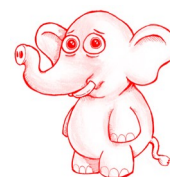


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SMS Spring Track Ready to Hit its Stride



By Charles Stone
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On Tuesday, March 28th, Spring Track will be starting up for the 2017 season. This will be the last of the 3 running seasons for the 2016-2017 school year. In Fall Cross Country there was only one event, which was running (duh...). The point of cross country was to build up



stamina and endurance to run for longer distances and compete against other schools. In Winter Track, there were much more events including shotput, 4x100m, 200m, 100m, and high jump including many more events. All of the meets that were held happened indoors and the practices were partially indoors and partially outdoors.

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March Madness Rolls On!



By Dan D'Ippolito and Kevin Lewitt
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We are in the "Sweet 16" for this year's March Madness tournament. There are many great matchups coming up tonight and Friday. The matchups tonight are Michigan-Oregon, Gonzaga-West Virginia, Kansas-Purdue and Arizona-Xavier.

Then on Friday the matchups are North Carolina-Butler, Baylor-South Carolina, Kentucky-UCLA and Florida-Wisconsin.

Kevin's picks: Michigan over Oregon, Gonzaga over West Virginia, Kansas over Purdue, Arizona over Xavier, North Carolina over Butler, Baylor over South Carolina, UCLA over Kentucky



and Wisconsin over Florida.

Daniel's picks: Michigan over Oregon, West Virginia over Gonzaga, Kansas over Purdue, Arizona over Xavier, North Carolina over Butler, South Carolina over Baylor, UCLA over Kentucky, Wisconsin over Florida.

Kevin's best matchups: Gonzaga-West Virginia, UCLA-Kentucky, Michigan-Oregon and Wisconsin-Florida.

Daniel's best matchups: Baylor-South Carolina, Arizona-Xavier, UCLA-Kentucky, Wisconsin-Florida.

The predicted final four? Kansas-UCLA and Arizona-Wisconsin.

The predicted championship candidates? Kansas-Arizona.

The predicted winner? Arizona.

The Mac/PC War Continues . . .



By Brunon Kaminski
Tusker Tribune Staff Writer

It seems these days, everything is digital. Books, entertainment, the news and even medical diagnostics can be run using the latest technology.

Because of this rapid change, our school has used Dell tablets (Windows) for our own academic purposes. Of course, they did need to decide what tablets to buy. For example, we could have ended up with old Eee PC tablets.

As you know, the two major operating system brands are Apple and Microsoft Windows.



The operating system controls how the computer functions, from keyboard to the monitor (screen) and how every single wire should work.

Since the O.S. controls so many things, it has been argued how it should function. For example, some people say the Microsoft Windows is less user friendly, but has more potential and has more of a DIY (Do It Yourself) sort of gesture. The Apple Macintosh (YES "Mac" stands for Macintosh) is more user friendly but has less potential and has everything done for you.

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A Tusker Tribune Editorial: The ELA State Test



**By Dylan Faller and Jack Panetta
Tusker Tribune Staff Writers**

Editor's Note: State Testing begins next week with the statewide ELA Exam Tuesday, Wednesday and

Thursday of next week, and the statewide math test May 2-4. This Editorial focuses on the ELA state test.

ELA state testing is the worst thing ever created. It takes 2 hours out of our school schedule when we could have been learning, but instead we are taking a test that doesn't affect our school grades. It occurs every year and it doesn't show who is smart and who isn't smart.



When you take it, it doesn't teach you anything new. Plus we already have finals at the end of the year to reteach us everything. We already have enough tests. Do you really think having another major test will help us?

It might be good practice for SAT's, Regents, and other major tests, but New York State should at least change some things up about the test. It's always the same boring stuff like reading a passage and writing a correct response.

Although some people opt out of the state test, we don't think students shouldn't have to take a test that doesn't matter. It's not fair that other states don't have to take the test and we do. That is why we shouldn't have to take the ELA

Moby and Rich: Part 2



**By Evan Rich
Tusker Tribune Staff Writer**

Editor's Note: Part 1 of this story ran in the March 16 issue of the Tusker Tribune.

Moby didn't come outside for a long time. He didn't come out for 3 weeks! When he did come out, Richard begged for forgiveness and he didn't mean to hurt his feelings. Moby accepted his forgiveness, so Rich gave Moby a feast! Moby loved the feast it had all the food he would ever want, he and Rich ate all the food, especially Moby because he hadn't eaten in 3 weeks!

Life went on like normal until Rich saw an article in the news. FADICN WHALE ENDANGERED! Moby was a Fadinc whale. There are more of him! Rich told Moby right away. Moby was excited. They went out every day to find more Fadinc whales. When Rich did more research he found that Fadin whales live up to 2,000 years old but are endangered because their guts and meat are considered a delicacy and their hide and tongues are great decorations and materials.



Then Rich saw something in the new paper. FADICN WHALE ALMOST EXTINCT. Rich read on. 1 Fadinc whale is in the Vadabla zoo. She is now hidden. The other one is in custody of Richard Gudhuve. Rich was sad and shocked. It has been 2 months since the endangered article in the Daily Planet newspaper. Rich told Moby and Moby took it better than expected. He said, "Ok, now we don't have to go out every day."

"Don't you want to meet Madalyn, the other Fadinc whale?" Rich asked.

