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Valentine Fever Hits WPMS!

Crew Set to Deliver Joy to Highlands Students and Staff

By Hadar Arens and Daniella Oria

Every Valentine's Day, eighth grade students go around the school delivering cards and carnations. The eighth grade students have to have outstanding citizen qualities, uphold ROAR principles and be dependable and trustworthy. They also have to want to be in the crew & be eligible. The numbers of students who get to enter the crew vary, but Ms. Falk tries to take as many as recommended. Usually 80-100 students are eligible. Ms. Falk and Mrs. Kelly have been on the crew in excess of 13 years. This is their 3rd

year co-chairing. Ms. Falk has past Valentine's Day Crew T-shirts from 1995 on her wall. Mr. Siegel who was the founder of the Valentine's Day Crew ran it for at least 10-12 years.

The process for this event is as follows: the group of students is recommended. Then, the teacher crew goes thru the list to make sure each student is qualified to meet the standards. Second, a meeting is held in which the crew is told what the schedule timeline is, students will sell cards, flowers, design t-shirts and come together on February 11th. The members of the Valentine's Day

Crew must purchase a shirt. T-shirt designs are decided by teachers on the crew; on February 11 all 100 students will stay after school to sort cards. Delivery takes place 1st period and anything not delivered will be given out at the lunch periods. On this special day, every member wears jeans and the Valentine's Day Crew T-shirt. Only the Valentine's Day Crew can get a T-shirt and Ms. Schienman and Ms. Medina.

We look forward to seeing our Highlands peers fluttering throughout the hallways on this fun day. Happy Valentine's Day to all!



Mrs. Kelly (left) and Ms. Falk (right) have been the staff advisors for the Valentine Crew for over 13 years.

Select Choir and Band Students Spread Some Holiday Cheer!

On Monday Dec. 20th, our WPMS students spread some Holiday Cheer around the community of White Plains during their annual Caroling Tour. The Highlands Select Choir and a combined Band Ensemble of Highlands and Eastview students performed three beautiful concerts at Ed House, NY Presbyterian Hospital, and the Galleria Mall. Under the direction of Michele Davila, Laura Mazziotti, and Tim Veeder, our students let their talents shine. Hats off to our talented Tigers!



WPMS Select Choir

Highlands S.O. Boasts Productive Year

By Danielle Herman

At the latest Highlands S.O. meeting, we discussed many topics. One thing we were very happy with was the amazing results of the S.O.'s "Toys for Tots" program. We collected over 50 new toys to donate to kids whose parents can't afford to buy them holiday presents. Another topic that was brought up was an idea of a new recycling center for our school cafeteria.

Mr. Hauser asked

for a grant to buy materials to build one, and 75% of the officers and representatives voted in favor. However, many S.O. members weren't able to attend the meeting, so we couldn't take an official vote. Another idea for a recycling center was also brought up. We considered buying a recycling center, similar to the ones at Ridgeview Elementary School.

One cool idea that was planned was **Superbowl Day**. The cafeteria served a Superbowl themed

lunch, like nachos or Buffalo chicken wings, and many students came to school in their favorite football jersey or team colors. We also made posters for "No-Name Calling Week", which ran from January 24-28. During that week anti-bullying lessons were sent to teachers, and hallways were decorated with posters discouraging name-calling and bullying. Being nicer and reporting bullying were both encouraged. Overall, it has been a very productive year for the S.O.

WPMS Spring Musical Update

Dear Edwina Junior

By Lauren LaPlaca

We must keep you updated on the fantastic play that is coming soon to the middle school—*Dear Edwina Jr.* The whole cast has been putting forth their best effort to make this play better than ever! We have all dedicated our time to practice after school almost every day (every day counts), not only is it hard work but it is also *really* fun. Not to mention that the play is in March and we are already in the middle of February!

The two fabulous people who are running and teaching this play are: Ms. Irlen (A chorus teacher at Highlands) and Ms. Johnson (A 7th grade science teacher and the step team coach). The play is coming up real soon, we can't believe that it's already February! It's really fun to have a cast that is filled with such great talent!

With all this talent put into it, it makes a great show! Don't miss it!

**EXTRA!
EXTRA!**



**On February 18th
Period 2
all Highlands
students, teachers
and staff will
participate in 30
minutes of
sustained, silent
reading.
Bring a good book,
a magazine or a
short story and get
ready to R.O.A.R.!!**

Eastview Students and Staff Show their Spirit

By Jared Roseman

A couple weeks back, at the end of the month of January, Eastview held its much loved spirit week.

The days were, as follows: Monday-Pajama day (as usual, a tradition), Tuesday-Twin day (another favorite), Wednesday-Fashion disaster day, Thursday- Celebrity Day (which turned out to be a snow day), and Friday-Orange and black day in honor of the pep rally.

During the Pep Rally, students threw some footballs around on stage and hula-hooped. The M.C.'s threw some beach balls into the crowd, which ended up on the floor in the chorus pit. Teams paraded up on the stage in a usual fashion.

