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Got braces?

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Staff Reporter

Are you unable to eat hard food because your teeth hurt? Are you eating ice cream and drinking juice? Are you taking ibuprofen or tylenol whenever you can?

You probably just got braces.

"The first couple days were the most painful," says 9th grader Sam Dale-Gau.

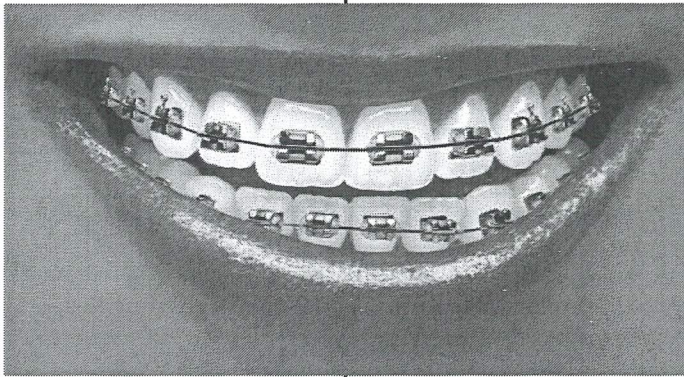
Braces have been around for long time. They go back as far as the mummies who used animal intestines to wrap around their teeth for straight teeth. Orthodontic braces weren't made until the early 1800's. Metal braces weren't made until later, before they were gold, silver or even wood.

Today braces are made of a combination of metal and plastic, and are common among teenagers. At OWL 25-30% of students have or have had braces.

Braces average in cost at \$3,000-\$7,350. Most people with insurance pay an average of \$4,000. All kids are examined for the possibility of braces by 10 years old. About 75 percent of kids could benefit from having braces to straighten their teeth, but only 45 percent really need them for fixing functional problems.

If you are getting braces most likely have them for two to two and a half years. But you could have them anywhere from six months to 4 years. A lot of students say the hardest part of having braces is eating and getting stuff stuck in them.

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New iPad enforcement

Grace Kellar-Long
Staff Reporter

On the night of Sunday the 8th, David Gundale made an announcement via email to all OWL families, detailing a new plan to deal with the iPad problem. Starting Wednesday, February 11, if a student is seen using a non-educational app, all unauthorized apps will be wiped from their iPad.

This announcement stems from complaints that parents made to

Dave. They said that kids were becoming addicted to their iPads and losing their personalities. Dave is also concerned about these issues, saying in the email to families that "these applications are creating distractions for our students inside and outside of school." Dave took these complaints to the Leadership Team, and after a meeting last Friday they decided on a new enforcement plan.

If a student is seen playing a game during school, even during lunch, their iPad will be confiscated. Dave is also

encouraging parents to strict students' usage of apps, and has put directions for doing this on the school website. Although this rule has

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The Brick Birds rise!

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Brick Birds, the Open School Lego League Team, went to Regionals on January 24th, where they received second place overall and continued on to State on February 7th. It was the first time an OWL team has advanced to state in Lego League. At Regionals Open received first place in Core Values.

"We used our experience from last year to build upon the team and make it better this year, we were able to get more people and get



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Fraquetball Debate

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Staff Reporter

Have you ever played Fraquetball? Well if you have then I'm sure you know how it feels when a ball flies past you and you didn't have enough time to stop it because it was the fast ball that you didn't like. Well, here are some other player's opinion on the balls and on the new court.

On the court there are two different balls that are used, there are the soft and easily broken balls and then there's the hard and fast ball. Most players prefer the fast ball since it brings more adrenaline during a game, but there are also some players that prefer the slow and soft ball because it is easier to block when playing defense.

It is more fun to use the fast ball but with the fast balls it is expensive to buy, as with the soft balls its not as expensive as the fast ones.

Koua Yang, a junior and a current Fraquetball commissioner, prefers the slow ball over the fast ball because when using the fast ball the game goes too quick and when using the slow ball, it makes it more challenging to score. The fast ball is hard to block so Koua doesn't really like it as much as the slow ball.

"I think we'll just be using the slow balls because we don't have a different kind of balls to effect/use for the game. We were using the fast ball because we ran out of slow balls,"said Koua.

