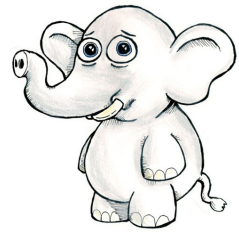


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'It's Our Time!' Students Claim They'll Win at Pep Rally!

By Charley Martabano,
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The annual pep rally is finally here! It's now our turn to win against the teachers! The 6th graders will have the contests: whip cream pie, Mummy Wrap, and musical chairs!

The object of the game is to find the missing bubblegum in the pie and blow a bubble as quickly as you can, quickest person wins! The mummy wrap, you have to wrap someone in toilet paper as quickly as you can! Finally, musical chairs! This old wholesome game can cheer tons of people up! Also keep watch for photographers so you can smile your

best smile!

Meanwhile, 7th and 8th graders will compete against teachers in the heavy backpack relay, the basketball shot challenge, and the tug of war/Frisbee challenge!

The grades will be split up. The 6th graders will be in the auditorium while the 7th and 8th graders will be in the gym.

There will also be the performance of the Star Spangled Banner from fellow chorus students! Make sure you wear Somers gear tomorrow! Good Luck teachers because you're going to need it!



Upcoming Events

2015

- **October 30: SMS Pep Rally!**
- **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, 7-9 p.m.**
- **March 24-28: Spring Recess!**

Radical Reviews By Hunter Duffy

Pan

This fantasy shows you the untold story of Peter Pan. Peter gets taken from his orphanage in the middle of the night by pirates. They take him to Neverland where he meets James Hook (Captain Hook), Tiger Lily, and the Lost Boys. This movie will show you how a young orphan named Peter became Peter Pan.

Pan Trailer

Editor's Note: Click on the links above and to the right to view the official trailers.

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

This year strange things are happening. First the dark mark makes an appearance at the Quid-ditch world cup and Harry ends up in a competition for seventh year. Now is fighting dragons, mermaids, and his worst fear. Find out what happens by reading Harry Potter And The Goblet Of Fire.

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire Trailer

Tablet Tribulations!!!

By Nitin Seshadri
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The tablets we have are a lifesaver when doing home-work. However, they have their own share of issues. Here's an insight into them and why they happen.

KEYBOARD BREAKING

The keyboards to the tablets tend to break once in a while and do not work after that. This is not a problem with the keyboard unit itself. It is actually a problem with the way the keyboard is connected to the tablet and it is next to impossible to fix it yourself.

SCREEN CRACKING

Like all phones and tablets, the screen can crack.



Once that happens, unlike an iPhone where you can still use the cracked screen, the tablet is rendered unusable without an external keyboard and mouse. This is caused because the touch surface is very, very fragile. Once the screen cracks, you will need to get a completely new tablet.

POOR BATTERY LIFE

Unlike most iPods and iPhones, the battery life of these tablets is around 3 hours. Often I will come home to see that my tablet is dead, and I have to wait 15-20 minutes for it to charge sufficiently. No one knows exactly what causes poor battery life.

In conclusion, these tablets are the perfect solution for doing work in school, but they have their pitfalls as well.

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The Pride of Achieving Black Belt

By Nitin Seshadri, Tusker Tribune Staff

Being a black belt in karate is a MAJOR achievement. However, not many people talk about their experience DURING their black belt test. I'm going to tell all of you though. Here we go.

BEFORE...

I was practicing karate in the dojo right before the test and I WAS NERVOUS. Would I pass? Would I fail? Somewhere in between? I asked the Sensei (Teacher) if I was doing anything wrong. He told me some things to fix. So I practiced for a few minutes before the test with chills all the way down my back.

DURING...

Just after the test begun, beads of sweat were already creeping down my body. I was so nervous that I actually forgot what I had to do for a few seconds and made a sudden pause. Nothing bad happened though (thank god!), and the test went along fine with virtually no hiccups.



AFTER...

By the end, I was drenched in sweat, and smelled like rotten onions (the deodorant didn't help either)! If someone were to choose which one smelled better, rotten gym socks, or me they probably would say the gym socks smelled better. I passed with an average of 8 out of 10 (not bad, huh?). I took a picture with the Sensei and he was all smiles.

Super Secret Yearbook!

The Somers Middle School yearbook is a secret till it is handed out. What does the cover look like? What is the deadline? What events do they feel should be put in? How many do they not? When are they taking pictures? We all have a lot of questions but no questions are answered till you get your yearbook.

Editorial: Lunchtime = Tablet Time?

It's lunch! Time to eat and relax! You sit down to your friends and talk, but they wanted to play their tablets, they didn't hear a word you said. Frustrated? Confused why your friends weren't listening? That's what tablets do, They make your friends obsessed anti social beings. As you eat, WHOOPS, food gets on their tablets and stains them! They blame it on you but it's their fault for bringing it in the first place! Now it's time for recess and they didn't finish their

food! You run outside and go shoot hoops. You ask them to join you but they look around for a better signal to play a game. Is that really their priority, to get a better signal? Look around! It's a beautiful day! Why play on your tablets and not play with your friends? From now on this should be a new rule:

**DO NOT BRING
TABLETS TO
LUNCHTIME!!**