The most exciting part of the event was when Ms. J and the Step Team, "Les Tigres" brought down the house with their stepping, stomping, and clapping. Unfortunately, the fall sport teams were not added in this rally, and were not acknowledged for their hard work this past season, which was disappointing.

Special thanks to all the sports teams who have played these past seasons, to the S.O. for their planning of Spirit Week, Also, to Ms.



The Step Team stretches before one of their rehearsals. The team was the highlight of the pep rally.

Service Club Continues to Give Back to the Community

By Mark Bosmediano

A bunch of selfless and hard-working middle-schoolers make up the **Community Service Club**. They meet every Tuesday to plan and do acts of good-will. They are supervised by the kind and caring Mrs. Levin, who teaches 6th grade science at Highlands Middle School.

This year, the Community Service Club has performed many good deeds. Their first one of the year was to collect book bags from the students at Highlands and Eastview. In the end, they were able to collect and clean 150 book bags! That's probably enough to carry over 1000 copies of the textbooks from Mrs. Levin's science classroom! Now that we're over how big a number 150 is, lets move on to what else they did to those book bags. They hand-made cards to

put into each book bag. We know that must have taken a lot of work and dedication. And one last thing, Mrs. Levin wants to thank all you out there who opened your hearts and donated a book bag that you don't need anymore.

Another nice thing they've done is they *decorated* placemats for a local nursing home. I can only imagine how happy the nursing home must have been to know that middle-schoolers care about those who can't care for themselves. I bet while your eating lunch that day, people over at that shelter are preparing to eat on those placemats that came from those who decided to have a heart and use the artistic gifts they have to make things for those who don't have what we have.

Another thing the club is planning to do is to

make tray favors for another good-willed organization under the name of *Meals on Wheels*. This group provides hot meals to those who are injured or have a disability and can't go out to Stop & Shop and get groceries to make food for themselves. If only everyone could be this generous.

The last act of pure-heartedness I will mention here is that they baked sedimentary rock cookies for the Open Arms men's shelter. They baked with the assistance of Ali Tretter, a Girl Scout working on her Gold Award. Those of you who are in Girl Scouts know that it is the highest award and honor in Girl Scouting. And for those of you who are in Boy Scouts, the Gold Award is the female equivalence of the Eagle Scout rank. They took the sedimentary rock cookies to the shelter for the people there to enjoy as a reminder that they are important to us. Only the community service club could've spread the middle school joy on to those who need a little joy.

Just remember this: those who can open their hearts to those in need are those who can spread joy to all they meet. This is how you should live because if you can spread joy, you will make many friends and very few enemies in your life. The people of the Community Service Club can live this way, so you should and could to.

Shop Rite Opens in the City Center

By Jard Roseman

In a quite unusual location, (the middle of a shopping mall) lies the newest addition to the variety of supermarkets in our city. **Shop Rite** is the new anchor store in the City Center development downtown, a place where kids usually go to shop and to see movies. The store itself is large, and boasts some features that threaten to crush the competition. The store offers a sushi and oriental food stand, where you can pick up some food on your lunch hour, a florist department, and an array of interesting fresh and preserved foods (aloe jelly, Anyone?). One of the most prestigious features is its on site store nutritionist, available for private appointments, or just to find healthy food. So in the long term, after your movie, try getting some food at this new grocery store.



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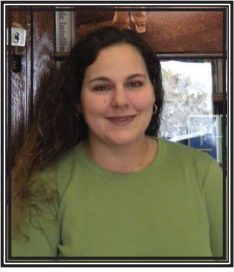
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Teacher Spotlight

Mrs. Anastacio



Mrs. Anastacio is a talented cook and poet. She even likes playing Wii!

By Olivia Bratkovics

Eastview's Mrs. Anastacio is in this issue's Teacher Spotlight. When she's not in school, Mrs. Anastacio enjoys hanging out with her children, writing poetry, playing Wii,

By Max Kratzok and Ceara Gilmartin

"Jazz is a form of music that I feel everyone should be exposed to."

~Mr. Veeder

Mr. Veeder has been teaching Jazz Ensemble for 3 years. Last year they had 12 students, however this year that number has tripled!!!! This means that now Jazz Band has 36 people. Last year the only instruments allowed in Jazz Band were the Saxophones, Trumpets, Trombones, and Rhythm Section such as Piano, Percussion, and Guitar. This year the same instruments are

Winter Camp Fun

By Samira Salame

This winter vacation one of my close friends and I went to a camp sleep away camp for Christian children from ages 7-16. This camp is called "Camp Holmes". Not only is it a winter/Christmas camp, but it also goes on in the summer. I went to this camp for about four days.

Because it was my first year at the camp, the Director, Robin, was very helpful. There is a big room for all the games we played, and there are two cabins, a boy cabin and a girl cabin. The cabins were both on opposite side of the main room. I would only stick with my friend, because I didn't know anyone else, but I quickly made new friends. The counselors were very kind, too, but they had very different names that were hard to remember. It was hard to find my way around at first, but I got the hang of it.

The first day was very fun. We played many name games to help us remember other people's names. One game was everyone sat in a circle and told

reading, scrapbooking, snowmobiling and skiing. She has some very special talents such as cooking and writing poetry.