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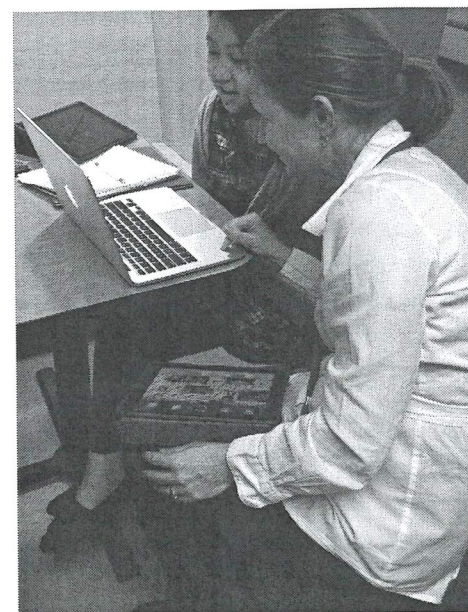
Elizabeth the librarian

Grace Kellar-Long

Staff Reporter

At last, the long-awaited day has arrived. Open finally has a librarian: Elizabeth Decourt.

Elizabeth grew up in Burnsville, but considers it "boring" and is happy to live in St. Paul now. She studied abroad in France while attending the University of Minnesota. Previously, Elizabeth taught French at Harding, Capitol Hill and Hazel Park. This is her first year working as a librarian, and is also teaching a French for French Speakers class. Her other duties include barcoding the books and assisting teachers with online resources. Outside of school, Elizabeth enjoys reading, swimming and gardening.



Elizabeth helping a student.

New art teacher Hannah

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Staff Reporter

New art teacher, Hannah Gutison, sounds like she was born to teach art. "Art has always been a huge part of my life, it provided me entertainment and knowledge as well as inspiration. I've always felt that art can offer people so much more than just techniques to make pretty pictures."

Hannah grew up in a small town- Mount Horeb, Wisconsin, population 7,330. It was small enough that there was only one elementary, middle and high school (Mount Horeb). She then left to go to the University of Minnesota to get a degree in Art history. Later on she went back to study fine art and obtain her Masters of Education in art.

Hannah said "The reason why I chose teaching over museum education though is because I love seeing what interesting things students come up



with." She worked at the Weisman Art Museum in the education department for nearly four years, which has greatly influenced her perspective on K-12 education.

OWL has so far been a great experience for Hannah. "The sense of community and support at OWL is amazing. Everyday that I see kids supporting each other, I feel so proud to be a part of this community."

Even though she loves teaching at OWL, she does have some hobbies outside of school. "Outside of school I enjoy painting and drawing as well as several outdoor activities like kayaking, hiking and camping. This summer I plan to go white water rafting! Additionally writing and reading are favorite pastimes and watching movies."

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For Koua the court doesn't really change the game since the past courts have been different shapes and sizes. "I really like the new court, but the only problem was, the two gaps by the goal line. Those two gaps make it hard to save the ball," said Koua Yang, current Commissioner. It seems that Koua does like the court but also has his dislikes.

Daniel Le-Tran, a junior and also commissioner, chooses the fast ball because "With the fast ball it is easier to score so the game goes by faster."

With the slow ball, the game is harder, and gives more of a challenge considering that it only flies at 0.000001 miles per hour.....(SARCASM)

Daniel likes the new court but with such a big court it makes playing defense hard in Daniel's opinion. If Daniel could change things about the court, he would make the walls thicker, since it's been riddled with cracks and holes created by the fierce competition.

Chua Moua, a junior and Commissioner, is a fan of the fast ball since it's easier to hit and also easier to score. With fast balls, games are faster, and when using the slow ball, which takes a long time to finish the game. A lot of players like the fast ball more than the slow ball but the slow ball can also bring a challenge to the game.

Chua likes how the court is wide, "It's easier for me to move around to block the ball," says Chua, but with such a

wide court it is also easier for people to score. Chua is not a big fan of the cubbies that are alongside the wall, with the cubbies there, the balls will always fly into cubbies and slow the game down. Which can become annoying once in a while.

Tim Leone-Getten, Spanish teacher, agrees it is more fun to play Fraquetball with the fast ball but it takes away skill, as with the slow ball it requires skill to be able to get a score. Tim doesn't really have a favorite since he likes both of them but he feels that the slow ball may just be a bit too slow.....like I said it only flies at 0.000001 mph.

"The difference in the balls are huge," said Tim.

Tim thinks the court is ok, although it is a bit wide in his opinion. This new court is located out in the hallway outside of the gym and doesn't really have a lot of interruptions, which is something that Tim is a fan of. Tim feels the court could use some new colors for a new look and also some obstacles to make the game more challenging.

No one really knows what's the next step for the court, balls, or even Fraquetball itself but it's a part of our school, that'll be passed down to the next group of students and players, hopefully the game will continue to stay as it is, through generations.

