewis

8th graders ready for 2nd field trip

By **Analise Baez and Autumn Araujo**

Our first field trip this year was to Plimoth Plantation on October 4. When we went there we had many experiences. We saw how "Pilgrims" would cook and eat. We also saw how Pilgrims would dress.

The Pilgrims talked about how they struggled being a Pilgrim. Some of the struggles included hunting, being away from others, being new to America, living through harsh conditions with weak house structure.



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Mr. Casavant, an eighth-grade social studies teacher, said, “The trip to Plimoth Plantation went pretty well. Students were able to learn about life as Native Americans and Pilgrims in the 1600s in our own state. The students seemed to have fun. It was a great opportunity to learn history in a different way.”

In December we are going to the New England Aquarium. In the aquarium we will be seeing all types of sea creatures, like penguins, sharks, dolphins, sea lion pups and other creatures. We will be able to have the chance to touch a real stingray (we hear they’re slimy).

We will be covering some 8th grade topics also. For example, chemistry, ecology, and many things having to do with cells. There will also not just be sea animals but there will be reptiles.

Mr. Champlin (eighth-grade science teacher) says, “I also like the aquarium trip because it’s pretty easy! We go, we get out of the bus, we go into the aquarium, we leave, we get on the bus, and we come back home to Fall River. Easy! I love taking kids to the aquarium since it offers up so many topics we cover in 8th-grade science.”

School Store is now open

By Jordan Furtado, Gustavo Borges and Sean Jackson

The Talbot school store is finally open! The store is located in the entrance of the cafeteria. In this store, items are sold such as bags, water bottles, school supplies, paw bracelets, Talbot merchandise, keychains, etc. (If we are missing some items there is a poster on the wall next to the store saying all of the things available to buy.)

The way students will pay for these items is with money or Talbot tokens. You will earn tokens by doing extraordinarily good deeds. The reason for this store is so Talbot staff can afford schools supplies that teachers need. Mr. Pereira said that the pencil pouches would help with the Ready to Learn Binders that are required for all students.

Talbot’s Top Students: Term 1

Teachers from each team have picked Top Student for the first part of the school year. Here they are:

Grade 6: Alyvia Moniz (ABCD); Malakai Mchady (EFGH)

Grade 7: Kimberly Orrell (ABCD); Kawser Hussain (EFGH)

Grade 8: Victoria Faggioli (ABCD); Brendan Jackson (EFGH)

Talbot A-B-C: Emily Dias (grade 6)

Keep trying Talbot Tigers. And don't forget to ROAR!

-- Compiled by Ariana Barboza

Strong year for cross country team

By Michael Thompson

As the cross country season was coming to a close, I interviewed Talbot cross country coach Mr. Lundstrom. Being a runner myself, I was intrigued about this.

Mr. Lundstrom said, “To start, this is the 2nd year that Fall River Middle Schools have offered cross country, after a very long layoff. Durfee Athletics saw a decline in the number of runners in their programs, and thought it would be a good idea to offer a running program to the middle schools to develop interest in the sport. ... It has been a complete joy working with this team, training and watching their incredible growth and improvement over this season. I couldn't be prouder of what we've accomplished, as a team, and I am looking forward to working with this group in the spring track season.”

I asked him who the team's fastest runner had been, and he replied, “This has been a year of surprises, when it comes to top performers. Out of the 6 races, 3 boys, and 2 girls have shared top finishers on our team. That's a truly competitive team, when a number of runners step up on different weeks, and deliver their best performance. Top finishers for the boys have been Nathan Dias, Owen Guerrouxo, and Larell Carpenter. Top finishers for the girls have been Daziyali Nazario and Iyonna Hernandez.”

Mr. Lundstrom said there has been great improvement among the runners this season. “Our first practices, team members would struggle to complete just easy warm up laps,” he said. “Now we are running over 5 miles a week. My hope for this team is that they continue to run on their own over the winter, strengthening those good habits, and increasing their fitness and performance levels.”

In a late-season race, the boys team finished third among all the middle schools, finishing only 4 points out of second place. In the final, individual race, Carpenter finished in second place overall in the sixth-grade race. The girls' team also progressed very nicely over the season, improving their times week after week.

I asked Mr. Lundstrom what he believes the team needs to do to win every Saturday. “It's all about the work that the runners put in,” he said. “Hard work shows up on race day. Half-hearted practice shows up on race day. It's up to the individual, and how far they want to push their limits. That is why I enjoy running. While I may never win any race, I can take pride in the preparation, and how I performed to the best of my ability on race day.”