Mrs. Anastacio became a teacher because she likes to work with children and she likes seeing them get excited about reading, writing and learning. Also, her role model in high school inspired her to be a math teacher. What Mrs. Anastacio enjoys the most about teaching is helping students have fun while learning. Her reward is watching children be successful in school. Hats off to Mrs. Anastacio!

accepted except now they also have Flutes, Clarinets, French Horns, Baritones, and Tubas. Jazz Band encompasses Eastview and Highlands "Jazz band really exemplifies the slogan 'One school two campuses'", says Mr. Veeder.

Jazz Band has improvisation unlike regular concert band. Jazz band also travels. There is no audition—you just have to be able to play the challenging music. Jazz band practices on Tuesdays from 2:45-4:15. All 7th and 8th graders who play instruments are eligible. If you are interested in joining, see Mr. Veeder.

everyone their name, and their favorite animal. When it was time, we all walked to the mess hall and ate dinner. We had to walk with a buddy, which made everyone feel four years younger, but in the end we walked with a buddy for joy and didn't even realize. We prayed before we ate and made up little songs and had a great meal. We walked back to the cabins and listened to multiple Christmas stories and went to bed at about 10:00pm. The next morning my cabin took showers. I picked the wrong shower, and it was ice cold! We then went to the mess hall had our meals and came back and played games. We went in to play in the snow and made a huge snowman, which was successful.

The rest of the days just went like that. On the last day, when the parents came to pick us up, we had a little "concert" and sang the songs we made up at lunch. We made cookies that were then eaten, and saying goodbye was the worst part. But I always contact my new friends

White Plains Performing Arts Center Enters a "Time Warp"

By Allison Jasne

"Edgy. Sexy. Shameless." These are some of the words used to describe the White Plains Performing Arts Center's performance of *The Rocky Horror Show* from January 13th through 16th. It was an amazing experience for everyone who came. Many White Plains Middle School and High School students were spotted there! Rocky Horror is inappropriate for anyone under 13, so a lot of students, 8th grade and up were in attendance.

Kudos for a fantastic performance. We are expecting their next show (in February), *Sweet Charity*, will be just as good! Special thanks to Jeremy Quinn for the amazing direction and Linda Duci for the fantabulous choreography.

Rocky Horror Show Cast

Dr. Frank-N-Furter (A Scientist) - Simon O'Keefe

Janet Weiss (A Heroine) - Maria Grispin (Thursday and Saturday) and Holly Petre (Friday and Sunday)

Brad Majors (A Hero) - Luke Taylor

Riff Raff (A Handyman) - Nic Calabro

Magenta (A Domestic) - Jillian Sayegh

Columbia (A Groupie) - Ashley Wool

Dr. Everett V. Scott (A Rival Scientist) - George Domenick

Rocky Horror (A Creation) - Brandon Russo

Eddie (Ex Delivery Boy) - Charles LoCasio

The Narratrix (An Expert) - Tammy Mora

The Usherettes (Your Hosts) - Sara Snadowsky, Marisa Hann, Lindsey Pasieka, and April Nuovo

The Transylvanians - Sarah Ackerman, Michelle Barnstable, Max Golden, Ian Gordon, Rae Hayes, Jasmine Lerner, Ciaran Lucey, Nola Mentzer, Bo Mzila, Adriana Nocco, Jack Weprin, Rebecca Zdanoff

Below: Current and former White Plains Middle School students deliver a knock-out performance at the White Plains Performing Arts Center.



Students Reenact the American Revolution

By Jenie Jasne

On Thursday January 13th, the 7th grade got a taste of the life of soldiers during the American Revolution. After watching a couple video clips and being quizzed on their content knowledge, the students got to hold and feel real muskets and rifles from the Revolutionary time period. Students were then challenged to identify the different uniforms that represented the different

positions. After a quick look at some more weapons, it was outside for a real musket firing. Outside the students lined up shoulder to shoulder and watched as Joe Ryan, our History expert, loaded and fired the musket, literally 8 feet in front of them. The noise was incredible, which made it easy to understand the why battle fields were so confusing. If that wasn't great enough; historically accurate 3 dollar bills (that unfortunately have no mon-

etary value) were rewarded for answering questions correctly, and some teachers have promised to redeem these for extra credit if you show them how many you have.

If you missed Mr. Ryan, you definitely missed out. Luckily, he'll be back in May for Civil War Day on Monday the 16th and Tuesday the 17th at Highlands and Wednesday the 18th at Eastview.

Highlands School Store Now Accepts R.O.A.R Tickets

Many students don't realize that buying school supplies is a short walk away at the Highlands R.O.A.R store, located in the cafeteria. The store is open during the breakfast hours, from 7:20-7:40. Students can purchase supplies such as pens, pencils, notebooks, erasers, pencil cases and other things.

This year, students can also redeem R.O.A.R. tickets (worth 25 cents each) at the store. All they have to do is bring it to Mrs. Simmons at the store. For 25 cents, you can get a variety of supplies, or you can save your tickets and redeem them all at once.

