

THE BULLDOG BARK



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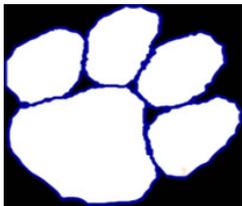
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How the Times got some 'bite'

**By Mr. Barnes
SouthEast Team**

Impressions are tough to change once the first one really leaves a mark. But it's not impossible. A *legacy* lasts longer, though. This is something you "leave behind" somewhere; something for which people remember you; a certain kind of memory that sticks with you... Hopefully, a positive one.



Tyler Trumbauer, whether he realizes it or not, is leaving his own legacy on this student newspaper. This kid has been busting my chops for the two years I've known him – finding fault in the fact that I am loyal to my New York Mets (and always will be).

And as irritating as Phillies fans are (now that they have been a consistently good team), all the credit to renaming this student newspaper goes to T.T.

One day, it dawned on him that "The Bulldog Times" is a

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Northern Lehigh Ladies of Liberty



Anna Barnett and Tatiana Rodriguez loved the gift shop during their awesome SouthEast field trip to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island on May 5. (See story on page 12.)

Tough love propels Lady Bulldogs to championship

**By Tyler 'T.T.' Trumbauer
North Team**

Tough love. That is how they did it. That is how Coach Brian Schell and his staff turned the Lady Bulldogs into Colonial League Champions of softball.

This is the Dawgs' first league title since 1995. This championship is long awaited.

Many of the players were waiting for this since the beginning of high school. They were hungry for a win and they went out and got it. The team started out well and then hit a streak where they weren't playing as well. When Coach Schell was asked how he changed things around he answered, "We didn't feel

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Seniors have a ball at ‘Mardi Gras’ prom

**By Stephanie Stein
SouthEast Team**



Mr. Marvin Spadt (Marissa Marsh’s grandfather) and Mrs. Beverly Owens (Brad and Becca Owens’ grandmother) were crowned King and Queen of the Senior Prom.

On May 1, 2010, our school’s National Junior Honor Society held its Senior Prom. About 180 senior citizen guests came to enjoy a night of fun and entertainment that was Mardi Gras-themed.

Along with all those seniors, 29 NJHS candidates attended.

For entertainment, there was a jitterbug dance contest, a cake walk, a noteworthy jazz duo and Aidan Burke played the piano.

To raise money for this special event, NJHS members baked 460 pumpkin rolls and raised \$3,000.

They even crowned a king and queen for the night, who were Mr. Marvin Spadt (Marissa Marsh’s grandfather) and Mrs. Beverly Owens (Brad and Becca Owens’ grandmother).

Mr. Graver, one of the NJHS advisors, said “I am so proud of this year’s National Junior Honor Society candidates. They worked hard and took this project seriously. I know they gave our senior guests a night they will never forget.”

Mrs. Bowser, also an advisor, said, “It is nice to hear in the community all the positive comments that the senior citizens have said about the senior prom put on by our students.”



How enriching!

On March 23, the 8th grade Gifted and Enrichment students visited DeSales University in Allentown for a leadership conference. The day began with a talk from a West Point Cadet. He told how he had a very tough childhood. His family had very little money, he only had hand-me-down clothes and his sister was killed because of drugs, but he succeeded. He felt he succeeded because of the concepts taught in the conference. The conference was presented by an organization called Kids of Character. The conference focused on five concepts: respect, responsibility, trust, family and caring. Students learned that when these five concepts are in place, a positive environment is created and there are fewer problems. The students were divided into different groups and the various groups participated in activities focusing on the five concepts already mentioned.

Leaving a legacy

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rather cliché name for a paper, without any punch or zip.

He suggested “The Bulldog Bark” and the name itself sounded great. But the fact that one of my former students and most consistent contributors to this newspaper could leave his *legacy* as renaming the newspaper was the main reason for the name change. I’m proud of the work that he has done for this paper and hope he considers it a small stepping stone to a career in sports journalism. I’m proud that he can now go to the high school, able to take credit for giving “The Bulldog Times” a little more bite.

When you eighth-graders head across the parking lot to the high school, you’ll realize just how short your time here at NLMS really was. Will your legacy remain?