Sideways Stories

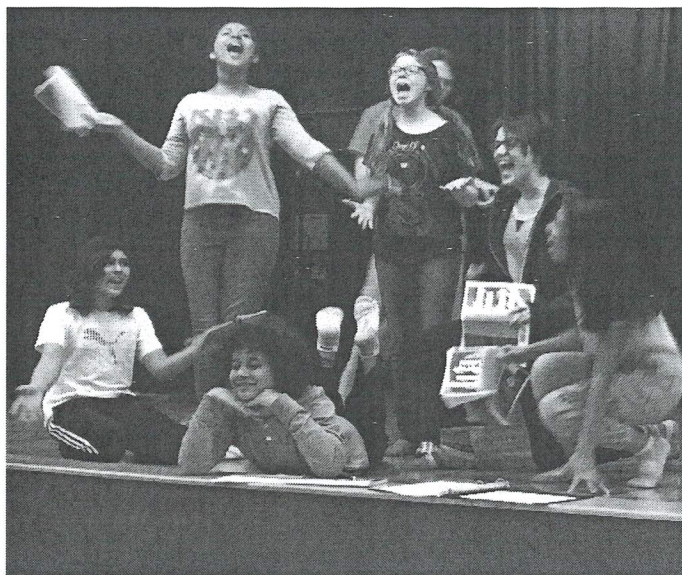
Logan Doran
Staff Reporter

The curtains rise, we hear booming organ music and watch as two students cower away from a nasty old teacher, and on her desk are three apples. Kaboom and Kazap, the two students, are looking at the apples, terrified.

Why is this such a weird beginning to a play? It's because it's the beginning of Sideways Stories from Wayside School.

OWL's production of Sideways Stories from Wayside School will take place at the end of next month on the 25th, 26th, and 27th of March. For the past few months, the small cast of 18 has had a flexible play rehearsal. Every day some people are called, but none of them rehearse every day.

"We have a top-notch cast," said theater teach-



A very enthusiastic play rehearsal

er and director Rebekah Rentzel. "This is a really great team of performers."

You'll meet the terrible Mrs. Gorf, the meanest teacher of all, Myron, who can't resist pulling pigtailed, and Leslie who can read only upside down — along with all the other kids in the crazy mixed-up school that came out sideways. But you'll never guess the truth about Sammy, the new kid.

"I chose this play because I felt like OWL needed a super fun, dumb, play," said Rebekah. "People should expect organ music, and thunder and lightning, and cows, and buildings that fall sideways, and crazy evil teachers, and they should expect a very serious night at the theater." Sideways Stories from Wayside School is coming to an OWL auditorium near you on March 25th.

Grace's Adventure

Yaseen Hayward
Staff Reporter

A new venue near the coast of Maine, small classes, a free laptop, and best of all, no Leo. It seems like a nice way for 10th grader Grace Kellar-Long to spend the rest of the school year.

Coastal Studies for Girls is a Semester School, a program which offers students a semester of different classes focused around a central theme while still allowing them to earn all their credits. It mostly focuses on ocean science and has experts from universities like MIT, Cornell and Columbia. The program focuses on independent research and skill building.

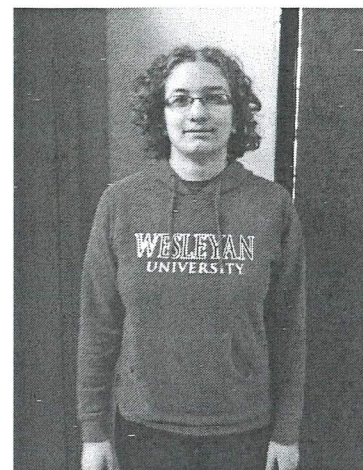
Grace discovered the Coastal Studies for Girls program through her dad's friend whose daughter attended. She will be attending the program from February 15 until the end of the school year. In the meantime she has been helping Tim with various tasks, doing additional Theatre classes as well as History Day stuff, and helping with The Purple press.

During the program Grace will attend classes that focus more on the natural world, such as marine biology and coastal studies for science, and Leadership classes where they do fun stuff akin to Outward Bound. Grace will be there with 15 other girls from around the country and about 15 staff members, thirty people in all.

These numbers allow for more individualized education. The students are not allowed to communicate with the outside world for the first ten days, in order to help build a community. Afterwards they will be able to send letters, which Grace intends to do more, as well as email with laptops handed out to each student.

Grace of course does have a few worries, mostly being away from home for a long period of time, which she hasn't done before. There is also the fact that it has finals and a whole different grading system that she won't be used to.

Overall though, she is excited about the opportunity. "I'm looking forward to being in Maine. There's ocean there, and mountains. And I'll get to know some nice people," said Grace. "They're known for building community and being really connected to nature."



