

Q: What's your spirit animal?

Q: Has reading a book ever changed your life? Which one and why if yes?

A: Absolutely! Born to Run. I run a lot of races and it is a very inspiring book. A book about hardships and overcoming it.

Q: Who's your role-model/ influence and why?

A: My dad because he was always there for me. He was a great and understanding father, and I try to be as well. Whenever I needed him, I could turn to him.



Q: Would you rather have super strength or super intelligence?

A: Super Intelligence because then I could think my way out of a problem.

Q: What is the ultimate dream vacation?

A: Disney World, we usually go every year.



Q: What is your favorite bonus about being the principle of Palos South?

A: Getting to work with different kids, parents and teachers, and getting to see their bright smiling faces on the first day of school.

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BORED????

Fact or Fiction? The Great Debate!

By Anthony Wnek and Tristen Juarez

See if you can find evidence to support or disprove any of these controversial topics!

Global warming

Fluoridation

Shakespeare was not Shakespeare

Saucer crash 1947

Project mkultra

Scientology

Our government spies on us

Area 51

Artificial intelligence

Gmos

President Obama did not go to Columbia University

Bigfoot

How Does Your Computer Affect Your Eyes?

By Karol Para

We have all heard adults tell us "don't sit too close to the T.V. or you will hurt your eyes" and we have carried that onto computers, but the only thing wrong with that is that there is no scientific proof that the computer or the television will affect your vision. Although that does not mean that the computer can't cause many uncomfortable related symptoms including eye strain, dry eyes, headache, fatigue, difficulty focusing, blurred vision, and shoulder and neck pain. However, these symptoms typically subside after giving yourself some time away from the screen.

Eye strain although is something that we should all think about when using a computer. Eye strain is caused mostly by glare and the position of the screen. There are two types of glare. Direct and indirect glare. Glare often occurs when the computer is either too dark or too bright. It also involves the lighting that you are in. Glare leads to muscle fatigue which means that the eyes have to struggle to make out the images on the screen. Also, the position of your computer can lead to muscle fatigue as well. The computer is designed to look straight at it, and when you look at it in another way, your eyes can struggle trying to make out the images and damage can eventually occur. Your eyes are very important and you should take care of them. Some things you can do to take care of your eyes are taking regular breaks, positioning the screen properly so you are looking straight at it, balancing the light of the room to the light of the computer, getting regular eye exams, and preventing dry eyes by having a humidifier to add moisture to the air so that your eyes can be properly lubricated. Taking care of your eyes is more important than ever, because now we even have computers in front of us in the classroom and at home.



The Top 5...

By: Sajal Shukla

Best Vacation Spots in the US

New York, New York

Florida

Hawaii

San Francisco, California

Las Vegas, Nevada



Worst Traffic Cities in the US

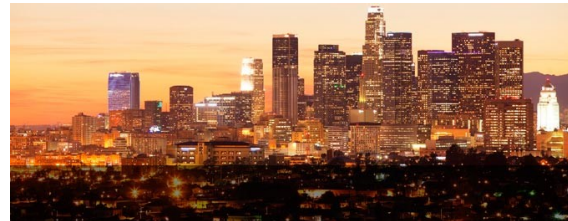
Los Angeles, California

Washington D.C.

San Francisco, California

Houston, Texas

New York, New York



Worst Cities to Live In

Miami, Florida

Detroit, Michigan

Paterson, New Jersey

Hawthorne, California

Fall River, Massachusetts



Best Food Cities in the US

New York, New York

Los Angeles, California

New Orleans, Louisiana

Portland, Oregon

San Francisco, California

New York City is a great vacation spot with its tall skyscrapers, Central Park, and Times Square. You can even take a ferry down the water and see the Statue of Liberty. New York also made #1 in the cities with the best food. You can basically find every food in this city because of all the diversity. There are also many top rated restaurants. Did you know that Los Angeles is in the top ten worst traffic cities in the **world**? Also, Miami, Florida made #1 for the worst city to live in. Houses are very costly and many people live in poverty.



Allegiant Part 2: Ascendant

By: Sajal Shukla

The final movie of the Divergent series comes out in June! Allegiant Part 2, also called, Ascendant, hits theaters on June 7th, 2017. This movie is following the first part of Allegiant that came out in March of 2016. The first part of Allegiant tells the story of how Tris goes beyond the city walls and realizes shocking things about her family and the history of her city. Allegiant Part 2 is the story of how Tris, Four, and the rest of the team that came from Chicago to the Bureau, try to end the Bureau's ruling over the United States. The book Allegiant is very interesting to think about after you read it. The events that happen are so unexpected that you'll be sure to think about why they happened. Although there are parts in Allegiant that may make you sad, it is the most interesting book out of all the books in the Divergent series, in my opinion, and I do recommend reading the book or watching the movie.