Ladies are champs

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the way we were in the beginning of the year, and we weren’t hitting the way we were in the beginning of the year. We threw in some tough practices and let them know that wasn’t acceptable because we knew they were better than that.” I guess the ladies got the message and took it to heart and carried it through the rest of the season.

When it got to the night of the championship game, things were chaotic. It was a close game throughout and luckily Northern Lehigh came out on top 3-1. During the game, Coach Schell had



thoughts of victory in his mind but kept his composure until the last out was recorded.

While he was struggling with that, one of his assistants, Coach Robert Hicks, was going through a whirlwind of emotions. “The game was a blur; it was a blur when it was over. It started out shaky, then it was happy and then extremely happy at the end but the game went really fast.” While the game was a roller-coaster experience, everyone had fun and was happy with the result.

After an up-and-down regular season and playoffs, the Lady Dawgs are ready to take their 16-6 record into the district playoffs. Good luck girls!

Summer programs available

Summer programs you can participate in offered by the Northern Lehigh Community Center: Yoga and Zumba offered on Thursday evenings; Water Aerobics offered on Wednesday evenings; Swim Lessons and Arts and Crafts offered in July from 9-11:30 a.m. at Victory Park. To sign up and get more information call: 610-760-0300.

Coach Herzog enters Hall of Fame

**By Kianna Marlatt
West Team**

As some of you may already know, Mr. Herzog has been inducted into the District XI Wrestling Hall of Fame. This is a great accomplishment.

In order to get this award, you have to be elected for it. The people who vote are your peers – people like the officials, coaches, etc. Mr. Herzog found out during the middle of the wrestling season but he was officially given the award on Sunday, April 11, 2010.

Mr. Herzog was given this award because he has had great success with his team. This is what they look for when they give the award to the coaches.

In the past 15 years, he has had 253 wins (dual meets), 43 state medalists, four state champions, 18 regional champions and 32 district champions.

As a team, he has had six league championships, five district championships, five district dual championships, two regional championships, three state medalists, three state runner-ups and one state championship and that was in 2005.

There are many reasons why Mr. Herzog received this award. Mainly, it is because he has had such great success but also because he has been with this sport ever since he was little.

Wrestling is his life and when it comes to kids, he is very understanding. From a coach's standpoint, he understands what they are going through during the sea-



Mr. Herzog is now a Hall of Famer, thanks to all his years of successful coaching.

son. Anything from losing weight all the way down to just needing to work a little harder in the room so they can become a better wrestler to earn their spot. Wrestlers also need to keep grades up, just like any other sport but Coach Herzog understands what they might be going through during school since he is a teacher.

He is more than willing to help anyone that has put effort

into what they are doing because then he knows they are committed. This is why Coach Herzog has been inducted into the District XI Hall of Fame because he has had such great accomplishments and because he is an understanding person who is very good with kids. The next time you see him, be sure to congratulate Mr. Herzog for being a successful person, teacher and, most of all, a great coach.

Math-a-Thon nearly hits \$4,000!

SouthEast, North teams raise money to help children's hospital

**By Mrs. Hubbs
SouthEast Team**

In April, the North and South-East teams participated in a Math-a-Thon program to help raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. For those of you unaware of St. Jude's Hospital, it is a place that helps many children who are fighting cancer and other life-threatening diseases receive the treatments they need to survive.

These treatments are very expensive and most families cannot afford to pay for them.

If a family has a child that needs chemotherapy, it would cost \$771 a day for treatment.

Also, for a child who needs oxygen, it would cost \$435 a day.

The Math-a-Thon program makes it possible for St. Jude's to treat their patients regardless of the family's ability to pay for treatments. This program teaches students to lend a helping hand to