Keep yourself **organized** and visit the store for all your school supplies. The prices are great!

Highland ROAR Store
OPEN EVERY DAY IN THE CAFETERIA DURING BREAKFAST
7:15am-7:40am
PRICE LIST

1 Subject Notebooks	\$1.00
Looseleaf (College Ruled)	\$1.00
Regular Pencils	\$.10 and .25
Discount Mechanical Pencils	\$.25
Bic Mechanical Pencils	\$.50
Lead Refills	\$.75
Bic Pens (Blue, Black, Purple)	\$.25
Specialty Pens/Gel Pens/Bic Shimmers	\$.50
Plain Eraser Tops	\$.05
Cell Phone Erasers	\$.50
Sharpener/Eraser Combo	\$.75
Clip-On Sharpener/Eraser Combo	\$.75
Stick Erasers	\$.50
Giant Glue Sticks	\$.75
Pencil Grips	\$.25
Highlighters	\$.50
Pencil Cases	\$.50
Post-Its	\$.50
Rulers	\$.25
Protractors	\$.25
Pocket Folders	\$.25
Tissues	\$.20

ROAR Tickets are worth \$.25 each and may be redeemed

VALENTINE'S DAY

Love

Hug
 Hold
 Embrace
 Feel the colors change
 See the wind blow
 Move slow
 Warm
 Kiss
 Imagine
 What would life be
 without it?
 The earth would not move
 Our hearts would not beat
 We would be cold
 Our eyes so cold and bitter
 You
 Could die of frost bite
 Underneath that frosty
 pale shedding
 Cold-blooded snake skin
 I warm up to your embrace
 I fly
 Not away
 But closer to you
 We were passed life
 But all has passed
 For I will love
 Til' I burn to ash

- Kayla MacConnell



TO All My
 Friends...
 Happy
 Valentine's Day
 ILY!
 From: Noelle
 Spano



Shayna
 Berglas

To Juliana Mejia



I miss you and hope to
 see you soon!

*Elmo Garcia to
 Nicole Velasquez*



*You're my only love the only one,
 I'll ever love... You're my love, my
 whole world
 Me + You = Love A & F
 I never wanna lose you*

Samira
 Salame

To Mrs. Mazzioti



I hope you feel better, everyone
 missed you!

Kate Filardi to

Kayla Gray



Happy Valentine's Day
 Have fun!

Nicole
 Hardy

To Leah Billig

Happy Valentine's Day to my
 best friend!



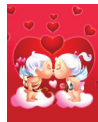
**Cristel Bravo to
 All my friends**



**Happy Valentine's
 Day, you guys are
 the best!**

Gabriella Torres
 To Kimberly Morales

Kimbo,
 Hope you have a nice
 Valentine's Day! Hope to see
 you soon! Love u so much from
 your bestie Gabriela!



Gabby Nobile
 To Mrs. Eletto

Happy Valentine's Day! You rock
 like math! You're finally in the
 Courier!



María Fierro to María
 F. Cristel, Danna and
 Melissa T



You guys are my
 Best Friends!

**TO: MEREDITH,
 CARA, SETH, JACOB,
 SHOSHI, ALEX,
 IZZY, RACHEL,
 LAUREN, ELANA.**

**HAPPY
 VALENTINE'S DAY!
 YOU'RE AWESOME!
 ILY GUYS ☺
 FROM: ROSE**



To the Esol Students in
 Mrs. Santiago's class
 from Mrs. Santiago



I am glad to have you
 in my class. I love you
 all! xoxo

To Sinead Hunt
 from
 Anonymous



Heyyyy Sha-nay-nay!
 Ily ily ily Barbie!

To: Melina, Robyn, Jenny, Shoshi (Gingy), Meredith, Daniella Oreo, Cailin, Rhianna, Nancy, Margot, Sarah B., Sarah S., Gabby C., and Gabby P.

Hope you have a great Valentine's Day. You guys are the bestest friends I could have ever ask for! I will remember all the inside jokes I've had with each of you forever. Love ya!



To: Mrs. Simmons &
 Mrs. Holder

Happy Valentine's Day! Thank you for being such amazing people, and teachers. We couldn't have asked for better advisers, you guys did the best job supporting the courier. We love you guys a lot.

From Hadar Arens, Daniella Oria, Melina Africano, and Daniella McCarthy



To All my friends from
 Momo



Love you guys you're the best... Happy V-Day. You guyz will be with me for Life
 Luv you!!!

To Amanda Lobato
 from Kayla Sarmiento



Thanks for being the best friend anyone could ever have!

