

Red and White Report

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Goodbye 8th Graders!

By: *Dina Perez*

As we all know, here at Palos South, we come in as 6th graders and soon leave as 8th graders. Every year a new group of kids from one grade graduate here at Palos South, and move onto high school. For them, it is hard to leave because each person has tons of memories from this school, or they have to leave their favorite teachers and habits they have here at South that won't continue on in high school. They also leave the 7th and 6th graders, who have been looking up to them this whole year, and worst of all may possibly end up getting separated from friends when they go to different schools in the high school years that follow.

The 8th graders are now ready to take the next step of their education, which is going from middle school to high school. They will be thrown more challenges concerning school, feelings, life, and more. Hey, sooner or later they'll be getting to go to their first prom, or getting their official drivers' license! But as they leave, they will also be going through another step of growing up. They're moving up to high school, which soon leads to college, and then; BAM! You're an adult. High school will be the beginning to planning their futures, and they soon begin getting serious with grades and behavior. They're getting older and life is coming even sooner for them.

To all 8th graders, the staff and 6th and 7th students will miss you next year. We wish you the best for your upcoming high school experience, and hope you can prosper as much as possible. Remember when you're there who you are, and what you want to be, because making a bad choice in high school can affect your life forever. We will miss you, and don't forget to come back every once in a while to say "Hi!" We hope you had a good experience here at South, and hope you can have another wherever your future takes you.



We are so very fortunate to live within an hour car or train ride of one of the BEST cities in the world: CHICAGO!!!! Don't let the summer of 2013 pass you by without taking at least one (or 2 or 3) "Family Field Trips" to our great city to sample some of Chicago's wonderful treasures! It's fun to be a local tourist for the day and explore a city that's almost in our own backyard! To help you out, [click here](#) to get some ideas on where to go and what to do!!! Happy exploring!!!



If you are feeling a little more adventurous, check out [this site](#) and see what Illinois has to offer other than Springfield and Chicago. This [Enjoy Illinois site](#) gives tons of ideas for exploring the different regions of Illinois, from forest areas to river towns. Some of these areas are pretty close by, such as Starved Rock, but others, such as Alton, Galena, and Shawnee National Forest are a bit farther. Make sure to check out the [events link](#) to find out all the different festivals occurring across the state as well. From eagle watching, to canine cruising, to hot air balloon fests; there is something for every family to enjoy. By discovering different sides of Illinois, you can feel like you are in a different part of the country without EVER leaving the state!



Are you a “foodie?” Do you like to cook? Maybe you don’t know how to cook, but would like to learn! Summer is a great opportunity to try, test, or re-discover your skills in the kitchen with “kid-friendly” menus and treats! This is also a great way to get younger siblings or neighbors in the kitchen to keep busy and help your parents out at the same time! [Click here](#) for a plethora of ideas—from healthy snacks and meals to pizza to smoothies and desserts— this site has a recipe to please just about any picky kid!



“I Scream, You Scream, We ALL Scream for ICE CREAM!!!”

When most people think of summer, ice cream comes to mind. A cool, delicious treat on a hot, sunny day... Plush Horse, Tasty Freeze, and Oberweis are perfect places to visit to quench your ice cream cravings, but you can also make ice cream at home without an ice cream maker! Here is a recipe for [Chocolate Ice Cream](#) that ONLY uses 3 ingredients; one of which is a chocolate bar of your choice! If you do have an ice cream maker, check out [these recipes](#) for flavors like Cookies N Cream, and Blueberry Muffin ice cream, as well as gelato and sorbet. You can’t have a dish of ice cream without toppings and sauce, right??? [This blog](#) celebrates ice cream with ideas such as Homemade Sprinkles and Chocolate Nutella Sauce!!!



Speaking of POPSICLES— [here is a site](#) that has ALL kinds of homemade popsicles— just waiting to be made and tasted! [This site](#) offers such concoctions as Banana Split Popsicles, Double Rainbow Quick Pops, and Oreo, Peanut butter Pops— these look amazing— no boring flavors here!!!

