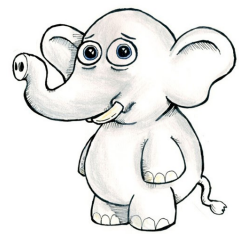


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Looking to Make a Difference? Volunteer!

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A few weeks ago, my friend's older sister planned an event. I and a group of other kids were to have a "talent show" in an old-age home in Yorktown called Field Home Seabury.

What I did was play "William Tell Overture" on the violin and sing a song from Chorus ("When the Lights All Shine"). The audience really liked it. They were overjoyed that we had gone out of our different ways and come and entertained them (some of them even fell asleep listening to the music).

After the performances of everyone we socialized with the audience and had cookies and lem-



onade. The senior citizens felt very relaxed and happy as every kid including me individually went and spoke to them. They were very delighted that we came here and enquired if we could come next year.

A picture of me appeared in the LoHud online newspaper, accompanied by an article about how we performed community service by improving the lives of others.

Overall I got a great feeling of accomplishment and my volunteering REALLY paid off.



Upcoming Events

2015

- **November 13: Picture Retakes**
- **November 25: Half Day!**
- **November 26-29: Thanksgiving Recess**
- **December 3: SMS Orchestra and Chorus Concert.**
- **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!**

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The Tusker Tribune Special Feature: Matt Kushner's "Spaced-Out Series"

Chapter One: First Communications

In the suburbs of Washington D.C., in a little house, sat a sleep-deprived, worn out, scientist. This scientist was no ordinary scientist. In fact, he was working on something that could change the world. It was an old radio. Well, kind of. The machine he built was inside and behind this radio, and it was a faster-than-light communicator that could pick up signals in an instant from the far-reaches of the universe. And when the scientist finally got this machine to work...

"Now if I just put that there... and this here...." Static sputtered from the old radio in front of the bulk of machinery. "Finally! I will become of the greatest man in human history!"

Then, all sleep-deprived, he fell asleep right on his work.

In other parts of the house, the scientist's 8-year old daughter woke up. Not by his commotion, but another, strange sounding voice. It was coming from the place that the daughter was never allowed to go, and where her father worked day and night.

"Hello? Humans? Are you there?" The daughter, who was always intrigued about what was down in the basement, slowly crept in, hoping her daddy wouldn't notice. Then she heard the voice again. "Humans? Please answer if you are there...." And so, the daughter answered what she would later realize was first human contact with aliens.

"Who are you?"

*Stay tuned in next week's **Tusker Tribune** to see what happens next!*



Poetic Ponderings by Remi Saad

A Sunny Day Waterfall

The waterfall.

Mist in your face,
you forget your place;
a wonderful feeling
without a trace.

You can come and watch from the misty below,
or you can come to the top and be on top of the world.

The waterfall is gorgeous;
the sound is nothing you have heard.

You cannot believe what you are seeing;
the waterfall.

You can come and see for yourself that I am not
lying;
enjoy what there is to see.
When you are there,
the wind in your face and misty air.
Watch and roam;
now you're home.
Look up and smile;
the waterfall.