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Fun and games at the BCS carnival!

by Cassie Wybenga

Every year our school holds a carnival to celebrate fall. It is a chance for our community to come together and enjoy a fun filled night. It is one of the most exciting nights of the school year for most students. Staff and parent volunteers put months of planning and lots of hard work into the carnival. It took place on October 12th from 4:30 to 7:30 pm at the Clyde Hill campus. Some of the amazing features of this year's carnival included food trucks, cake walk, a dunk tank, and lots more! Mrs. Janice Clark, a BCS parent, has been volunteering at the carnival for nine years. When I asked Mrs. Clark why she enjoys volunteering for the carnival she said, "I love seeing all the happy kids!" Students love the carnival because they get to hang out with their friends and just enjoy all the great things that the car-



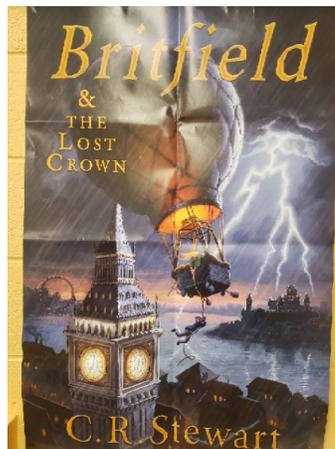
Josiah Clark & Josh Kidd Photo: Mrs. Clark

nival offers! Mrs. Clark explained that all the money raised at the carnival goes to school programs such as athletics and arts. It is fun and all the money raised goes to a good cause! I hope that our school continues this tradition for many years to come!

Author Visits BCS by Caden Milbradt-Yoshida

Author visits have always been great. All the time in elementary school authors would come and visit to promote their new books. On October 1st, author C. R. Stewart came to Clyde Hill campus to promote his new book *Britfield and the Lost Crown*. It was an engaging presentation and now I want to read the book. I talked to Mr. Olson, Assistant Principal, and he said "C.R. Stewart's booking agent contacted him by email." He and his crew were doing a tour to promote his book. I have heard students in the B hall who've read the book talk about it and the reception has been positive.

The visit happened in the BCS Commons right before lunch. Mr. Olson said, "His book and message were appropriate for our age group and the English department supported it." I asked him if the message will encourage us to read more and he responded, "I hope so. Reading is important for a variety of reasons, and in the age of phones and screens, it's kind of getting lost with teenagers."



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Welcome to the Stage! by Katie Metteer

Mrs. Shockey's Junior High Theater Class is an amazing place for 7th and 8th graders to find energy, creativity, and imagination. Many of you probably have friends in theater or have seen posters around the school, but have you ever wondered what really goes on behind the scenes? Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning, a group of fifteen very lively junior high students gather in G113 to play drama games, rehearse for productions, and come up with silly ideas on how to make our performance better than it already is. "There is a very enthusiastic and unique group of students in theater," states Emma Tkach, a 7th grader in Junior High Theater. "They know how to share a laugh and make mornings more alive and exciting."

Mrs. Shockey, a new teacher at Bellevue Christian, has done an amazing job at directing our shows. You may have seen our recent performance, *Oedipus the King*, put on during the BCS Carnival, a short Greek comedy about a young royal couple who were bound to their fate. If you missed it, no worries! We are just starting to cast and rehearse a longer play and we will be performing it at the end of the semester! More information will be posted around that time, so make sure to keep your eyes and ears out. Junior High Theater will continue to be a fun-spirited class that you won't want to miss out on!



Katie Metteer, Tatum Ford, Jenna Miller, Kyla Phillips, Andra Smith, Justyn Peterhans, Rebecca Qian, Jackson Schiebner
Photo: Mrs. Peterhans



Ethan Chang, Johanna Barrios, Jenny Cheng, Emma Tkach
Photo: Mrs. Peterhans

A Singing Success by Jaybin Rippee

On October 17th, 2019 at 7:00 P.M there was a choir concert. In this choir concert four songs were sung by the junior high including: "I Will at All Times", "Syahamba", "We Are Not Alone", and "There is a Redeemer". "There is a Redeemer" was most of the singers favorite one that they sung. When asked about the song, Grace Wasemiller, a member of the choir, said, "Because it is a pretty song, I also like it because it talks about

God and how he is a redeemer." Some kids were nervous or scared and some were excited. They were scared because they were going up on a stage and singing in front of 150 to 200 people. Grace said, "Because I had done it before, and I knew that God was with me, I wasn't scared." She also commented, "In one of our songs it says we are not alone, God is with us." Choir members thought they did well individually and as a

group. The audience enjoyed it as well because, according to Grace they felt "the choir's happiness and joy when they honored God." He is the success behind the choir concert.

