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Need Advice?

ASK THE EDITOR

Hello, and welcome to the first edition of "Ask the Editor"!

Dear Editor, I need some advice. I love my little sister in the first grade, but I'm always embarrassed and worried when she comes over to where me and my friends are hanging out when our break times cross over. She will give me a hug or a kiss and act all affectionate. I love it when she does this, but I worry that my friends will think I'm immature, silly, or make fun of me for hugging her back! I don't want to push her away, but I want to be mature and don't want to get embarrassed. Help!

Dear Mustang, your little sister sounds so nice! It is perfectly normal to get embarrassed about these things, but it's one of the things you have to remind yourself is not true. Your sister is not trying to embarrass you; she just loves her older sibling! However, your friends should not be making fun of you for showing kindness to your sister. If they do that, just tell them that that's unkind. If you are still feeling awkward, you can politely ask your little sister to just greet you nicely when you see each other, and maybe only give those big hugs at home

You can submit an anonymous question to Room 142 and it may have a chance to be featured in a copy of "Ask the Editor"!

-Written by Lucy Dent, 5th Grade

Revisions: Issue #1, article "the Pod" I have received a correction. In my last article, "The Pod," I wrote that Christina does not have anything to do during Pod Centers. However, I was incorrect because she actually does STEM Activities and Study Hall. Thank you for informing me! -Lucy Dent, 5th Grader

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Science Olympiad

What is Science Olympiad? Science Olympiad is an after school club that Ms. Williamson runs in room G35. In Science Olympiad there are soooooo many different categories for students to participate in. There are 17 events across different subjects. The grade levels range from 4th to 6th. Here are some events shortly categorized. If you have any questions, you can ask Ms. Williamson..

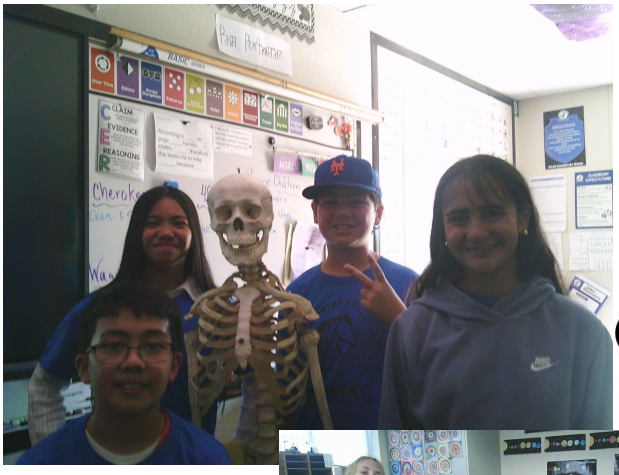
No Bones About It: memorize the names of all different bones and some joint in the body.

Straw Egg Drop: Build the best design to stop an egg from cracking after being dropped from a few feet.

Crime Busters: identify chemical reactions, fingerprints, and chromatography to solve a (pretend) crime scene.

-Written by Aurora Hooks and Erin Sumpter, 6th Grade









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April Poll: Beaches or Mountains?

Beaches

Some reasons that the beach is better than the mountains is that it has much warmer weather. During the summer, there is an average of 96-105 degree weather and that's pretty hot. The beach is the **perfect place to cool down** just by taking a swim or standing in ankle high water. It also offers **many activities** such as swimming, volleyball, surfing, tanning, boating, making sand castles, and **relaxing**. It has a casual atmosphere and therapeutic sounds of the waves crashing onto the shore. You can have many fun beach parties and have fun with family. In conclusion, the beaches are much better than the mountains.

Mountains

Sure the beach might be relaxing but the mountains offer **much more activities and adventure**. In the winter, some mountains offer skiing and snowboarding. Kids can make snowmen, sled, go tubing, and have snowball fights while the adults sit inside a warm cabin chatting. In the summer, mountains have other fun activities such as hiking. Kayaking or paddle boarding in lakes with a **nice, peaceful, tranquil, uncrowded atmosphere** is definitely better. In conclusion, mountains offer **year round activities** while the beach only offers summer activities.

-Written by Prim Kongsmai, 6th Grade

What do you think?

Vote at http://bit.ly/4sIrHyA or scan the QR code.

Vote Here

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Behind the Scenes with Our *Editors*

Ever wonder who's behind each of these newspaper topics?
Newspaper Club is led by two 6th grade teachers, Mrs. Reed and Ms. Moore. During the club meetings which occur on Monday and Friday mornings, around twelve students in this club gather in a classroom to discuss the topics for our very own newspapers. After discussion, we take our time to write about the topic we chose. Currently, the Mustang Monthly group of 2026 mainly consists of 6th graders, with few 4th and 5th.
Interested in writing and keeping up with our school's interesting news? Then maybe the Newspaper Club is the right place for you!

-Written by Jeanine Khey Gonzales, 6th Grade

The Little Free Library

You probably know about the library in front of the Office, so we asked Mrs. Bloxham and Mrs. Henderson some questions about it. Here's what we learned.

- Why was the library built? "The Turlock Rotary Club donated a little library to all the elementary schools." The Rotary Club is a club that does good things and provides services for our community.
- How were the books chosen? "Ms. Mira chose the additional books. Ms. Mira did a good job choosing the books since kids are picking books that interest them."
- Who came up with the idea? "Turlock Rotary got the idea for it"
- Are people putting books in when done? "Yes, some people are putting books back after using." Hopefully in the future kids will put them back so other kids can read books that interest them.
- Is it successful so far? "Yes, it's successful, people are using it and some people are returning the books."