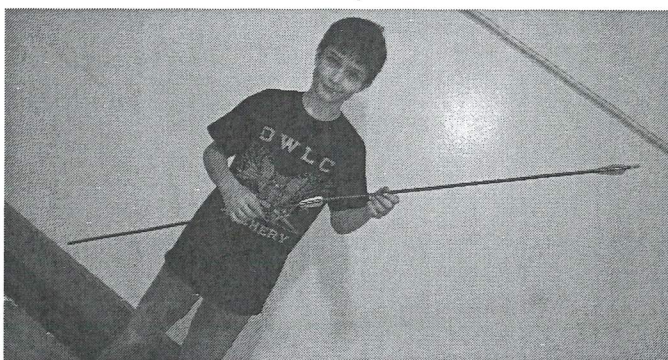
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"Flossing, it takes forever," said 9th grader Eli Sage-Martinson. "Flossing, cause it's time consuming," said 7th grader Grace Bellamy. "Flossing teeth, it's hard to get between your teeth," said Leona DeRango a 9th grader.

Braces can be hard to take care of, many people agree that they are worth it. "You want to take care of your teeth" said 8th grader Joe Johnson. "It doesn't hurt as much as you think," said Leona. "Wear your retainer after you get your braces off to keep your teeth straight," said Mary Sellers. "Take Tylenol after you get them" said Eli. After you get your braces off you will be happy you took care of them and got through all the pain.

Now braces are not looked at as something to make fun of someone by, but to help your teeth. A lot of students say that they are now ashamed by them, but some teachers were when they were little.



Jonah Engleking with his Robinhood

Jonah Hood

*Patrick Verner,
Staff Reporter*

Well, the school has a new bossman-expert-level-1000-dude. Sixth grader Jonah Engleking shot a 'Robin hood' at practice on Tuesday, January 27.

A "Robin Hood" is when you shoot one arrow into the bullseye and then another straight into the back the first arrow. Based on the reaction from archery coach Mark Scioli and the other archers, to shoot a Robin Hood makes one a deity or mystical God.

Only two other Open students have ever successfully shot a Robin Hood: OWL graduate Sonja Youngquist, and senior Colin Marrone. The fact that both Sonja and Collin did not complete this feat until their senior years makes Jonah's accomplishment that much more remarkable.

Collin Marrone

How many years have you been at OWL?
Three Years.

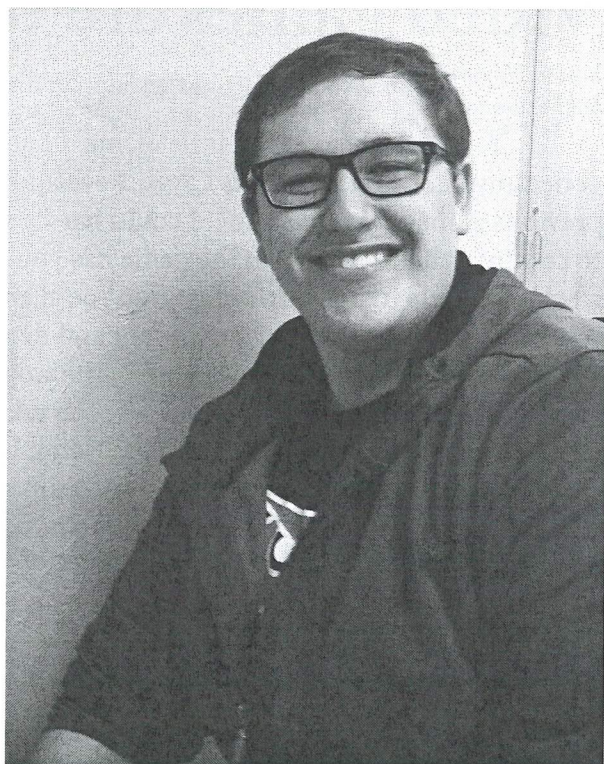
What are your plans for next year?
I will attend University of Wisconsin: Stout pursuing electrical technology engineering or manufacturing engineering.

What will you miss most about OWL?
Robotics and all the nice teachers.

What is your favorite band, book, or movie?
My favorite band is Imagine Dragons.

What was your favorite class in high school?
Pre-Calculus with Caleb from Creative Arts.

Do you have any last advice for OWL?
JOIN ROBOTICS!





REVIEWS N' STUFF



New educational app: Gang\$tar Vegas

Simon Dungan-Seaver

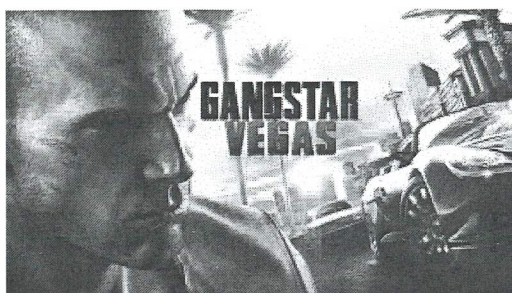
Staff reviewer

Have you heard about the new educational app, Gang\$tar Vegas? If you haven't, let me explain it to you.