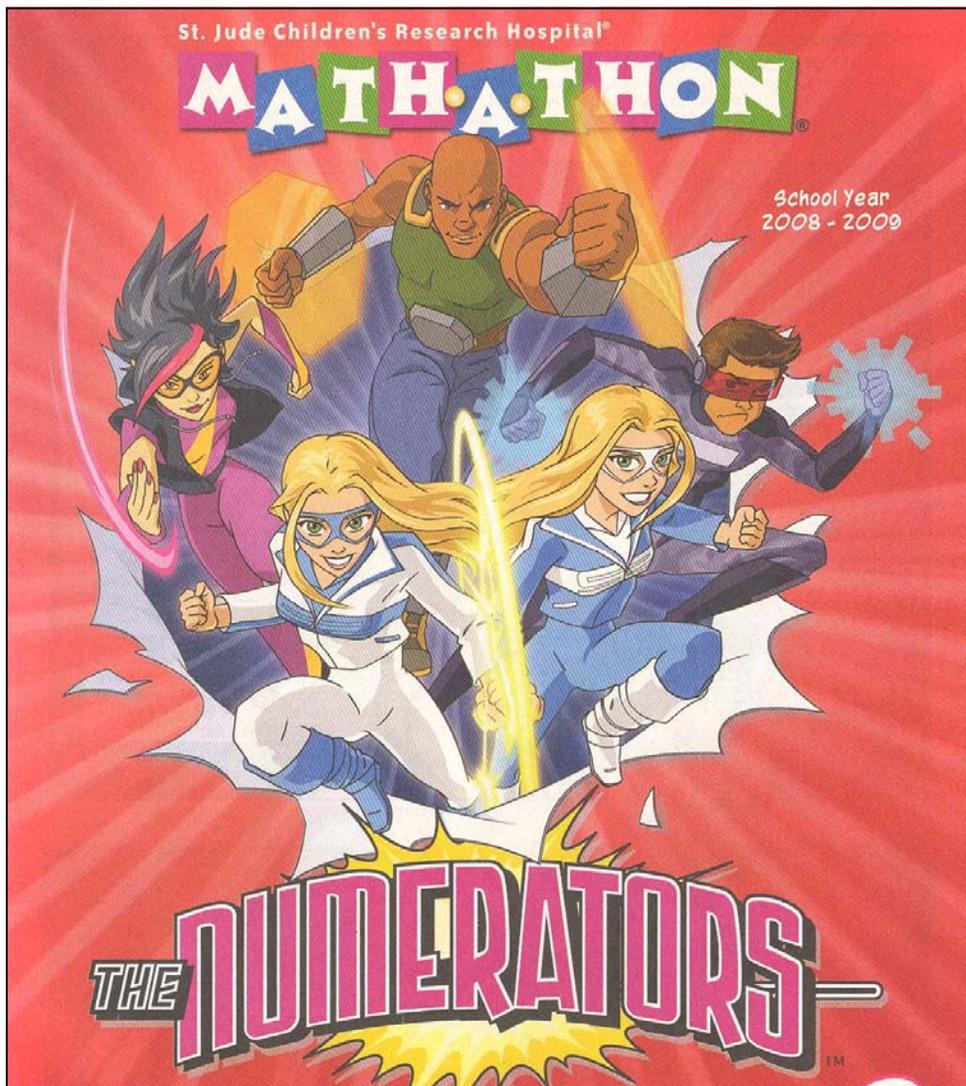
those in need and as an added bonus, it also helps to enhance their math skills.

As the final amount was calculated, I am proud to say that both teams together raised \$3,851.52 for St. Jude's. This is amazing!

That is \$1,000 more than we raised last year. Everyone that participated in the program should be proud of their efforts and generosity, even if you only donated a dollar.

Without your participation in this year's Math-a-Thon, it would not have been a success.

I am setting a goal for next year and that is to break the \$4,000 mark. Are you up for the challenge? We will have to wait for next year to find out.



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... Thank you to all these local businesses for contributing to our After the Bell reading program!

Seventh-graders learn about high school's German Exchange Program

**By Frau Schmidt
Explorers**

On May 17-19, Exploratory German students in the middle school learned about the high school's German Exchange program from high school students, who participated in the program.

High school senior Stephanie Pryor spoke to all period 1 and 2 classes and junior Jill Zeiser spoke to all period 3 classes.

They told of their experiences sharing their home with a partner-student from Germany during the fall of 2008 and shared pictures and stories

of their trip to Germany the following summer (June 2009).

Their trip to Germany included travel around southern Germany with Frau Schmidt, the leader of the program, followed by a stay with the family of their partner-student.