Go check out our Little Free Library, right in front of Julien!

-Written by Paola Jimenez and Cole Hedden, 6th Grade

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The Best of Julien

An Article from the Perspective of Students

There are many amazing things at Julien such as sports, programs, food made by the hard-working cafeteria staff, friends, learning, clubs, the garden, rewards, and the outstanding workforce. Let's hear about the best of Julien, but from the perspective of some students.

- Trevor in Rodger's TK class: "My friends"
- Most of Mindi's kinder class love the playground and library.
- William in Sierra's first grade class: "Playing"
- Mia in Kim's second grade class: "The Pod"
- Emmett in Tovar's third grade class: "Cultural music lessons"
- Emma in Campbell's fourth grade class: "the amazing staff"
- Lily in Steven's fifth grade class: "The nice campus"
- Taylor in Moore's sixth grade class: "My friends"

As you can see, Julien is one amazing school with many qualities that will blow you away!

-Written by Rohry MacLaren, 4th Grade

Kindness Reminder

Being kind is good because you can make people's day, and being kind to someone might make them pretty happy. Kindness spreads and you can be the one to start it. Kindness is important because one time I was having a pretty bad day and someone was kind to me and that made my day get better. There are many ways to be kind. If you do some of those then maybe you will spread kindness. Some of those ways are giving compliments, helping strangers, or even holding the door open for someone. There are many variations of kindness and they are all great. Being positive helps too, like smiling more, offering help, donating old stuff and many more. Challenge yourself to be kind today! Have a good day.

-Written by Penelope Neal, 6th Grade

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Stable Stories

Need some good books to read? Maybe a few? Recommended by a 6th grader who's read all of these, I have some for you!

Kindergarten:
-*Penelope Rex* series by Ryan T. Higgins.
-*The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle

First Grade:
-*Junie B. Jones* series by Barbara Park
-*Ivy and Bean* series by Annie Barrows

Second Grade:
-*Diary of A Pug* series by Kyla May
-*Eerie Elementary* series by Jack Chabert

Third Grade:
-*The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate
-*Judy Moody* series by Megan McDonald

Fourth Grade:
-*Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* by Judy Blume
-*A Series of Unfortunate Events* (series) by Lemony Snicket (Daniel Handler)

Fifth Grade:
-Just Keep Walking by Erin Soderberg Downing
-*Keeper of the Lost Cities* series by Shannon Messenger

Sixth Grade:
-*The School for Good and Evil* by Soman Chainani
-*Savvy* by Ingrid Law



-Written by Kyla James, 6th Grade

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Our Kinder Friends!

Hello Mustangs, today you're going to be reading my article! We don't really know much about kinder and TK friends but today you will learn from some kinder friends!

I interviewed Freya and Alden. They are both in Mrs. Rogers' class. First let's start with Freya. She is 5 years old and she says that she loves her class and classmates. Another thing she says is that her class plays a lot and they are a very good class. She paints Christmas things and they get out at 11:11.

Our next guest is Alden who is 5. Alden and Freya both agree that their class plays a lot. Alden says his class is a very great and a good class. He said that he draws pictures and that his class is very noisy.

Our youngest Mustangs make our school great!

-Written by Jasmine Perez, 4th Grade

Delicious Banana Bread Recipe

Adapted by Christina Dent

Ingredients

½ cup of oil or melted butter
1 teaspoon baking soda
2 eggs (slightly beaten)
½ teaspoon salt
3 bananas (very ripe and mushy)
2 cups sifted flour
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
⅓ cup hot water
½ teaspoon cinnamon
Optional: turbinado sugar for sprinkling on top
Optional add-ins: chocolate chips or nuts

Directions

1. Mix oil, eggs, bananas, and vanilla well.
2. Blend in remaining ingredients (baking powder, baking soda, salt, flour, sugar, hot water) and mix well.
3. Pour mixture into a greased loaf pan.
4. Bake at 325° for about 65 minutes. (do not overbake.)

Note: Sometimes when my mom makes this, she adds turbinado sugar baked on the top of the loaf to make it sweeter.

-Written by Lucy Dent, 5th Grade

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The Library

We should always respect our library. There are many ways we can respect the library. Our library books are there for everyone and if any person ruins the book, whoever gets it next will be sad. Some things you shouldn't do include:

1. Don't write in the books
2. Don't rip any of the papers in the book
3. Don't leave the book on the floors of the library

Those are just a few things we shouldn't do in the library. Another very important thing we should do is respect Mrs. Mira. When ever Mrs. Mira is talking we should show her whole body listening. **Whole body listening is when you listen with your eyes, your ears, and your heart.** She will really appreciate that and it could even make the teachers happy that you are actively listening.

The library can also benefit you in many ways. If you need help studying there's always a book there to help you. The book club is also hosted in the library so if you like reading the books the book club is always there. It's also super fun so you should at least try it out and see how you like it. Another thing about the library is that there is a cool sort of vending machine. The vending machine has books in there and for 75 PBIS dollars you can get a token. The token is for the machine so you can get books.

-Written by Khushi Singh, 6th Grade