Let Your Light Shine at Chapel on Thursday

by Tessa Burnett

Don't be late to chapel on Thursday, you might miss the worship team and a chance to grow your faith in worship. Chapel leadership is here to lead you in worship and create a closer relationship with Jesus in your heart. Worshiping in chapel is a great way to express your faith and get closer to the Lord. You can have a chance to experience chapel leadership by joining the team. Don't miss chapel and take a seat in the commons on Thursday.

Chapel Leadership is strengthening the faith of our students and leading them to the Lord. Brielle Weedman, a member of chapel leadership, says her favorite part of being in chapel is worshipping God. She says that being a part of chapel leadership has made her aware of the need for a deeper, closer relationship with God. By being a part of the team, it will strengthen your faith and bring out the leader inside you. You can help lead your fellow students in a journey with the Lord by leading worship in chapel on Thursdays. Brielle said that her faith has strengthened because she is able to express her faith and worship God. You can join chapel leadership too and get the experience. Brielle recommends chapel leadership because it brings you closer to God and gets you thinking about serving in the future like at your own church. Get involved in our Junior High chapel.



Chapel Leadership Team: Brielle Weedman, Caitlin Edison, Sonya Melman, Roman Venti, Bentley Zylstra, & Caleb Wood Photo: Mr. Olson



Drew Penberthy: photo Mrs. Graves

Snow Cone Day—a Sweet Success *by Benny Williams*

At school, we had a day where we offered free snow cones during lunch time. According to the student council teacher, Mr. Tom Pridmore, he thought “it was a success.” Mr. Pridmore said “that it went really well...I was impressed with the students who ran it.” On a scale of one to ten, he rated it a nine, because “there is always room for improvement.” He would definitely want snow cone day to happen

again. According to Mr. Pridmore, “setup was quite easy.” There were eight flavors, and we didn't run out of any of them! Even though it got a little messy, cleanup was also relatively easy with the whole student council helping. I think snow cone day was a great sendoff for the long weekend that was ahead. I hope everyone enjoyed it, and hope it happens again.

Caitlin Edison—Mountain Biker!

by Emma Tkach

We all have an exciting time out of school, but some people have truly breathtaking activities that they attend! Today we will be talking about Caitlin Edison, who is in 7th grade, and her time outside of school. She rides mountain bikes and goes on incredible jumps, which is her favorite thing to do on her bike. Her Dad inspired her to start mountain biking. She has been biking for two years at Sweetlines. Her role models are Kat Sweet, Elle Ruunen and Jill Kitner. If you're interested in mountain biking you should talk to Caitlin about her adventures.



Caitlin Edison Photos: Mrs. Edison



Grace is the Champ!

by Anahit Khachatryan

Grace Wasenmiller, a seventh grader, went to a horseback riding championship. Her horseback riding championship was on September 27th through September 30th. It was in Las Vegas at a barn called South Point. It was at least 100 degrees outside every day. During the championship she won double champion over 30 18-year olds. That means she got 1st place twice. Grace also won a fifth and a fourth place in the championship.

Grace does horseback riding because she enjoys being

around all animals great and small, especially horses. She likes horses a lot because you can build a special bond with them and can trust them. She said that there are a lot of skills for horseback riding to maintain and cannot name them all. She has ridden horses since she was 3 years old. Her mom had motivated her to ride horses because her mom grew up riding them and she wanted to do the same. This was her first championship, but she was not

nervous because she knew that it would be like her other horse shows she has been in and that God was with her.



Grace Wasenmiller Photos: Mrs. Wasenmiller

Get to Know Mrs. Lindor *by Jane Sigl*

Front Desk worker, Shannan Lindor, is a person you might not know very well but she is a very important one. This is Mrs. Lindor's second year working here. She worked at Mack elementary in the preschool for 17 year before she came to Clyde Hill. She is very busy in the mornings and in the afternoons when students are checking in late or checking out early. Those are her most busy times, but she still works nonstop all day.