This German Exchange Program has been in existence since 1985. Students from Northern

Lehigh High School and its partner school in Landau, Germany, take turns visiting each other's country for two weeks and learn about each other's culture the best way possible – by living with a family.

like it could be a lot of fun exploring and learning their culture. And also having a new person living in your house for a little bit. I can't wait for high school."

Isiah Ortiz: "I think it was very cool and it was very educational."

Devan Pepe: "Inspiring, I would like to go someday."

Jocelyn Filchner: "I've always wanted to go to Germany but since Frau Schmidt and her student came in, I can't wait!"

Bryce Moser: "It was an amazing presentation and it seems like the exchange program would be a great experience."

Erika McKay: "It sounds like fun. It really made me want to take a trip to Germany."

Nathan Rex: "The German Student Exchange Program is a great and very interesting trip that allows students to experience one of the many different cultures of the world. It is great that we try to connect with people that may hold many of our heritages."

The presentation had a positive impact on the students and here is a sampling of what they had to say.

Taryn Kemmerer: "It was really interesting to be able to see and know what Germany looks like. It seems like a lot of fun! I think I'm going to take German in high school and go to Germany, too."

Brooke Ackerknecht: "It looks



The streets of Germany... Interested?

What are *you* doing for summer vacation?

**By Taylor Duplaga
West Team**

This summer I am going to go swimming, hang out with my friends and go to Ocean City, Maryland with my family. You now know what I am doing this

along with a wrestling camp, and even more wrestling practices at Bucknell University. In between all that, I'm going to try to hike, go mountain biking and go kayaking."

Katelyn Hugo: "I'm going on vacation with my friend Brooke, going swimming and I'm going to

my friend, Haleigh."

Erin Fleishmann: "I'm going to play soccer, go to Hershey Park and go boating. I'm also going to hang out with my cousins and my friends and sleep in late. I also get to go to the beach!"

Leanne Garofalo: "I'm moving somewhere this summer."

Alley Freed: "This summer, I'm going to swim, tan, hang out with my friends and have parties."

Melanie Campbell: "I'm going camping and maybe going to the Jersey Shore."

Amber Thomas: "I'm going to play a lot of softball and go to my friends' houses."

Nina Schnyder: "I'm golfing, going places and teaching little kids how to swim this summer."

Scarlet Ojeda: "This summer, I'm going

to my swim team practices. I'm also going to the beach, Maryland and New York. Also, I'm hanging out with my friends and I'm going to walk my dog."

It sounds like everyone is going to have fun this summer! I personally cannot wait to get to the beach. So what are *you* doing this summer?



summer. Here is what some of the other middle schoolers are going to be doing... and Mr. Herzog.

Mr. Herzog: "I'm doing a lot this summer. Well, I have a job. I do stuff like wall-papering. I'm also hosting a dog show and a golf tournament for a fund-raiser. I have my summer weightlifting and wrestling practices to go to,

hang out with my friends."

Cheyenne Troxell: "I'll be going camping."

Emily Bevans: "I'm going to spend practically every day at the pool with my friends and have sleepovers every night. I also have summer basketball, soccer and field hockey to go to. I'm going to have campfires in my backyard and explore Slatington with

NLMS had a heart for the homeless



SouthEasterners Erica Marlatt and Steph Stein helped “Rooster” Valentini (pictured above) load the “beast” full of school items and toiletries donated by NLMS students and staff. Mr. Valentini, whose son is currently at the high school, works for the Allentown School District and helps homeless students. The “beast” is his red minivan that has 200,000-plus miles of generosity in its engine; similar to that of its thoughtful owner.