To Daniella McCarthy my bffl and I love her
 You are so nice, and funny, and amazing. Last year I made a shout out and I forgot to put you in it so now you deserve one all to yourself. I love you!!!!!! x3333333
 From her bestest friend in thw world Melina Africano



TO HADAR, LAUREN, ELIZABETH, BRIANNA, DANIELLA M., DANIELLA O., ESTEVE, GIULIA, DANA, KARLA, TORIE, MARGOT, GABBY C., MATT, SAMANTHA G., SAMANTHA E., MICHELLE, ESTRELLA, EVELYN, MARIVETTE, ESMERELDA, DEILIN, DANIEL L., AMAIRANI, ROBYN, JENNY, IMANI, NICK G., SHOSHI, MEREDITH, ROSE, ALEX, ELANA, JAHAIRA, ISABEL, ISABELLE, NICOLE V., RACHEL, CARLY, NANCY, SIMONE, RHIANNA, MORGAN, GABBY P., MICHAEL, KALL, ERIC, CHRIS, SCARLETT, EMILY, BRITNEY, SKYE, TIANA, KATE, NICOLE A., AND SHALAH, ALEX C., YOSENIA, KAYLA B., JHANEECE, DEIDRE, JACKIE R., VANESSA A., ERICA, KATRINA, CARLY S., MARCELO N., RYAN H., LIZZIE, ASHLEY, SARAH S., AND JESSICA A.

ILU!!!!!! X3333333333
 FROM MELINA AFRICANO



To Harrison
 Seymour from

???



Hey Harry,
 A shout out to my man!!! From your secret Admirer ??????

To Jackson
 Seymour from

????



You rock! Hope you have a great Valentine's Day
 From your secret crush ☺

MY SHOUT-OUTS

To Julian from
???



Luv ya



To Melina, Hadar, Meredith,
Lauren, Nicole, Sarah s.,
Sarah B., Jackie, Daniella M.,
Stalky, Elana, Abby



Happy Valentine's
Day you are my
bestest friends.

From Daniella Oria

To Melissa Ramirez
Velaquez From
Yesica Dominguez



Happy Valentine's Day
cousin!
You are the best cousin I've
ever had!

To all my
friends from
Giin
Mendoza

To all my friends! Love
you guyz for ever, and
ever! You guys mean a lot
to me, your the most
special thing ever! Love
you, Giin, Gveryn, Nicole,
Rosemary, my sisters for
ever! And to eme, fanboy,
manny!
Happy Valentines Day to
all my friends
Love you guyz!

to albert
maldonado

happy
valentines day
! thank you for
being the best
brother!

from
rosemary
maldonado

To Avryll Moran
From Manny Onofre-Torres

You are my life. You are
my heart for life. I dont
want to lose you.



TO CARLY FROM SAMANTHA
GARCIA

Hi Carly, Simon, you wha,
marissa, Marivette, Morgan P.,
Daniella, Melina & Kholanna

I love you so much
you **guyz** are great friends
<3

To Elana Mariani from
Cara Andrews

The boat ride that we
went on was even more
fun the 2nd time! Haha



to jada verrera
dear jada, we miss
you a lot and care
a lot about you.

we hope you can
come and visit!

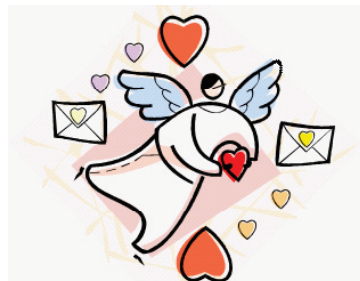
from laura, keilin,
katherine, and
irina

To Cristyam from Jorge
Perez

For being there for me
you rock dude and
Manuel

Happy
Valentine's
Day to all
the hard-
working
members of
the Courier
staff!

-Mrs. Simmons
and
Mrs. Holder



TO KAYLA FROM
AMAND

Hi BFF! LOVE U
LIK A SISTER 4
EVER!



To Katherine M.
from Gabrielle M.
Quillano

HEY Kathy!!!
It's Gabby from Mr. S's
5th grade class you rock
and are a great friend
wish I could be at
castview with you!

To Juliana Mejia
Marin from Shayna
Berglas

I miss you and hope
to see you soon!

TO MS. MAZZIOTTI
FROM KENRIZ KING

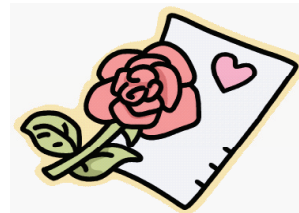
THANK YOU FOR
TEACHING ME.
YOUR THE BEST..
FEEL BETTER.
YOUR BIGGEST
FAN
KENRIZ



TO KIANA STANBACK

HERE'S A SHOUT OUT TO
KIANA STANBACK SAYING
I LOVE YOU GIRL AND WE
BESTFRIENDS FOR LIFE [:
LOVE YOU BIE [:
GIRLIE[:

FROM ANA ROBLES



To Rachel Nicole, Meredith,
Alex, Shoshi, Daniella O, Daniella
M, Rose, Bri, Sinead, Melina,
Sarah Baker from Lauren
LAPACA

Heey! I love you, I'm so glad your my
friends! HAPPY Valentines Day.

-Lauren <3

TO Maria Catalina
from Mateo V.

Hey, I just wanna say that your'e
there best thing thing that ever
happened to me.



♡♡♡♡♡
FROM♡♡♡♡♡

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To all my amigos + amigos from Nicole
Velaquez

Luv u guys u guys
with mi till the end
No matter what u guys are there 4 mi like
I am 3 u just want u to know
Love you guys

P.S. TE AMO!!!!

my heart beats 4 u guys x3 <3



To Denise Flores
Pena from Yesica
Dominguez

Happy Valentines Day
Denise! You are the best
friend ever!