In this game, you walk about an enchanted land with a magical tool called an Assault Rifle, exploring the wonderful town of Las Vegas. When you see an inhabitant, sometimes you can give them a magical gift called a bullet. Then they fall down. Sometimes, they don't get back up. (They're probably just resting).

Also, there are nice ladies walking around the street.

They don't have very many clothes on, but if you give them money, they start walking towards you. I run away from them at that point. You can also have fun driving cars around. I am not allowed to do that at



home. If you hit another person, they kindly fall down, allowing you to continue on your way.

Teachers need to start using Gang\$tar Vegas in their classes. In math, students can use multiplication to calculate just how fast you can make people fall down with your "Royally Pimped Rifle." I don't know what that word means, but it sounds educational. In science, students can hypothesize on how much red juice your ice pick can make when you tap policemen until they go away. In English, students can analyze revenge plots, learning why the nice police officers will come after you if you make someone fall down with a "patriotic dick." I don't know what that word means either, but it sounds like some sort of wild cat.

I, for one, am grateful that the district is on top

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Video games are terrible

Yaseen Hayward

Staff Scumbag

You should have seen little ol' me. I had just gotten my hands on Assassin's Creed Revelations. The previous games were awesome, I could hardly wait to continue this series. Then the game has you doing a boring puzzle in a nearly untextured room and a section where you have to sit on a roof and deploy dudes to shoot the dumbest soldiers in the world. I threw down my controller and ran into the rain soaked streets screaming to the heavens, "Curse you, Ubisoft!"

Video games these days are terrible, this may be an unpopular position but hear me out. The industry is what mainly sucks.

These past years big name companies have been sending out games that are hardly finished. Games that people are excited for and get a barely functioning pile of garbage. Games like Assassin's Creed: Unity, which

made it so every time you defeated an enemy you were greeted with an animation glitch that would make them become a "Jumping Jack Sparrow," or like, any 3D Sonic the Hedgehog game, which has something specifically horrible for each one. And don't forget The Walking Dead: Survival Instinct, which showed wonderful potential, yet became just a less than mediocre Stealth/Shooter with some zombies scattered about.

All of these games showed potential, and likely would have been good, save for one unfortunate fact. Big Video Game companies don't care about their games. At least not most of them. All they care about is money, no that's not my super rebellious side talking, they have, on many occasions sacrificed game quality for good selling opportunities. Like Sonic Boom, the newest desecration of a classic game series. They might

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Once upon a time

Amanda Weiss
Staff Reviewer

Once Upon A Time is a TV show about Fairytale characters and a special girl called the savior, who is the daughter of Prince Charming and Snow White. I think the show is amazing.

These are not just regular fairytale stories, they have twist that might surprise you. My favorite part is when Henry, the savior's son gets caught by Pan (Peter Pan). Pan pretends to be one of the Lost Boys to bait Henry in. While Henry is running from the Lost Boys in the dark forest of Neverland he comes across a boy hiding in the bushes.

The boy says he's running from Pan and that he can get Henry off of the Neverland island. Henry begins to trust him but no sooner that he had the boy stopped and called out the lost boys they surrounded Henry there was no where to run. Then he calls in all the lost boys and they surround Henry. Peter Pan can fly and he also knows of a poison called nightshade he is also very sneaky.

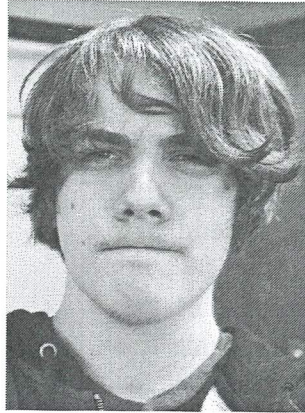
When I first saw this episode I didn't know it was Pan so I was a little surprised. Something else that stands out to me is the characters. Two of the main characters are Snow White and Prince Charming: they are the parents of Emma (the savior). At the beginning the fairytale characters don't remember who they are because they are under the evil queen's spell and Emma has to break it.

The actors are Ginnifer Goodwin as Snow White, Jennifer Morrison as Emma Swan, Lana Parilla as the Evil Queen, Josh Dallas as Prince Charming and Jared S. Gilmore as Henry Mills. The production company is ABC. The TV show started in October of 2011, and the pilot episode was seen by over 12 million people. The show was created by Edward Kitis and Adam Horowitz, who also worked on the TV show Lost. They were both born in Minnesota and attended the University of Wisconsin.