Thank you to all the generous students and faculty members who gave items to this year’s **Have a Heart for the Homeless campaign**: Brooke Ackerknecht, Miss Barnes, Mr. Barnes, Mrs. Becker, Anna Barnett, Jessica Baker, Jared Brozowski, Emily Bevans, Mr. Barnes, Laura Beltz, Ms. Binder, Carissa Blessing, Michael Cummings, Miss Case, Mr. Eckhart, Samantha Eden, Alley Freed, Ryan Feifel, Mrs. Farole, Alexandra Garcia, Cubby George, Mrs. Grega, Joshua Hamm, Nick Hoffer, Kaelah Horwath, Alex Hoffner, Sophia Hankee, Jeff Henritz, Mrs. Hubbs, Kyle Jenne, Kayla Jones, Julie Knerr, Brandon Kresge, Ryan Klass, Alexis Kalamaris, Mrs. Kuntz, Alyson Lorenz, Mrs. Lorson, Josh Landsberger, Alexis Middaugh, Brigham Minnich, Amber Marlow, Mrs. Marushak, Jacob Moser, Jeff Menjivar, Abigail Messinger, Destiny Morey, Mr. Meixsell, Jamie Miller, Jessica Olewine, Devan Pepe, Thomas Quigley, Innacience Rosado, Tatiana Rodriguez, Lana Schmidt, Nina Schnyder, Parker Smith, Stephanie Stein, Austin Sodl, Cella Schleicher, Mrs. Scheffler, Chance Trantham, Mrs. Trantham, Mrs. Walter, Mrs. Waylen, Ronald Wenz.

Northern Lehigh dawgs ‘read-on’ to \$3,624

**By Nathan Snyder
SouthEast Team**

As you know, Read On has already ended and our school had an assembly on April 16, 2010. If you don’t know what Read On is, it is a fund-raiser for the Child Advocacy Center. This is a place that helps kids who have been abused.

The top readers for the 8th grade were Chance Trantham with 39 books, Ronald Wenz with 27 books, Stephanie Stein with 23 books, and Jocelyn Kanas with 22

books.

The top readers for seventh grade were Taylor Duplaga with 42 books, Alyson Lorenz with 37 books, Julie Knerr with 28 books and Ambur Ringler with 27 books.

The eighth-graders all together read 488 books and the seventh-graders read 840 books. Combined, the school read 1,328 books. The Northern Lehigh Middle School staff read a total of 543 books and students’ family members read a total of 2,051 books.

The grand total of books read was 3,624! Great job to everyone who read. Each book was worth \$1 so that would be \$3,624.

“I am thrilled with the response of the faculty and students and we had awesome prizes,” said SouthEast reading teacher Mrs. Marushak.

Mrs. Walter, reading teacher for the West team, said, “I am pleased with how many students participated and cannot wait until next year.”

Enrichment class ventures out to Envirothon

**By Brooke Ackerknecht
SouthEast Team**

On April 29, the Northern Lehigh Middle School Enrichment Class went to the Envirothon in Lehigh Valley. We learned all about nature and how to conserve water.

We went to a lot of different

stations for difference subjects. They were soil, woods and trees, water, aquatic animals, and regular animals.

In soil, we learned that there are different levels of soil. In woods we learned about and got to test how much the log would give and how much wood it holds.

In aquatic animals, we looked at bugs found in the creek under microscopes. Those are just some of the things we did.

After each session, we got a test about what we were just taught. At the end of the day we got T-shirts that say Envirothon and we also got a certificate. It was a really fun day overall!





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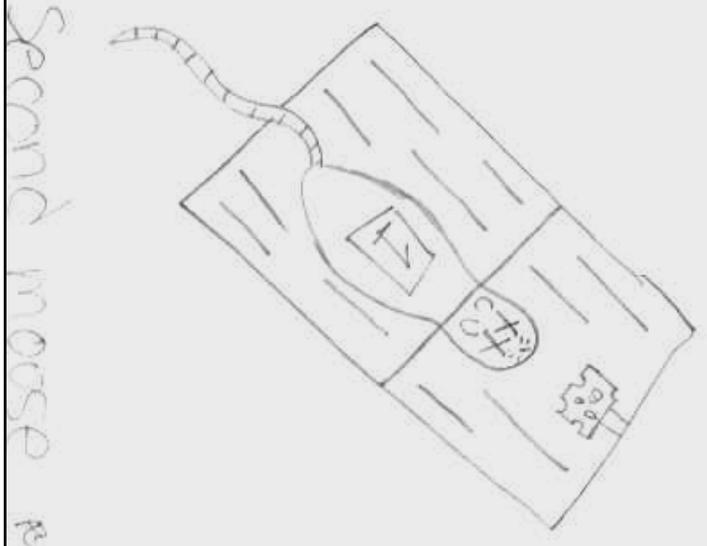
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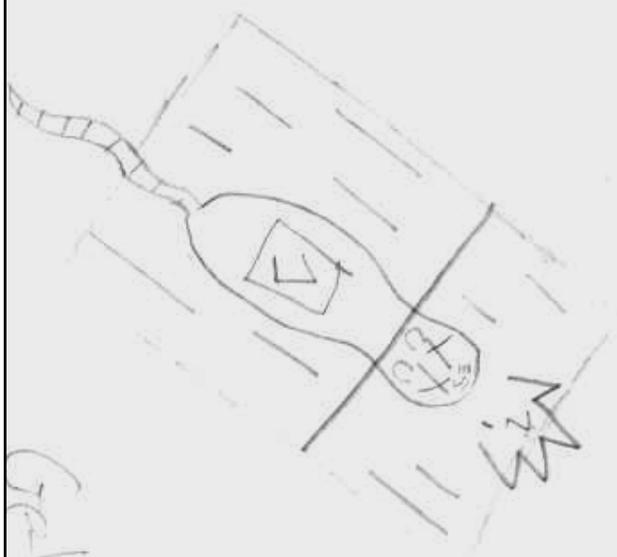
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North team visits historic Philadelphia sites