**HAPPY
VALENTINE'S
DAY
TO
ALL THE
STUDENTS
ON
TEAM 7F**



**MISS
DICAMILLO
MRS.
DRABEK
MR.
IASIELLO
MRS.
LYONS
MRS.
RONDINELLI
MRS.
SIMMONS
MRS.
STAAR**

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Amber Robles dedicates "My Girl" by Mindless Behavior to Kiana Standback

Angel Rivera dedicates "F.U.N" by Sponge Bob, to Hunter Martin, Angel Torres, Michael Ferrari, Jared Lindh, and Jack DiMarco

Angel Torres dedicates "F.U.N" by Sponge Bob, to Nando Spista and Jeffrey Pollak

Angel Torres dedicates "Let me Love You" by Mario, to Selena Hernandez

Anonymous dedicates "Crazy in Love" by Beyonce and Jay Z to Leo De Sosa

Anonymous dedicates "Crazy in Love" by Beyonce and Jay-Z to Amanda Westin

Anonymous dedicates "Grenade" by Bruno Mars to Katherine Baker

Anonymous dedicates "Just Friends" by the Jonas Brothers to Michael Myllek

Ashley Dallas dedicates "You're my Best Friend" by Queen, to Lizzie Lee

Catherin Abreu-Moronta dedicates "True Friend" by Hannah Montana, to

Pamela Gonzalez

Chris Dagher dedicates "Love the Way You Lie" by Eminem to Leah Billig

Claudia Pluas dedicates "Diva" by Beyonce, to Daisy Castro-Tapia

Clayton DeMarco dedicates "F.U.N" by Sponge Bob, to Clayton DeMarco

Clayton DeMarco dedicates "Just the Way You Are" by Bruno Mars, to Juliet Lodes

Clayton DeMarco dedicates "Love like Woe" by the Ready Set, to Chris Schaivone

Damon Amadio dedicates "Julia" by The Beatles, to Julia Bellantoni

Daniella McCarthy dedicates F.U.N. from Sponge Bob Square Pants to Brianna, Dana, Karla, Melina, Lauren L., Elizabeth, Samantha E., Margot, Jeney and Jessica M.

Elijah Robinson dedicates "Grenade" by Bruno Mars, to Kathryn Baker

Elijah Robinson dedicates "You Belong with Me" by Taylor Swift, to Keillan

Emily O'Brien dedicates "Just the Way You Are" by Bruno Mars to Jessica Telesco

Emily O'Brien dedicates "Somebody to Love" by Justin Bieber to Lauren Werner

Emily O'Brien dedicates "Teenage Dream" by Katy Perry to Michelle Chin

Emily O'Brien dedicates "There Goes My Baby" by Usher to Rowan Lynch-Samant

Estrella Avila dedicates "El Amor" by Aventura, to Esmeralda Ramirez

Estrella Avila dedicates "Hey Baby" by Pitbull, to Vanessa

Estrella Avila dedicates "Listen to Your Heart" by Baby Joker, to Michelle Merino

Estrella Avila dedicates "Tonight" by Enrique Iglesias, to Michelle Merino

He Who Must Not Be Named dedicates Hedwig's theme song to Harry Potter

Isis dedicates "Grenade" by Bruno Mars to Alicia Ortiz

Jared Rogovin dedicates "Ever Fallin' in Love" by The Stiff Dylans to Charlotte Mead

Jennifer Marmolejos dedicates "A Year Without Rain" by Selena Gomez, to
Hector Gonzalez

Jessica Telesco dedicates "Firework" by Katy Perry to Lauren Werner

Jessica Telesco dedicates "Just the Way You Are" by Bruno Mars to Emily O'Brien

Kiana Stanback dedicates "My Girl" by Mindless Behavior to Amber Robles

Leslie Henry dedicates "Umbrella" by Rihanna, to Tiffani Soto

Manny and Orlando dedicate "I'm Yours" by Jason Mraz to special girls in their
lives

Manny Onafre-Torres and Orlando Garcia dedicate "DJ Got Us falling in Love
Again" to Cheryl Moran and Nicole Velasquez

Maria Castro and Citlali Dominguez dedicates "Just Dance" by Lady Gaga, to
Victoria Torrez

Maria Castro dedicates "F.U.N" by Sponge Bob, to Citlali Dominguez

Maria Castro dedicates "Grenade" by Bruno Mars, to Summer Johnson

Maria Castro dedicates "Love like Woe" by The Ready Set, to Michelle Dominguez

Maria Sierra dedicates "Grenade" by Bruno Mars, to Chris Rosas

Marvin Ruiz dedicates "Just the Way You Are" by Bruno Mars, to Kameron Karson

Michelle Merino dedicates "Te Siento" by Wisin y Yandel, to Estrella Avila

Michelle Zepeda dedicates "Please don't go" by Mike Posner, to her best friend
Robert Dahuis

