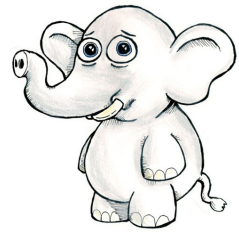


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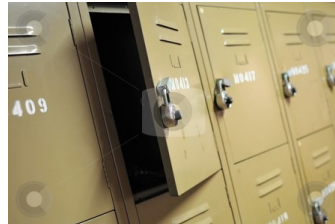
### Do Not Break into Lockers!

By Charley Martabano,  
TuskerTribune Staff

It has come to the attention of many sixth graders and counselors that items stored in lockers have been either misplaced or stolen. I have experienced this too. I have also seen sixth graders in the seventh grade wing nonchalantly open someone else's locker. I asked him how he did it to find out that he was told the combination.

Combinations are supposed to be secret, not to be told unless their locker is jammed and is in need of assistance. What goes through the kids' minds when they take the pencil and open the locker. Do they want to steal or just want to prove a point? But no need to prove a point because, **WE ALL HAVE OUR OWN LOCKERS!**

Next time you see a person do-



thieves!

In the sixth grade, counselors came to check up on us. After she checked in, she mentioned this locker mischief and asked us if we experienced this event. Three-fourths of the class raised their hand. Shocked on how this came to be, we all were puzzled on how this happened. She told us the well know pencil trick. I have seen a fellow sixth grader with a pencil lodged in his locker, so I knew what she was talking about. I hope next time you see this happen, you consult an adult as quickly as possible!

ing this, consult an adult immediately! We want this school free of these foolish



### Upcoming Events

#### 2015

- **October 16: 6th Grade Social, 7-9 p.m.**
- **October 23: 7th Grade Social, 7-9 p.m.**
- **November 13: Picture Retakes**
- **November 25: Half Day!**
- **November 26-29: Thanksgiving Recess**
- **December 23-Jan. 2: Holiday Recess**

#### 2016

- **February 5: 7th Grade Social, 7-9 p.m.**
- **February 25: 6th Grade Social, 7-0 p.m.**
- **March 24-28: Spring Recess!**

### Transitions—from 6th to 7th Grade

By Nitin Seshadri,  
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Many things have changed since 6th grade. Here are some of them.

#### **1. TABLETS!**

Last year we never had tablets to do any work and had to use the clunky and slower school computers. They only worked half the time and were an ineffective solution for doing work in school. Now, with the tablets, we can do our work pretty much any time we want.

#### **2. TEACHERS**

The teachers have obviously changed, and let us have a lot more freedom than we had in sixth grade.

#### **3. SCHEDULES**

Reading and writing are now 1 period, called ELA. Some of the teachers teach both 7th and 8th grade, so you may have them two years in a row. Also, you may have the same teacher for both 6th and 7th grade. Also, a new "Quad" class is available to 7th graders. It is called Music.

#### **4. TEACHER EXPECTATIONS**

Although the teachers might be more fun, they expect much more out of you compared to last year. They can be strict sometimes. Overall, they may be some changes in 7th Grade compared to 6th Grade, but they are similar in a way because the fun level is the same.

# Wither the Tusker? Bring on the Axolotl!

By Charley Martabano

Tusker Tribune Staff

Announcing the Somers Tusker! The history of this elephant mascot is momentous! But, maybe we need a change, a fresh new start.

The time has come for the Somers **AX-OLOTLS!** Axolotls are Mexican salamanders that look very strange, with a cute smile upon their faces.

When I show my friends this creature, they jump in fright but then they notice how cute they are. Elephants are reacted to the same way.

Axolotls are kind, gentle creatures, but can also fight in a fierce way. It is known that other animals who pair with them get their legs and fins nipped off.

Axolotls are different in so many ways, just like people, that they are going endangered! Maybe if we make them known to others, we can save them! Now, I know this is a crazy change. Are you ready to take a chance because I AM!



Amazing  
eXuberant  
Outgoing  
Loveable  
Outgoing  
Trustworthy  
Loyal

Sounds just about as good as **T.U.S.K.E.R.!**

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# Editorial—Locks on the Bench, Yes or No?

By Hunter Duffy,  
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Some students make the mistake of putting their locks on the bench in the boys' and girls' locker room. Why is this a mistake?

People could use the wrong locks and not be able to open their lockers. Would you like it if your teacher called home just because of a mix up in the locker room?

I have been a victim of one of these mix ups, too. Someone used my lock by mistake. This affected the person who used my lock, as well as me.

Their locker was open and other people could have taken stuff from their locker. Has this happened to you?

Think about this article the next time you put your lock on the locker room bench.