**By Annelise Tarafas
North Team**

The North team recently visited Philadelphia and toured its historical sites. We had a great experience at Independence Hall and the Constitution Center.

North teamers also viewed the Christ Church and cemetery, Ben Franklin's grave and the famous Liberty Bell.

Even though the students had to wake up at the crack of dawn, they were excited for an educational trip!

The students wished they could have stayed longer at all the sites but they were happy with what they saw.

All the teachers and chaperones had fun guiding their groups throughout the city. The tours the students went on were very informational and they liked them a lot.

Although the trip is mainly for students, the teachers look forward to this day every year.

Mrs. Filipovits said, "It is a really wonderful chance for our students to visit one of our cities that began our country. Legendary documents were created and signed at Independence Hall."

The day was a success and I'm sure the North Team will continue going on this field trip for years to come!



SouthEast team meets Lady Liberty up close

By Anna Barnett
SouthEast Team

On May 5th, the SouthEast team had an insanely fun trip to New York. When we were there, we explored Ellis and Liberty Islands. We had a great time with adventures like falling in the bus bathrooms, but most importantly, having a great time with each other making memories each second together... as a team.

First we took the ferry (which made us all kind of wacked out) to Ellis Island. Man, did we have fun there. At Ellis Island, you can go through the museum, and see where your ancestors really walked

through to come to the states! It was pretty sick if you ask me. ("Sick" is a good thing). On the island was the wall with the names of the immigrants who came through. It was definitely a good experience for all of us. Eventually, we stuffed our faces with lunch and headed back to the ferry. (Which, again, made us a little wacked out and seasick because we just ate lunch.) But, you know it was still fun.

As we SouthEasterners got ourselves to Liberty Island, we were blown away by how cool the Statue of Liberty was. It was a lot taller than we thought it would be to. Who would've guessed you

could actually walk through it? We didn't! Even though we had to wait through the lines, security, and the machine that explodes air in your face, it was totally worth it. Lady Liberty was definitely shining that day. Seeing the skyline from there was priceless. I'm not going to lie though... the gift shops... the best part.

So, all together, our team had an awesome time. We all for sure want to go back. But now that summer is coming, we have more plans for ourselves. And going to New York just helped us prepare more for adventures in our lives to come.



Dedicated to their ancestors, John Kurtz, Brendan DeWalt and Seth Reichenbach donate some cash to Ellis Island.



OPINION

Northern Lehigh year-ending reflections

In my personal opinion, I think eighth grade went by very fast. At times, I say “I can’t wait to get to the high school.” But

most of all, I’m going to miss the middle school teachers.

This year went by too fast. I wish the year could have been longer.

The classes were awesome. In my opinion, I had the best homeroom teacher in years.



Abby Messinger

People are probably thinking, “She is such a suck-up.” But I am telling the truth. And my math class was the best. Mama Hubbs is the best. She helps you when you need help. Our class used to get off task a lot. I learned a lot by having certain conversations in class.

English class was also the best. And the same with the rest of my classes.

Everybody is probably excited to go to high school. In the high school, teachers will be tougher. You will need to keep up with your homework and stuff like that. So, to end this column, I will say this. “Enjoy school while you can. Enjoy your last year of middle school before it’s over.”