Nick Barone dedicates "Baby" by Justin Bieber to Noah Cattan

Nick Barone dedicates "One Time", by Justin Bieber to Noan Cattan

Nicole Maria dedicates "I'll Be There" by Jackson 5, to Darnell Steen

Rowan Lynch-Samant dedicates "There Goes My Baby" by Usher to Emily O'Brien

Samira Salame dedicates "Grenade" by Bruno Mars to Danielle McCloskey

Samira Salame dedicates "Tonight (I'm Lovin' You) by Enrique Iglesias to Katrina
Potthoff

Selena dedicates "F.U.N" by Sponge Bob, to Jared

Someone dedicates "Crazy in Love" by Beyonce and Jay Z, to Selena

Steven MacSteel dedicates "A Year Without Rain" by Selena Gomez to Yarible

Steven MacSteel dedicates "DJ Got Us Falling in Love Again" by Usher to Brittany

Steven MacSteel dedicates "There Goes My Baby" by Usher to Mercedes

Tiffani Soto dedicates "True Friend" by Hannah Montana, to Leslie Henry

Zoe Leak dedicates "F.U.N" by Sponge Bob, to Isabel King

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The History of Valentine's Day is Revealed

By Ethan Burg

Every February 14th in places across the world, candy, flowers, gifts, and cards are exchanged between loved ones during Valentine's Day. But did you actually know where the tradition of Valentine's Day came from?

One legend talks about a priest named Saint Valentine. He lived during the third century in Rome. Emperor Claudius II needed a vast army of men to conquer his battles. Claudius decided that men were better fighting as soldiers rather than being with wives and families. He decided to outlaw marriage for young men—his potential soldiers.

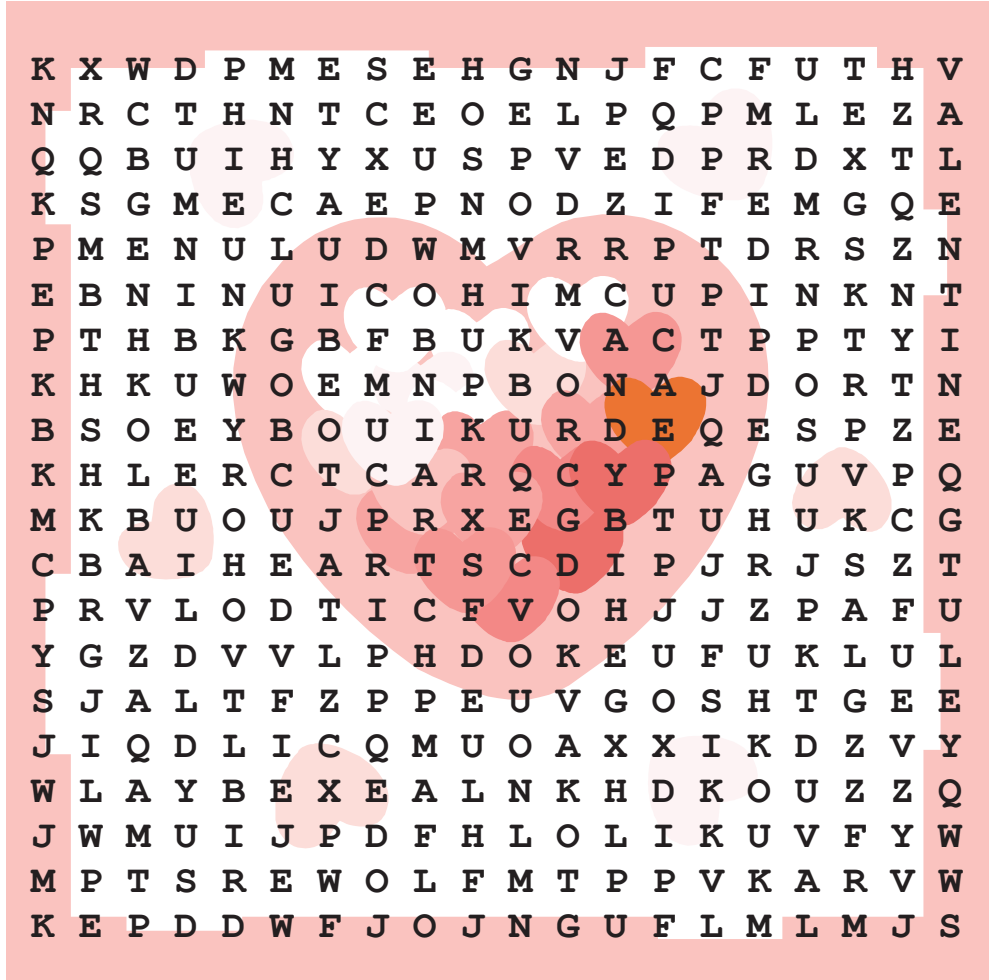
St. Valentine did not like the law and continued to perform marriages for young couples secretly. Claudius found out about

these marriages and had Valentine sent to jail. In prison, Valentine fell in love with a young girl. Before his death it is said that he wrote her a letter which he signed "From your Valentine" an expression that is still used today.

