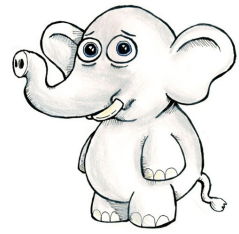


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## Franklin Institute Traveling Science Show Comes to SMS

An annual tradition continued at SMS with the arrival of the Franklin Institute Traveling Science Show, and its Human Body presentation. SMS 7th graders learned about all aspects of the human body, from the muscular-skeleton system to the immune system, to the heart and pulmonary system. It was a very entertaining show.



### Upcoming Events



#### 2015

- December 4: SMS Orchestra and Chorus Concert.
- December 10: Band 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!



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

### Chapter 3: From Father to Daughter

I sat there, next to the radio, waiting. Every once in a while, I would yell at the radio with all of my energy and say, "Give me my daughter! Please...." But, of course, there was no response. For hours I waited, just yelling into the old radio that I decided to make the first alien-human communicator.

Then finally, after hours of waiting, I heard a voice. "*Daddy! Help me! You wouldn't want this to happen.... they're... OW!* Being real-



ly, really nice to me and telling me I'll come home soon! *Daddy you don't understand they're tortur-* you should come father it's really nice here! You leave Earth, 2017 and come to me!"

"I'll come my precious Zoe!" And, as I walked away, if I had listened closely, I would have heard something else.

An alien saying, "Good... good...."

I ran to my car. If my predictions were correct, then only one person would be able to help. The president, Donald Trumpettes.



## Wings of Fire—a Review

By Peyton DiSiena

Tusker Tribune Staff

Do you need a good book to read? Wings Of Fire is a great book with lots of fantasy, action, adventure, and lots of humor!

The story is based on 5 dragonets (young dragons) who are in a special prophecy to stop a war. I don't want to spoil too much, but this series is great for readers who love

action, adventure, dragons, prophecies, and fantasy.

There are 7 books in this series, the first being *The Dragonet Prophecy*. This book series is written by Tui T. Sutherland.



## “Friends of Karen” SMS Steps Up to Raise Money For a Great Cause



**By Justin Vassallo**  
**Tusker Tribune Staff**

This week at SomersMiddle School, there is a charity event called Friends of Karen. Some of you may ask what this charity is about?

Friends of Karen is a charity that supports children with a life threatening illness. This charity has been in existence since 1978. It



has helped the lives of over 14,000 children.

Friends of Karen offers service

no matter what your race, religion, or gender. Friends of Karen strives to provide the money they receive as contributions fairly among the various children in need.



Friends of Karen operates with energy, determination and passion, and their goal is to make a meaningful impact on the lives of children in need.

On Thursday, the staff of SMS will hold a dress-down day to raise money for Friends of Karen. The goal is to exceed the \$1500 raised last year.

## Movie Review: Mockingjay



**By Oscar Szutkoswki**  
**Tusker Tribune Staff**

Mockingjay goes out with a bang. Literally.

Francis Lawrence, master of movie making, makes **ANOTHER** stunning movie. He crafts the movies by heart and by the love of doing his job.

Francis Lawrence, and his creative mind, continue to blow people's lives with his magic. He starts with nothing and



makes masterpieces with it.

With the nation of Panem in full-on war against its own Capitol, Katniss Everdeen, “The Girl on Fire” has to sacrifice herself for the others in District 12 and in the whole Panem. As she does this, Katniss finds out her love, Peeta, has learned to not love her.

As Francis keeps twisting people's minds with different allusions, we wonder, who really is the Mockingjay... and what is her purpose in the nation of Panem? Is she really a hero in the eyes of Capitol?

# A Locker Decorating Solution For Summer Birthdays!!!!

By Charley Martabano  
Tusker tribune Staff

It's that time of year when your best friend is waiting for her locker to be decorated. You are so excited!

But, then there's you.

You can't decorate your locker because you have a summer birthday.

It's NOT FAIR! Plus, it looks weird if you do it for your half birthday. Some people want that feeling of excitement but can't feel it. We need a solution and fast!



**PROBLEM:** Summer birthdays need attention.

**SOLUTION:** Create a month when they can decorate on the date.

**EXAMPLE:** \*announcement\* "Welcome back from the week-end students! Now we have one announcement today. It is now the month of summer! The month of summer is where we decorate the people with summer birthdays lockers! So get your creative hat on! Have a great day!"

Problem Solved! Now I need to spread the word..... BUT YOU CAN, TOO!

## 'Discover' Star Wars in NYC!

By Hunter Duffy  
Tusker Tribune Staff

In New York City at the Discovery Center for limited time there is a exhibit called Star Wars: The Power of Costumes.



A treat for all Star Wars fans, a collection of costumes used in the movies and even some from the new movie.

Costumes in a movie tell you a lot about a character.

Queen Amidala's costumes suggest royalty and Jedi robes suggest an earthy, loose feel.

Come to the Discovery Center in Times Square all these amazing Star Wars costumes and of course check out the gift shop. You won't be disappointed.

For more info, check out this site:

<http://www.discoverytsx.com/star-wars-exhibition?gclid=CILu7JOIvskCFQErHwod5zQFUG>





# An Ode to Mumps

By Caitlin Norbutt  
Tusker Tribune Staff

"I **cannot** go to school today!"  
said little Anna Lee Lou Fae.  
"I have the measles and the  
MuMpS,  
A gash, a rash and rainbow  
bumps.  
My mouth is wet with sali-  
va, my throat is sandpaper  
dry,  
with all this crust, I'm go-  
ing blind in my right eye.  
My tonsils are as big as  
HUGE rocks,  
I've counted 18 chicken pox  
And there's one more--that's  
nineteen,  
And don't you think my face looks quite  
green?  
My leg is scraped--my eyes are vein-red &  
blue--  
It might be instamatic flu.  
I cough & sneeze & wheeze & gasp & choke,  
I'm sure that my left leg is broke--  
My hip hurts when I move my chin,  
My belly button's caving in,  
My back has been twisted in ways unthinka-  
ble, my ankle's probably sprained,



My appendix grows in pain each & every  
time it rains.  
My nose is runny & cold, my toes are numb.  
I have a sliver in my thumb. Thanks for that,  
mum.

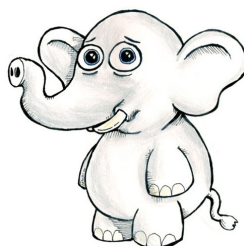
My neck is stiff, my voice is  
weak,  
I hardly whisper when I speak.  
My tongue is filling up my  
mouth,

I  
think  
my  
hair  
is  
falling  
out.

My elbow's bent, my spine ain't  
straight,  
My temperature is 108\*. Fahrenheit, of  
course!  
My brain is shrunk, I cannot hear,  
There is a hole inside my ear. What? WHAT?!  
**WHAAAATTT?!**  
I have a hangnail, and my heart is--wait,  
what?  
What's that? What's that you say?  
You say today is. . .SATURDAY?!  
Who cares if I'm sick?! I'm going out to play!"

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