It’s hard to believe the 2009-2010 school year is almost over. Sometimes, it seems like just yesterday I was getting ready



Julie Knerr

for the first day of school after summer break. Seventh grade, for me, was a great year. I’m really glad I was on the SouthEast team this year. The SouthEast team was a great way to start off my years in middle school.

When I look back at my first year in the middle school, I realize it wasn’t as bad as I thought it would be. Middle school gave me a chance to make new friends, take new classes, and grow up. Not only was seventh grade great, but I got the chance to be on the SouthEast team. The SouthEast team teachers made sitting in a classroom and learning a lot of fun. Our team did a lot of different activities.

We had Astronomy Days, which gave us the chance to learn about space and work with friends to put together a project. We launched rockets and watched a movie, which was a great way to finish up school before Christmas Vacation. We

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Seventh grade has been my favorite year of school. I love being able to talk with friends between classes and not having to walk in lines.

I remember walking into here on the first day of school without knowing what was to come. One of my favorite things this year was Team West rewards.



Zachary Moll

Whenever we played California Kickball, I didn’t play because I sat on the bleachers talking to Katelyn, Justin and Inna but when we went outside for Team West rewards, I played football.

I really enjoyed having clubs eighth period. I remember during my first club, I chose Bike Club and I smacked my face off a stop sign one day. And I had a lot of fun during gym, especially during the basketball unit when my team was undefeated.

I really enjoyed the extra classes like wood shop, tech ed., and family consumer science. The only thing I didn’t like was having so much homework! I had a lot of fun in seventh grade and am looking forward to next year!



OPINION

If you label someone, you learn nothing

When are names no longer names? When do names affect a person's life? It's when people are *labeled*. Recently our school has had some trouble with labeling.



**Makayla
Gordon**

The lunch room was a war zone. The hallways, ground zero.

You don't get to really know a person if all you see is a label. A few months ago there was a big issue involving lunch tables and cliques. Both sides were being judged and treated unfairly ...all because of some stupid labels that were given to both groups. They both wanted the same thing but were just too stubborn to see the other side, to see that they all felt the same way. This is because of the labels,

they wanted to believe that the stereotypes came with the name.

You were no longer looked at as a whole, just a face in a group of people, and if you didn't like the group that person is in, you didn't even try to talk to them because of the pretense of that label.

All it took was for one person to step outside the situation and see both sides, to acutely sit down and talk to the other side and understand they don't like what is going on either for the same reasons.

It hurt them that people saw them that way because of a label, it hurt that they were all just grouped together like they didn't even have a name. All it took was a little understanding and communication.

But we need to realize that this isn't the end that the same thing is happening in schools everywhere and to more extremes.



We need to realize that labels are self destructive and can ruin people's lives; we need to stop the names and the stereotypes.

NLMS seventh-grade reflections

Knerr, from page 13

participated in the Math-a-Thon, which gave us a chance to help kids our age with cancer and other dangerous diseases. The most fun was probably our trip to Ellis Island on May 5. We got to see the

Ellis Island Immigration Building/Museum, the Immigration Wall of Honor, the Statue of Liberty, and rode on a few ferries. It was a great trip. It's pretty hard to believe the school year is almost over, and that soon I'll be an eighth grader on the North team.

Overall, I think seventh grade was a great year. The sixth graders coming to seventh grade have a lot to look forward to. I hope that eighth grade turns out as well as seventh grade did.



OPINION

Childhood obesity invades our society

Childhood obesity is beginning to become a problem in our society. Mainly because of all the things we have inside our homes like video games or TV.

You would think kids would like to join sports but once they get hooked on TV or video games, there isn't anything that will separate them.



Ryan Rubio

You don't even need to sign up for sports to stay fit. Maybe you could take a run or lift weights. Yet this is still a problem.

I think that parents should have a role in trying to get their kids to be fit. Maybe the parent can make his or her child sign up for a sport. Maybe the parents can say they will go on runs once a

day with each other.

If that doesn't work, I'm not sure what will.

Maybe the parent can make the child feel guilty which would make them try to become active.

Either way, the child should be active at least once a day.