Other people believe that Valentine's Day is a Christian version of the Roman holiday Lupercalia which was also held in the middle of February. Lupercalia was a festival that was observed to avert evil spirits and purify the city, releasing health and fertility.

Although most of its history is lost, Valentine's Day is still a well celebrated holiday about love and togetherness. Did you know that approximately 141 million cards are exchanged on Valentine's Day? Also in addition to the United States, the holiday is celebrated in Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, France, and Australia.

Valentine's Day Puzzle



BE MINE
CANDY
COOKIES
CUPID
FEBRUARY

FLOWERS
HEARTS
HUGME
LOVE
PEACE
PINK

PURPLE
RAINBOW
RED
ROSES
VALENTINE

BOOK REVIEWS

The Wave by Todd Strasser
by Kyra Bethel

Strength through discipline. Strength through community. Strength through action. In Small town Palo Alto, CA something is coming, something big, *the wave* is coming and its coming fast. *The Wave* by Todd Strasser is the riveting story, based on real events, of a classroom experiment that went to far. It all started when Laurie Saunders asked her history teacher a question that he couldn't answer. When he came to the conclusion that it wasn't a question that could be answered, he set out to show he students. Ben Ross would do this by creating an environment in which they could come to the conclusions themselves, for it was something they needed to learn themselves. He would create an experiment to see a group's willingness to follow their leader. With this experiment Mr. Ross would be teaching the students a lesson they would never forget, but in the process he might almost revive what seemed to be, dare I say, the Nazi Youth. Ben Ross started with his senior class, just one class. After all, this was Laurie Saunders' class and she was the one who asked the original question. Mr. Ross

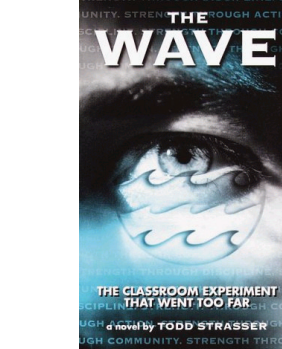
would show these students how through discipline comes respect and honor, and though he didn't know this yet, a sense of community. Strength in numbers and with that comes power and a feeling of belonging. The students got a rush of this power that came in numbers, which was dangerous and addicting. It was *The Wave*. Soon all of Gordon High was infatuated with *The Wave*. It was getting out of hand. How can it be stopped?

This fast-pasted story of a group of youths' willingness to follow a leader will keep you hooked. Watching *The Wave* take over through both the eyes of a student who wouldn't give in (Laurie Saunders) and Ben Ross the teacher who started it all only adds

Fake Boyfriend
by Kate Brian
By Allison Jasne

Vivi and Lane have had it up to here with Isabelle's (Izzy) boyfriend Shawn Littig. After he dumps her for a cheerleader he's been cheating with for over a month just weeks before the prom Izzy's been planning since the ninth grade, Vivi, Lane and their guy friend Curtis devise a plan to "Skewer Sluttig (Vivi's name for Shawn)". This is a hilarious love triangle - I mean, love *hexagon*, as every-

one is falling for the wrong people. Will Izzy stay with Shawn against her friends' (correct) advice? Who will Vivi choose - Izzy's happiness or Jonathan's attraction? Will Curtis ever realize Lane's love of him? Read the book to find out.



This book doesn't have a lot of action and no violence, and it's a chick-flick book. I recommend this book to anyone who likes chick-flicks, high school/prom/love drama, and love "triangles."

to the excitement. As you read this enthralling novel, you, the reader will get pulled into the undertow of *The Wave!* This book is a fairly easy and quick read; I would recommend it to anyone 6th grade and up. You say Hitler's Germany could never happen again? Is it really just a game? Is it really just a fad? Find out by riding *The Wave*.

Movie Review: Tron

By Ben Malcomson

Tron, a remake of a movie that came out in 1982, was actually the first good remake I've seen yet. If anything, it was VERY 3-D. I thought it's special effects were infinitely remarkable.

In the first 15 minutes, Sam Flynn, (Garrett Hedlund) the son of Kevin Flynn, (Jeff Bridges) the creator of the world of Tron, Goes looking for his father, hoping to bring him back home. Then, you see him at age 27, still looking for his dad, and eventually through a series of events, such as an old friend telling him that he has received a page from his dad on a dead telephone line, he ends up in The Tron World. He accidentally gets into the Tron games, where Cora (Olivia Wilde) has to come save him.

Video Game Review: Green Day Rock Band

by Chris Kozlow

Green Day Rock Band is an enjoyable game for all ages. For those who like Rock 'N Roll and are huge fans of Green Day, you will enjoy it more. Some of the songs on *Green Day Rock Band* include "Wake Me Up When September Ends" and "Jesus of Suburbia" which is a ten-minute song and enjoyable for non-stop gamers. And for those people who keep track of Billy Joe's hair color, it is blonde on the cover and varies throughout the game. A little negativity, though—Green Day's first venue is included, but none of the songs that they played in that venue are a part of this game. However, on a scale of 1 to 10, this deserves a 8.5-9.0. You're guaranteed to have hours of fun with *Green Day Rock Band*.