Movie



Book



2018 Master List Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award Illinois Children's Choice Award

Author	Title	Publisher	Pub Date	Interest Levels
Bertman, Jennifer	The Book Scavenger	Henry Holt	2015	4-7
Brown, Don	Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	2015	6-8
Chmakova, Svetlana	Awkward	Yen	2015	5-8
Connor, Leslie	All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook	Katherine Tegen	2016	4-6
Eagar, Lindsay	Hour of the Bees	Candlewick	2016	6-8
Ganda, Martin	I Will Always Write Back	Little, Brown	2015	5-8
Hilton, Marilyn	Full Cicada Moon	Dial	2015	5-8
Holt, K.A.	House Arrest	Chronicle	2015	5-8
Jamieson, Victoria	Roller Girl	Dial	2015	4-8
Lai, Thanhha	Listen, Slowly	HarperCollins	2015	4-8
Leyson, Leon	The Boy on the Wooden Box	Atheneum	2013	5-8
Nielsen, Jennifer A.	A Night Divided	Scholastic	2015	5-8
Pearsall, Shelley	The Seventh Most Important Thing	Knopf	2015	5-8
Priest, Cherie	I Am Princess X	Arthur A. Levine	2015	6-8
Sachar, Louis	Fuzzy Mud	Delacorte	2015	4-7
Schmidt, Gary D.	Orbiting Jupiter	Clarion	2015	7-8
Smith, Roland	Beneath	Scholastic	2015	4-8
Stead, Rebecca	Goodbye Stranger	Wendy Lamb	2015	6-8
Sullivan, Tara	The Bitter Side of Sweet	Putnam's Sons	2016	7-8
Tyre, Lisa Lewis	Last in a Long Line of Rebels	Nancy Paulsen	2015	4-6

Interest levels reflect a title's combination of ability and appeal for young readers as suggested by the RCYRBA Steering Committee. With each annual list participants should evaluate, purchase and promote only those books which they determine appropriate for their students and the grade levels served. Be reminded, to participate in the program, you need only offer 12 of the titles.

Summer Reading
Opportunities!!!

Don't forget the Rebecca Caudill 2018 Reading list! Get a head start on reading some of these fantastic books in order to participate in the South Caudill contest next year!





Interesting Websites

Recommended By: Triston Juarez

Playr.org

Want to play the original Pokemon games ? Then this website is for you. It's free and you can play every Pokemon game ever and any old school game you like and you can save your progress. It's an amazing website and I highly recommend it!

Ineedaprompt.com

Need a prompt for writing a story, Young Author, anything? This website is for you. It's really funny and has some wacky ideas

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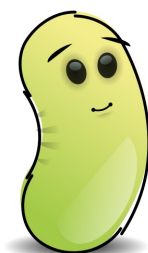
Have you ever read a book that you like and want to see more books like that or by that author? Then this website is for you.

Snapbubbles.com

Have you ever received a gift that came with bubble wrap and it was better than the gift itself? Yeah, snapping these bubbles is just addicting and you don't even know why. The saddest part is when you run out of bubbles to pop and you don't know how to go on with your life. Worry no more! A genius has already solved this problem. Now you can snap bubbles all day long

<http://www.simonpanrucker.com/beans.swf>

Crush some beans—trust me it's very addicting !



Crisp Sugar Cookies!

With Irini Mihas and Erin Hayes

Total time 25 mins

Servings 48

Ingredients :

1 cup butter or margarine, softened

2 cups sugar

2 eggs

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

5 cups all-purpose flour

1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder

1 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 cup milk

Directions

In a mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Add eggs and vanilla. Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt; add to creamed mixture alternately with the milk. Cover and refrigerate for 15 to 30 minutes. On a floured surface, roll out dough to 1/8-in. thickness. Cut out cookies into desired shapes and place 2 in. apart on a greased baking sheet. Bake at 350 degrees F for 10 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Enjoy!!!



These would also be good as sandwich cookies with frosting or Nutella or even ice cream between 2 of them! Yum!

Chocolate Covered Strawberry Popsicles

By: Erin Hayes and Irini Mihas

Ingredients

- 2 1/2 cups fresh whole strawberries
- 1/3 cup cold water
- 2 cups of magic shell chocolate topping

How-To

1. Blend the strawberries and water together to make 2 cups puréed strawberries.
2. Pour into your popsicle mold.
3. Allow to freeze for at least 4 hours.
4. Dip in the magic shell.
5. Enjoy!