Throughout the day she commonly gets asked: "Can I go to sickbay?" "Where is Mr. DeYoung, Ms. Postma, or Mr. Hart?" "What is my locker code?" "Where do I turn in forms?" "What period is it?" and many other questions. When asked about her favorite part of the job, Mrs. Lindor said, "I really enjoy getting to know all the students, that is my favorite part. There is always something new happening, it's never a dull moment." She stays in her office all day. She works with teachers and students, but because she is at the front desk, she sees more students. Mrs. Lindor says the most important part of her job is, "Keeping track of all 487 students, and helping with all of their questions."

When she is not working, she likes to walk her dogs, bake, spend time with her kids, cook, read, and go to restaurants and movies. Mrs. Lindor helps our school so much. She is making this place better than she found it.

Dedicated Librarian *by Ethan Chang*

Mrs. Pam Johnson decided to become a librarian because she did some volunteer work in the library and loved it, so she decided to become one. Mrs. Johnson preferred to be a librarian at school as she liked to help children find books that they would like. She chose to work at BCS because her children went to BCS. In 1993 after a "tragic" experience, Mrs. Johnson was publicly baptized and realized that Jesus was walking beside her. I discovered a lot of fun facts about Mrs. Johnson. Her hobbies are reading, making handmade cards, and studying. She is currently studying for her master's in library science. Her favorite colors are blue and green. Her favorite food is chicken sauté with peanut sauce. She and her husband own a blueberry farm in Duvall and they own a horse and mini donkey.

Sick Days *by Katherine Young*

When you are sick your parents should call the office and tell them you will not be participating in school that day. The designated attendance phone number is (425) 460-3321. If you are throwing up or have a fever, you must stay home. If you have not thrown up and/or are fever free for 24 hours you

can go to school. The school you missed will be excused and you will still have to finish all homework. Teachers will tell you to check Ren-Web for missing work and homework. You can also ask a friend what happened the day or days you were gone. You get two days to complete

What's Up, Amy?

by Wren ter Kuile

Amy Miller is the woman who works at the deli. Her job is to feed the kids lunch and snacks during breaks. She loves getting to see the kids everyday and she is happy to be in her position. She has worked in the deli for 7 years. During her break in the day, she prepares for lunch. Just for us, she has to wake up really early to serve us so we should be very thankful for her.

If you ever don't have money, wait till the end of the day, that's when she gets rid of doughnuts and what wasn't eaten for lunch.

Amy is a very nice lady and we should be nice to her so be sure to say please and thank you. We should also be sure to actually line up for lunch. She would like us to line up down the stairs toward the tables. She recommends we do this so when it rains we don't line up out the door. Remember to respect her because she respects us.

assignments for each day you missed. If you are at school and don't feel good you can ask for a pass to the health room from your teacher and the office will call your parents.

Meet Conrad Hoffman *by Boston Borg*

Our school has two very dedicated custodians, RouxAnn Koon and Conrad Hoffman. When asked what one of his memorable BCS experiences was, Conrad Hoffman, a custodian for four years, says it was during a tense basketball game, we were behind one point, the gym was packed “with only seconds left on the clock, the power went out” says Conrad. “We were at the free throw line about to shoot when it happened, we had to finish the game a different day.”

When I asked him how students could make his job more enjoyable, he said, “You could clean up after yourselves and not litter” then responded “But keep God in your heart, learn to the best of your abilities, and just be a good person. When I see that, I don’t mind what I’m doing.” To the question of how do you think God is using you here in the BCS community, Conrad thought a while, then responded, “My job is to make things work so the teachers can teach kids in a godly manner.” Conrad Hoffman says that he enjoys serving the Bellevue Christian community and thinks it’s “very worthwhile.”

One of his favorite things about working here at Bellevue Christian are the students. He says, “I get a lot of fulfillment out of how the kids love God and one another. It brings great joy to me.” Conrad says he does a lot of “painting, fixing things, cleaning

up vomit, unclogging toilets, all that fun stuff.” This proves just how dedicated Conrad is. Our school is great, but it would not function if we didn’t have amazing custodians like Conrad Hoffman, to keep our school running cleanly.