Rebecca Caudill 2014 List



			Date published	Interest levels
Atkinson, Eliza-beth	I, Emma Freke	Carolrhoda	2010	5-8
Bauer, Joan	Close to Famous	Viking	2011	4-8
Bragg, Georgia	How They Croaked: The Awful Ends of the Awfully Famous	Walker	2011	6-8
Erskine, Kathryn	Mockingbird: (Mok'ing-bûrd)	Philomel	2010	4-8
Flanagan, John	The Outcasts	Philomel	2011	5-8
Gidwitz, Adam	A Tale Dark and Grimm	Dutton	2010	6-8
Levine, Kristin	The Lions of Little Rock	Putnam	2012	6-8
Meloy, Maile	The Apothecary	Putnam	2011	6-8
Morton-Shaw, Christine	The Hunt for the Seventh	HarperCollins	2008	5-8
Neri, G.	Ghetto Cowboy	Candlewick	2011	4-8
Nicholls, Sally	Ways to Live Forever	Scholastic	2008	6-8
Palacio, R.J.	Wonder	Knopf	2012	5-8
Perkins, Mitali	Bamboo People	Charlesbridge	2010	6-8
Reedy, Trent	Words in the Dust	Scholastic	2011	7-8
Schmidt, Gary D.	Okay for Now	Clarion	2011	7-8
Sheth, Kashmira	Boys Without Names	Balzer + Bray	2010	5-8
Tunnell, Michael O.	Candy Bomber: The Story of the Berlin Airlift's "Chocolate Pilot"	Charlesbridge	2010	4-8
Van Draanen, Wendelin	The Running Dream	Knopf	2011	6-8
Walker, Sally M.	Blizzard of Glass: The Halifax Explosion of 1917	Holt	2011	4-8
Yelchin, Eugene	Breaking Stalin's Nose	Holt	2011	4-8

Summer is a great time to do some SUMMER READING and get a head start on the Media Center's Rebecca Caudill list!!! Happy Reading!!!



Contest— slips will be in the Media Center in the fall

Read 3—vote in the Illinois state elections

Read 5— 10% off at the Book Fair

Read 10— personalized bookmarks

Read 15— poster of you!

Read all 20— party with a friend during school

CONGRATULATIONS!!

YOUNG AUTHORS!!

Many worthy contenders competed in this year's Young Authors Contest!

The following students are winners!

Sixth Grade



1st Place – *To Pixiland and Back*

by Tess Vasil

2nd Place – *The Killing*

by Megan Thomason

3rd Place – *Strange Friends On a Strange Day*

by Bryanna Fergus

Seventh Grade



1st Place/Building winner *Revenge*

by Anna Lim

2nd Place – *The Night It Snowed*

by Jack Forden

3rd Place (TIE) *The Piano*

by Joey Glaza

From Nothing I wanted to Everything I Needed

by Lauren Glaza

Eighth Grade



1st Place (TIE) *The Traitor*

by Konstantine Alikakos

The Highland

by Shivali Shukla

2nd Place *Ten Letters*

by Kate Kwasneski

3rd Place *Graduation Vacation*

by Alexa Minervini

DECLAMATION

By: Shivali Shukla

Being someone who wasn't actually a part of Declamation, I don't really know much about the actual experience. However, even after one 20-minute sit-in, I can definitely say that it's a club to look into next year. That is, if you're a sixth or seventh grader, of course. Anyway, based off of what I've seen, it seems to me as though Declamation is a club in which you memorize a certain piece of writing, and then proceed to perform it either for Mrs. Swan's judging, (the teacher in charge), or, if you make it through, at the SWIC competition.

At club meetings, you practice your piece in front of Mrs. Swan and the other members, and then receive feedback from Mrs. Swan based off of your performance. She gives you pointers and tells you what to improve on, and also tells you what was good about your piece. I'm not sure if they're supposed to, but the other members also give feedback, so you receive both the point of view of a teacher and also that of a student.