This is a delicious treat you can enjoy in the summer! So make and enjoy it!



Best Colleges/Universities for Different Majors and Degrees

By: Sajal Shukla

It's never too early start thinking about your future and what you want to be when you grow up! Behind every "dream job" there's a college or university best suited for you to become all that you can be. Here are just a few choices for some common areas of interest:

Computer Science	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
Chemistry	University of California-Berkeley
Math	Princeton University
Biology/Biochemistry	Harvard University
Journalism	Emerson College
Psychology	Stanford University
Business	University of Pennsylvania
Education	Princeton University
Nursing	Johns Hopkins University
Law	Yale University
Accounting	University of Texas-Austin
Engineering	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
Music	Juilliard School



Theme Hotel

Reviewed by: Noah Rigoni



The game Theme Hotel is a strategy game that allows you to run and manage your very own hotel.

First, you start off with 40,000 dollars. Right after that, a tutorial will pop up and ask you, “Do you want to stick with tutorial or skip it? “

If you stick with the tutorial it will get you up on your feet or get your hotel running.

Also if you don’t use the tutorial you need to get started by yourself.

Once you start, your goal is to get to a five-star hotel and get a great economy and good reviews.

The first time playing the game I did awful, getting 7,573 dollars in debt. To avoid this, I personally recommend you stick with the tutorial, until you can get the hang of it and start by yourself.

When Triston played, he didn’t take the tutorial and he went 10,000 dollars in debt, laughing as it happened, but he also added it was fun.

Finally, In conclusion this a neat and interesting strategy game.

Here’s a link to the free game: [Theme Hotel](#)



Weirdest Laws in the U.S.

By: Nicholas Skweres

This is a list of a few of the strangest laws you can imagine!



Alabama:

It is illegal to drive while blindfolded

Dominoes can't be played on Sunday

It is illegal to wear a fake mustache to church that makes people laugh

Florida:

Women can be fined for falling asleep under a hairdryer

Unmarried women cannot go parachuting on Sundays, they may be fined, arrested, or jailed

If an Elephant is tied to a parking meter, then the fee must be paid

It is illegal to sing in a public place while wearing a swimsuit

Kansas:

It is illegal to shoot rabbits from a motorboat

If two trains meet on the same track, neither shall proceed until the other has passed.

Illinois:

You may be arrested for vagrancy if you do not have at least one dollar bill on your person.

A car must be driven with the steering wheel.

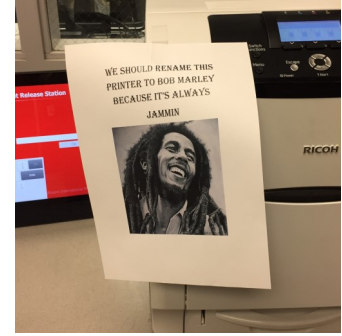
Each state has its own unique set of strange laws...check them out!!!



OBEY THE
LAWS

“We Be Jammin’ “

By Karol Para



Student perspective:

At Palos South Middle School, we have 3 Papercut printers that students can use. Two are in the Media Center and one is downstairs by the Art Room. And from experience, may I tell you that they work around 20% of the time... and that's on good days. However, maybe the administration has not been informed of this, and that is why they feel that we students should be responsible for printing what we need for class, instead of our teachers. Shocker. I understand how this would help, or in other words “force” students to switch to everything digital, but what about those things that you can't do digitally. Students would then have two choices. One would be to be late for class, waiting for a document to print, with a 20% shot that it will print, or two, come to class unprepared. Both choices have horrible effects on education. A much simpler solution for this “force” into everything digital would be putting on limit about what teachers can print depending on what course they teach, grade, and what they feel their students are prepared for. This is just something that could come into play. It's up to the students whether they will allow this to happen or not. We need your voices to be heard, loud and clear. Find solutions to get what you need, and what you feel needs to happen.

Teacher perspective:

We are all in the same boat. As the push for a more digital age in the schools becomes more of a reality, so do the frustrations of having to work around these situations for BOTH students and staff. I am not sure what the answer is, but maybe a set of Papercut printers JUST for students to use and a set of the printers JUST for teachers? That might alleviate some of the issues.



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We would like to wish the Palos South Class of 2017 a big Congratulations and best of luck in high school. We wish all Palos South students and staff a fun and safe Summer Break!!! Enjoy!