**Let the Redeemed of the Lord tell their Story
Psalm 107:2**

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Oct. 31 – End of 1st Quarter
- Nov. 1 – No School, Professional Day
- Nov. 4 - JH Boys Basketball Begins
- Nov. 11 – No School, Veterans Day
- Nov. 21-23 – HS Drama performances
Our Town, 7pm
- Nov. 25-26 – Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences
- Nov. 25-29 – Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 10 – Early Release
- Dec. 17 – 7-12 Instrumental Christmas Concert, 7pm
- Dec. 19 – 7-12 Choir Christmas Concert, 7pm
- Dec. 20 - Homecoming
- Dec. 20 - JH Community Day
- Dec. 21-Jan. 5 – Christmas Break

BCS Robotics and Tech Club *by Ryan Hazeur*

The RTC is one of the many clubs that junior high students at BCS can participate in. It happens once a week on Tuesday in room G117 (Computer lab) from 2:15 – 2:55 pm. This club is a great place to learn, practice teamwork and problem-solve, all while having fun. The club is organized into two parts: the programming section and robotics section, but students can switch between them. Mrs. Ruthanna Walker, the BCS computer science teacher, leads the club.

For the most part, the club's work is done independently, and lab students must use their imagination. As the leader of the RTC, Mrs. Walker's role is to guide the students, answer any questions they have, and encourage them to make progress in the short amount of time they have per week. Mrs. Walker has been involved with technology since she graduated from college. Since coming to BCS, she's focused on bringing her passion for technology and teaching it to the students. "I started the club because there were many students at BCS who loved technology and I wanted to allow them to participate in something unique and fun."

The club is separated into two parts: robotics and programming. For the programming part, the club members can improve their programming skills using the software on the lab computers. In the robotics part, students work on building Lego Mindstorm robots. If the students want to spend more time running robotics, the school also has after-school robotics that meets after school on Wednesdays from 3pm-5pm. In that club, students build and program more complex robots and plan to compete in local and national competitions.

Q1 Ending *by Evan Mellin*

We all know that the end of the first quarter is coming fast. A lot of questions may arise with the end of the first quarter. Mr. Olson, Assistant Principal of our junior high, says the workload will not increase. He also says there are not going to be as many assemblies as we have been having. A lot of stuff is going to stay the same and students are getting used to school again. When asked how do you think student interactions will change Mr. Olson said that he hopes by the first quarter that the wall between Three Points and Mack students will come down. Mr. Olson said that by the end of the

first quarter he hopes that the students know where their classes are and that the students are in the full swing. He says we are up and running. Now that you know what's coming you don't have to worry.

Q2 Starts November 4

Yearbook Club is Off to a Good Start

by Isabelle Shao

The yearbook club is already starting to come up with ideas about what the yearbook should look like this year. The yearbook club is educated by Ms. Mandy Fiechtner, who is also the art teacher. "I think the yearbook will look very cool," said Caitlin Edison, a member of the club. "We are still debating over the theme of "be the one who" or "a rising tide raises all ships." The club is starting off well and working together as a group. Caitlin claims that the club is "very fun and social." She also thinks there is nothing bad about the club and that she really enjoys it. "You also get to voice your opinion," she said, "everything is very exciting and everyone has good judgement."

Book News *by Mia Hawley*

New books and graphic novels are coming to the LRC this November! Sports and Veterans day books especially. Check out some of the new books coming! *Cover-up: Mystery at the Super bowl*, a book that combines sports and mystery. *No Better Friend*, a story about a man and a dog surviving in WWII. In *Heroes of Dunkirk*, read about how English civilians save over 40,000 soldiers using only tiny boats. If you want to paint your own nails in fun ways, then try out *DIY Nail Art*. These and over 30 more titles will be coming soon!

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Were you at the Junior High Cross-Country Championship?

by Angus Pulkka

On October 22, 2019 the Junior High Cross-Country Championship Race was held at Madison Park in central Seattle next to the shore of Lake Washington. The Girls and Boys Junior High races ran at 3:45 and 4:05 respectively. 13 teams attended, some opposing teams including, Bear Creek, Overlake, and more! The race was 1.5 miles and fourteen runners competed, led by Coach Amy Ford. The team is a mix of 7th and 8th grade students with two eighth graders (Tatum Ford and Kallie Alford) holding the position of team captains.