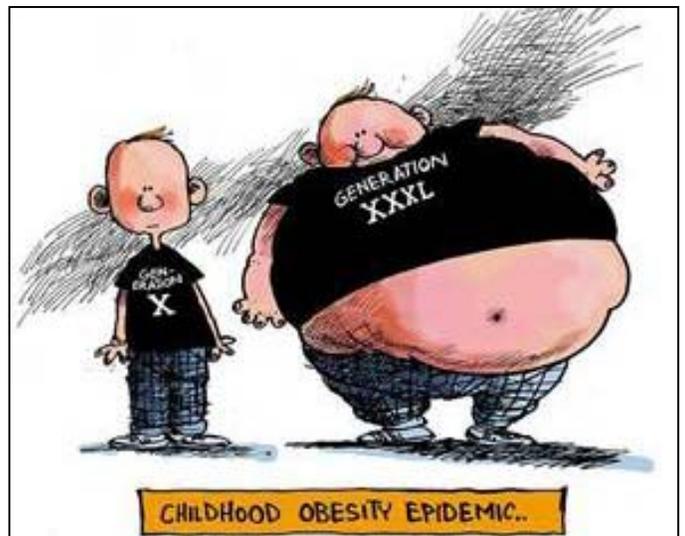
Also, there is a higher rate of single parents raising a child. When the parent works, they come home tired.

They don't feel like cooking so they rely on fast food chains for dinner. This is another reason why childhood obesity is a problem.

Kids are sitting inside eating McDonald's and doing nothing. Eventually, after eating a lot of fast food and not working it off,

you will become fat. This is a big factor in the role of a child's self-esteem.

When it comes down to it, the real problem is laziness. Don't get me wrong. I like to play video



games and watch TV but that's not what I do every day.

Kids should exercise daily instead of being couch potatoes.

Bringing your real-life character to life

**By Paige Slack
West Team**

Some say that life is like a never-ending book. As you read, you never realize what will happen next. Even if you think you know that character, you don't know

their thoughts.

You may read this book and never change your mistakes. Or you make a climax for you to fall again.

You might as well never find a solution to the problem. And when you're not reading or living life, you feel alone but when

you're reading, you feel as if you belong there.

You see all that is written around you. You bring the character to life. You make a journey. And at the end of life and that book, you find values all around you.



OPINION

The Last Curdle: Women + Shopping = Disaster

Why do women love to shop? Is it an addiction? Is it just in their blood? I have no clue but, whatever the reason is, it annoys men like crazy. Men and women have many differences between them.

What Curdles My Milk



Tyler 'T.T.' Trumbauer

it. Women just walk around and browse every little thing in the

store. You could spend three hours in a store with a woman and only leave with about 10 things. When a woman sees a clearance rack it is like Christmas all over again.

Shopping with a man is totally different. Us guys, we have a plan. We know the items we need to look at. We walk through the door and get to those areas and look for our items. Guys don't want to waste time at any store; even a sporting goods store. We like to get in and get out and spend time doing something fun.

Also, when shopping with a woman, you can't talk to them. They are like in the zone. They need to focus on the sales, not on human life. Women are freaky

when it comes to shopping.

So, guys I commend you for shopping with women and not running away. It takes a lot of



heart to do that. Now, girls please lighten up with the shopping; you don't need to do it all the time and it's not the world series of shopping either. You can talk to us.

That is what curdles my milk (for the last time).

Unless found on shoes, chewing gum is fun



Nina Schnyder

sticky! If you blow a bubble and it pops, it gets everywhere! This

Everyone loves chewing gum. We all chew it and enjoy it. However, chewing gum has many flaws.

First of all, the gum is

mess isn't fun to clean up.

Secondly, the flavor goes away too fast! The gum will lose its flavor almost instantly! And the flavorless gum can lead to bad breath.

Thirdly, people are irresponsible with gum. They spit it out whenever they get the chance, most likely on the ground. Hello, people! The ground isn't a trash can!

Another flaw of gum is the fact that your jaw hurts afterward. Lastly would be finding it everywhere.

Finding gum on your shoe is *not* fun! Feeling it under tables or desks isn't cool either. It's just disgusting and caused by laziness.

But chewing gum is a flavorless and sticky thing that everyone loves!