This show is about fairytale characters coming to life. It takes place in Storybrooke Maine, which is also referred to as Enchanted or Neverland. Emma Swan, who is the protagonist

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Fight for your rights



Antonio Carvale
Staff Columnist

As prophesied by legitimately everyone the iPads are here splitting the school in twine as students fight for their right to party and/or play games on their iPads during class.

Which don't get me wrong, children having fun is bad and should be banned like in Russia. But banning all games on iPads seems a little overkill to me. Especially for the people who actually care about their future (nerds), who might be done with their work and have free time to procrastinate

and only deserve their right to do that.

And as the hordes of hipster vegan parents rush to protect their kids from any video games, violence or movies that aren't rated anything more than a G, the iPads coming to our schools are only another fact of life they can't prevent.

After all this is America. The land of the brave, home of the free, where you can drink any of the 10 glorious flavors of Mountain Dew, where you can buy smaller guns to put on your bigger guns, and where you can be any religion you want (heil zorp lizard God). Playing games on the iPads should be the least of your worries.

And my fair young prince, apprentice and heir to the throne, Frenchy P. or as the rest of the world knows him by his false name "Patrick" raised the question:

"Oh no, who would have predicted that a machine made to play games, is being used to play games." To which I reply: "

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-quote me on that.

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of the show gave up her child when she was 19 so he could have a better life. She gave him up because she was in jail. Emma is on a mission to bring happy endings to all the fairytale characters. Regina Mills (Snow White's step mom) used to be bad but now she is good and helps Emma, Snow White, and Prince Charming. On the other side are people who want to destroy all the happy endings and rule everybody.

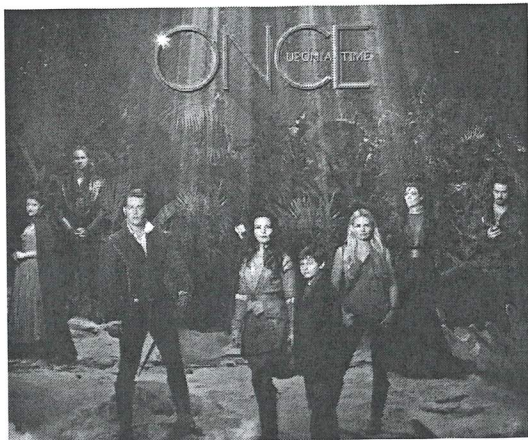
I think this show is really amazing, no lie. Everything in this show works for me, I just love it all. The special effects are amazing: there is a lot of magic in the show and it takes a lot of special effects to make it happen. For example the show does quite a bit of shots in the Enchanted Forest and in castles which require a green screen. There are also magic spells and an evil curse that affect the whole enchanted forest.

The plot pulls people in. It's about Snow White and Prince Charming's daughter being the savior. The script is really amazing, the lines that they say really pull you in. For example, Regina Mills (Evil Queen) once says "I cast a curse out of vengeance and I'm a villain. You heard Mr. Gold, villains don't get happy endings." Another good line

comes from Emma: "Sorry. The only one who saves me is me." The actors are amazing, since

they have to play imaginary characters that have magic and they have to make people believe they actually have magic.

I think this show is for teens and young adults. It's a more grown-up version of fairytale characters. Everyone knows Disney movies and this show brings them to life. This show is very entertaining: it has action, romance, and magic. Who wouldn't like that combination.



Creative Solutions

Patrick Verner
Staff Columnist

Well, for those of you who read my last story might possibly view me as almost, sort of, kind of, slightly, just a little bit negative...i have decided to turn over a new leaf. For this article I will be offering my genius solutions, all at no cost to you.

So, a big issue these days, is kids playing games on a system made to be able to play games. This unexpected and totally unpredictable occurrence has created total chaos in the classroom. Without a solution, teachers have tried nearly everything to bring students out of their technology induced coma, but nothing is a permanent solution to the problem. Well boy, do I have an idea for you! Cut off their fingers! You see, if they have no fingers, how can they play games. BOOM!

Next problem, people who have no idea what personal hygiene is. I'm not naming names here but I have walked by people and legitimately thought they had rolled in a pile of raccoon carcasses. 3 years ago. And then bathed in camel feces. And had the collective sweat of all the linebackers in the world poured on them.

I doubt some of these people are capable of elaborate thought process. I think that this kind of person should be charged with terrorism and odorous assault (for which they face the death penalty). Some of those bleeding-heart hippie types might think that's slightly too strong, so they probably won't be charged, but don't be too surprised when we use vigilante justice to solve the problem.