This year's SWIC competition was held on April 17th at Evergreen. Although none of our school's competitors won an award, they put in a great effort and did quite well. The competitors from our school were Kate Kwasneski, Emma Lizzio, Stephen Jackiw, Elizabeth Neybert, Katrina Mamone, Natalie Modelski, and Konstantine Alikakos, all of them being eighth graders.

Overall, Declamation is a unique and interesting club to be a part of. Coming from someone who wasn't a part of it, my opinion may not seem valid, because otherwise I would be in it, right? Actually, not quite. In retrospect, I think I should have joined Declamation because of the experience it provides and the performance skills it enhances. So I decided to tell all of you about it, so maybe you'll join next year.



Spring

Surprising time of the year

Playful time of the year

Ready to happen

Igniting the fun times ahead

Never know what the weather might bring

Going strong and never ending!



By: Catherine Denny

Palos South

Participates in local events

A great place for kids

Learning around every corner

Open to everyone

Some wish they can come
back

Shares amazing times

Open for improvements

Unbroken trust

Together forever

Home to all!



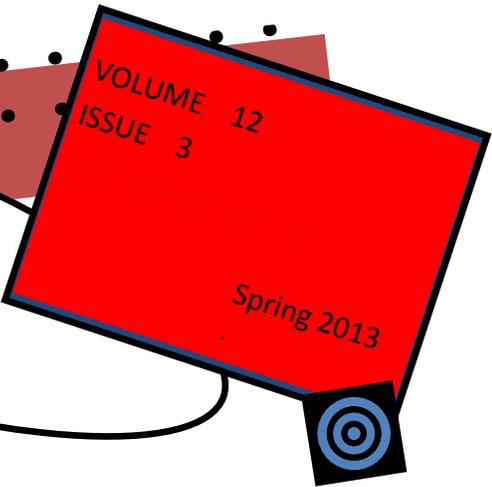
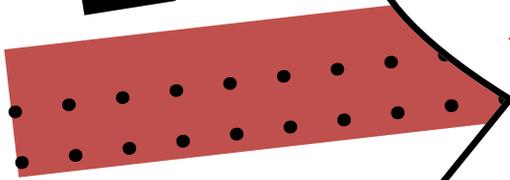
By: Catherine Denny

What's New in Fitness Club?!

This year was definitely an exciting year for Fitness Club. Everyone was having fun, enjoying the time they got to spend with their friends and in the fitness center too. This year though, Mrs. Buyan, the current director of Fitness Club stepped up her game. She added more workout times, more competitions, and more Powerades as a reward for winning or beating records. For the past two years she has kept her promise of giving us Powerades when we're able to beat, or set a new record during a competition or workout. Now the workouts are more fun to do and you really get involved in it too! So come out next year and join Fitness Club; it will be an exciting experience for everyone! We met every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:45 to 3:45.

By: Catherine Denny



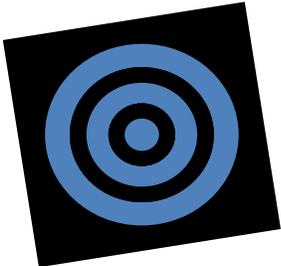


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- Merian Esparza**
- Alexa Fleck**
- Christina Gonzalez**
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- Emma Lizzio**
- Anna Mattes**
- Tracy Mercado**
- Lilly Moe**
- Dina Perez**
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- Raneen Salhi**
- Shivali Shukla**
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The Palos Red and White Report would like to wish Mr. Bingen well in his new job opportunity as principal in Schaumburg.

We would also like to wish our retiring staff: Mr. Bentley, Mrs. Alsager, and Ms. Hannion all the best in whatever comes next. You will ALL be missed!!!

All the best to Mrs. Segredo, who will be switching schools and will be at West next year.

Congratulations on your Graduation 8th graders– best of luck in high school!

To our Palos South students and staff: have a happy and safe summer break!!! See you in August!