There have been nine other mandatory races in this season not including the optional races held over the some weekends, all races were coached by either the High School Coach Vicky Donnel or the Junior High coach. The farthest up the roster during the season the JH team has gotten is 6th place, with the first race in the season being 1 mile and the rest of the races during the season being 1.5 miles. The team encourages you to see the results for yourself at www.athletic.net.



Junior High Volleyball Still Fights!

by Grace Owen

The junior high volleyball teams comprise of 7th and 8th graders. There are two teams, D1 and D2. The D2 coach is Miss Steffen and the D1 coach is Mrs. Dideriksen. The D1 team has 12 players, D2 has 10. The volleyball teams practice after school on a normal week Monday through Thursday. Practices are after school until 4:45 PM.

The D1 team recently played Cedar Park Christian. Cassie Wybenga plays on the volleyball team and she said, "It was a rough game. The opposing team had poor sportsmanship. We also lost all 3 sets, but we did our best." Cassie also said, "I like how supportive my team is and the encouragement within the team. The part that I did not enjoy as much was losing." She really enjoyed this season so she will be playing again next year. The teams had great times hanging out together and bonding with their teammates. No matter what happened during the season, the teams will still fight!

Boys Soccer Ends

by Joel Eilers

As the JH soccer season wraps up this month, coach of the team, Josh Smit, tells us some important information. For example, where, when and how the season has been going. When asked how is the season going, he said, "it's pretty good. Our team has done a good job of improving so I'm happy with that." The team has played 11 games so far, with 2 wins and 9 losses. The hardest competition the team played was University Prep. Ethan Chang, team member, said that University Prep game was muddy and very hard. It was on a soggy field. Most of the games were at Marymoor and the rest were at the other team's home field.

Since the beginning of the season the team has grown stronger in team play, passing and defense, according to Coach Smit. They have been working on, "a lot of ball control and putting pressure up field instead of sitting back and waiting for the team to come to them." Ethan said, "We improved on pushing up the field and mostly everything." Coach Smit said the best part of being on the team is having a lot of fun, laughing and what not. Ethan said, "Friends are what makes being on the team fun."

Girls Soccer Wraps Up Season *by Kayla Wilgus*

The BCS soccer team has been going on for over 15 years. It is a great program held by BCS. The season starts around early September and ends in late October. The practices are 4 days a week with Friday off. For the most part, games are once a week. Mr. Tom Pridmore is the coach and he goes by Prid. You will make the team no matter your skill level. The team is combined with 7th and 8th graders. There is only one coach, no assistant. To play on the team you need a signed physical from the doctor. The team had a rough season for wins and losses, but they had a great time playing together. I am in 7th grade and I played for the team and had a blast. Personally, I really recommend you to play.

JH's First Band Concert! *by Zach Faley*

In the Commons at 7:00pm on October 28th, 24 students performed 3 songs. Those songs were called "Free Spirit Overture", "Honor Roll March", and "Riff Raff". There's also a meaning to these songs. "Free Spirit's" meaning is how men have a spirit that is free to be themselves. "Honor roll's" meaning is about how humans will go ahead to help and protect each other. The last one, "Riff Raff", is about how humans need some sort of music in their lives. The band members practiced those songs for the whole school year, so it shows how hard they worked to be so good at them. There was an assortment of instruments too, including trumpets, trombone, different kinds of saxophones, flutes, clarinets, bass clarinet, and percussion. There also were a few solos, featuring different people and instruments. "Our main goal is to play skillfully for God, and to feel good about ourselves," the band teacher, Ms. Boone said. And it went great!