Well, unfortunately our modern society is against vigilante justice so I think that every student should have to take personal hygiene classes. Now many student had this whole showering thing figured out by the time they were five, like a respectable human being, so there should be some sort of entry test so people can test out of it, probably with questions something like this:

"How long is it appropriate to go without a shower?"

A.) No more than a day, maybe two if all you did was sit around watching Netflix.

B.) Ehhh, three to six, I don't really have friends anyways...

C.) Wuts a schawere?!

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If you pick anything other than A, straight to hygiene boot camp. This class would include other materials at the same level like Counting Past 10 (accelerated), Using the Toilet Properly 101, and Basic Alphabet.

As my genius colleague and intellectual prophet, Antonio, wrote last year, many of you don't know how to use the stairs. Yes, while we have switched buildings, the way to properly use stairs remains the same. If you are going up the stairs stay on the right side and if you are going down the stairs stay on the right side. Right side. Not left. Right.

Also, while this may be a surprise to most of you, many other students also use the stairs. Yup, other people go to your school. And unlike you, they would possibly like to arrive at their class at a normal time. So, instead of walking along at the pace of a quadriplegic snail with all your friends in a line completely blocking the stairs while you discuss the latest antics of so called "Boy Bands" who are really just boy strippers posing as "artists", despite the fact that they neither write the songs nor sing them, not at least without the aid of auto tune and extensive editing. If you could take it upon your uncultured and self-entitled ass to get over into a single file line on the right side of the

stairs to allow those students who actually care about their attendance to get to class I'm sure everyone would appreciate it.

Should you choose not to do this the school should hire ex-linebackers to patrol the stairs in full pads insuring the stairs stayed clear. I'm sure it would solve the problem of kids skipping class too. I mean imagine, you slip out of your AP 14th century Swahili literature for a quick cigarette, when BOOM some 350 pound retired football player who has had about 17 too many concussions and is now incapable of words larger than 5 syllables tackles you into to ground before consuming a well deserved treat from his trainer and doing a victory dance. Damn right you wouldn't skip class.

Learn how to use the stairs, you will need to know how to shower if you ever want to be successful in life, stop playing games at inopportune times. But seriously learn to shower.

Fraquetball Rankings

1. Alpha Numericals (Tom Totushek and Damon Liberatore)

Come from behind victory against the previously #1 Pickles earns them top billing.

2. Gum Nut (Sam Dale-Gau and Bjorn Holm)
Nail biting upset of Duckies launches this previously unknown team into the stratosphere.

3. Flaming Rubber Duckies (Josh Lor and Yeeleng Xiong)
Knocked off the Losers But unable to close the deal against Gum Nut.

4. The Flying Pickles (Daniel Le-Tran and Chua Moua)

Regrouping after a tough loss to their math teacher and that other math teacher.

5. Losers (Koua Yang and Peter Moua)
Still clinging to the top five based on a narrow victory over the previously ranked geezers.

Antonio from page 7

And no one actually mentions that maybe the iPads might not be such the hell spawn everyone thinks they are. In fact, based on the statistics that I just made up, the iPads have actually upped the amount of homework being completed and turned in, if children are failing and being as annoying as children always are. They would be failing anyway.

iPads don't fail kids. Kids fail kids.

To which I ask everyone. Please shut up. It's not the worst thing in the world. You people are treating it like the next holocaust, or New Jersey.

So please. I implore you. Stop making noise. You make the world better by just being you. Don't ruin it.
-Spartacus

have had a chance at making it good until they were cut short so that the game could be sold just before Christmas. All of the games I have mentioned thus far were cut short in development so they could be sold quicker. Buncha dongles if you ask me.

To be fair, gamers these days don't have terribly high standards, what with the companies trying to make a quick buck love. They keep churning out Call of Duties and Final Fantasies like nobody's business and people keep eating them up. Of the top ten grossing games there's trash like Call of Duty and World of Warcraft.

Oddly enough, the example most video game companies should follow is Rockstar, the developers of games like Grand Theft Auto and Bully. Grand Theft Auto V is an incredibly polished game, I attempted to break the game many times when I had my light-hearted foray into the blood soaked streets and was disappointed when I couldn't rocket to space by run-

ning into a playground slide. After their successful release on consoles they went to make a PC port so that people could play on their computers. It was due to come out sometime fairly soon but was delayed to late March. That's because they weren't done testing and polishing. They put in the effort to make a quality product and not just another game. Since they put effort into the game they made over 800 million dollars on their first day of sales whereas Call of Duty Black Ops 2 made only 500 million. All faith is not yet lost, most of it is, but there is a little bit of hope.