"No," Moby responded "I don't want to right now at least. Maybe in 100 years."

"But I won't be alive in 100 years! How about 3?"

"Ok."

"Great." Rich went inside and emailed the Vadabla zoo about Moby. In 3 hours they responded. They typed "yes. In 3 years they will meet."

Rich told Moby. Moby was happy to know that he wasn't to only one left of the great war and modern times (battles) that came after it.

Three years later, Moby was 5 and Rich was 24. It was time to meet Madalyn. They drove to Vadabla from Baskata. They drove near the coast so Moby could follow. It took 1 hour to get to Vadabla. It was time they met.

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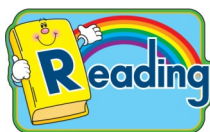


Forever in eyes
Forever in heart
Forever my soul

The night awaits
The night comes
The night leaves
The night is evergreen



We are evergreen



head in disgust.

The Wild Pappas.
Talking with the other kids.
The wait could last a century.

The Wild Pappas.
I look on Infinite Campus.
To only see a horrific sight.

The Wild Pappas.

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A Poem about Poems

Watching the Clock



Tick Tock Tick Tock
Days minutes hours look at the clock
Late!



Make breakfast, grab a plate
Grab the work
Find where the keys lurk
Lug the load
Speed down the road

Tick. Tock. Tick. Tock.
Time crawls, staring at the

clock
Seconds. Minutes. Hours.
Finally!
I'm free!
Sprint out of the cubical
In delight so whimsical.

Tick Tock Tick Tock.



**By Archit
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Poems.
You
make me
think,
you chal-
lenge my
creativi-
ty.
It's so
hard to
put
words
together.
So I hope
I never
have to write another
stanza

You get me so confused;
I have to try and make
every line rhyme.
And when I try,
I make only a couple of
lines.

But I never can rhyme!
Oh, how do others rhyme
so divine?
When I try and can't
make words sound similar;
It's just not familiar to me
I hope to never write a po-
em again!

Oh how I try
to write;
line after
line;
and I try and
try,
and after it
keeps going
on, I feel like
I might die.

But to no avail, I keep
writing,
as slow as a snail.

So I hope to never write
another line.
Goodbye Poems!

****Drops Mic****



Ode to Zenho



By Ethan Hsu
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Writer

Creepy, scary, irritable, why is she creepy? Because she always have the long hair on her face, and when we are fighting I always lose. She is stubborn like a diamond. She is the selfie queen also very selfish.



play with me when I am alone, sometime I really don't want to talk to her. She just like two people in her mind, like Angel and Demon.

My sister is good at making me angry and laugh. She is very good at making super funny face. Always makes me laugh, or some ugly face. She also will accompany me, But I have to

All she thinks about is REVENGE, I think she can join in Avenger in MARVEL. Every day she makes me very angry. She is the time bomb, she attacks with her cat nails, Digging in my skin, ouch!!!

But sometime she will

obey or listen to her.

My mom always tell me to love her, Like your favorite candy. My sister lets me want to love, and also want to hate.

Thank you, my cute little angel demon sister.

SPORTS UPDATE



By Eli Yates
Tusker Tribune
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It's the sweet 16!!!
March Madness started on March 14th. This year, there were a lot of upsets. Wisconsin, the 8 seed, beat Villanova, the 1 seed, who won last year. Also Duke who won in 2015, lost in the second round to South Carolina. In addition, Duke lost last year in the sweet sixteen to Oregon. Also Xavier beat the 3 seed FSU. And the Big 10 tournament champion, Michigan, the 7 seed, beat Louisville, the 2 seed!



For the first time ever, the USA team won the World Baseball Classic, beating Puerto Rico 8-0. USA advanced to the final after beating Japan in the semifinals 2-1. USA has never won a world baseball classic before. Ironically, the USA team's winning pitcher, Marcus Stroman, could have played for Puerto Rico as his mom is of Puerto Rican heritage. The world baseball classic started in 2006 and is held every 4 years. The 2 countries that have won are Japan who won in 2006 and in 2009. The Dominican Republic won in 2013.



Never Ending . . .



By Sabrina Cheung
Tusker Tribune
Staff Writer

Stop laughing!
No.
Why do you laugh so much?
I don't know.
Are you ok?
Not really.
Are you going to stop?

Probably not.
Can you try?
No.
You're being annoying...
I know.
Stop!
I'm not capable.
Fine!
Ok I'm done.
Finally!
Never mind.

LAUGHING
— is — the —
BEST
exercise

Mac/PC

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In the end, it really matters what you are using your computer for. For example, the best gaming computers run on Microsoft but more web designers and programmers use Mac OSX (OS means operating system and X is 10 in Roman numerals). With this knowledge let's see how these OS's can affect our school's usage.

Let's start with price. Unfortunately, our school will never provide us with MacBook Air or Pro. They are just too expensive, while on the other side, Microsoft has a lower price range. +1 point for Windows.

BUT, it doesn't mean capability, and Apple has more of that! +1 for Apple. If you keep adding on to the point system, you will find that they are about equal, but it doesn't mean that we don't have our preferences.

Spring Track

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Now for Spring Track, there will be three more events: hurdles, long jump, and discus throw.

Hopefully all of the meets and practices will be outdoors. Spring Track practice is at Primrose every day of the week from 3:00 to 4:45. Spring Track is only available to 7th and 8th graders. Hope to see you there!