Find out the truth about SAS *by Noel Martin*

SAS is a specialized program that is dedicated to students that desire extra help and support with schoolwork and homework. The students that I interviewed were Kayla Wilgus and Katherine Young. The teachers that some of the students have are Miss Dunn and Mrs. Rice. The learning program is meant for students who are learning at a little bit of a slower pace. The SAS room is to the left of the field above the art room. The program is done whenever the student would like to. For example, Kayla does it during clubs and on Monday during foods. The reason why many students do SAS is because it helps them with homework and they get one on one time to ask more questions. The average cost for SAS is \$15,000, which is about double of a normal tuition or you can do half of the time of the normal amount which costs around \$8,000. Many of the students said that SAS was helpful because it helps you understand the subject better, but it also

VPG *by Sofia Benavides*

The Viking Parent group has been around for more than four years helping the BCS community! The Viking Parent Group helps the community by being in service to the school, staff, and students.

Viking parent group organizes events for the school and help decorate for holidays such as Christmas. They also plan teacher appreciation week, birthday celebrations, and organize lunch for staff. VPG wishes to make the staff feel appreciated and supported and help parents get more involved. Every parent is automatically in the Viking Parent group, so you do not need to sign up. There are two meetings every month held by Mrs. Ortega, BCS parent, and any parent is welcome to come! We hope to see you there.

helps you take your time instead of moving at the same pace as the rest of the class. Many other schools do not have SAS as a part of their academic structure. In the end, SAS is a learning program that helps many students in many ways.

No More Yondr Pouches *by Mackenzie Morlock*

Everyone at our JH school hates the Yondr pouches and thinks that they are very unfair. Yondr pouches take away the freedom of being a teen. It's nice to have your phone to make sure you get to class on time because if you have it you know what time it is at all times. Another thing about having your phone is that it's easier to put homework in the notes app (like a planner on their phone) right when they hand it out. This will help kids remember their homework and then everyone will get better grades. Also, kids can look up stuff on their phones instead of having to use their computers all the time. In art and in some other subjects it would be fine if the kids listen to music, however our computers don't load so everyone can't. If we had our phones then everyone would be able to focus better and get farther on their art instead of talking and wasting time, and people can learn more from the art class and have more focus. There are so many reasons not to have Yondr pouches because they're so unnecessary for middle schoolers.

Halloween

by Brielle Weedman

Do you know what festive fun holiday is coming up? Halloween! For this holiday I decided to interview one student at BCS about what their Halloween is like. Kayla Wilgus, a seventh grader here at BCS, agreed to tell me her story about Halloween.

Kayla told me some of her experiences about Halloween and how she celebrates it. On Halloween she usually goes to her friend's house and her dad brings his golf cart. Once it gets dark, she and her friends usually scare little kids! Her favorite part about Halloween is eating candy and being with friends. Kayla also really likes Halloween because its fun to dress up and have all her friends together at one time. Her favorite memory is when she was little, and she had some friends who lived in an apartment, so they loved to come to Kayla's house for Halloween. One year they trick or treated with Kayla

in her neighborhood and that's why it was Kayla's favorite memory.

Kayla doesn't really have a favorite candy but if she did it would probably be Hershey's.

I asked her the question "How has Halloween changed from Elementary to Junior High?" and she said, "I don't think that my parents are going to come this year and that we'll just go by ourselves, me and my friends." Around the holiday of Halloween, Kayla doesn't really decorate her house, but she does dress up. One year when she was three, she wore a pumpkin costume and that was her favorite costume ever. I can't wait to see what she will wear this year!

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Graphic novels:

More graphic novels are coming to the LRC as well. Including *Trinity: A Graphic History*, *Let's make ramen! Garfield Fat Cat 3-pack*, *Sunny Rolls the Dice*, *Elon Musk*, *Manga classics* and *Alexander Hamilton*.

Games:

Two more games are coming to the LRC! *Battleship* will be coming along with the veteran's day theme, and *Flexi Puzzle*, a puzzle game.

Student Suggestions:

You may have noticed a board in the library that says "book suggestions". This board allows students to ask to have certain books come into the LRC. This helps Mrs. Johnson, the librarian, out a lot. All you have to do is write down your suggestion on the sticky notes. If you write down your name on the sticky-note and your suggestion gets approved, you get to check out the book first! Some student suggestions are already in the library including, *Naruto* and *Ifunny*.

LRC usage:

"The LRC is mostly used for projects," said Mrs. Johnson, "kids mostly use it for the computers and to do homework. My goal is to get kids to read as much as possible, even if it's just reading little bits on social media. I encourage all students to pick up a book. If you have free time, think of reading a book instead of watching TV."