Well, enough of me ranting about things. Send in the angry mob. I'm done.

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more ideas," said 8th grader, Fiona Shyne. Assistant Coach, Mary Henke-Haney said, "I think this team had a lot of challenges and they really stuck to it and had a lot of perseverance."

An addition to Fiona, the other four members of the team are: 8th grader Isaac Gebben Green, and 6th graders Cyrus Slinger, Emma McCarthy, and Espin Asper.

Lego League is a program that gets kids involved in science and technology. It is for ages 9-14, and uses Challenges to get kids excited about research, problem solving, and engineering. For the competition, students design and program a robot. The base of the program are its Core Values, which include teamwork, sportsmanship, learning, and community involvement.

During the tournament you have many different missions. The teams work to see how many they can complete in two and a half minutes. The teams also work on a research project, that goes with the theme of the year. This year's theme is education, and our school wrote something that taught people how to use Scratch, a computer programming language. "I'm proud of the team," Fiona said.

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period of time, which she hasn't done before. There is also the fact that it has finals and a whole different grading system that she won't be used to.

Overall though, she is excited about the opportunity. "I'm looking forward to being in Maine. There's ocean there, and mountains. And I'll get to know some nice people," said Grace. "They're known for building community and being really connected to nature."

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supposedly been in existence since we received the iPads, the new policy focuses on awareness and enforcement.

Dave talked to several classes on Monday morning to explain the plan, mentioning that the number of Ns in the sixth grade doubled after the iPads were released. Crew leaders also announced the new enforcement plan, and led discussions regarding iPad use.

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of providing us with the newest and greatest educational apps, right here on our iPads. They watch iPad activity closely, that way they know which apps will be the most helpful in the classroom. The classes I commend the most for utilizing this app in their curriculums are the sixth and seventh grade classes. Everyone who has read this article, and likes the idea of education, download this app for free in the App Store. Thank district tech for such easy access!



HOROSCOPES



Charon Mousseaux

Aries: The heaters in Nora's room have turned against you, so beware! It is best to avoid them for the time being.

Taurus: The Stars have aligned in a good formation for you! You will have good fortune in all classes that you have on the third floor, but only if you continue to work hard.

Gemini: The talent show will bring you an opportunity. It is not necessarily that you need to enter it to find the opportunity, however.

Cancer: Focus and finish what you are working on now, and do as much E- work as you can handle. You will be rewarded for your efforts later on.

Leo: You will find a minor error in this newspaper and complain about it later on. The newspaper staff will be ashamed.

Virgo: Your English class will become much harder than you could imagine in the near future if you do not finish your work soon.

Libra: Look over your grades on the student portal. You will be surprised by what you see.

Scorpio: Work on the class that is the hardest for you. You will be rewarded for your efforts.

Sagittarius: Listen closely in class, something very important will happen soon.

Capricorn: Read every article in this newspaper, and you will have very good luck. Very, very good luck. Better start reading!

Aquarius: The drinking fountains smile upon you. The water will always be refreshing.

Pisces: The cafeteria will start serving more fish soon. You should run.

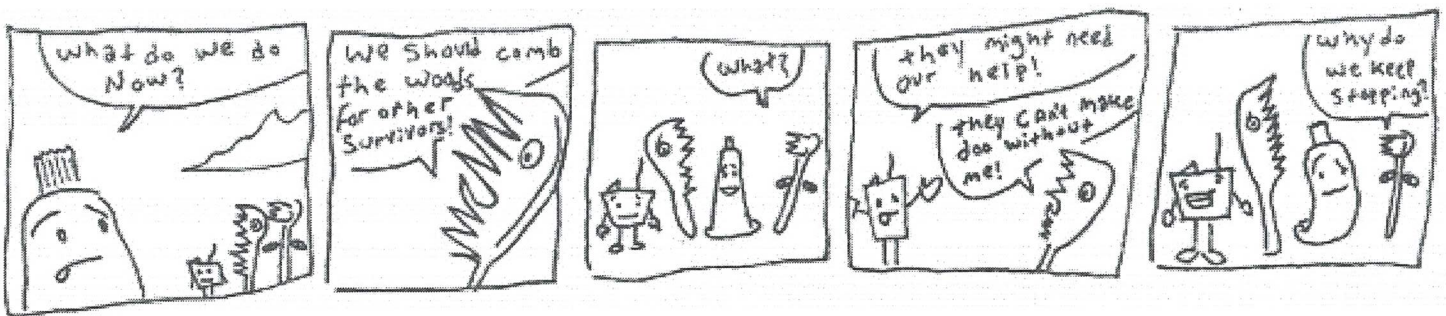


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